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Structure and Magnetism of Two Chair-Shaped Hexanuclear

Dysprosium(III) Complexes Exhibiting Slow Magnetic Relaxation

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Scheme S1. The crystallographically up-to-date established coordination modes of the H₃L¹ ligand: (a) μ_2 -L¹- κ^5O^2 , N^1 : N^2 , O^4 : O^3 ; (b) μ_3 -L¹- κ^8O^2 , N^1 , O^3 : O^3 , N^2 , O^4 : O^4 , O^5 ; (c) μ_2 -L¹- κ^6O^2 , N^1 , O^3 : O^3 , N^2 , O^4 ; (d) μ_4 -L¹- $\kappa^{10}O^1$, O^2 : O^2 , N^1 , O^3 : O^3 , N^2 , O^4 : O^4 , O^5 ; (e) μ_2 -L¹- κ^8O^1 , O^2 , O^4 , O^5 : O^2 , O^4 , N^1 , N^2 .



Scheme S2. The crystallographically up-to-date established coordination modes of the H₃L² ligands: (a) μ_3 -L²- $\kappa^7 O^1$, O^2 : $O^2 N^1$, O^3 : $O^3 O^4$; (b) L²- $\kappa^3 O^2 N^1$, O^3 ; (c) μ_3 -L²- $\kappa^5 O^2 N^1, O^3: O^3: O^3;$ (d) μ_2 -L²- $\kappa^5 O^1, O^2: O^2 N^1, O^3;$ (e) μ_4 -L²- $\kappa^6 O^2 N^1, O^3: O^3: O^3: O^4;$ (f) L²- μ_5 -L²- $\kappa^8 O^1$, $O^2: O^2 N^1$, $O^3: O^3: O^3: O^4$; $\kappa^4 O^2 N^1, O^3 O^4;$ (g) (h) μ_3 -L²- μ_4 -L²- $\kappa^6 O^2 N^1, O^4: O^3: O^3: O^4;$ $\kappa^7 O^1, O^2: O^2 N^1, O^3 O^4: O^4;$ (i) (j) μ_4 -L²- $\kappa^7 O^2 N^1, O^4: O^3: O^3 O^4: O^4;$ (k) $\mu_3 - L^2 - \kappa^6 O^2 N^1, O^3: O^3 O^4: O^4;$ (l) $\mu_3 - L^2 - \kappa^6 O^2 N^1, O^3: O^3: O^3 O^4;$ (m) μ_5 -L²- $\kappa^7 O^2 N^1, O^3: O^3: O^4: O^4;$ (n) μ_2 -L²- $\kappa^5 O^2 N^1, O^3: O^3 O^4;$ (o) μ_2 -L²- $\kappa^4 O^1, O^2: O^2, N^1;$ (p) μ_3 -L²- $\kappa^6 O^2, N^1, O^3, O^4: O^3: O^4.$



Figure S1. The hydrogen-bonded interaction of complex **1**, Color scheme: Dy, purple; O, red; N, light blue; C, green; Cl, light yellow; Hydrogen atoms and part of solvents are omitted for clarity.



Figure S2. The coordination polyhedra of the Dy^{III} ions in complexes 1 (top) and 2 (down).



Figure S3. FT-IR spectrum of complex 1.



Figure S4. FT-IR spectrum of complex 2.



Figure S5. TG-DTG curve of complexes 1 (left) and 2 (right).



Figure S6. M vs. H plot at various temperatures for complexes 1 (left) and 2 (right).



Figure S7. Temperature dependent ac susceptibility for **2** in the absence of dc field $(H_{ac} = 2.5 \text{ Oe})$ (left); Plots of $\ln(\chi''/\chi')$ vs. 1/T for **2**. The solid lines represent the fitting results over the temperature range of 2–5 K (right).



Figure S8. Magnetic hysteresis loop of 1 recorded at 2 K.



Figure S9. Temperature dependent out-of-phase ac susceptibility for **2** in the absence of a dc field ($H_{ac} = 2.5$ Oe). Magnetic hysteresis loop of **2** recorded at 2 K.



