

## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

### **Lanthanide dinuclear complexes constructed from mixed oxygen-donor ligands: effect of substituent positions of the neutral ligand on the magnetic dynamics in the Dy analogues**

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**Table S1** Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for **1**

Dy(1)–O(1)	2.278(2)	Dy(1)–O(2)#1	2.322(2)
Dy(1)–O(3)	2.291(2)	Dy(1)–O(4)	2.432(2)
Dy(1)–O(5)	2.414(2)	Dy(1)–O(6)	2.454(2)
Dy(1)–O(7)	2.405(2)	Dy(1)–O(8)	2.383(2)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(2)#1	111.52(8)	O(1)–Dy(1)–O(3)	151.74(9)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(4)	82.96(8)	O(1)–Dy(1)–O(5)	86.69(8)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(6)	125.32(8)	O(1)–Dy(1)–O(7)	74.37(8)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(8)	76.60(8)	O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(3)	81.53(8)
O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(4)	146.72(8)	O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(5)	151.39(9)
O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(6)	76.63(9)	O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(7)	78.42(9)
O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(8)	77.51(9)	O(3)–Dy(1)–O(4)	74.04(8)
O(3)–Dy(1)–O(5)	92.53(9)	O(3)–Dy(1)–O(6)	81.31(9)
O(3)–Dy(1)–O(7)	133.80(8)	O(3)–Dy(1)–O(8)	82.37(9)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(5)	53.64(8)	O(4)–Dy(1)–O(6)	120.39(8)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(7)	134.85(7)	O(4)–Dy(1)–O(8)	77.15(8)
O(5)–Dy(1)–O(6)	74.81(9)	O(5)–Dy(1)–O(7)	86.05(8)
O(5)–Dy(1)–O(8)	129.68(9)	O(6)–Dy(1)–O(7)	53.76(8)
O(6)–Dy(1)–O(8)	151.11(9)	O(7)–Dy(1)–O(8)	131.74(8)

Symmetry codes: #1  $-x, -y, -z$ **Table S2** Hydrogen bonding geometry for **1**: lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ )

D–H $\cdots$ A	d(D–H)	d(H $\cdots$ A)	d(D $\cdots$ A)	$\angle$ (DHA)
O(8)–H(81) $\cdots$ O(7)#1	0.946(17)	1.811(18)	2.752(3)	172(4)
O(8)–H(82) $\cdots$ O(4)#2	0.915(18)	1.857(19)	2.765(3)	172(4)

Symmetry codes: #1  $-x, -y, -z$ , #2  $-x+1, -y, -z$

**Table S3** Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for **7**

Dy(1)–O(1)	2.289(2)	Dy(1)–O(2)#1	2.348(2)
Dy(1)–O(3)	2.282(2)	Dy(1)–O(4)	2.434(2)
Dy(1)–O(5)	2.431(2)	Dy(1)–O(6)	2.486(2)
Dy(1)–O(7)	2.388(2)	Dy(1)–O(8)	2.363(2)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(2)#1	113.50(8)	O(1)–Dy(1)–O(3)	151.71(8)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(4)	83.55(7)	O(1)–Dy(1)–O(5)	88.26(8)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(6)	125.33(7)	O(1)–Dy(1)–O(7)	74.90(7)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(8)	76.47(8)	O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(3)	79.69(8)
O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(4)	143.52(7)	O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(5)	150.86(8)
O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(6)	76.74(8)	O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(7)	80.36(8)
O(2)#1–Dy(1)–O(8)	77.75(8)	O(3)–Dy(1)–O(4)	72.81(8)
O(3)–Dy(1)–O(5)	89.96(8)	O(3)–Dy(1)–O(6)	81.11(8)
O(3)–Dy(1)–O(7)	133.22(8)	O(3)–Dy(1)–O(8)	82.59(8)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(5)	53.62(7)	O(4)–Dy(1)–O(6)	120.80(7)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(7)	136.11(7)	O(4)–Dy(1)–O(8)	75.39(8)
O(5)–Dy(1)–O(6)	74.77(7)	O(5)–Dy(1)–O(7)	87.46(8)
O(5)–Dy(1)–O(8)	128.18(8)	O(6)–Dy(1)–O(7)	53.22(7)
O(6)–Dy(1)–O(8)	151.76(9)	O(7)–Dy(1)–O(8)	132.84(8)

