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### [Ln<sub>4</sub>@Ln<sub>4</sub>] matryoshka tetrahedron: A novel secondary building unit

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#### Experimental Section

##### 1. Materials and Methods.

All chemicals purchased were of analytical grade and used as received unless noted otherwise. 2,2'-Dimethoxy-4,4'-biphenyldicarboxylic acid (H<sub>2</sub>L) was synthesized following the method provided by our group.<sup>1</sup> Ln(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (Ln = Eu, Gd, Dy), *N,N'*-dimethylformamide (DMF) were obtained from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. Shanghai, China. Elemental

analyses (C, H, N) were carried out with a Thermo Finnigan Flash 1112A elemental analyzer. IR spectra were recorded in the range 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  using KBr pellets on a Bruker Vector 22 FT-IR spectrophotometer. Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were performed on a NETZSCH STA 449C thermal analyzer under nitrogen atmosphere at a heating rate of 10  $^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ . Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) data were collected on a Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer with Cu  $K_{\alpha}$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$ ). Fluorescence spectroscopy data for **1** were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer LS-55 spectrophotometer. Temperature-dependent magnetic measurements for **2** and **3** were carried out on a Quantum Design MPMS-7 SQUID magnetometer. Diamagnetic correction was made with Pascal's constants.<sup>2</sup>

## 2. Syntheses of MOFs 1-3.

### 2.1 Synthesis of $[\text{Eu}_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})\text{L}_{2.5}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 0.5\text{DMF}$ (**1**).

The mixture of  $\text{Eu}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0446 g, 0.1 mmol),  $\text{H}_2\text{L}$  (0.0377 g, 0.125 mmol), DMF (2.4 mL), and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5.6 mL) was heated in a 25 mL capacity stainless-steel reactor lined with Teflon at 135  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 2 days and then cooled to room temperature. Colorless block crystals of **1** were obtained. Yield, 66.3% (37.9 mg) based on Eu(III). FT-IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3604(m), 3339(b, m), 2934(w), 1667(m), 1587(s), 1531(s), 1416(vs), 1243(m), 1037(m), 781(s). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{41.5}\text{H}_{37.5}\text{Eu}_2\text{N}_{0.5}\text{O}_{18.5}$  (%): C, 43.60; H, 3.31; N, 0.61. Found: C, 43.28; H, 3.56; N, 0.81.

### 2.2 Synthesis of $[\text{Gd}_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})\text{L}_{2.5}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 0.5\text{DMF}$ (**2**).

The procedure was the same as that for **1** except that  $\text{Eu}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was replaced by  $\text{Gd}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0451 g, 0.1 mmol). Colorless block crystals of **2** were obtained. Yield, 74.5% (43.0 mg) based on Gd(III). FT-IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3608(m), 3337(b, m), 2934(w), 1668(m), 1588(s), 1546(s), 1420(vs), 1243(m), 1037(m), 781(s). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{41.5}\text{H}_{37.5}\text{Gd}_2\text{N}_{0.5}\text{O}_{18.5}$  (%): C, 43.20; H, 3.28; N, 0.61. Found: C, 43.38; H, 3.56; N, 0.73.

### 2.3 Synthesis of $[\text{Dy}_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})\text{L}_{2.5}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 0.5\text{DMF}$ (**3**).

The procedure was the same as that for **1** except that  $\text{Eu}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was replaced by  $\text{Dy}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0457 g, 0.1 mmol). Colorless block crystals of **3** were obtained. Yield, 70.8% (41.2 mg) based on Dy(III). FT-IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3611(m), 3346(b, m), 2931(w), 1668(m), 1589(s), 1547(s), 1420(vs), 1243(m), 1037(m), 780(s). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{41.5}\text{H}_{37.5}\text{Dy}_2\text{N}_{0.5}\text{O}_{18.5}$  (%): C, 42.81; H, 3.25; N, 0.60. Found: C, 43.18; H, 3.56; N, 0.78.

## 3. Crystal Structure Determination.

Diffraction data for **1-3** were collected on a Bruker Smart APEX II CCD diffractometer with

graphite-monochromated Mo  $K_\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). The diffraction data of **1** were collected at room temperature, and **2** and **3** were collected at 150 K. Empirical absorption corrections were applied by using the SADABS program. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least-squares based on  $F^2$  using SHELXTL-97 program.<sup>3</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms, were placed on calculated positions (C-H 0.96  $\text{\AA}$ ) and assigned isotropic thermal parameters riding on their parent atoms. The crystal data and structure refinement of **1-3** are summarized in Table S1. Selected bond lengths of **1-3** are listed in Table S2. Selected bond angles of **1-3** are listed in Table S3. Crystallographic data for MOFs **1-3** have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publications CCDC-976994 (**1**), 998558 (**2**) and 998559 (**3**). The data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

**Table S1** Crystal data and structure refinement of MOFs **1-3**

| MOFs   | <b>1</b>                              | <b>2</b>                              | <b>3</b>                              |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                                | $C_{41.5}H_{37.5}Eu_2N_{0.5}O_{18.5}$ | $C_{41.5}H_{37.5}Gd_2N_{0.5}O_{18.5}$ | $C_{41.5}H_{37.5}Dy_2N_{0.5}O_{18.5}$ |
| Formula weight                                   | 1143.14                               | 1153.72                               | 1164.22                               |
| $T$ (K)  | 296(2)                                | 150(2)                                | 150(2)                                |
| Crystal system                                   | Tetragonal                            | Tetragonal                            | Tetragonal                            |
| Space group                                      | $P4_2/n$                              | $P4_2/n$                              | $P4_2/n$                              |
| $a$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )                             | 21.2904(4)                            | 21.2232(6)                            | 21.1619(9)                            |
| $b$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )                             | 21.2904(4)                            | 21.2232(6)                            | 21.1619(9)                            |
| $c$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )                             | 19.3576(7)                            | 19.3460(11)                           | 19.2599(15)                           |
| $V$ ( $\text{\AA}^3$ )                           | 8774.4(4)                             | 8713.9(6)                             | 8625.1(8)                             |
| $Z$  | 8                                     | 8                                     | 8                                     |
| $F(000)$   | 4512                                  | 4528                                  | 4560                                  |
| $\rho$ ( $\text{g cm}^{-3}$ )                    | 1.731                                 | 1.759                                 | 1.793                                 |
| $\mu$ ( $\text{mm}^{-1}$ )                       | 2.910                                 | 3.095                                 | 3.516                                 |
| Crystal size ( $\text{mm}^3$ )                   | 0.16 $\times$ 0.15 $\times$ 0.12      | 0.20 $\times$ 0.15 $\times$ 0.13      | 0.15 $\times$ 0.12 $\times$ 0.10      |
| Reflections collected                            | 61675                                 | 61506                                 | 60494                                 |
| Independent reflections                          | 7705                                  | 7699                                  | 7560                                  |
|  | $[R_{\text{int}} = 0.0669]$           | $[R_{\text{int}} = 0.0725]$           | $[R_{\text{int}} = 0.0970]$           |
| Data/restraints/parameters                       | 7705/71/661                           | 7699 /34/595                          | 7560/58/580                           |
| GOF on $F^2$                                     | 1.048                                 | 1.071                                 | 1.033                                 |
| $R_1/wR_2$ [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]                  | 0.0306/0.0723                         | 0.0329/0.0825                         | 0.0366/0.0850                         |
| $R_1/wR_2$ (all data)                            | 0.0478/0.0778                         | 0.0438/0.0874                         | 0.0568/0.0917                         |
| Largest diff. peak & hole ( $\text{e\AA}^{-3}$ ) | 0.908, -0.689                         | 1.383, -1.288                         | 1.294, -1.065                         |

