

Supplementary Information for

**Understanding a Pentagonal-Bipyramidal Holmium(III) Complex
with Record Energy Barrier for Magnetization Reversal**

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Experimental Details

1. Materials

All reactions were carried out under a dry and oxygen-free argon atmosphere in a glovebox. THF, hexane and pyridine were dried and degassed by standard techniques. Anhydrous HoCl₃ salts were prepared according to literature procedures. NaOSiMe₃, 3,5-Dimethylphenol, (R)-(+)-1-Phenylethanol and NaBPh₄ are commercially available and were used without further treatment.

2. Synthesis of compounds.

Synthesis of [Ho(OSiMe₃)₂(py)₅][BPh₄] (1). HoCl₃ (0.5 mmol, 0.135 g), NaOSiMe₃ (1 mmol, 0.112 g) and NaBPh₄ (0.5 mmol, 0.171 g) were combined in 8mL THF gives a cloudy solution, which was filtered and then the solvent was removed under vacuum to give a white powder. The powder dissolved in 2 mL pyridine and then layered with 8 mL of hexane and stored at -35 °C, which gave pale-yellow crystals of **1** (yield ca. 40 %). Elemental analysis/%, found (calculated) for **1**: C 53.35(52.59); H 5.80(5.14); N 5.61(5.45). The diluted sample was synthesized in the same way, with the starting HoCl₃:YCl₃=1:9. A 100 mg sample of Compound **1** was completely dissolved in 1 ml of pyridine to make a solution sample.

Synthesis of [Y(OSiMe₃)₂(py)₅][BPh₄] (1Y). The synthesis was the same as **1** with HoCl₃ replaced by YCl₃. The pyridine solution was layered with 8mL of hexane and stored at -35 °C, which gave colorless crystals of **1Y** (yield ca. 55 %).

Synthesis of [Ho(OCH(CH₃)C₆H₅)₂(py)₅][BPh₄] (2). The synthesis was the same as **1** with NaOSiMe₃ replaced by 1 mmol of NaOCH(CH₃)C₆H₅. The pyridine solution was layered with 8mL of hexane and stored at -35 °C, which gave pale-yellow crystals of **2**. Elemental analysis/%, found (calculated) for **2**: C 66.27 (66.34); H 6.07(5.68); N 5.94(5.70).

Synthesis of [Ho(OC₆H₃(CH₃)₂)₂(py)₅][BPh₄] (3). The synthesis was the same as **1** with NaOSiMe₃ replaced by 1 mmol of NaOC₆H₃(CH₃)₂. The pyridine solution was layered with 8 mL of hexane and stored at -35 °C, which gave pale-yellow crystals of **3**. Elemental analysis/%, found (calculated) for **3**: C 69.58 (66.87); H 5.66(5.85); N 6.24(6.54).

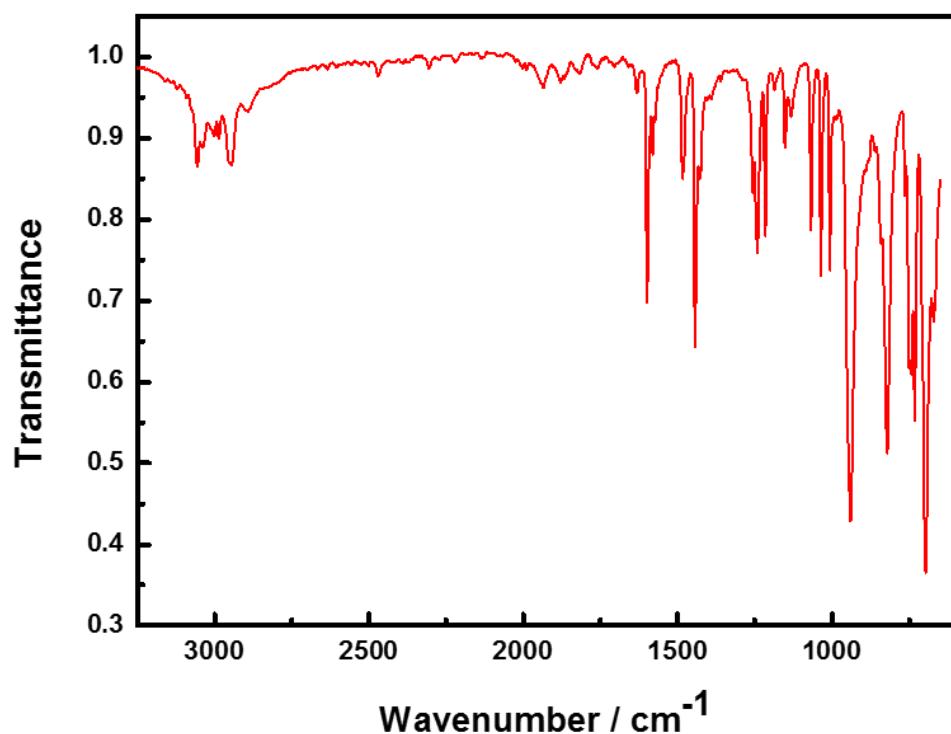


Fig. S1. IR spectra of solid **1**.

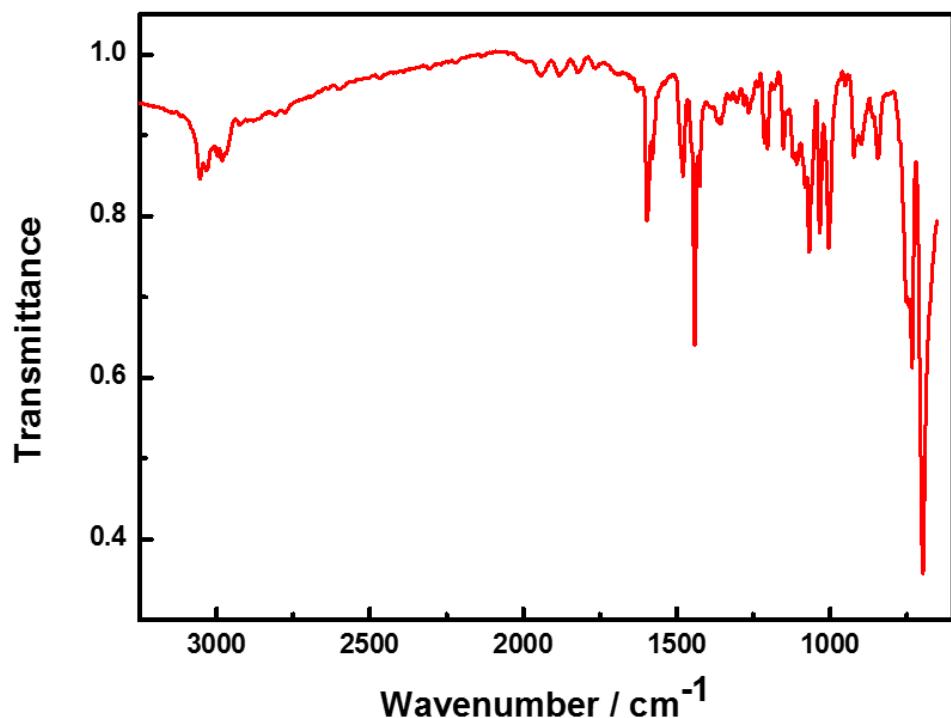


Fig. S2. IR spectra of solid **2**.

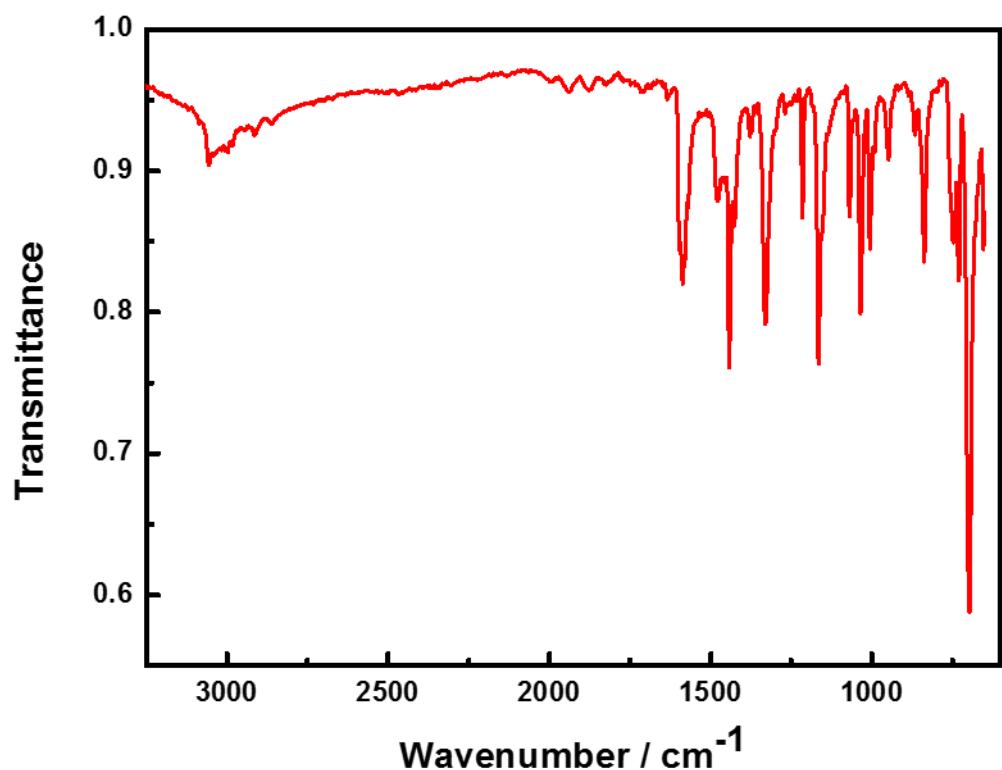


Fig. S3. IR spectra of solid **3**.

3. Crystal Data and Structures

All data were recorded on a Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer with MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The structures were solved by direct methods and refined on F² using SHELXTL. Crystal data for the structures reported in this paper have been deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Database Center: CCDC 1962740(1Y), 1962742(1), 1962743(2), 1962868(3).

Table S1. Comparison of selected structural parameters for **1**, **2**, **3** and [Ho(CyPh₂PO)₂(H₂O)₅]I₃. (bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg)).

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | [Ho(CyPh ₂ PO) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₅]I ₃ | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|--|-----------|
| Ho1-O1 | 2.1395(18) | 2.117(3) | 2.144(4) | Ho1-O1 | 2.198(6) |
| Ho1-O2 | 2.1390(18) | 2.112(3) | 2.138(4) | Ho1-O1A | 2.198(6) |
| Ho1-N1 | 2.547(2) | 2.548(4) | 2.548(6) | Ho1-O1W | 2.323(7) |
| Ho1-N2 | 2.520(2) | 2.532(4) | 2.563(6) | Ho1-O2W | 2.350(7) |
| Ho1-N5 | 2.557(2) | 2.564(4) | 2.553(6) | Ho1-O2WA | 2.350(7) |
| Ho1-N4 | 2.541(2) | 2.545(4) | 2.525(6) | Ho1-O3W | 2.349(7) |
| Ho1-N3 | 2.530(2) | 2.533(4) | 2.579(7) | Ho1-O3WA | 2.349(7) |
| Ho-N(average) | 2.539 | 2.5444 | 2.5536 | Ho-OW(average) | 2.3442 |
| O2-Ho1-O1 | 176.12(7) | 174.51(14) | 175.68(18) | O1-Ho-O1A | 177.9(4) |
| N4-Ho1-N5 | 71.15(7) | 74.58(13) | 71.97(18) | O1W-Ho-O2W | 71.53(17) |
| N2-Ho1-N1 | 72.93(8) | 72.77(13) | 70.7(2) | O2W-Ho-O3W | 72.4(2) |
| N2-Ho1-N3 | 71.89(8) | 74.77(13) | 73.7(2) | O3W-Ho-O3WA | 72.5(4) |
| N3-Ho1-N4 | 72.09(8) | 69.20(13) | 72.80(19) | O3WA-Ho-O2WA | 72.4(2) |
| N2-Ho1-N3 | 71.89(8) | 68.71(13) | 71.91(18) | O2WA-Ho-O1W | 71.53(17) |
| N-Ho-N(average) | 71.99 | 72.006 | 72.216 | OW-Ho-OW(average) | 72.072 |
| CShM PBPY-7(D_{5h}) | 0.754 | 0.778 | 0.881 | CShM PBPY-7(D_{5h}) | 0.160 |
| Ho \cdots Ho | 9.8860 | 10.5803 | 11.1588 | Ho \cdots Ho | 14.08 |
| ρ_{calc} [g/cm ³] | 1.303 | 1.332 | 1.240 | ρ_{calc} [g/cm ³] | 1.447 |

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) in **1Y** and **1@1Y**.

| 1@1Y | | 1Y | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Y(Ho)1-O1 | 2.147(2) | Y1-O1 | 2.1499(15) |
| Y(Ho)1-O2 | 2.128(3) | Y1-O2 | 2.1350(16) |
| Y(Ho)1-N1 | 2.554(3) | Y1-N1 | 2.5436(19) |
| Y(Ho)1-N2 | 2.565(3) | Y1-N2 | 2.527(2) |
| Y(Ho)1-N5 | 2.532(3) | Y1-N5 | 2.568(2) |
| Y(Ho)1-N4 | 2.527(3) | Y1-N4 | 2.544(2) |
| Y(Ho)1-N3 | 2.543(3) | Y1-N3 | 2.5295(19) |
| O2-Y(Ho)1-O1 | 176.01(9) | O2-Y1-O1 | 176.03(6) |
| O1-Y(Ho)1-N1 | 87.78(11) | O1-Y1-N1 | 89.60(6) |
| O1-Y(Ho)1-N4 | 87.76(11) | O1-Y1-N4 | 91.74(6) |
| O1-Y(Ho)1-N2 | 90.65(10) | O1-Y1-N2 | 88.75(7) |
| O1-Y(Ho)1-N3 | 91.76(10) | O1-Y1-N3 | 88.55(6) |
| O1-Y(Ho)1-N5 | 89.50(11) | O1-Y1-N5 | 95.76(7) |
| O2-Y(Ho)1-N1 | 88.25(11) | O2-Y1-N1 | 88.84(6) |
| O2-Y(Ho)1-N4 | 95.32(11) | O2-Y1-N4 | 91.72(6) |
| O2-Y(Ho)1-N2 | 88.59(11) | O2-Y1-N2 | 90.53(6) |
| O2-Y(Ho)1-N3 | 91.69(10) | O2-Y1-N3 | 87.51(6) |
| O2-Y(Ho)1-N5 | 88.98(11) | O2-Y1-N5 | 87.26(6) |
| N4-Y(Ho)1-N5 | 72.8911) | N4-Y1-N5 | 69.99(6) |
| N2-Y(Ho)1-N1 | 73.35(10) | N2-Y1-N1 | 73.18(6) |
| N2-Y(Ho)1-N3 | 70.84(10) | N2-Y1-N3 | 70.99(6) |
| N3-Y(Ho)1-N4 | 69.77(10) | N3-Y1-N4 | 72.61(6) |
| N1-Y(Ho)1-N5 | 73.27(11) | N1-Y1-N5 | 73.33(6) |