Symmetry codes: #1  $-x, -y, -z$ **Table S4** Hydrogen bonding geometry for **7**: lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ )

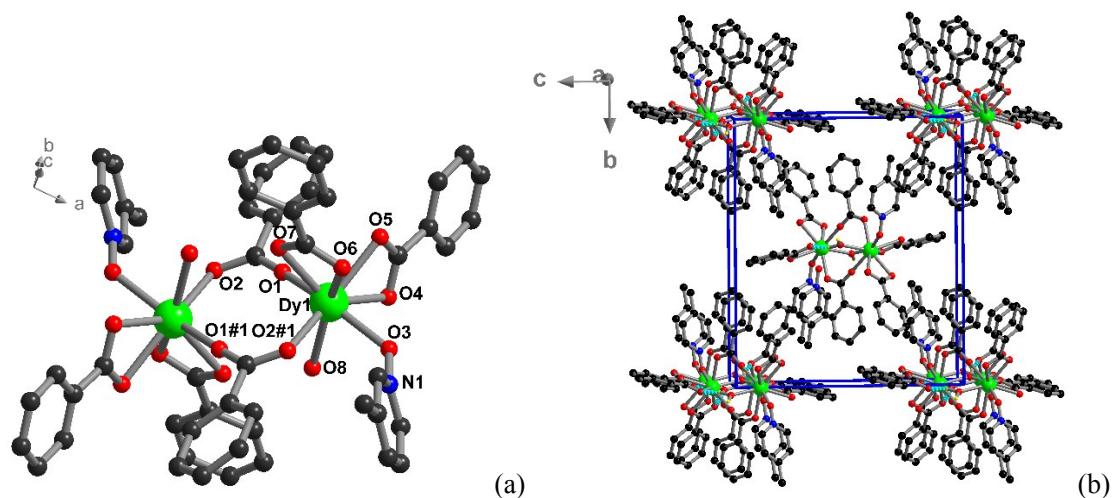
D–H $\cdots$ A	d(D–H)	d(H $\cdots$ A)	d(D $\cdots$ A)	$\angle$ (DHA)
O(8)–H(81) $\cdots$ O(7)#1	0.932(18)	1.83(2)	2.728(3)	161(4)
O(8)–H(82) $\cdots$ O(4)#2	0.921(18)	1.823(19)	2.738(3)	172(4)

Symmetry codes: #1  $-x, -y, -z$ , #2  $-x+1, -y, -z$

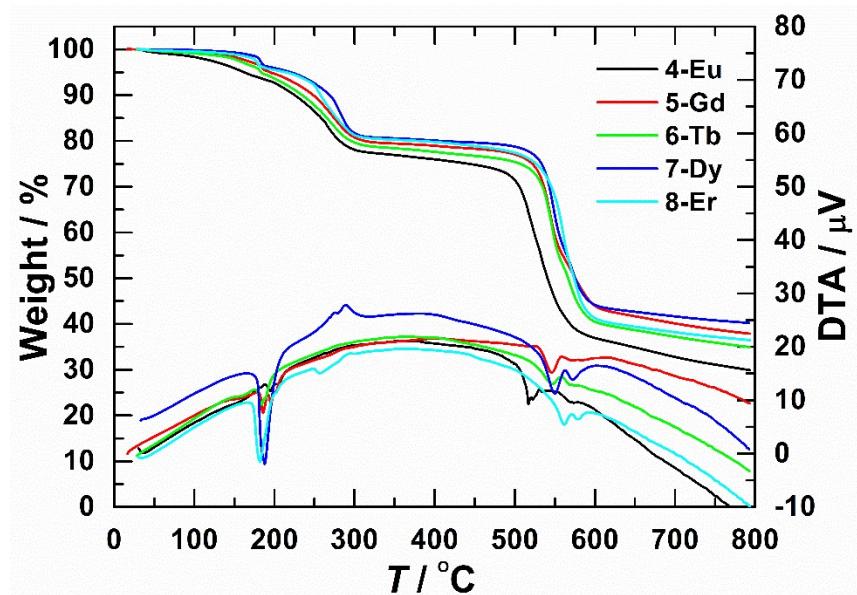
**Table S5** Continuous shaped measures (CShM) for **1** and **7** using SHAPE 2.1

