

## Supporting Information for

### **Layered lanthanide phosphonates $\text{Ln}(\text{2-qpH})(\text{SO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ (Ln = La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm): polymorphism and magnetic Properties**

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## I. Literature review of Ce/Nd-based SMMs

**Table S1** Literature review of Ce/Nd-based SMMs. Temperature dependence of the relaxation rate:

$$\tau^{-1}(T) = \tau_{\text{QTM}}^{-1} + AT + CTn + \tau_0^{-1} \exp(-U_{\text{eff}}/k_B T)$$

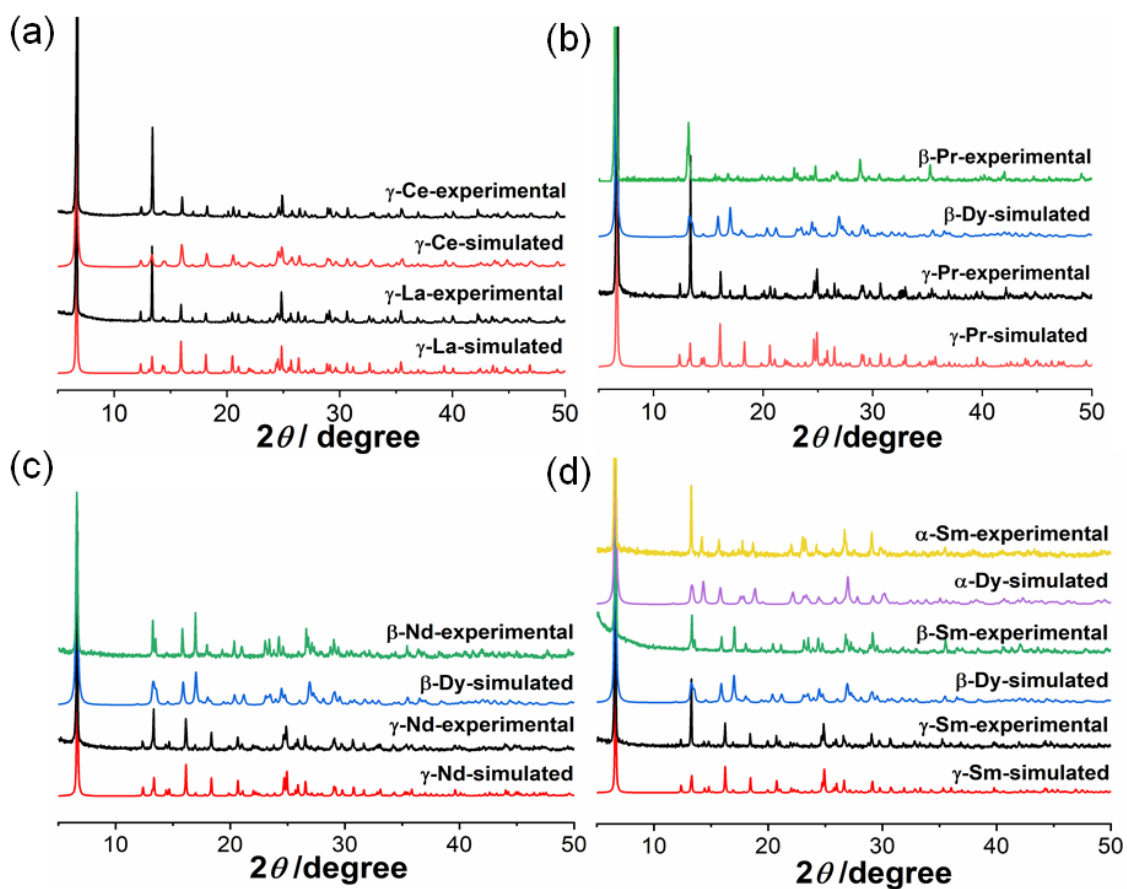
	$H$ (Oe)	$U_{\text{eff}}/k_B$ (K)	$\tau_0$ (s)	$C$ ( $\text{K}^{-n}\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$n$	$\tau_{\text{QTM}}^{-1}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$A$	Ref
<b>Mononuclear compounds</b>								
[CeZn <sub>2</sub> (L1)(AcO) <sub>2</sub> ]BPh <sub>4</sub>	250	37	$2.7 \times 10^{-7}$					1
[NdTp <sub>3</sub> ]	100	4.1	$5.5 \times 10^{-5}$					2
[Li(DME) <sub>3</sub> ][Ce(COT <sup>+</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	400	30	$1.2 \times 10^{-6}$					3
[Ce(NO <sub>3</sub> ){Zn(L1)(SCN)} <sub>2</sub> ]	1000	35.7	$2.2 \times 10^{-7}$					4
[Nd(NO <sub>3</sub> ){Zn(L1)(SCN)} <sub>2</sub> ]	1000	38.5	$2.1 \times 10^{-7}$					4
Na <sub>3</sub> [Nd(W <sub>5</sub> O <sub>18</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	1000	73.9	$3.6 \times 10^{-10}$					5
[Li(DME) <sub>3</sub> ][Nd(COT <sup>+</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	1000	21	$5.5 \times 10^{-5}$					6
[Ce <sup>III</sup> {Zn <sup>II</sup> (L2)} <sub>2</sub> (MeOH)]BPh <sub>4</sub>	0	21.2	$1.6 \times 10^{-7}$			$3.8 \times 10^{-4}$		7
[Ce(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (18-c-6)]	1000	31.4	$1.7 \times 10^{-7}$					8
	1000	30.3	$2.2 \times 10^{-7}$	0.108	5(fixed)			
	1000	25.6	$9.0 \times 10^{-7}$	16	9( fixed)			
[Nd(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (18-c-6)]	1000	29.9	$2.9 \times 10^{-9}$					8
	1000	30.9	$2.2 \times 10^{-9}$	4.1	5( fixed)			
	1000	33.4	$1.6 \times 10^{-9}$	0.350	9( fixed)			
[Ce(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (1,10-diaza-18-c-6)]	1000	44	$2.9 \times 10^{-7}$					8
	1000	45	$2.2 \times 10^{-7}$	4.1	5(fixed)			
	1000	23	$1.6 \times 10^{-7}$	0.350	9( fixed)			
[Nd(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (1,10-diaza-18-c-6)]	1000	69	$2.1 \times 10^{-6}$					8
	1000	55	$2.6 \times 10^{-7}$	0.050	5(fixed)			
	1000	73	$1.4 \times 10^{-6}$	10.7	9( fixed)			
[CeCd <sub>3</sub> (Hquina) <sub>3</sub> ( <i>n</i> -Bu <sub>3</sub> PO) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> ·3EtOH·2H <sub>2</sub> O	1500	27	$8.2 \times 10^{-7}$					9
[NdL <sub>3</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub> ·MeCN	1000(O)	36	$4.3 \times 10^{-9}$	4.1				10
	1000(R)				8.2			
	1000(O+R)	34	$1.1 \times 10^{-8}$	2.8	5( fixed)			
	1000(O+R)	10	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$	0.081	9( fixed)			
[L4Nd(H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )] <sub>3</sub> ·L4(H <sub>2</sub> O)	0	16.08	$2.6 \times 10^{-4}$	16	9( fixed)			10
		24.68	$5.0 \times 10^{-6}$					
Ce(fdh) <sub>3</sub> (bpy)	2000	33.3	$1.8 \times 10^{-7}$					11
	2000(R)			0.4	6			
Nd(fdh) <sub>3</sub> (bpy)	2000	28.8	$9.2 \times 10^{-8}$					11
	200( R)			0.93	6.6			
[L3Ce(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	200(R)	21.5	$2.7 \times 10^{-7}$					12
	200(R+D)			1.44	6.8		99.5	