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths (Å) for MOFs 1–3

|                                    | 1         |                      | 2         |                      | 3         |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Eu1-O16 <sup>a</sup>               | 2.335(3)  | Gd1-O16              | 2.323(3)  | Dy1-O16              | 2.295(4)  |
| Eu1-O7                             | 2.368(4)  | Gd1-O7               | 2.361(4)  | Dy1-O7               | 2.324(4)  |
| Eu1-O1                             | 2.366(3)  | Gd1-O1               | 2.356(3)  | Dy1-O1               | 2.322(4)  |
| Eu1-O16                            | 2.406(3)  | Gd1-O16 <sup>e</sup> | 2.389(3)  | Dy1-O16 <sup>j</sup> | 2.351(4)  |
| Eu1-O2W                            | 2.423(3)  | Gd1-O1W              | 2.399(3)  | Dy1-O2W              | 2.364(4)  |
| Eu1-O16 <sup>c</sup>               | 2.508(3)  | Gd1-O4 <sup>f</sup>  | 2.490(3)  | Dy1-O4 <sup>n</sup>  | 2.452(4)  |
| Eu1-O3 <sup>b</sup>                | 2.509(3)  | Gd1-O16 <sup>g</sup> | 2.490(3)  | Dy1-O16 <sup>m</sup> | 2.468(4)  |
| Eu1-O8                             | 2.840(3)  | Gd1-O8               | 2.828(3)  | Dy1-O8               | 2.860(4)  |
| Eu2-O9 <sup>o</sup>                | 2.280(4)  | Gd2-O9 <sup>h</sup>  | 2.271(4)  | Dy2-O9 <sup>k</sup>  | 2.252(5)  |
| Eu2-O4 <sup>b</sup>                | 2.310(3)  | Gd2-O3 <sup>f</sup>  | 2.297(3)  | Dy2-O3 <sup>n</sup>  | 2.262(4)  |
| Eu2-O10 <sup>d</sup>               | 2.317(4)  | Gd2-O8               | 2.314(3)  | Dy2-O8               | 2.280(4)  |
| Eu2-O8                             | 2.335(3)  | Gd2-O10 <sup>i</sup> | 2.315(3)  | Dy2-O10 <sup>o</sup> | 2.280(4)  |
| Eu2-O2                             | 2.403(4)  | Gd2-O2               | 2.386(4)  | Dy2-O2               | 2.367(4)  |
| Eu2-O1W                            | 2.432(4)  | Gd2-O2W              | 2.423(4)  | Dy2-O1W              | 2.397(4)  |
| Eu2-O13                            | 2.477(3)  | Gd2-O13              | 2.465(3)  | Dy2-O13              | 2.437(4)  |
| Eu2-O14                            | 2.576(4)  | Gd2-O14              | 2.544(3)  | Dy2-O14              | 2.529(4)  |
| Eu1-Eu2                            | 4.165(4)  | Gd1-Gd2              | 4.161(4)  | Dy1-Dy2              | 4.169(4)  |
| Eu1-Eu1 <sup>a</sup>               | 3.8975(4) | Gd1-Gd1 <sup>e</sup> | 3.8732(4) | Dy1-Dy1 <sup>l</sup> | 3.8171(5) |
| Eu1 <sup>a</sup> -Eu1 <sup>c</sup> | 3.900(4)  | Gd1-Gd1 <sup>g</sup> | 3.8669(5) | Dy1-Dy1 <sup>m</sup> | 3.8211(6) |

Symmetry codes: a)  $x+1, 5/2-y, -z-1/2$ ; b)  $x+1/2, 3-y, z+1/2$ ; c)  $5/2-x, y-1, -z-1/2$ ; d)  $2-x, y-1/2, z+1/2$ ; e)  $3/2-x, y+1, 1/2-z$ ; f)  $x-3/2, 1-y, z+1/2$ ; g)  $5/2-x, 1/2-y, z$ ; h)  $x-1, 3/2-y, -z-1/2$ ; i)  $1-x, y+1/2, z+1/2$ ; j)  $x, -y-1/2, 3/2-z$ ; k)  $-x-1/2, y, 1/2-z$ ; l)  $-x-1/2, y, 3/2-z$ ; m)  $-x-1/2, -y-1/2, z$ ; n)  $-x, y+1/2, z+1/2$ ; o)  $x+1/2, -y, z+1/2$ .

**Table S3** Selected bond angles (°) for MOFs 1–3

| 1                                      |            |                                       |            |                           |            |
|--|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| O16 <sup>a</sup> -Eu1-O1               | 77.37(12)  | O7-Eu1-O8                             | 48.02(11)  | O9 <sup>d</sup> -Eu2-O1W  | 84.75(16)  |
| O16 <sup>a</sup> -Eu1-O7               | 95.83(13)  | O16-Eu1-O8                            | 150.59(10) | O4 <sup>b</sup> -Eu2-O1W  | 85.87(14)  |
| O1-Eu1-O7                              | 85.53(15)  | O2W-Eu1-O8                            | 69.24(12)  | O10 <sup>e</sup> -Eu2-O1W | 71.34(15)  |
| O16 <sup>a</sup> -Eu1-O16              | 70.20(13)  | O16 <sup>c</sup> -Eu1-O8              | 106.42(10) | O8-Eu2-O1W                | 142.91(14) |
| O1-Eu1-O16                             | 129.77(11) | O3 <sup>b</sup> -Eu1-O8               | 107.90(10) | O2-Eu2-O1W                | 70.12(14)  |
| O7-Eu1-O16                             | 134.03(12) | O16 <sup>a</sup> -Eu1-O4 <sup>b</sup> | 143.13(10) | O9 <sup>d</sup> -Eu2-O13  | 75.17(14)  |
| O16 <sup>a</sup> -Eu1-O2W              | 143.39(12) | O1-Eu1-O4 <sup>b</sup>                | 81.66(11)  | O4 <sup>b</sup> -Eu2-O13  | 125.83(13) |
| O1-Eu1-O2W                             | 139.21(12) | O7-Eu1-O4 <sup>b</sup>                | 112.47(11) | O10 <sup>e</sup> -Eu2-O13 | 72.28(14)  |
| O7-Eu1-O2W                             | 87.51(15)  | O16-Eu1-O4 <sup>b</sup>               | 102.34(10) | O8-Eu2-O13                | 83.46(12)  |
| O16-Eu1-O2W                            | 81.36(11)  | O2W-Eu1-O4 <sup>b</sup>               | 64.21(11)  | O2-Eu2-O13                | 144.75(14) |
| O16 <sup>a</sup> -Eu1-O16 <sup>c</sup> | 69.10(12)  | O16 <sup>c</sup> -Eu1-O4 <sup>b</sup> | 143.15(10) | O1W-Eu2-O13               | 129.25(13) |
| O1-Eu1-O16 <sup>c</sup>                | 132.97(11) | O3 <sup>b</sup> -Eu1-O4 <sup>b</sup>  | 43.96(10)  | O9 <sup>d</sup> -Eu2-O14  | 124.41(15) |
| O7-Eu1-O16 <sup>c</sup>                | 66.75(12)  | O8-Eu1-O4 <sup>b</sup>                | 64.52(9)   | O4 <sup>b</sup> -Eu2-O14  | 74.62(13)  |
| O16-Eu1-O16 <sup>c</sup>               | 67.37(12)  | O9 <sup>d</sup> -Eu2-O4 <sup>b</sup>  | 157.64(15) | O10 <sup>e</sup> -Eu2-O14 | 72.27(14)  |

