

## Supporting Information

### Lanthanide Chains containing Naphthalenyl Nitronyl Nitroxide Radical

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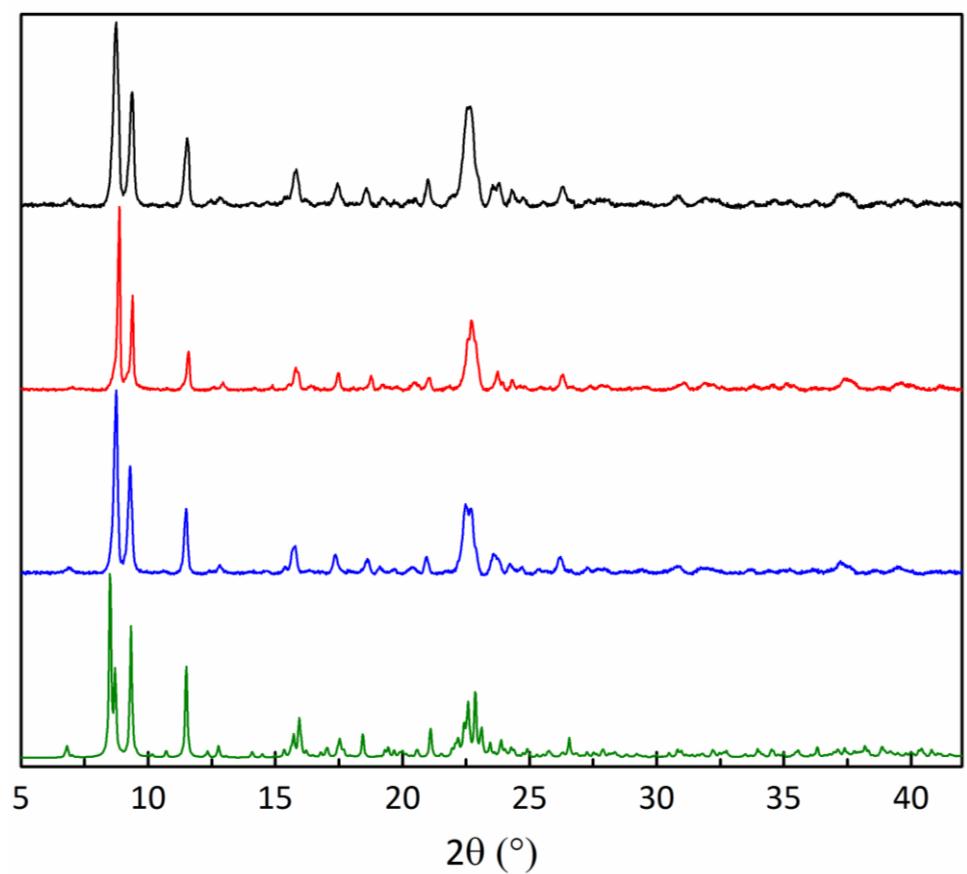
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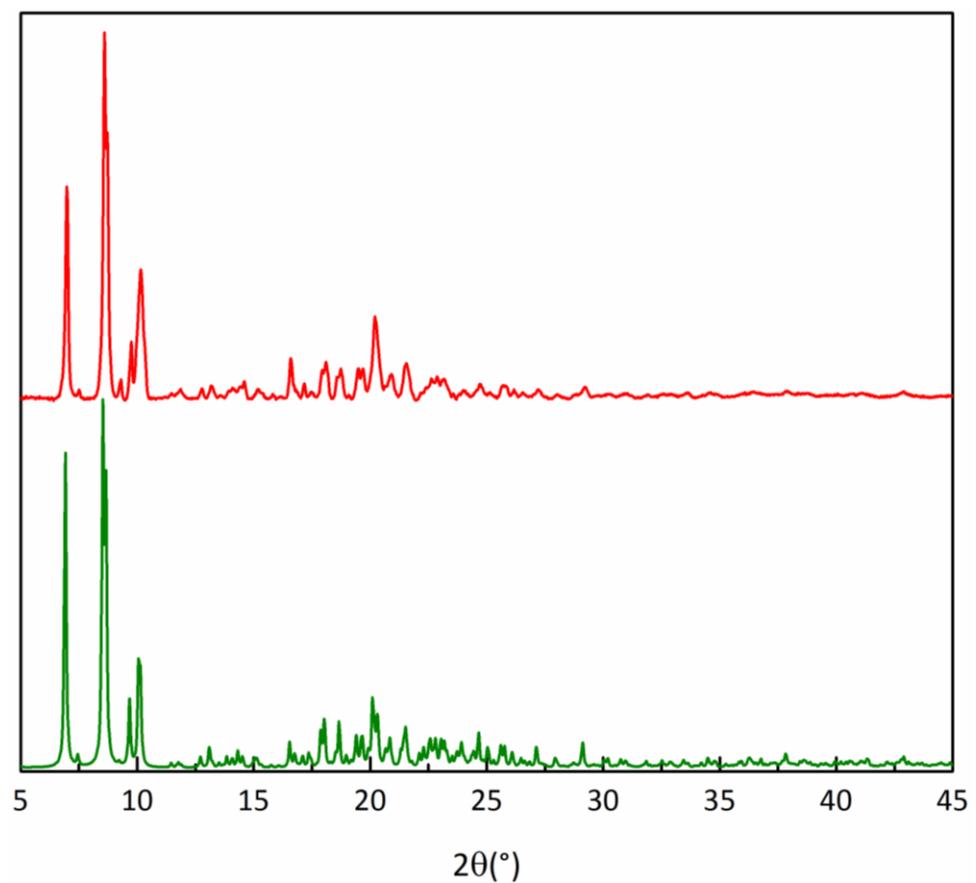
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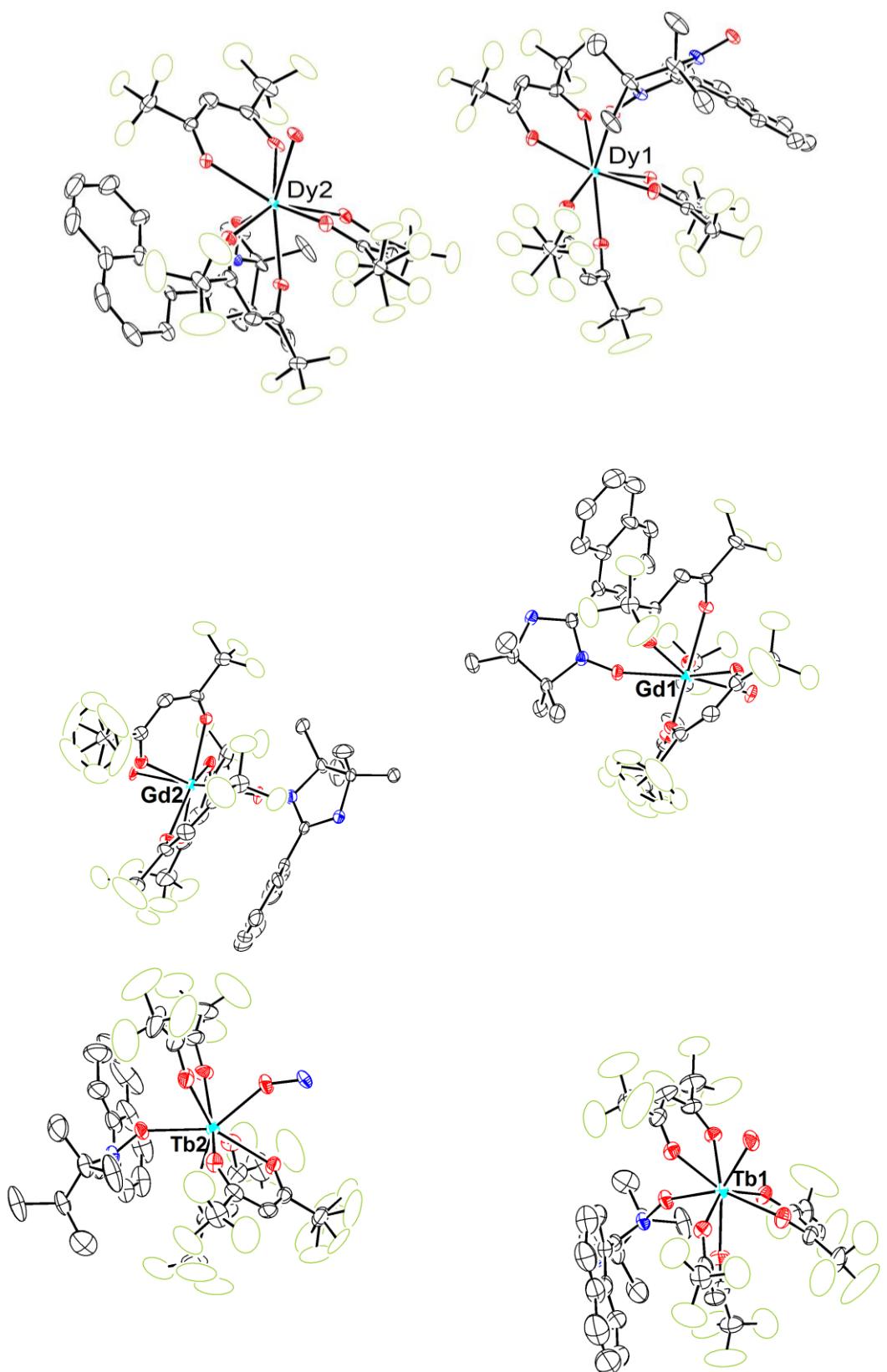
| Identification   | (1)   | (2)   | (3)   | (4)  |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| Formula  | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>22</sub> F <sub>18</sub> GdN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>22</sub> F <sub>18</sub> DyN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>22</sub> F <sub>18</sub> TbN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> | C <sub>49</sub> H <sub>41</sub> F <sub>18</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>14</sub> Y |
| Fw (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )                                  | 1061.76   | 1067.01   | 1063.43   | 1340.77  |
| T (K)  | 150(2)  | 150(2)  | 294(2)  | 292(2)   |
| λ (Å)  | 0.71073   | 0.71073   | 0.71073   | 0.71073  |
| Crystal system   | Monoclinic  | Monoclinic  | Monoclinic  | Triclinic  |
| Space group  | P2 <sub>1</sub> /n  | P2 <sub>1</sub> /n  | P2 <sub>1</sub> /n  | P-1  |
| a (Å)  | 22.2869(17)   | 22.2970(9)  | 22.5914(10)   | 12.7544(8)   |
| b (Å)  | 16.8565(15)   | 16.8233(6)  | 17.0984(6)  | 14.3568(10)  |
| c (Å)  | 22.8736(19)   | 22.8137(8)  | 22.9681(10)   | 19.1732(12)  |
| α (Deg.)   | 90  | 90  | 90  | 73.103(3)  |
| β (Deg.)   | 114.560(4)  | 114.398(2)  | 114.802(2)  | 88.416(3)  |
| γ (Deg.)   | 90  | 90  | 90  | 68.899(3)  |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )                                   | 7815.7(11)  | 7793.4(5)   | 8053.7(6)   | 3122.4(4)  |
| Z  | 8   | 8   | 8   | 2  |
| ρ <sub>calc</sub> (Mg m <sup>-3</sup> )                    | 1.805   | 1.819   | 1.754   | 1.426  |
| μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                                      | 1.833   | 2.054   | 1.888   | 1.047  |
| F(000)   | 4144  | 4160  | 4152  | 1352   |
| θ range (Deg.)   | 2.009-25.462  | 2.060-26.452  | 2.043-25.349  | 2.203-23.256   |
| Index ranges   | -26 ≤ h ≤ 26<br>-17 ≤ k ≤ 20<br>-27 ≤ l ≤ 26                                    | -27 ≤ h ≤ 27<br>-21 ≤ k ≤ 21<br>-26 ≤ l ≤ 28                                    | -27 ≤ h ≤ 27<br>-20 ≤ k ≤ 20<br>-27 ≤ l ≤ 27                                    | -14 ≤ h ≤ 14<br>-15 ≤ k ≤ 15<br>-21 ≤ l ≤ 21                                     |
| Data collected   | 99215   | 151546  | 453485  | 47995  |
| Independent reflections                                    | 14399   | 15994   | 14753   | 8647   |
| R <sub>int</sub>   | 0.0681  | 0.0759  | 0.1202  | 0.0772   |
| Data/restraints/parameters                                 | 14399 / 144 / 1119  | 15994 / 144 / 1101  | 14753 / 48 / 1126   | 8647 / 72 / 802  |
| GOF on F <sup>2</sup>                                      | 1.064   | 1.094   | 1.207   | 1.006  |
| R1,wR2 [I>2σ(I)]   | 0.0731, 0.1559  | 0.0477, 0.0996  | 0.0595, 0.1235  | 0.1023, 0.2283   |
| R1,wR2 (all)   | 0.1002, 0.1729  | 0.0776, 0.11196   | 0.0871, 0.1410  | 0.1288, 0.2459   |
| Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e·Å <sup>-3</sup> ) | 4.209, -3.973   | 2.369, -1.544   | 2.544, -1.505   | 0.951, -0.753  |