$(\text{NH}_2\text{Me}_2)_3\{[\text{Nd}(\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{13})\text{-(DMF)}_4]_3(\text{BTC})_2\}\cdot 8\text{DMF}$	500	26.73	$1.4\times 10^{-7}$					13
$[\text{Nd}(\text{CyPh}_2\text{PO})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]_3\cdot 2(\text{CyPh}_2\text{PO})\cdot 3\text{EtOH}$	0(R+Q)				5.12		5.1	14
	200(R)				6.54			
$[\text{Nd}(\text{CO}_3)_4\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{5-} (\text{C}_1)$	1500 (R)	30.7	$1.1\times 10^{-7}$					15
	1500(R+D)			0.89	6.08		125.89	
$[\text{Nd}(\text{CO}_3)_4\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{5-} (\text{C}_4)$	1500 (R)	9.25	$2.1\times 10^{-6}$					15
$[\text{Ce}(\text{dmsO})_8][\text{Ce}(\eta^2\text{-NO}_3)_2(\text{dmsO})_4(\alpha\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26})_{0.5}][\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]$	200	24.4	$1.1\times 10^{-6}$					16
$\text{Cp}^*\text{Nd}(\text{BPh}_4)$	1000	41.7	$1.4\times 10^{-6}$	0.0286	5.2		1.1	17
$[\text{Nd}(\text{ntfa})_3(\text{phen})]$	1500(O+R)	25.88	$2.2\times 10^{-7}$	135	2.4			18
$[\text{Nd}(\text{ntfa})_3(5,5'\text{-Me}_2\text{bipy})]$	1500(O+R)	44.56	$1.0\times 10^{-9}$	186	3.0			18
$[\text{Nd}(\text{ntfa})_3(4,4'\text{-Me}_2\text{bipy})]$	1500(O+R)	27.31	$8.7\times 10^{-8}$	59	2.3			18
<b>Polynuclear compounds</b>								
$[\text{Nd}_2(\text{CNCH}_2\text{COO})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1500	26.6	$1.8\times 10^{-7}$					19
$\text{K}_{14}\text{Na}_6\text{H}_4\{[(\text{As}_2\text{W}_{19}\text{O}_{67}(\text{H}_2\text{O}))\text{Nd}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)]\}\cdot 64\text{H}_2\text{O}$	500	6.78	$5.5\times 10^{-12}$					20
$[\text{Nd}_2(2\text{-FBz})_4(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{phen})_2]$	1500	13.67	$7.4\times 10^{-6}$	0.02	9		265.21	21
$[\text{Nd}_2(\mu_2\text{-9-AC})_4(9\text{-AC})_2(\text{bpy})_2]$	4000(R)	11.5	$7.5\times 10^{-6}$					22
	4000(R+D)			1.03	6		823.60	
$[\text{Nd}_2(\text{L})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](\text{L}_5)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{14}$	1200	21.2	$1.6\times 10^{-7}$			$3.8\times 10^{-4}$		23
$[\text{Nd}^{\text{III}}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{17}(\text{pzdo})_5][\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8]_3\cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1500(R)			312	2.99			24
$[\text{Nd}^{\text{III}}_6(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\mu_3\text{-}\eta^2\text{-Form})_6(\text{Form})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{BMPC})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	3000	3.4	$3.1\times 10^{-4}$					25
<b>1D compounds</b>								
$\{[\text{Nd}(\mu_2\text{-L}_5)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\cdot \text{MeCN}\}_n$	2000	27	$4.1\times 10^{-7}$					26
$[\text{Nd}(\mu_2\text{-L}_6)(\text{L}_6)(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$	3500	29	$3.1\times 10^{-7}$					26
$[\text{Nd}(\mu_2\text{-L}_5)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	2000	28(2)	$7.3\times 10^{-7}$					27
$[\text{Nd}(\mu_2\text{-L}_6)_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$	2000	19.7	$3.4\times 10^{-7}$					27
$\{[\text{Nd}(\text{pzdo})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4][\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]\}_0.5(\text{pzdo})\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1000	51	$4.5\times 10^{-8}$	0.09	5.6	2.2		28
$[\text{Nd}(\alpha\text{-fur})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$	1200	121	$1.0\times 10^{-13}$	141	3.7	350	1900	29
$(\text{Nd}_{0.065}\text{La}_{0.935}(\alpha\text{-fur})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2)_n$	1200	61	$3.6\times 10^{-11}$	$2.9\times 10^{-3}$	9.9	7.82	0.25	29

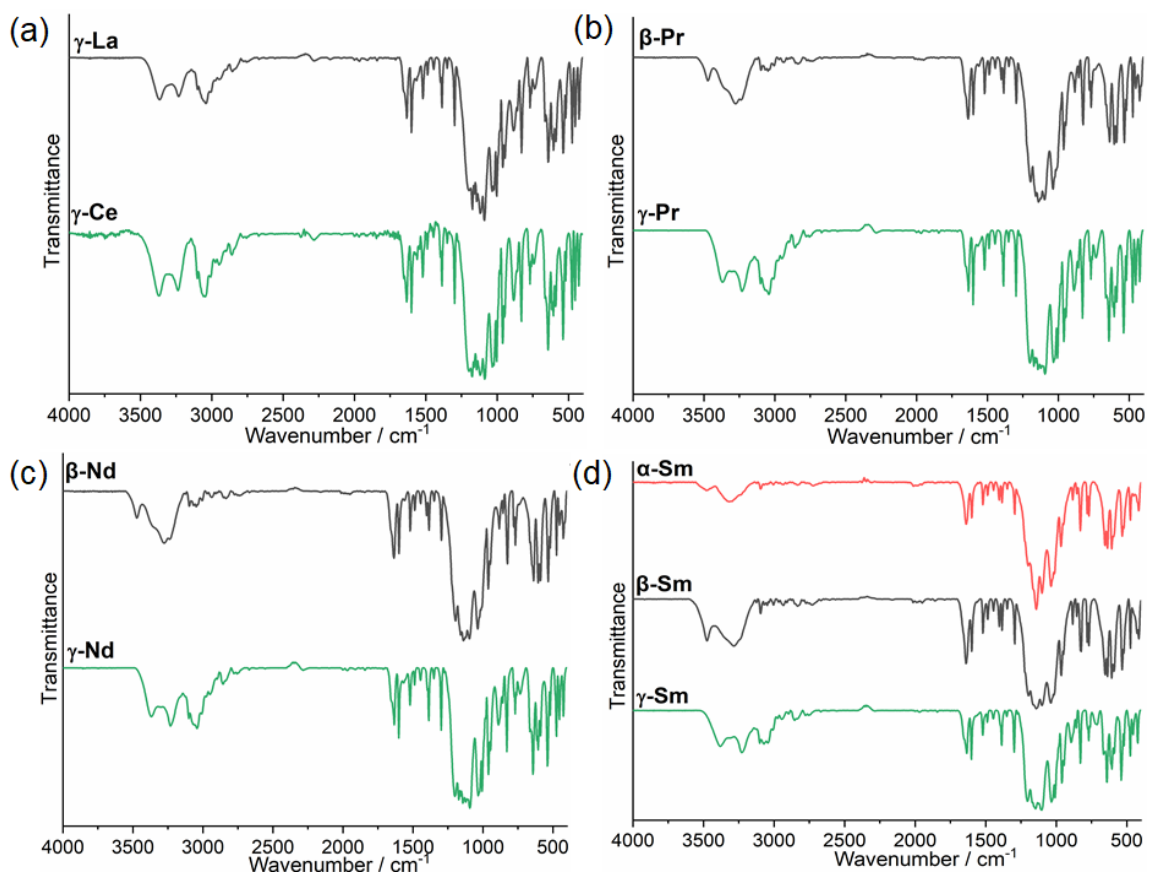
L1 = 6,6'-(ethane-1,2-diy)bis(azanylylidene))bis(methanylylidene))bis(2-methoxyphenol); Tp<sup>-</sup> = trispyrazolylborate; DME = dimethoxyethane; COT<sup>-</sup> = 1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)cyclooctatetraenyldianion; L2 = 6,6'-(2,2-dimethylpropane-1,3-diy)bis(azan-1-yl-1-

