## **Supporting Information for**

Structural, Optical and Magnetic Investigations in Lanthanide complexes Involving Multichelating TTFbased Ligands.

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Figure S1. Crystal packing of  $L^1$  highlighting the formation of organic (spacefilling) and metallo-organic (ball and stick) networks.



Figure S2. Crystal packing of  $L^2$  highlighting the formation of organic (spacefilling) and metallo-organic (ball and stick) networks.



**Figure S3.** ORTEP view of **1**. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability. Hydrogen atoms and dichloromethane molecules of crystallization are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S4**. Crystal packing of 1 highlighting the formation of organic (spacefilling) and metallo-organic (ball and stick) networks.



**Figure S5.** ORTEP view of **2**. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability. Hydrogen atoms and both dichloromethane and *n*-heptane molecules of crystallization are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S6**. Crystal packing of **2** highlighting the formation of organic (spacefilling) and metallo-organic (ball and stick) networks.



**Figure S7**. ORTEP view of **3**. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability. Hydrogen atoms and dichloromethane molecule are omitted for clarity.



Figure S8. Crystal packing of 3 highlighting the formation of organic (spacefilling) and metallo-organic (ball and stick) networks.



**Figure S9**. Cyclic voltammograms of  $L^1$ ,  $L^2$  and 1-3 in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at a scan rate of 100 mV·s<sup>-1</sup>. The potentials were measured *vs*. a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) with Pt wires as working and counter electrodes.



**Figure S10.** a) Experimental UV/vis absorption spectrum in solution ( $c = 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$  M) of L<sup>2</sup> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (open grey circles), respective Gaussian decompositions (dashed lines) and best fit (full black line). b) Theoretical absorption spectrum (black line), the bars represent the mean contribution of the absorption spectra that are listed in Table 6. c) Experimental UV/vis absorption spectrum in solution ( $c = 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$  M) of **2** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (open grey circles), respective Gaussian decompositions (dashed lines) and best fit (full black line). d) Theoretical absorption spectrum (black line), the bars represent the mean contribution of the absorption spectra that are listed in Table 6.



**Figure S11**. Experimental UV-visible absorption spectrum in solid-state (KBr pellets) of  $L^1$  (open gray circles). Gaussian decompositions (dashed lines) and best fit (full black line), R = 0.9993. The red, orange and blue dashed lines represent the intra-ligand charge transfer, intra-TTF, intra-acceptor absorption bands, respectively.



**Figure S12**. Experimental UV-visible absorption spectrum in solid-state (KBr pellets) of **1** (open gray circles). Gaussian decompositions (dashed lines) and best fit (full black line), R = 0.9993. The red, orange, green and blue dashed lines represent the intra-ligand charge transfer, intra-TTF, intra-hfac<sup>-</sup> and intra-acceptor absorption bands, respectively.



Figure S13. MO diagram of  $L^2$  (left) and complex 2 (right). Energy levels of the centered TTF donor, dpp acceptor and hfac<sup>-</sup> are represented in orange, blue and green, respectively.



Figure S14. Experimental UV-visible absorption spectrum in solid-state (KBr pellets) of  $L^2$  (open gray circles). Gaussian decompositions (dashed lines) and best fit (full black line), R = 0.9993. The red, orange and blue dashed lines represent the intra-ligand charge transfer, intra-TTF, intra-acceptor absorption bands, respectively.



Figure S15. Experimental UV-visible absorption spectrum in solid-state (KBr pellets) of 3 (open gray circles). Gaussian decompositions (dashed lines) and best fit (full black line), R = 0.9993. The red, orange and blue dashed lines represent the intra-ligand charge transfer, intra-TTF, intra-acceptor absorption bands, respectively.



Figure S16. Magnetizations at 2 K for compounds 1 (triangles), 2 (squares) and 3 (circles) with simulated curve for 1 (full red line).

## **Extended Debye model:**

$$\chi' = \chi_{s} + (\chi_{T} - \chi_{s}) \frac{1 + (\omega\tau)^{1-\alpha} \sin\left(\alpha \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{1 + 2(\omega\tau)^{1-\alpha} \sin\left(\alpha \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + (\omega\tau)^{2-2\alpha}}$$
$$\chi'' = (\chi_{T} - \chi_{s}) \frac{(\omega\tau)^{1-\alpha} \cos\left(\alpha \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{1 + 2(\omega\tau)^{1-\alpha} \sin\left(\alpha \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + (\omega\tau)^{2-2\alpha}}$$

With  $\chi_T$  the isothermal susceptibility,  $\chi_S$  the adiabatic susceptibility,  $\tau$  the relaxation time and  $\alpha$  the empiric parameter which describes the distribution of the relaxation time. For SMM with only one relaxing object  $\alpha$  is close to zero. The extended Debye model was applied to fit simultaneously the experimental variations of  $\chi_M$ ' and  $\chi_M$ '' with the frequency  $\nu$  of the oscillating field ( $\omega = 2\pi\nu$ ). The best fitted parameters  $\tau$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\chi_T$ ,  $\chi_S$  (and the coefficient of determination R<sup>2</sup>) are given in Figure S17 at 2 K and zero external dc field for compound **3**.



