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|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|--|
| Gd(1)-O(12) | 2.217(5) | Gd(1)-O(13) | 2.251(5) | |
| Gd(1)-O(3) | 2.373(5) | Gd(1)-O(6) | 2.376(5) | |
| Gd(1)-O(7) | 2.386(5) | Gd(1)-O(2) | 2.388(5) | |
| Gd(1)-N(2) | 2.537(6) | Gd(1)-N(5) | 2.553(6) | |
| Gd(2)-O(1) | 2.234(5) | Gd(2)-O(34) | 2.352(5) | |
| Gd(2)-O(33) | 2.353(5) | Gd(2)-O(11) | 2.363(5) | |
| Gd(2)-O(10) | 2.393(5) | Gd(2)-O(20) | 2.408(5) | |
| Gd(2)-N(8) | 2.550(6) | Gd(2)-O(1W) | 2.611(5) | |
| Gd(2)-O(35) | 2.912(5) | Gd(3)-O(8) | 2.256(5) | |
| Gd(3)-O(34) | 2.363(5) | Gd(3)-O(33) | 2.365(5) | |
| Gd(3)-O(14) | 2.372(5) | Gd(3)-O(15) | 2.385(5) | |
| Gd(3)-O(21) | 2.401(5) | Gd(3)-N(11) | 2.532(6) | |
| Gd(3)-O(1W) | 2.624(5) | Gd(3)-O(36) | 2.834(6) | |
| Gd(4)-O(42) | 2.307(5) | Gd(4)-O(41) | 2.331(5) | |
| Gd(4)-O(36) | 2.339(5) | Gd(4)-O(33) | 2.360(5) | |
| Gd(4)-O(35) | 2.367(5) | Gd(4)-O(37) | 2.380(5) | |
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Table S1 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for 1.

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| Gd(4)-O(16) | 2.447(5) | Gd(4)-O(20) | 2.448(5) |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Gd(5)-O(39) | 2.309(5) | Gd(5)-O(40) | 2.329(5) |
| Gd(5)-O(38) | 2.348(5) | Gd(5)-O(36) | 2.350(5) |
| Gd(5)-O(35) | 2.375(5) | Gd(5)-O(34) | 2.385(5) |
| Gd(5)-O(9) | 2.451(5) | Gd(5)-O(21) | 2.472(5) |
| Gd(6)-O(25) | 2.246(5) | Gd(6)-O(37) | 2.359(5) |
| Gd(6)-O(18) | 2.368(5) | Gd(6)-O(38) | 2.380(5) |
| Gd(6)-O(9) | 2.401(5) | Gd(6)-O(19) | 2.417(5) |
| Gd(6)-N(14) | 2.575(6) | Gd(6)-O(2W) | 2.641(5) |
| Gd(6)-O(35) | 2.704(5) | Gd(7)-O(29) | 2.249(5) |
| Gd(7)-O(37) | 2.360(5) | Gd(7)-O(23) | 2.367(4) |
| Gd(7)-O(38) | 2.372(5) | Gd(7)-O(16) | 2.403(5) |
| Gd(7)-O(22) | 2.405(5) | Gd(7)-N(17) | 2.551(6) |
| Gd(7)-O(2W) | 2.611(5) | Gd(7)-O(36) | 2.917(6) |
| Gd(8)-O(17) | 2.232(5) | Gd(8)-O(24) | 2.238(5) |
| Gd(8)-O(27) | 2.327(5) | Gd(8)-O(31) | 2.382(5) |
| Gd(8)-O(26) | 2.393(5) | Gd(8)-O(30) | 2.418(5) |
| Gd(8)-N(20) | 2.541(7) | Gd(8)-N(23) | 2.547(6) |
| O(12)-Gd(1)-O(13) | 107.97(17) | O(12)-Gd(1)-O(3) | 83.77(18) |
| O(1)-Gd(2)-O(34) | 80.63(17) | O(1)-Gd(2)-O(33) | 134.53(17) |
| O(8)-Gd(3)-O(34) | 133.71(17) | O(8)-Gd(3)-O(33) | 81.10(17) |
| O(42)-Gd(4)-O(41) | 73.85(17) | O(42)-Gd(4)-O(36) | 153.68(19) |
| O(39)-Gd(5)-O(40) | 74.23(17) | O(39)-Gd(5)-O(38) | 136.73(17) |
| O(25)-Gd(6)-O(37) | 79.16(17) | O(25)-Gd(6)-O(18) | 92.33(17) |
| O(29)-Gd(7)-O(37) | 133.79(17) | O(29)-Gd(7)-O(23) | 90.59(17) |
| O(17)-Gd(8)-O(24) | 108.15(18) | O(17)-Gd(8)-O(27) | 86.52(18) |