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| O2W–Eu1–O16 <sup>c</sup>              | 79.07(11)  | O9 <sup>d</sup> –Eu2–O10 <sup>e</sup> | 109.17(14) | O8–Eu2–O14                             | 72.12(13)  |
| O16 <sup>a</sup> –Eu1–O3 <sup>b</sup> | 103.68(11) | O4 <sup>b</sup> –Eu2–O10 <sup>e</sup> | 86.83(14)  | O2–Eu2–O14                             | 136.93(12) |
| O1–Eu1–O3 <sup>b</sup>                | 84.75(13)  | O9 <sup>d</sup> –Eu2–O8               | 88.71(14)  | O1W–Eu2–O14                            | 139.34(15) |
| O7–Eu1–O3 <sup>b</sup>                | 155.69(12) | O4 <sup>b</sup> –Eu2–O8               | 86.62(12)  | O13–Eu2–O14                            | 51.65(12)  |
| O16–Eu1–O3 <sup>b</sup>               | 67.61(11)  | O10 <sup>e</sup> –Eu2–O8              | 144.27(14) | Eu2 <sup>f</sup> –O4–Eu1 <sup>f</sup>  | 99.21(11)  |
| O2W–Eu1–O3 <sup>b</sup>               | 85.41(12)  | O9 <sup>d</sup> –Eu2–O2               | 78.56(15)  | Eu2–O8–Eu1                             | 106.78(12) |
| O16 <sup>c</sup> –Eu1–O3 <sup>b</sup> | 133.99(11) | O4 <sup>b</sup> –Eu2–O2               | 79.17(13)  | Eu1 <sup>c</sup> –O16–Eu1              | 110.57(12) |
| O16 <sup>a</sup> –Eu1–O8              | 136.41(11) | O10 <sup>e</sup> –Eu2–O2              | 139.71(15) | Eu1 <sup>c</sup> –O16–Eu1 <sup>a</sup> | 107.23(12) |
| O1–Eu1–O8                             | 76.44(12)  | O8–Eu2–O2                             | 72.79(13)  | Eu1–O16–Eu1 <sup>a</sup>               | 104.95(12) |

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| O16–Gd1–O1                             | 77.68(12)  | O4 <sup>h</sup> –Gd1–O16 <sup>i</sup> | 134.39(11) | O8–Gd2–O2W                             | 143.06(13) |
| O16–Gd1–O7                             | 96.12(12)  | O16–Gd1–O8                            | 136.21(11) | O10 <sup>k</sup> –Gd2–O2W              | 70.87(14)  |
| O1–Gd1–O7                              | 85.54(14)  | O1–Gd1–O8                             | 74.81(11)  | O2–Gd2–O2W                             | 69.56(13)  |
| O16–Gd1–O16 <sup>g</sup>               | 70.23(13)  | O7–Gd1–O8                             | 48.69(11)  | O9 <sup>i</sup> –Gd2–O13               | 75.24(14)  |
| O1–Gd1–O16 <sup>g</sup>                | 130.11(11) | O16 <sup>g</sup> –Gd1–O8              | 151.43(10) | O3 <sup>h</sup> –Gd2–O13               | 126.05(12) |
| O7–Gd1–O16 <sup>g</sup>                | 134.00(12) | O1W–Gd1–O8                            | 69.88(11)  | O8–Gd2–O13                             | 83.73(12)  |
| O16–Gd1–O1W                            | 143.78(12) | O4 <sup>h</sup> –Gd1–O8               | 106.98(10) | O10 <sup>k</sup> –Gd2–O13              | 72.39(13)  |
| O1–Gd1–O1W                             | 138.50(12) | O16 <sup>i</sup> –Gd1–O8              | 107.59(10) | O2–Gd2–O13                             | 145.27(13) |
| O7–Gd1–O1W                             | 87.19(14)  | O9 <sup>i</sup> –Gd2–O3 <sup>h</sup>  | 157.34(14) | O2W–Gd2–O13                            | 128.54(13) |
| O16 <sup>g</sup> –Gd1–O1W              | 81.61(11)  | O9 <sup>i</sup> –Gd2–O8               | 88.48(13)  | O9 <sup>i</sup> –Gd2–O14               | 124.76(14) |
| O16–Gd1–O4 <sup>h</sup>                | 103.39(11) | O3 <sup>h</sup> –Gd2–O8               | 86.67(12)  | O3 <sup>h</sup> –Gd2–O14               | 74.46(12)  |
| O1–Gd1–O4 <sup>h</sup>                 | 84.29(12)  | O9 <sup>i</sup> –Gd2–O10 <sup>k</sup> | 109.31(14) | O8–Gd2–O14                             | 72.26(12)  |
| O7–Gd1–O4 <sup>h</sup>                 | 155.49(12) | O3 <sup>h</sup> –Gd2–O10 <sup>k</sup> | 86.86(13)  | O10 <sup>k</sup> –Gd2–O14              | 72.57(13)  |
| O16 <sup>g</sup> –Gd1–O4 <sup>h</sup>  | 67.88(11)  | O8–Gd2–O10 <sup>k</sup>               | 144.70(13) | O2–Gd2–O14                             | 137.51(12) |
| O1W–Gd1–O4 <sup>h</sup>                | 85.77(12)  | O9 <sup>i</sup> –Gd2–O2               | 78.21(14)  | O2W–Gd2–O14                            | 139.34(13) |
| O16–Gd1–O16 <sup>i</sup>               | 69.37(12)  | O3 <sup>h</sup> –Gd2–O2               | 79.19(13)  | O13–Gd2–O14                            | 52.04(12)  |
| O1–Gd1–O16 <sup>i</sup>                | 133.25(11) | O8–Gd2–O2                             | 73.51(12)  | Gd2–O8–Gd1                             | 107.61(12) |
| O7–Gd1–O16 <sup>i</sup>                | 66.65(12)  | O10 <sup>k</sup> –Gd2–O2              | 138.65(14) | Gd1–O16–Gd1 <sup>l</sup>               | 110.57(12) |
| O16 <sup>g</sup> –Gd1–O16 <sup>i</sup> | 67.46(12)  | O9 <sup>i</sup> –Gd2–O2W              | 84.32(14)  | Gd1–O16–Gd1 <sup>i</sup>               | 106.85(12) |
| O1W–Gd1–O16 <sup>i</sup>               | 79.18(11)  | O3 <sup>h</sup> –Gd2–O2W              | 86.33(13)  | Gd1 <sup>l</sup> –O16–Gd1 <sup>i</sup> | 105.06(12) |