Figure S10. Temperature dependence of the out-of-phase susceptibility at 100 and 997 Hz and applied fields of 0 (left), 1000 (middle), and 2000 Oe (right) for the complexes 1 (up) and 2 (down).



Figure S11. Cole-Cole diagram of **1-2** at 2 K with zero dc field; the solid lines are the best fits to the experimental data, obtained with the generalized Debye model.

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	Complex 1	Complex 2
Chemical formula	C ₈₆ H ₁₁₀ Dy ₆ N ₁₀ O ₃₀ Cl ₂	C ₇₆ H ₁₂₄ Dy ₆ N ₂ O ₃₄
Formula weight	2809.75	2584.78
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1 (No. 2)	$P2_1/c$ (No. 14)
<i>a</i> / Å	12.4846(3)	13.4065(3)
<i>b</i> / Å	14.5722(2)	21.7010(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	15.5223(2)	17.9936(4)
α / °	79.1570(10)	90
β/°	67.587(2)	99.840(2)
γ / °	69.131(2)	90
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	2434.88(9)	5157.95(19)
Ζ	1	2
D_{calcd} / g cm ⁻³	1.916	1.664
μ / mm ⁻¹	4.681	4.362
<i>F</i> (000)	1366	2524
T/K	153	153
Reflections total	16896	24217
Theta Min-Max [Deg]	2.8, 26.0	3.0, 25.1
Min-Max. Resd. Dens. [e Å-3]	-1.39, 2.19	-1.13, 1.78
Reflections unique	9574	9168
R _{int}	0.026	0.033
GOF on F^2	1.04	1.18
$R_1 [I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0306	0.0522
wR_2 (all reflections)	0.0729	0.1257
CCDC	1042130	1042131

Table S1. Details of the Data Collection and Refinement Parameters for Complexes 1–2.

Туре	Structure	$\Delta E/k_{\rm B}$ [K]	τ ₀ [s]	Ref
Co-parallel, not coplanar		200	15×10-9	[1]
Co-parallel, not coplanar		46.2	2.85×10-7	[2]
Planar		116 181	1.11×10 ⁻¹¹ 8.1×10 ⁻⁹	[3]
Planar		27 98	1.56×10 ⁻⁶ 5.25×10 ⁻⁷	[4]
Edge-to-edge arrangement		33.9 40.7	5.8×10 ⁻⁸ 1.2×10 ⁻⁷	[5]
Edge-to-edge arrangement		no	no	[6]
Hollow		no	no	[7]
Hemi-cubanes	Central heni- cubae Terminal heni-cubae Central heni- cubae	9.7 $(H_{\rm dc} = 1800 {\rm Oe})$	6.4×10 ⁻⁶	[8]

Table S2. Different arrangement of the six Dy ions in Dy_6 complexes and related information.

Ring		18.48	9.47×10 ⁻⁶	[9]
Ring		no	no	[10]
Ring		3 36 $(H_{dc} = 2000$ Oe)	2.7×10 ⁻⁵ 5.2×10 ⁻⁸	[11]
Trigonal prism		56	6.6 ×10 ⁻⁶	[12]
Trigonal prism		76	1.2×10 ⁻⁶	[13]
Wheel		no	no	[14]
Wheel		12.2	5.0×10 ⁻⁶	[15]
Wheel		11.5	5.1×10 ⁻⁶	[15]
Co-parallel	R	9.6	2×10-6	[16]

Co-parallel		5.6	4.2×10 ⁻⁵	[17]
		37.9	3.8×10 ⁻⁶	
Vertex- and Edge-Sharing		3.8	7.89×10 ⁻⁶	[18]
Vertex- and Edge-Sharing		85	3.9×10 ⁻⁷	[19]
Vertex- and Edge-Sharing	03 017 03 017 01 005 010 05 010 05 010 05 015	3.0	8.3×10-6	[20]
Bowl	Dy6 Dy2 Dy5 Dy4 Dy3	no	no	[21]
Butterfly	Dy1A Dy3A Dy3 Dy3 Dy3 Dy3 Dy3 Dy3	1.33 2.89	8.55×10 ⁻⁵ 1.73×10 ⁻⁵	[22]
Sandwich-like	Cos	7.6	1.1×10-6	[23]