	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
OP-8	31.032	31.183
HPY-8	21.202	21.406
HBPY-8	12.656	12.542
CU-8	9.451	9.242
SAPR-8	2.796	3.115
TDD-8	3.056	3.399
JGBF-8	12.200	11.968
JETBPY-8	26.314	25.954
JBTPR-8	2.899	2.878
BTPR-8	2.196	2.192
JSD-8	4.078	4.323
TT-8	10.294	9.959

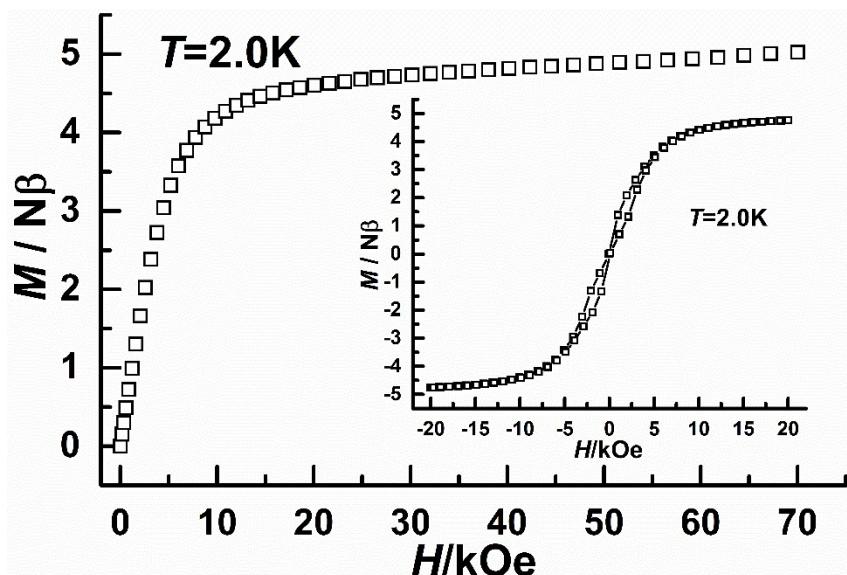
OP-8 = ( $D_{8h}$ ) OctagonHPY-8 = ( $C_{7v}$ ) Heptagonal pyramidHBPY-8 = ( $D_{6h}$ ) Hexagonal bipyramidCU-8 = ( $O_h$ ) CubeSAPR-8 = ( $D_{4d}$ ) Square antiprismTDD-8 = ( $D_{2d}$ ) Triangular dodecahedronJGBF-8 = ( $D_{2d}$ ) Johnson gyrobifastigium J26JETBPY-8 = ( $D_{3h}$ ) Johnson elongated triangular bipyramid J14JBTPR-8 = ( $C_{2v}$ ) Biaugmented trigonal prism J50BTPR-8 = ( $C_{2v}$ ) Biaugmented trigonal prismJSD-8 = ( $D_{2d}$ ) Snub diphenoïd J84TT-8 = ( $T_d$ ) Triakis tetrahedron