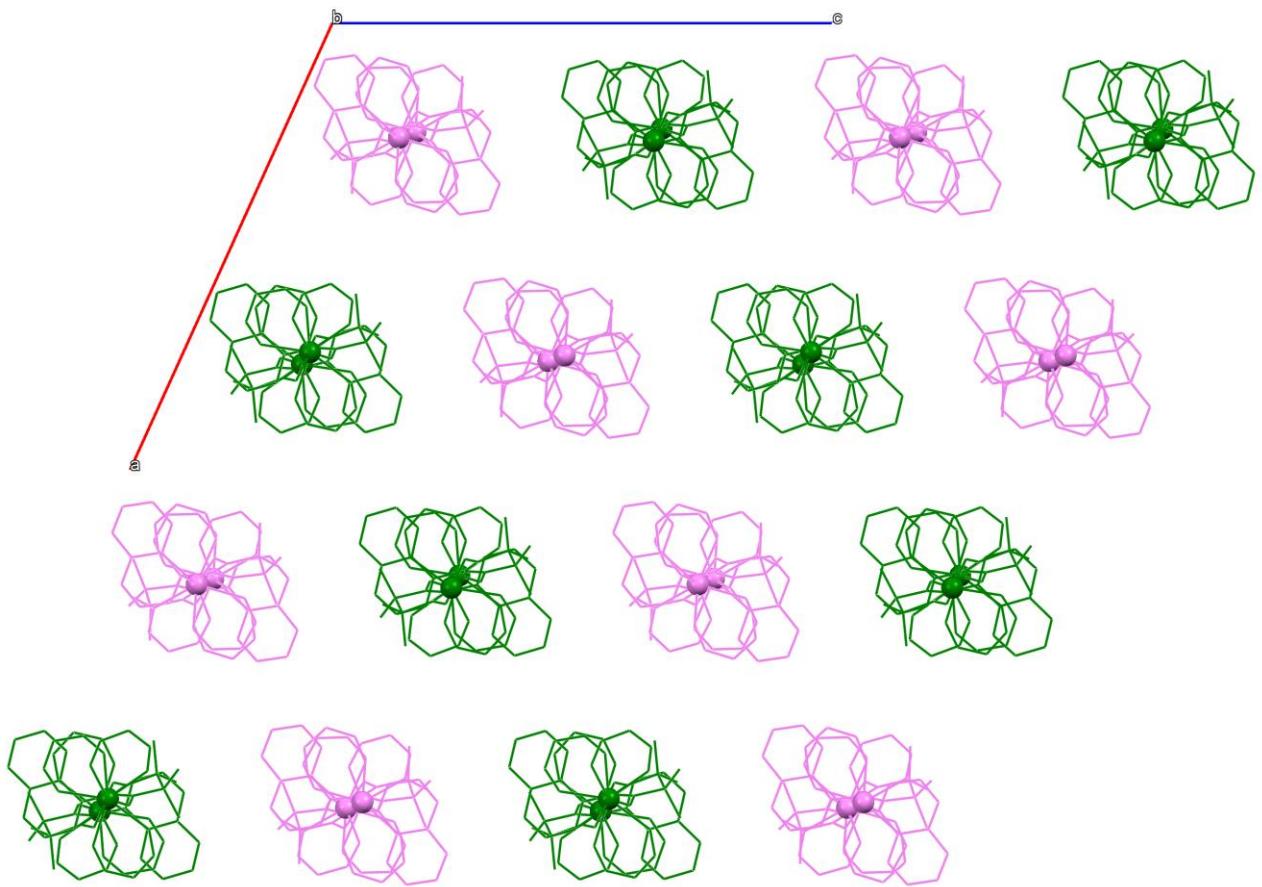
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**Fig. S4.** View of the crystal packing of **1-3** along the crystallographic *b* axis emphasizing the arrangement of the two crystallographically non-equivalent chains containing Ln1 (green) and Ln2 (pink).

