

Water-driven reversible switching of single-ion magnetism in a dysprosium sulfonate

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Experimental Section

General Procedure. Powder X-ray diffraction data (PXRD) were recorded on a Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer with Cu K α X-ray source ($\lambda = 1.54056 \text{ \AA}$) operated at 40 kV and 40 mA. Simulated PXRD pattern was obtained from the Mercury software. Infrared spectra (IR) data were measured on KBr pellets using a Nexus 870 FT-IR spectrometer in the range of 4000-400 cm^{-1} . Elemental analyses of C, H, and N were performed at an Elementar Vario MICRO analyzer. Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) was measured in Al₂O₃ crucibles using a PerkinElmer Thermal Analysis in the temperature range of 30-600 °C under an argon atmosphere. Proton conductivity measurements were performed using a quasi-four-electrode AC impedance technique with a Solartron 1260 impedance/gain-phase analyzer. The single crystals samples were compressed to 2.5 mm diameter, which were connected to gold wires using silver paste. The sample pellet was measured at a frequency range of 1 Hz to 1 GHz in the temperature range of 25–110 °C and in different RH. The conductivity of the samples was deduced from the Debye semicircle in the Nyquist plot.

Magnetic Measurements. Magnetic susceptibility measurements from 2 to 300 K with dc field up to 70 kOe were performed using a Quantum Design SQUID VSM magnetometer on the grounded powders from the single crystals of the compounds. Alternative current (ac) magnetic susceptibility data were collected in zero direct current (dc) field or 1000 Oe dc field in the temperature range of 2-20 K, under an ac field of 2 Oe, oscillating at frequencies in the range of 1-1000 Hz. All magnetic data were corrected for the diamagnetism of the sample holder and of the diamagnetic contribution of the sample using Pascal's constants.

X-ray Crystallography. Single crystal X-ray crystallographic data were collected on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer with a CCD area detector (Mo-K α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) at different temperature controlled by Oxford Cryosystems low-temperature device. The unit cell parameters and data collection were determined by the APEXII program. The data were integrated and corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects using SAINT.^{S1} Absorption corrections were applied with SADABS.^{S2} The structures

were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares method on F^2 using the SHELXTL^{S3} crystallographic software package integrated in Olex 2.^{S4} All the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms of the organic ligands were refined as riding on the corresponding non-hydrogen atoms. Additional details of the data collections and structural refinement parameters are provided in Table 1. Selected bond lengths and angles of $1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $1 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ are listed in Table S1 and S2. CCDC 2196277 (150 K), 2196278 (300 K), 2196279 (353 K), and 2196280 (400 K) are the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. They can be obtained freely from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

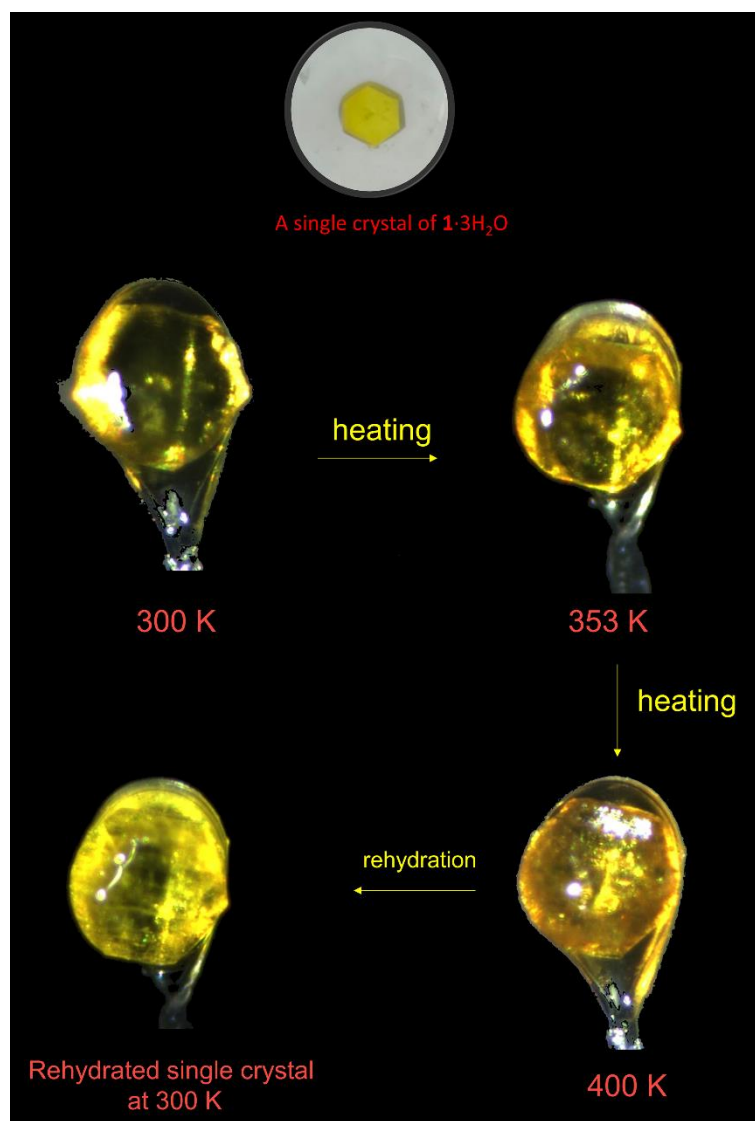


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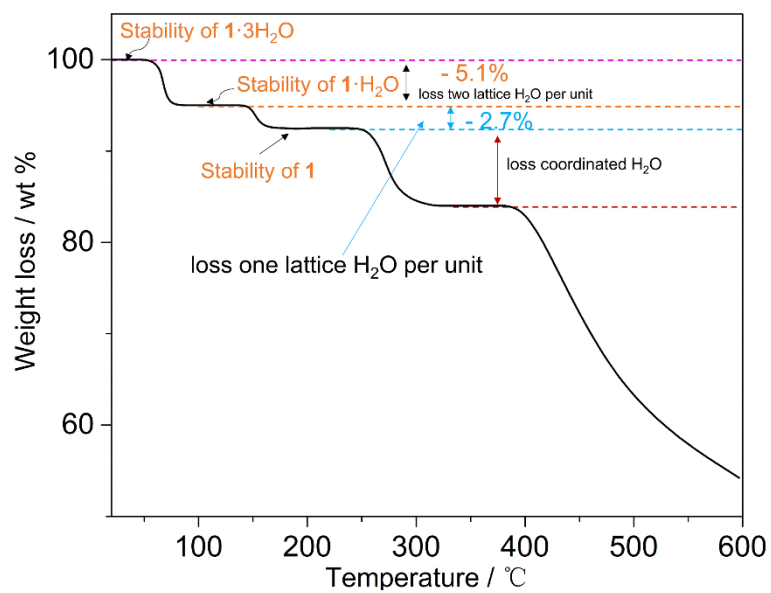


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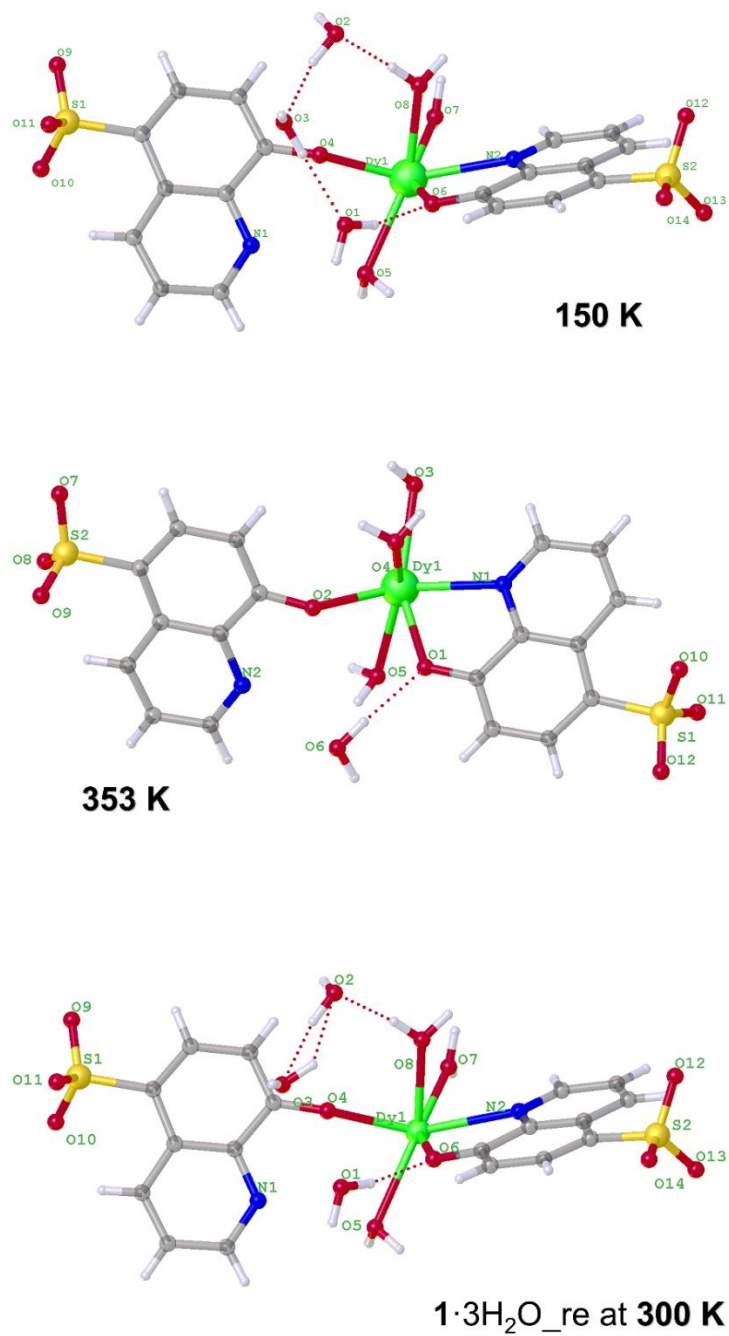


Figure S3. The asymmetric units of $1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at 150 K, $1 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ at 353 K and $1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O_re}$ at 300 K.

Table S1. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles [°] for **1**·3H₂O.