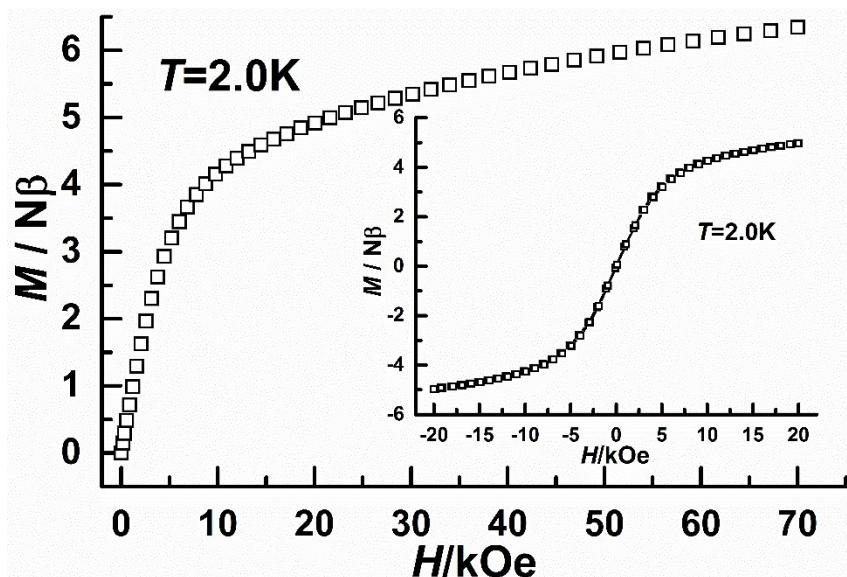
**Fig. S1** (a) View of the dinuclear structure bridged by Bza ligands in complex **1**. (b) View of the packing diagram of complex **7** along the *a*-axis.



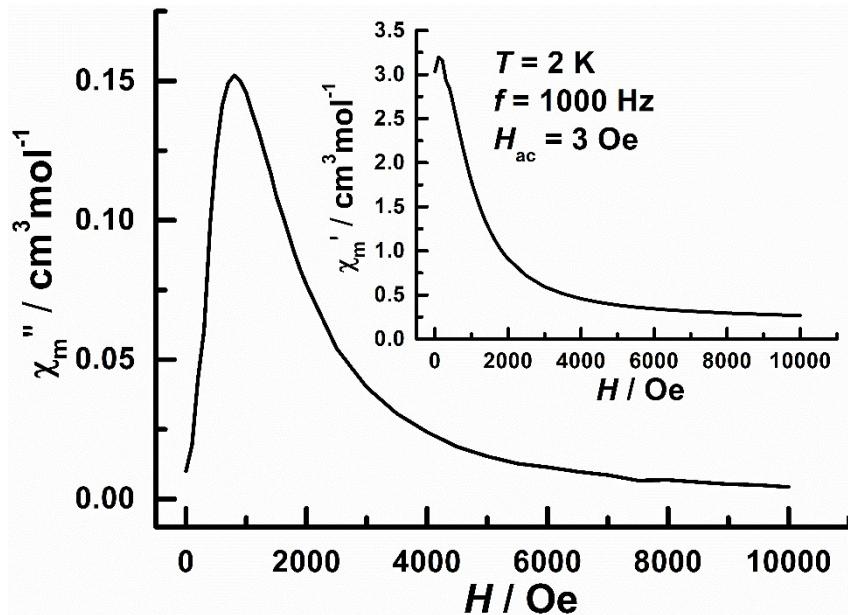
**Fig. S2** The TG–DTA curves for complexes **4–8**.