**Table S2:** CSM Calculations of the coordination environment of LnO8 in **1-4**

| Ln ion | OP-8   | HPY-8  | HBPY-8 | CU-8  | SAPR-8 | TDD-8        | JGBF-8 | JETBPY-8 | JBTPR-8 | BTPR-8 | JSD-8 | TT-8  | ETBPY-8 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| Gd1    | 29.667 | 23.490 | 14.401 | 7.951 | 1.850  | <b>0.443</b> | 14.546 | 27.648   | 2.681   | 2.091  | 3.217 | 8.779 | 23.028  |
| Gd2    | 30.524 | 22.967 | 13.062 | 7.957 | 2.690  | <b>0.612</b> | 13.363 | 27.372   | 3.037   | 2.186  | 3.583 | 8.693 | 22.839  |
| Dy1    | 29.690 | 23.762 | 14.616 | 7.896 | 1.801  | <b>0.366</b> | 14.743 | 28.158   | 2.665   | 2.056  | 3.157 | 8.725 | 23.393  |
| Dy2    | 30.773 | 23.228 | 13.251 | 7.856 | 2.705  | <b>0.500</b> | 13.741 | 27.961   | 2.999   | 2.168  | 3.479 | 8.599 | 23.141  |
| Tb1    | 30.248 | 23.410 | 14.710 | 8.130 | 2.193  | <b>0.279</b> | 14.220 | 28.555   | 2.712   | 2.101  | 2.969 | 8.967 | 23.577  |
| Tb2    | 30.974 | 23.284 | 13.617 | 8.154 | 2.750  | <b>0.450</b> | 14.042 | 28.143   | 2.970   | 2.147  | 3.367 | 8.893 | 23.680  |
| Y1     | 30.387 | 24.433 | 15.032 | 8.042 | 1.873  | <b>0.192</b> | 14.674 | 28.891   | 2.480   | 2.035  | 2.665 | 8.827 | 24.479  |

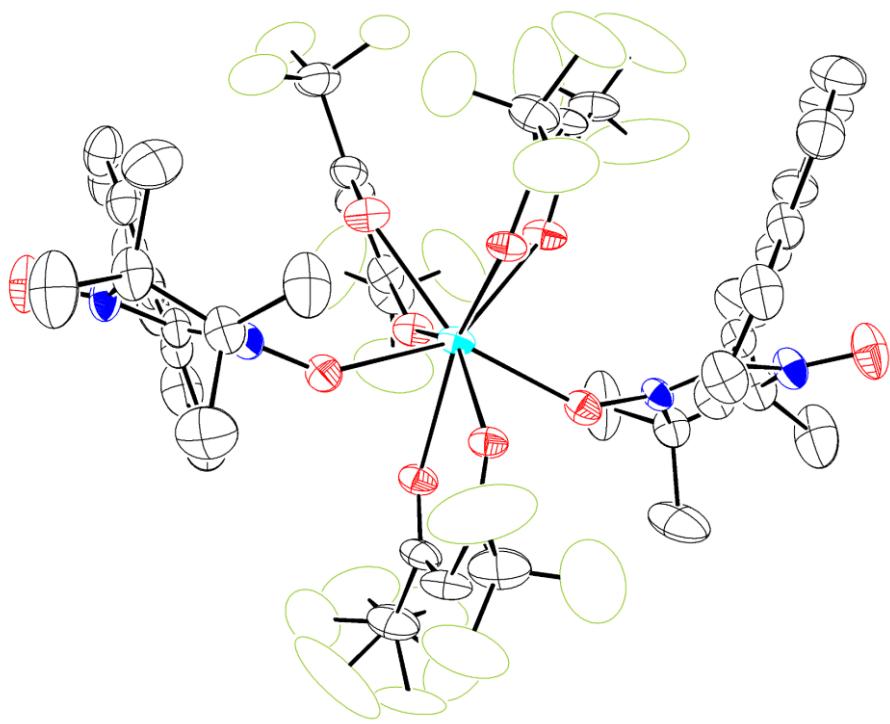
OP-8 Octagon; HPY-8 Heptagonal pyramid; HBPY-8 Hexagonal bipyramid; CU-8 Cube; SAPR-8 Square antiprism; TDD-8 Triangular dodecahedron; JGBF-8 Johnson gyrobifastigium J26; JETBPY-8 Johnson elongated triangular bipyramid J14, JBTPR-8 Biaugmented trigonal prism J50; BTPR-8 Biaugmented trigonal prism; JSD-8 Snub dphenoid J84; TT-8 Triakis tetrahedron; ETBPY-8 Elongated trigonal bipyramid.

