

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Effect of strong coordination bonds at axial or equatorial positions on magnetic relaxation for pentagonal bipyramidal dysprosium(III) single-ion magnets**

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**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement summary for complexes **1-3**.

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>24</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> DyN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>22</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> DyN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>96</sub> H <sub>92</sub> Cl <sub>9</sub> Dy <sub>3</sub> N <sub>30</sub> O <sub>28</sub>
Formula weight	681.3	627.83	2920.54
Crystal system	296.15	293(2)	293(2)
Temperature (K)	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	p <sub>1</sub>
<i>a</i> (Å)	9.6107(18)	9.6018(2)	11.2799(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	22.067(4)	21.7017(5)	21.7618(6)
<i>c</i> (Å)	13.874(3)	13.7591(3)	25.8284(7)
$\alpha$ (°)	90	90	73.820(2)
$\beta$ (°)	107.554(3)	107.146(2)	82.393(2)
$\gamma$ (°)	90	90	82.882(2)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2805.4(10)	2739.63(11)	6010.1(3)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	2
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> (g m <sup>-3</sup> )	1.613	1.522	1.614
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.984	16.636	12.368
<i>F</i> (000)	1340	1232	2906
Crystal size (mm)	0.16×0.14×0.12	0.15×0.13×0.13	0.14×0.06×0.05
Reflns	15119/5926	18089/4852	65718/21242
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0675	0.0801	0.0783
GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.0855	1.095	1.008
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0691	0.0610	0.0625
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> (all data)	0.1571	0.1557	0.1887
CCDC	2108069	2108068	2108070

<sup>a</sup>*R*<sub>1</sub>=Σ(||*F*<sub>o</sub>|-|*F*<sub>c</sub>||)/Σ|*F*<sub>o</sub>|. <sup>b</sup>*wR*<sub>2</sub>=[Σ*w(F*<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup>-*F*<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup>]/Σ*w(F*<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup>]<sup>1/2</sup>

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for **1-3**.Complex **1**

Dy1-Cl1	2.599(2)	N3-Dy1-Cl1	86.59(19)
Dy1-Cl2	2.647(3)	N3-Dy1-Cl2	85.98(19)
Dy1-O1	2.150(4)	N3-Dy1-N1	133.0(2)
Dy1-N1	2.534(7)	N3-Dy1-N4	64.5(2)
Dy1-N3	2.503(7)	N3-Dy1-N2	67.8(2)
Dy1-N4	2.536(7)	N4-Dy1-Cl1	95.98(19)
Dy1-N2	2.505(7)	N4-Dy1-Cl2	87.68(19)
Cl1-Dy1-Cl2	169.34(9)	N2-Dy1-Cl1	84.3(2)
O1-Dy1-Cl1	101.30(17)	N2-Dy1-Cl2	85.8(2)
O1-Dy1-Cl2	89.20(18)	N2-Dy1-N1	65.2(2)
O1-Dy1-N1	83.0(2)	N2-Dy1-N4	132.1(2)
O1-Dy1-N3	143.7(2)	N1-Dy1-Cl1	88.25(19)
O1-Dy1-N4	79.4(2)	N1-Dy1-Cl2	91.25(19)
O1-Dy1-N2	147.6(2)	N1-Dy1-N4	162.4(2)

Complex **2**

Dy1-Cl1	2.593(2)	N4-Dy1-Cl1	88.22(18)
Dy1-Cl2	2.637(2)	N4-Dy1-Cl2	90.69(19)
Dy1-O1	2.131(6)	N4-Dy1-N1	162.9(2)
Dy1-N1	2.542(7)	N2-Dy1-Cl2	87.31(17)
Dy1-N2	2.498(6)	N2-Dy1-N1	63.9(2)
Dy1-N3	2.513(7)	N2-Dy1-N3	68.1(2)
Dy1-N4	2.537(7)	N2-Dy1-N4	133.1(3)
Cl1-Dy1-Cl2	171.36(10)	N3-Dy1-Cl1	85.07(19)
O1-Dy1-Cl1	96.91(18)	N3-Dy1-Cl2	86.70(19)
O1-Dy1-Cl2	91.44(19)	N3-Dy1-N1	131.8(2)
O1-Dy1-N1	80.6(2)	N3-Dy1-N4	65.0(3)
O1-Dy1-N2	144.5(2)	N1-Dy1-Cl1	96.11(18)