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| O16–Dy1–O7                | 96.70(15)  | O1–Dy1–O16 <sup>p</sup>                | 133.47(14) | O9 <sup>n</sup> –Dy2–O1W  | 83.39(16)  |
| O16–Dy1–O1                | 77.97(15)  | O16 <sup>m</sup> –Dy1–O16 <sup>p</sup> | 67.74(18)  | O3 <sup>q</sup> –Dy2–O1W  | 86.46(15)  |
| O7–Dy1–O1                 | 84.34(16)  | O2W–Dy1–O16 <sup>p</sup>               | 79.19(14)  | O10 <sup>r</sup> –Dy2–O1W | 70.86(16)  |
| O16–Dy1–O16 <sup>m</sup>  | 70.61(18)  | O4 <sup>q</sup> –Dy1–O16 <sup>p</sup>  | 135.11(14) | O8–Dy2–O13                | 83.29(15)  |
| O7–Dy1–O16 <sup>m</sup>   | 135.26(15) | O16–Dy1–O8                             | 136.57(14) | O10 <sup>r</sup> –Dy2–O13 | 72.58(16)  |
| O1–Dy1–O16 <sup>m</sup>   | 130.74(14) | O7–Dy1–O8                              | 48.14(13)  | O2–Dy2–O13                | 145.24(16) |
| O16–Dy1–O2W               | 144.51(15) | O1–Dy1–O8                              | 74.09(13)  | O1W–Dy2–O13               | 128.34(15) |
| O7–Dy1–O2W                | 86.67(16)  | O16 <sup>m</sup> –Dy1–O8               | 151.04(13) | O9 <sup>n</sup> –Dy2–O14  | 125.56(17) |
| O1–Dy1–O2W                | 137.42(15) | O2W–Dy1–O8                             | 68.98(14)  | O3 <sup>q</sup> –Dy2–O14  | 73.87(15)  |
| O16 <sup>m</sup> –Dy1–O2W | 82.20(14)  | O4 <sup>q</sup> –Dy1–O8                | 105.20(13) | O10 <sup>r</sup> –Dy2–O14 | 73.11(16)  |
| O16–Dy1–O4 <sup>q</sup>   | 104.32(14) | O16 <sup>p</sup> –Dy1–O8               | 108.05(13) | O8–Dy2–O14                | 72.34(15)  |
| O7–Dy1–O4 <sup>q</sup>    | 153.39(14) | O9 <sup>n</sup> –Dy2–O3 <sup>q</sup>   | 157.62(17) | O2–Dy2–O14                | 137.08(14) |
| O1–Dy1–O4 <sup>q</sup>    | 84.27(15)  | O9 <sup>n</sup> –Dy2–O10 <sup>r</sup>  | 108.56(17) | O1W–Dy2–O14               | 139.67(15) |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| O16 <sup>m</sup> -Dy1-O4 <sup>q</sup> | 68.55(14) | O3 <sup>q</sup> -Dy2-O10 <sup>r</sup> | 86.66(16)  | O13-Dy2-O14                            | 52.92(15)  |
| O2W-Dy1-O4 <sup>q</sup>               | 85.59(14) | O9 <sup>n</sup> -Dy2-O2               | 78.41(17)  | Dy1 <sup>o</sup> -O16-Dy1 <sup>p</sup> | 104.74(16) |
| O16-Dy1-O16 <sup>p</sup>              | 69.74(17) | O3 <sup>q</sup> -Dy2-O2               | 79.35(16)  | Dy1-O16-Dy1 <sup>o</sup>               | 110.48(18) |
| O7-Dy1-O16 <sup>p</sup>               | 67.69(15) | O10 <sup>r</sup> -Dy2-O2              | 138.28(17) | Dy1-O16-Dy1 <sup>p</sup>               | 106.61(16) |

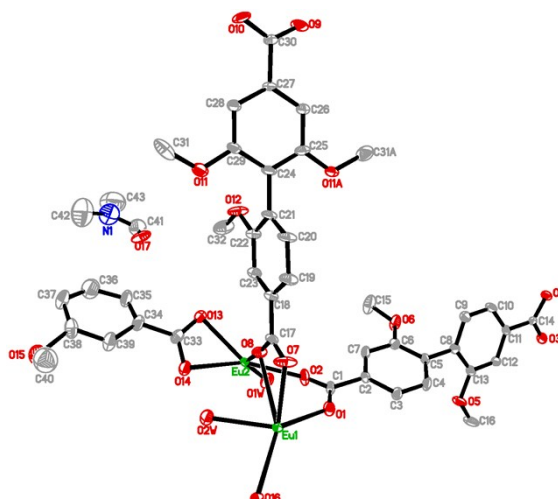
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**Table S4** Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for MOF 1

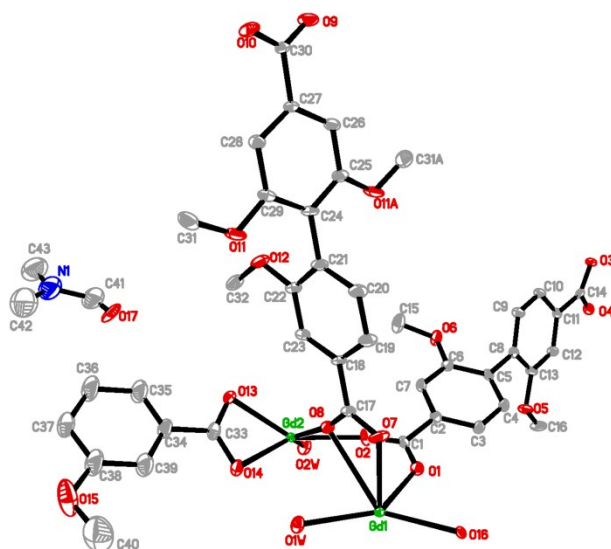
| D-H...A                       | d(D-H)  | d(H...A) | d(D...A)  | ∠D-H...A |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|
| O1W-H1WA...O13 <sup>i</sup>   | 0.84(4) | 1.95(5)  | 2.782(6)  | 168(5)   |
| O1W-H1WB...O17 <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.85(4) | 1.94(4)  | 2.789(11) | 171(4)   |
| O2W-H2WA...O3 <sup>ii</sup>   | 0.85    | 1.92     | 2.654(5)  | 144      |
| C16-H16A...O11 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.96    | 2.52     | 3.340(10) | 144      |
| C23-H23A...O13                | 0.93    | 2.54     | 3.415(7)  | 157      |
| C35A-H35A...O1W <sup>i</sup>  | 0.93    | 2.53     | 3.43(2)   | 164      |
| C40A-H40B...O6 <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.96    | 2.43     | 3.19(2)   | 136      |

Symmetry codes: i)  $2-x, 3-y, -z-1$ ; ii)  $y-1, -x-3/2, -z-3/2$ , iii)  $y, -x-1/2, -z-3/2$ .

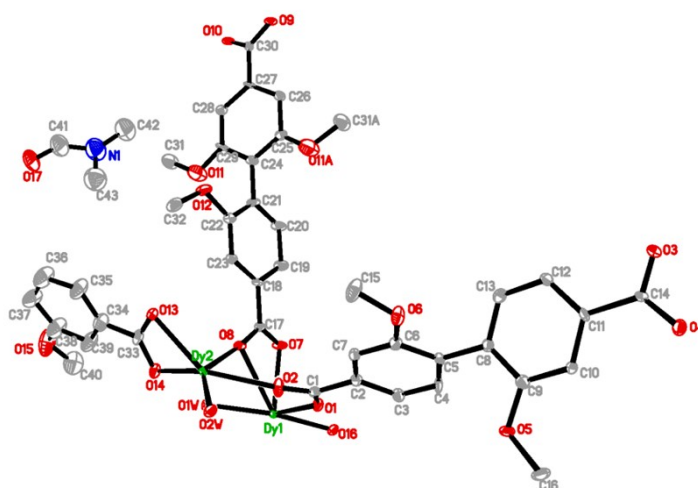
#### 4. Molecular Structures.



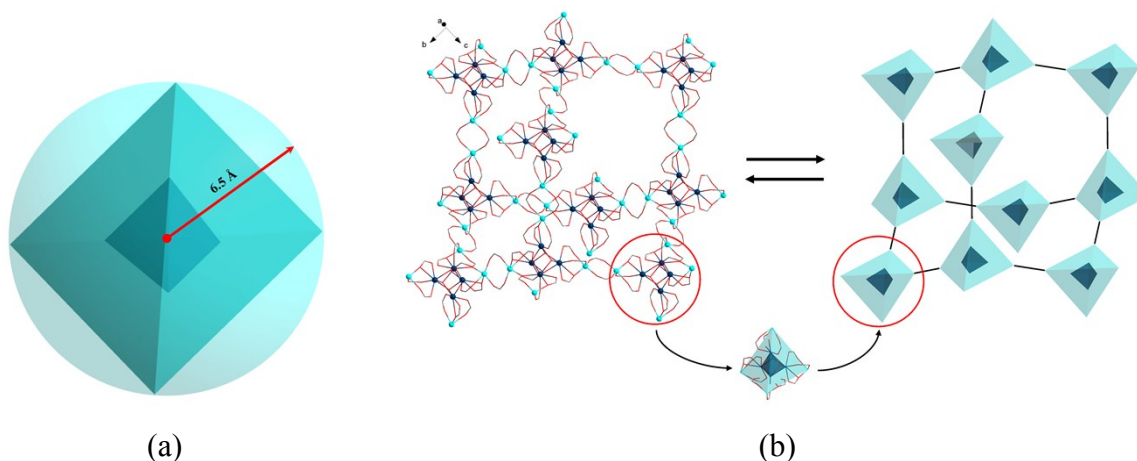
**Fig. S1** ORTEP drawing (at 50% probability) of the asymmetric unit for MOF 1 (Hydrogen atoms and disordered atoms (C35B, C36B, C37B, C40B and O15B) are omitted for clarity).