ylidene)bis(methan-1-yl-1-ylidene) bis(2-methoxyphenol); 18-Crown-6 = 1,4,7,10,13,16-hexaoxacyclooctadecane; 1,10-diaza-18-crown-6 = 1,4,10,13-tetraoxa-7,16-diazacyclooctadecane; H<sub>2</sub>quinha = quinaldichydroxamic acid; L3 = a helical hexa-dentate; L4 = tBuPO(NHiPr)<sub>2</sub>; fdh = 1,1,1-fluoro-5,5-dimethyl-hexa-2,4-dione; bpy = 2,2'-bipyridine; dmsO = dimethylsulfoxide; Tp<sup>-</sup> = trispyrazolylborate; H<sub>2</sub>FBz = 2-fluorobenzoic acid; phen = 1,10-phenanthroline; H<sub>2</sub>FBz = 2-fluorobenzoic acid; phen = 1,10-phenanthroline; L5 = 2,6-dioxo-5-[(2,4,6-trioxo-5-hexahydropyrimidinylidene)amino]-3H-pyrimidin-4-olate; pzdo = pyrazine-N,N'-dioxide; BMPC = (9E)-N'-(1-(6-(E)-1-(5-(pyridine-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonylimino)ethyl)pyridin-2-yl)-ethenamine)-3-(pyridine-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole-5-carbohydrazide; L5 = 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid; L6 = 2,4-dinitrobenzoic acid; pzdo = pyrazine-N,N'-dioxide; pzdo = pyrazine-N,N'-dioxide; α-fur = C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>3</sub>OCOO.

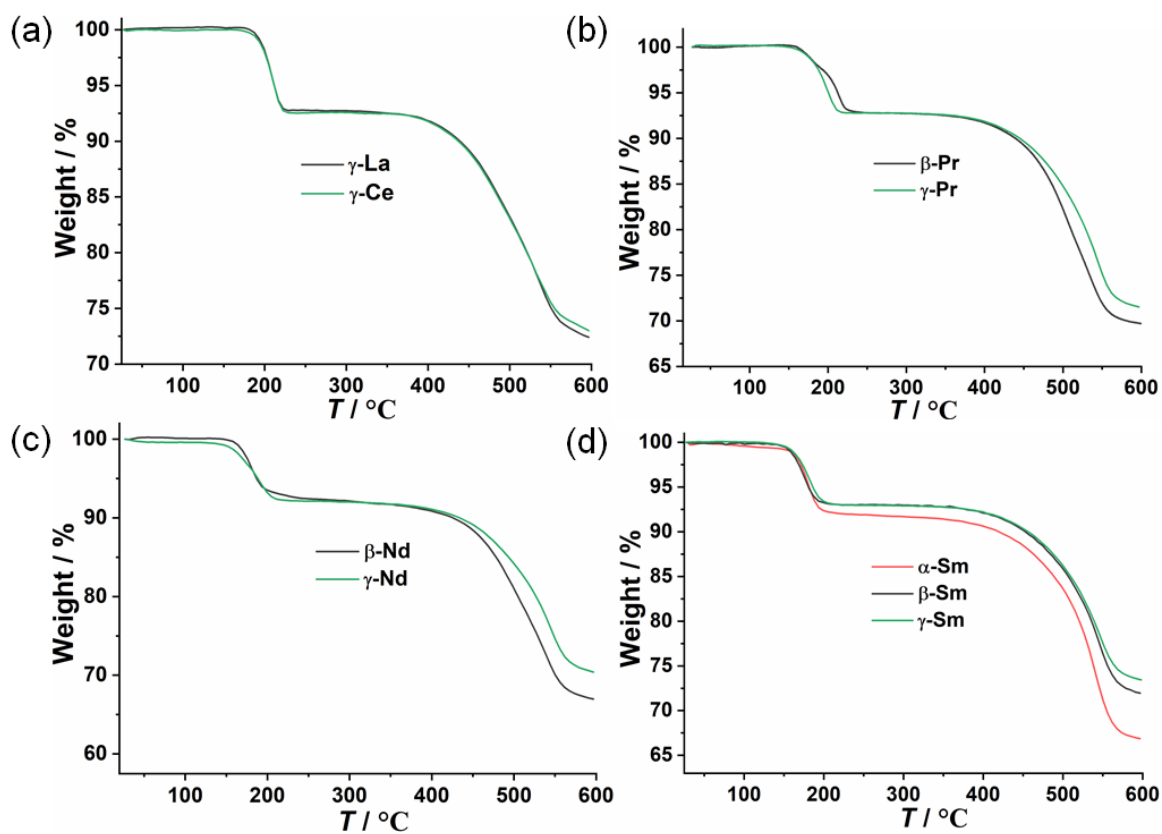
## II. Primary characterization



**Figure S1.** The powder XRD patterns for compounds  $\gamma$ -La,  $\gamma$ -Ce (a),  $\beta$ -Ln and  $\gamma$ -Ln [Ln = Pr (b), Nd (c)],  $\alpha$ -Sm,  $\beta$ -Sm and  $\gamma$ -Sm (d). The patterns simulated from the single crystal data are also given. Since single crystal data of  $\alpha$ -Ln and  $\beta$ -Ln are not available, the pattern simulated from the single crystal data of  $\alpha$ -Dy and  $\beta$ -Dy are presented in for comparison.



**Figure S2.** IR plots for compounds  $\gamma$ -La,  $\gamma$ -Ce (a),  $\beta$ -Ln and  $\gamma$ -Ln [Ln = Pr (b), Nd (c)],  $\alpha$ -Sm,  $\beta$ -Sm and  $\gamma$ -Sm (d).



**Figure S3.** TG plots for complexes compounds  $\gamma$ -La,  $\gamma$ -Ce (a),  $\beta$ -Ln and  $\gamma$ -Ln [Ln = Pr (b), Nd (c)],  $\alpha$ -Sm,  $\beta$ -Sm and  $\gamma$ -Sm (d). The weight losses in the temperature range 25-250 °C are 7.4 % for La (calcd. 7.5 %), 7.5 % for Ce (calcd. 7.5 %), 7.4 % for Pr (calcd. 7.5 %), 7.5% for Nd (7.4 %), and 7.4 % for  $\alpha$ -Sm and 7.2% for  $\beta$ -Sm and  $\gamma$ -Sm (calcd. 7.3 %).



### III. Crystal structures

**Table S2.** Crystallographic data for  $\gamma$ -Ln.

	$\gamma$ -La	$\gamma$ -Ce	$\gamma$ -Pr	$\gamma$ -Nd	$\gamma$ -Sm
Empirical Formula	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>11</sub> LaNO <sub>9</sub> PS	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>11</sub> CeNO <sub>9</sub> PS	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>11</sub> PrNO <sub>9</sub> PS	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NdNO <sub>9</sub> PS	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>11</sub> SmNO <sub>9</sub> PS
Fw	479.13	480.34	481.13	484.46	490.60
crystal system	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space group	Pbca	Pbca	Pbca	Pbca	Pbca
<i>a</i> (Å)	8.5067(19)	8.4923(11)	8.4758(18)	8.4677(19)	8.4635(7)
<i>b</i> (Å)	12.250(3)	12.1763(15)	12.107(3)	12.060(3)	11.9568(11)
<i>c</i> (Å)	26.474(6)	26.509(3)	26.511(6)	26.514(6)	26.595(2)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> ), <i>Z</i>	2758.8(11), 8	2741.1(6), 8	2720.4(10), 8	2707.5(10), 8	2691.4(4), 8
<i>D</i> <sub>c</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	2.307	2.328	2.349	2.377	2.421
<i>F</i> (000)	1856	1864	1872	1880	1896
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	3.412	3.638	3.901	4.156	4.687
reflins collected	13735	13788	13618	13512	13442
unique reflns	2700	2698	2676	2667	2650
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0438	0.0896	0.0379	0.0423	0.0367
GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.074	1.029	1.198	1.271	1.218
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>a</sup>	0.0544, 0.0939	0.0609, 0.1195	0.0375, 0.0748	0.0417, 0.0817	0.0314, 0.0689
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data) <sup>a</sup>	0.0614, 0.0969	0.0913, 0.1328	0.0430, 0.0769	0.0453, 0.0832	0.0333, 0.0697
CCDC number	2233015	2233016	2233020	2233021	2233022

$$^a R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}, wR_2 = \left[ \frac{\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2}{\sum w(F_o^2)^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for  $\gamma$ -Ln.

