

## Supporting Information

# Controlling the symmetry of hexamono-dentate 3d-transition metal complexes through symmetry propagation from high-symmetry Ti–Mo and Zr–Mo clusters via hydrogen-bonding interactions

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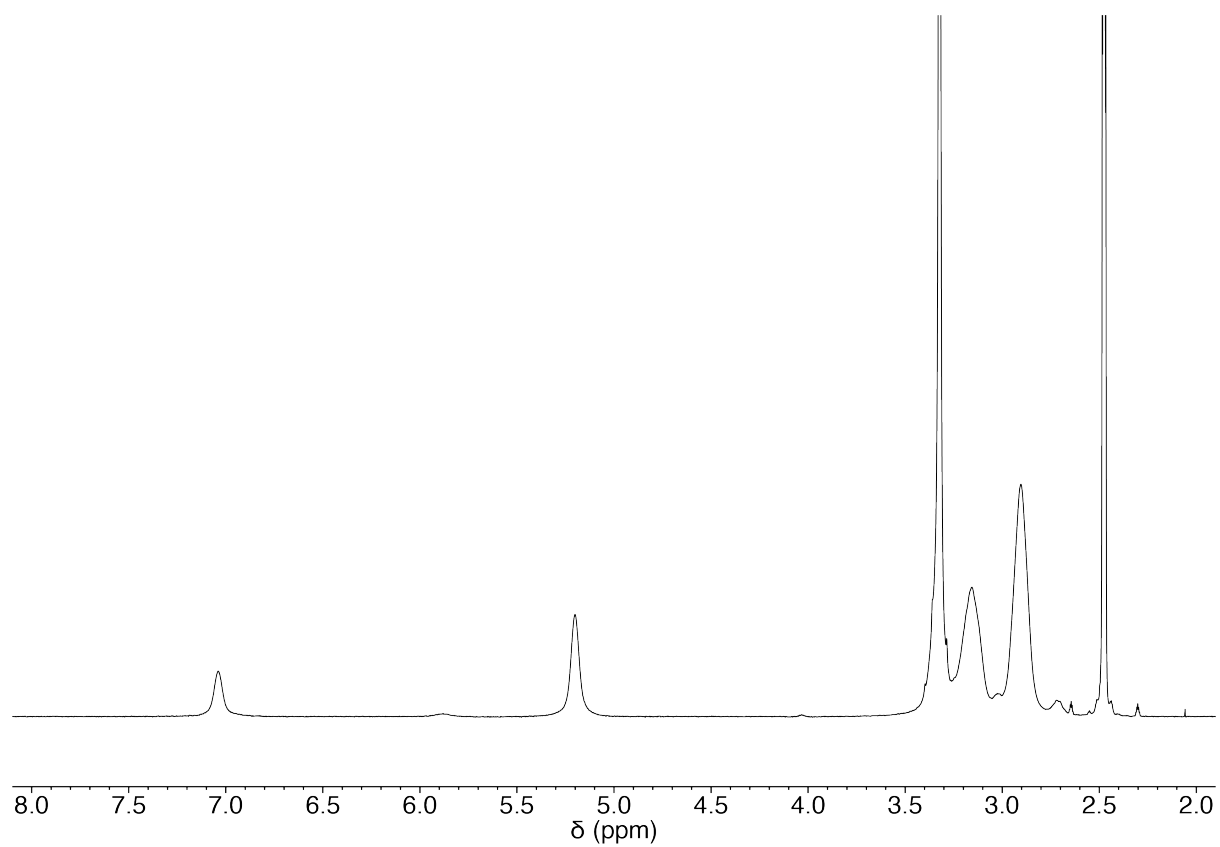
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## 1. $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum



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	<b>FeTi</b>	<b>FeZr</b>
Formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>102</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> FeMo <sub>6</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>48</sub> Ti	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>102</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> FeMo <sub>6</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>48</sub> Zr
Formula weight	2447.44	2490.76
Crystal system	Trigonal	Trigonal
Size / mm	0.14×0.12×0.09	0.10×0.06×0.04
Space group	R3	R3
<i>a</i> / Å	21.6648(4)	21.8319(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	14.6787(4)	14.7616(3)
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	5966.6(3)	6093.2(3)
<i>Z</i>	3	3
<i>T</i> / K	104(2)	102(2)
Density / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.043	2.036
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.499	1.498
<i>F</i> (000)	3690	3744
2 $\theta$ <sub>max</sub> / °	55	55
No. of reflections measured	10783	10009
No. of independent reflections	4493 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0210)	5470 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0279)
Data/restraints/parameters	4493/148/399	5470/152/399
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2.00σ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0317	0.0308
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all reflections)	0.0877	0.0790
Goodness of fit	0.822	1.075
Highest peak, deepest hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.602, -1.700	0.745, -1.606
Flack	0.44(5)	0.019(18)
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**Table S2.** Crystallographic information of **CoTi** and **CoZr**.