O1-Dy1-N3	147.3(2)	N1-Dy1-Cl2	87.42(19)
O1-Dy1-N4	82.4(2)	N2-Dy1-Cl1	87.18(17)

**Complex 3**

Dy2-O20	2.192(4)	O17-Dy2-N15	147.8(2)
Dy2-O17	2.169(5)	O14-Dy2-O20	172.5(2)
Dy2-O14	2.177(4)	O14-Dy2-N13	85.46(18)
Dy2-N13	2.550(6)	O14-Dy2-N14	91.5(2)
Dy2-N14	2.543(7)	O14-Dy2-N16	90.7(2)
Dy2-N16	2.553(7)	O14-Dy2-N15	83.1(2)
Dy2-N15	2.530(7)	N13-Dy2-N16	162.3(2)
Dy1-O11	2.176(4)	N14-Dy2-N13	64.7(2)
Dy1-O6	2.169(5)	N14-Dy2-N16	132.8(2)
Dy1-O1	2.190(5)	N15-Dy2-N13	130.1(2)
Dy1-N1	2.546(6)	N15-Dy2-N14	67.3(2)
Dy1-N4	2.564(6)	N15-Dy2-N16	66.2(3)
Dy1-N3	2.520(6)	O6-Dy1-N3	146.6(2)
Dy1-N2	2.514(7)	O6-Dy1-N2	145.4(2)
Dy3-O23	2.210(5)	O1-Dy1-N1	99.5(2)
Dy3-O31	2.171(5)	O1-Dy1-N4	85.2(2)
Dy3-N24	2.515(6)	O1-Dy1-N3	89.5(2)
Dy3-N23	2.533(7)	N24-Dy3-N23	64.8(2)
Dy3-O28	2.216(7)	O28-Dy3-N24	142.4(2)
Dy3-N25	2.489(8)	O28-Dy3-N23	79.7(3)
Dy3-N26	2.497(9)	N26-Dy3-N23	159.9(3)
O17-Dy2-N16	81.6(2)	O1-Dy1-N2	84.7(3)
O11-Dy1-O1	171.0(2)	N1-Dy1-N4	163.4(2)
O11-Dy1-N1	87.68(19)	N3-Dy1-N1	130.7(2)
O11-Dy1-N4	89.44(19)	O23-Dy3-N23	99.0(2)

O11-Dy1-N3	81.7(2)	O23-Dy3-O28	89.1(2)
O11-Dy1-N2	93.6(2)	O23-Dy3-N25	87.3(2)
O6-Dy1-O11	95.0(2)	O20-Dy2-N13	95.28(19)
O6-Dy1-O1	91.5(3)	O20-Dy2-N14	82.1(2)
N2-Dy1-N1	64.9(2)	O20-Dy2-N16	90.7(2)
N2-Dy1-N4	131.6(2)	O20-Dy2-N15	90.8(2)
N2-Dy1-N3	67.9(2)	O17-Dy2-O20	89.7(2)
O23-Dy3-N24	84.8(2)	O17-Dy2-O14	97.8(2)
O23-Dy3-N26	89.5(3)	O17-Dy2-N13	81.8(2)
O6-Dy1-N1	82.0(2)	O17-Dy2-N14	144.4(2)
O6-Dy1-N4	82.0(2)	O31-Dy3-O23	170.7(2)
N3-Dy1-N4	64.8(2)	O31-Dy3-N24	90.6(2)
O28-Dy3-N25	147.9(3)	O31-Dy3-N23	86.3(2)
O28-Dy3-N26	82.3(4)	O31-Dy3-O28	99.4(2)
N25-Dy3-N24	69.0(2)	O31-Dy3-N25	83.5(2)
N25-Dy3-N23	132.4(3)	O31-Dy3-N26	87.9(2)
N25-Dy3-N26	65.8(4)	N26-Dy3-N24	134.6(3)