	$\gamma$ -La	$\gamma$ -Ce	$\gamma$ -Pr	$\gamma$ -Nd	$\gamma$ -Sm
Ln1-O1	2.501(5)	2.469(7)	2.445(4)	2.423(4)	2.385(3)
Ln1-O4	2.573(5)	2.553(6)	2.535(4)	2.522(4)	2.500(3)
Ln1-O5	2.636(5)	2.608(6)	2.582(4)	2.563(4)	2.523(3)
Ln1-O2A	2.472(5)	2.425(7)	2.404(4)	2.381(4)	2.330(4)
Ln1-O3B	2.406(5)	2.368(6)	2.354(3)	2.345(4)	2.310(4)
Ln1-O5C	2.612(5)	2.586(6)	2.572(3)	2.557(4)	2.526(3)
Ln1-O1W	2.488(5)	2.471(7)	2.441(4)	2.423(4)	2.394(3)
Ln1-O2W	2.593(5)	2.582(6)	2.560(4)	2.549(4)	2.530(3)
O1-Ln1-O1W	81.10(18)	81.2(2)	80.41(12)	80.06(14)	79.36(12)
O1-Ln1-O2W	90.91(17)	89.8(2)	89.25(12)	88.66(14)	86.60(12)
O1-Ln1-O4	144.21(17)	145.0(2)	145.02(12)	145.26(15)	145.95(11)
O1-Ln1-O5	146.63(17)	147.0(2)	147.47(11)	147.83(13)	148.78(11)
O1-Ln1-O2A	116.58(16)	115.9(2)	115.34(13)	114.65(15)	113.24(12)
O1-Ln1-O3C	79.52(18)	80.5(2)	81.27(12)	81.83(14)	83.81(12)
O1-Ln1-O5A	82.71(16)	82.6(2)	82.74(11)	82.67(12)	82.78(10)
O1W-Ln1-O2W	136.28(17)	135.3(2)	134.42(11)	133.61(13)	131.66(11)

O1W-Ln1-O4	69.60(18)	69.7(2)	70.15(12)	70.38(15)	70.92(11)
O1W-Ln1-O5	123.14(17)	123.8(2)	124.66(12)	125.28(13)	126.40(11)
O1W-Ln1-O2B	75.08(18)	75.2(2)	74.92(13)	74.77(15)	74.55(12)
O1W-Ln1-O3C	74.50(18)	75.2(2)	75.79(12)	76.42(14)	77.61(12)
O1W-Ln1-O5A	149.64(17)	150.1(2)	149.98(11)	150.05(13)	150.43(11)
O2W-Ln1-O4	124.45(17)	124.6(2)	124.86(12)	124.96(13)	125.69(11)
O2W-Ln1-O5	85.39(16)	85.22(19)	85.66(11)	85.75(13)	86.60(10)
O2W-Ln1-O3C	146.25(17)	146.4(2)	146.40(12)	146.39(13)	146.60(11)
O2W-Ln1-O2B	70.42(17)	69.8(2)	69.88(12)	69.56(14)	69.17(12)
O2W-Ln1-O5A	69.27(16)	69.44(19)	69.60(10)	69.79(12)	69.89(10)
O4-Ln1-O5	53.68(16)	54.22(19)	54.61(11)	54.98(12)	55.53(10)
O4-Ln1-O2B	75.94(17)	75.6(2)	75.32(12)	75.22 (14)	74.82(12)
O4-Ln1-O3C	73.31(18)	73.7 (2)	73.67(12)	73.98(13)	74.06(11)
O4-Ln1-O5A	112.80(16)	113.50(19)	114.11(11)	114.74(12)	116.00(10)
O5-Ln1-O2B	93.41(17)	92.9(2)	92.93(12)	92.91(14)	92.55(12)
O5-Ln1-O3C	85.33(18)	85.6(2)	85.40(11)	85.49(13)	85.29(11)
O5-Ln1-O5A	64.96(18)	65.1(2)	65.37(12)	65.67(14)	66.28(12)
O2B-Ln1-O3C	142.53(17)	143.0(2)	142.92(12)	143.28(13)	143.49(12)
O3C-Ln1-O5A	77.41(17)	77.4(2)	77.23(11)	77.04(13)	77.19(11)
O2B-Ln1-O5A	135.28(17)	134.7(2)	135.02(12)	135.02(14)	134.63(12)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms for  $\gamma$ -Ln: A: 1-x,1-y,1-z; B: -x,1-y,1-z; C: 1/2+x,1/2-y,1-z.

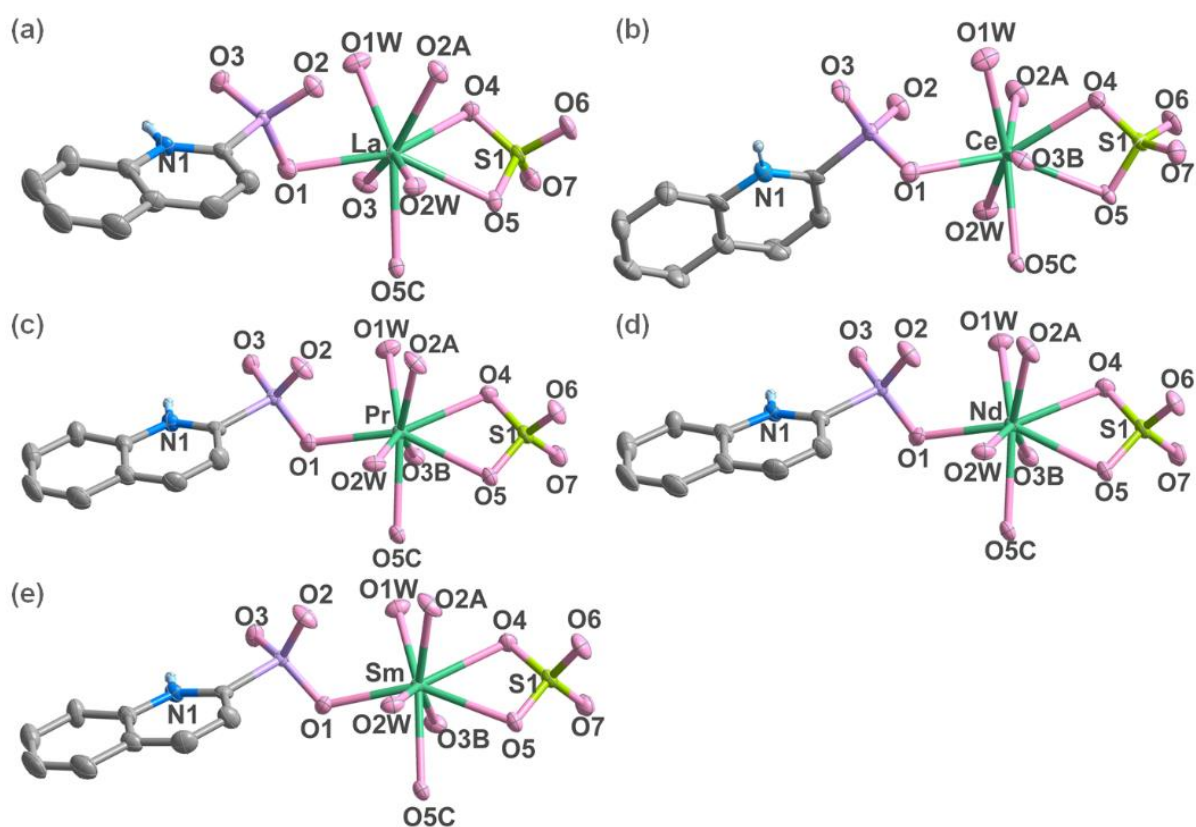
**Table S4.** Continuous Shape Measure (CShM) analyses of dysprosium geometries for  $\gamma$ -Ce using the SHAPE2.1 Software.