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Bond Length (Å)					
Dy1-O1	2.403(3)	Dy2-O1	2.362(4)	Dy3-O1	2.350(3)
Dy1-O3	2.275(4)	Dy2-O5	2.402(3)	Dy3-O2	2.378(4)
Dy1-O5	2.370(4)	Dy2-O6	2.187(3)	Dy3-O5	2.483(3)
Dy1-N1	2.524(5)	Dy2-O10	2.319(3)	Dy3-O10	2.364(3)
Dy1-O2a	2.366(3)	Dy2-O11	2.623(4)	Dy3-O12	2.257(3)
Dy1-O8a	2.356(3)	Dy2-O13	2.385(3)	Dy3-O14	2.368(4)
Dy1-O12a	2.304(4)	Dy2-N2	2.465(4)	Dy3-N3	2.532(5)
Dy1-N4a	2.511(6)	Dy2-O8a	2.345(3)	Dy3-O2a	2.384(3)
Bond Angle (°)					
O1-Dy1-O3	159.73(14)	O1-Dy2-O5	62.28(11)	O1-Dy3-O10	72.02(12)
O1-Dy1-O5	62.17(12)	01-Dy2-O6	155.25(13)	O1-Dy3-O12	153.83(14)
O1-Dy1-N1	127.48(15)	O1-Dy2-O10	72.60(13)	O1-Dy3-O14	97.87(11)

Table S3. Bond lengths and bond angles parameters for complex 1.

O1-Dy1-O2a	80.25(10)	O1-Dy2-O11	110.24(12)	O1-Dy3-N3	139.74(14)
O1-Dy1-O8a	76.91(10)	O1-Dy2-O13	78.24(12)	O1-Dy3-O2a	80.97(11)
O1-Dy1-O12a	78.77(12)	O1-Dy2-N2	129.43(12)	O2-Dy3-O5	130.09(12)
O1-Dy1-N4a	86.81(15)	O1-Dy2-O8a	77.91(11)	O2-Dy3-O10	138.99(10)
O3-Dy1-O5	131.69(13)	O5-Dy2-O6	135.69(11)	O2-Dy3-O12	69.34(12)
O3-Dy1-N1	71.40(16)	O5-Dy2-O10	68.74(10)	O2-Dy3-O14	77.48(12)
O2a-Dy1-O3	90.33(13)	O5-Dy2-O11	129.36(11)	O2-Dy3-N3	133.26(13)
O3-Dy1-O8a	119.57(13)	O5-Dy2-O13	137.63(13)	O2-Dy3-O2a	69.67(11)
O3-Dy1-O12a	81.10(13)	O5-Dy2-N2	68.82(13)	O5-Dy3-O10	66.68(10)
O3-Dy1-N4a	87.85(17)	O5-Dy2-O8a	71.11(11)	O5-Dy3-O12	132.90(10)
O5-Dy1-N1	67.58(14)	O6-Dy2-O10	126.23(13)	O5-Dy3-O14	138.35(11)
O2a-Dy1-O5	71.81(12)	O6-Dy2-O11	72.93(12)	O5-Dy3-N3	92.02(13)
O5-Dy1-O8a	71.50(12)	O6-Dy2-O13	78.74(13)	O2a-Dy3-O5	69.55(11)
O5-Dy1-O12a	128.02(11)	O6-Dy2-N2	73.97(13)	O10-Dy3-O12	131.59(13)
O5-Dy1-N4a	135.73(15)	O6-Dy2-O8a	91.89(11)	O10-Dy3-O14	72.76(12)
O2a-Dy1-N1	98.28(13)	O10-Dy2-O11	61.89(11)	O10-Dy3-N3	69.71(13)
O8a-Dy1-N1	73.74(12)	O10-Dy2-O13	115.03(13)	O2a-Dy3-O10	135.59(10)
O12a-Dy1-N1	149.69(13)	O10-Dy2-N2	78.76(13)	O12-Dy3-O14	82.18(11)
N1-Dy1-N4a	121.94(17)	O8a-Dy2-O10	137.85(10)	O12-Dy3-N3	66.38(14)
O2a-Dy1-O8a	142.68(13)	O11-Dy2-O13	76.91(13)	O2a-Dy3-O12	85.02(11)
O2a-Dy1-O12a	68.77(12)	O11-Dy2-N2	90.64(13)	O14-Dy3-N3	82.43(14)
O2a-Dy1-N4a	136.52(16)	O8a-Dy2-O11	159.53(10)	O2a-Dy3-O14	147.11(13)
O8a-Dy1-O12a	133.14(11)	O13-Dy2-N2	152.33(13)	O2a-Dy3-N3	119.47(13)
O8a-Dy1-N4a	71.17(16)	O8a-Dy2-O13	86.87(13)	Dy2-O10-Dy3	101.97(14)
O12a-Dy1-N4a	68.03(15)	O8a-Dy2-N2	98.40(13)	Dy2-O5-Dy3	96.28(10)
Dy1a-O8-Dy2a	97.00(11)	Dy1a-O12-Dy3	113.28(15)	Dy2-O1-Dy3	101.11(15)
Dyla-O2-Dy3	106.86(15)	Dy1-O5-Dy2	95.11(12)	Dy3-O2-Dy3a	110.33(12)
Dy1a-O2-Dy3a	95.19(10)	Dy1-O5-Dy3	92.52(13)		