Parameter	Value / Å, °	
<i>T</i> / K	150	300
Dy1-O4	2.2286(14)	2.2306(15)
Dy1-O5	2.4856(15)	2.4878(16)
Dy1-O6	2.2817(15)	2.2808(15)
Dy1-O7	2.3678(15)	2.3726(17)
Dy1-O8	2.3650(16)	2.3722(18)
Dy1-O10 ¹	2.4100(15)	2.4107(15)
Dy1-O13 ²	2.3232(15)	2.3247(16)
Dy-O _{average}	2.3517	2.3542
Dy1-N2	2.5380(17)	2.5412(17)
O4-Dy1-O5	77.36(5)	77.12(6)
O4-Dy1-O6	90.15(5)	90.07(6)
O4-Dy1-O7	108.81(6)	108.27(7)
O4-Dy1-O8	75.76(5)	75.49(6)
O4-Dy1-O10 ¹	75.15(5)	75.66(6)
O4-Dy1-O13 ²	145.76(6)	146.08(6)
O5-Dy1-N2	119.63(5)	119.98(5)
O7-Dy1-O5	142.84(5)	142.96(6)
O7-Dy1-O10 ¹	74.15(5)	73.73(6)
O7-Dy1-N2	79.25(6)	79.60(6)
O6-Dy1-N2	66.99(5)	66.87(6)
O8-Dy1-O5	140.10(5)	140.32(6)
O8-Dy1-O7	74.59(6)	73.79(7)

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles [°] for **1**·H₂O.

Parameter	Value / Å, °	
<i>T</i> / K	353	400
Dy1-O1	2.254(3)	2.238(5)
Dy1-O2	2.230(3)	2.233(5)
Dy1-O3	2.403(4)	2.391(7)
Dy1-O4	2.450(4)	2.441(7)
Dy1-O5	2.528(5)	2.611(10)
Dy1-O8 ¹	2.349(3)	2.342(6)
Dy1-O11 ²	2.295(3)	2.281(6)
Dy-O _{average}	2.358	2.352
Dy1-N1	2.539(3)	2.532(6)
O1-Dy1-O3	145.37(13)	146.0(3)
O1-Dy1-O4	84.35(13)	85.8(2)
O1-Dy1-O5	70.54(15)	69.5(3)
O1-Dy1-O8 ¹	139.75(13)	138.8(2)
O1-Dy1-O11 ²	106.78(13)	104.5(2)
O1-Dy1-N1	66.72(11)	67.03(18)
O2-Dy1-O1	82.77(12)	81.9(2)
O2-Dy1-N1	136.99(12)	136.9(2)
O3-Dy1-O4	70.83(14)	70.5(3)
O3-Dy1-N1	82.99(13)	82.7(2)
O5-Dy1-N1	114.09(15)	113.4(3)
O8 ¹ -Dy1-O3	74.83(15)	75.3(3)
O11 ² -Dy1-O4	137.08(14)	138.1(2)

Table S3. Continuous Shape Measure (CSM) analysis for eight-coordinated Dy(III) in $1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $1 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Eight-coordinated coordination sphere label	Symmetry	CSM parameters				Determined coordination geometry
		$1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$		$1 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$		
<i>T</i> / K		150	300	353	400	
OP-8	D _{8h}	29.999	30.119	30.959	30.837	
HPY-8	C _{7v}	22.694	22.639	22.225	22.270	
HBPY-8	D _{6h}	15.267	15.132	14.287	14.456	
CU-8	O _h	11.006	11.023	8.683	8.774	
SAPR-8	D_{4d}	1.027	1.052	0.909	0.856	SAPR-8
TDD-8	D _{2d}	1.315	1.305	2.738	2.647	
JGBF-8	D _{2d}	12.769	12.557	13.293	13.443	
JETBPY-8	D _{3h}	26.913	27.125	26.975	27.195	
JBTP-8	C _{2v}	1.679	1.692	2.016	1.909	
BTPR-8	C _{2v}	1.643	1.677	2.259	2.151	
JSD-8	D _{2d}	2.711	2.700	4.101	4.015	
TT-8	T _d	11.588	11.604	9.082	9.186	
ETBPY-8	D _{3h}	23.695	23.881	23.051	23.331	

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)
JBTP-8	Johnson - Biaugmented trigonal prism (J50)
BTPR-8	Biaugmented trigonal prism
JSD-8	Snub disphenoid (J84)
TT-8	Triakis tetrahedron
ETBPY-8	Elongated trigonal bipyramid (see 8)

Table S4. Crystal Data and Structure Parameters for compound **1·3H₂O_re**.

Complex	1·3H ₂ O_re
formula	C ₁₈ H ₂₂ DyN ₂ O ₁₄ S ₂
formula weight	716.99
temperature/K	293
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	<i>P2₁/n</i>
a/Å	8.6606(7)
b/Å	14.3467(10)
c/Å	18.6998(12)
α/°	90
β/°	92.713(3)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2320.9(3)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	2.052
μ/mm ⁻¹	3.478
F(000)	1416.0
R _{int} / R _{sigma}	0.0875 / 0.0294
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.132
R ₁ ^a / wR ₂ ^b (I > 2σ(I))	0.0372 / 0.0724
R ₁ / wR ₂ (all data)	0.0532 / 0.0789
Max/min [e Å ⁻³]	1.39 / -1.70
^a R ₁ = ∑ F _o - F _c /∑ F _o ^b wR ₂ = {∑[w(F _o ² - F _c ²) ²]/ ∑[w(F _o ²) ²]} ^{1/2}	

Table S5. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles [°] for **1**·3H₂O_re.

Parameter	Value / Å, °
<i>T</i> / K	300
Dy1-O4	2.233(4)
Dy1-O5	2.490(4)
Dy1-O6	2.279(3)
Dy1-O7	2.366(4)
Dy1-O8	2.372(4)
Dy1-O10 ¹	2.407(4)
Dy1-O13 ²	2.323(4)
Dy-O _{average}	2.353
Dy1-N2	2.544(4)
O4-Dy1-O5	77.28(14)
O4-Dy1-O6	90.00(14)
O4-Dy1-O7	108.24(17)
O4-Dy1-O8	75.24(15)
O4-Dy1-O10 ¹	75.58(14)
O4-Dy1-O13 ²	146.11(15)
O5-Dy1-N2	119.87(14)
O7-Dy1-O5	142.99(14)
O7-Dy1-O10 ¹	73.61(15)
O7-Dy1-N2	79.65(15)
O6-Dy1-N2	66.79(13)
O8-Dy1-O5	140.59(15)
O8-Dy1-O7	73.42(16)

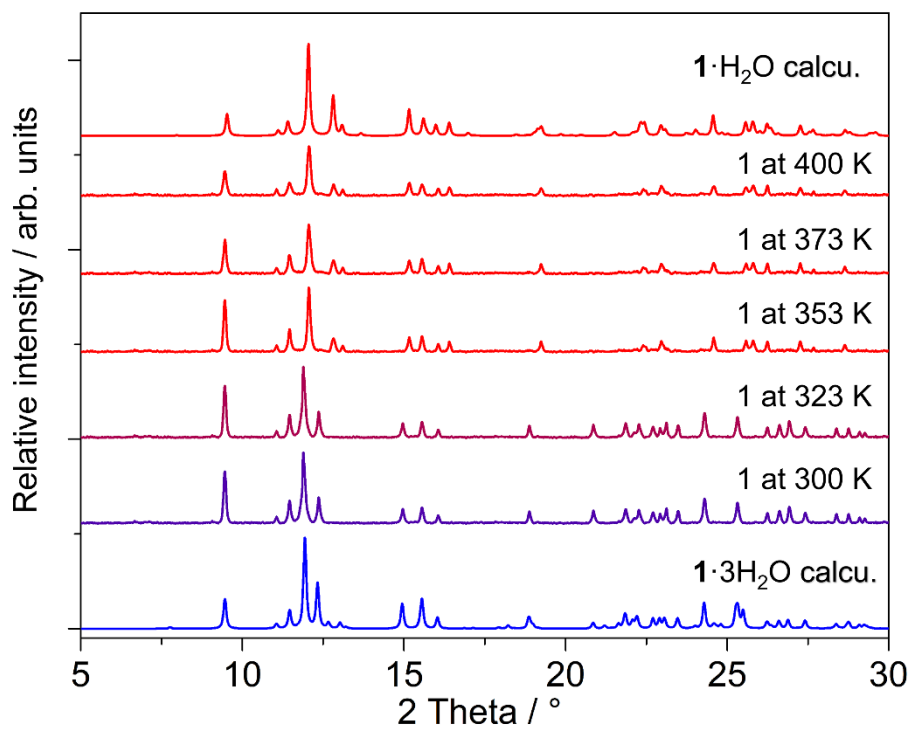


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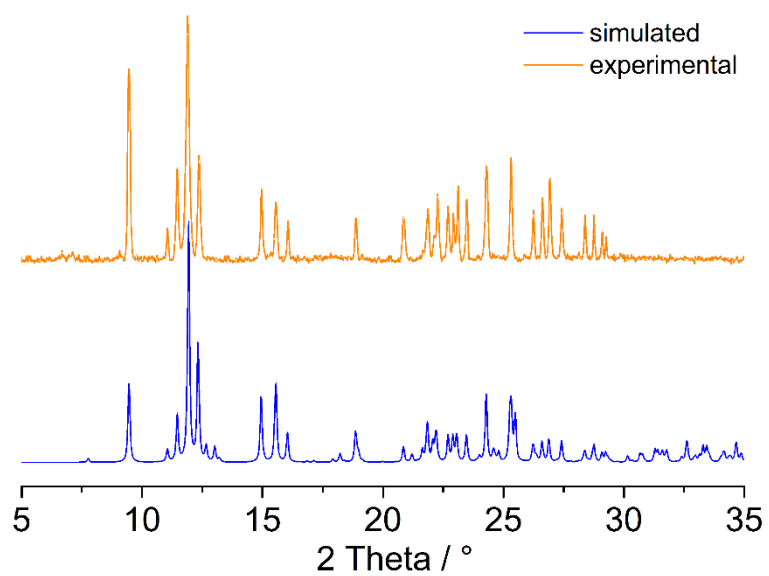