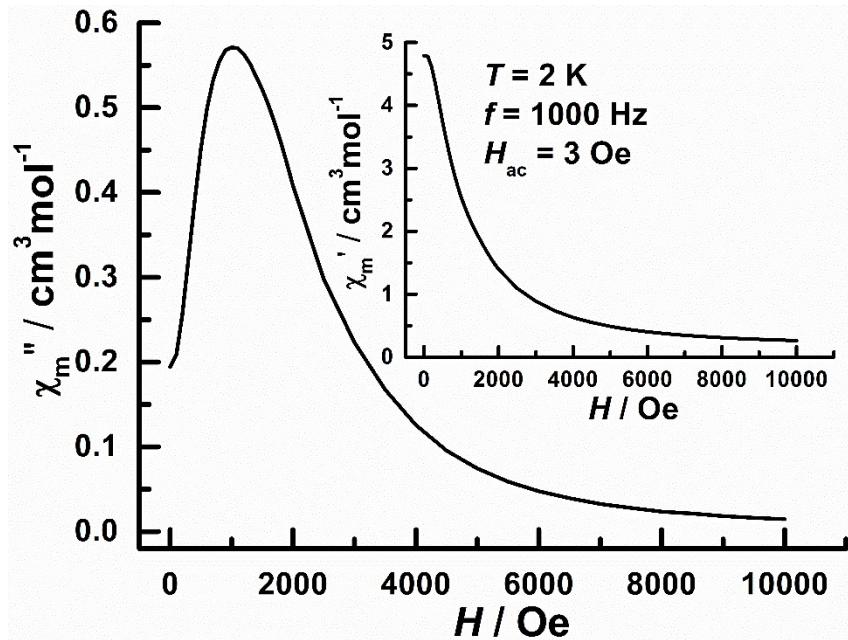
**Fig. S3** Field dependence of the magnetization of compound **1** at 2.0 K. Inset: the hysteresis loop plot of compound **1** measured at 2.0 K.



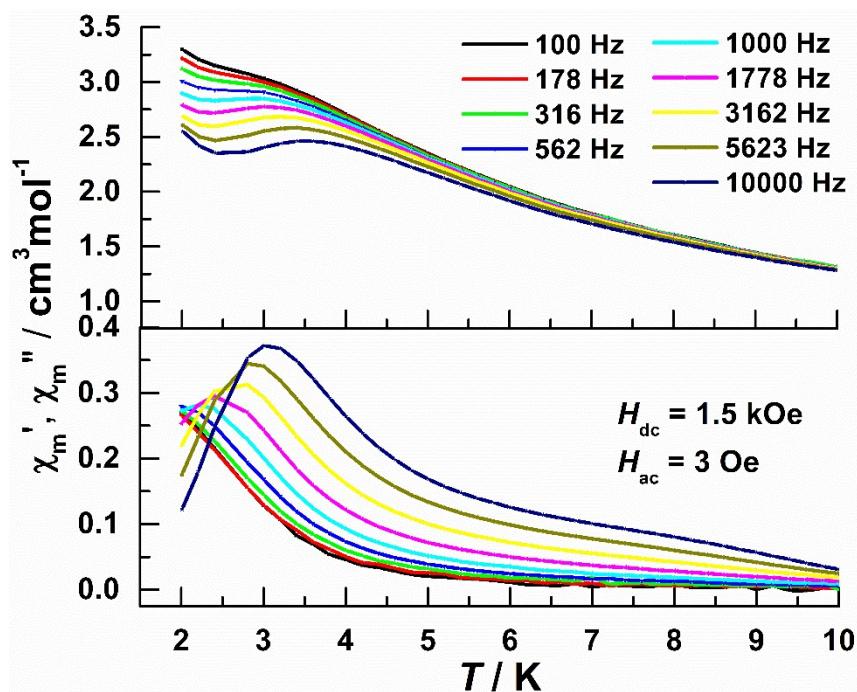
**Fig. S4** Field dependence of the magnetization of compound **7** at 2.0 K. Inset: the hysteresis loop plot of compound **7** measured at 2.0 K.



