

## Electronic Supplementary Information

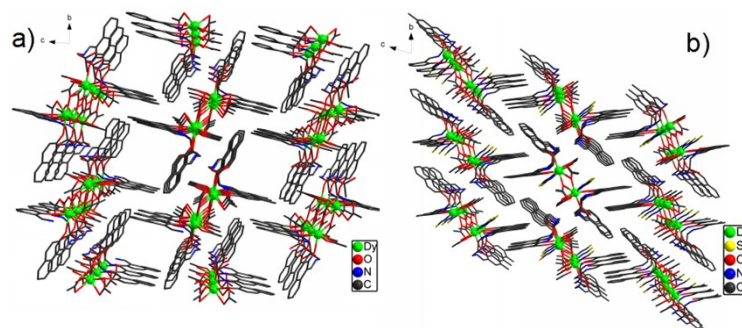
### Tuning slow magnetic relaxation behaviour in $\{\text{Dy}_2\}$ -based one-dimensional chain via crystal field perturbation

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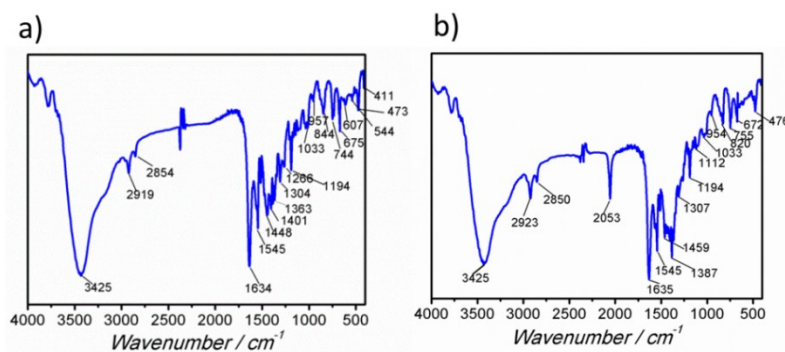
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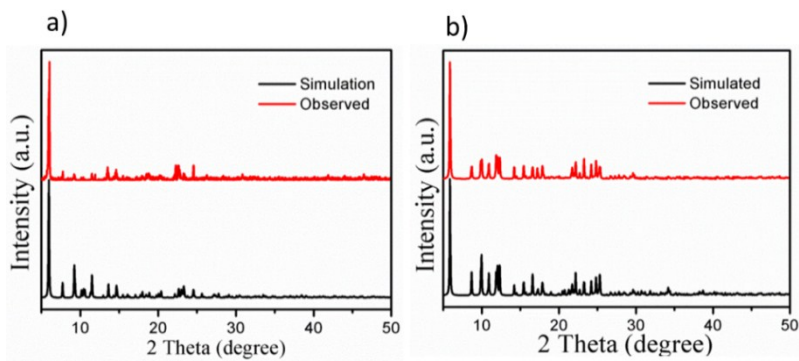
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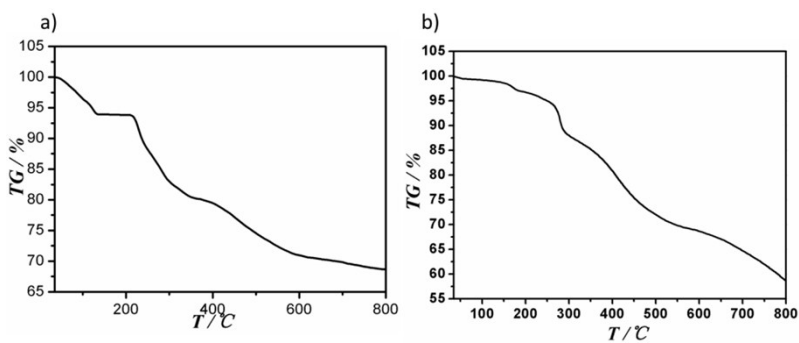
**Fig. S1** The molecular packing structures of **1** (a) and **2** (b) viewed along the *a* axis (H atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity).