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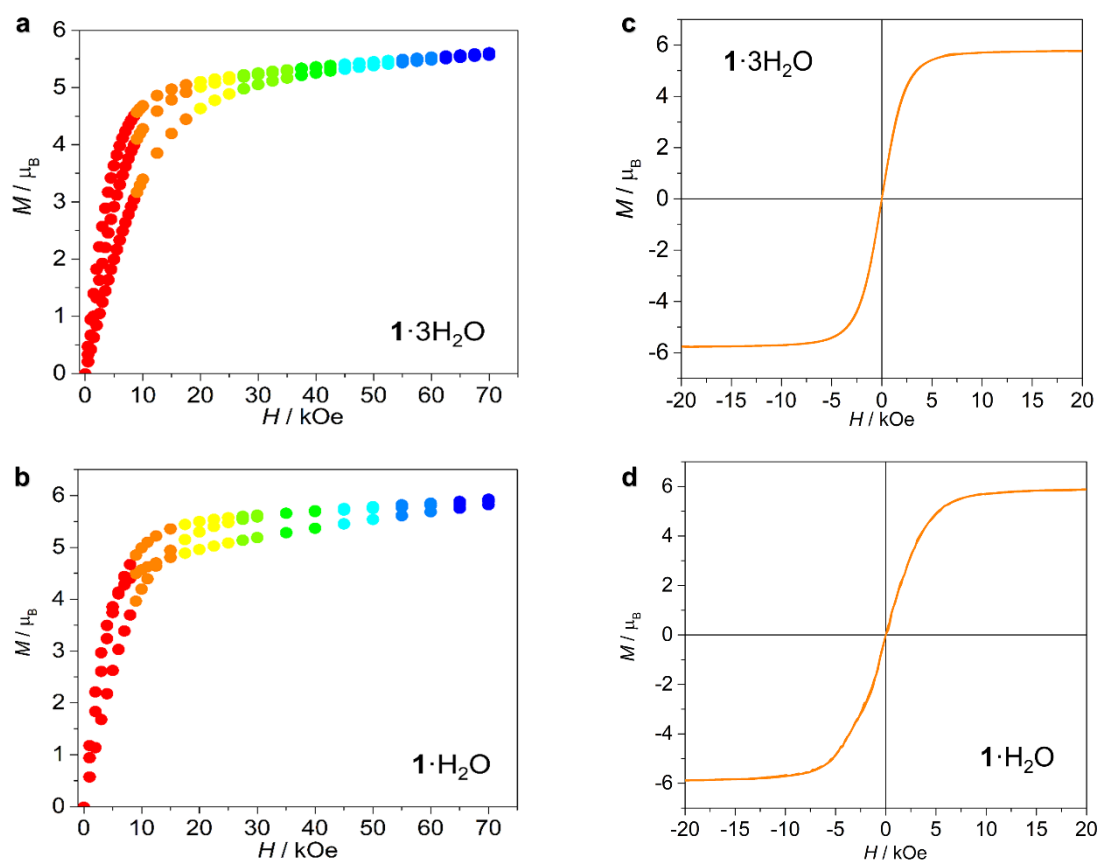


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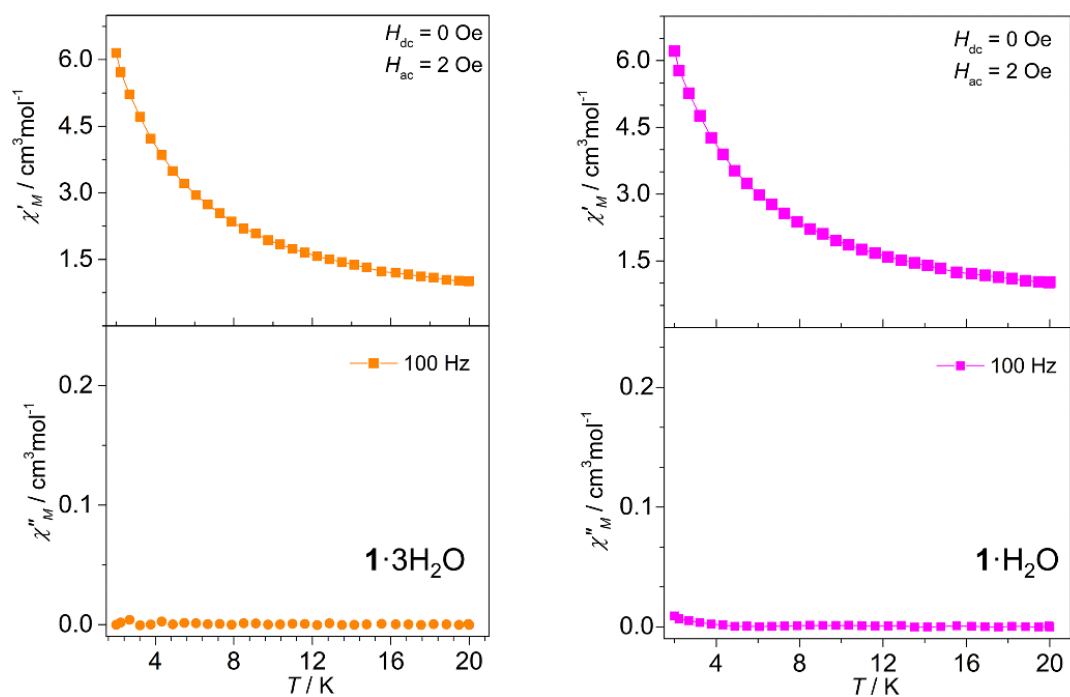


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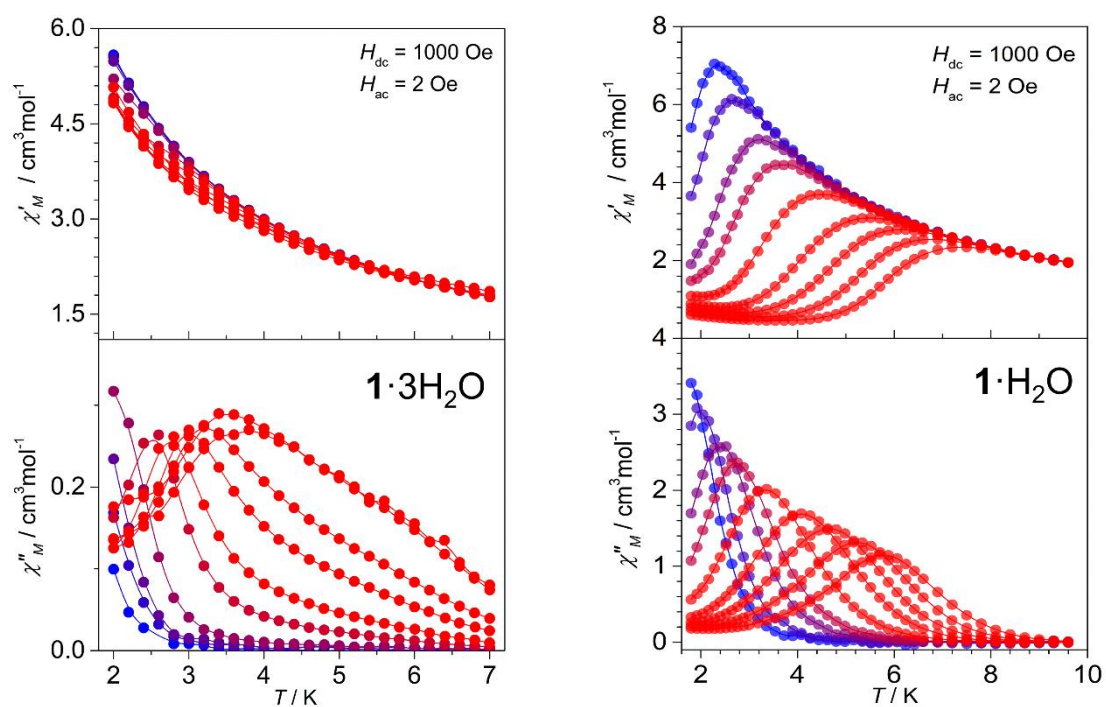


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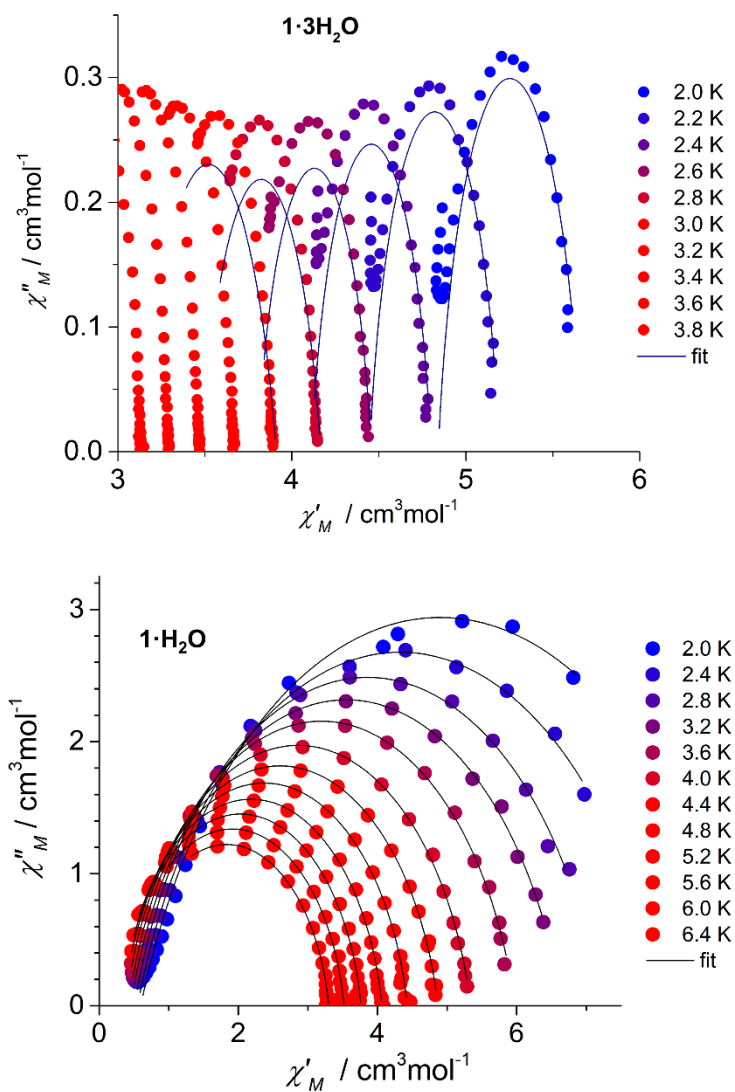