**Table S3.** Shape analysis for the metal centers of complexes **1-3**.

complex <b>1</b>	HPY-7	PBPY-7	COC-7	CTPR-7	JPBPY-7	JETPY-7
Dy1	26.147	0.679	8.327	6.483	5.487	23.929
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complex <b>2</b>	HPY-7	PBPY-7	COC-7	CTPR-7	JPBPY-7	JETPY-7
Dy1	25.932	0.664	7.916	6.140	5.456	23.471
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complex <b>3</b>	HPY-7	PBPY-7	COC-7	CTPR-7	JPBPY-7	JETPY-7
Dy1	22.968	1.260	5.720	4.655	2.957	22.627

Dy2	24.039	1.137	6.133	4.937	2.821	21.925
Dy3	23.701	1.018	6.345	4.738	2.822	21.708

HPY-7 ( $C_{6v}$ ): Hexagonal pyramid

PBPY-7 ( $D_{5h}$ ): Pentagonal bipyramid

COC-7 ( $C_{3v}$ ): Capped octahedron

CTPR-7 ( $C_{2v}$ ): Capped trigonal prism

JPBPY-7 ( $D_{5h}$ ): Johnson pentagonal bipyramid J13

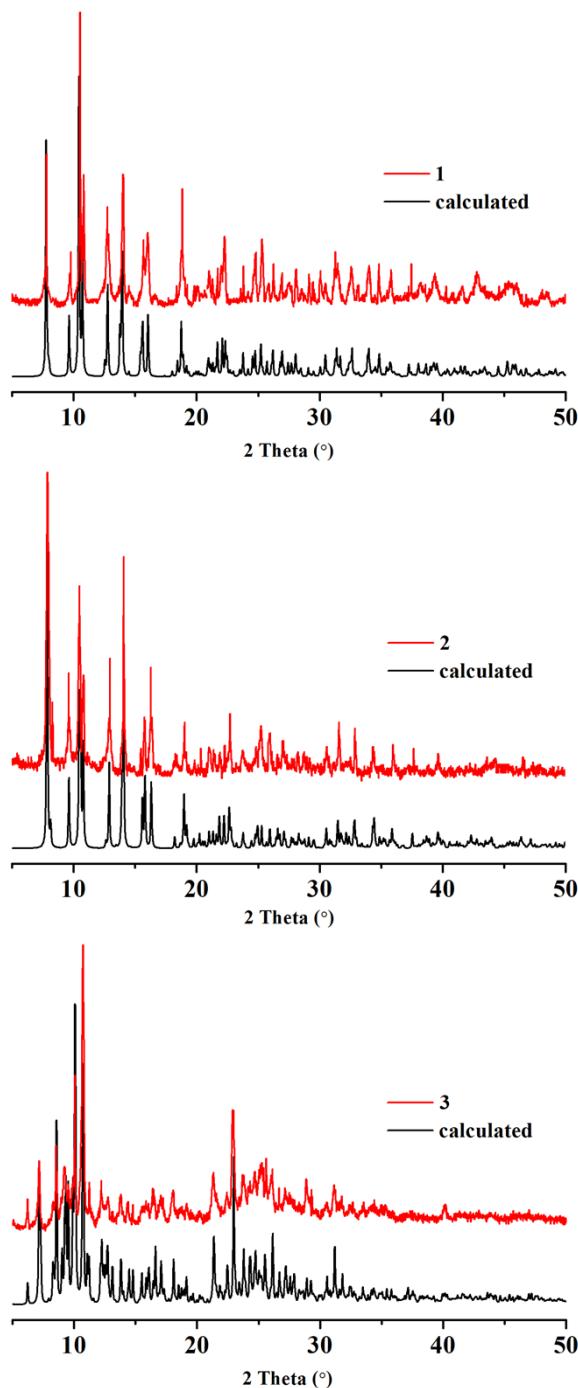
JETPY-7 ( $C_{3v}$ ): Johnson elongated triangular pyramid J7