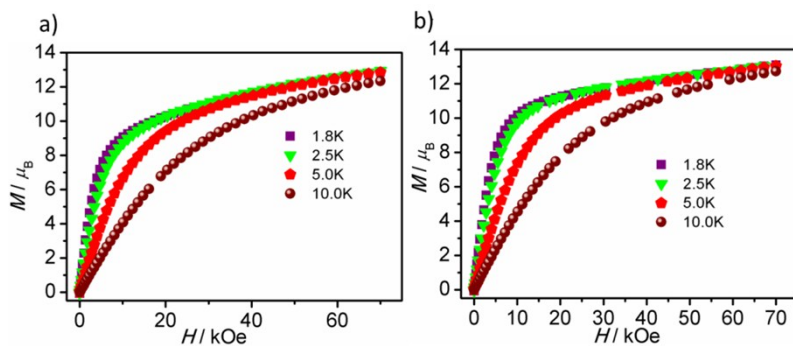
**Fig. S2** FT-IR spectrum of **1** (a) and **2** (b).



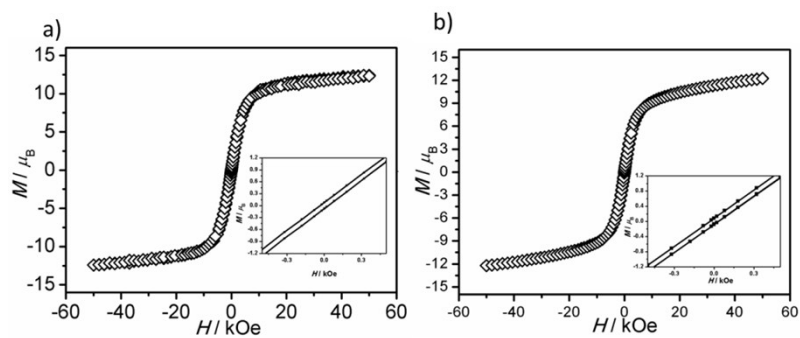
**Fig. S3** PXR D patterns of **1** (a) and **2** (b).



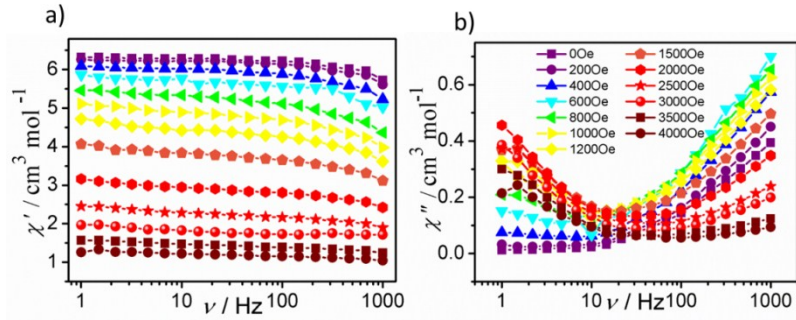
**Fig. S4** The TGA curves for **1** (a) and **2** (b).



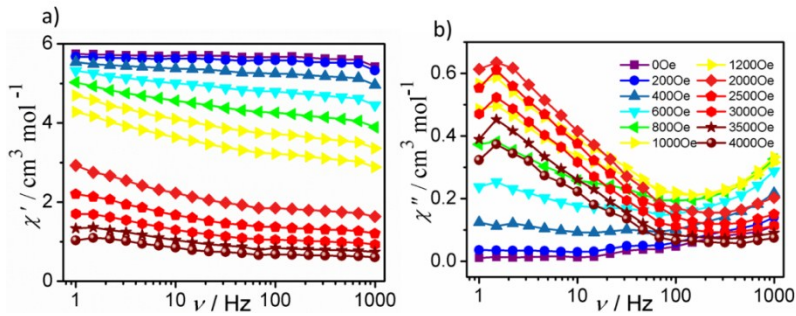
**Fig. S5**  $M$  vs.  $H$  plots under different temperatures for **1** (a) and **2** (b).



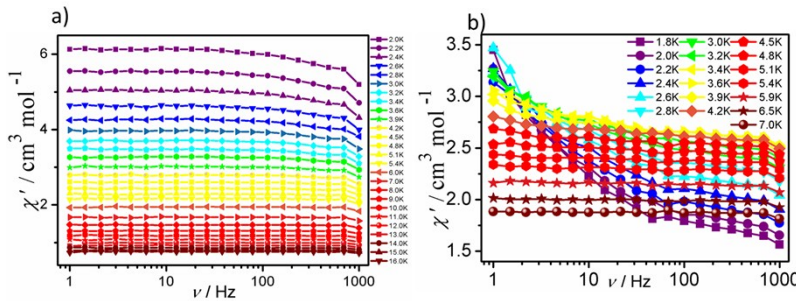
**Fig. S6** Plots of magnetic hysteresis loops for **1** (a) and **2** (b).