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for **1**, **1@1Y** and **1Y**. *continued*

| Compound | 1 | 1@1Y | 1Y |
|---|---|---|--|
| Formula | <chem>HoC67H75BN8O2Si2</chem> | <chem>Ho0.12Y0.88C55H63BN5O2Si2</chem> | <chem>YC55H63BN5O2Si2</chem> |
| <i>M</i> , g mol ⁻¹ | 1256.27 | 990.93 | 982.00 |
| <i>T</i> (K) | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| Crystal system | triclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Space group | <i>P</i> -1 | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c |
| <i>a</i> [Å] | 13.665(2) | 12.097(7) | 12.054(5) |
| <i>b</i> [Å] | 14.335(2) | 22.399(12) | 22.253(8) |
| <i>c</i> [Å] | 17.329(3) | 20.475(11) | 20.280(8) |
| α [°] | 95.521(2) | 90 | 90 |
| β [°] | 108.465(2) | 93.864(8) | 93.554(5) |
| γ [°] | 90.850(2) | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> [Å ³] | 3201.2(9) | 5535(5) | 5429(4) |
| <i>Z</i> | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| ρ_{calc} [g/cm ³] | 1.303 | 1.189 | 1.201 |
| Reflections collected | 29507 | 36073 | 52752 |
| Independent reflections | 13311 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0230$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0326$] | 10136 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0651$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0739$] | 9878 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0448$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0347$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 13311/50/736 | 10136/12/602 | 9878/0/601 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.029 | 1.000 | 1.028 |
| Final R indexes [$>=2\sigma(I)$] | $R_1 = 0.0314$, $wR_2 = 0.0751$ | $R_1 = 0.0460$, $wR_2 = 0.0995$ | $R_1 = 0.0339$, $wR_2 = 0.0752$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0367$, $wR_2 = 0.0779$ | $R_1 = 0.1085$, $wR_2 = 0.1252$ | $R_1 = 0.0557$, $wR_2 = 0.0841$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 1.75/-0.80 | 0.64/-0.54 | 0.31/-0.34 |

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2** and **3**.

| Compound | 2 | 3 |
|---|--|--|
| Formula | C ₇₀ H ₆₈ BHoN ₆ O ₂ | C ₇₀ H ₇₄ BHoN ₈ O ₂ |
| <i>M</i> , g mol ⁻¹ | 1201.04 | 5117.57 |
| <i>T</i> (K) | 150 | 150.0 |
| Crystal system | orthorhombic | triclinic |
| Space group | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 | <i>P</i> -1 |
| <i>a</i> [Å] | 21.104(8) | 15.645(11) |
| <i>b</i> [Å] | 25.522(9) | 15.651(11) |
| <i>c</i> [Å] | 11.123(4) | 28.55(2) |
| α [°] | 90 | 101.047(9) |
| β [°] | 90 | 93.207(9) |
| γ [°] | 90 | 90.009(9) |
| <i>V</i> [Å ³] | 5991(4) | 6851(8) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 1 |
| ρ_{calc} [g/cm ³] | 1.332 | 1.240 |
| Reflections collected | 58226 | 68037 |
| Independent reflections | 11108 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0495$, $R_{\text{sigma}} =$ | 25855 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0486$, $R_{\text{sigma}} =$ |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 11108/0/723 | 25855/144/1597 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.049 | 1.057 |
| Final R indexes [$I >= 2\sigma(I)$] | $R_1 = 0.0286$, $wR_2 = 0.0596$ | $R_1 = 0.0634$, $wR_2 = 0.1531$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0340$, $wR_2 = 0.0615$ | $R_1 = 0.0816$, $wR_2 = 0.1622$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.97/-0.50 | 2.02/-3.15 |

Table S4. Continuous Shape Measures calculations(CShM).

| Complex | HP-7 (D_{7h}) | HPY-7 (C_{6v}) | PBPY-7 (D_{5h}) | COC-7 (C_{3v}) | CTPR-7 (C_{3v}) | JPBPY-7 (D_{5h}) | JETPY-7 (C_{3v}) |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 33.685 | 24.000 | 0.754 | 7.435 | 5.640 | 1.571 | 22.810 |
| 1@1Y | 32.799 | 23.871 | 0.675 | 7.972 | 6.041 | 1.438 | 23.423 |
| 1Y | 32.783 | 23.941 | 0.659 | 7.960 | 5.987 | 1.466 | 23.386 |
| 2 | 32.310 | 23.301 | 0.778 | 8.066 | 6.409 | 1.390 | 23.463 |
| 3 | 33.247 | 23.847 | 0.881 | 6.847 | 4.948 | 1.625 | 22.592 |

HP-7 = Heptagon; HPY-7 = Hexagonal pyramid; PBPY-7 = Pentagonal bipyramid; COC-7 = Capped octahedron; CTPR-7 =Capped trigonal prism; JPBPY-7 = Johnson pentagonal bipyramid J13; JETPY-7 = Johnson elongated triangular pyramid J7.

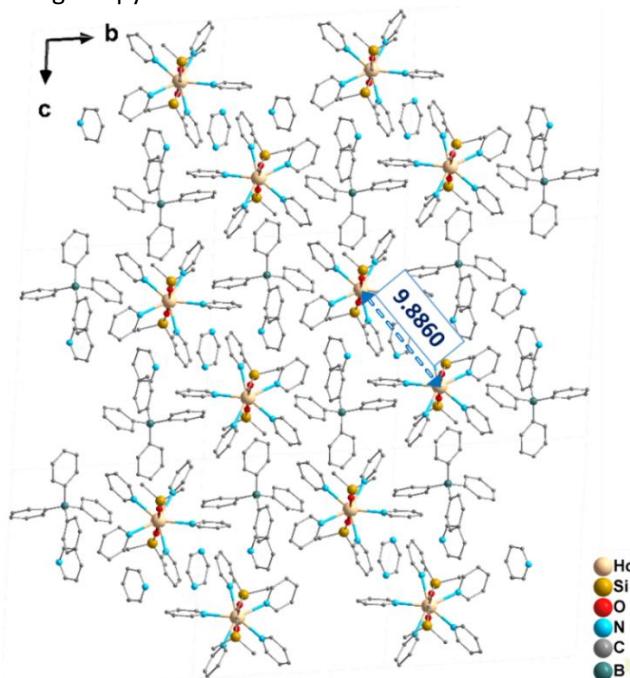


Fig. S4. Packing of **1** in the crystal structure viewed along the α axis. H atoms are omitted for clarity.

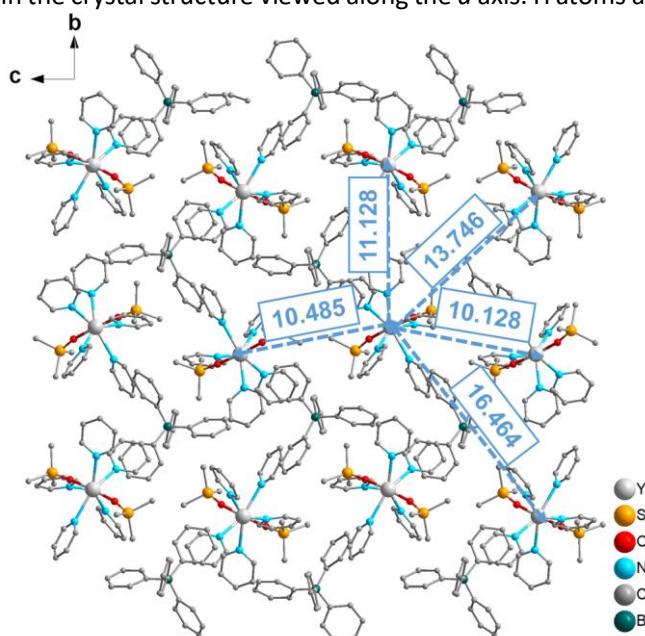


Fig. S5. Packing of **1Y** in the crystal structure viewed along the α axis. H atoms are omitted for clarity.

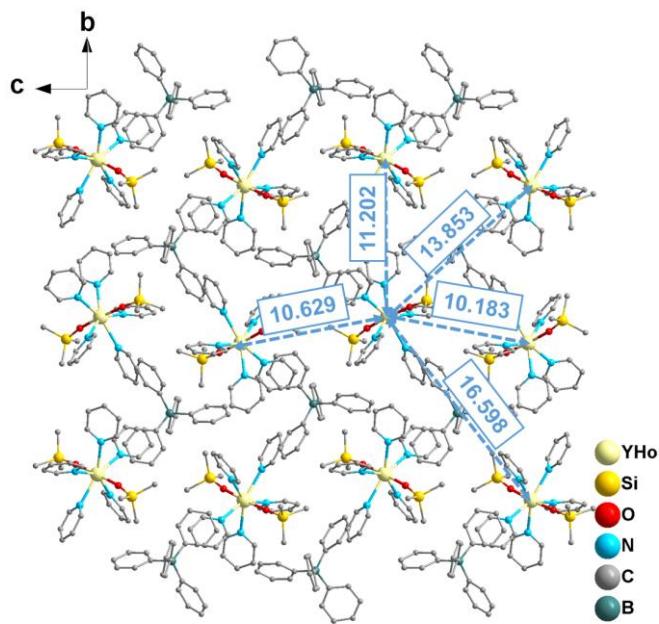


Fig. S6. Packing of **1@1Y** in the crystal structure viewed along the α axis. H atoms are omitted for clarity.

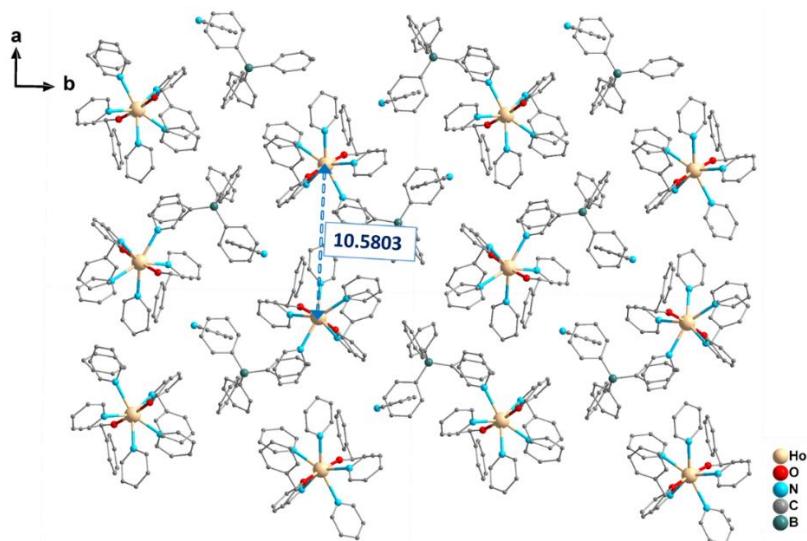


Fig. S7. Packing of **2** in the crystal structure viewed along the c axis. H atoms are omitted for clarity.

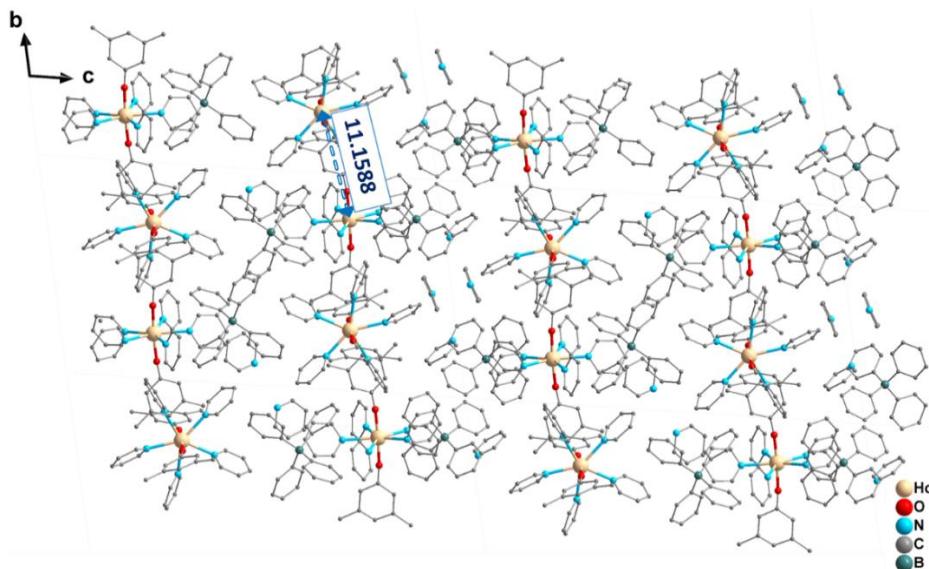


Fig. S8. Packing of **3** in the crystal structure viewed along the α axis. H atoms are omitted for clarity.

Magnetic Characterization

Magnetic susceptibility measurements were carried out with a Quantum Design MPMS-XL7 SQUID and MPMS-SQUIDVSM-094 magnetometer. Alternative current susceptibility measurement with frequencies ranging from 1 Hz to 1217 Hz was performed on Quantum Design MPMS-XL7 SQUID magnetometer and ranging from 100 Hz to 10000 Hz was performed on Quantum Design PPMS-14LH on polycrystalline sample. Freshly prepared crystalline samples were embedded in eicosane to avoid any field induced crystal reorientation. Diamagnetic corrections have been applied for the eicosane and for the molecule, the latter being calculated from the Pascal constants.

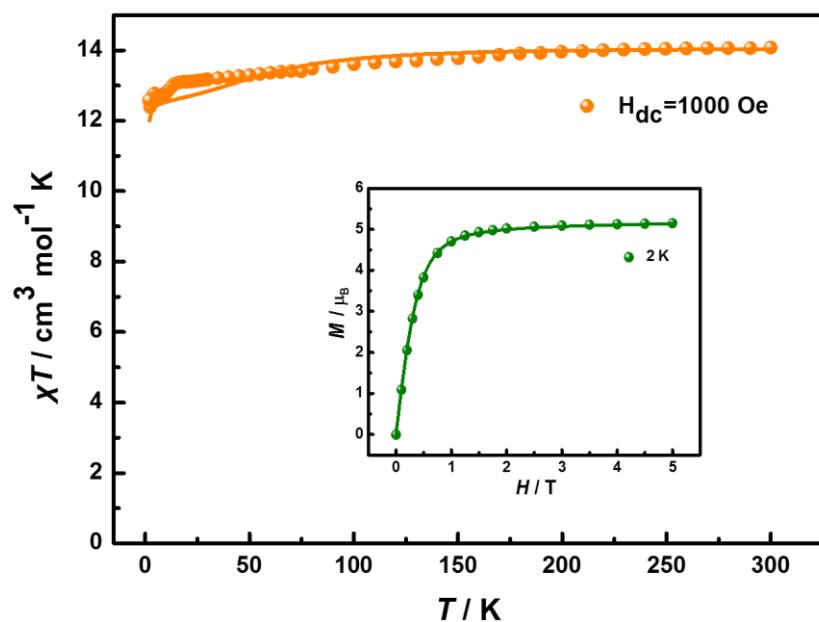
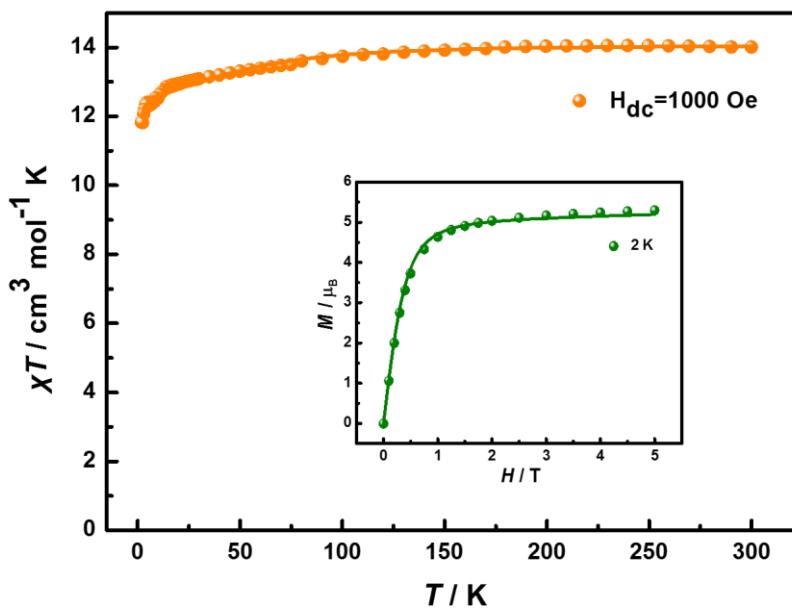
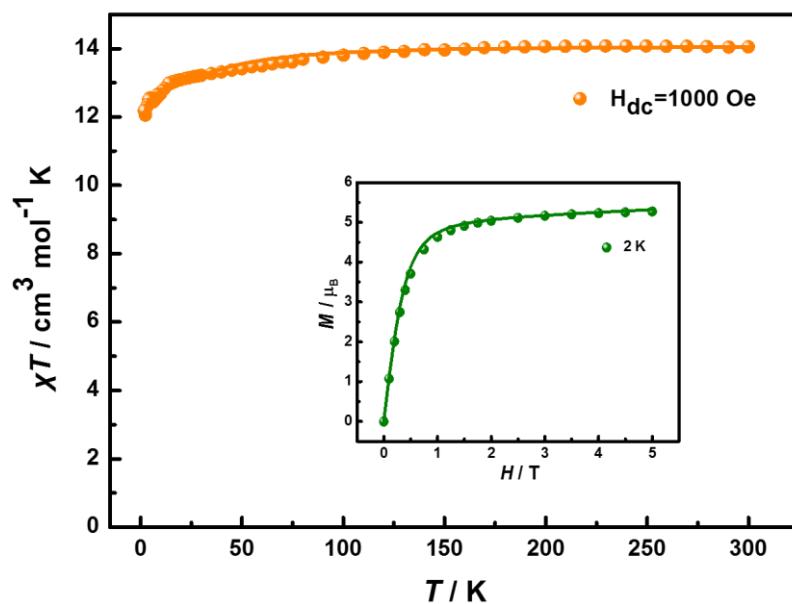


Fig. S9. Temperature dependence of the molar magnetic susceptibility χT products for **1** under a 0.1 T DC field. Inset: magnetization(M) versus H / T for **1**.