**Table S3:** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for **1–3**.

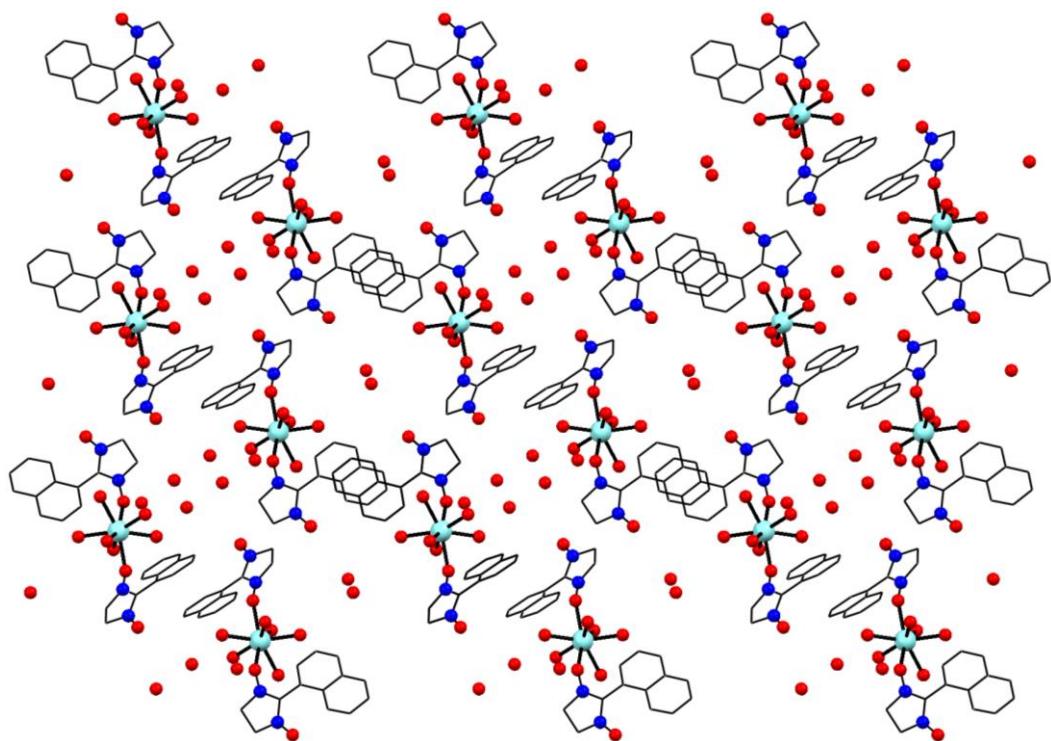
| Bond lengths |          |                         |            |                         |            |
|--------------|----------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 1            |          | 2                       |            | 3                       |            |
| Gd1—O1       | 2.379(6) | Dy1—O1                  | 2.355(4)   | Tb1—O1                  | 2.365(5)   |
| Gd1—O2       | 2.372(6) | Dy1—O2                  | 2.333(4)   | Tb1—O2                  | 2.353(5)   |
| Gd1—O3       | 2.336(6) | Dy1—O3                  | 2.316(4)   | Tb1—O3                  | 2.319(5)   |
| Gd1—O4       | 2.389(7) | Dy1—O4                  | 2.371(4)   | Tb1—O4                  | 2.380(6)   |
| Gd1—O5       | 2.413(6) | Dy1—O5                  | 2.387(4)   | Tb1—O5                  | 2.404(6)   |
| Gd1—O6       | 2.361(7) | Dy1—O6                  | 2.328(4)   | Tb1—O6                  | 2.332(5)   |
| Gd1—O7       | 2.371(7) | Dy1—O7                  | 2.345(4)   | Tb1—O7                  | 2.353(6)   |
| Gd1—O8       | 2.395(7) | Dy1—O8 <sup>a</sup>     | 2.378(4)   | Tb1—O8                  | 2.397(6)   |
| Gd2—O9       | 2.351(7) | Dy2—O9                  | 2.334(4)   | Tb2—O9                  | 2.344(6)   |
| Gd2—O10      | 2.367(7) | Dy2—O10                 | 2.341(4)   | Tb2—O10                 | 2.351(6)   |
| Gd2—O11      | 2.362(7) | Dy2—O11                 | 2.351(4)   | Tb2—O11                 | 2.355(5)   |
| Gd2—O12      | 2.368(7) | Dy2—O12                 | 2.345(4)   | Tb2—O12                 | 2.350(5)   |
| Gd2—O13      | 2.366(7) | Dy2—O13                 | 2.340(4)   | Tb2—O13                 | 2.351(6)   |
| Gd2—O14      | 2.387(7) | Dy2—O14                 | 2.366(4)   | Tb2—O14                 | 2.375(6)   |
| Gd2—O15      | 2.368(6) | Dy2—O15                 | 2.359(4)   | Tb2—O15                 | 2.369(5)   |
| Gd2—O16      | 2.381(7) | Dy2—O16                 | 2.365(4)   | Tb2—O16                 | 2.376(5)   |
| Bond angles  |          |                         |            |                         |            |
| O1—Gd1—O2    | 72.8(2)  | O1—Dy1—O2               | 73.44(14)  | O1—Tb1—O2               | 72.83(19)  |
| O1—Gd1—O3    | 70.6(2)  | O1—Dy1—O3               | 70.43(14)  | O1—Tb1—O3               | 71.47(19)  |
| O4—Gd1—O1    | 125.4(2) | O4—Dy1—O1               | 125.26(15) | O4—Tb1—O1               | 127.3(2)   |
| O1—Gd1—O5    | 127.4(2) | O1—Dy1—O5               | 127.95(14) | O1—Tb1—O5               | 127.52(19) |
| O1—Gd1—O6    | 152.1(2) | O1—Dy1—O6               | 151.84(14) | O1—Tb1—O6               | 150.82(19) |
| O1—Gd1—O7    | 70.6(3)  | O1—Dy1—O7               | 71.47(15)  | O1—Tb1—O7               | 71.6(2)    |
| O1—Gd1—O8    | 80.3(3)  | O1—Dy1—O8 <sup>a</sup>  | 78.94(15)  | O1—Tb1—O8 <sup>a</sup>  | 79.2(2)    |
| O3—Gd1—O2    | 143.4(2) | O3—Dy1—O2               | 143.82(14) | O3—Tb1—O2               | 144.3(2)   |
| O4—Gd1—O2    | 134.2(2) | O4—Dy1—O2               | 133.40(14) | O4—Tb1—O2               | 133.0(2)   |
| O5—Gd1—O2    | 129.5(2) | O5—Dy1—O2               | 129.76(15) | O5—Tb1—O2               | 130.4(2)   |
| O6—Gd1—O2    | 79.3(2)  | O6—Dy1—O2               | 78.41(15)  | O6—Tb1—O2               | 78.1(2)    |
| O7—Gd1—O2    | 74.9(2)  | O7—Dy1—O2               | 75.45(15)  | O7—Tb1—O2               | 75.7(2)    |
| O8—Gd1—O2    | 68.7(2)  | O8 <sup>a</sup> —Dy1—O2 | 69.02(15)  | O8 <sup>a</sup> —Tb1—O2 | 69.2(2)    |
| O4—Gd1—O3    | 71.7(2)  | O4—Dy1—O3               | 72.47(15)  | O4—Tb1—O3               | 72.00(19)  |
| O5—Gd1—O3    | 74.9(2)  | O5—Dy1—O3               | 74.38(15)  | O5—Tb1—O3               | 74.4(2)    |
| O6—Gd1—O3    | 137.3(2) | O6—Dy1—O3               | 137.73(15) | O6—Tb1—O3               | 137.6(2)   |
| O3—Gd1—O7    | 91.8(2)  | O3—Dy1—O7               | 91.30(15)  | O3—Tb1—O7               | 93.2(2)    |
| O8—Gd1—O3    | 105.8(3) | O8 <sup>a</sup> —Dy1—O3 | 105.20(16) | O8 <sup>a</sup> —Tb1—O3 | 103.9(2)   |
| O4—Gd1—O5    | 76.5(3)  | O4—Dy1—O5               | 76.07(15)  | O4—Tb1—O5               | 75.2(2)    |
| O4—Gd1—O6    | 75.5(2)  | O4—Dy1—O6               | 74.99(14)  | O4—Tb1—O6               | 75.6(2)    |
| O4—Gd1—O7    | 147.5(2) | O4—Dy1—O7               | 147.36(15) | O4—Tb1—O7               | 146.5(2)   |
| O4—Gd1—O8    | 73.7(3)  | O4—Dy1—O8 <sup>a</sup>  | 73.64(15)  | O4—Tb1—O8 <sup>a</sup>  | 73.6(2)    |
| O6—Gd1—O5    | 71.5(2)  | O6—Dy1—O5               | 72.16(14)  | O6—Tb1—O5               | 71.4(2)    |
| O5—Gd1—O7    | 72.2(3)  | O5—Dy1—O7               | 72.29(15)  | O5—Tb1—O7               | 71.8(2)    |
| O8—Gd1—O5    | 148.1(3) | O8 <sup>a</sup> —Dy1—O5 | 148.14(16) | O8 <sup>a</sup> —Tb1—O5 | 147.5(2)   |
| O6—Gd1—O7    | 102.0(2) | O6—Dy1—O7               | 102.26(15) | O6—Tb1—O7               | 99.2(2)    |
| O6—Gd1—O8    | 90.0(3)  | O6—Dy1—O8 <sup>a</sup>  | 90.50(15)  | O6—Tb1—O8 <sup>a</sup>  | 92.1(2)    |
| O8—Gd1—O7    | 138.7(3) | O8 <sup>a</sup> —Dy1—O7 | 138.85(16) | O8 <sup>a</sup> —Tb1—O7 | 139.9(2)   |
| O10—Gd2—O9   | 72.9(3)  | O10—Dy2—O9              | 73.48(15)  | O10—Tb2—O9              | 73.3(3)    |
| O11—Gd2—O9   | 130.9(2) | O11—Dy2—O9              | 130.61(15) | O11—Tb2—O9              | 131.5(2)   |
| O9—Gd2—O12   | 80.8(3)  | O9—Dy2—O12              | 79.47(15)  | O9—Tb2—O12              | 79.3(2)    |
| O9—Gd2—O13   | 143.1(3) | O9—Dy2—O13              | 143.76(16) | O9—Tb2—O13              | 143.4      |