Table S2 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for 2.

| Tb(1)-O(12) | 2.225(3) | Tb(1)-O(13) | 2.248(3) |
|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Tb(1)-O(3) | 2.375(3) | Tb(1)-O(6) | 2.378(3) |
| Tb(1)-O(2) | 2.395(3) | Tb(1)-O(7) | 2.394(3) |
| Tb(1)-N(2) | 2.548(3) | Tb(1)-N(5) | 2.555(4) |
| Tb(2)-O(1) | 2.240(3) | Tb(2)-O(34) | 2.369(3) |
| Tb(2)-O(11) | 2.374(3) | Tb(2)-O(33) | 2.373(3) |
| Tb(2)-O(10) | 2.401(3) | Tb(2)-O(20) | 2.415(3) |
| Tb(2)-N(8) | 2.555(4) | Tb(2)-O(1W) | 2.628(3) |
| Tb(2)-O(35) | 2.895(4) | Tb(3)-O(8) | 2.261(3) |
| Tb(3)-O(14) | 2.368(3) | Tb(3)-O(33) | 2.368(3) |
| Tb(3)-O(34) | 2.369(3) | Tb(3)-O(15) | 2.398(3) |
| Tb(3)-O(21) | 2.414(3) | Tb(3)-N(11) | 2.544(4) |
| Tb(3)-O(1W) | 2.630(3) | Tb(4)-O(42) | 2.309(3) |

| Tb(4)-O(41) | 2.344(3) | Tb(4)-O(36) | 2.356(3) |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Tb(4)-O(35) | 2.368(3) | Tb(4)-O(33) | 2.377(3) |
| Tb(4)-O(37) | 2.396(3) | Tb(4)-O(20) | 2.450(3) |
| Tb(4)-O(16) | 2.463(3) | Tb(5)-O(39) | 2.306(3) |
| Tb(5)-O(36) | 2.343(3) | Tb(5)-O(40) | 2.344(3) |
| Tb(5)-O(38) | 2.369(3) | Tb(5)-O(35) | 2.379(3) |
| Tb(5)-O(34) | 2.391(3) | Tb(5)-O(9) | 2.455(3) |
| Tb(5)-O(21) | 2.482(3) | Tb(6)-O(25) | 2.252(3) |
| Tb(6)-O(37) | 2.360(3) | Tb(6)-O(18) | 2.381(3) |
| Tb(6)-O(38) | 2.387(3) | Tb(6)-O(9) | 2.397(3) |
| Tb(6)-O(19) | 2.426(3) | Tb(6)-N(14) | 2.573(4) |
| Tb(6)-O(2W) | 2.632(3) | Tb(6)-O(35) | 2.760(4) |
| Tb(7)-O(29) | 2.268(3) | Tb(7)-O(38) | 2.371(3) |
| Tb(7)-O(37) | 2.376(3) | Tb(7)-O(23) | 2.385(3) |
| Tb(7)-O(16) | 2.412(3) | Tb(7)-O(22) | 2.410(3) |
| Tb(7)-N(17) | 2.556(4) | Tb(7)-O(2W) | 2.646(3) |
| Tb(7)-O(36) | 2.865(4) | Tb(8)-O(24) | 2.235(3) |
| Tb(8)-O(17) | 2.238(3) | Tb(8)-O(27) | 2.367(3) |
| Tb(8)-O(31) | 2.378(3) | Tb(8)-O(26) | 2.402(3) |
| Tb(8)-O(30) | 2.413(3) | Tb(8)-N(20) | 2.531(4) |
| Tb(8)-N(23) | 2.549(4) | O(12)-Tb(1)-O(13) | 108.01(11) |
| O(12)-Tb(1)-O(3) | 84.21(12) | O(1)-Tb(2)-O(34) | 80.61(11) |
| O(1)-Tb(2)-O(11) | 90.81(11) | O(8)-Tb(3)-O(14) | 90.24(11) |
| O(8)-Tb(3)-O(33) | 81.33(11) | O(42)-Tb(4)-O(41) | 74.46(12) |
| O(42)-Tb(4)-O(36) | 152.54(12) | O(39)-Tb(5)-O(36) | 151.00(13) |
| O(39)-Tb(5)-O(40) | 74.10(11) | O(25)-Tb(6)-O(37) | 79.69(11) |
| O(25)-Tb(6)-O(18) | 91.80(11) | O(29)-Tb(7)-O(38) | 79.63(11) |
| O(29)-Tb(7)-O(37) | 133.41(11) | O(24)-Tb(8)-O(17) | 108.66(12) |
| O(24)-Tb(8)-O(27) | 154.76(12) | | |