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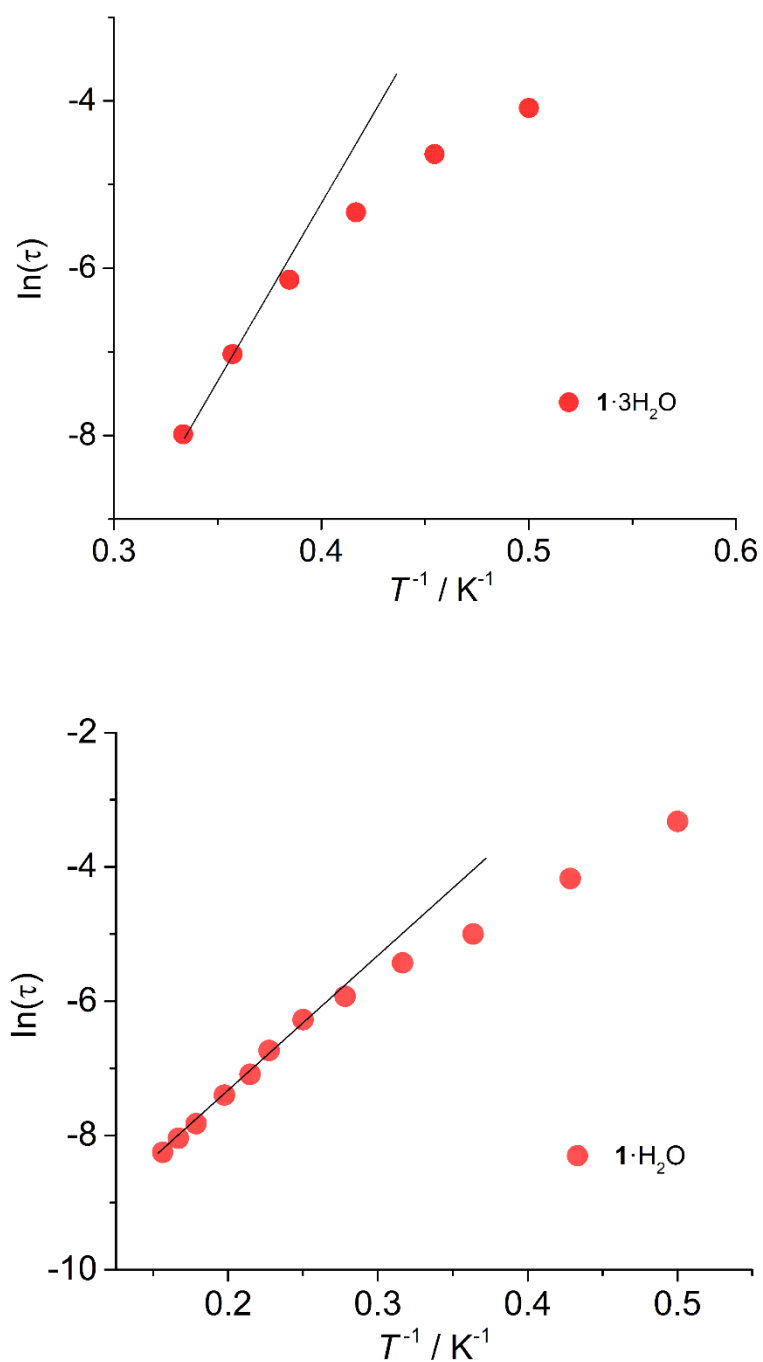


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T / K	τ / s	χ_S / $\text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}\text{K}$	χ_T / $\text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}\text{K}$	α
1.99992	0.0168	4.84107	5.66499	0.20011
2.19998	0.00969	4.44761	5.19439	0.19736
2.39999	0.00483	4.11363	4.80098	0.20786
2.59996	0.00216	3.80259	4.45673	0.22694
2.80009	8.86118E-4	3.48146	4.16673	0.2776
2.99989	3.39651E-4	3.13061	3.91111	0.32131

Table S7. Relaxation fitting parameters from the least-square fitting of the Cole-Cole plots of $\mathbf{1} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ under 1 kOe dc filed according to the generalized Debye model.

T / K	τ / s	χ_S / $\text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}\text{K}$	χ_T / $\text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}\text{K}$	α
1.99993	0.03602	0.6503	9.83789	0.24958
2.39996	0.0154	0.57885	8.55246	0.22381
2.79997	0.00673	0.52201	7.63228	0.20474
3.19974	0.00439	0.47459	6.94289	0.18905
3.59014	0.00267	0.43779	6.30616	0.1707
4.00099	0.00188	0.40479	5.60678	0.14611
4.39996	0.00119	0.35093	5.06421	0.14243
4.80009	8.32987E-4	0.32515	4.62531	0.1312
5.19986	6.11578E-4	0.30698	4.24401	0.12207
5.59804	3.9991E-4	0.29592	3.91975	0.1168
5.99938	3.21663E-4	0.29625	3.64638	0.11619
6.40003	2.6098E-4	0.32692	3.40975	0.11716

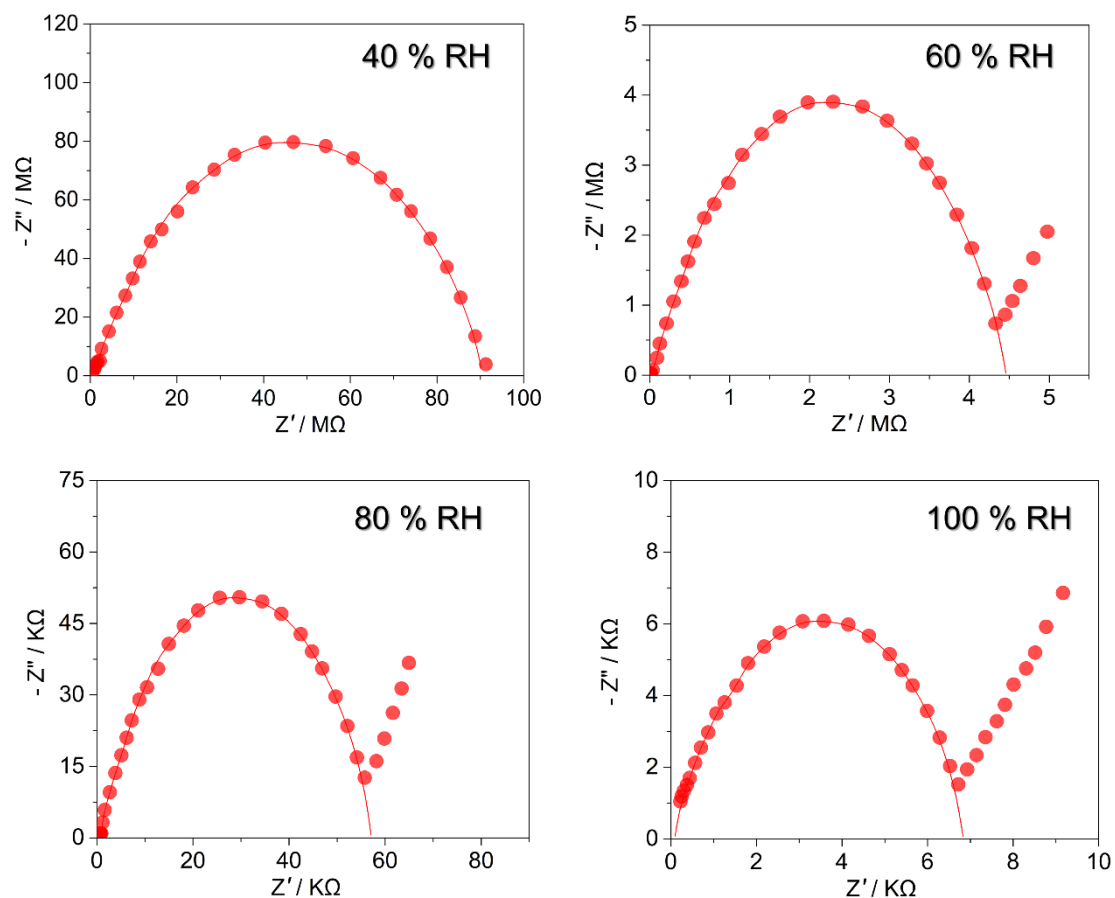


Figure S11. Nyquist plots of $1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ measured at $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ under different relative humidity in the 40-100% range. Solid red lines represent fitted semicircles, and the extracted values of conductivity were listed in Table S8.

Table S8. The conductivity of $1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ extracted from impedance spectra gathered at $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ under variable indicated relative humidity.

RH%	$\sigma / \text{S cm}^{-1}$
40	2.1×10^{-9}
60	3.5×10^{-7}
80	1.7×10^{-5}
100	1.1×10^{-4}

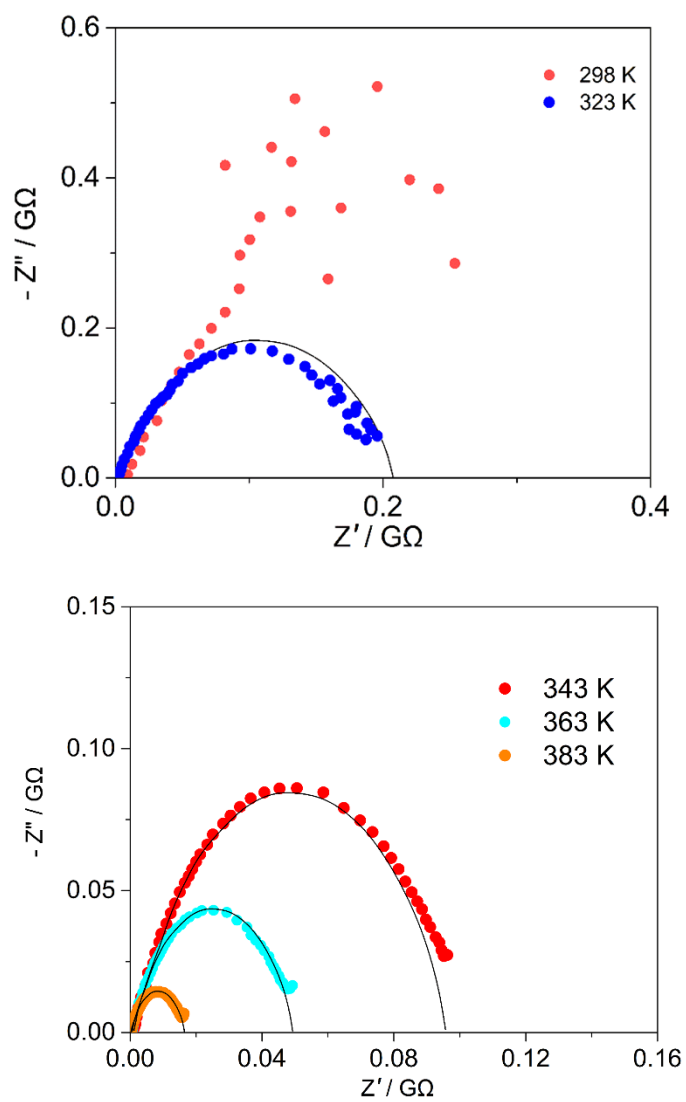


Figure S12. Nyquist plots of $1 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ measured at different temperature (298 – 383 K) under 40% relative humidity. Solid red lines represent fitted semicircles.