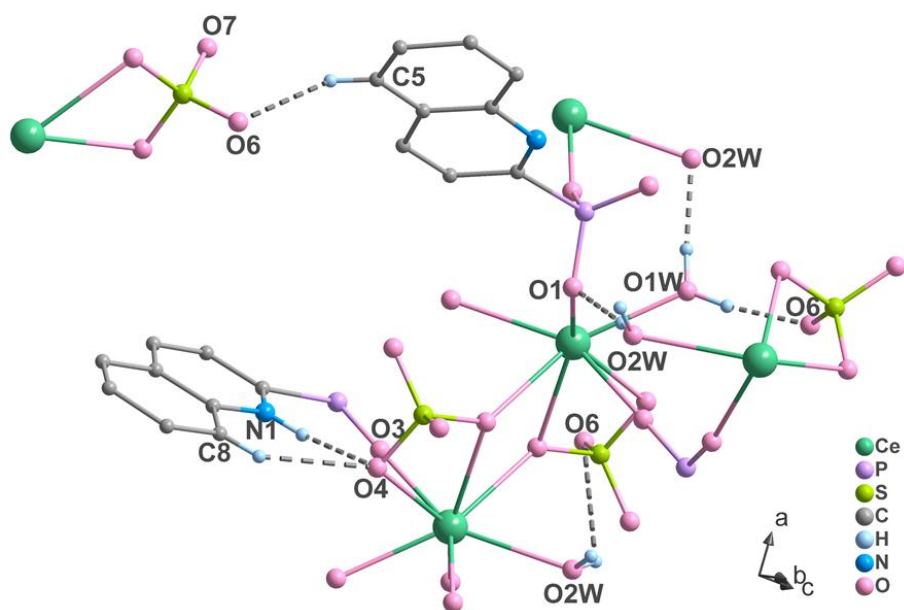
Geometry	$\gamma$ -La	$\gamma$ -Ce	$\gamma$ -Pr	$\gamma$ -Nd	$\gamma$ -Sm
Hexagonal bipyramid ( $D_{6h}$ )	16.175	16.040	15.972	15.924	15.635
Cube ( $O_h$ )	12.124	12.074	12.046	12.014	11.895
Square antiprism ( $D_{4d}$ )	3.237	3.156	3.093	3.049,	2.983
Triangular dodecahedron ( $D_{2d}$ )	2.747	2.632	2.508	2.416	2.248
Johnson gyrobifastigium J26 ( $D_{2d}$ )	13.556	13.289	13.222	13.125	12.812
Johnson elongated triangular ( $D_{3h}$ )	24.986	25.074	25.325	25.486	25.869
Biaugmented trigonal prism J50 ( $C_{2v}$ )	3.029	2.911	2.803	2.747	2.595
Biaugmented trigonal prism ( $C_{2v}$ )	2.051	1.979	1.919	1.901	1.837
Snub diphenoid J84 ( $D_{2d}$ )	4.390	4.188	4.078	3.971	3.728
Triakis tetrahedron ( $T_d$ )	2.051	12.670	12.641	12.637	12.565
Elongated trigonal bipyramid ( $D_{3h}$ )	4.390	21.745	22.016	22.208	22.679

**Table S5.** Hydrogen bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for compound  $\gamma$ -Ce.

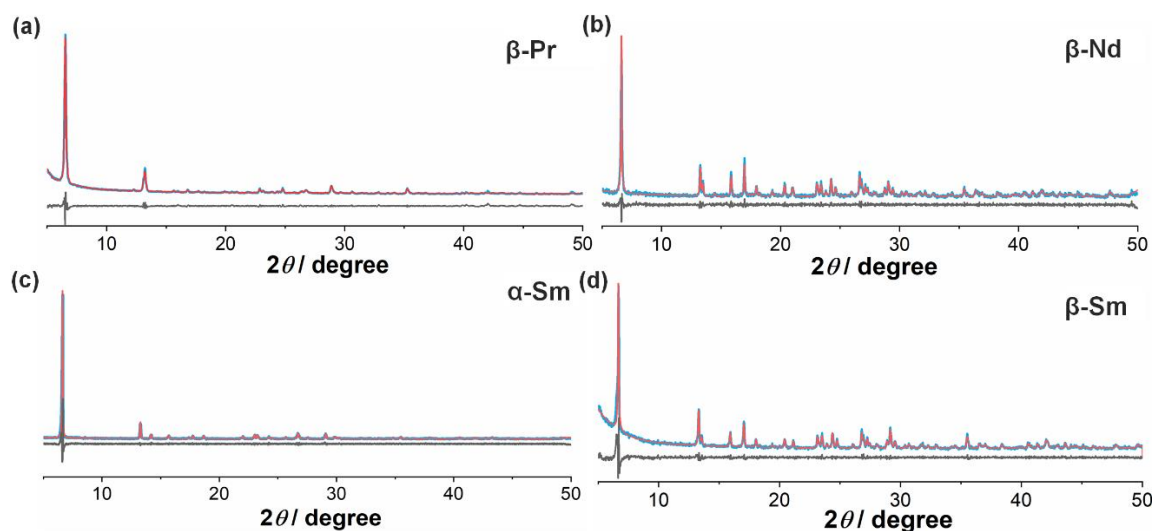
D-H...A	$d(\text{D-H})/\text{Å}$	$d(\text{H...A})/\text{Å}$	$d(\text{D...A})/\text{Å}$	$\angle \text{DHA}/^\circ$
N1-H1...O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.9100	1.9700	2.849(10)	163.00
O1W-H1Wa...O6 <sup>ii</sup>	0.9100	1.7800	2.679(9)	172.00
O1W-H1Wb...O2W <sup>iii</sup>	0.9100	1.8400	2.725(9)	166.00
O2W-H2Wa...O1 <sup>iv</sup>	0.9100	1.8400	2.712(9)	160.00
O2W-H2Wb...O7 <sup>v</sup>	0.9000	1.7800	2.655(9)	163.00
C5-H5...O6 <sup>i</sup>	0.9300	2.5000	3.155(13)	127.00
C8-H8...O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.9300	2.5500	3.267(12)	134.00

Symmetry codes: i,  $-1/2+x, 1/2-y, 1-z$ ; ii,  $1/2-x, -1/2+y, +z$ ; iii,  $-x, 1-y, 1-z, 1/2-z$ ; iv,  $1/2-x, 1/2+y, +z$ ; v,  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ .

**Figure S4.** Building units of structures  $\gamma$ -La (a),  $\gamma$ -Ce (b),  $\gamma$ -Pr (c),  $\gamma$ -Nd (d) and  $\gamma$ -Sm (e) with an atomic labelling scheme (50% probability).



**Figure S4.** Intra- and inter-layer hydrogen-bond interactions for  $\gamma$ -Ce.



**Figure S5** The PXRD pattern of  $\beta$ -Pr (a),  $\beta$ -Nd (b),  $\alpha$ -Sm (c) and  $\beta$ -Sm (d) refined by TOPAS software to determine the unit cell.