Table S3 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for 3.

| Dy(1)-O(12) | 2.211(5) | Dy(1)-O(13) | 2.244(4) | |
|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|--|
| Dy(1)-O(6) | 2.356(5) | Dy(1)-O(7) | 2.360(5) | |
| Dy(1)-O(2) | 2.367(5) | Dy(1)-O(3) | 2.374(5) | |
| Dy(1)-N(2) | 2.541(6) | Dy(1)-N(5) | 2.549(5) | |
| Dy(2)-O(1) | 2.220(5) | Dy(2)-O(33) | 2.332(5) | |
| Dy(2)-O(34) | 2.354(4) | Dy(2)-O(11) | 2.365(4) | |
| Dy(2)-O(10) | 2.391(5) | Dy(2)-O(20) | 2.418(4) | |

| Dy(2)-N(8) | 2.545(6) | Dy(2)-O(1W) | 2.587(4) |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Dy(3)-O(8) | 2.257(5) | Dy(3)-O(34) | 2.353(5) |
| Dy(3)-O(33) | 2.366(4) | Dy(3)-O(14) | 2.381(4) |
| Dy(3)-O(15) | 2.393(5) | Dy(3)-O(21) | 2.402(4) |
| Dy(3)-N(11) | 2.528(6) | Dy(3)-O(1W) | 2.636(4) |
| Dy(3)-O(36) | 2.815(5) | Dy(4)-O(42) | 2.310(4) |
| Dy(4)-O(36) | 2.334(5) | Dy(4)-O(41) | 2.329(5) |
| Dy(4)-O(35) | 2.357(5) | Dy(4)-O(33) | 2.367(4) |
| Dy(4)-O(37) | 2.389(5) | Dy(4)-O(20) | 2.440(5) |
| Dy(4)-O(16) | 2.448(5) | Dy(5)-O(39) | 2.299(4) |
| Dy(5)-O(40) | 2.320(5) | Dy(5)-O(36) | 2.332(5) |
| Dy(5)-O(38) | 2.355(4) | Dy(5)-O(35) | 2.366(4) |
| Dy(5)-O(34) | 2.380(4) | Dy(5)-O(9) | 2.446(5) |
| Dy(5)-O(21) | 2.469(5) | Dy(6)-O(25) | 2.238(5) |
| Dy(6)-O(37) | 2.349(5) | Dy(6)-O(18) | 2.371(5) |
| Dy(6)-O(38) | 2.386(5) | Dy(6)-O(9) | 2.411(4) |
| Dy(6)-O(19) | 2.427(4) | Dy(6)-N(14) | 2.554(6) |
| Dy(6)-O(35) | 2.665(5) | Dy(6)-O(2W) | 2.668(4) |
| Dy(7)-O(29) | 2.245(4) | Dy(7)-O(37) | 2.356(4) |
| Dy(7)-O(38) | 2.360(4) | Dy(7)-O(23) | 2.371(4) |
| Dy(7)-O(16) | 2.396(4) | Dy(7)-O(22) | 2.400(5) |
| Dy(7)-N(17) | 2.533(6) | Dy(7)-O(2W) | 2.594(4) |
| Dy(8)-O(17) | 2.226(5) | Dy(8)-O(24) | 2.231(5) |
| Dy(8)-O(27) | 2.337(5) | Dy(8)-O(31) | 2.385(5) |
| Dy(8)-O(26) | 2.390(5) | Dy(8)-O(30) | 2.402(5) |
| Dy(8)-N(20) | 2.529(6) | Dy(8)-N(23) | 2.547(6) |
| O(12)-Dy(1)-O(13) | 107.06(16) | O(12)-Dy(1)-O(6) | 153.99(17) |
| O(1)-Dy(2)-O(33) | 135.09(16) | O(1)-Dy(2)-O(34) | 81.07(16) |
| O(8)-Dy(3)-O(34) | 133.68(16) | O(8)-Dy(3)-O(33) | 81.35(16) |
| O(42)-Dy(4)-O(36) | 154.11(17) | O(42)-Dy(4)-O(41) | 73.99(17) |
| O(39)-Dy(5)-O(40) | 74.02(16) | O(39)-Dy(5)-O(36) | 149.32(18) |
| O(25)-Dy(6)-O(37) | 78.73(16) | O(25)-Dy(6)-O(18) | 91.98(16) |
| O(29)-Dy(7)-O(37) | 134.96(17) | O(29)-Dy(7)-O(38) | 81.19(16) |
| O(17)-Dy(8)-O(24) | 107.62(17) | O(17)-Dy(8)-O(27) | 86.83(17) |

Table S4 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for 4.

| Ho(1)-O(12) | 2.217(5) | Ho(1)-O(13) | 2.253(4) |
|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Ho(1)-O(6) | 2.378(5) | Ho(1)-O(3) | 2.381(4) |