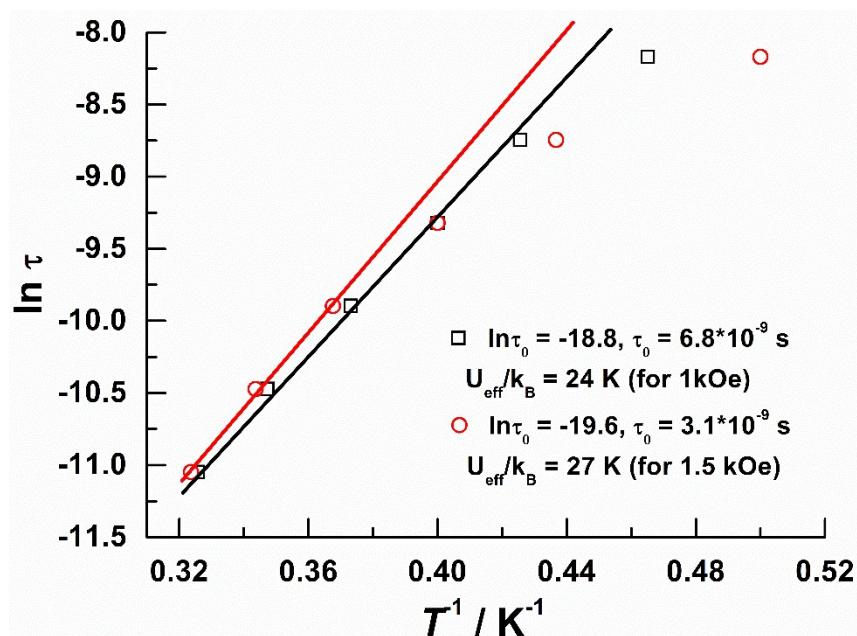
**Fig. S5** Field dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ , inset) and out-of-phase ( $\chi''$ ) ac susceptibility for **1** with  $f = 1000 \text{ Hz}$ .



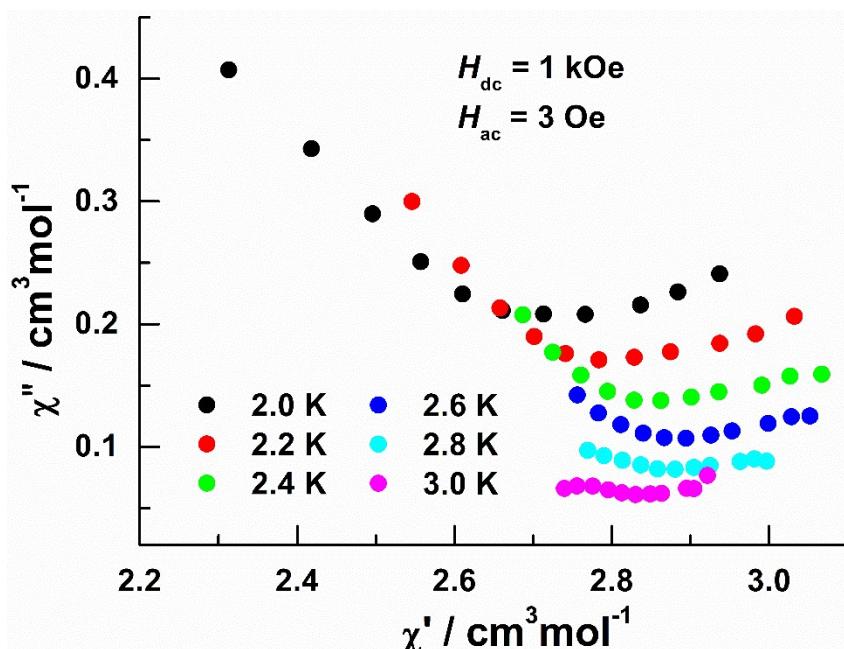
**Fig. S6** Field dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ , inset) and out-of-phase ( $\chi''$ ) ac susceptibility for **7** with  $f = 1000 \text{ Hz}$ .