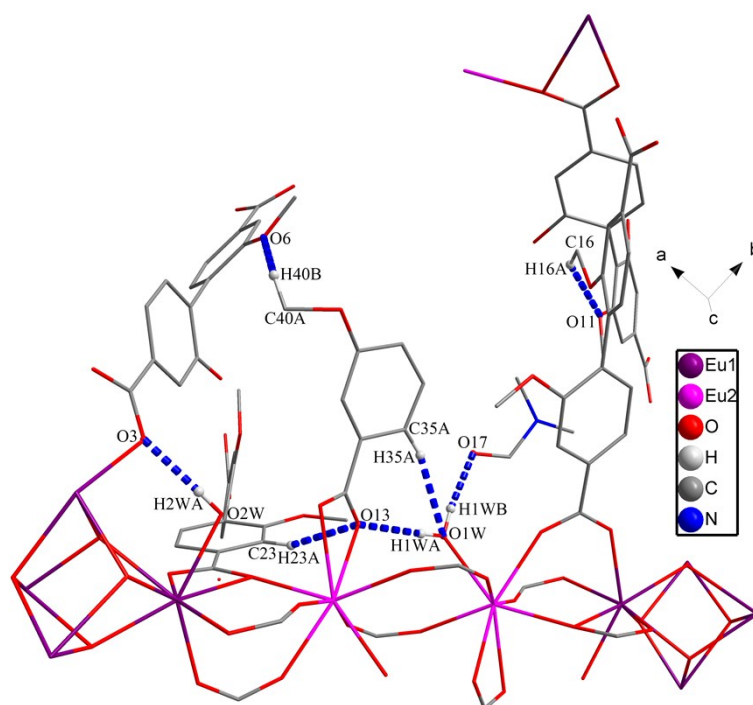
**Fig. S2** ORTEP drawing (at 50% probability) of the asymmetric unit for MOF 2 (Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity).



**Fig. S3** ORTEP drawing (at 50% probability) of the asymmetric unit for MOF 3 (Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity).



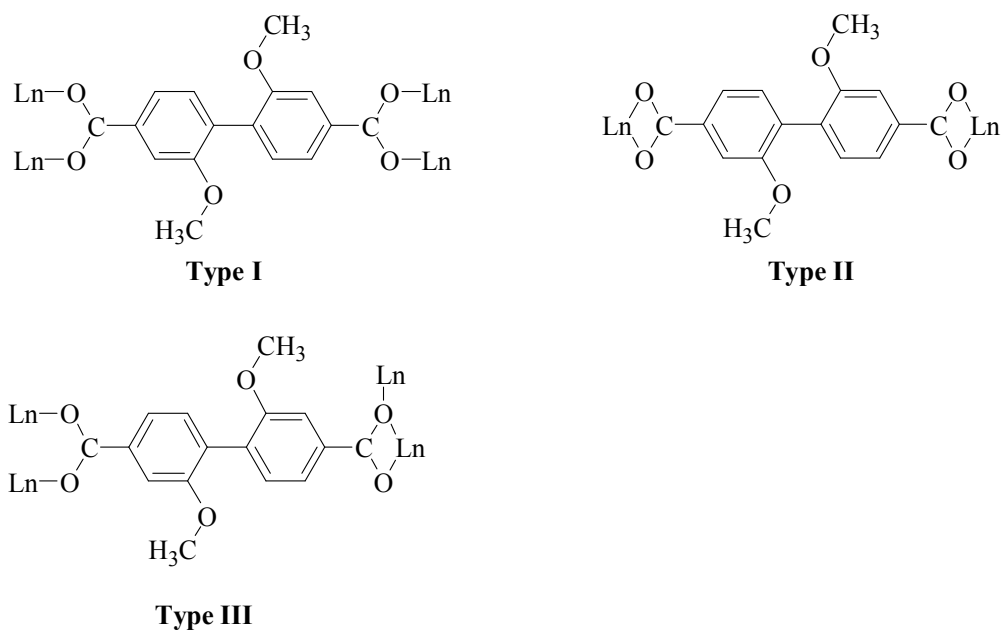
**Fig. S4** (a) An outscribed sphere of 1.3 nm diameter surrounds the  $[\text{Eu}_4@\text{Eu}_4]$  SBU. (b) The diamond net of **1** built from the 4-connected SBU by missing all the biphenyl groups of  $\text{L}^2$ -ligands.



**Fig. S5** The network of **1** stabilized by weak hydrogen bonds (blue dotted lines).

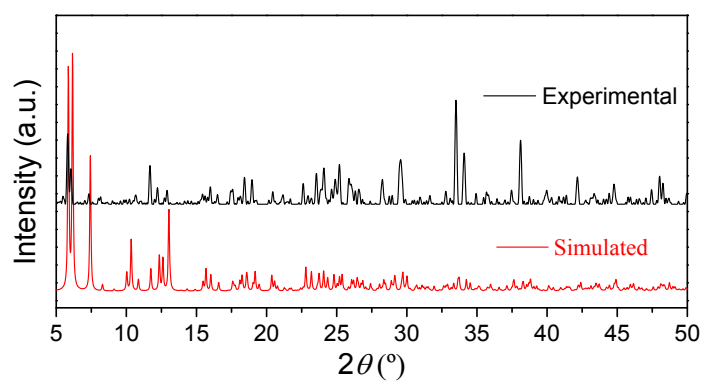
## 5. Coordination Modes of $\text{L}^2$ - Ligands in 1-3.



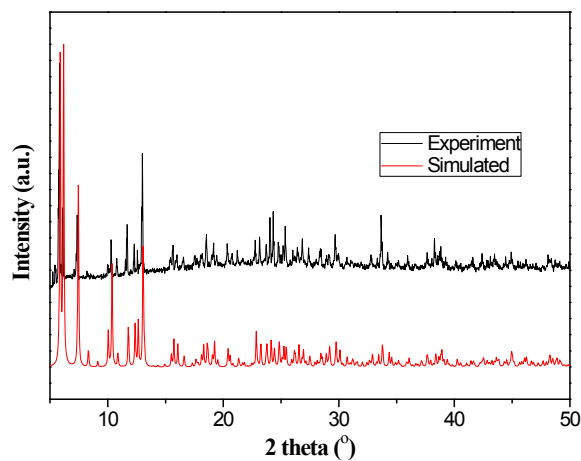


**Scheme S1** Three kinds of coordination modes of ligand  $L^{2-}$  in MOFs **1-3**.

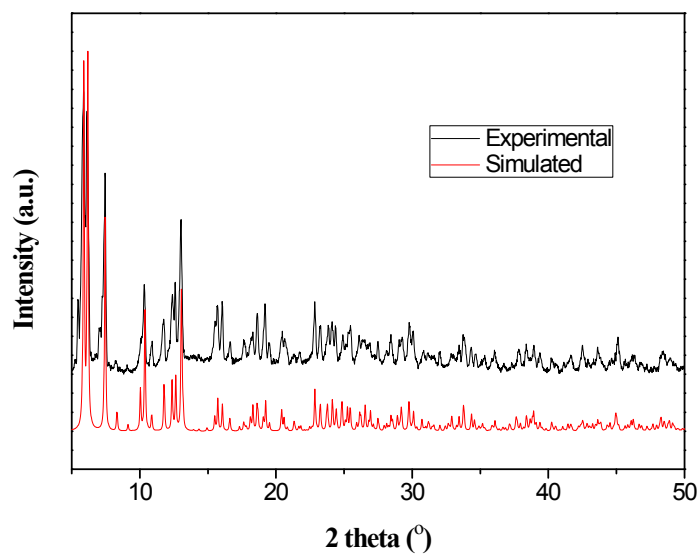
## 6. The PXRD Patterns.