| Ho(1)-O(7) | 2.396(4) | Ho(1)-O(2) | 2.404(5) |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Ho(1)-N(2) | 2.540(5) | Ho(1)-N(5) | 2.545(5) |
| Ho(2)-O(1) | 2.234(4) | Ho(2)-O(34) | 2.352(4) |
| Ho(2)-O(33) | 2.355(5) | Ho(2)-O(11) | 2.365(4) |
| Ho(2)-O(10) | 2.399(5) | Ho(2)-O(20) | 2.405(4) |
| Ho(2)-N(8) | 2.544(6) | Ho(2)-O(1W) | 2.623(4) |
| Ho(3)-O(8) | 2.270(4) | Ho(3)-O(33) | 2.362(4) |
| Ho(3)-O(14) | 2.369(4) | Ho(3)-O(34) | 2.368(4) |
| Ho(3)-O(15) | 2.385(4) | Ho(3)-O(21) | 2.405(4) |
| Ho(3)-N(11) | 2.539(5) | Ho(3)-O(1W) | 2.643(4) |
| Ho(3)-O(36) | 2.876(6) | Ho(4)-O(42) | 2.303(4) |
| Ho(4)-O(36) | 2.328(4) | Ho(4)-O(41) | 2.340(4) |
| Ho(4)-O(35) | 2.364(5) | Ho(4)-O(33) | 2.383(4) |
| Ho(4)-O(37) | 2.399(4) | Ho(4)-O(16) | 2.449(4) |
| Ho(4)-O(20) | 2.453(4) | Ho(5)-O(39) | 2.301(4) |
| Ho(5)-O(40) | 2.336(5) | Ho(5)-O(36) | 2.342(5) |
| Ho(5)-O(38) | 2.366(4) | Ho(5)-O(35) | 2.376(4) |
| Ho(5)-O(34) | 2.387(4) | Ho(5)-O(9) | 2.466(5) |
| Ho(5)-O(21) | 2.483(4) | Ho(6)-O(25) | 2.242(4) |
| Ho(6)-O(37) | 2.354(4) | Ho(6)-O(38) | 2.382(4) |
| Ho(6)-O(18) | 2.383(5) | Ho(6)-O(9) | 2.392(4) |
| Ho(6)-O(19) | 2.423(5) | Ho(6)-N(14) | 2.578(6) |
| Ho(6)-O(2W) | 2.651(4) | Ho(6)-O(35) | 2.735(5) |
| Ho(7)-O(29) | 2.262(4) | Ho(7)-O(38) | 2.358(4) |
| Ho(7)-O(23) | 2.369(4) | Ho(7)-O(37) | 2.373(4) |
| Ho(7)-O(16) | 2.405(4) | Ho(7)-O(22) | 2.411(4) |
| Ho(7)-N(17) | 2.551(5) | Ho(7)-O(2W) | 2.646(5) |
| Ho(8)-O(24) | 2.232(4) | Ho(8)-O(17) | 2.242(5) |
| Ho(8)-O(27) | 2.355(5) | Ho(8)-O(31) | 2.369(5) |
| Ho(8)-O(26) | 2.408(5) | Ho(8)-O(30) | 2.424(5) |
| Ho(8)-N(20) | 2.537(6) | Ho(8)-N(23) | 2.546(6) |
| O(12)-Ho(1)-O(13) | 107.27(16) | O(12)-Ho(1)-O(6) | 153.84(17) |
| O(1)-Ho(2)-O(34) | 81.12(15) | O(1)-Ho(2)-O(33) | 133.96(16) |
| O(8)-Ho(3)-O(33) | 81.58(15) | O(8)-Ho(3)-O(14) | 89.41(15) |
| O(42)-Ho(4)-O(36) | 153.34(18) | O(42)-Ho(4)-O(41) | 74.67(16) |
| O(39)-Ho(5)-O(40) | 74.83(16) | O(39)-Ho(5)-O(36) | 150.24(18) |
| O(25)-Ho(6)-O(37) | 79.80(16) | O(25)-Ho(6)-O(38) | 133.54(15) |
| O(29)-Ho(7)-O(38) | 80.51(16) | O(29)-Ho(7)-O(23) | 90.02(15) |