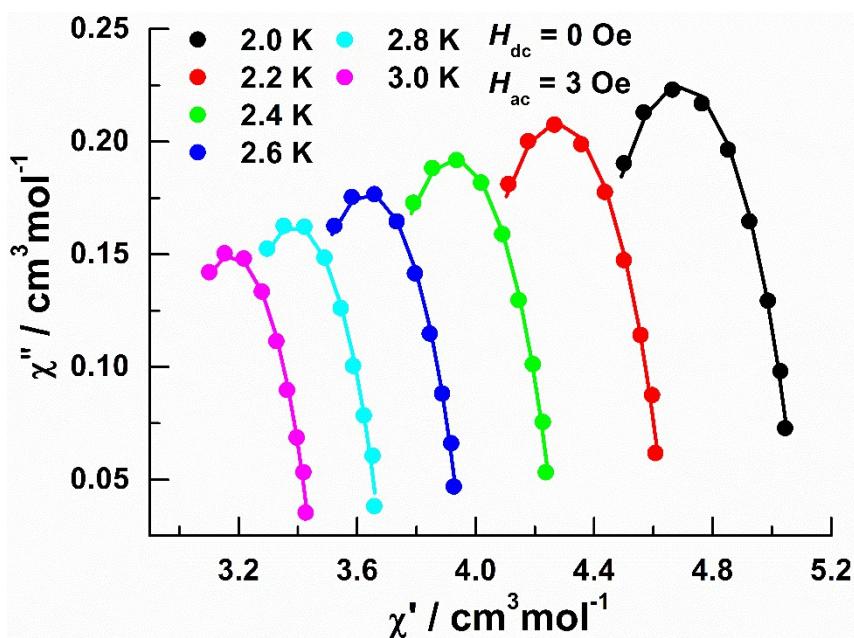
**Fig. S7** Temperature dependence of  $\chi'$  and  $\chi''$  ac susceptibility components under a 1.5 kOe dc field for 7.



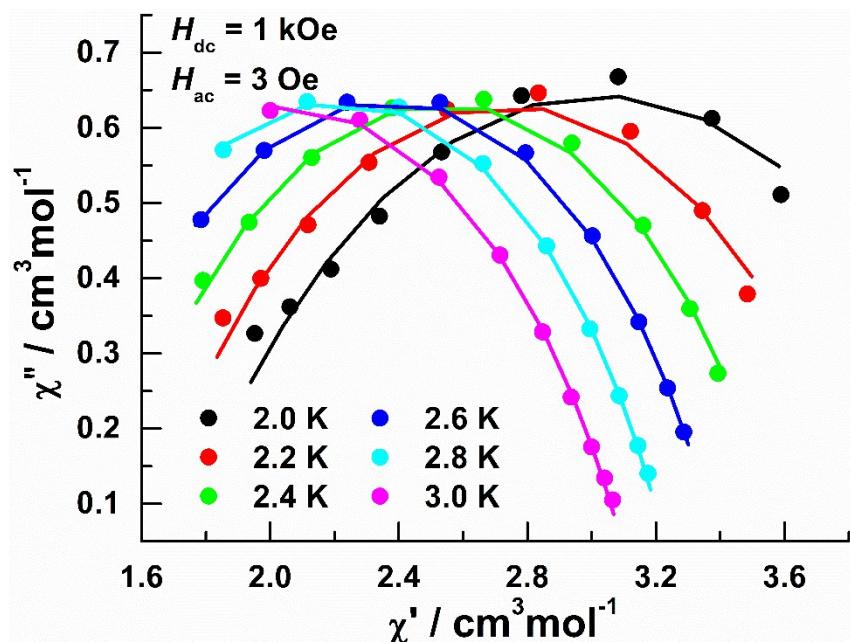
**Fig. S8** Arrhenius analysis of 7 under a 1 and 1.5 kOe dc field.