|             |          |             |            |             |           |
|-------------|----------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| O14—Gd2—O9  | 134.2(2) | O14—Dy2—O9  | 133.45(2)  | O14—Tb2—O9  | 133.7(2)  |
| O9—Gd2—O15  | 68.1(2)  | O9—Dy2—O15  | 68.32(14)  | O9—Tb2—O15  | 69.0(2)   |
| O9—Gd2—O16  | 72.2(2)  | O9—Dy2—O16  | 72.00(14)  | O9—Tb2—O16  | 72.9      |
| O10—Gd2—O11 | 122.7(2) | O10—Dy2—O11 | 123.28(14) | O10—Tb2—O11 | 123.8(2)  |
| O10—Gd2—O12 | 153.5(2) | O10—Dy2—O12 | 152.75(15) | O10—Tb2—O12 | 152.2(2)  |
| O10—Gd2—O13 | 70.2(2)  | O10—Dy2—O13 | 70.28(15)  | O10—Tb2—O13 | 70.1(2)   |
| O10—Gd2—O14 | 126.9(2) | O10—Dy2—O14 | 127.41(13) | O10—Tb2—O14 | 127.3(2)  |
| O10—Gd2—O15 | 84.8(3)  | O10—Dy2—O15 | 83.66(15)  | O10—Tb2—O15 | 83.8(2)   |
| O10—Gd2—O16 | 72.5(2)  | O10—Dy2—O16 | 73.02(15)  | O10—Tb2—O16 | 72.9(2)   |
| O11—Gd2—O12 | 72.9(2)  | O11—Dy2—O12 | 73.10(14)  | O11—Tb2—O12 | 73.62(19) |
| O11—Gd2—O13 | 72.8(2)  | O11—Dy2—O13 | 72.89(14)  | O11—Tb2—O13 | 73.1(2)   |
| O14—Gd2—O11 | 77.3(2)  | O14—Dy2—O11 | 76.95(14)  | O14—Tb2—O11 | 76.0(2)   |
| O11—Gd2—O15 | 148.4(2) | O11—Dy2—O15 | 148.61(15) | O11—Tb2—O15 | 147.3(2)  |
| O11—Gd2—O16 | 70.6(2)  | O11—Dy2—O16 | 70.88(15)  | O11—Tb2—O16 | 71.2(2)   |
| O13—Gd2—O12 | 136.0(2) | O13—Dy2—O12 | 136.73(15) | O13—Tb2—O12 | 137.3(2)  |
| O14—Gd2—O12 | 74.9(2)  | O14—Dy2—O12 | 74.76(14)  | O14—Tb2—O12 | 75.8(2)   |
| O15—Gd2—O12 | 88.7(2)  | O15—Dy2—O12 | 89.47(14)  | O15—Tb2—O12 | 90.5(2)   |
| O16—Gd2—O12 | 96.4(2)  | O16—Dy2—O12 | 95.73(14)  | O16—Tb2—O12 | 95.2(2)   |
| O14—Gd2—O13 | 71.4(2)  | O14—Dy2—O13 | 72.15(14)  | O14—Tb2—O13 | 71.8(2)   |
| O13—Gd2—O15 | 107.2(3) | O13—Dy2—O15 | 106.58(15) | O13—Tb2—O15 | 105.4(2)  |
| O13—Gd2—O16 | 97.3(3)  | O13—Dy2—O16 | 97.62(15)  | O13—Tb2—O16 | 97.2(2)   |
| O14—Gd2—O15 | 73.1(3)  | O14—Dy2—O15 | 73.30(14)  | O14—Tb2—O15 | 72.7(2)   |
| O14—Gd2—O16 | 147.8(2) | O14—Dy2—O16 | 147.83(15) | O14—Tb2—O16 | 147.2(2)  |
| O15—Gd2—O16 | 138.5(2) | O15—Dy2—O16 | 138.25(15) | O15—Tb2—O16 | 139.7(2)  |