Table S4. Hydrogen bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complex 1.

D–H···A	<i>d</i> (D–H)	<i>d</i> (H···A)	$d(\mathbf{D}\cdots\mathbf{A})$	∠(DHA)	Symmetry codes
O1–H1···Cl1	0.8500	2.4600	3.281(4)	163.00	-1+x, y, z
O2-H2…O15	0.8500	2.0200	2.853(6)	165.00	
013–H13A…Cl1	0.8500	2.2400	3.033(5)	156.00	-1+x, y, z
O14–H14B…O3	0.8500	1.9800	2.674(6)	138.00	-x, -y, 1-z
O14–H14B…O4	0.8500	2.4800	3.219(6)	146.00	-x, -y, 1-z
O15–H15D…Cl1	0.8500	2.2200	3.068(5)	175.00	-1+x, y, z

Table S5. Bond lengths and bond angles parameters for complex 2.

Bond Length (Å)					
Dy1-O1	2.414(13)	Dy2-O8	2.344(11)	Dy3-O2	2.366(11)
Dy1-O6	2.589(12)	Dy2-O9	2.319(11)	Dy3-O3	2.274(12)
Dy1-O12	2.336(11)	Dy2-O13	2.415(8)	Dy3-O4	2.286(11)

Dy1-O13	2.407(9)	Dy2-O16	2.364(9)	Dy3-O6	2.358(11)
Dy1-O14	2.301(8)	Dy2-O5a	2.677(11)	Dy3-O7	2.476(13)
Dy1-O15	2.308(9)	Dy2-O10a	2.291(11)	Dy3-O11	2.328(11)
Dy1-O16	2.406(9)	Dy2-O14a	2.499(9)	Dy3-O13	2.420(9)
Dy1-N1	2.517(12)	Dy2-O15a	2.265(10)	Dy3-O16	2.390(9)
Dy1-O14a	2.319(9)				
Bond Angle (°)	•	·		·	
O1-Dy1-O6	52.4(4)	O8-Dy2-O9	78.9(4)	O6-Dy3-O13	77.2(4)
O14-Dy1-N1	112.9(4)	O8-Dy2-O13	110.2(4)	O6-Dy3-O16	75.2(4)
O1-Dy1-O12	78.6(4)	O8-Dy2-O16	75.4(3)	O7-Dy3-O11	73.5(5)
O14-Dy1-O14a	38.2(3)	O5a-Dy2-O8	69.7(4)	O7-Dy3-O13	135.4(4)
O1-Dy1-O13	100.9(4)	O8-Dy2-O10a	143.0(4)	O7-Dy3-O16	84.4(4)
O15-Dy1-O16	150.8(3)	08-Dy2-O14a	141.6(3)	O11-Dy3-O13	119.7(4)
O1-Dy1-O14	148.3(4)	08-Dy2-O15a	89.4(4)	O11-Dy3-O16	78.4(4)
O15-Dy1-N1	70.2(4)	O9-Dy2-O13	80.6(3)	O13-Dy3-O16	60.4(3)
O1-Dy1-O15	81.9(4)	O9-Dy2-O16	83.4(4)	O2-Dy3-O3	73.5(4)