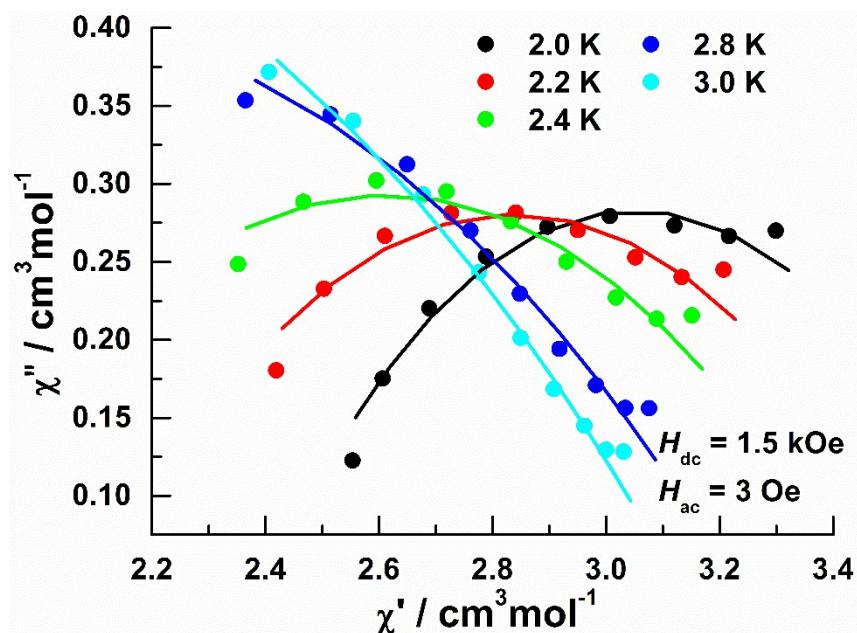
**Fig. S9** The Cole–Cole plots of  $\chi''$  vs.  $\chi'$  at 2.0, 2.2, 2.4, 2.6, 2.8 and 3.0 K for compound 1 under a 1 kOe dc field.



**Fig. S10** The Cole–Cole plots of  $\chi''$  vs.  $\chi'$  at 2.0, 2.2, 2.4, 2.6, 2.8 and 3.0 K for compound 7 under a zero dc field. The solid lines are the least-square fitting of the data to a distribution of single relaxation processes.



**Fig. S11** The Cole–Cole plots of  $\chi''$  vs.  $\chi'$  at 2.0, 2.2, 2.4, 2.6, 2.8 and 3.0 K for compound 7 under a 1 kOe dc field. The solid lines are the least-square fitting of the data to a distribution of single relaxation processes.



**Fig. S12** The Cole–Cole plots of  $\chi''$  vs.  $\chi'$  at 2.0, 2.2, 2.4, 2.8 and 3.0 K for compound 7 under a 1.5 kOe dc field. The solid lines are the least-square fitting of the data to a distribution of single relaxation processes.

**Table S6** Relaxation parameters from the best fitting of the Cole–Cole diagrams by the generalized Debye model under a zero dc field for **7**.

T(K)	$\chi_s(\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})$	$\chi_t(\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})$	$\tau(\text{s})$	$\alpha$
2.0	4.273	5.107	$5.7 \times 10^{-5}$	0.37
2.2	3.889	4.662	$5.2 \times 10^{-5}$	0.37
2.4	3.567	4.285	$4.6 \times 10^{-5}$	0.37
2.6	3.303	3.968	$4.1 \times 10^{-5}$	0.38
2.8	3.078	3.695	$3.7 \times 10^{-5}$	0.38
3.0	2.889	3.459	$3.3 \times 10^{-5}$	0.38

**Table S7** Relaxation parameters from the best fitting of the Cole–Cole diagrams by the generalized Debye model under 1 kOe dc field for **7**.

T(K)	$\chi_s(\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})$	$\chi_t(\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})$	$\tau(\text{s})$	$\alpha$
2.0	1.678	4.366	$4.4 \times 10^{-4}$	0.43
2.2	1.576	3.899	$2.2 \times 10^{-4}$	0.37
2.4	1.456	3.617	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}$	0.33
2.6	1.327	3.414	$6.5 \times 10^{-5}$	0.30
2.8	1.179	3.253	$3.5 \times 10^{-5}$	0.30
3.0	0.949	3.123	$1.7 \times 10^{-5}$	0.33

**Table S8** Relaxation parameters from the best fitting of the Cole–Cole diagrams by the generalized Debye model under a 1.5 kOe dc field for **7**.

T(K)	$\chi_s(\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})$	$\chi_t(\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})$	$\tau(\text{s})$	$\alpha$
2.0	2.363	3.739	$3.8 \times 10^{-4}$	0.50
2.2	2.076	3.597	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$	0.55
2.4	1.738	3.485	$5.6 \times 10^{-5}$	0.59
2.8	0.630	3.293	$3.2 \times 10^{-6}$	0.63
3.0	0.000	3.191	$1.1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.61