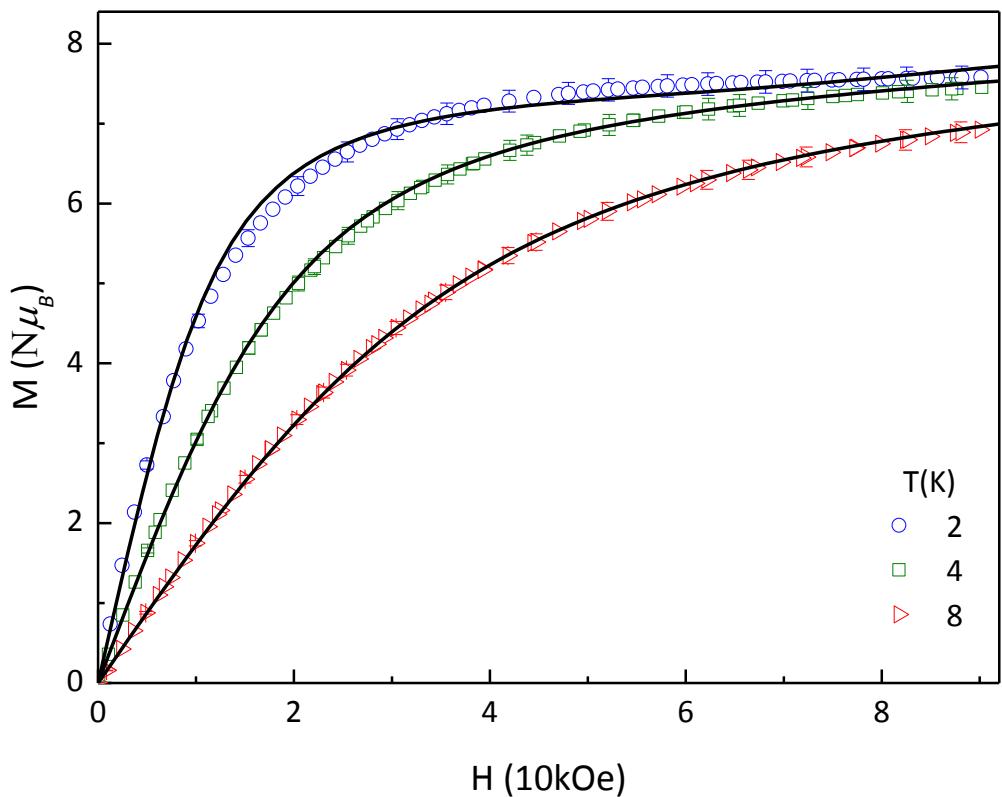
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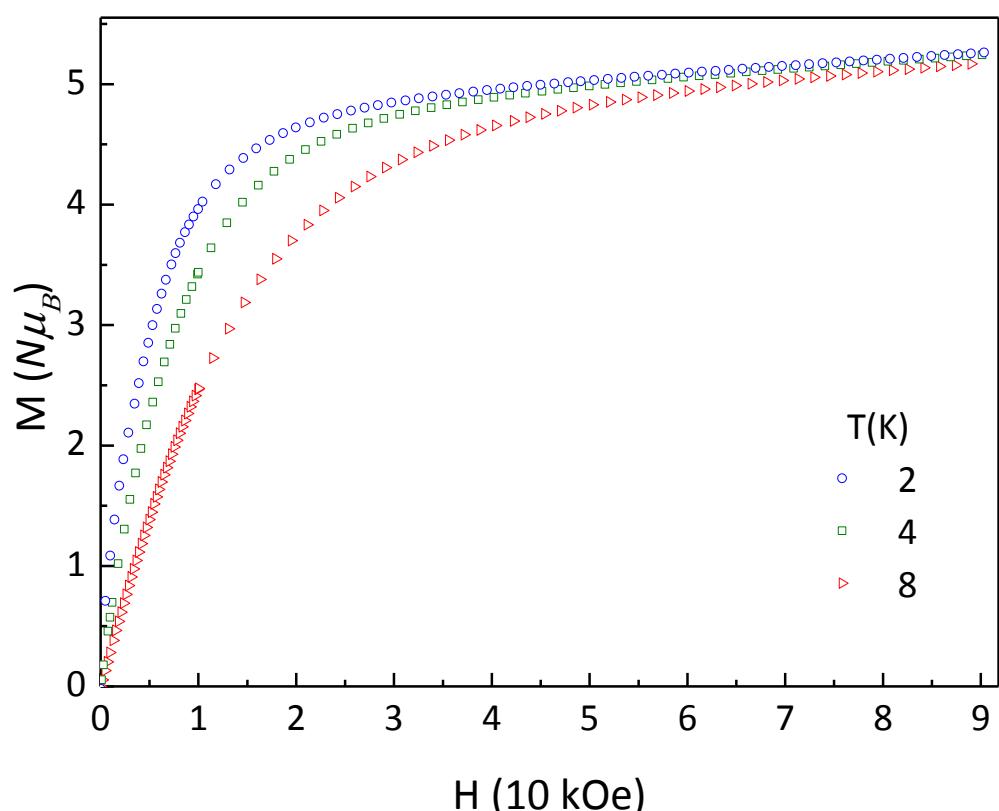
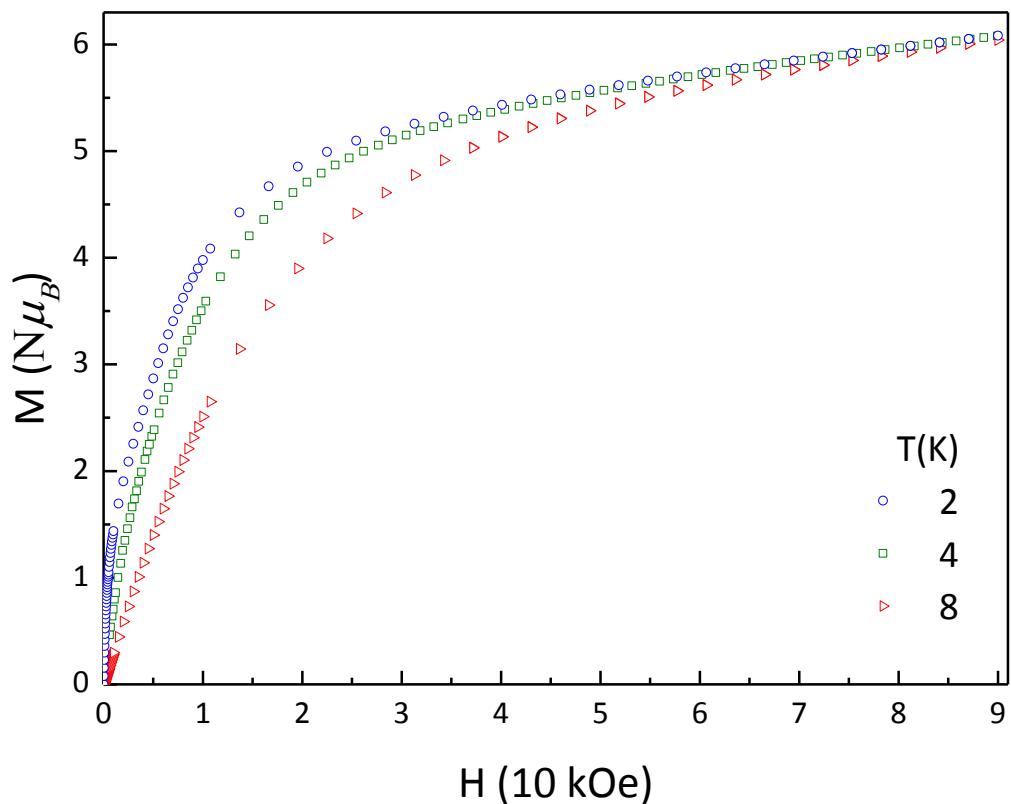
**Fig. S5.** : ORTEP view of the asymmetric unit of **4** at 30% of probability. Color code: black, blue, red, green and cyan stands for carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, fluorine atoms and yttrium (III) ion, respectively. Hydrogen atoms and oxygen atoms from water molecules were omitted for clarity.



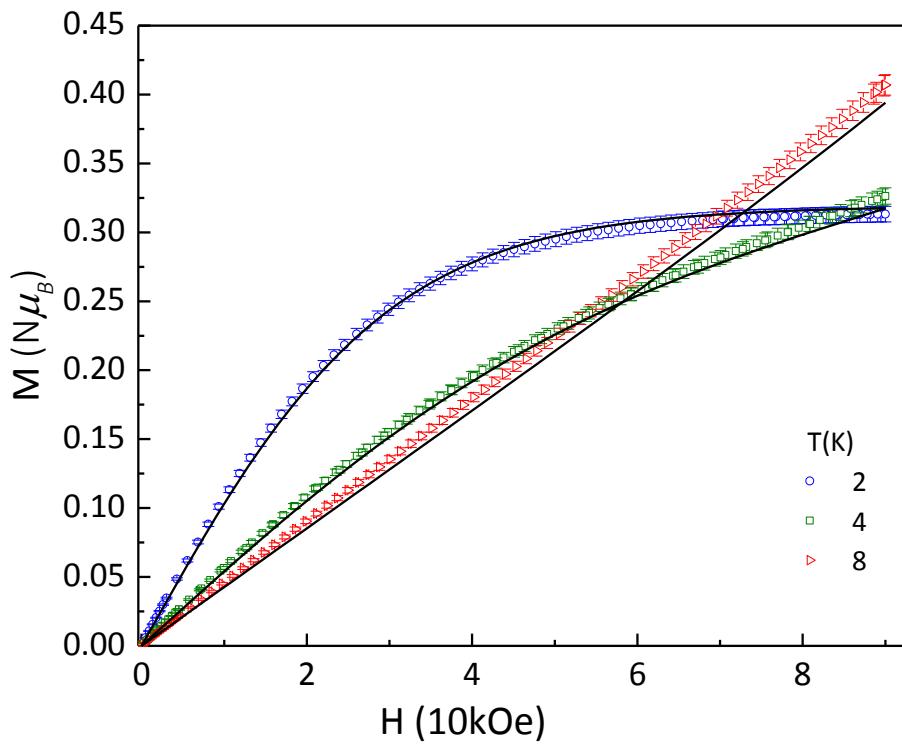
**Fig. S6:** View of the crystal packing of **4** along the crystallographic *b* axis. Hydrogen atoms, methyl and  $\text{CF}_3$  groups were omitted for clarity.



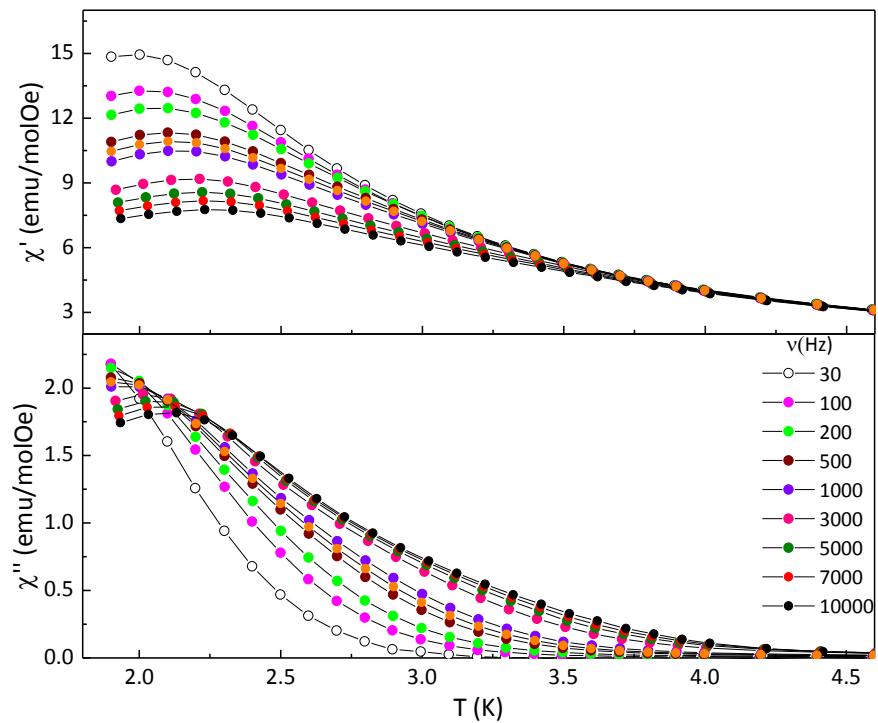
**Fig. S7.** : Field dependence of magnetization for **1** at different temperatures. The error bar is shown in the Figure. Solid lines represent the best fit using parameters described in the main text.