**Fig. S6** Experimental and simulated powder X-ray diffraction patterns of MOF **1**.

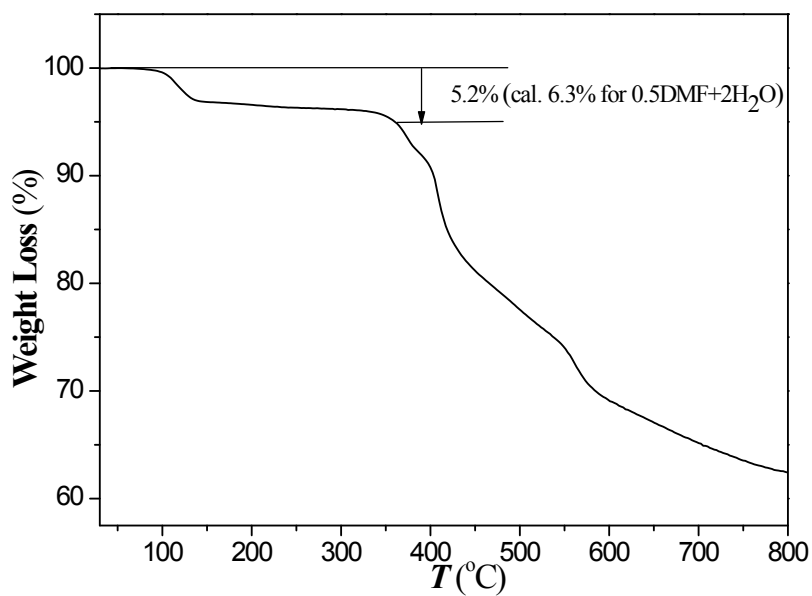


**Fig. S7** Experimental and simulated powder X-ray diffraction patterns of MOF **2**.



**Fig. S8** Experimental and simulated powder X-ray diffraction patterns of MOF 3.

## 7. The Thermogravimetric Analysis.



**Fig. S9** TGA curve for MOF 1.

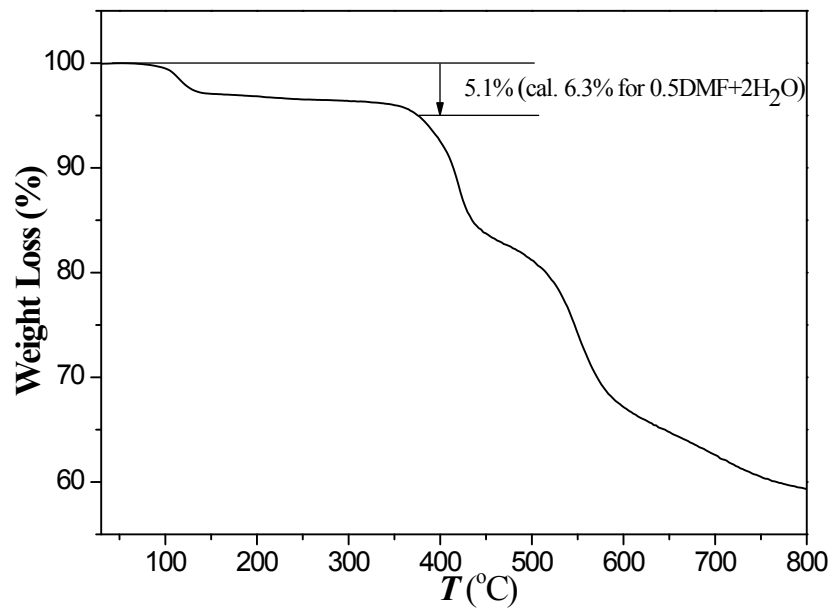


Fig. S10 TGA curve for MOF 2.

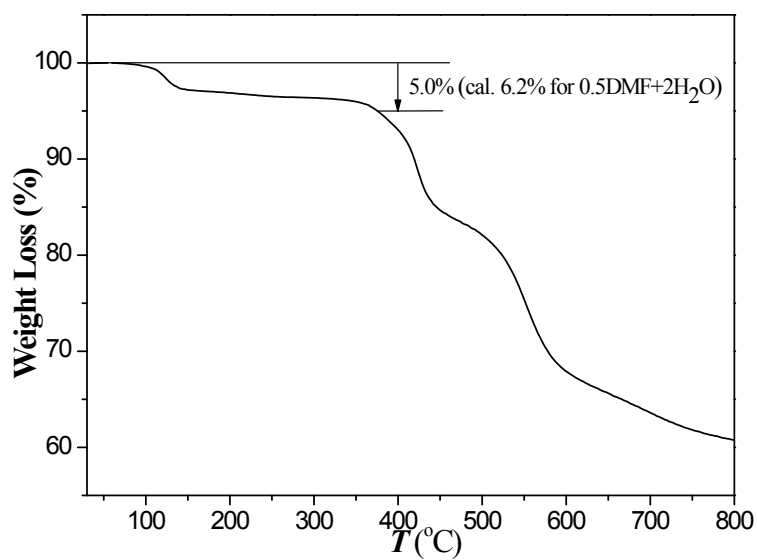


Fig. S11 TGA curve for MOF 3.

## 8. The Photoluminescence of MOF 1.

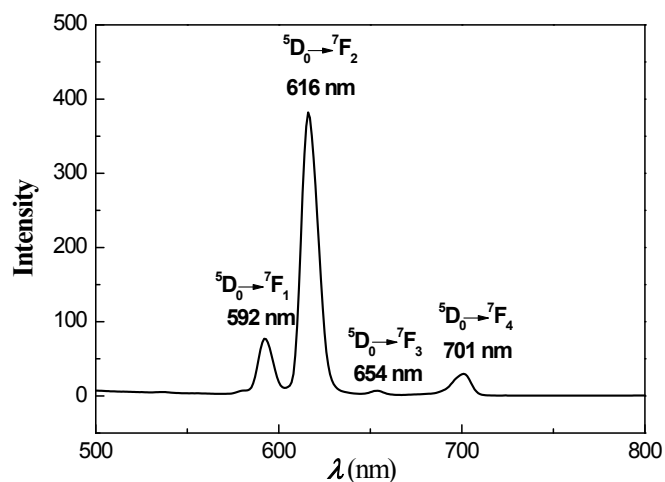


Fig. S12 The photoluminescence emission spectra of the MOF **1** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 394$  nm) at room temperature.

### 9. The Magnetic Properties of MOFs **2** and **3**.

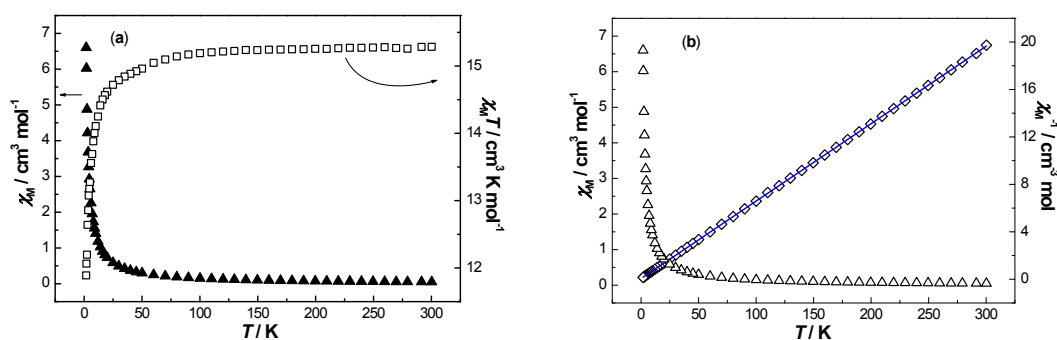


Fig. S13 Variable-temperature susceptibilities of **2** under a field of 100 Oe. (a) The plot of  $\chi_M$  and  $\chi_M T$  vs.  $T$ . (b) The plot of  $\chi_M$  and  $\chi_M^{-1}$  vs.  $T$ . The solid blue lines were derived from the fitting by the Curie-Weiss law.