| Compound | Geometry Atoms | TDD-8 | SAPR-8 | HBPY-8 | JGBF-8 | JTCTPR-9 | CSAPR-9 |
|----------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| | Gd1 | 2.169 | 3.572 | | | | |
| | Gd2 | | | | | 1.557 | 2.351 |
| | Gd3 | | | | | 1.587 | 2.276 |
| 1 | Gd4 | 1.897 | 1.707 | | | | |
| 1 | Gd5 | 2.176 | 1.291 | | | | |
| | Gd6 | | | | | 1.806 | 2.355 |
| | Gd7 | | | | | 1.598 | 2.484 |
| | Gd8 | 2.254 | 3.569 | | | | |
| | Tb1 | | | 10.756 | 12.570 | | |
| | Tb2 | | | | | 1.592 | 2.317 |
| | Tb3 | 2.715 | 2.456 | | | | |
| 2 | Tb4 | 1.880 | 1.612 | | | | |
| 2 | Tb5 | 2.139 | 1.415 | | | | |
| | Tb6 | | | | | 1.787 | 2.362 |
| | Tb7 | | | | | 1.635 | 2.447 |
| | Tb8 | 2.258 | 3.532 | | | | |
| | Dy1 | 2.074 | 3.538 | | | | |
| | Dy2 | 66.780 | 66.702 | | | | |
| | Dy3 | | | | | 1.588 | 2.201 |
| 3 | Dy4 | 1.872 | 1.780 | | | | |
| 3 | Dy5 | 2.182 | 1.153 | | | | |
| | Dy6 | | | | | 1.802 | 2.264 |
| | Dy7 | 2.539 | 2.529 | | | | |
| | Dy8 | 2.194 | 3.469 | | | | |
| | Ho1 | 2.114 | 3.543 | | | | |
| | Ho2 | 2.721 | 2.469 | | | | |
| | Ho3 | | | | | 1.530 | 2.345 |
| | Ho4 | 1.911 | 1.703 | | | | |
| | Ho5 | 2.157 | 1.297 | | | | |
| | Ho6 | | | | | 1.750 | 2.372 |
| | Ho7 | 2.682 | 2.601 | | | | |
| | Ho8 | 2.219 | 3.515 | | | | |

Table S5. Results of the Continuous Shape Measure Analysisa geometry^a

^aTDD-8 is the shape measure relative to the triangular dodecahedron (D_{2d}); SAPR-8 is the shape measure relative to the square antiprism (D_{4d}); HBPY-8 is the shape measure relative to the hexagonal bipyramid (D_{6h}); JGBF-8 is the shape measure relative to the Johnson gyrobifastigium J26 (D_{2d});

JTCTPR-9 is the shape measure relative to the tricapped trigonal prism J51 (D_{3h}); CSAPR-9 is the shape measure relative to the spherical capped square antiprism (C_{4v}); JCSAPR-9 is the shape measure relative to the capped square antiprism (C_{4v}); CCU-9 is the shape measure relative to the spherical-relaxed capped cube. The number in bold corresponds to the closer ideal geometry to the real complexes.



