Electronic Supplementary Information

Lanthanide hydroxide ribbons assembled in a 2D network: slow relaxation of the magnetization in the dysprosium(III) complex

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^bBeijing National Laboratory for Molecular Sciences, State Key Laboratory of Rare Earth Materials Chemistry and Applications, College of Chemistry and Molecular Engineering, Peking University, Beijing 100871, P. R. China. Materials and General Characterization. All reagents and solvents employed were commercially available and used as received without further purification. Elemental analyses for C, H were carried out on a Perkin–Elmer analyzer. Powder X-ray diffraction measurements were recorded on a D/Max-2500 X-ray diffractometer using Cu-K α radiation. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was carried out on a Delta Series TA-SDTQ600 analyzer in nitrogen atmosphere from room temperature to 800 °C (10 °C min⁻¹) using aluminum crucibles. Magnetic susceptibility measurements were performed on a Quantum Design SQUID-VSM and PPMS magnetometer. Diamagnetic corrections were made for all the constituent atoms with Pascal's constants and the sample holders.

Synthesis of $\{[Dy_2(L)_2(\mu_3-OH)_2(H_2O)] \cdot H_2O\}_n$ (1·Dy) A mixture of H₂L (0.016 g, 0.1 mmol), Dy(NO₃)₃·6H₂O (0.091 g, 0.2 mmol), NaOH (0.1 mol/L, 2 mL) and H₂O (5 mL) was added in a 23 mL Teflon-lined autoclave and heated at 100 °C for 72 h, and then slowly cooled down to the room temperature. Colorless crystals suitable for X-ray data collection were obtained by filtration, washed with distilled water, and air-dried. Yield: 30% based on dysprosium. Elemental analysis found (calcd) for , C: 23.54% (23.63%) H: 3.97% (3.68%).

Synthesis of $\{[Tb_2(L)_2(\mu_3-OH)_2(H_2O)] \cdot H_2O\}_n$ (2·Tb) A mixture of H_2L (0.016 g, 0.1 mmol),Tb(NO_3)_3·6H_2O (0.091 g, 0.2 mmol), NaOH (0.1 mol/L, 2 mL) and H_2O (5 mL) was added in a 23 mL Teflon-lined autoclave and heated at 100 °C for 72 h, and then slowly cooled down to the roomtemperature. Colorless crystals suitable for X-ray data collection were obtained by filtration, washedwith distilled water, and air-dried. Yield: 40% based on terbium. Elemental analysis found (calcd) for ,C:24.40% (23.87%)H:3.99% (3.72%).

Crystallographic Studies

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction measurements of $1 \cdot Dy$ and $2 \cdot Tb$ were recorded on a diffractometer with a graphite monochromatic *Mo-Ka* radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). The structures were solved by direct method and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques on F^2 using the *SHELXS-97* and *SHELXL-97* programs² contained in Olex 2.³ Anisotropic thermal parameters were assigned to all non-hydrogen atoms. The hydrogen atoms were placed in idealized positions and located in the difference Fourier map. The formula was identified by combining single-crystal structure, element analysis and thermogravimetric analysis (Fig S11). The crystallographic data for $1 \cdot Dy-2 \cdot Tb$ are listed in Table S1. CCDC 1038140 and 1038139 for $1 \cdot Dy$ and $2 \cdot Tb$ contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. The data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif).

Restricted instructions (ISOR) are placed on C1, C3, O9 in **1**·**D**y and C1, C5, C8, O8 in **2**·**T**b to avoid non-positive definite. The detailed information of the restraints employed has been listed in the _olex2_refinement_description section of the cif file.

compound	1•Dy	2•Tb	
formula	$C_{14}H_{24}O_{12}Dy_2$	$C_{14}H_{24}O_{12}Tb_2$	
formula weight	709.33	702.17	
crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	
space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	
a (Å)	7.1628(5)	7.1577(5)	
b (Å)	9.9371(6)	9.9319(10)	
c (Å)	14.9972(10)	14.9339(17)	
α (°)	71.520(6)	71.781(10)	
eta (°)	83.425(6)	82.756(8)	
γ (°)	75.425(6)	75.432(8)	
$V(Å^3)$	979.13(11)	974.70(17)	
Ζ	2	2	
D_c , (g cm ⁻³)	2.406	2.392	
μ , (mm ⁻¹)	7.632	7.257	
F (000)	672.0	668.0	
GOF on F^2	1.046	1.029	
$R_{ m int}$	0.0356	0.0446	
$R_1, wR_2 [I > 2 \sigma(I)]$	0.0392, 0.1007	0.0278,0.0668	

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements.