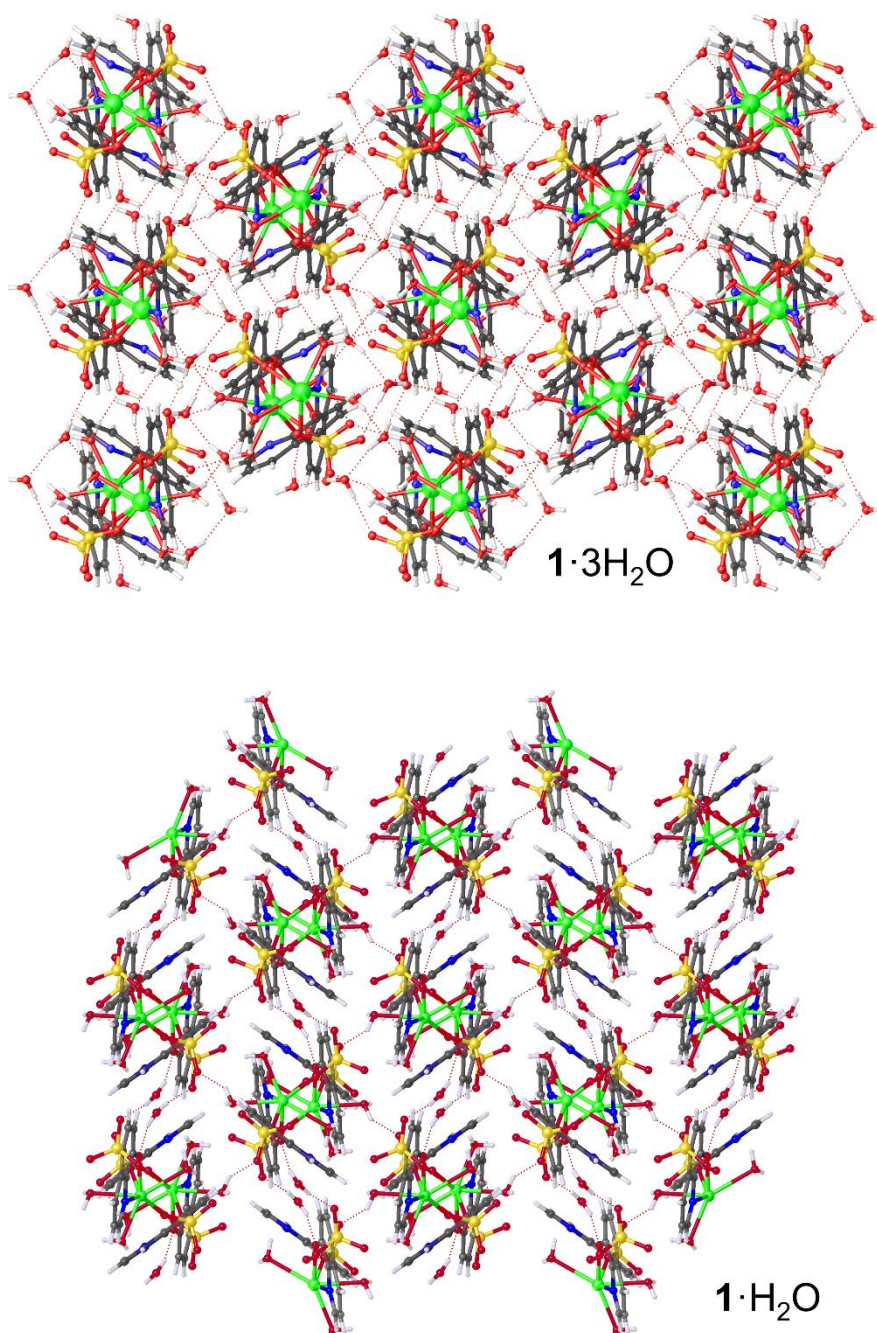


Figure S13. Hydrogen-bonded supramolecular 3D structures of 1·3H₂O (up) and 1·H₂O (down).

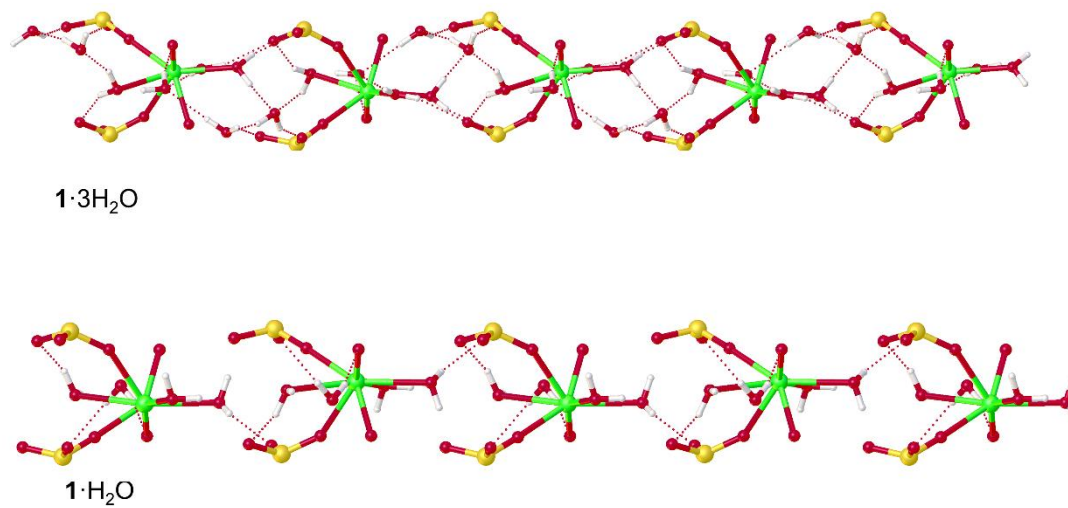


Figure S14. 1D hydrogen-bonded H₂O chains in **1**·3H₂O (up) and **1**·H₂O (down) along *b* axis direction.

Computational Details

All the DFT calculations were performed using ORCA 4.2.1 code.^{S5} The position of hydrogens was optimized for the prepared model using BP86 level of theory and SV basis set for all atoms. Dispersion corrections have been taken care of by incorporating Grimme's atom-pairwise dispersion correction approach as implemented in ORCA.^{S6,S7,S8}

All the multireference calculations were performed on the model of $\mathbf{1} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\mathbf{1} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ using Open MOLCAS code.^{S9,S10} The spin-Hamiltonian parameters were calculated using a complete active space self-consistent field (CASSCF) method.^{S11} Here, we have employed the ANO-RCC-VDZP type basis set for the paramagnetic ion Dy^{III} , while the ANO-RCC-VDZ type basis set was used for the rest of the atoms.^{S12,S13} The details of the basis set and contraction scheme are provided in the Table S15. To speed up the calculations, the two-electron integrals were computed using the resolution of identity Cholesky decomposition (RICD) approximation. For CASSCF calculations, the active space comprises CAS(9,7). Using this active spaces, we have computed 21 sextets for Dy^{III} ions in both $\mathbf{1} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\mathbf{1} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$. Subsequently, these states were mixed in the spin-orbit restricted active space state interaction (SO-RASSI) module to compute the spin-orbit states.^{S14} The calculated spin-free energies and SOC states for $\mathbf{1} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\mathbf{1} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ are reported in Tables S9 and S10. The computed spin-orbit coupled (SOC) states were used to calculate the g -values, crystal field parameters, transition magnetic moments, magnetic susceptibility, and magnetization of Dy^{III} with the SINGLE_ANISO module^{S15} as implemented in MOLCAS.

Table S9. RASSI-SO computed low-lying 21 spin-free sextet states and the spin-orbit coupled (Kramer doublets) for Dy in complex **1·3H₂O** at 300K. All the values are reported here in cm⁻¹.

Complex 1·3H₂O		
SPIN-FREE STATES	SPIN-ORBIT STATES	
0.0	0.0	9862.8
14.9	157.5	9937.3
205.7	235.7	10012.6
238.6	303.5	11099.0
305.6	335.1	11291.7
367.2	407.7	11430.0
402.7	478.3	11881.6
484.7	608.7	11909.0
531.2	3075.7	11938.9
653.7	3190.2	11955.6
666.1	3264.7	11990.7
7642.5	3323.7	13673.1
7665.2	3368.2	13696.3
7760.9	3417.1	13756.4
7790.9	3489.5	13769.4
7823.4	5707.7	15087.6
7887.3	5805.3	15112.4
7905.2	5888.6	15149.3
34622.9	5931.4	16108.6
35103.1	5973.7	16121.0
35210.8	6043.0	16714.3
	7925.6	38764.6
	8017.8	38814.7
	8099.6	38905.6
	8140.3	39105.4
	8215.0	40164.1
	9653.4	40363.2
	9672.7	40494.7
	9700.7	41311.3
	9734.8	41383.5
	9756.4	
	9779.1	
	9816.5	

Table S10. RASSI-SO computed low-lying 21 spin-free sextet states and the spin-orbit coupled (Kramer doublets) for Dy in complex **1**·H₂O at 400K. All the values are reported here in cm⁻¹.

