## **Electronic Supporting Information**

## X-ray Crystallography

The X-ray diffraction data for 1-3 and 9-11 were collected on a Bruker AXS SMART APEX (1, 2, 9, 10) and Oxford Xcalibur Eos (3, 11) diffractometers (Mo-K<sub> $\alpha$ </sub> radiation,  $\omega$ -scan technique,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). The intensity data were integrated by SAINT (1-2, 10),<sup>1</sup> (9)<sup>2</sup> and CrysAlisPro (3, 11)<sup>3</sup> programs. All structures were solved by direct methods and were refined on F<sub>hkl</sub><sup>2</sup> using SHELXTL package (2),<sup>4</sup> (1, 9-11),<sup>5</sup> (3).<sup>6</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined in the riding model. SADABS (1-2, 10),<sup>7</sup> (9)<sup>8</sup> and SCALE3 ABSPACK (3 and 11)<sup>9</sup> were used to perform absorption corrections. The crystal of 9 contains solvate molecules of toluene, which are disordered in a common position. The details of crystallographic, collection and refinement data for 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 and 11 are presented in Table S1 and corresponding cif files are available as supporting information. CCDC 1437391 (1), CCDC 1437390 (2), CCDC 1437392 (3), CCDC 1437393 (9), CCDC 1437394 (10) and CCDC 1437395 (11) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper.

Complex	1	2	3	9	10	11
Empirical formula	$C_{26}H_{26}F_{36}O_{10}Sm_2$	$C_{26}H_{26}F_{36}O_{10}Yb_2$	$C_{42}H_{22}Ce_{2}F_{36}$ $N_{4}O_{6}$	C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>25</sub> CeF <sub>24</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	$C_{66}H_{64}F_{84}O_{20}Sm_6$	$C_{29}H_{27}Eu_2F_{42}O_{11}Y$
Formula weight	1483.17	1528.55	1642.87	1257.79	3675.27	1742.33
Temperature [K]	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c	P2(1)/c	P2(1)/n	C2/c	P1	P2(1)/n
Unit cell						
dimensions						
a[Å]	9.5630(19)	9.7029(6)	9.54922(17)	20.3363(9)	10.7448(4)	13.17185(19)
b[Å]	17.979(4)	18.0209(10)	20.5060(3)	13.8976(6)	13.4413(5)	16.6717(2)
c[Å]	13.370(3)	13.1321(7)	13.29116(17)	32.5868(15)	19.2506(8)	23.4167(4)
α[°]	90	90	90	90	90.2290(10)	90
β[°]	106.261(4)	107.6370(10)	100.8980(14)	95.0310(10)	102.8870(10)	91.8369(14)
γ[°]	90	90	90	90	94.7970(10)	90
Volume [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	2206.8(8)	2188.3(2)	2555.69(7)	9174.4(7)	2699.99(18)	5139.60(13)
Ζ	2	2	2	8	1	4
Calculated density [Mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	2.232	2.320	2.135	1.821	2.260	2.252
Absorption						
coefficient	2.836	4.450	1.943	1.138	3.414	3.733
[mm <sup>-1</sup> ]						
Crystal size	0.33×0.20×	$0.30 \times 0.25 \times$	$0.20 \times 0.10 \times$	0.49×0.33×	0.21×0.16×	0.15×0.15×
[mm <sup>3</sup> ]	0.15	0.15	0.05	0.32	0.07	0.15
θ[°]	2.218 - 26.999	2.200 - 26.000	3.070 - 29.999	1.770 - 24.998	1.848 - 25.999	3.000 - 26.000
Reflections collected / unique	17588 / 4755	18172 / 4287	53354 / 7440	34787 / 8061	23376 / 20001	125864 / 10094
R(int)	0.0585	0.0348	0.0544	0.0318	0.0212	0.1210
Final R indices	$R_1 = 0.0479$ ,	$R_1 = 0.0419$ ,	$R_1 = 0.0320$ ,	$R_1 = 0.0668$ ,	$R_1 = 0.0603$ ,	$R_1 = 0.0393$ ,
[I>2sigma(I)]	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0920	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1062	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0660	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1493	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1527	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0909
R indices	$R_1 = 0.0672$ ,	$R_1 = 0.0561$ ,	$R_1 = 0.0434$ ,	$R_1 = 0.0740$ ,	$R_1 = 0.0820$ ,	$R_1 = 0.0485$ ,
(all data)	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0965	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1127	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0694	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1529	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1647	wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0953
S	1.031	1.055	1.052	1.038	1.044	1.037
Largest diff. peak and hole [e/Å <sup>3</sup> ]	1.236/-1.379	2.046/-1.792	0.877/-0.957	1.442/-0.914	1.920/-1.147	1.609/-1.349

Table S1. Details of crystallographic, collection and refinement data for 1-3, 9-11.

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