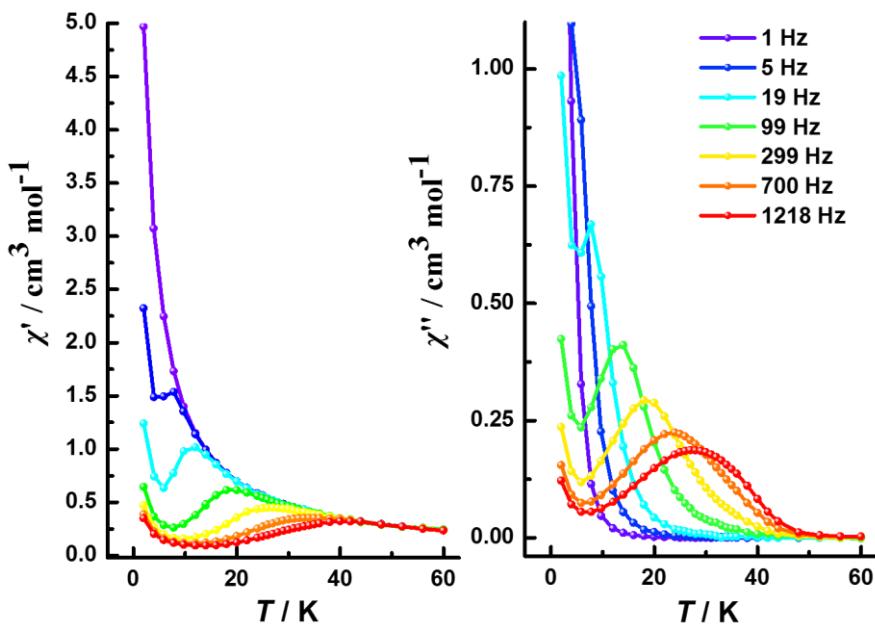


Fig. S12. Temperature dependence of the in-phase (left) and out-of-phase (right) for **1** in a zero DC field with an AC frequency of 1–1218 Hz.

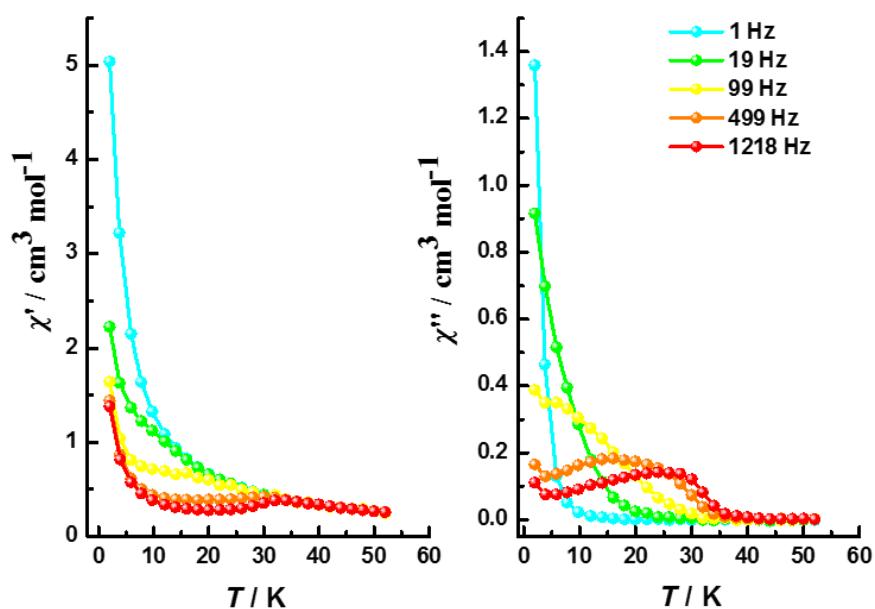


Fig. S13. Temperature dependence of the in-phase (left) and out-of-phase (right) for **2** in a zero DC field with the AC frequency of 1–1218 Hz.

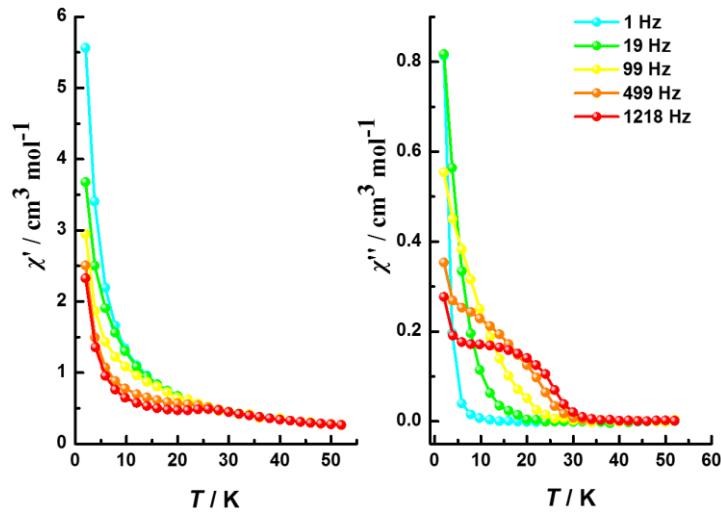


Fig. S14. Temperature dependence of the in-phase (left) and out-of-phase (right) for **3** in a zero DC field with the AC frequency of 1–1218 Hz.

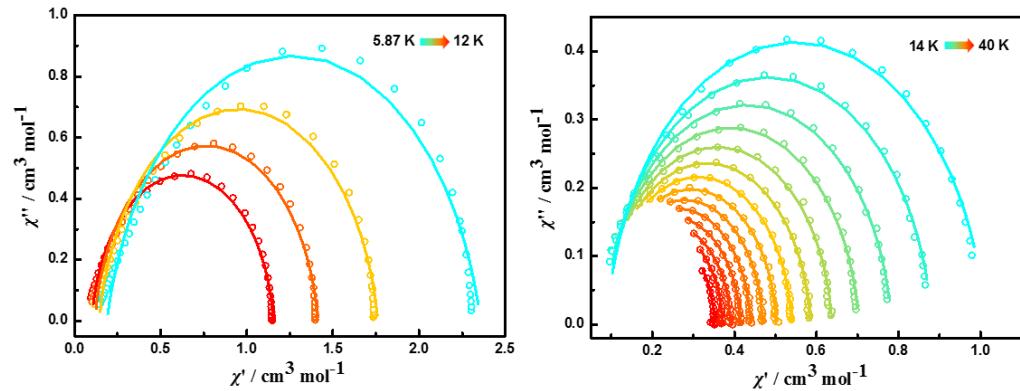


Fig. S15. Cole-Cole plot for the AC susceptibilities in a zero DC field for **1** from 5.87–40 K.

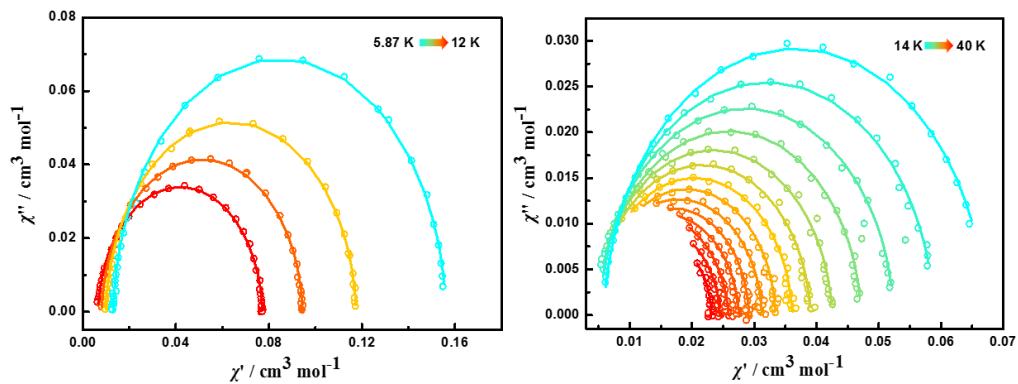


Fig. S16. Cole-Cole plot for the AC susceptibilities in a zero DC field for **1@1Y** from 5.87–40 K.

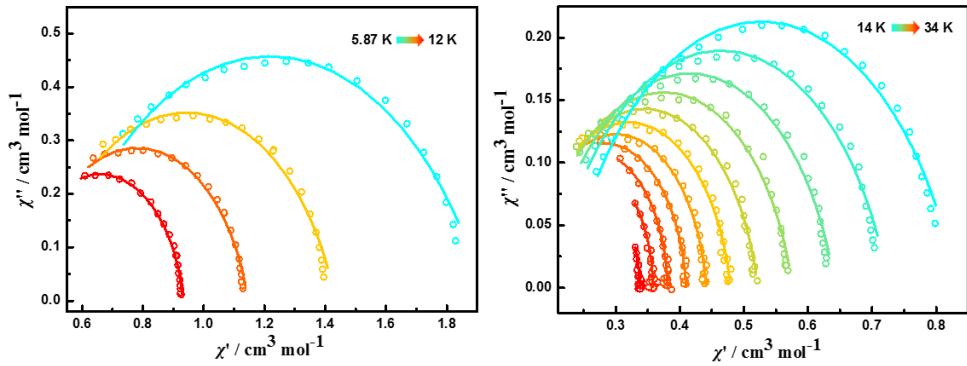


Fig. S17. Cole-Cole plot for the AC susceptibilities in a zero DC field for **2** from 5.87–34 K.

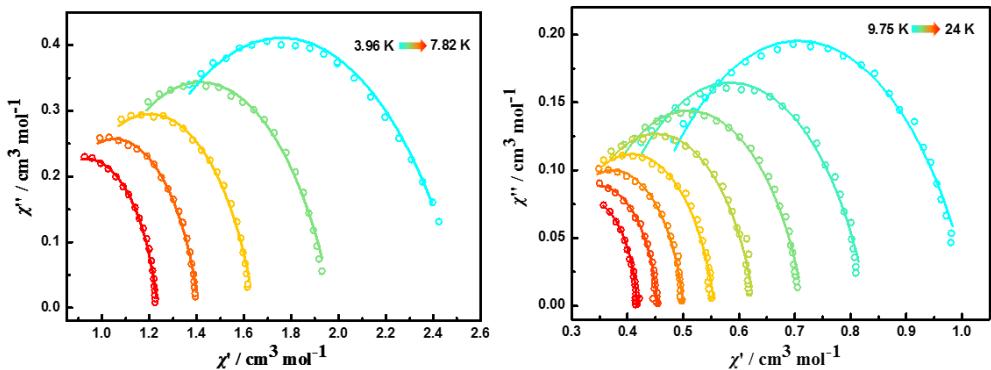


Fig. S18. Cole-Cole plot for the AC susceptibilities in a zero DC field for **3** from 3.96–24 K.

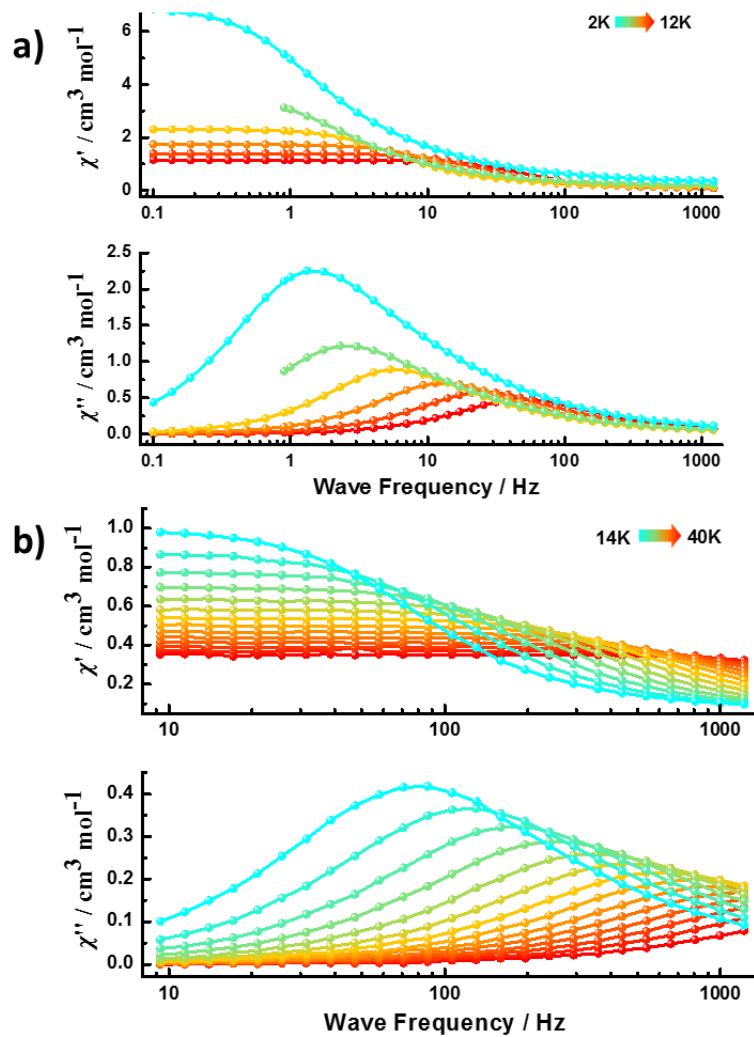


Fig. S19. a) Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at frequencies ranging from 0.1–1217 Hz and at 2–12 K for **1**. b) Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at frequencies ranging from 9–1217 Hz and at 14–40 K for **1**.