**Table S4.** Deviations ( $\text{\AA}$ ) from the ideal plane defined by five coordination atoms for **1**-**3**. The positive value denotes that the atom is located on the same side of the Ln atom, whereas a negative value denotes that the atom is located on the opposite side.

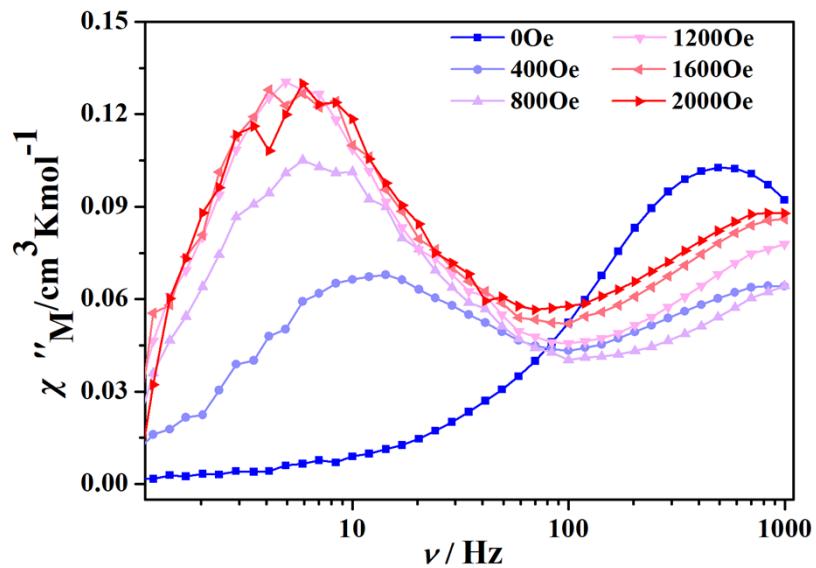
	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	
Coordination atoms	N1	0.0560	N1	-0.0323	N1	0.1890
	N2	-0.0514	N2	0.0445	N2	-0.2464
	N3	0.0212	N3	-0.0359	N3	0.1865
	N4	0.0168	N4	0.0127	N4	-0.0502
	O1	-0.0426	O1	0.0111	O4	-0.0788
r.m.s. deviation	0.0408		0.0303		0.1673	

**Table S5** charge distributions for ligand atoms used as input for Magellan (the partial charges of the donor atoms were estimated based on the literature and used in the input file)<sup>[1]</sup>.

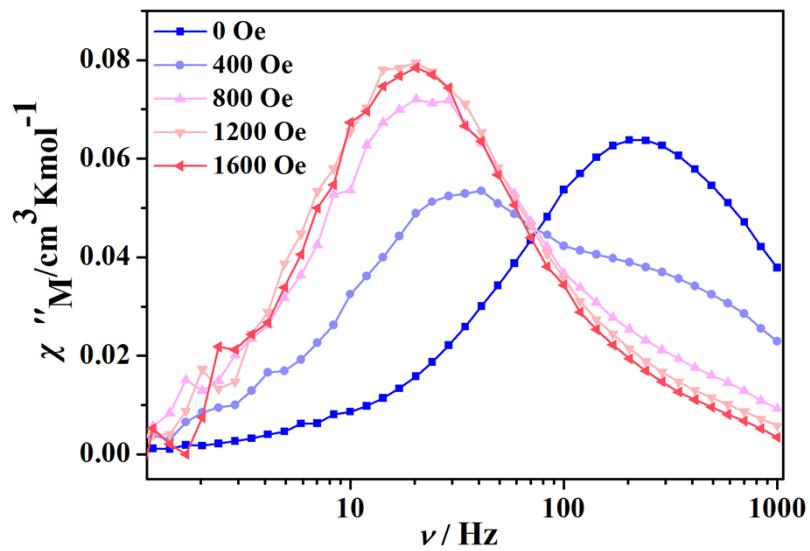
	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	
Dy1	3	Dy1	3	Dy1	3	
Cl1	-0.85	Cl1	-0.85	O1	-0.85	
Cl2	-0.85	Cl2	-0.85	O6	-0.85	
O1	-0.85	O1	-0.85	O11	-0.85	
N1	-0.35	N1	-0.35	N1	-0.35	
N2	-0.4	N2	-0.4	N2	-0.4	
N3	-0.4	N3	-0.4	N3	-0.4	
N4	-0.35	N4	-0.35	N4	-0.35	