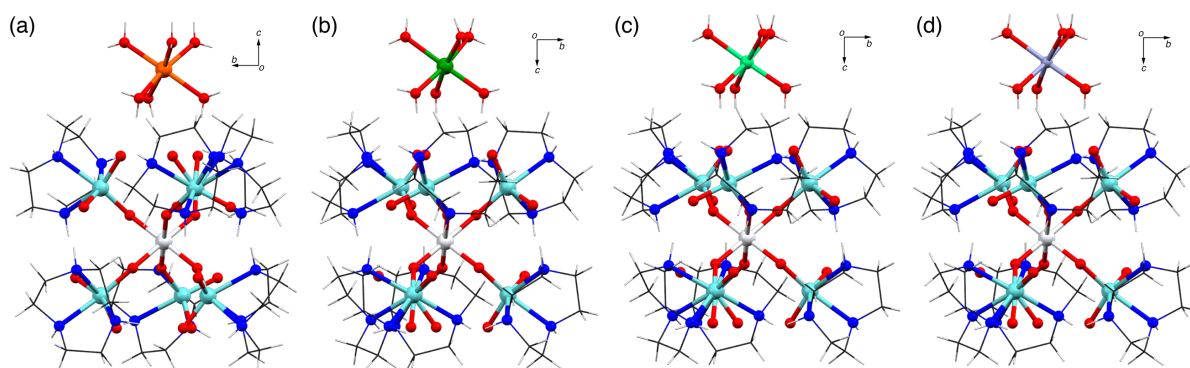
	<b>CoTi</b>	<b>CoZr</b>
Formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>102</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> CoMo <sub>6</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>48</sub> Ti	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>102</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> CoMo <sub>6</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>48</sub> Zr
Formula weight	2450.52	2493.84
Crystal system	Trigonal	Trigonal
Size / mm	0.14×0.09×0.05	0.08×0.06×0.04
Space group	R3	R3
<i>a</i> / Å	21.5929(7)	21.7971(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	14.6575(5)	14.7552(3)
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	5918.5(4)	6071.2(3)
<i>Z</i>	3	3
<i>T</i> / K	104(2)	102(2)
Density / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.063	2.046
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.537	1.529
<i>F</i> (000)	3693	3747
2 $\theta$ <sub>max</sub> / °	55	57
No. of reflections measured	9959	17067
No. of independent reflections	4799 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0339)	6463 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0296)
Data/restraints/parameters	4799/164/399	6463/252/411
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2.00σ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0410	0.0354
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all reflections)	0.01091	0.0902
Goodness of fit	1.040	1.074
Highest peak, deepest hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.022, -1.449	0.628, -1.739
Flack	0.44(5)	0.004(15)
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**Table S3.** Crystallographic information of **NiTi** and **NiZr**.