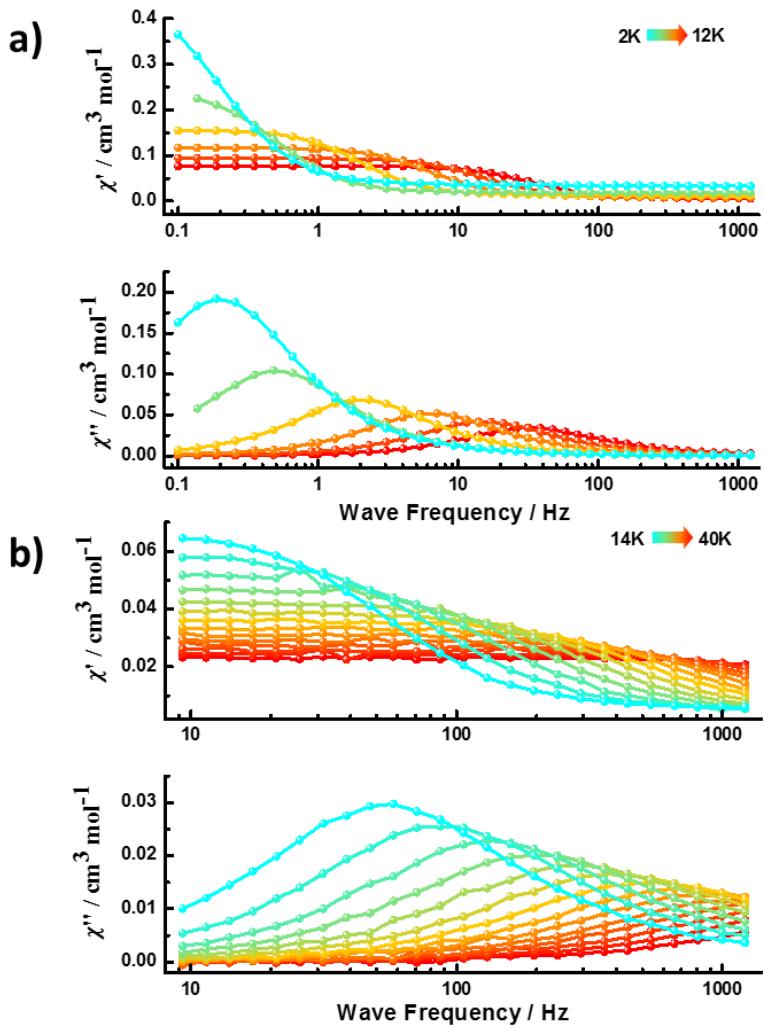


Fig. S20. a) Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at frequencies ranging from 0.1–1217 Hz and at 2–12 K for **1@1Y**. b) Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at frequencies ranging from 9–1217 Hz and at 14–40 K for **1@1Y**.

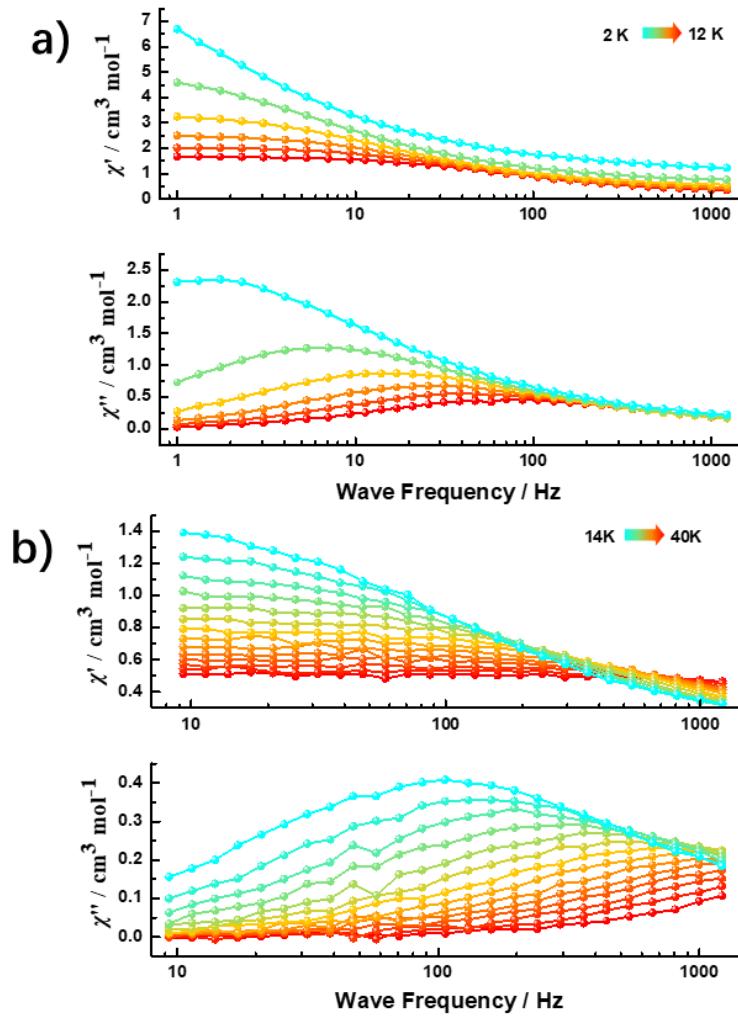


Fig. S21. a) Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at frequencies ranging from 1–1217 Hz and at 2–12 K for **1-solution**. b) Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at frequencies ranging from 9–1217 Hz and at 14–40 K for **1-solution**.

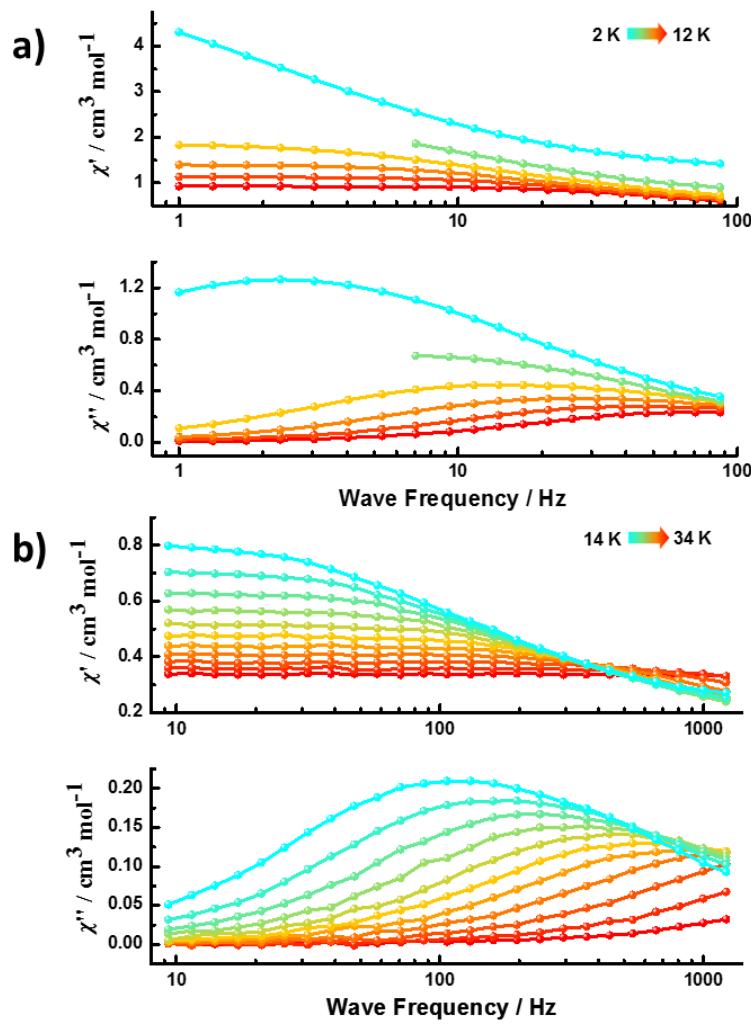


Fig. S22. a) Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at frequencies ranging from 1–87 Hz and at 2–12 K for **2**. b) Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at frequencies ranging from 9–1217 Hz and at 14–34 K for **2**.

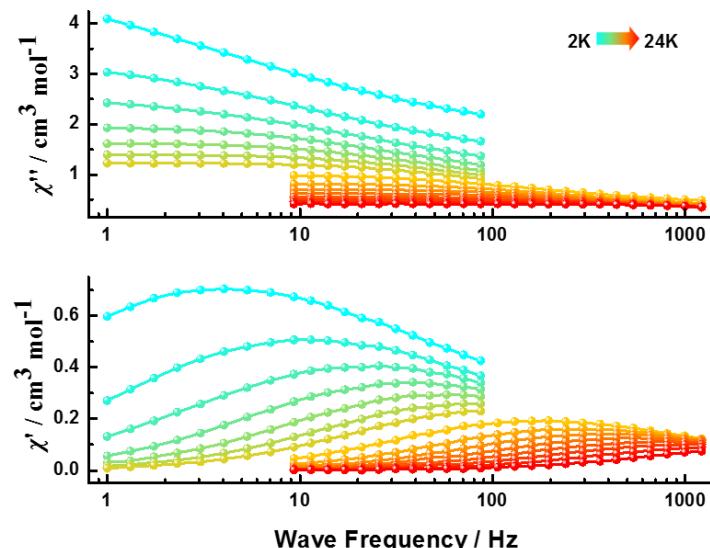


Fig. S23. Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at 2–24 K for **3**.

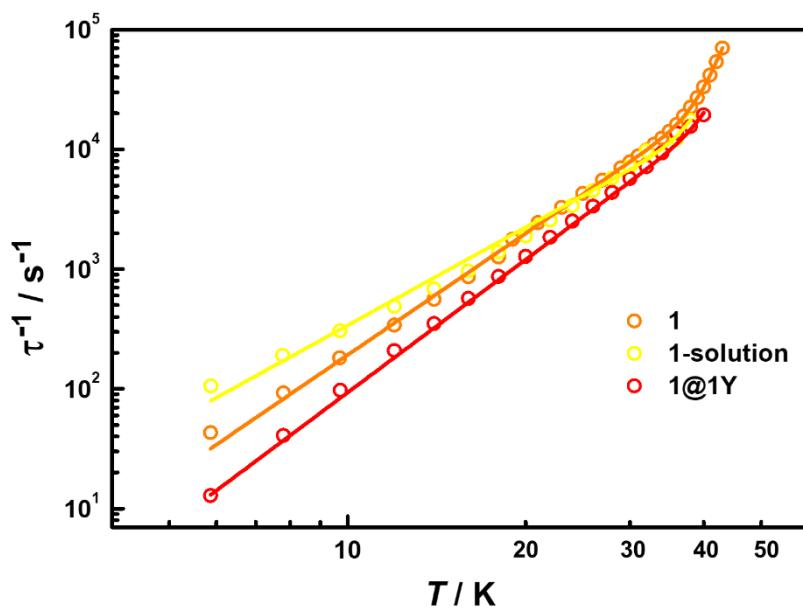


Fig. S24. Arrhenius plot of magnetic relaxation times of **1**, **1@1Y** and **1-Solution**.

The ac fitting parameters for **1@1Y** and **1-Solution**.

| | τ_0 /s | U_{eff} /K | $C/K^{-n} S^{-1}$ | n |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------|
| 1@1Y | 4×10^{-12} (fixed) | 711(5) | 0.019(1) | 3.69(3) |
| 1-Solution | 1×10^{-11} (fixed) | 640(fixed) | 0.6(2) | 2.7(1) |

* Equation $\tau^{-1} = \tau_0^{-1} e^{-U_{eff}/k_B T} + CT^n$ was used for **1@1Y** and **1-Solution**.

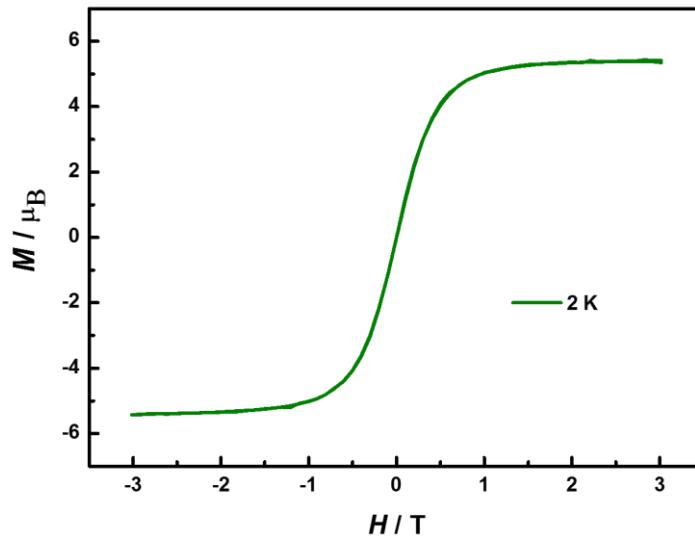


Fig. S25. Magnetic hysteresis measurement of **1** at 2 K at a sweep rate of 14 Oe/s.

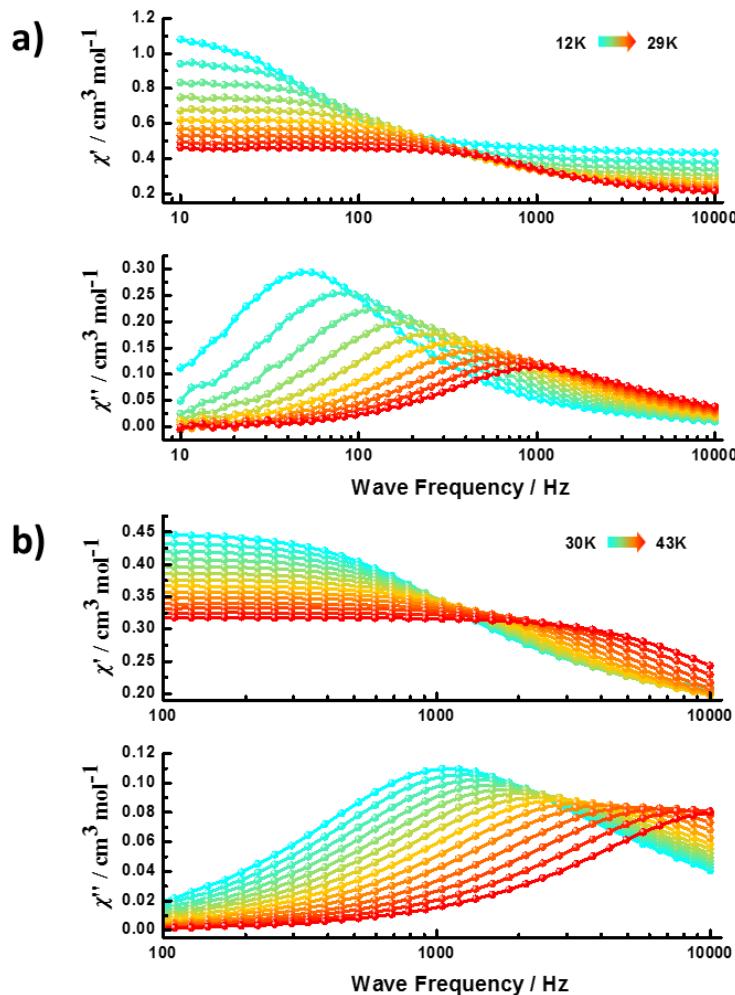


Fig. S26. a) Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at frequencies ranging from 100–10000 Hz and at 12–29 K for **1**. b) Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at frequencies ranging from 100–10000 Hz and at 30–43 K for **1**.

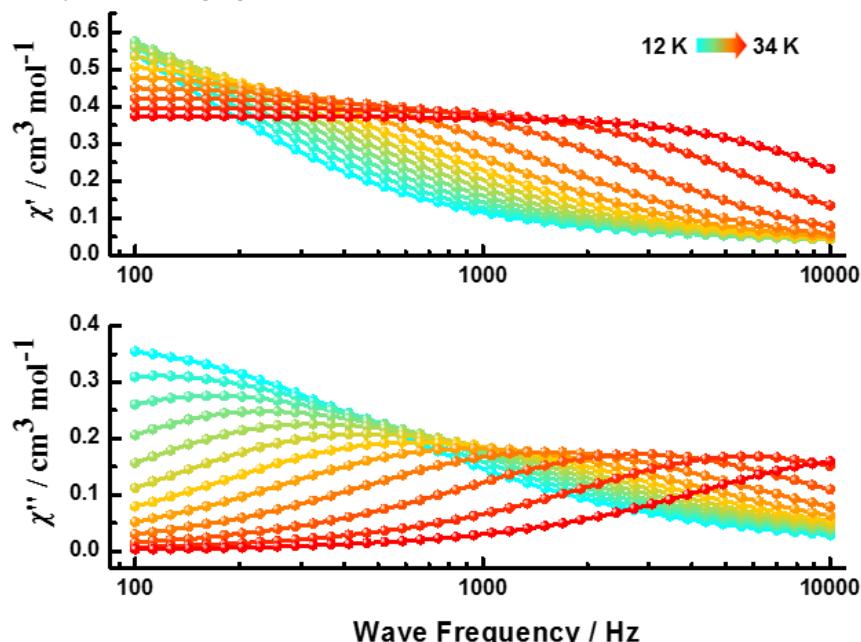


Fig. S27. Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at frequencies ranging from 100–10000 Hz and at 12–34 K for **2**.