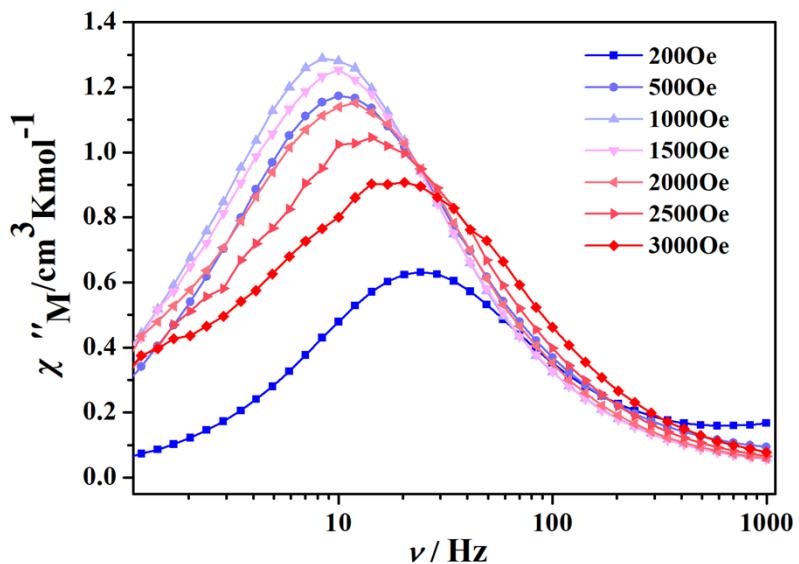
**Fig. S1** PXRD curves for **1-3**.



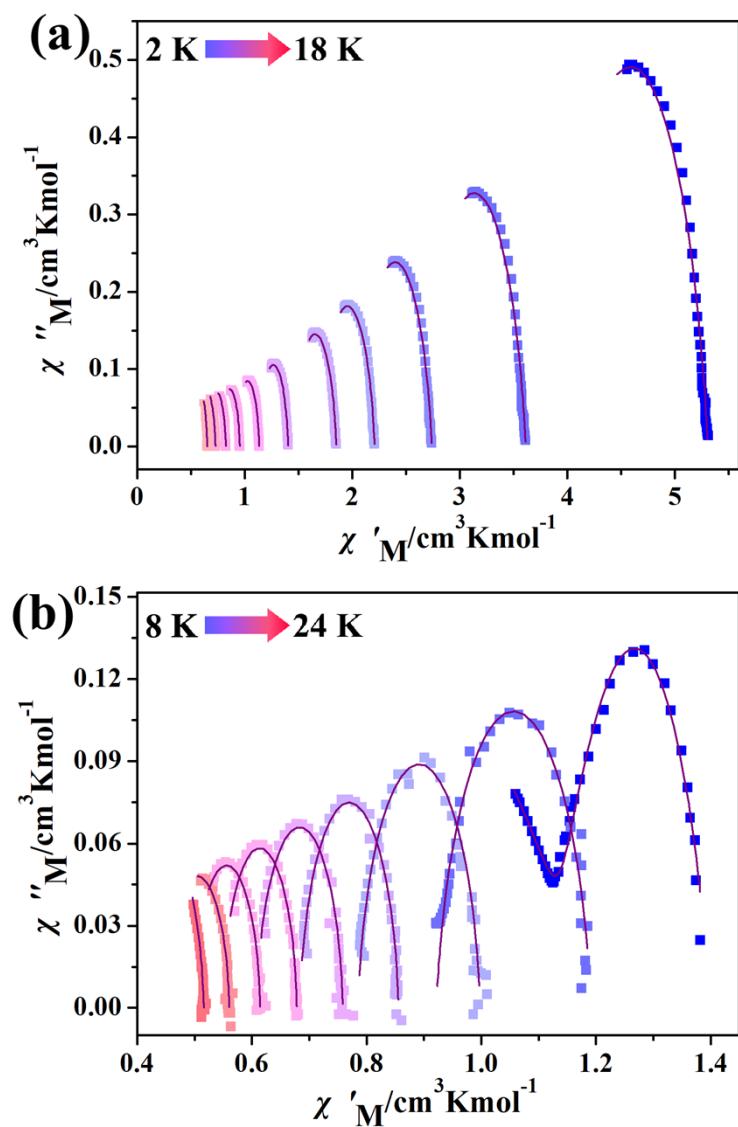
**Fig. S2.** Field dependence of the out-of-phase signal vs frequency at 8 K for 1.