Fig. S1 Comparison of the experimental PXRD pattern of the as-synthesized **1**•**Dy** and **2**•**Tb** with the one simulated from the single crystal data of **1**•**Dy**.



Fig. S2 Coordination geometries of Dy1 and Dy2.



Scheme. S1 Binding modes observed for ligands with lanthanide metals. (from left): μ_2 - η^1 : η^1 , η^1 , μ_2 - η^2 : η^1 .



Fig. S3 Top view of the two-dimensional network.



Fig. S4 χ^{-1} vs *T* plot of **1**•**Dy** (top), **2**•**Tb** (bottom) and the solid line is the best fit to Curie-Weiss law.



Fig. S5 The Field dependence of the magnetization for $1 \cdot Dy$ (top) and $2 \cdot Tb$ (bottom) at 2 K.



Fig. S6 Magnetic hysteresis of **1**•**D**y at 2 K.



Fig. S7 ZFC and FC data of **1**•**D**y.



Fig. S8 Temperature dependence of the in-of-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') ac susceptibilities measured on a polycrystalline sample **1**•**Dy** in the zero static filed. Solid lines are eye guides.



Fig. S9 Frequency dependence of the in-of-phase (χ') at 1-1000 Hz (top) and 35- 10000Hz (bottom) susceptibilities measured on a polycrystalline sample **1**•**D**y in the zero static filed. Solid lines are eye guides.

$$\chi_{AC}(\omega) = \chi_{S1} + \chi_{S2} + \frac{\chi_{T1} - \chi_{S1}}{1 + (i\omega\tau_1)^{(1-\alpha_1)}} + \frac{\chi_{T2} - \chi_{S2}}{1 + (i\omega\tau_2)^{(1-\alpha_2)}}$$

$$\chi'(\omega) = \chi_{S1} + \chi_{S2} + \frac{(\chi_{T1} - \chi_{S1})(1 + (\omega\tau_1)^{(1-\alpha_1)}(\sin \pi\alpha_1/2))}{1 + (\omega\tau_1)^{(1-\alpha_1)}\sin(\pi\alpha_1/2) + (\omega\tau_1)^{(2-2\alpha_1)}} + \frac{(\chi_{T2} - \chi_{S2})(1 + (\omega\tau_2)^{(1-\alpha_2)})}{1 + (\omega\tau_2)^{(1-\alpha_2)}}$$

$$\chi''(\omega) = \chi_{S1} + \chi_{S2} + \frac{(\chi_{T1} - \chi_{S1})(1 + (\omega\tau_1)^{(1-\alpha_1)}\cos(\pi\alpha_1/2))}{1 + (\omega\tau_1)^{(1-\alpha_1)}\sin(\pi\alpha_1/2) + (\omega\tau_1)^{(2-2\alpha_1)}} + \frac{(\chi_{T2} - \chi_{S2})(1 + (\omega\tau_2)^{(1-\alpha_2)})}{1 + (\omega\tau_2)^{(1-\alpha_2)}}$$

Equation S1. The fitting equation of the cole-cole plots.⁴

	2.5K	3K	3.5K	4K	4.5K	5K
α1	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05
α2	0.39	0.40	0.38	0.41	0.42	0.43
τ1	0.010	0.008	0.006	0.005	0.005	0.004
τ2	7.35E-6	7.28E-6	8.61E-6	7.50E-6	7.49E-6	7.65E-6
	5.5K	6K	6.5K	7K	7.5K	8K
α1	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04
α2	0.42	0.44	0.44	0.42	0.42	0.36
τ1	0.004	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.002
τ2	8.78E-6	8.13E-6	8.08E-6	8.87E-6	9.11E-6	1.07E-5
	8.5K	9K	9.5K	10K	10.5K	11K
α1	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
α2	0.34	0.32	0.25	0.22	0.23	0.24
τ1	0.002	0.001	0.001	7.54E-4	4.69E-4	3.08E-4
τ2	1.04E-5	9.10E-6	8.86E-6	6.79E-6	4.22E-6	2.69E-6

Table S2. The fitting results of the Cole-Cole plots.







Fig. S11 The thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) of 1.Dy and 2.Tb.

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