**Figure S17.** Frequency dependence of the ac susceptibility components  $\chi_M$ ' and  $\chi_M$ '' at 2 K and in zero external dc field for compound **3** with the best fitted curve with extended Debye model.



Figure S18. Energy splitting of the  ${}^{6}H_{15/2}$  multiplet for Dy1 (on right) and Dy2 (on left).

Compounds	1	2	3
Ln1-O1	2.283(10)	2.282(5)	2.320(4)
Ln1-O2	2.313(10)	2.318(5)	2.347(4)
Ln1-O3	2.291(11)	2.304(5)	2.344(4)
Ln1-O4	2.279(11)	2.306(5)	2.358(4)
Ln1-O5	2.305(10)	2.310(5)	2.330(4)
Ln1-O6	2.306(11)	2.292(5)	2.353(4)
Ln1-N1	2.455(11)	2.483(6)	/
Ln1-N2	2.533(12)	2.437(5)	2.496(4)
Ln1-N3	/	/	2.526(5)
Ln2-O7	2.344(12)	2.295(5)	2.334(4)
Ln2-O8	2.322(12)	2.299(5)	2.350(4)
Ln2-O9	2.267(11)	2.274(5)	2.314(4)
Ln2-O10	2.406(12)	2.291(5)	2.335(4)
Ln2-O11	2.294(12)	2.300(4)	2.321(4)
Ln2-O12	2.362(10)	2.280(5)	2.339(4)
Ln2-N4	2.556(11)	2.488(5)	2.529(4)
Ln2-N5	/	2.462(6)	2.517(5)
Ln2-N6	2.459(13)	/	/
Ln2-N8	2.452(13)	/	/

Table S1. Selected bond lengths (Å) for complexes 1-3.

Table	<b>S2.</b>	SHAPE	analysis	of	the	coordination	polyhedra	around	the	lanthanide	ions	in
comple	exes	1-3.										

	Metal	CShM <sub>SAPR-8</sub> (square antiprism D <sub>4d</sub> )	$\begin{array}{c} CShM_{TDD-8} \\ (triangular \\ dodecahedron \\ D_{2d}) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{CShM}_{\text{BTPR-8}} \\ \text{(biaugmented} \\ \text{trigonal prism} \\ C_{2v} \end{array}$	CShM <sub>TCTPR-9</sub> (spherical tricapped trigonal prism D22)	$\begin{array}{c} CShM_{CSAPR-9} \\ (spherical \\ capped square \\ antiprism C_{4v}) \end{array}$	CShM <sub>MFF-9</sub> (Muffin C <sub>s</sub> )
1	Yb1-N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	0.380	2.768	2.298	- 517	-	-
1	Yb2-N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	-	-	-	0.554	0.949	1.293
2	Yb1- N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	0.445	2.554	1.866	-	-	-
2	Yb2- $N_2O_6$	0.450	1.720	2.221	-	-	-
2	Dy1- N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	0.631	2.572	1.762	_	_	_
3	Dy2- N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	0.530	1.644	2.142	-	-	-

**Table S3.** TD-DFT calculated excitation energies and main compositions of the low-lying electronic transitions for  $L^2$  and 2. In addition, the charge transfer and the pure intramolecular transitions are reported. ID, IA, H and L represent the intramolecular TTF (Donor) or intramolecular (Acceptor) transitions, and the HOMO and LUMO, respectively. Therefore, ILCT stands for Intra-Ligand Charge Transfer. The theoretical values are evaluated at the PCM(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)-PBE0/SVP level of approximation.