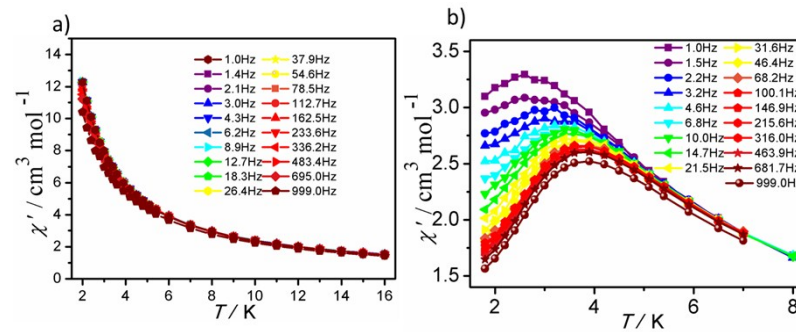
**Fig. S7** Frequency-dependent in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) and out-phase ( $\chi''$ ) ac susceptibilities under different dc fields at 2.0 K for **1**.



**Fig. S8** Frequency-dependent in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) and out-phase ( $\chi''$ ) ac susceptibilities under different dc fields at 2.0 K for **2**.



**Fig. S9** Frequency-dependent in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibilities for **1** (a) and **2** (b) under zero dc field.



**Fig. S10** Temperature dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibilities under 0 Oe in the

frequency range of 1-1000 Hz for **1** (a) and **2** (b).

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data of **1** and **2**.

Compound	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Formula	C <sub>64</sub> H <sub>68</sub> Dy <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>62</sub> H <sub>64</sub> Dy <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>16</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
fw	1538.22	1538.31
<i>T</i> / K	293(2)	293(2)
$\lambda$ / Å	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> / Å	9.9272(2)	9.9101(6)
<i>b</i> / Å	11.8458(4)	11.7555(5)
<i>c</i> / Å	15.0341(4)	15.8011(5)
$\alpha$ / °	83.259(3)	73.569(3)
$\beta$ / °	82.471(2)	88.693(4)
$\gamma$ / °	76.012(2)	65.351(5)
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	1693.97(8)	1595.15(12)
<i>Z</i>	1	1
<i>D</i> <sub>c</sub> / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.508	1.603
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.261	2.461
<i>F</i> (000)	772.0	772.0
$\theta$ / °	3.34-25.000	3.27-25.000
Reflns collected	25041	22939
Reflns unique	5943	5598
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0271	0.0535
GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.105	1.066
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0356	0.0459
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	0.1048	0.1351

$R_1$ (all data)	0.0369	0.0510
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.1068	0.1419

**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths and bond angles of **1**

Dy1-O1	2.304 (3)	Dy1-O3A	2.285 (2)	Dy1-O4	2.449 (3)
Dy1-O5	2.410 (3)	Dy1-O6	2.553 (3)	Dy1-O6B	2.349 (3)
Dy1-O7	2.452 (3)	Dy1-O8	2.510 (4)	Dy1-O9	2.566 (4)
O3B-Dy1-O1	87.00 (12)	O3B-Dy1-O4	86.37 (12)	O3B-Dy1-O5	78.63 (12)
O3B-Dy1-O6	124.66 (11)	O3B-Dy1-O6A	163.11 (12)	O3B-Dy1-O7	76.03 (11)
O3B-Dy1-O8	118.84 (10)	O3B-Dy1-O9	69.35 (12)	O5-Dy1-O1	125.53 (8)
O5-Dy1-O4	53.02 (11)	O5-Dy1-O7	76.94 (12)	O5-Dy1-O9	138.43 (12)
O6-Dy1-O1	147.40 (10)	O6-Dy1-O4	111.91 (11)	O6-Dy1-O5	74.00 (11)
O6-Dy1-O7	51.54 (10)	O6-Dy1-O9	102.96 (11)	O6A-Dy1-O1	85.74 (11)
O6A-Dy1-O4	76.98 (12)	O6A-Dy1-O5	93.26 (12)	O6A-Dy1-O7	116.88 (10)
O6A-Dy1-O9	123.97 (12)	O7-Dy1-O1	148.94 (12)	O7-Dy1-O4	129.42 (11)
O7-Dy1-O9	70.25 (12)	O8-Dy1-O1	86.77 (13)	O8-Dy1-O4	147.68 (13)
O8-Dy1-O5	145.67 (13)	O8-Dy1-O7	79.25 (13)	O8-Dy1-O9	49.70 (12)
O9-Dy1-O1	79.52 (12)	O9-Dy1-O4	144.78 (12)		

Symmetry codes: (A) 1-X, 2-Y, 1-Z; (B) -1+X,+Y,+Z; (C) 1+X,+Y,+Z.