Complex 1 ·H ₂ O		
SPIN-FREE STATES	SPIN-ORBIT STATES	
0.0	0.0	9810.8
25.0	140.2	9871.5
170.8	184.8	9961.4
241.0	245.5	11085.1
291.3	297.7	11225.4
339.9	342.0	11373.0
366.8	423.0	11838.6
447.2	549.0	11871.4
464.3	3082.8	11883.8
620.1	3169.0	11906.6
628.7	3212.7	11939.6
7598.2	3254.9	13623.4
7638.0	3313.8	13647.1
7754.2	3358.8	13707.2
7783.5	3431.6	13728.0
7798.1	5717.8	15035.4
7847.0	5769.5	15062.8
7860.7	5820.7	15107.0
34710.0	5864.3	16060.3
34921.7	5917.3	16073.8
35202.8	5995.5	16664.2
	7927.7	38736.7
	7967.7	38818.8
	8024.9	38883.0
	8083.9	38988.3
	8171.0	40136.0
	9608.6	40258.3
	9639.6	40437.9
	9670.1	41257.0
	9689.6	41311.5
	9718.2	
	9743.0	
	9752.8	

Table S11. SINGLE_ANISO computed g-tensors, the angle of deviation from ground state g_{zz} orientation and relative energies of eight low lying Kramers doublets for $1 \cdot 3H_2O$ and $1 \cdot H_2O$.

Complex $1 \cdot 3H_2O$					Complex $1 \cdot H_2O$				
KDs Energy (cm^{-1})	g_{xx}	g_{yy}	g_{zz}	θ ($^\circ$ angle)	KDs Energy (cm^{-1})	g_{xx}	g_{yy}	g_{zz}	θ ($^\circ$ angle)
0.0	0.0142	0.0179	19.7880	0.0	0.0	0.0303	0.0542	19.6981	0.0
157.5	0.0833	0.1271	17.4577	160.0	140.2	1.6394	4.3021	13.9906	136.4
235.7	0.2271	0.5059	15.0220	146.8	184.8	0.7015	4.7669	8.8613	37.3
303.5	3.3806	6.6750	10.4133	115.9	245.5	2.9874	5.8806	9.8383	100.7
335.1	1.0096	3.1108	9.5208	69.5	297.7	0.5022	2.2905	12.8331	92.1
407.7	1.8340	2.2233	14.4210	71.5	342.0	0.8073	1.3927	16.1265	107.6
478.3	0.3474	0.6198	18.4471	75.0	423.0	0.0209	0.0587	18.0133	81.8
608.7	0.0265	0.0508	19.6533	65.5	549.0	0.0011	0.0040	19.4819	58.2

Table S12. SINGLE_ANISO computed crystal field parameters for $1 \cdot 3H_2O$ and $1 \cdot H_2O$.

k	q	B_k^q	
		Complex $1 \cdot 3H_2O$	Complex $1 \cdot H_2O$
2	-2	-1.21E+00	3.26E+00
	-1	4.05E+00	-7.19E+00
	0	-5.30E+00	-3.31E+00
	1	-1.10E+01	-6.39E+00
	2	4.63E-01	-3.53E+00
4	-4	4.92E-02	3.56E-02
	-3	1.64E-01	-2.95E-01
	-2	-4.08E-02	1.39E-01
	-1	-4.72E-02	2.14E-02
	0	-2.82E-02	-3.07E-02
	1	1.34E-01	-1.69E-01
	2	-7.57E-02	7.76E-02
	3	4.12E-01	1.11E-01
4	-7.45E-02	-5.40E-02	

6	-6	-4.28E-04	6.33E-04
	-5	-3.90E-03	-5.62E-03
	-4	2.61E-03	2.07E-03
	-3	4.30E-03	-9.11E-03
	-2	3.02E-03	-7.67E-04
	-1	1.69E-03	-7.90E-04
	0	-2.94E-05	-1.11E-04
	1	1.46E-03	2.04E-03
	2	3.14E-03	-2.48E-04
	3	3.23E-03	5.13E-03
	4	-4.29E-03	-3.47E-03
	5	2.21E-03	-4.19E-03
	6	3.03E-03	-2.32E-03

Table S13. SINGLE_ANISO computed wave function decomposition analysis for Dy centre in complex 1·3H₂O. The major dominating values are kept in bold.

$\pm mJ$	<i>wave function decomposition analysis of complex 1</i>
KD1	97.7% $ \pm 15/2\rangle + 1.0\%$ $ \pm 9/2\rangle + 0.7\%$ $ \pm 7/2\rangle$
KD2	81.7% $ \pm 13/2\rangle + 11.5\%$ $ \pm 11/2\rangle + 3.5\%$ $ \pm 9/2\rangle + 2.1\%$ $ \pm 5/2\rangle$
KD3	35.0% $ \pm 11/2\rangle + 29.2\%$ $ \pm 9/2\rangle + 21.8\%$ $ \pm 7/2\rangle + 9.4\%$ $ \pm 13/2\rangle + 1.4\%$ $ \pm 15/2\rangle$
KD4	38.0% $ \pm 5/2\rangle + 20.3\%$ $ \pm 7/2\rangle + 16.3\%$ $ \pm 11/2\rangle + 12.2\%$ $ \pm 1/2\rangle + 7.7\%$ $ \pm 3/2\rangle + 4.2\%$ $ \pm 13/2\rangle$
KD5	37.6% $ \pm 3/2\rangle + 18.7\%$ $ \pm 11/2\rangle + 14.3\%$ $ \pm 9/2\rangle + 12.7\%$ $ \pm 1/2\rangle + 11.0\%$ $ \pm 5/2\rangle + 4.1\%$ $ \pm 7/2\rangle$
KD6	33.3% $ \pm 1/2\rangle + 25.6\%$ $ \pm 9/2\rangle + 14.9\%$ $ \pm 3/2\rangle + 10.0\%$ $ \pm 11/2\rangle + 8.6\%$ $ \pm 7/2\rangle + 7.3\%$ $ \pm 5/2\rangle$
KD7	36.0% $ \pm 1/2\rangle + 21.1\%$ $ \pm 3/2\rangle + 19.4\%$ $ \pm 7/2\rangle + 12.7\%$ $ \pm 5/2\rangle + 9.5\%$ $ \pm 9/2\rangle$
KD8	27.7% $ \pm 5/2\rangle + 24.4\%$ $ \pm 7/2\rangle + 17.5\%$ $ \pm 3/2\rangle + 15.2\%$ $ \pm 9/2\rangle + 7.5\%$ $ \pm 11/2\rangle + 5.4\%$ $ \pm 1/2\rangle$

Table S14. SINGLE_ANISO computed wave function decomposition analysis for Dy centre in complex 1·H₂O. The major dominating values are kept in bold.

$\pm mJ$	<i>wave function decomposition analysis of complex 2</i>
KD1	96.7% $ \pm 15/2\rangle + 1.1\%$ $ \pm 9/2\rangle + 1.0\%$ $ \pm 11/2\rangle$
KD2	48.0% $ \pm 13/2\rangle + 12.1\%$ $ \pm 3/2\rangle + 11.4\%$ $ \pm 1/2\rangle + 9.9\%$ $ \pm 5/2\rangle + 8.3\%$ $ \pm 9/2\rangle + 7.9\%$ $ \pm 7/2\rangle$
KD3	37.6% $ \pm 13/2\rangle + 18.5\%$ $ \pm 1/2\rangle + 14.0\%$ $ \pm 11/2\rangle + 12.1\%$ $ \pm 3/2\rangle + 8.6\%$ $ \pm 5/2\rangle + 6.5\%$ $ \pm 7/2\rangle$

KD4	$35.0\% \pm 11/2\rangle + 15.1\% \pm 3/2\rangle + 12.7\% \pm 7/2\rangle + 12.6\% \pm 9/2\rangle + 12.6\% \pm 5/2\rangle + 7.4\% \pm 1/2\rangle$
KD5	$22.3\% \pm 11/2\rangle + 22.1\% \pm 9/2\rangle + 18.2\% \pm 1/2\rangle + 14.3\% \pm 5/2\rangle + 14.0\% \pm 7/2\rangle + 7.9\% \pm 3/2\rangle$
KD6	$26.6\% \pm 7/2\rangle + 23.6\% \pm 5/2\rangle + 22.8\% \pm 9/2\rangle + 15.6\% \pm 3/2\rangle + 6.9\% \pm 11/2\rangle$
KD7	$39.5\% \pm 1/2\rangle + 29.3\% \pm 3/2\rangle + 11.1\% \pm 5/2\rangle + 8.7\% \pm 9/2\rangle + 6.2\% \pm 7/2\rangle$
KD8	$25.7\% \pm 7/2\rangle + 22.2\% \pm 9/2\rangle + 19.6\% \pm 5/2\rangle + 15.2\% \pm 11/2\rangle + 8.0\% \pm 3/2\rangle + 6.8\% \pm 13/2\rangle$

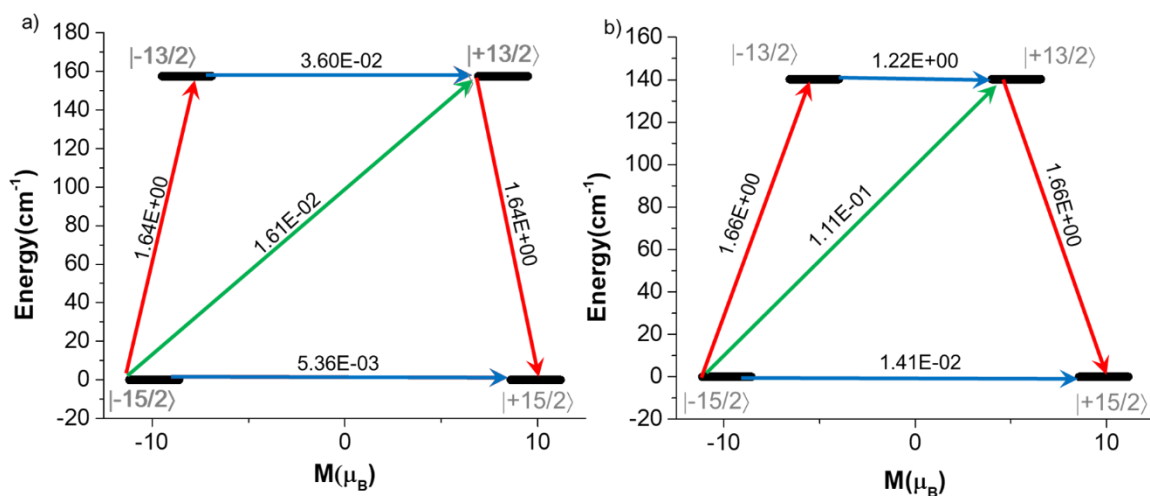


Figure S15. Ab initio computed magnetic relaxation pathway of the a) $1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and b) $1 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$. The grey line indicates the KDs as a function of magnetic moments. The blue, red and green lines represent thermal, QTM, and possible Orbach relaxations.