	E <sub>exp</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>theo</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Osc.	Туре	Assignment	Transition	
	24500	23321	0.39	ILCT	$\pi_{TTF} \rightarrow \pi^*_{bzip}$	H→L (96%)	
	27500	28703	0.05	ID	$\pi_{TTF} \rightarrow \pi^*_{TTF}$	H→L+5 (92%)	
	20400	32101	0.27	ИСТ	$\pi_{TTF} \rightarrow \pi^*_{bzip}$	H-1→L (83%)	
	30400	32124	0.05	ILUI	$\pi_{\text{TTF}} \rightarrow \pi^*_{\text{Mebpy}}$	H→L+4 (75%)	
	21000	22527	0.21	ID	*	H-1→L+2 (13%)	
	51900	33321	0.21	ID	$n_{\rm TTF} \rightarrow n n_{\rm TTF}$	H→L+6 (56%)	
	33400	35869	0.11	ĪΔ	π	H-2→L+1 (83%)	
	55400	36041	0.10	IA	hbzip n Mebpy		
	35600	37453	0.56	IA	$\pi_{Mebpy} \rightarrow \pi^*_{Mebpy}$	H-4→L+1 (88%)	
	36800	38482	0.06	ID	<i>π</i> λπ*	H→L+12 (31%)	
	50000	38970	0.10	ID	white w hite	H-1→L+5 (64%)	
		42036	0.11	ĪΔ	$\pi_1 \cdot \rightarrow \pi^*, \ldots$	H-7→L+3/4 (11/10%)	
	41800	43016	6 016	ID	$\pi_{\text{bzip}} \rightarrow \pi^*_{\text{Mebpy}}$	H-2→L+4 (25%)	
	11000	15010	0.10		MILE M ILE	H-5→L+2 (35%)	
	21600	19304	0.29	ILCT	$\pi_{TTF} \rightarrow \pi^*_{bzip}$	H→L (98%)	
	29000	28147	0.02	ILCT	$\pi_{TTF} \rightarrow \pi^*_{bzip}$	H→L+9 (94%)	
	27000	28871	0.05	ID	$\pi_{TTF} \rightarrow \pi^*_{TTF}$	H→L+12 (94%)	
	30500	29223	0.42	ILCT	$\pi_{TTF} \rightarrow \pi^*_{bzip}$	H-1→L (92%)	
	32300	32146	0.07	ILCT	$\pi_{TTF} \rightarrow \pi^*_{bzip}$	H→L+13 (84%)	
		37759	0.24 0.28	Ihfac	$\pi_{\rm hfac} \rightarrow \pi^*_{\rm hfac}$	H-10→L+2/5 (20/23%)	
	33700					H-9→L+3/4/7 (18/22/70%)	
2			0.27			H-10→L+6 (22%)	
	33900	33736	0.15	ID	$\pi_{\text{TTE}} \rightarrow \pi^*_{\text{TTE}}$	$H \rightarrow L + 14 (44\%)$	
		00,00	0.00				
	34800	35575	0.28	IA	$\pi_{Mebpy} \rightarrow \pi^*_{Mebpy}$	H-11→L+1 (70%)	
		36417	0.25	ID	$\pi_{\pi\pi\pi\pi} \rightarrow \pi^*_{\pi\pi\pi\pi}$	H-1→L+11 (27%)	
	36200	36903	0.14	Ihfac	$\pi_{\rm TTF} \rightarrow \pi_{\rm TTF}$ C $\pi_{\rm hfor} \rightarrow \pi^*_{\rm hfor}$	H→L+21 (29%)	
_	10000				-mac / mac	H-8→L+5 (55%)	
	40300	/	/	/	/	/	

T / K	$\chi_T / cm^3 mol^{-1}$	$\chi_{\rm S}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> (fixed)	α	τ / s	R <sup>2</sup>
2	24	0.42102	0.51464	12.80799	0.99793
2.2	22.33252	0.3986	0.48938	7.90334	0.99632
2.4	13.74402	0.48205	0.37757	1.40494	0.99453
2.6	10.87475	0.5118	0.29074	0.58464	0.99463
2.8	9.44176	0.50866	0.23088	0.32244	0.99538
3	8.51617	0.49955	0.18879	0.19957	0.99642
3.5	7.09121	0.43864	0.13031	0.07494	0.99809
4	6.1569	0.38913	0.09942	0.03346	0.99895
4.5	5.45447	0.34759	0.08233	0.01676	0.99938
5	4.91075	0.31521	0.0728	0.00921	0.99952
5.5	4.46635	0.29488	0.06537	0.00541	0.99966
6	4.10117	0.28025	0.06566	0.00332	0.99976
7	3.53381	0.27951	0.06864	0.00127	0.99973
8	3.09517	0.32399	0.08094	4.44E-04	0.99982
9	2.75883	0.5769	0.11168	1.83E-04	0.99975
10	2.47995	0.99681	0.07481	1.17E-04	0.99994

**Table S4.** Best fitted parameters ( $\chi_T$ ,  $\chi_S$ ,  $\tau$  and  $\alpha$ ) with the extended Debye model for compound **3** at 800 Oe in the temperature range 2-10 K.

**Table S5.** g tensor and energy splitting for Dy1 and Dy2 in **3**.

	Dy1	Dy2							
g tensor									
g <sub>x</sub>	0.014	0.003							
g <sub>v</sub>	0.027	0.008							
gz	19.240	19.341							
E	Energy splitting (cm <sup>-1</sup> )								
1	0	0							
2	99.1	92.6							
3	115.1	114.9							
4	152.1	150.5							
5	175.3	178.3							
6	199.7	193.7							
7	257.4	237.2							
8	431.1	436.0							