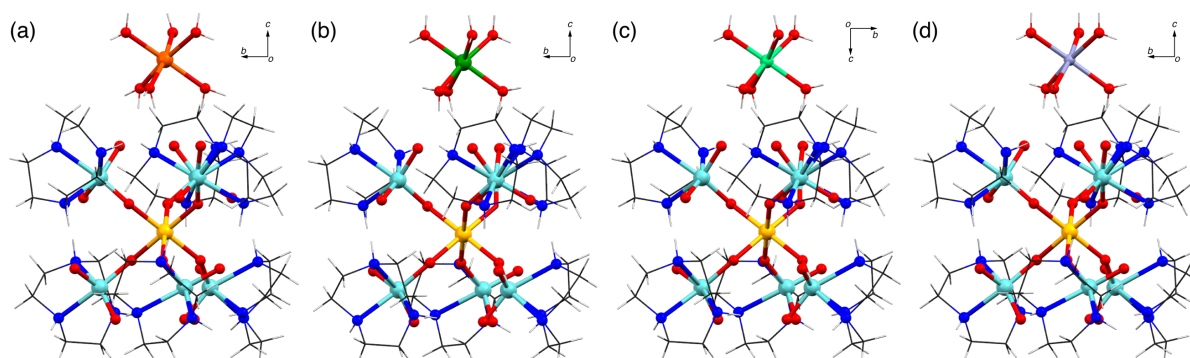
	<b>NiTi</b>	<b>NiZr</b>
Formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>102</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> N <sub>18</sub> NiO <sub>48</sub> Ti	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>102</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> N <sub>18</sub> NiO <sub>48</sub> Zr
Formula weight	2450.30	2493.62
Crystal system	Trigonal	Trigonal
Size / mm	0.16×0.12×0.06	0.08×0.07×0.04
Space group	<i>R</i> 3	<i>R</i> 3
<i>a</i> / Å	21.6510(8)	21.7869(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	14.6425(4)	14.6803(3)
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	5944.3(5)	6034.7(3)
<i>Z</i>	3	3
<i>T</i> / K	100(2)	102(2)
Density / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.053	2.058
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.559	1.566
<i>F</i> (000)	3696	3750
$2\theta_{\max}$ / °	55	55
No. of reflections measured	10374	8842
No. of independent reflections	4240 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0346)	5351 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0194)
Data/restraints/parameters	4240/148/399	6351/202/401
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2.00σ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0428	0.0337
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all reflections)	0.01174	0.0902
Goodness of fit	0.984	1.074
Highest peak, deepest hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	2.483, -1.447	0.759, -2.051
Flack	0.06(4)	0.00(4)
CCDC Deposition #	2372556	2372560

**Table S4.** Crystallographic information of **ZnTi** and **ZnZr**.

	<b>ZnTi</b>	<b>ZnZr</b>
Formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>102</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>48</sub> TiZn	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>102</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>48</sub> ZnZr
Formula weight	2456.96	2500.28
Crystal system	Trigonal	Trigonal
Size / mm	0.22×0.16×0.12	0.16×0.11×0.06
Space group	<i>R</i> 3	<i>R</i> 3
<i>a</i> / Å	21.6448(3)	21.7780(3)
<i>c</i> / Å	14.6822(3)	14.7532(2)
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	5957.0(3)	6059.72(19)
<i>Z</i>	3	3
<i>T</i> / K	104(2)	102(2)
Density / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.055	2.055
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.621	1.623
<i>F</i> (000)	3702	3756
$2\theta_{\max}$ / °	55	55
No. of reflections measured	10464	10949
No. of independent reflections	4770 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0123)	5055 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0183)
Data/restraints/parameters	4799/170/399	5055/169/400
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2.00σ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0292	0.0238
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all reflections)	0.00826	0.0640
Goodness of fit	1.040	1.083
Highest peak, deepest hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.826, -2.077	0.533, -1.556
Flack	0.39(3)	0.15(2)
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**Table S5.** Selected distances and angles in **MTi**.

	<b>FeTi</b>	<b>CoTi</b>	<b>NiTi</b>	<b>ZnTi</b>
Ti-O1 / Å	1.936(5)	1.937(6)	1.941(6)	1.937(4)
Ti-O4 / Å	1.936(4)	1.938(6)	1.935(6)	1.937(4)
O1-O1 <sup>i</sup> -O1 <sup>ii</sup> ... O4-O4 <sup>i</sup> -O4 <sup>ii</sup> / Å	2.232(7)	2.224(8)	2.228(8)	2.233(6)
Mo1...Mo2 / Å	4.601(1)	4.600(1)	4.612(1)	4.608(1)
Mo1...Mo1 <sup>i</sup> / Å	4.620(1)	4.619(1)	4.630(1)	4.625(1)
Mo2...Mo2 <sup>i</sup> / Å	4.726(1)	4.717(1)	4.714(1)	4.723(3)
Mo1-Mo1 <sup>i</sup> -Mo1 <sup>ii</sup> ... Mo2-Mo2 <sup>i</sup> -Mo2 <sup>ii</sup> / Å	4.554(1)	4.552(1)	4.562(1)	4.560(1)
Short Ti...M / Å	7.270(3)	7.243(4)	7.222(4)	7.257(3)
Long Ti...M / Å	7.408(3)	7.415(4)	7.421(4)	7.425(3)

Symmetry code: (*i* = '-x+y, 1-x, z', *ii* = '1-y, x-y+1, z').