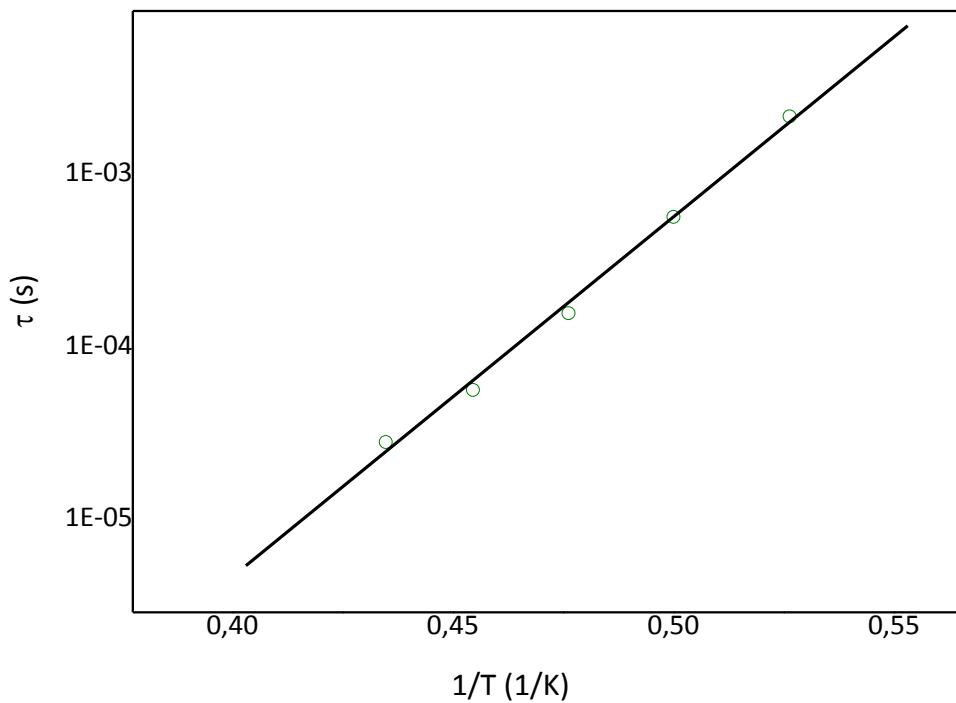
**Fig. S8.** : Field dependence of magnetization for **2** (top) and **3** (bottom) at different temperatures.



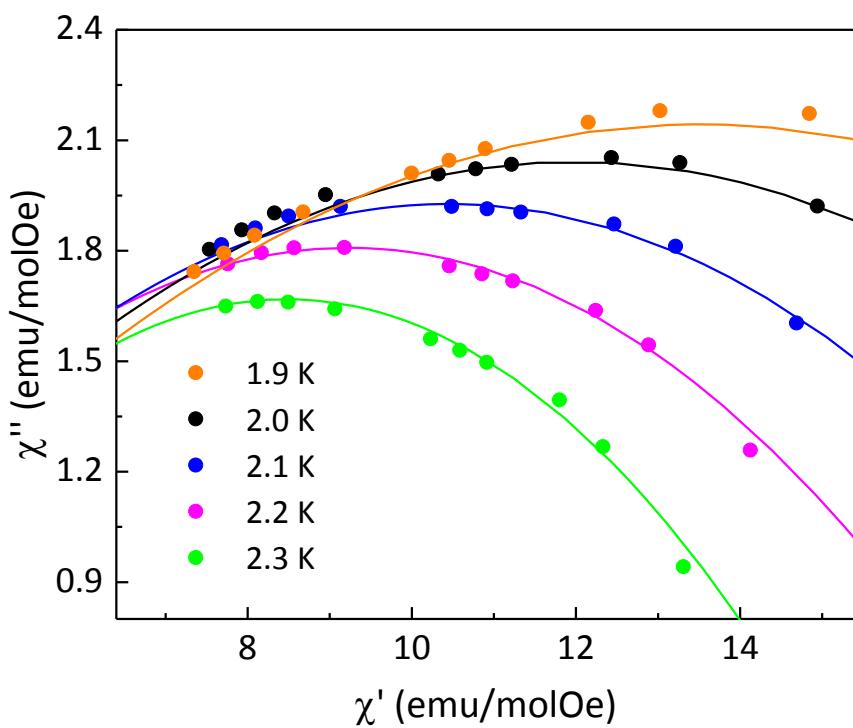
**Fig. S9.** : Field dependence of magnetization for **4** at different temperatures. Solid lines represent the best fits using parameters described in the main text.



**Fig. S10:** Temperature dependence of real ( $\chi'$ ) and imaginary ( $\chi''$ ) magnetic susceptibilities at different frequencies for **2** with solid lines as guide for eyes.



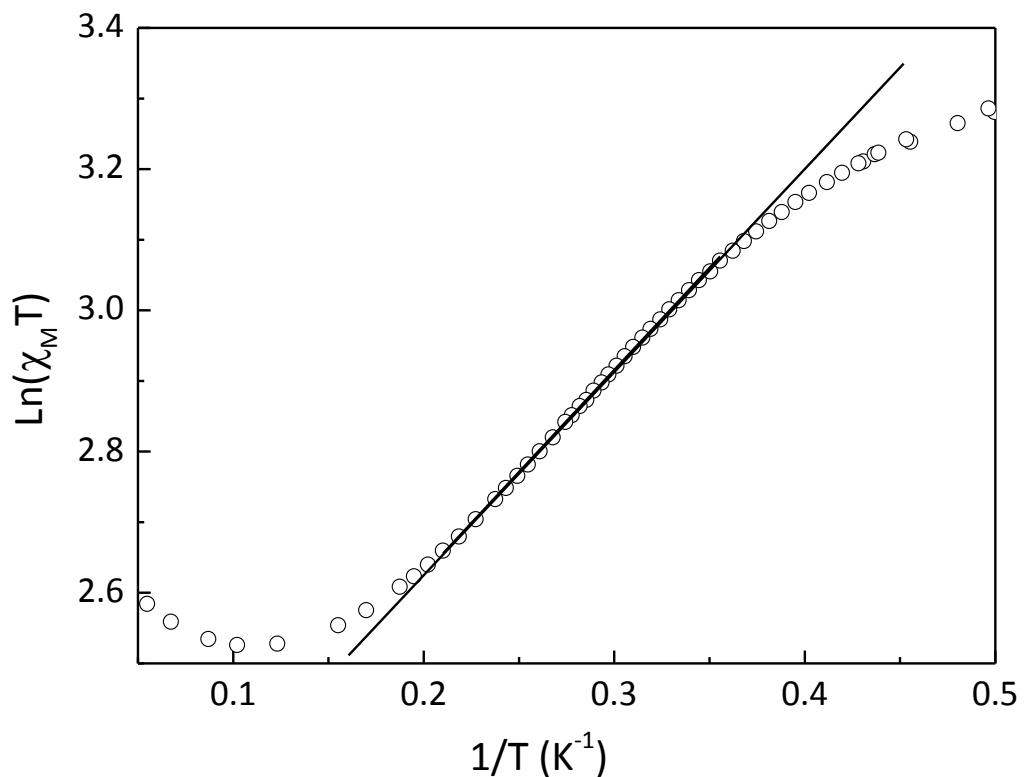
**Fig. S11:** Plot of  $\tau$  as a function of the reciprocal temperature for **2**, where black line represents a fit using Arrhenius law.