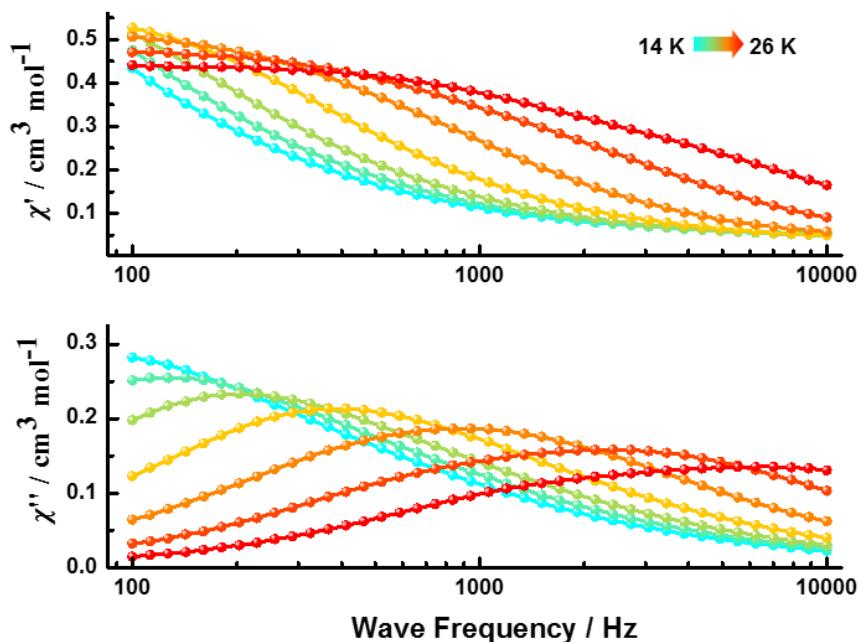


Fig. S28. Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') magnetic susceptibility in a zero DC field at 14–26 K for **3**.

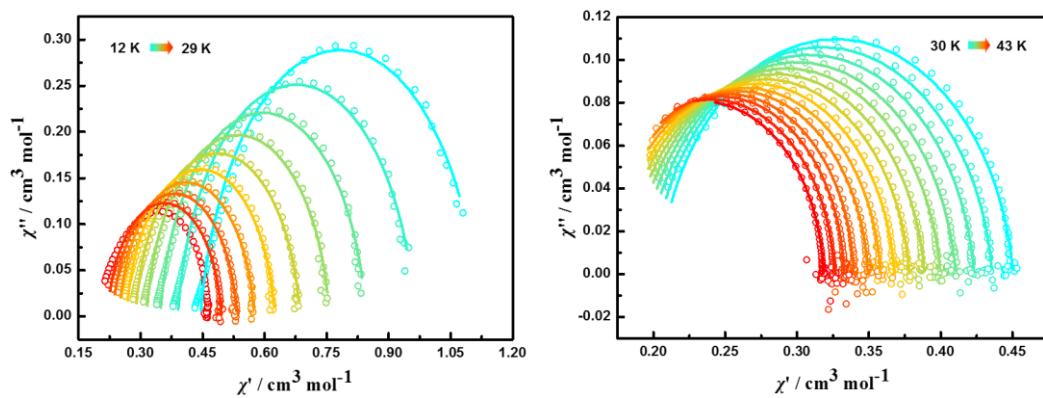


Fig. S29. Cole-Cole plot for the AC susceptibilities in a zero DC field for **1** at frequencies ranging from 100–10000 Hz and 12–43 K.

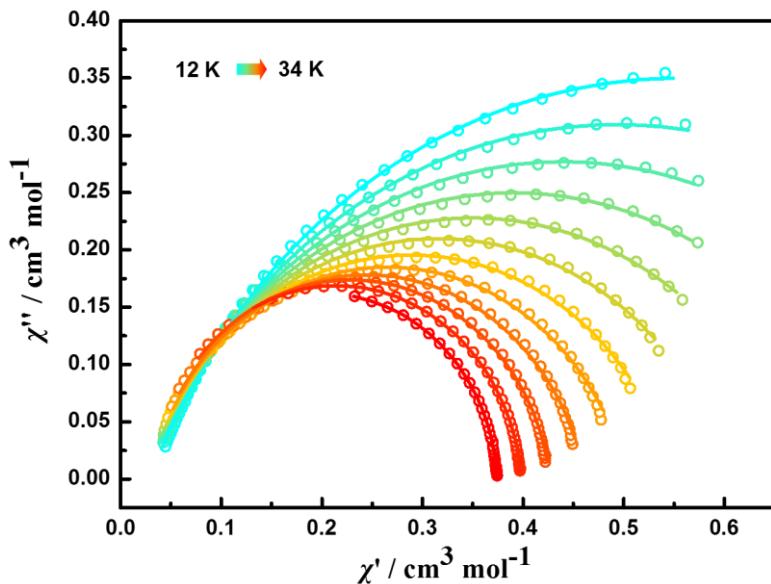


Fig. S30. Cole-Cole plot for the AC susceptibilities in a zero DC field for **2** at frequencies ranging from 100–10000 Hz and 12–34 K.

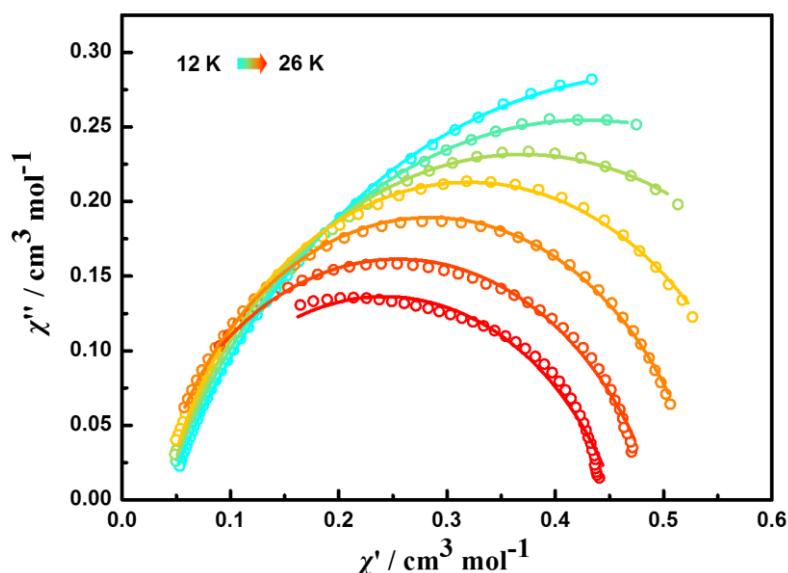


Fig. S31. Cole-Cole plot for the AC susceptibilities in a zero DC field for **3** at frequencies ranging from 100–10000 Hz and 12–26 K.

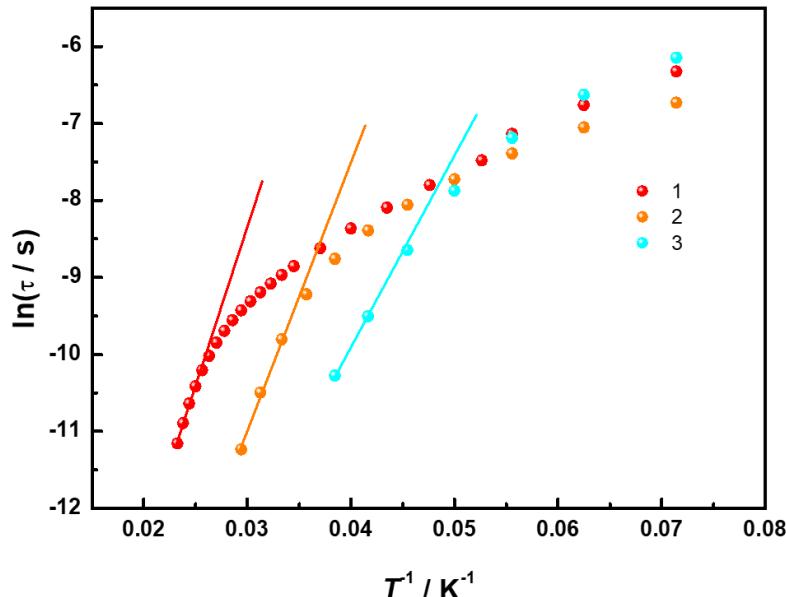


Fig. S32. Arrhenius plot of magnetic relaxation times of **1** (red), **2** (orange) and **3** (cyan). The solid lines represent data fitting with Arrhenius law ($\tau^{-1} = \tau'_0 e^{-U'_{eff}/kT}$).

Table S5. The fitting parameters solely using Arrhenius law in high temperatures for **1–3**.

| | τ'_0 / s | U'_{eff} / K^* | R^2 |
|----------|--------------------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 | $1.42(3) \times 10^{-9}$ | 427(7) | 0.9973 |
| 2 | $3.21(4) \times 10^{-9}$ | 363(2) | 0.9937 |
| 3 | $2.22(7) \times 10^{-8}$ | 232(2) | 0.9993 |

* The U'_{eff} shown here by solely fitting of the relaxation times in high temperatures **cannot** be truly equal to the effective energy barrier (U_{eff}), because in all three cases those points we observed are dominated by both Raman and Orbach processes, not solely by Orbach process. Thus, we would rather consider the U_{eff} fitted with Raman + Orbach (in the main text) as the energy barrier for magnetization reversal.

Here, we take **1** for example to discuss the gap between this $U'_{eff} = 427(7)$ with $U_{eff} = 715(6)$ K in the main text:

We refer to the below fitting method as **Method 2**, and the simultaneous fitting with Raman + Orbach (in the main text) as **Method 1**.

Method 2:

Firstly, we plot the τ^{-1} vs. T curve in log–log scale as shown in Fig. S33. The dots between 12 and 36 K show a good linearity which can be fitted by Raman process, giving $C = 0.043(3) \text{ s}^{-1}\text{K}^{-n}$, $n = 3.56(2)$. We can observe an obvious deviation from Raman process at higher temperatures.

Secondly, we extrapolate the contribution of τ^{-1}_{Raman} from the parameters obtained above in the temperature range of 37–43 K. Subtracting τ^{-1}_{Raman} from the total τ^{-1} , we can get $(\tau^{-1}_{\text{origin}} - \tau^{-1}_{\text{Raman}})$ in this temperature range.

Thirdly, we plot the $(\tau^{-1}_{\text{origin}} - \tau^{-1}_{\text{Raman}})$ vs. T curve (Fig. S34), and get a linear relationship from 37 to 43 K. The best fit by Arrhenius equation, $\tau^{-1} = \tau'_0 e^{-U_{eff}/k_B T}$, gives $\tau_0 = 7.8(8) \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}$ and $U_{eff} = 741(5) \text{ K}$.

At last, we extrapolate all the τ^{-1}_{Raman} and $\tau^{-1}_{\text{Orbach}}$ in the temperature range of 12–43 K from the parameters obtained above, and list the τ^{-1}_{total} , and $(\tau^{-1}_{\text{origin}} - \tau^{-1}_{\text{Raman}})$ together in Table S6.

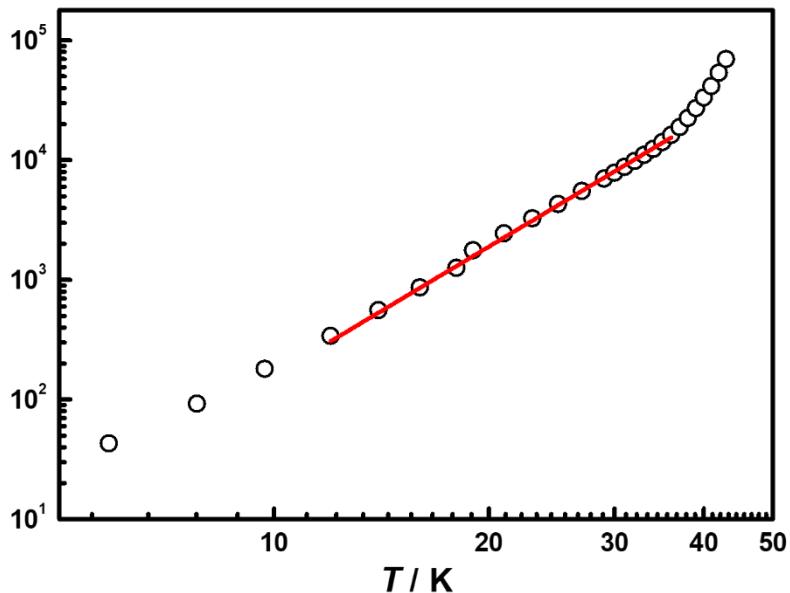


Fig. S33. Temperature dependence of the relaxation times for **1**. Red line is the fit to the equation $\tau^{-1} = CT^n$, where $C = 0.043(3) \text{ S}^{-1}\text{K}^{-n}$, $n = 3.56(2)$.

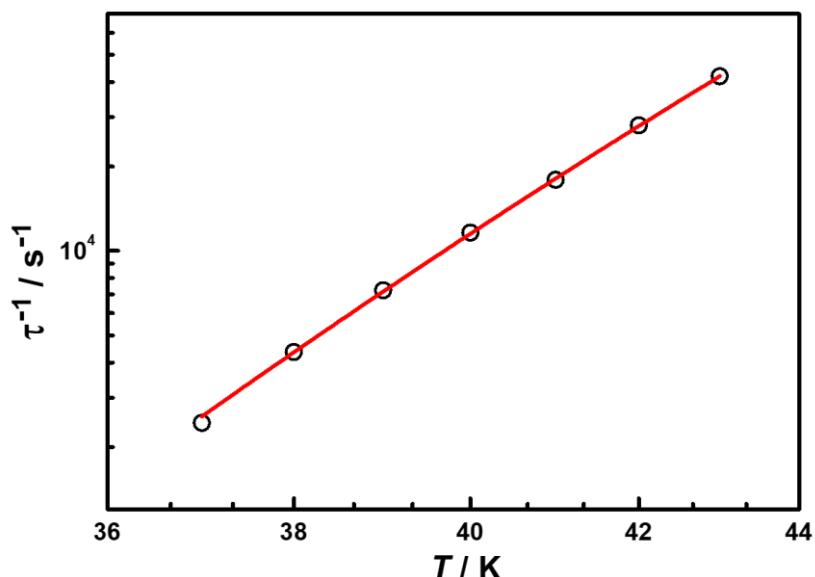


Fig. S34. Temperature dependence of the relaxation times (the contribution of Raman process is removed, see above) for **1** between 37 and 43 K. Red line is the fit to the equation $\tau^{-1} = \tau_0^{-1} e^{-U_{eff}/k_B T}$, giving $\tau_0 = 7.8(8) \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}$, $U_{eff} = 741(5) \text{ K}$.