**Table S6.** Selected bonding parameters in **MZr**.

	<b>FeZr</b>	<b>CoZr</b>	<b>NiZr</b>	<b>ZnZr</b>
Zr-O1 / Å	2.072(4)	2.066(5)	2.066(5)	2.070(4)
Zr-O4 / Å	2.075(4)	2.078(5)	2.077(5)	2.068(4)
O1-O1 <sup>i</sup> -O1 <sup>ii</sup> ... O4-O4 <sup>i</sup> -O4 <sup>ii</sup> / Å	2.395(7)	2.401(6)	2.394(7)	2.594(5)
Mo1...Mo2 / Å	4.700(1)	4.702(1)	4.703(1)	4.702(1)
Mo1...Mo1 <sup>i</sup> / Å	4.795(1)	4.798(1)	4.795(1)	4.793(1)
Mo2...Mo2 <sup>i</sup> / Å	4.908(1)	4.904(1)	4.892(1)	4.890(3)
Mo1-Mo1 <sup>i</sup> -Mo1 <sup>ii</sup> ... Mo2-Mo2 <sup>i</sup> -Mo2 <sup>ii</sup> / Å	4.657(1)	4.658(1)	4.658(1)	4.656(1)
Short Zr...M / Å	7.307(3)	7.283(3)	7.226(3)	7.278(2)
Long Zr...M / Å	7.455(3)	7.472(3)	7.454(3)	7.475(2)

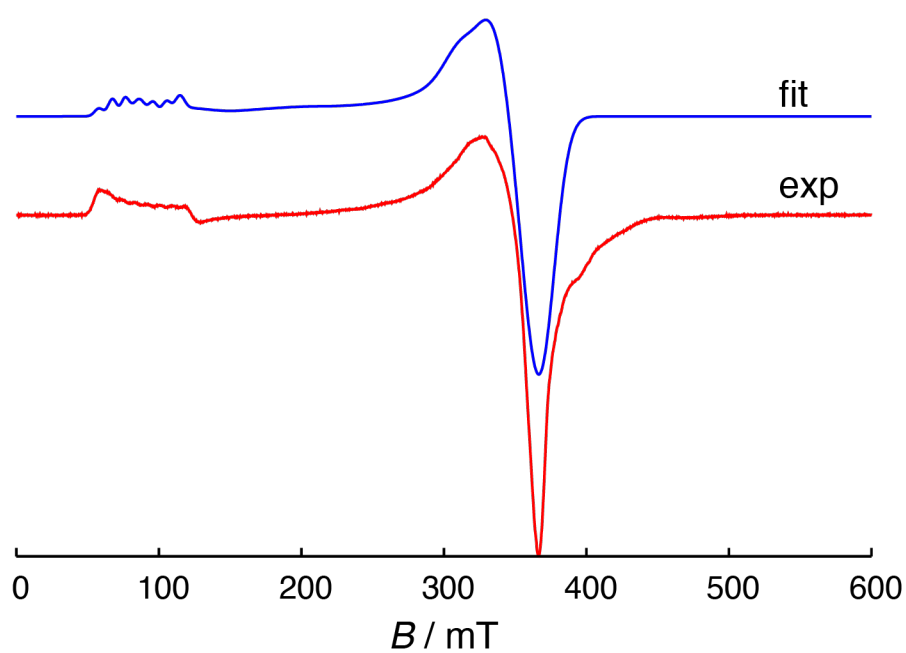
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**Table S7.** Selected bonding parameters around  $[M(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  cations (M = Fe, Co, Ni, and Zn; Å, °).

	<b>FeTi</b>	<b>FeZr</b>	<b>CoTi</b>	<b>CoZr</b>	<b>NiTi</b>	<b>NiZr</b>	<b>ZnTi</b>	<b>ZnZr</b>
M–O7	2.103(6)	2.114(6)	2.086(7)	2.082(6)	2.046(8)	2.037(7)	2.082(6)	2.084(4)
M–O8	2.089(6)	2.090(6)	2.062(8)	2.060(6)	2.017(8)	2.030(7)	2.044(6)	2.058(4)
O7···O7 <sup>i</sup>	2.974(10)	2.989(11)	2.913(14)	2.922(11)	2.875(14)	2.881(12)	2.915(11)	2.922(8)
O8···O8 <sup>i</sup>	3.037(12)	3.029(11)	2.967(16)	2.955(12)	2.918(15)	2.927(13)	2.952(12)	2.964(9)
<i>s</i>	3.01	3.01	2.94	2.94	2.90	2.90	2.93	2.94
(average)								
<i>h</i>	2.351(10)	2.365(9)	2.383(11)	2.376(9)	2.305(10)	2.301(10)	2.353(9)	2.367(7)
<i>s/h</i>	1.28	1.27	1.23	1.24	1.26	1.26	1.25	1.24
<i>φ</i>	48.8(3)	48.8(4)	49.5(5)	49.7(4)	52.9(4)	52.8(5)	49.8(4)	49.7(3)

Symmetry code: (*i* = '-x+y, 1-x, +z').