**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths and bond angles of **2**

Dy1-O1	2.290 (4)	Dy1-O3	2.270 (4)	Dy1-O4	2.354 (4)
Dy1-O4B	2.482 (4)	Dy1-O5B	2.501 (5)	Dy1-O6	2.422 (5)
Dy1-O7	2.423 (5)	Dy1-N3	2.378 (9)	O1-Dy1-O4	83.83 (15)
O1-Dy1-O4A	147.02 (15)	O1-Dy1-O5A	150.83 (16)	O1-Dy1-O6	125.31 (17)
O1-Dy1-O7	73.88 (16)	O1-Dy1-N3	85.0 (2)	O3B-Dy1-O1	84.03 (16)
O3B-Dy1-O4	165.86 (17)	O3B-Dy1-O4A	126.36 (16)	O3B-Dy1-O5A	75.11 (16)
O3A-Dy1-O6	84.51 (18)	O3A-Dy1-O7	89.41 (19)	O3B-Dy1-N3	97.0 (4)
O4-Dy1-O4A	67.24 (17)	O4-Dy1-O5A	118.77 (14)	O4-Dy1-O6	96.65 (17)
O4-Dy1-O7	80.27 (18)	O4-Dy1-N3	89.2(3)	O4A-Dy1-O5A	51.63 (14)

O6-Dy1-O4A	75.55 (16)	O6-Dy1-O5A	73.30 (17)	O7-Dy1-O4A	114.22 (16)
O7-Dy1-O5A	125.11 (16)	O7-Dy1-O6	52.71 (17)	N3-Dy1-O4A	79.3 (3)
N3-Dy1-O5A	77.7 (2)	N3-Dy1-O6	149.5 (2)	N3-Dy1-O7	157.2 (3)

Symmetry codes: (A)  $-1+X,+Y,+Z$ ; (B)  $2-X,1-Y,1-Z$ ; (C)  $1+X,+Y,+Z$ .

**Table S4.** SHAPE analysis of **1**

Configuration	ABOXIY
Enneagon ( $D_{9h}$ )	32.533
Octagonal pyramid ( $C_{8v}$ )	23.383
Heptagonal bipyramid ( $D_{7h}$ )	15.822
Johnson triangular cupola J3 ( $C_{3v}$ )	13.162
Capped cube J8 ( $C_{4v}$ )	8.743
Spherical-relaxed capped cube ( $C_{4v}$ )	7.790
Capped square antiprism J10 ( $C_{4v}$ )	3.582
Spherical capped square antiprism ( $C_{4v}$ )	2.886
Tricapped trigonal prism J51 ( $D_{3h}$ )	3.712
Spherical tricapped trigonal prism ( $D_{3h}$ )	3.288
Tridiminished icosahedron J63 ( $C_{3v}$ )	10.615
Hula-hoop ( $C_{2v}$ )	9.196
<b>Muffin (<math>C_s</math>)</b>	<b>2.817</b>

**Table S5.** SHAPE analysis of **2**

Configuration	ABOXIY
Octagon ( $D_{8h}$ )	31.613
Heptagonal pyramid ( $C_{7v}$ )	23.501
Hexagonal bipyramid ( $D_{6h}$ )	13.320
Cube ( $O_h$ )	11.043
Square antiprism ( $D_{4d}$ )	4.374
<b>Triangular dodecahedron (<math>D_{2d}</math>)</b>	<b>3.308</b>
Johnson gyrobifastigium J26 ( $D_{2d}$ )	11.008
Johnson elongated triangular bipyramid J14 ( $D_{3h}$ )	27.405
Biaugmented trigonal prism J50 ( $C_{2v}$ )	3.969
Biaugmented trigonal prism ( $C_{2v}$ )	3.547
Snub diphonoid J84 ( $D_{2d}$ )	4.249
Triakis tetrahedron ( $T_d$ )	11.870
Elongated trigonal bipyramid ( $D_{3h}$ )	23.693