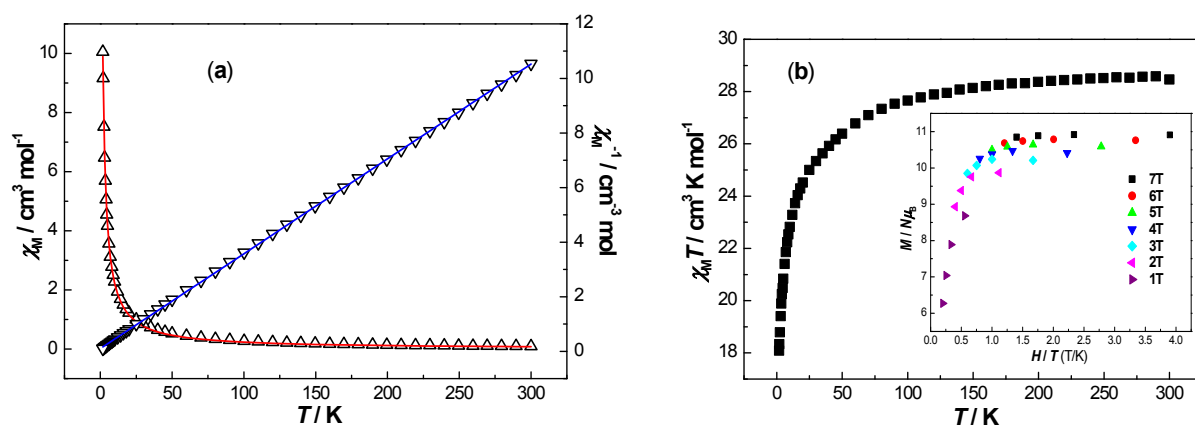
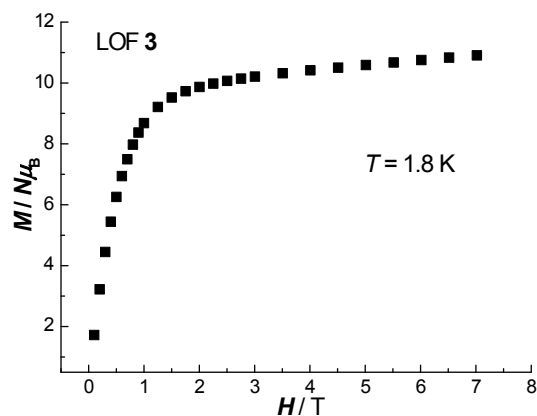
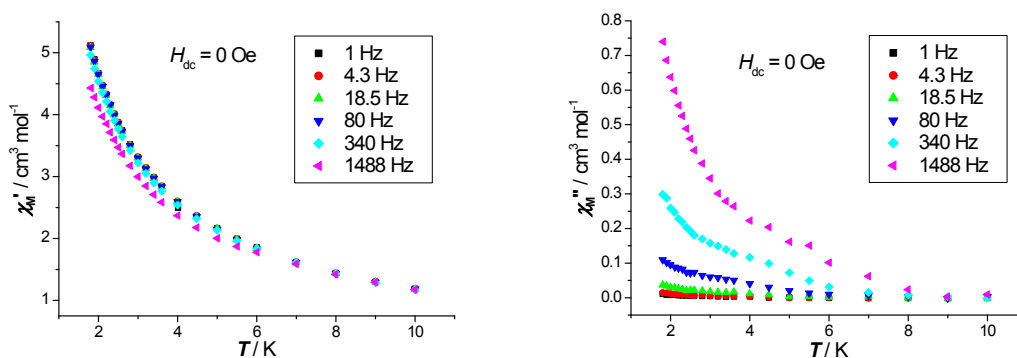


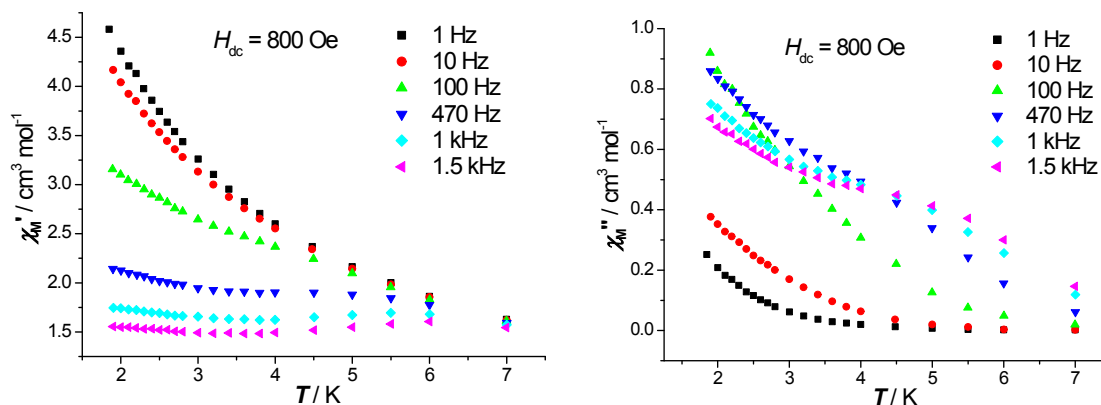
Fig. S14 Temperature dependence of the molar magnetic susceptibilities of **3**. (a) The plots of  $\chi_M$  and  $\chi_M^{-1}$  vs.  $T$ . Solid blue lines were derived from the fitting by the Curie-Weiss law. (b) The plot of  $\chi_M T$  vs.  $T$ . Inset: Reduced magnetization data for **3** at low temperatures.



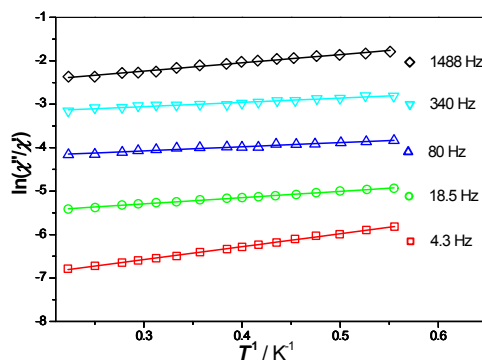
**Fig. S15** M-H plot for **3** at 1.8 K.



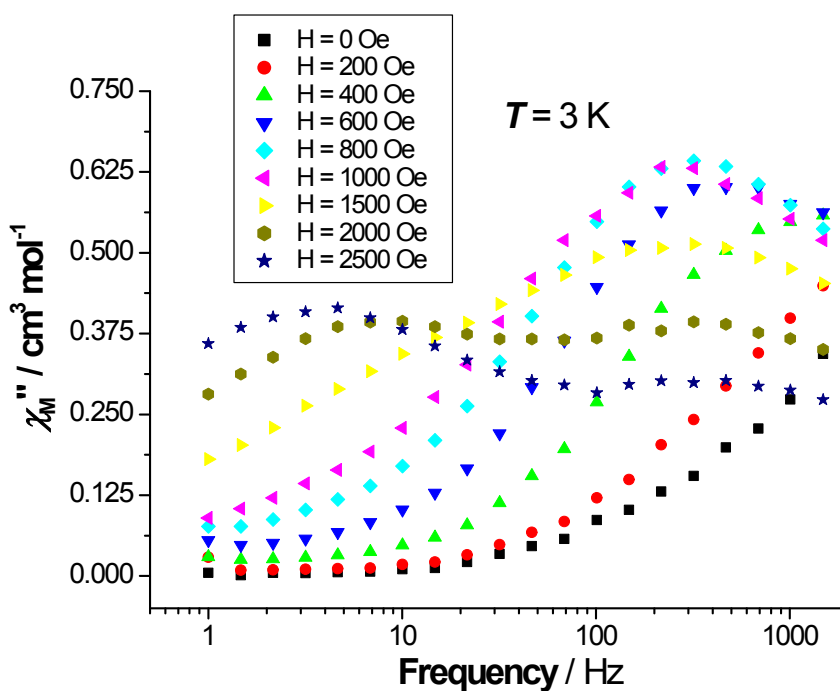
**Fig. S16** Temperature dependence of the real  $\chi'$  and imaginary  $\chi''$  components of the AC susceptibility measured in  $H_{dc} = 0$  Oe applied field at different ac frequency for **3**.