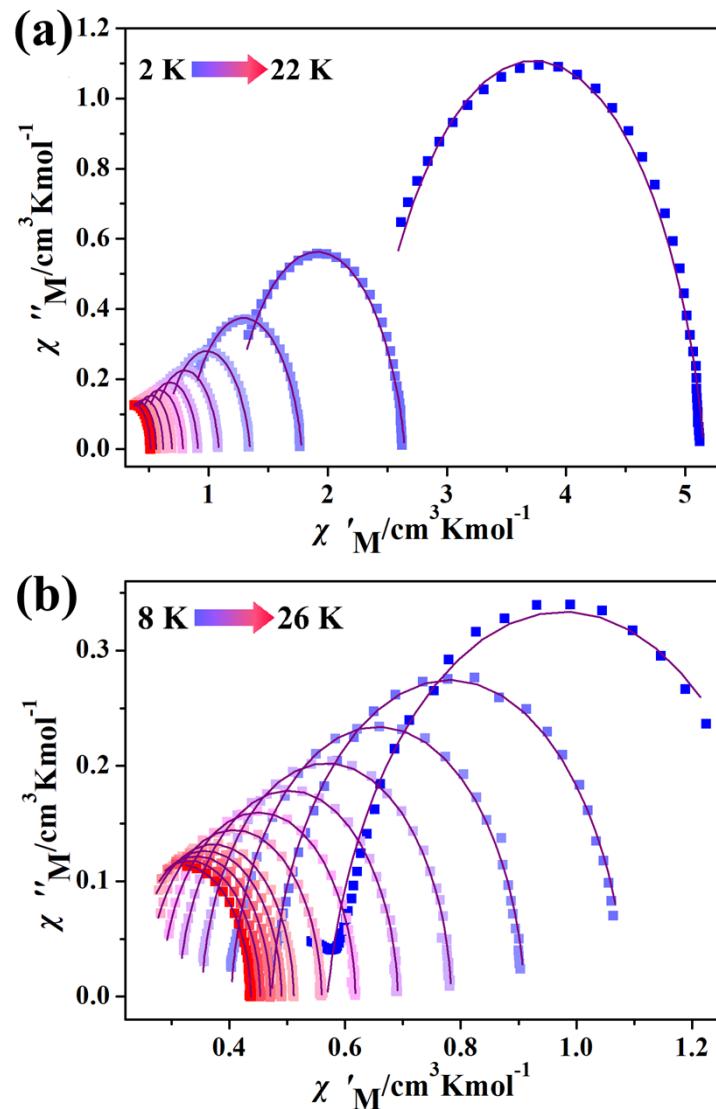
**Fig. S3.** Field dependence of the out-of-phase signal vs frequency at 8 K for 2.