**Table S6.** Crystallographic parameters of compounds  $\beta$ -Pr,  $\beta$ -Nd,  $\alpha$ -Sm and  $\beta$ -Sm obtained by fitting with TOPAS software. Crystallographic parameters of  $\alpha$ -Dy and  $\beta$ -Dy are presented in for comparison.

	$\alpha$ -Dy	$\beta$ -Dy	$\beta$ -Pr	$\beta$ -Nd	$\alpha$ -Sm	$\beta$ -Sm
crystal	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space	$P2_1/c$	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$	$P2_1/c$	$P\bar{1}$
$a$ (Å)	13.3163(5)	6.792(3)	6.08	6.85	13.33	6.83
$b$ (Å)	6.7704(3)	7.596(4)	7.72	7.64	6.84	7.62
$c$ (Å)	15.0967(6)	13.368(6)	13.61	13.41	15.25	13.38
$\alpha$ (deg)	90	90.362(8)	90.92	90.32	90	90.33
$\beta$ (deg)	90.6391(6) <sup>o</sup>	93.280(7)	93.24	93.12	90.72	93.15
$\gamma$ (deg)	90	102.383(7)	101.66	102.00	90	102.10
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1360.98(10)	672.4(5)	624.25	686.57	1390.63	679.77
$R_{wp}$ (%)	-	-	10.9	8.5	12.4	7.9

#### IV. Magnetic studies

**Table S7** The parameters obtained by fitting the ac magnetic susceptibilities for  $\gamma$ -Ce under different dc fields at 2K.

Field / Oe	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_S / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\ln(\tau / \text{s})$	$\alpha$	Residual
500	0.13	0.09	-7.72	0.14	$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$
1000	0.13	0.05	-7.55	0.20	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$
1500	0.13	0.03	-7.38	0.22	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}$
2000	0.13	0.02	-7.34	0.23	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$
2500	0.12	0.02	-7.34	0.25	$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$
3000	0.12	0.01	-7.30	0.25	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$

**Table S8** The parameters obtained by fitting the ac magnetic susceptibilities for  $\beta$ -Nd under different dc fields at 2K.

Field / Oe	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_S / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\ln(\tau / \text{s})$	$\alpha$	Residual
400	0.25	0.21	-7.73	0.08	$3.3 \times 10^{-4}$
600	0.25	0.18	-7.60	0.18	$2.8 \times 10^{-4}$
800	0.25	0.14	-7.51	0.26	$3.2 \times 10^{-4}$
1000	0.25	0.11	-7.38	0.30	$4.3 \times 10^{-4}$
1500	0.24	0.07	-7.16	0.31	$3.0 \times 10^{-4}$
2000	0.24	0.05	-7.06	0.32	$5.5 \times 10^{-4}$
2500	0.24	0.04	-7.01	0.35	$2.2 \times 10^{-3}$
3000	0.23	0.04	-7.03	0.33	$8.4 \times 10^{-4}$
3500	0.22	0.02	-7.04	0.43	$1.9 \times 10^{-3}$
4000	0.21	0.03	-7.12	0.35	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$
4500	0.21	0.03	-7.22	0.36	$1.2 \times 10^{-3}$
5000	0.11	0.07	-7.35	0.46	$1.7 \times 10^{-3}$

**Table S9** The parameters obtained by fitting the ac magnetic susceptibilities for  **$\gamma$ -Nd** under different dc fields at 2K.

Field / Oe	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_S / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\ln(\tau / \text{s})$	$\alpha$	Residual
400	0.28	0.21	-7.51	0.04	$9.1 \times 10^{-4}$
600	0.28	0.16	-7.59	0.02	$5.9 \times 10^{-4}$
800	0.28	0.12	-7.47	0.05	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$
1000	0.27	0.09	-7.42	0.03	$4.8 \times 10^{-3}$
1500	0.27	0.05	-7.28	0.05	$9.5 \times 10^{-4}$
2000	0.26	0.04	-7.27	0.03	$1.4 \times 10^{-3}$
2500	0.25	0.02	-7.30	0.06	$2.5 \times 10^{-3}$
3000	0.25	0.01	-7.29	0.06	$2.0 \times 10^{-3}$
3500	0.24	0.01	-7.38	0.09	$2.3 \times 10^{-3}$
4000	0.23	7.79E-13	-7.48	0.13	$5.3 \times 10^{-3}$
4500	0.22	1.15E-12	-7.59	0.09	$2.3 \times 10^{-3}$
5000	0.20	1.66E-12	-7.67	0.10	$2.7 \times 10^{-3}$

**Table S10** The parameters obtained by fitting the  $\chi_M''$  versus frequency data of compound  **$\gamma$ -Ce** under 2 kOe dc field.

$T / \text{K}$	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_S / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\ln(\tau / \text{s})$	$\alpha$	Residual
2.2	0.11	0.02	-7.50	0.21	$5.5 \times 10^{-4}$
2.4	0.11	0.02	-7.60	0.21	$6.6 \times 10^{-4}$
2.6	0.10	0.02	-7.72	0.20	$2.2 \times 10^{-4}$
2.8	0.09	0.02	-7.83	0.21	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$
3.0	0.09	0.02	-7.91	0.19	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$
3.2	0.08	0.02	-7.99	0.18	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$
3.4	0.08	0.03	-8.08	0.17	$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$
3.6	0.07	0.03	-8.18	0.17	$2.7 \times 10^{-4}$
3.8	0.07	0.03	-8.25	0.13	$2.7 \times 10^{-5}$
4.0	0.07	0.03	-8.34	0.11	$4.9 \times 10^{-5}$

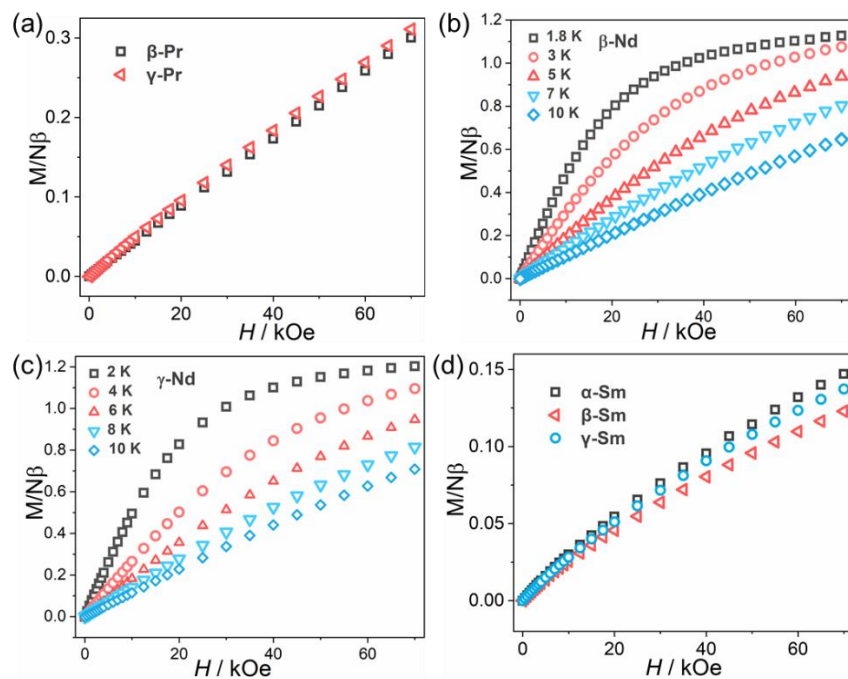
**Table S11** The parameters obtained by fitting the  $\chi_M''$  versus frequency data of compound  **$\beta$ -Nd** under 2 kOe dc field.