**Fig. S17** Temperature dependence of the real  $\chi'$  and imaginary  $\chi''$  components of the AC susceptibility measured in  $H_{dc} = 800$  Oe applied field at different ac frequency for **3**.

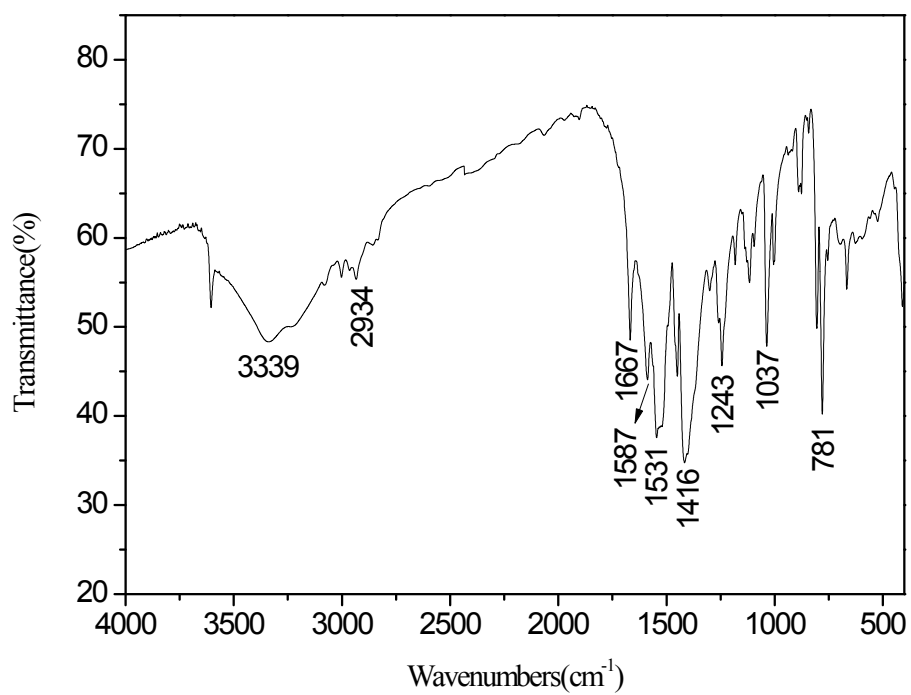


**Fig. S18**  $\ln(\chi''/\chi')$  vs.  $1/T$  plots for **3** at different frequencies of the 5.0 Oe ac field. The solid lines are the best-fit curves (see text).

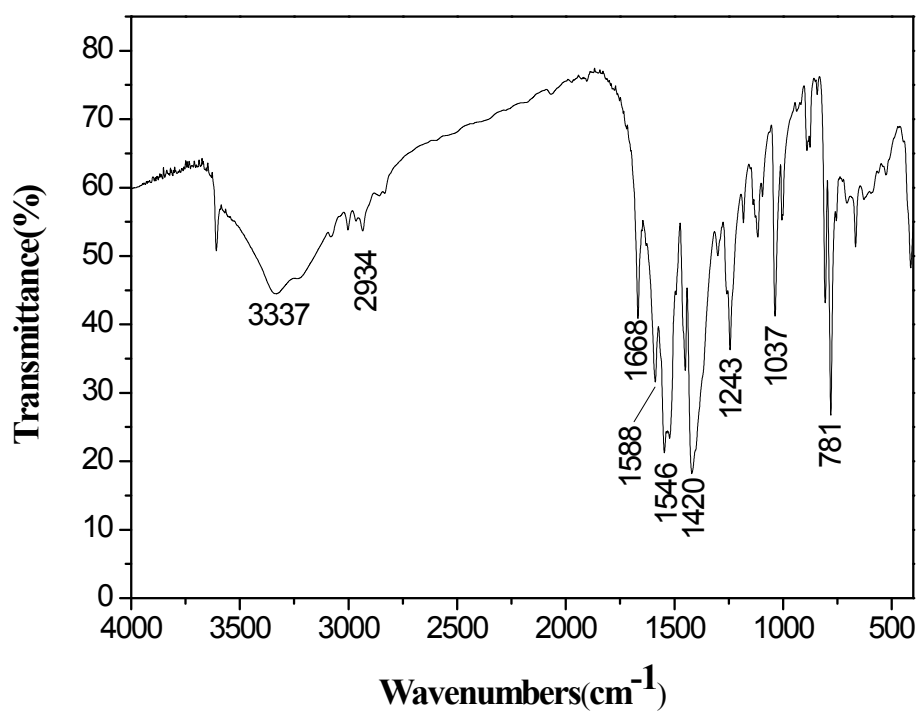


**Fig. S19** Frequency dependence at 3 K of the imaginary  $\chi''$  components of the AC susceptibilities measured in different DC applied field for **3**.

## 10. The FT-IR Spectra.



**Fig. S20** The IR spectra of MOF 1.



**Fig. S21** The IR spectra of MOF 2.

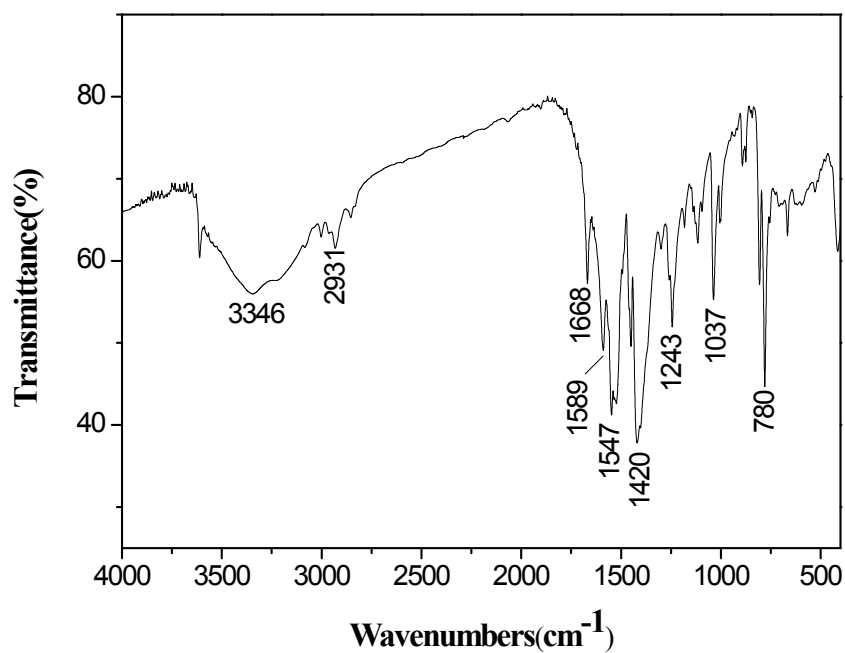


Fig. S22 The IR spectra of MOF 3.

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