O14a-Dy1-O15	83.5(3)	O5a-Dy2-O9	77.2(4)	O2-Dy3-O4	77.5(4)
O1-Dy1-O16	123.2(4)	O9-Dy2-O10a	144.3(4)	O2-Dy3-O6	76.8(4)
O16-Dy1-N1	127.2(3)	O9-Dy2-O14a	137.6(3)	O2-Dy3 -O7	126.2(5)
O1-Dy1-N1	74.4(4)	O9-Dy2-O15a	138.7(4)	O2-Dy3-O11	148.3(4)
O14a-Dy1-O16	76.6(3)	O13-Dy2-O16	60.9(3)	O2-Dy3-O13	66.5(3)
O1-Dy1-O14a	156.6(4)	O5a-Dy2-O13	157.4(3)	O2-Dy3-O16	123.9(3)
O14a-Dy1-N1	83.6(4)	O10a-Dy2-O13	94.4(3)	O3-Dy3-O6	103.5(4)
O6-Dy1-O12	76.8(4)	O13-Dy2-O15a	140.0(3)	O3-Dy3-O7	77.5(5)
O6-Dy1-O13	73.2(3)	O5a-Dy2-O16	136.4(3)	O3-Dy3-O11	89.8(4)
O6-Dy1-O14	141.9(3)	O10a-Dy2-O16	141.6(3)	O3-Dy3-O13	138.8(4)
O6-Dy1-O15	132.6(4)	O14a-Dy2-O16	74.0(3)	O3-Dy3-O16	160.6(4)
O6-Dy1-O16	70.8(3)	O15a-Dy2-O16	93.2(4)	O4-Dy3-O6	148.5(4)
O6-Dy1-N1	103.6(4)	O5a-Dy2-O10a	77.0(4)	O4-Dy3-O7	144.1(4)
O6-Dy1-O14a	143.7(3)	O5a-Dy2-O14a	121.3(3)	O4-Dy3-O11	74.7(4)
O12-Dy1-O13	141.4(3)	O5a-Dy2-O15a	61.6(4)	O4-Dy3-O13	76.0(3)
O12-Dy1-O14	79.8(3)	O10a-Dy2-O15a	88.9(4)	O3-Dy3-O4	86.3(4)
O12-Dy1-O15	121.1(4)	O10a-Dy2-O14a	70.8(3)	O4-Dy3-O16	105.0(4)
O12-Dy1-O16	87.2(3)	O14a-Dy2-O15a	69.8(3)	O6-Dy3-O7	67.3(4)
O12-Dy1-N1	78.2(4)	O13-Dy2-O14a	73.7(3)	O6-Dy3-O11	134.2(4)
O12-Dy1-O14a	117.6(3)	O13-Dy1-O15	135.1(3)	O13-Dy1-N1	67.7(3)
O13-Dy1-O14	110.5(3)	O13-Dy1-O16	60.4(3)	O13-Dy1-O14a	77.1(3)
O14-Dy1-O15	72.7(3)	O14-Dy1-O16	78.5(3)	Dy1-O15-Dy2a	110.5(4)
Dy1-O6-Dy3	94.7(4)	Dy1-O14-Dy1a	141.8(4)	Dy2-O16-Dy3	97.2(3)
Dy1-O13-Dy2	95.3(3)	Dy1-O14-Dy2a	102.9(3)	Dy1-O16-Dy2	96.7(3)
Dy1-O13-Dy3	97.9(3)	Dy1a-O14-Dy2a	95.3(3)	Dy1-O16-Dy3	98.8(3)
Dy2-O13-Dy3	95.0(3)				