$T / K$	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_S / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\ln(\tau / \text{s})$	$\alpha$	Residual
1.8	0.33	0.09	-7.39	0.23	$5.2 \times 10^{-4}$
2.0	0.30	0.10	-7.49	0.20	$6.2 \times 10^{-4}$
2.2	0.27	0.10	-7.58	0.20	$3.4 \times 10^{-4}$
2.4	0.25	0.10	-7.67	0.18	$2.6 \times 10^{-4}$
2.6	0.23	0.09	-7.79	0.16	$2.4 \times 10^{-4}$
2.8	0.22	0.09	-7.88	0.14	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$
3.0	0.21	0.09	-8.02	0.13	$9.6 \times 10^{-5}$
3.2	0.19	0.09	-8.16	0.12	$9.2 \times 10^{-5}$
3.4	0.18	0.09	-8.33	0.10	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$
3.6	0.17	0.09	-8.54	0.09	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$
3.8	0.16	0.09	-8.80	0.09	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}$
4.0	0.16	0.09	-9.07	0.08	$8.3 \times 10^{-5}$
4.2	0.15	0.08	-9.46	0.13	$7.8 \times 10^{-5}$
4.4	0.14	0.08	-9.73	0.12	$5.7 \times 10^{-5}$
4.6	0.14	0.08	-10.21	0.15	$8.4 \times 10^{-5}$

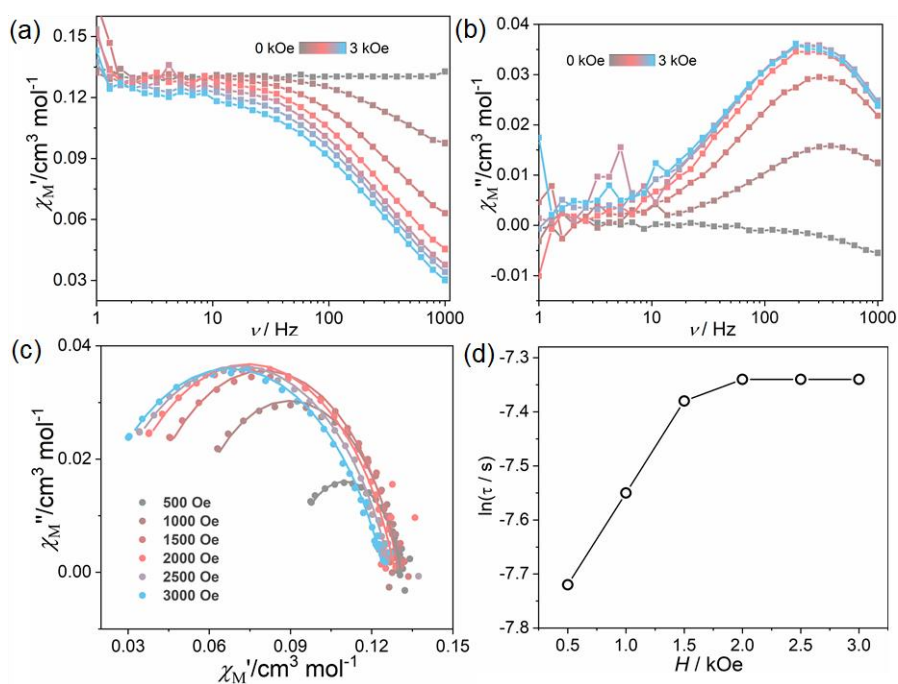
**Table S12** The parameters obtained by fitting the  $\chi_M''$  versus frequency data of compound  **$\gamma$ -Nd** under 2 kOe dc field.

$T / K$	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_S / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\ln(\tau / \text{s})$	$\alpha$	Residual
2.0	0.13	0.02	-7.36	0.04	$3.1 \times 10^{-4}$
2.2	0.12	0.02	-7.56	0.05	$2.8 \times 10^{-4}$
2.4	0.12	0.02	-7.76	0.06	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$
2.6	0.11	0.01	-7.97	0.05	$2.3 \times 10^{-4}$
2.8	0.09	0.01	-8.19	0.07	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$
3.0	0.09	0.01	-8.42	0.07	$3.2 \times 10^{-5}$
3.2	0.09	0.01	-8.57	0.06	$1.3 \times 10^{-5}$
3.5	0.08	0.01	-8.92	0.05	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$
3.8	0.07	0.01	-9.10	0.02	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$
4.1	0.07	0.01	-9.58	0.02	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$
4.4	0.07	0.02	-9.83	0.03	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$

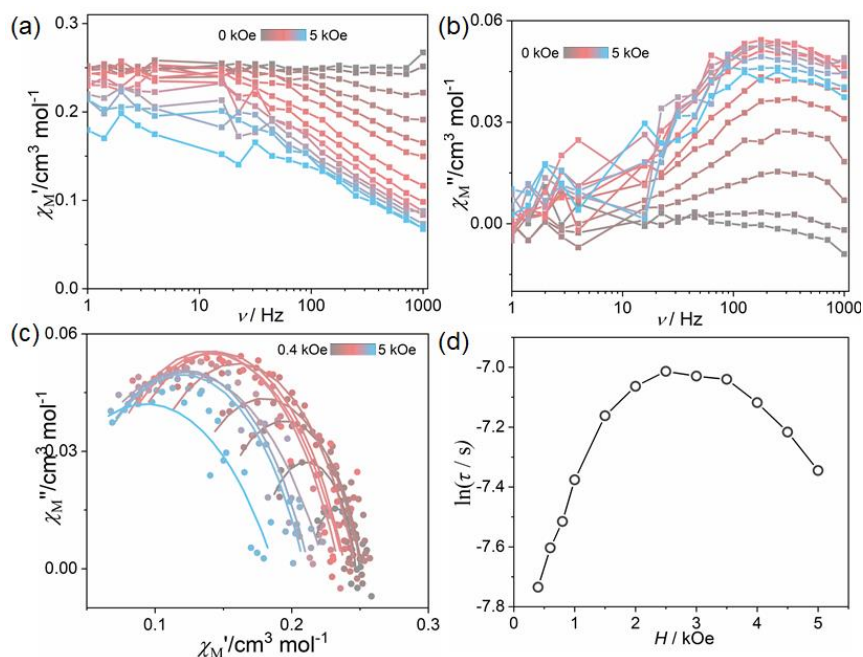




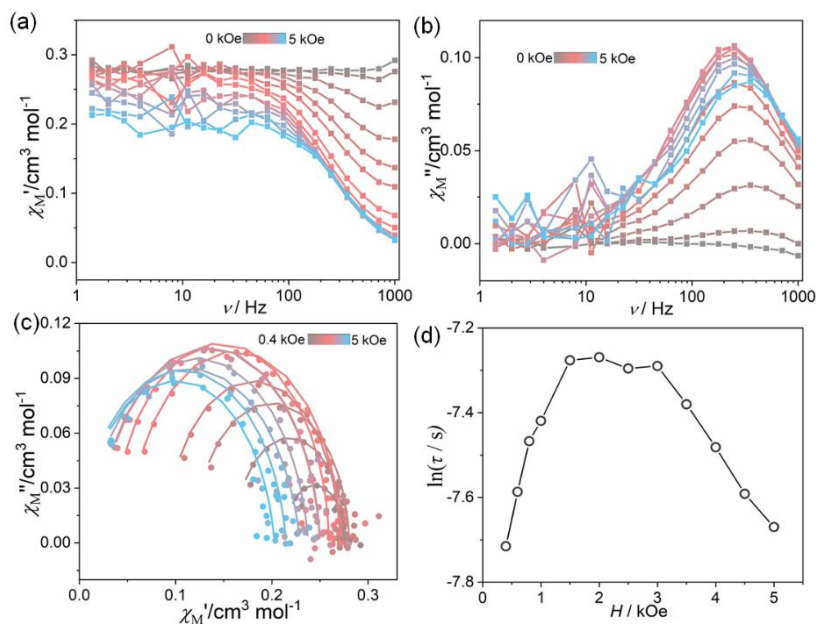
**Figure S6.** The isothermal magnetization for  $\beta$ -Pr and  $\gamma$ -Pr (a),  $\beta$ -Nd(b),  $\gamma$ -Nd(c),  $\alpha$ -Sm,  $\beta$ -Sm and  $\gamma$ -Sm(d) as a function of  $H$  at depicted temperatures.