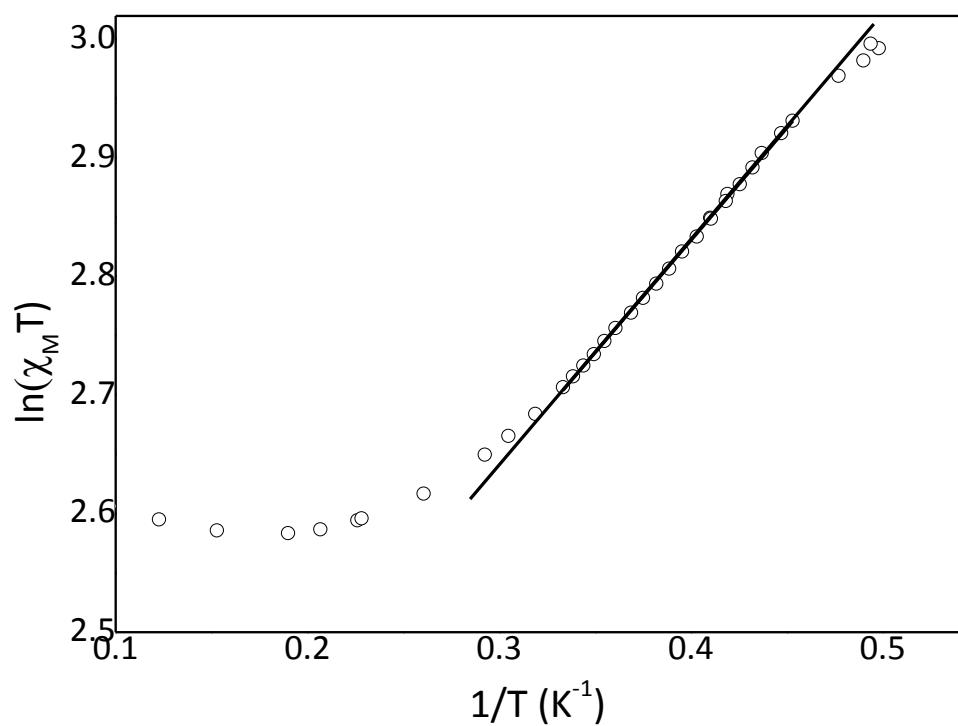
**Fig. S12.** The Argand plot for compound **2**, where the lines represent the best fit using a generalized Debye model.<sup>1</sup>

**Table S4.** Cole-Cole parameters obtained and used to reproduce the Argand plots.

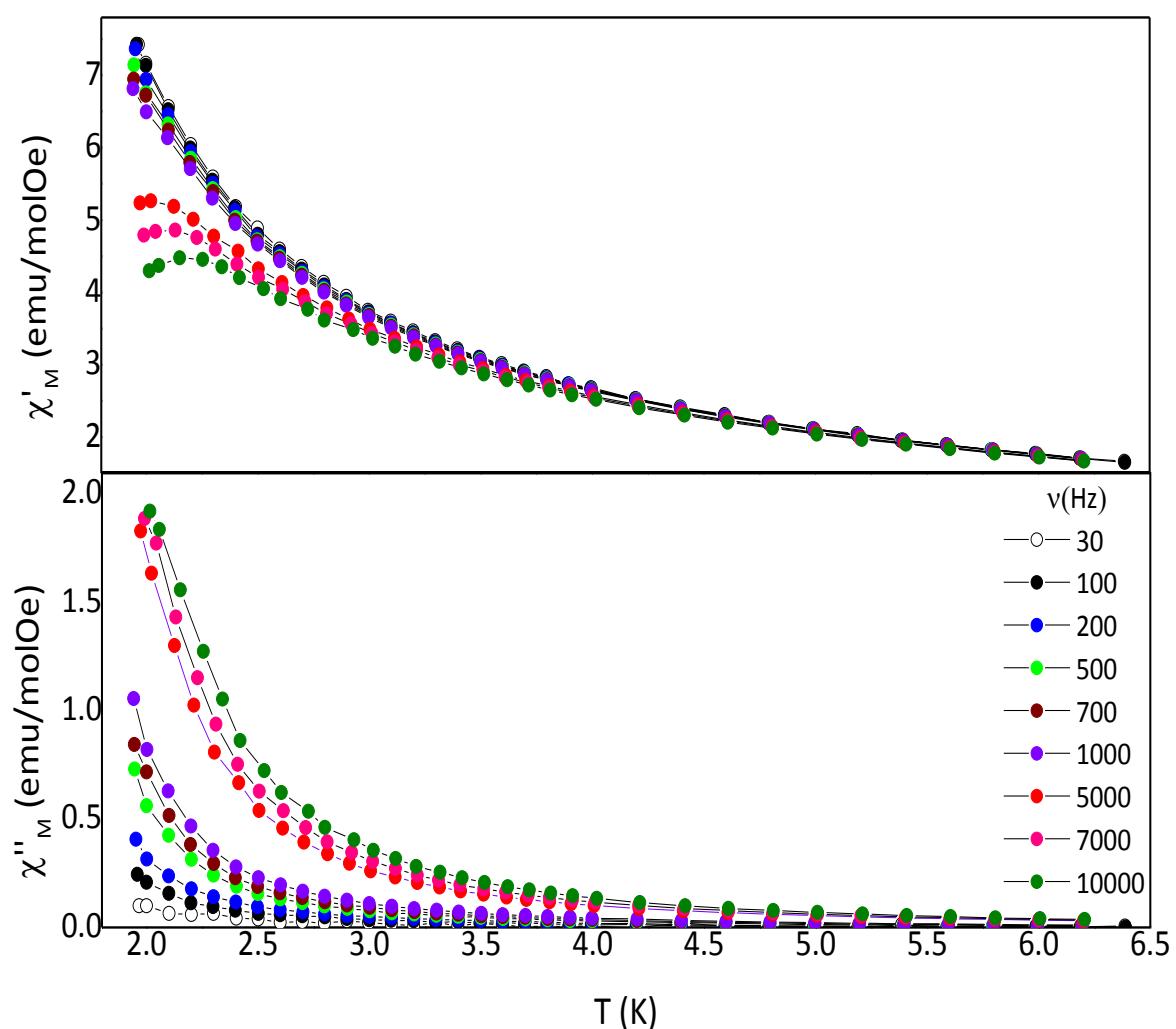
| Temperature (K) | $\chi_s$ (emu/K Oe) | $\chi_T$ (emu/K Oe) | $\alpha$ | $\tau$ (s)           |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------------|
| 1.9             | $5 \times 10^{-10}$ | 27.00               | 0.80     | $2.1 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| 2.0             | $2 \times 10^{-6}$  | 23.98               | 0.79     | $5.6 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| 2.1             | $3 \times 10^{-14}$ | 20.91               | 0.77     | $1.6 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| 2.2             | $1 \times 10^{-3}$  | 18.46               | 0.75     | $5.6 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| 2.3             | 0.9                 | 16.03               | 0.72     | $2.8 \times 10^{-5}$ |



**Fig. S13.** : Plot of  $\ln(\chi T)$  versus  $1/T$  for **2** at 200 Oe dc field. Solid line corresponds to a linear fit according to an expression described in the main text.



**Fig. S14.** : Plot of  $\ln(\chi_T)$  versus  $1/T$  for **3** at 200 Oe dc field. Solid line corresponds to a linear fit according to an expression described in the main text.



**Fig. S15:** Temperature dependence of  $\chi'$  and  $\chi''$  at different frequencies at zero applied dc field for **3**. Solid lines are guide for eyes.

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<sup>1</sup> K. S. Cole and R. H. Cole, *J. Chem. Phys.* 1941, **9**, 341-351.