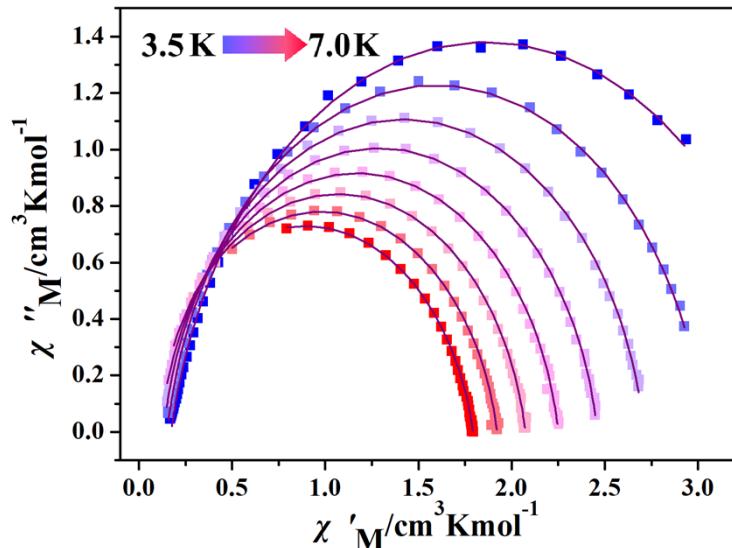
**Fig. S4.** Field dependence of the out-of-phase signal vs frequency at 8 K for 3.



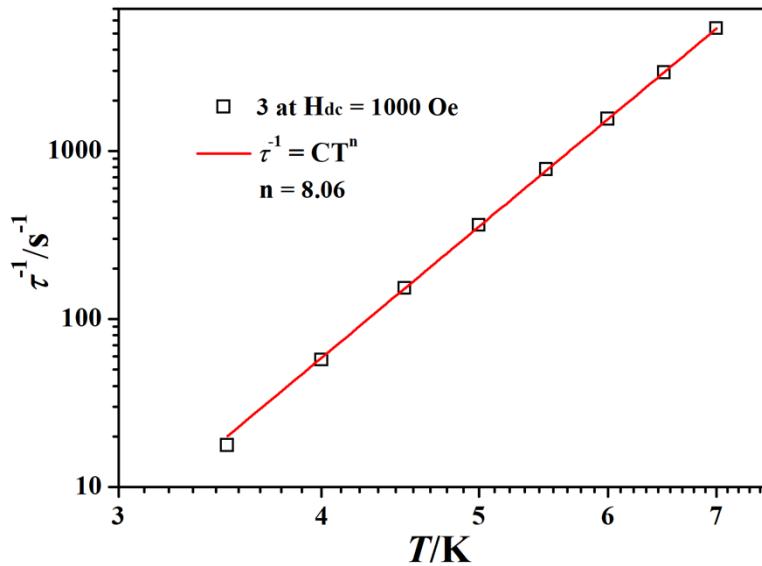
**Fig. S5** Cole-Cole plots using the frequency-dependence ac susceptibility data under (a) zero and (b) 1200 Oe dc field for **1**. The solid lines correspond to the best fits.



**Fig. S6** Cole-Cole plots using the frequency-dependence ac susceptibility data under (a) zero and (b) 1200 Oe dc field for **2**. The solid lines correspond to the best fits obtained by the generalized Debye model.



**Fig. S7** Cole-Cole plots using the frequency-dependence ac susceptibility data under 1000 Oe dc field for **3**. The solid lines correspond to the best fits obtained by the generalized Debye model.



**Fig. S8** log-log plots of  $\tau^{-1}$  vs.  $T$  under 1000 Oe dc fields for **3**. The solid lines represent the best fit.

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