Figure S1. The thermogravimetry curves of all complexes in an N₂ atmosphere at a heating rate of 10 °C/min. The first weight loss occurred below 200 °C can be attributed to the loss of two lattice methanol molecules. After that, the frameworks of these complexes began to decompose gradually. The loss between 200-260 °C can be due to the loss of twelve free water molecules, two coordination water molecules, two acac⁻ anions and six hydroxyl anions. The result is consistent with the ones of elemental analysis.



Figure S2. Perspective drawing of the cation section of 2 (left), 3 (middle) and 4 (right) showing

the atom numbering. H atoms are omitted for clarity.



Figure S3. Up: One dimensional stacking diagram formed by intercluster hydrogen bonds along the b axis in 1–4. Down: A view showing 3D structure in 1–4.



Figure S4. Plot of $1/\chi_M$ vs *T* for **1**. The red solid line is the fitting result by Curie-Weiss law.



Figure S5. Field dependence of magnetization for 2-4 at 2.0 K.



Figure S6. Temperature dependence of the in-phase χ' and out-of-phase χ'' at different frequencies in a 2.5 Oe ac field oscillating at 100–997 Hz without a dc field for **2** (left) and **4** (right).



Figure S7.Temperature dependence of the in-phase χ' at different frequencies in a 2.5 Oe ac field oscillating at 1–1000 Hz with zero dc field for **3**.



Figure S8. Frequency dependence of the in-phase χ' and out-of-phase χ'' in a 2.5 Oe ac field without a dc field for **3**.



Figure S9. Temperature dependence of the in-phase χ' and out-of-phase χ'' at different frequencies oscillating at 1–1000 Hz with a dc field of 1000 Oe (left) in a 2.5 Oe ac field and 2000 Oe (right) in a 3.0 Oe ac field for **3**.