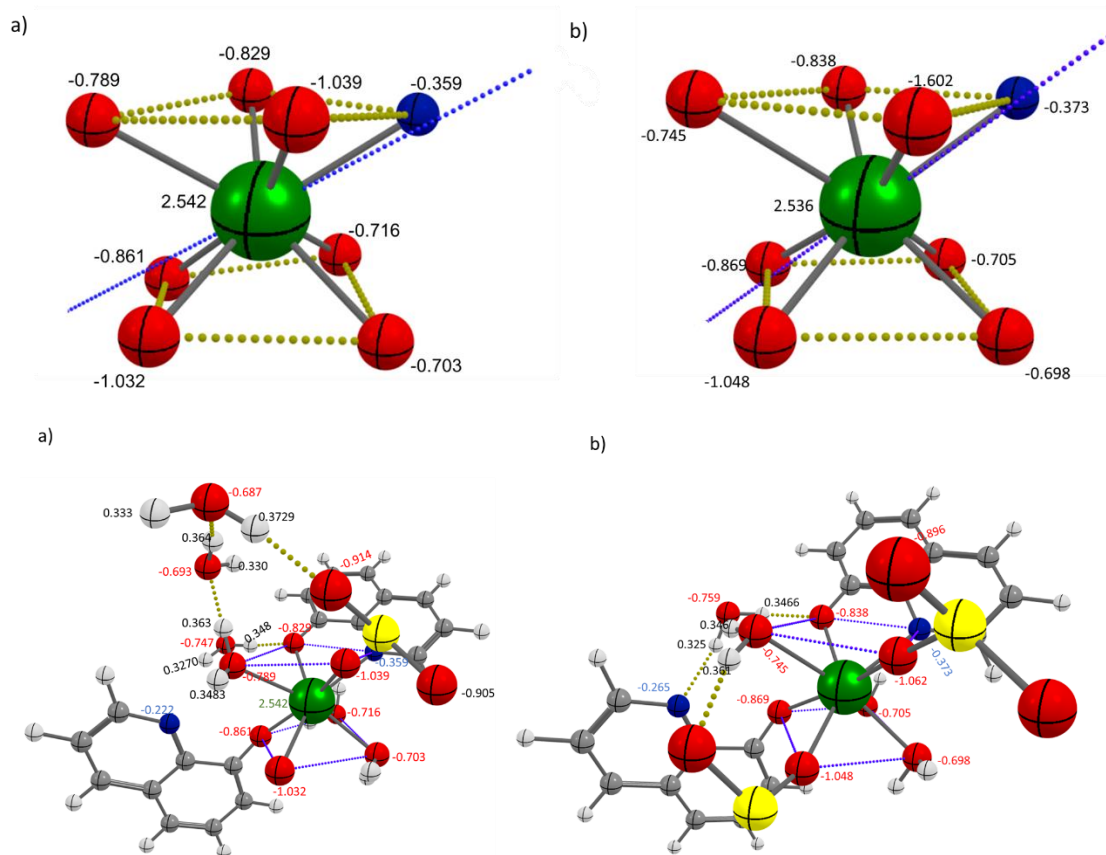


Figure S16. LoProp charge for the two Dy centers in a) Complex 1·3H₂O and b) Complex 1·H₂O. (in core as well as in the vicinity of neighboring water molecules) Color code: Dy (Green); N (blue), O (red), C (grey), H(white).

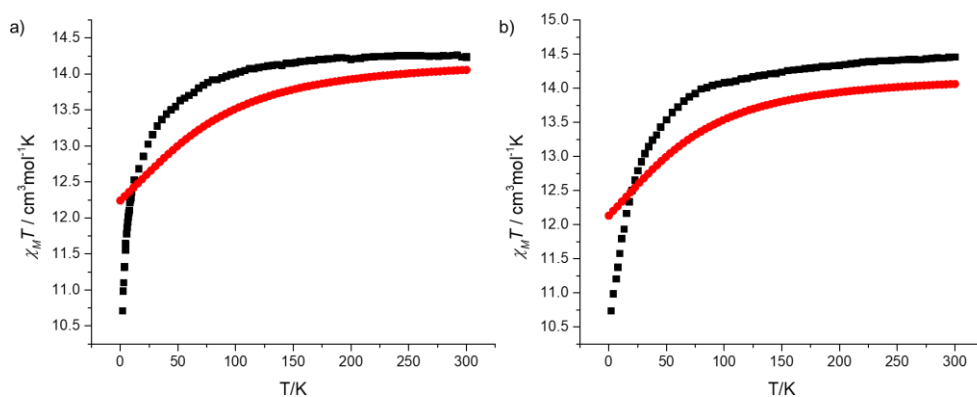


Figure S17. SINGLE_ANISO fitting for $\chi_M T$ vs T for a) Complex 1·3H₂O and b) Complex 1·H₂O. Red (calculated); black (experimental).

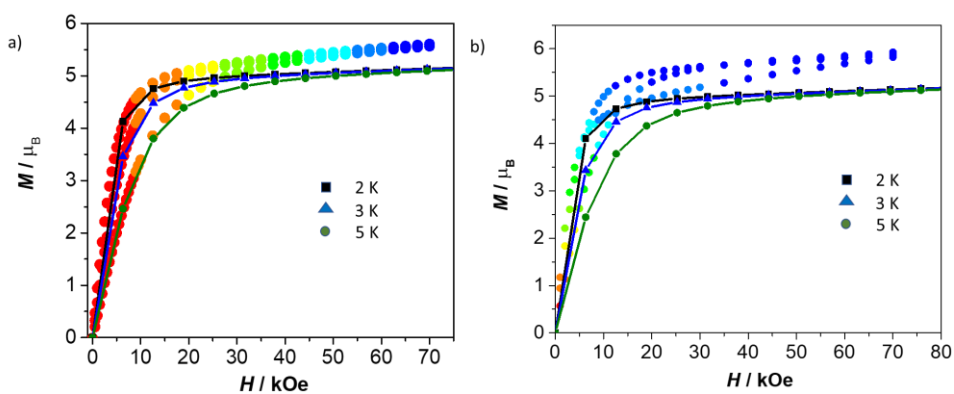


Figure S18. Experimental versus Calculated M vs H plot at different temperatures (2K, 3K, 5K) for a) Complex 1·3H₂O and b) Complex 1·H₂O.

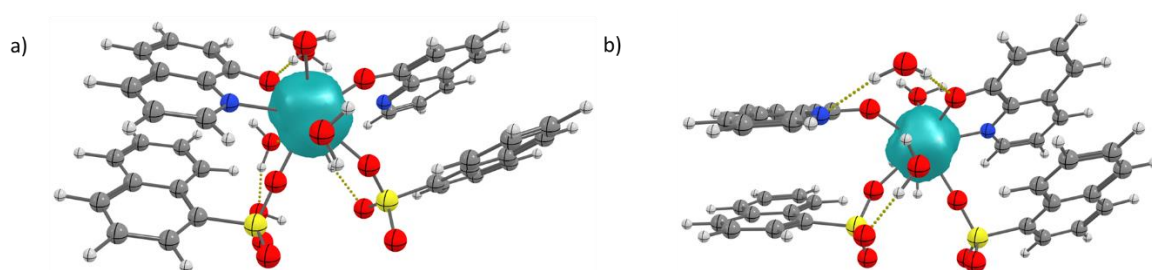


Figure S19. DFT calculated beta spin density plot for a) Complex 1·3H₂O b) Complex 1·H₂O at iso value $0.000433 \text{ e}^-/\text{bohr}^3$. Color code: N (blue), O (red), S (yellow), C (grey), H(white).

Table S15. Basis functions used in *ab initio* CASSCF calculations using OpenMolcas code.

Atoms	ANO-RCC basis functions
H	2s
C	3s2p
N, O	3s2p
Dy	7s6p4d2f1g.

Table S16. Hydrogen optimized coordinates for mononuclear model of $1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $1 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Complex $1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$			
Dy	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
S	1.62180	-1.88957	2.77025
S	1.12090	2.33416	2.75164
O	-0.53710	-2.09181	-0.55876
O	-1.40416	-0.74229	1.91489
O	-2.15480	0.65326	-0.36400
O	2.24366	0.39401	-0.66249
O	0.00000	0.00000	-2.37216
O	1.37611	-1.37104	1.42727
O	0.61336	1.44096	1.71808
O	-4.07310	-1.27016	-0.32734
O	-3.58572	0.49337	2.84498
O	-2.15137	1.57832	4.85472
O	0.57477	-1.53028	3.71116
O	2.95212	-1.52739	3.22933
O	0.49260	2.06291	4.02363
O	2.56647	2.33420	2.80122
N	-1.94043	-3.46484	1.25911
N	-0.18820	2.38219	-0.86481
C	-0.42911	-3.37921	-0.57758
C	-2.12207	-6.17952	1.27124
C	0.58173	4.56075	-1.46110
C	-1.22038	-4.15827	0.33125
C	-3.79732	2.17504	-1.16147