Table S6. Relaxation times corresponding to different relaxation processes of compound **1** by **Method 2**.

| T / K | $\tau^{-1}_{\text{origin}} / \text{s}^{-1}$ (experimental value) | $\tau^{-1}_{\text{Raman}}^{\#} / \text{s}^{-1}$ (fitted value) | $(\tau^{-1}_{\text{origin}} - \tau^{-1}_{\text{Raman}}) / \text{s}^{-1}$ | $\tau^{-1}_{\text{Orbach}}^{\#} / \text{s}^{-1}$ (fitted value) |
|-------|---|---|--|--|
| 5.86 | 43.14299 | 23.29078 | 19.85222 | 1.5569E-43 |
| 7.78 | 92.65658 | 63.87866 | 28.77792 | 5.55884E-30 |
| 9.7 | 180.78166 | 140.0799 | 40.70176 | 8.56061E-22 |
| 12 | 339.95389 | 298.78149 | 41.1724 | 1.95586E-15 |
| 14 | 558.91086 | 517.23066 | 41.6802 | 1.32567E-11 |
| 16 | 863.53117 | 832.0235 | 31.50767 | 9.9028E-9 |
| 18 | 1257.96423 | 1265.4313 | -7.46708 | 1.70046E-6 |
| 19 | 1772.38256 | 1534.02089 | 238.36167 | 1.48435E-5 |
| 21 | 2443.48359 | 2190.63057 | 252.85301 | 6.09018E-4 |
| 23 | 3274.23653 | 3028.44403 | 245.7925 | 0.0131 |
| 25 | 4293.12421 | 4075.06825 | 218.05596 | 0.1724 |
| 27 | 5537.28728 | 5359.48989 | 177.79739 | 1.549 |
| 29 | 7000.80205 | 6912.02544 | 88.77661 | 10.28131 |
| 30 | 7836.67566 | 7798.66244 | 38.01322 | 24.09615 |
| 31 | 8791.58242 | 8764.27681 | 27.30562 | 53.45426 |
| 32 | 9833.69468 | 9813.0131 | 20.68158 | 112.82096 |
| 33 | 11071.61605 | 10949.09141 | 122.52464 | 227.58111 |
| 34 | 12415.48794 | 12176.80637 | 238.68157 | 440.51061 |
| 35 | 14110.57789 | 13500.52612 | 610.05177 | 821.08251 |
| 36 | 16203.29669 | 14924.69134 | 1278.60535 | 1478.40464 |
| 37 | 18887.01636 | 16453.81437 | 2433.20199 | 2578.65995 |
| 38 | 22451.66376 | 18092.47826 | 4359.1855 | 4367.96354 |
| 39 | 27080.52192 | 19845.33601 | 7235.1859 | 7201.5544 |
| 40 | 33328.89442 | 21717.10968 | 11611.78474 | 11580.20172 |
| 41 | 41618.08136 | 23712.58963 | 17905.49173 | 18194.62389 |
| 42 | 53887.2942 | 25836.63378 | 28050.66042 | 27978.59487 |
| 43 | 70042.67653 | 28094.16686 | 41948.50968 | 42171.25181 |

τ^{-1}_{Raman} was extrapolated from the parameters obtained by fitting the data in Fig. S33.

$\tau^{-1}_{\text{Orbach}}$ was extrapolated from the parameters obtained by fitting the data in Fig. S34.

In comparison, we also list the τ^{-1}_{Raman} , $(\tau^{-1}_{\text{origin}} - \tau^{-1}_{\text{Raman}})$, and $\tau^{-1}_{\text{Orbach}}$ extrapolated from the parameters in the main text (**Method 1**) in Table S7. When we look at Table S6 and Table S7 closely, no matter which method we take, the τ^{-1}_{Raman} is absolutely dominated in $\tau^{-1}_{\text{origin}}$ in the power-law dependence region (12–36 K), and the contribution of $\tau^{-1}_{\text{Orbach}}$ is significant lower than that of τ^{-1}_{Raman} (almost less than 1/10). That is why we can obtain reliable Raman parameters and extrapolate them to the Orbach region. However, it can be seen that the contributions of $\tau^{-1}_{\text{Orbach}}$ and τ^{-1}_{Raman} are almost at the same level, and τ^{-1}_{Raman} cannot be neglected at all in the Orbach region (37–43 K). If we substrate this important Raman contribution from $\tau^{-1}_{\text{origin}}$, and then fit these data with only Arrhenius law, similar energy barrier can be achieved around 740 K. The fitting results by both Methods listed in Table S8 are very similar. The small difference between the parameters comes from the neglect of the low-temperature Orbach process. In general, fitting with **Method 1** is more in line with the real situation.

Table S7. Relaxation times corresponding to different relaxation processes of compound **1** by **Method 1**.

| T / K | $\tau^{-1}_{\text{origin}} / \text{s}^{-1}$ (experimental value) | $\tau^{-1}_{\text{total}}^* / \text{s}^{-1}$ (fitted value) | $\tau^{-1}_{\text{Raman}}^* / \text{s}^{-1}$ (fitted value) | $(\tau^{-1}_{\text{origin}} - \tau^{-1}_{\text{Raman}}) / \text{s}^{-1}$ | $\tau^{-1}_{\text{Orbach}}^* / \text{s}^{-1}$ (fitted value) |
|-------|---|--|--|--|---|
| 5.86 | 43.14299 | 40.73184 | 30.73184 | 12.41115 | 6.6388E-42 |
| 7.78 | 92.65658 | 90.09504 | 80.09504 | 12.56154 | 8.27117E-29 |
| 9.7 | 180.78166 | 178.80413 | 168.80413 | 11.97753 | 6.74304E-21 |
| 12 | 339.95389 | 356.51913 | 346.51913 | -6.56524 | 9.40054E-15 |
| 14 | 558.91086 | 593.455 | 583.455 | -24.54413 | 4.73147E-11 |
| 16 | 863.53117 | 926.26299 | 916.26299 | -52.73181 | 2.82734E-8 |
| 18 | 1257.96423 | 1374.3182 | 1364.31819 | -106.35397 | 4.0812E-6 |
| 19 | 1772.38256 | 1647.87888 | 1637.87885 | 134.50371 | 3.3114E-5 |
| 21 | 2443.48359 | 2307.18539 | 2297.18419 | 146.2994 | 0.0012 |
| 23 | 3274.23653 | 3134.19346 | 3124.17022 | 150.06631 | 0.02324 |
| 25 | 4293.12421 | 4151.53411 | 4141.25365 | 151.87055 | 0.28045 |
| 27 | 5537.28728 | 5383.94567 | 5371.60569 | 165.68159 | 2.33997 |
| 29 | 7000.80205 | 6863.68443 | 6839.11388 | 161.68817 | 14.57054 |
| 30 | 7836.67566 | 7712.63537 | 7669.45394 | 167.22172 | 33.18143 |
| 31 | 8791.58242 | 8650.00505 | 8568.34861 | 223.23381 | 71.65643 |
| 32 | 9833.69468 | 9696.4458 | 9538.97102 | 294.72366 | 147.47478 |
| 33 | 11071.61605 | 10885.05781 | 10584.53344 | 487.08261 | 290.52437 |
| 34 | 12415.48794 | 12268.23998 | 11708.28653 | 707.20141 | 549.95344 |
| 35 | 14110.57789 | 13927.28469 | 12913.51861 | 1197.05928 | 1003.76609 |
| 36 | 16203.29669 | 15985.38506 | 14203.55493 | 1999.74176 | 1771.83013 |
| 37 | 18887.01636 | 18624.75192 | 15581.7571 | 3305.25926 | 3032.99482 |
| 38 | 22451.66376 | 22108.53551 | 17051.52238 | 5400.14138 | 5047.01313 |
| 39 | 27080.52192 | 26808.20858 | 18616.28309 | 8464.23883 | 8181.9255 |
| 40 | 33328.89442 | 33236.99512 | 20279.50608 | 13049.38833 | 12947.48904 |
| 41 | 41618.08136 | 42089.82226 | 22044.69215 | 19573.38921 | 20035.13011 |
| 42 | 53887.2942 | 54290.13852 | 23915.3755 | 29971.9187 | 30364.76302 |
| 43 | 70042.67653 | 71043.78309 | 25895.12326 | 44147.55327 | 45138.65983 |

* τ^{-1}_{total} was obtained by fitting the data with Raman + Orbach processes (**Method 1**).

* τ^{-1}_{Raman} was extrapolated from the parameters of Raman term in **Method 1**.

* $\tau^{-1}_{\text{Orbach}}$ was extrapolated from the parameters of Orbach term in **Method 1**.

Table S8. The magnetic parameters of compound **1** fitted by **Method 1** and **Method 2**.

| Methods | τ_0/s | U_{eff}/K | $C/\text{K}^{-n} \text{S}^{-1}$ | n |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Method 2: Single Raman (Fig. S33) | - | - | 0.043(3) | 3.56(2) |
| Method 2: Single Orbach (Fig. S34) | $7.8(8) \times 10^{-13}$ | 741(5) | - | - |
| Method 1: Total (Fig. 2) | $1.3(2) \times 10^{-12}$ | 715(6) | 0.080(9) | 3.38(3) |

Electronic Structure Calculations.

Ab initio calculations at SA-CASSCF/RASSI level were performed on program MOLCAS 8.0¹ and the structure was originally taken from the X-Ray structure of **1** - **3**. The basis sets were chosen from the ANO-RCC library² as have been used in many works^{3, 4}. The Ho atom was treated with VTZP quality, then the related N and O atoms with VDZP quality and others (Si, C and H atoms) with VDZ quality. The active space of the CASSCF method included 10 electrons in 7 4f orbitals of Ho(III) ion. The state-averaged CASSCF orbitals of the quintets, triplets and singlets were optimized with 35, 210 and 196 states, respectively, with the RASSCF module. 35, 117 and 75 quintets, triplets and singlets were chosen to construct and diagonalise in spin-orbit (SO) coupling Hamiltonian with the RASSI module. These computed SO states were written into the SINGLE_ANISO program⁵ to compute the *g*-tensors, crystal field parameters, magnetic energy levels as well as local magnetic susceptibility and magnetization for the doublets of the ground *J* = 8 multiplet of the ⁵I term for Ho(III). The two electron integrals were Cholesky decomposed with a threshold of 1×10^{-8} to account for the accuracy.

Table S9. SA-CASSCF/RASSI calculated electronic states for **1**.

| Levels | Energy (cm ⁻¹) | <i>g_z</i> | <i>g_z</i> Angle (°) | Δ_{tun} (cm ⁻¹) | Wavefunction ^a |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 0 | | | | 50.0% +8> + 50.0% -8> |
| 2 | 5×10^{-4} | 19.87 | -- | 0.0005 | 50.0% -8> + 50.0% +8> |
| 3 | 348.62 | | | | 49.4% +7> + 49.4% -7> |
| 4 | 348.65 | 17.25 | 0.5 | 0.03 | 49.4% -7> + 49.4% +7> |
| 5 | 477.23 | | | | 39.0% +6> + 39.0% -6> |
| 6 | 477.89 | 12.57 | 13.5 | 0.66 | 40.6% -6> + 40.6% +6> |
| 7 | 487.34 | | | | 20.0% +3> + 26.2% 0> + 20.0% -3> |
| 8 | 492.77 | 12.58 | 71.3 | 5.43 | 25.1% +4> + 11.0% +1> + 11.0% -1> + 25.1% -4> |
| 9 | 495.86 | | | | 13.2% +3> + 23.0% +2> + 23.0% -2> + 13.2% -3> |
| 10 | 498.62 | 10.99 | 50.2 | 2.76 | 15.9% +5> + 17.0% +2> + 17.0% -2> + 15.9% -5> |
| 11 | 505.68 | | | | 15.6% +5> + 16.1% +4> + 10% +1> + 10% 0> + 10% -1> + 16.1% -4> + 15.6% -5> |
| 12 | 509.10 | | | | 25.2% -3> + 25.2% +3> |
| 13 | 516.16 | | | | 13.7% +5> + 16.4% +4> + 16.4% -4> + 13.7% -5> |
| 14 | 523.64 | 8.98 | 80.3 | 7.48 | 12.1% +3> + 13.0% +2> + 17.7% +1> + 17.7% -1> + 13.0% -2> + 12.1% -3> |
| 15 | 527.39 | | | | 16.1% +5> + 23.2% +2> + 23.2% -2> + 16.1% -5> |
| 16 | 535.31 | 6.30 | 71.9 | 7.92 | 14.0% +4> + 16.2% +1> + 20.5% 0> + 16.2% -1> + 14.0% -4> |
| 17 | 536.69 | -- | -- | -- | 11.3% +1> + 30.5% 0> + 11.3% -1> |

^a Only components with > 10% contribution are given, rounded to the nearest percent.

Table S10 *Ab initio* calculated crystal field parameters for **1**.

| Crystal Field Parameter | Value / cm ⁻¹ |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| B_2^{-2} | -0.12607134332469E-01 |
| B_2^{-1} | -0.15613994394705E+00 |
| B_2^0 | -0.21308117562185E+01 |
| B_2^1 | 0.26967147170861E-01 |
| B_2^2 | 0.19501726645468E-01 |
| B_4^{-4} | -0.12544061609360E-03 |
| B_4^{-3} | -0.77133988917601E-03 |
| B_4^{-2} | 0.45344395041267E-03 |
| B_4^{-1} | -0.40833095833459E-02 |
| B_4^0 | -0.65478290243827E-02 |
| B_4^1 | 0.15008485541886E-02 |
| B_4^2 | 0.15463519344286E-03 |
| B_4^3 | -0.58251227457992E-02 |
| B_4^4 | 0.28648743604824E-03 |
| B_6^{-6} | -0.18779200035480E-04 |
| B_6^{-5} | 0.22968837446684E-03 |
| B_6^{-4} | 0.11064184808425E-04 |
| B_6^{-3} | 0.14805646048709E-04 |
| B_6^{-2} | -0.57112979752424E-06 |
| B_6^{-1} | -0.66186303307803E-06 |
| B_6^0 | -0.20319974949878E-04 |
| B_6^1 | -0.23636552508808E-05 |
| B_6^2 | -0.41962986837867E-05 |
| B_6^3 | 0.11293087536292E-03 |
| B_6^4 | -0.23390694355601E-04 |
| B_6^5 | 0.13131497926902E-04 |
| B_6^6 | 0.16186681457306E-04 |

Table S11. SA-CASSCF/RASSI calculated electronic states for **2**.

| Levels | Energy (cm ⁻¹) | g_z | g_z Angle (°) | Δ_{tun} (cm ⁻¹) | Wavefunction ^a |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 0 | 19.87 | -- | 0.002 | 48.9% +8> + 48.9% -8> |
| 2 | 0.002 | | | | 48.9% -8> + 48.9% +8> |
| 3 | 247.55 | 17.40 | 7.6 | 0.03 | 42.8% +7> + 42.8% -7> |
| 4 | 247.58 | | | | 42.8% -7> + 42.8% +7> |
| 5 | 387.25 | | | | 22.4% +6> + 10% +5> + 10% +1> + |
| | | | | | 10% -1> + 10% -5> + 22.4% -6> |
| 6 | 393.09 | 12.86 | 18 | 5.84 | 29.3% +6> + 12% +5> + 12% -5> + |
| | | | | | 29.3% -6> |
| 7 | 402.52 | 12.89 | 78 | 8.93 | 16% +2> + 15% +1> + 15% -1> + |
| | | | | | 16% -2> |
| 8 | 411.45 | | | | 28% -2> + 28% +2> |
| 9 | 418.46 | | | | 13% +1> + 42% 0> + 13% -1> |
| 10 | 437.04 | 10.02 | 82 | 18.58 | 10% +3> + 27% +1> + 27% -1> + |
| | | | | | 10% -3> |
| 11 | 446.75 | | | | 26% +3> + 25% 0> + 26% -3> |
| 12 | 466.69 | 12.38 | 87 | 19.94 | 24% +4> + 14% +2> + 14% -2> + |
| | | | | | 24% -4> |
| 13 | 473.00 | | | | 12% +6> + 24% +5> + 10% +4> + |
| | | | | | 10% -4> + 24% -5> + 12% -6> |
| 14 | 474.38 | 10.81 | 7.2 | 1.38 | 16% +5> + 19% +4> + 19% -4> + |
| | | | | | 16% -5> |
| 15 | 489.49 | | | | 14% +5> + 19% +4> + 10% +1> + |
| | | | | | 10% -1> + 19% -4> + 14% -5> |
| 16 | 499.73 | 8.55 | 84 | 10.24 | 27% +3> + 13% +2> + 13% -2> + |
| | | | | | 27% -3> |
| 17 | 501.17 | -- | -- | -- | 14% +3> + 14% +2> + 14% -2> + |
| | | | | | 14% -3> |

^a Only components with > 10% contribution are given, rounded to the nearest percent.