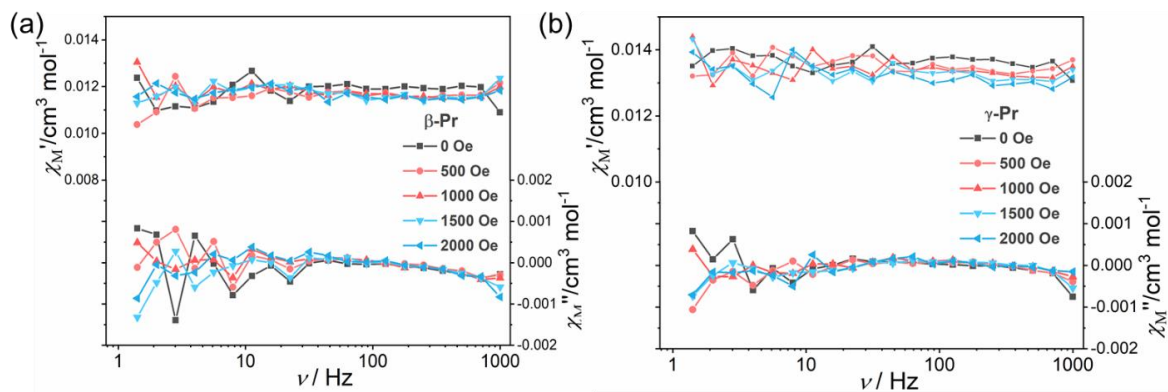
**Figure S7.** Frequency dependence of the  $\chi_M'$  (a) and  $\chi_M''$  (b) signals of compound  $\gamma$ -Ce at 2 K under different  $dc$  fields; (b) Cole-Cole plots for  $\gamma$ -Ce obtained by using the  $ac$  susceptibility data at 2K under different fields; (c) Field dependent magnetic relaxation time at 2 K for  $\gamma$ -Ce. Solid lines are eye-guided.



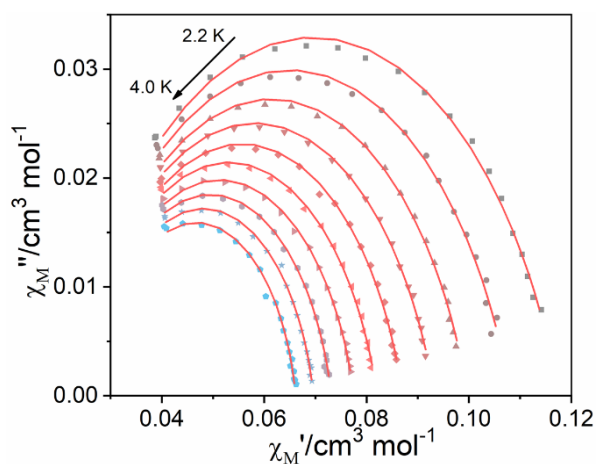
**Figure S8.** Frequency dependence of the  $\chi_M'$  (a) and  $\chi_M''$  (b) signals of compound  $\beta$ -Nd at 2 K under different  $dc$  fields; (b) Cole-Cole plots for  $\beta$ -Nd obtained by using the  $ac$  susceptibility data at 2K under different fields; (c) Field dependent magnetic relaxation time at 2 K for  $\beta$ -Nd. Solid lines are eye-guided.



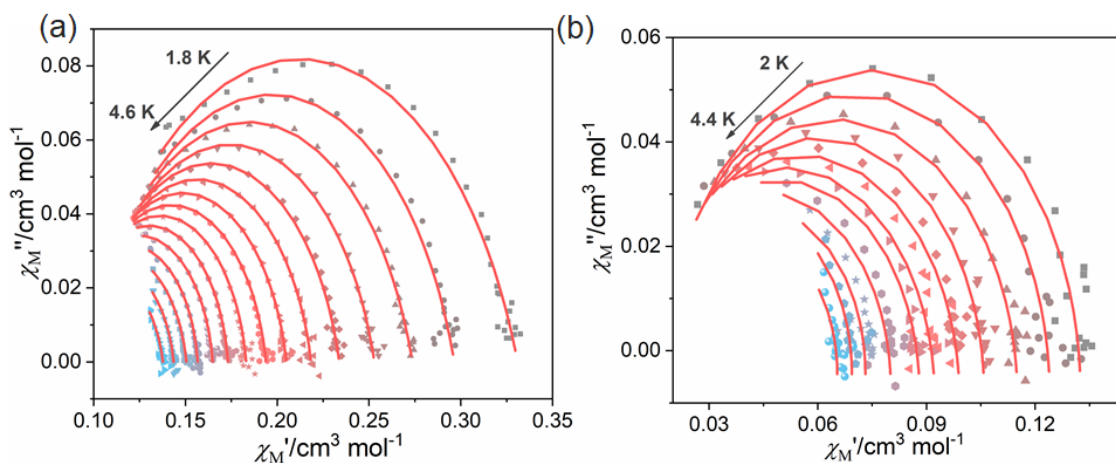
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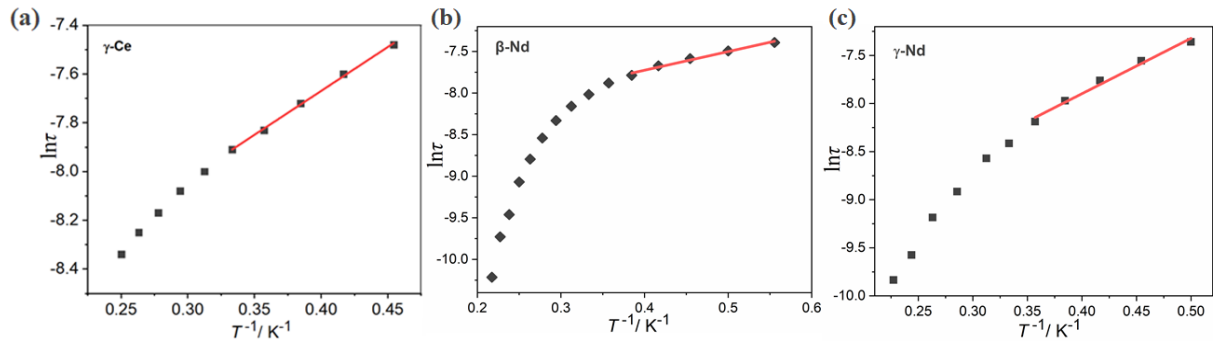
**Figure S10.** In-phase ( $\chi'$ ) and out-of-phase ( $\chi''$ ) ac susceptibilities at depicted dc field for  $\beta$ -Pr (a) and  $\gamma$ -Pr (b).



**Figure S11.** Cole-Cole plots for  $\gamma$ -Ce measured in the different temperatures range under 2 kOe dc field. The solid line represents the best fit using a generalized Debye model.



**Figure S12.** Cole-Cole plots for  $\beta$ -Nd (a) and  $\gamma$ -Nd (b) measured in the different temperatures range under 2 kOe dc field. The solid line represents the best fit using a generalized Debye model.



**Figure S13.** The  $\ln(\tau)$  vs.  $T^{-1}$  plots for  $\gamma$ -Nd (a),  $\beta$ -Nd (b) and  $\gamma$ -Nd (c) fitted to the equation  $\tau \sim [\exp(\hbar\omega\alpha/k_B T)]$ .

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