C	-3.14085	4.42788	-1.79009
C	-2.70900	-4.04924	2.15981
C	-1.77303	4.09992	-1.55751
C	-4.10703	3.47114	-1.60673
C	0.79444	3.24480	-1.04313
C	0.40078	-4.10538	-1.42272
C	-1.46653	2.78651	-1.11939
C	-0.45142	-6.24131	-0.61994
C	-1.27523	-5.56751	0.32712
C	-2.83783	-5.42962	2.17082
C	-0.69066	4.98816	-1.70529
C	0.36493	-5.50537	-1.44004
C	-2.49628	1.81353	-0.87676
C	3.07627	-6.42284	0.74374
C	1.56496	-6.50848	2.58043
C	3.25791	-3.70817	0.73161
C	2.35622	-5.72942	1.67160
C	3.84484	-5.83845	-0.15696
C	0.73507	-5.78231	3.42557
C	1.58726	-3.64638	2.62279
C	2.41107	-4.32018	1.67573
C	3.97367	-4.45807	-0.16797
C	0.77091	-4.38232	3.44289
C	-2.30511	6.01008	1.33304
C	-3.07504	3.83151	1.92933
C	1.30400	6.21722	1.62971
C	0.64754	3.96439	2.25833
C	-0.72028	4.29234	2.02574
C	1.61372	4.92112	2.07496
C	-3.28775	5.14747	1.51137
C	-1.02678	5.60575	1.58763
C	-1.80265	3.40411	2.17353
C	0.00297	6.57873	1.34499
H	-2.28366	-0.29428	2.20140
H	-0.79002	-0.95651	2.69194
H	2.58492	0.10256	0.24616
H	2.43148	-0.31710	-1.33469
H	-0.40963	-0.93223	-2.27258
H	-0.72038	0.66488	-2.55596
H	-2.19655	-7.28151	1.27580
H	1.44361	5.23725	-1.55997
H	-4.58781	1.42577	-0.99357
H	-3.24221	-3.39161	2.87125
H	-5.16520	3.72116	-1.79610

H	1.80719	2.86701	-0.82909
H	1.08382	-3.55849	-2.09367
H	-3.49874	-5.92572	2.90360
H	-0.89225	6.02713	-2.01716
H	1.03450	-6.03349	-2.14187
H	-3.33764	-0.57840	-0.40656
H	-3.65569	-1.95630	0.26894
H	-3.13437	1.07137	3.58055
H	-3.92336	1.01889	2.07564
H	-1.20351	1.84386	4.54736
H	-2.02918	0.76633	5.41626
H	3.32773	-2.61092	0.73060
H	4.40052	-6.43992	-0.89745
H	0.04604	-6.29863	4.11508
H	4.62936	-3.95982	-0.90115
H	0.11180	-3.82343	4.12781
H	-3.92510	3.14487	2.05003
H	2.12907	6.93661	1.48604
H	2.65873	4.62715	2.27096
H	-4.33045	5.45104	1.30709
H	-1.62162	2.35292	2.43788
H	-0.44873	-7.34444	-0.65586
H	-3.39604	5.44996	-2.11475
H	-0.26958	7.58046	0.97802
H	-2.49261	7.03659	0.97957
H	2.99084	-7.52440	0.75098
H	1.57582	-7.60688	2.53095
Complex 1·H ₂ O			
Dy	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
S	-2.15260	-1.24684	2.78530
S	-0.66970	2.59986	2.46540
O	1.68822	-1.45913	-0.16553
O	1.60397	1.44205	-0.57850
O	-2.16716	0.61961	-0.79583
O	0.00000	0.00000	-2.44180
O	1.42817	0.00000	2.18657
O	-0.53481	1.94871	1.18656
O	-1.29054	-0.80780	1.69904
O	4.09456	-0.29724	0.55905
O	-1.51308	-1.06312	4.06829
O	-3.46538	-0.66292	2.70610

O	0.20429	2.09589	3.48594
O	-2.04176	2.63276	2.86793
N	-0.75542	-2.30995	-0.70905
N	3.33843	2.51653	1.12935
C	0.25538	-3.24193	-0.71761
C	4.48394	4.32731	2.09494
C	-1.98021	-2.74917	-0.92944
C	0.02460	-4.61501	-0.94014
C	2.40170	5.47984	-0.79045
C	1.15723	-5.49006	-0.91656
C	3.94241	5.17607	1.18255
C	3.04188	4.69763	0.19955
C	2.60660	-3.61743	-0.47069
C	1.56283	-2.72919	-0.44644
C	-2.29733	-4.08197	-1.14056
C	-1.32522	-5.00549	-1.15955
C	1.45870	4.91087	-1.58704
C	2.73585	3.33138	0.21751
C	1.14324	3.57406	-1.51747
C	2.40138	-4.97739	-0.70705
C	4.17080	2.99784	2.04819
C	1.79264	2.72329	-0.66197
C	-0.45660	-6.16059	2.32960
C	-1.46740	-5.22860	2.33817
C	0.76820	-5.72137	2.54999
C	-1.23661	-3.85552	2.56070
C	-2.36924	-2.98048	2.53712
C	-3.81861	-4.85311	2.09124
C	-2.77484	-5.74135	2.06700
C	1.08532	-4.38856	2.76112
C	0.11321	-3.46504	2.78010
C	-3.61339	-3.49314	2.32761
C	-1.14730	7.25386	0.26912
C	-2.29282	5.44308	-0.69647
C	-0.21057	4.29055	2.18893
C	-1.75128	4.59432	0.21592
C	-0.85075	5.07277	1.19892
C	0.73243	4.85952	2.98551
C	-0.54472	6.43901	1.18096
C	1.04789	6.19634	2.91594
C	-1.97967	6.77255	-0.64972
C	0.39849	7.04711	2.06044
H	-2.02278	1.51371	-1.21024
H	-2.53688	0.74406	0.13597

H	0.09242	-0.98630	-2.56364
H	0.91538	0.42377	-2.32148
H	1.08990	0.74552	2.79317
H	2.36393	0.15784	1.86092
H	5.17424	4.70633	2.86779
H	-2.77060	-1.98047	-0.91100
H	4.18478	6.25274	1.19131
H	3.61629	-3.23119	-0.25943
H	-3.35385	-4.35602	-1.28122
H	-1.54646	-6.07502	-1.31506
H	0.91458	5.54491	-2.30858
H	0.35565	3.15566	-2.16700
H	3.27510	-5.65138	-0.69321
H	4.60927	2.26248	2.74547
H	3.83969	0.68411	0.58715
H	3.26639	-0.76638	0.20984
H	1.60904	-6.44142	2.54288
H	-4.85071	-5.20398	1.90977
H	2.13469	-4.08935	2.90593
H	0.34789	-2.39823	2.93526
H	-4.45925	-2.78467	2.32918
H	-2.98571	5.05846	-1.46343
H	-1.98669	3.52062	0.21602
H	1.23978	4.20375	3.71338
H	1.82774	6.58583	3.59412
H	-2.43490	7.45719	-1.38805
H	0.60361	8.12602	1.99923
H	-0.90471	8.33084	0.28398
H	2.61713	6.56035	-0.84872
H	-2.91219	-6.81690	1.87408
H	-0.68196	-7.22229	2.14355
H	0.99449	-6.56922	-1.07309

Table S17. The possible hydrogen bonds in $1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at 150 K calculated by PLATON.

D-H...A	d(D- H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
O(1)-H(1A)...O(6)	0.84	1.87	2.6914	165
O(1)-H(1B)...O(11)	0.85	2.23	2.9820	147
O(2)-H(2A)...O(3)	0.85	1.88	2.6771	156
O(2)-H(2B)...O(14)	0.85	1.95	2.7338	154
O(3)-H(3A)...O(12)	0.85	1.97	2.8002	168
O(3)-H(3B)...O(1)	0.85	1.94	2.7826	169
O(5)-H(5A)...O(2)	0.85	1.87	2.6606	154
O(5)-H(5B)...O(9)	0.85	1.99	2.7730	152
O(7)-H(7B)...O(1)	0.85	1.90	2.7341	171
O(7)-H(7B)...O(9)	0.85	2.11	2.9153	159
O(8)-H(8A)...O(2)	0.85	1.85	2.6948	173
O(8)-H(8B)...O(11)	0.85	1.95	2.7569	159

Table S18. The possible hydrogen bonds in $1 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at 300 K calculated by PLATON.

D-H...A	d(D- H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
O(1)-H(1A)...O(6)	0.85	1.88	2.7168	166
O(1)-H(1B)...O(11)	0.85	2.24	3.0482	142
O(2)-H(2A)...O(3)	0.85	1.89	2.6966	158
O(2)-H(2B)...O(14)	0.85	1.98	2.7427	150
O(3)-H(3A)...O(12)	0.85	2.00	2.8139	160
O(3)-H(3B)...O(1)	0.85	1.96	2.7826	171
O(5)-H(5A)...O(2)	0.85	1.88	2.8081	154
O(5)-H(5B)...O(9)	0.85	2.00	2.6740	154
O(7)-H(7B)...O(1)	0.85	1.91	2.7863	171
O(7)-H(7B)...O(9)	0.85	2.13	2.9529	164
O(8)-H(8A)...O(2)	0.85	1.89	2.7136	163
O(8)-H(8B)...O(11)	0.85	1.95	2.7603	159

Table S19. The possible hydrogen bonds in **1**·H₂O at 353 K calculated by PLATON.

D-H...A	d(D- H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
O(3)-H(3A)...O(10)	0.87	2.03	2.8692	163
O(3)-H(3B)...O(6)	0.87	2.13	2.9068	148
O(4)-H(4A)...O(9)	0.85	1.90	2.6836	152
O(4)-H(4B)...O(12)	0.85	2.24	2.9860	147
O(5)-H(5A)...O(7)	0.87	1.93	2.7495	157
O(5)-H(5B)...O(6)	0.87	2.41	3.2081	152
O(6)-H(6B)...O(1)	0.85	1.91	2.7596	174
O(6)-H(6B)...O(12)	0.85	2.12	2.9574	168

Table S20. The possible hydrogen bonds in **1**·H₂O at 400 K calculated by PLATON.

D-H...A	d(D- H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
O(3)-H(3A)...O(10)	0.86	2.33	2.8702	121
O(3)-H(3B)...O(6)	0.86	2.56	2.9966	113
O(3)-H(3B)...O(10)	0.86	2.56	2.8702	102
O(4)-H(4A)...O(9)	0.85	1.91	2.6643	147
O(4)-H(4B)...O(12)	0.85	2.28	3.0005	142
O(5)-H(5A)...O(7)	0.87	2.03	2.7533	140
O(5)-H(5B)...O(6)	0.87	2.33	3.1378	155
O(6)-H(6B)...O(1)	0.85	1.94	2.7685	165
O(6)-H(6B)...O(12)	0.85	2.12	2.9623	170

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