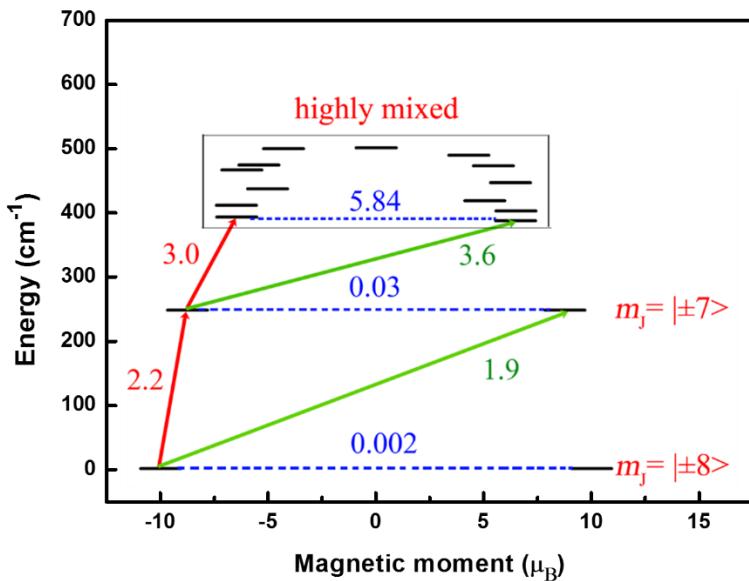


Fig. S35. Energy levels of pseudo doublets for **2** along with their wavefunction compositions. The horizontal blue dashed lines show the tunnelling transitions within each doublets and the numbers are tunnelling gaps (Δ_{tun}) in Tables S8. The non-horizontal solid lines show the spin-phonon transition paths and the numbers stand for averaged transition moments in Tables S17.

Table S12. *Ab initio* calculated crystal field parameters for **2**.

| Crystal Field Parameter | Value / cm ⁻¹ |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| B_2^{-2} | 0.48230944374443E-01 |
| B_2^{-1} | 0.62393272052128E-01 |
| B_2^0 | -0.19608941579894E+01 |
| B_2^1 | 0.11469345205263E+01 |
| B_2^2 | 0.49398193631712E-01 |
| B_4^{-4} | 0.33739344011489E-03 |
| B_4^{-3} | 0.84029116821722E-03 |
| B_4^{-2} | 0.31326890505000E-04 |
| B_4^{-1} | -0.29379167388188E-03 |
| B_4^0 | -0.56907871209074E-02 |
| B_4^1 | 0.14968698896984E-01 |
| B_4^2 | -0.15944429224467E-02 |
| B_4^3 | -0.13060059614768E-02 |
| B_4^4 | 0.15687424181448E-02 |
| B_6^{-6} | 0.20319655156585E-04 |
| B_6^{-5} | 0.56451964759548E-04 |
| B_6^{-4} | -0.90251589317414E-05 |
| B_6^{-3} | 0.83664348387183E-05 |
| B_6^{-2} | -0.47403549582393E-06 |
| B_6^{-1} | 0.14938112613182E-04 |
| B_6^0 | -0.34949042482241E-05 |
| B_6^1 | -0.10575423441150E-03 |
| B_6^2 | 0.63291936589085E-04 |
| B_6^3 | -0.41051978736938E-04 |
| B_6^4 | -0.23170127406505E-04 |
| B_6^5 | 0.69711717431715E-04 |
| B_6^6 | 0.69417131848123E-04 |

Table S13. SA-CASSCF/RASSI calculated electronic states for **3**.

| Levels | Energy (cm ⁻¹) | g_z | g_z Angle (°) | Δ_{tun} (cm ⁻¹) | Wavefunction ^a |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 0 | 19.85 | -- | 0.008 | 49.6% +8> + 49.6% -8> |
| 2 | 0.008 | | | | 49.6% -8> + 49.6% +8> |
| 3 | 209.30 | 17.23 | 0.6 | 0.31 | 48.8% +7> + 48.8% -7> |
| 4 | 209.61 | | | | 48.9% -7> + 48.9% +7> |
| 5 | 291.90 | | | | 64.4% 0> |
| 6 | 300.03 | 16.37 | 89 | 8.13 | 32% +1> + 11% 0> + 32% -1> |
| 7 | 312.93 | 14.24 | 79 | | 43% +1> + 43% -1> |
| 8 | 328.36 | | | 15.43 | 35% +2> + 12% 0> + 35% -2> |
| 9 | 338.40 | | | | 39% +6> + 39% -6> |
| 10 | 345.82 | 11.73 | 1.4 | 7.42 | 42% +6> + 42% -6> |
| 11 | 348.44 | | | | 34% +2> + 34% -2> |
| 12 | 366.91 | 12.20 | 89 | 18.47 | 41% +3> + 41% -3> |
| 13 | 404.56 | 0.86 | 89 | 2.18 | 41% +5> + 41% -5> |
| 14 | 406.74 | | | | 39% +3> + 39% -3> |
| 15 | 408.54 | | | | 40% +5> + 40% -5> |
| 16 | 416.26 | 8.63 | 89 | 7.72 | 39% +4> + 39% -4> |
| 17 | 417.10 | -- | -- | -- | 42% +4> + 42% -4> |

^a Only components with > 10% contribution are given, rounded to the nearest percent.

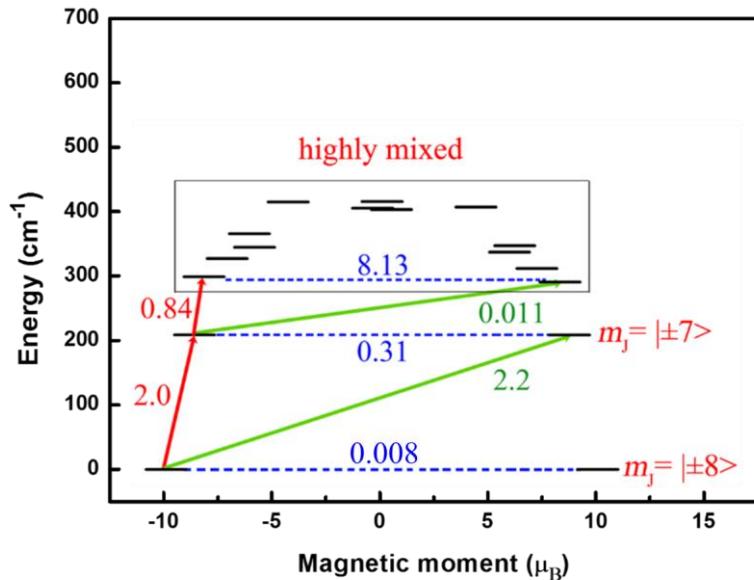


Fig. S36. Energy levels of pseudo doublets for **3** along with their wavefunction compositions. The horizontal blue dashed lines show the tunnelling transitions within each doublets and the numbers are tunnelling gaps (Δ_{tun}) in Tables S10. The non-horizontal solid lines show the spin-phonon transition paths and the numbers stand for averaged transition moments in Tables S18.

Table S14 *Ab initio* calculated crystal field parameters for **3**.

| Crystal Field Parameter | Value / cm ⁻¹ |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| B_2^{-2} | 0.75899946507017E-04 |
| B_2^{-1} | -0.25224772976718E-03 |
| B_2^0 | -0.14705268734652E+01 |
| B_2^1 | 0.22826832259027E+00 |
| B_2^2 | 0.10935891567312E+00 |
| B_4^{-4} | -0.50790800010268E-05 |
| B_4^{-3} | 0.17349602533555E-04 |
| B_4^{-2} | 0.93112074584354E-06 |
| B_4^{-1} | -0.36248602098607E-05 |
| B_4^0 | -0.58654891377962E-02 |
| B_4^1 | 0.47428440948608E-02 |
| B_4^2 | 0.36865010519513E-03 |
| B_4^3 | 0.11054291437894E-01 |
| B_4^4 | -0.24371637912238E-02 |
| B_6^{-6} | -0.28228447588059E-06 |
| B_6^{-5} | -0.46511025922677E-06 |
| B_6^{-4} | 0.10216056301828E-06 |
| B_6^{-3} | -0.31220510094880E-06 |
| B_6^{-2} | -0.15561104752872E-07 |
| B_6^{-1} | 0.52724675327904E-08 |
| B_6^0 | 0.45136029091016E-05 |
| B_6^1 | -0.46705633020734E-05 |
| B_6^2 | -0.28193952107251E-05 |
| B_6^3 | -0.20310157092383E-03 |
| B_6^4 | 0.57204047502745E-04 |
| B_6^5 | -0.17961830010250E-03 |
| B_6^6 | -0.87564534703182E-04 |

Table S15. CASSCF computed Mullikan charges.

| Atom label | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Ho | 2.4649 | 2.4549 | 2.4650 |
| O1 | -1.2678 | -1.0662 | -0.9858 |
| O2 | -1.2675 | -1.0680 | -0.9858 |
| N1 | -0.3665 | -0.3653 | -0.3795 |
| N2 | -0.3731 | -0.3617 | -0.3690 |
| N3 | -0.3641 | -0.3511 | -0.3690 |
| N4 | -0.3717 | -0.3600 | -0.3728 |
| N5 | -0.3716 | -0.3606 | -0.3728 |

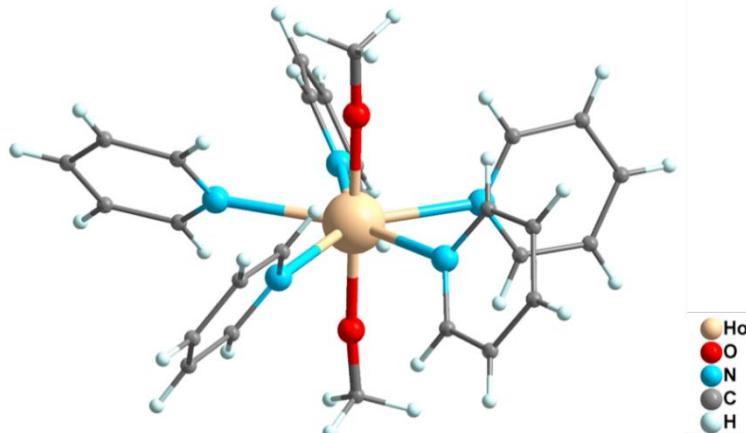


Fig. S37. The model complexes with two OCH_3^- ligands on the axial direction with elongation or contraction of Ho–O bond length. The bond length of Ho–O is sweeping from 1.7 to 2.6 Å by 0.1 Å

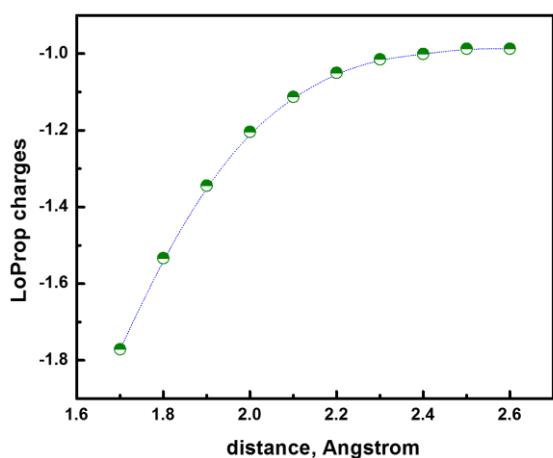


Fig. S38. Correlation with LoProp charges on axial oxygen atoms and Ho–O distance. The green dots represent the result by theoretical calculation based on the model and blue lines are for eye guiding.

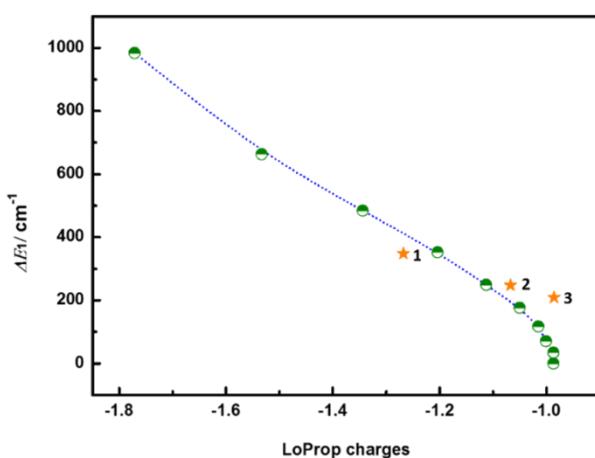


Fig. S39. Correlation with ΔE_1 and LoProp charges on axial oxygen atoms. The green dots represent the result by theoretical calculation based on the model and blue dotted lines are for eye guiding. The orange stars represent the calculation results for complex 1–3.

Table S16. Average transition magnetic moment elements between the states of **1**, given in μ_B^2 .

| | +8> | -8> | +7> | −7> | +6> | −6> | +a> | −a> | +b> | −b> | +c> | −c> | +d> | −d> | +e> | −e> | 0> |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| +8> | -- | 3.3E+01 | 2.1E+00 | 2.1E+00 | 1.6E-03 | 2.2E-03 | 2.3E-04 | 1.3E-03 | 2.7E-03 | 6.5E-03 | 5.0E-04 | 7.0E-04 | 1.1E-03 | 9.2E-04 | 1.3E-03 | 1.4E-04 | 4.7E-05 |
| −8> | 3.3E+01 | -- | 2.1E+00 | 2.1E+00 | 1.5E-03 | 1.5E-03 | 8.3E-04 | 2.1E-03 | 7.3E-03 | 2.8E-03 | 1.4E-03 | 2.1E-04 | 3.5E-04 | 3.3E-04 | 6.1E-04 | 3.3E-05 | 6.5E-04 |
| +7> | 2.1E+00 | 2.1E+00 | -- | 2.5E+01 | 3.4E+00 | 3.3E+00 | 2.0E-02 | 2.7E-01 | 4.5E-01 | 1.6E-01 | 5.4E-02 | 1.8E-01 | 1.9E-02 | 6.3E-02 | 3.0E-02 | 3.0E-02 | 1.1E-03 |
| −7> | 2.1E+00 | 2.1E+00 | 2.5E+01 | -- | 3.2E+00 | 3.5E+00 | 8.2E-02 | 1.7E-01 | 2.4E-01 | 3.5E-01 | 1.3E-01 | 2.0E-01 | 7.1E-03 | 9.1E-02 | 6.7E-03 | 1.6E-02 | 3.9E-03 |
| +6> | 1.6E-03 | 1.5E-03 | 3.4E+00 | 3.2E+00 | -- | 1.4E+01 | 5.7E+00 | 7.8E-01 | 3.5E+00 | 1.4E+00 | 2.1E+00 | 9.4E-01 | 1.0E+00 | 4.2E-01 | 1.0E+00 | 9.1E-02 | 1.4E-02 |
| −6> | 2.2E-03 | 1.5E-03 | 3.3E+00 | 3.5E+00 | 1.4E+01 | -- | 5.0E+00 | 1.0E+00 | 1.9E-01 | 3.7E+00 | 2.5E+00 | 1.5E+00 | 6.5E-01 | 8.1E-01 | 5.6E-01 | 4.1E-01 | 3.5E-01 |
| +a> | 2.3E-04 | 8.3E-04 | 2.0E-02 | 8.2E-02 | 5.7E+00 | 5.0E+00 | -- | 1.4E+01 | 6.9E+00 | 5.6E-01 | 1.2E+00 | 3.1E+00 | 1.3E-01 | 5.8E-01 | 4.5E-01 | 1.1E-01 | 7.6E-02 |
| −a> | 1.3E-03 | 2.1E-03 | 2.7E-01 | 1.7E-01 | 7.8E-01 | 1.0E+00 | 1.4E+01 | -- | 7.8E-01 | 1.2E+01 | 5.3E+00 | 7.6E-01 | 1.1E+00 | 1.4E+00 | 4.3E-01 | 1.9E-02 | 2.7E-01 |
| +b> | 2.7E-03 | 7.3E-03 | 4.5E-01 | 2.4E-01 | 3.5E+00 | 1.9E-01 | 6.9E+00 | 7.8E-01 | -- | 1.1E+01 | 8.0E+00 | 3.1E+00 | 2.1E+00 | 3.7E-01 | 4.2E-01 | 2.4E-01 | 4.0E-01 |
| −b> | 6.5E-03 | 2.8E-03 | 1.6E-01 | 3.5E-01 | 1.4E+00 | 3.7E+00 | 5.6E-01 | 1.2E+01 | 1.1E+01 | -- | 1.2E+00 | 1.1E+00 | 7.0E-01 | 1.3E+00 | 2.6E+00 | 1.3E+00 | 1.0E+00 |
| +c> | 5.0E-04 | 1.4E-03 | 5.4E-02 | 1.3E-01 | 2.1E+00 | 2.5E+00 | 1.2E+00 | 5.3E+00 | 8.0E+00 | 1.2E+00 | -- | 6.5E+00 | 5.6E+00 | 1.7E+00 | 9.5E-01 | 1.3E+00 | 8.7E-01 |
| −c> | 7.0E-04 | 2.1E-04 | 1.8E-01 | 2.0E-01 | 9.4E-01 | 1.5E+00 | 3.1E+00 | 7.6E-01 | 3.1E+00 | 1.1E+00 | 6.5E+00 | -- | 1.3E+01 | 1.2E+00 | 3.0E+00 | 6.2E-01 | 2.3E+00 |
| +d> | 1.1E-03 | 3.5E-04 | 1.9E-02 | 7.1E-03 | 1.0E+00 | 6.5E-01 | 1.3E-01 | 1.1E+00 | 2.1E+00 | 7.0E-01 | 5.6E+00 | 1.3E+01 | -- | 7.0E+00 | 3.5E+00 | 1.9E+00 | 7.5E-01 |
| −d> | 9.2E-04 | 3.3E-04 | 6.3E-02 | 9.1E-02 | 4.2E-01 | 8.1E-01 | 5.8E-01 | 1.4E+00 | 3.7E-01 | 1.3E+00 | 1.7E+00 | 1.2E+00 | 7.0E+00 | -- | 1.2E+01 | 9.7E+00 | 1.2E+00 |
| +e> | 1.3E-03 | 6.1E-04 | 3.0E-02 | 6.7E-03 | 1.0E+00 | 5.6E-01 | 4.5E-01 | 4.3E-01 | 4.2E-01 | 2.6E+00 | 9.5E-01 | 3.0E+00 | 3.5E+00 | 1.2E+01 | -- | 2.2E+00 | 1.1E+01 |
| −e> | 1.4E-04 | 3.3E-05 | 3.0E-02 | 1.6E-02 | 9.1E-02 | 4.1E-01 | 1.1E-01 | 1.9E-02 | 2.4E-01 | 1.3E+00 | 1.3E+00 | 6.2E-01 | 1.9E+00 | 9.7E+00 | 2.2E+00 | -- | 2.0E+01 |
| 0> | 4.7E-05 | 6.5E-04 | 1.1E-03 | 3.9E-03 | 1.4E-02 | 3.5E-01 | 7.6E-02 | 2.7E-01 | 4.0E-01 | 1.0E+00 | 8.7E-01 | 2.3E+00 | 7.5E-01 | 1.2E+00 | 1.1E+01 | 2.0E+01 | -- |

Table S17. Average transition magnetic moment elements between the states of **2**, given in μ_B^2 .

| | +8> | -8> | +7> | −7> | +6> | −6> | +a> | −a> | +b> | −b> | +c> | −c> | +d> | −d> | +e> | −e> | 0> |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| +8> | -- | 3.3E+01 | 2.2E+00 | 1.9E+00 | 5.3E-02 | 6.6E-02 | 1.0E-02 | 4.7E-03 | 7.1E-03 | 5.1E-04 | 4.2E-05 | 2.1E-05 | 8.1E-04 | 1.2E-03 | 6.5E-04 | 1.4E-04 | 2.4E-04 |
| -8> | 3.3E+01 | -- | 1.9E+00 | 2.2E+00 | 4.8E-02 | 7.2E-02 | 9.9E-03 | 5.2E-03 | 5.6E-03 | 3.5E-04 | 7.7E-04 | 1.3E-03 | 5.4E-04 | 4.8E-04 | 6.1E-05 | 3.3E-04 | 7.3E-05 |
| +7> | 2.2E+00 | 1.9E+00 | -- | 2.6E+01 | 3.0E+00 | 3.6E+00 | 4.0E-01 | 2.7E-01 | 2.9E-01 | 1.2E-02 | 2.8E-03 | 3.8E-02 | 7.9E-02 | 6.0E-02 | 4.3E-03 | 1.8E-04 | 9.6E-04 |
| −7> | 1.9E+00 | 2.2E+00 | 2.6E+01 | -- | 3.0E+00 | 3.7E+00 | 3.4E-01 | 2.4E-01 | 3.3E-01 | 1.5E-02 | 1.1E-02 | 3.0E-03 | 7.8E-02 | 9.0E-02 | 5.0E-03 | 5.9E-04 | 3.5E-05 |
| +6> | 5.3E-02 | 4.8E-02 | 3.0E+00 | 3.0E+00 | -- | 1.4E+01 | 4.4E+00 | 3.3E+00 | 2.5E+00 | 1.7E+00 | 5.1E-01 | 2.3E-01 | 2.4E+00 | 2.2E+00 | 3.6E-02 | 2.2E-02 | 3.4E-02 |
| −6> | 6.6E-02 | 7.2E-02 | 3.6E+00 | 3.7E+00 | 1.4E+01 | -- | 2.5E+00 | 1.0E+00 | 2.1E+00 | 1.4E-01 | 2.4E-01 | 3.0E-01 | 4.8E+00 | 4.7E+00 | 7.8E-02 | 2.1E-02 | 1.3E-02 |
| +a> | 1.0E-02 | 9.9E-03 | 4.0E-01 | 3.4E-01 | 4.4E+00 | 2.5E+00 | -- | 1.4E+01 | 1.1E+01 | 1.8E+00 | 9.8E-01 | 3.3E-02 | 8.5E-01 | 1.0E+00 | 1.2E-01 | 1.1E-01 | 3.3E-02 |
| −a> | 4.7E-03 | 5.2E-03 | 2.7E-01 | 2.4E-01 | 3.3E+00 | 1.0E+00 | 1.4E+01 | -- | 1.5E+00 | 8.2E+00 | 6.7E+00 | 1.9E-02 | 1.2E+00 | 4.3E-01 | 2.4E-02 | 8.7E-02 | 2.7E-01 |
| +b> | 7.1E-03 | 5.6E-03 | 2.9E-01 | 3.3E-01 | 2.5E+00 | 2.1E+00 | 1.1E+01 | 1.5E+00 | -- | 8.6E+00 | 7.2E+00 | 9.5E-02 | 1.8E+00 | 2.2E+00 | 2.9E-02 | 1.7E-02 | 8.0E-02 |
| −b> | 5.1E-04 | 3.5E-04 | 1.2E-02 | 1.5E-02 | 1.7E+00 | 1.4E-01 | 1.8E+00 | 8.2E+00 | 8.6E+00 | -- | 1.6E+00 | 9.3E+00 | 1.1E+00 | 3.3E-01 | 3.5E+00 | 7.1E-01 | 3.7E-01 |
| +c> | 4.2E-05 | 7.7E-04 | 2.8E-03 | 1.1E-02 | 5.1E-01 | 2.4E-01 | 9.8E-01 | 6.7E+00 | 7.2E+00 | 1.6E+00 | -- | 1.3E+01 | 3.2E-01 | 5.1E-01 | 5.1E+00 | 1.1E+00 | 1.8E-01 |
| −c> | 2.1E-05 | 1.3E-03 | 3.8E-02 | 3.0E-03 | 2.3E-01 | 3.0E-01 | 3.3E-02 | 1.9E-02 | 9.5E-02 | 9.3E+00 | 1.3E+01 | -- | 2.5E+00 | 9.8E-01 | 4.0E+00 | 1.8E+00 | 5.1E+00 |
| +d> | 8.1E-04 | 5.4E-04 | 7.9E-02 | 7.8E-02 | 2.4E+00 | 4.8E+00 | 8.5E-01 | 1.2E+00 | 1.8E+00 | 1.1E+00 | 3.2E-01 | 2.5E+00 | -- | 1.0E+01 | 4.0E+00 | 4.9E+00 | 3.3E+00 |
| −d> | 1.2E-03 | 4.8E-04 | 6.0E-02 | 9.0E-02 | 2.2E+00 | 4.7E+00 | 1.0E+00 | 4.3E-01 | 2.2E+00 | 3.3E-01 | 5.1E-01 | 9.8E-01 | 1.0E+01 | -- | 6.4E+00 | 5.3E+00 | 3.1E+00 |
| +e> | 6.5E-04 | 6.1E-05 | 4.3E-03 | 5.0E-03 | 3.6E-02 | 7.8E-02 | 1.2E-01 | 2.4E-02 | 2.9E-02 | 3.5E+00 | 5.1E+00 | 4.0E+00 | 4.0E+00 | 6.4E+00 | -- | 6.3E+00 | 7.9E+00 |
| −e> | 1.4E-04 | 3.3E-04 | 1.8E-04 | 5.9E-04 | 2.2E-02 | 2.1E-02 | 1.1E-01 | 8.7E-02 | 1.7E-02 | 7.1E-01 | 1.1E+00 | 1.8E+00 | 4.9E+00 | 5.3E+00 | 6.3E+00 | -- | 1.7E+01 |
| 0> | 2.4E-04 | 7.3E-05 | 9.6E-04 | 3.5E-05 | 3.4E-02 | 1.3E-02 | 3.3E-02 | 2.7E-01 | 8.0E-02 | 3.7E-01 | 1.8E-01 | 5.1E+00 | 3.3E+00 | 3.1E+00 | 7.9E+00 | 1.7E+01 | -- |

Table S18. Average transition magnetic moment elements between the states of **3**, given in μ_B^2 .

| | +8> | -8> | +7> | −7> | +6> | −6> | +a> | −a> | +b> | −b> | +c> | −c> | +d> | −d> | +e> | −e> | 0> |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| +8> | -- | 3.3E+01 | 2.0E+00 | 2.2E+00 | 1.5E-04 | 5.8E-03 | 3.6E-03 | 5.0E-04 | 1.0E-02 | 1.1E-02 | 8.9E-03 | 5.9E-04 | 1.1E-02 | 2.6E-03 | 9.9E-04 | 1.0E-04 | 9.6E-03 |
| −8> | 3.3E+01 | -- | 2.1E+00 | 2.0E+00 | 4.5E-03 | 9.4E-03 | 2.5E-03 | 4.8E-04 | 1.1E-02 | 1.6E-02 | 6.5E-06 | 6.1E-03 | 1.4E-03 | 8.5E-06 | 1.6E-02 | 4.4E-03 | 2.2E-04 |
| +7> | 2.0E+00 | 2.1E+00 | -- | 2.5E+01 | 8.4E-01 | 1.1E-02 | 5.8E-01 | 2.7E-01 | 2.4E+00 | 3.0E+00 | 4.5E-01 | 4.6E-01 | 2.2E-02 | 5.5E-03 | 1.4E-02 | 3.4E-02 | 1.9E-02 |
| −7> | 2.2E+00 | 2.0E+00 | 2.5E+01 | -- | 5.3E-01 | 1.1E-01 | 3.6E-01 | 2.0E-01 | 3.2E+00 | 3.1E+00 | 2.0E-01 | 2.9E-01 | 5.2E-03 | 7.6E-02 | 1.2E-02 | 1.8E-03 | 3.6E-02 |
| +6> | 1.5E-04 | 4.5E-03 | 8.4E-01 | 5.3E-01 | -- | 2.3E+01 | 1.0E+01 | 7.0E-03 | 2.3E+00 | 4.9E-03 | 2.5E-02 | 1.2E+00 | 2.1E-02 | 3.8E-03 | 4.0E-02 | 2.9E-02 | 4.9E-03 |
| −6> | 5.8E-03 | 9.4E-03 | 1.1E-02 | 1.1E-01 | 2.3E+01 | -- | 5.2E-01 | 3.4E+00 | 1.6E+00 | 2.7E+00 | 5.8E+00 | 9.0E-02 | 2.4E-04 | 3.5E-03 | 4.1E-01 | 1.5E-01 | 1.2E-01 |
| +a> | 3.6E-03 | 2.5E-03 | 5.8E-01 | 3.6E-01 | 1.0E+01 | 5.2E-01 | -- | 1.7E+01 | 2.5E-01 | 6.6E-01 | 6.6E+00 | 2.2E-02 | 4.2E-01 | 2.5E-01 | 4.1E-02 | 4.9E-01 | 3.1E-01 |
| −a> | 5.0E-04 | 4.8E-04 | 2.7E-01 | 2.0E-01 | 7.0E-03 | 3.4E+00 | 1.7E+01 | -- | 5.7E+00 | 2.7E-02 | 8.2E-01 | 5.2E+00 | 1.8E-02 | 3.6E+00 | 1.4E-01 | 9.7E-01 | 3.7E-02 |
| +b> | 1.0E-02 | 1.1E-02 | 2.4E+00 | 3.2E+00 | 2.3E+00 | 1.6E+00 | 2.5E-01 | 5.7E+00 | -- | 1.2E+01 | 1.0E+00 | 9.7E-01 | 3.9E+00 | 2.4E-01 | 3.0E+00 | 4.7E-01 | 6.5E-01 |
| −b> | 1.1E-02 | 1.6E-02 | 3.0E+00 | 3.1E+00 | 4.9E-03 | 2.7E+00 | 6.6E-01 | 2.7E-02 | 1.2E+01 | -- | 3.6E+00 | 1.8E+00 | 5.7E+00 | 5.0E-02 | 4.8E+00 | 9.4E-02 | 3.6E-02 |
| +c> | 8.9E-03 | 6.5E-06 | 4.5E-01 | 2.0E-01 | 2.5E-02 | 5.8E+00 | 6.6E+00 | 8.2E-01 | 1.0E+00 | 3.6E+00 | -- | 1.3E+01 | 9.5E-01 | 3.8E+00 | 5.3E-01 | 6.5E-02 | 9.0E-01 |
| −c> | 5.9E-04 | 6.1E-03 | 4.6E-01 | 2.9E-01 | 1.2E+00 | 9.0E-02 | 2.2E-02 | 5.2E+00 | 9.7E-01 | 1.8E+00 | 1.3E+01 | -- | 3.4E+00 | 3.6E+00 | 2.4E+00 | 2.7E+00 | 2.7E+00 |
| +d> | 1.1E-02 | 1.4E-03 | 2.2E-02 | 5.2E-03 | 2.1E-02 | 2.4E-04 | 4.2E-01 | 1.8E-02 | 3.9E+00 | 5.7E+00 | 9.5E-01 | 3.4E+00 | -- | 4.8E-02 | 9.2E+00 | 1.9E+00 | 1.2E+01 |
| −d> | 2.6E-03 | 8.5E-06 | 5.5E-03 | 7.6E-02 | 3.8E-03 | 3.5E-03 | 2.5E-01 | 3.6E+00 | 2.4E-01 | 5.0E-02 | 3.8E+00 | 3.6E+00 | 4.8E-02 | -- | 1.9E+00 | 1.8E+01 | 5.8E+00 |
| +e> | 9.9E-04 | 1.6E-02 | 1.4E-02 | 1.2E-02 | 4.0E-02 | 4.1E-01 | 4.1E-02 | 1.4E-01 | 3.0E+00 | 4.8E+00 | 5.3E-01 | 2.4E+00 | 9.2E+00 | 1.9E+00 | -- | 6.3E+00 | 8.7E+00 |
| −e> | 1.0E-04 | 4.4E-03 | 3.4E-02 | 1.8E-03 | 2.9E-02 | 1.5E-01 | 4.9E-01 | 9.7E-01 | 4.7E-01 | 9.4E-02 | 6.5E-02 | 2.7E+00 | 1.9E+00 | 1.8E+01 | 6.3E+00 | -- | 6.3E+00 |
| 0> | 9.6E-03 | 2.2E-04 | 1.9E-02 | 3.6E-02 | 4.9E-03 | 1.2E-01 | 3.1E-01 | 3.7E-02 | 6.5E-01 | 3.6E-02 | 9.0E-01 | 2.7E+00 | 1.2E+01 | 5.8E+00 | 8.7E+00 | 6.3E+00 | -- |

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