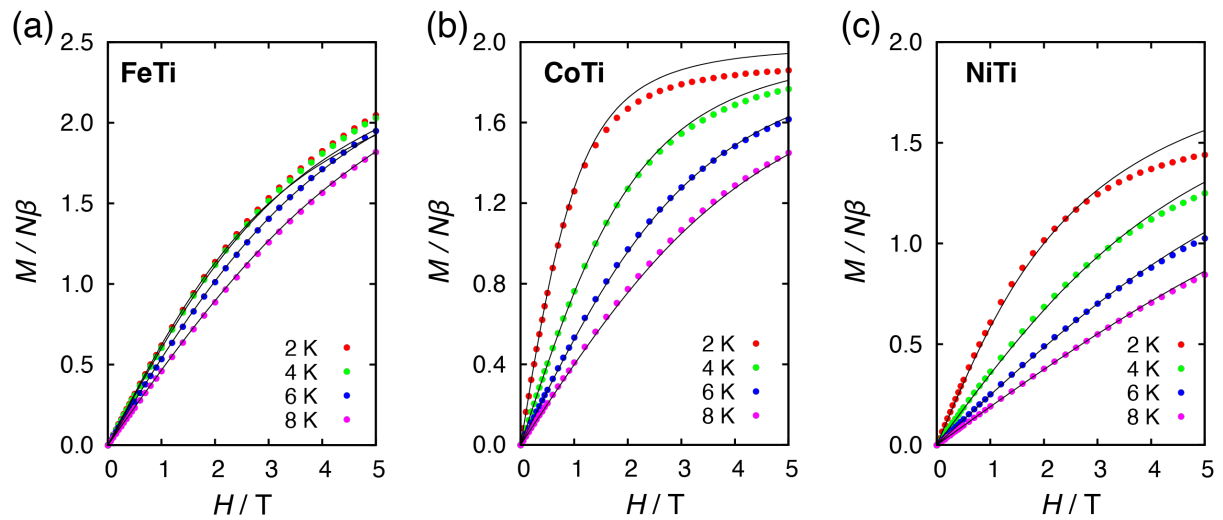
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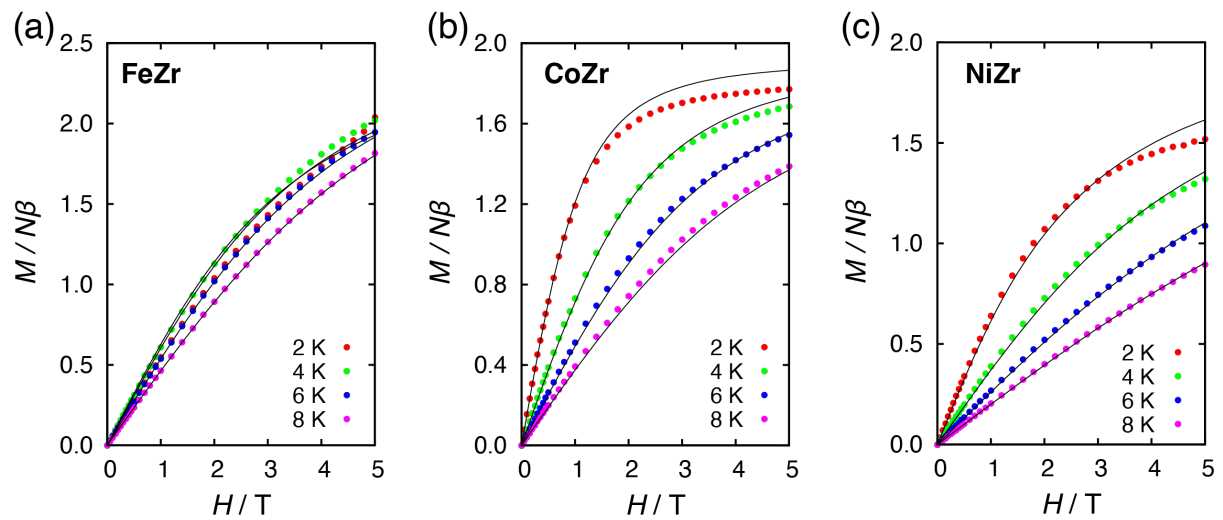
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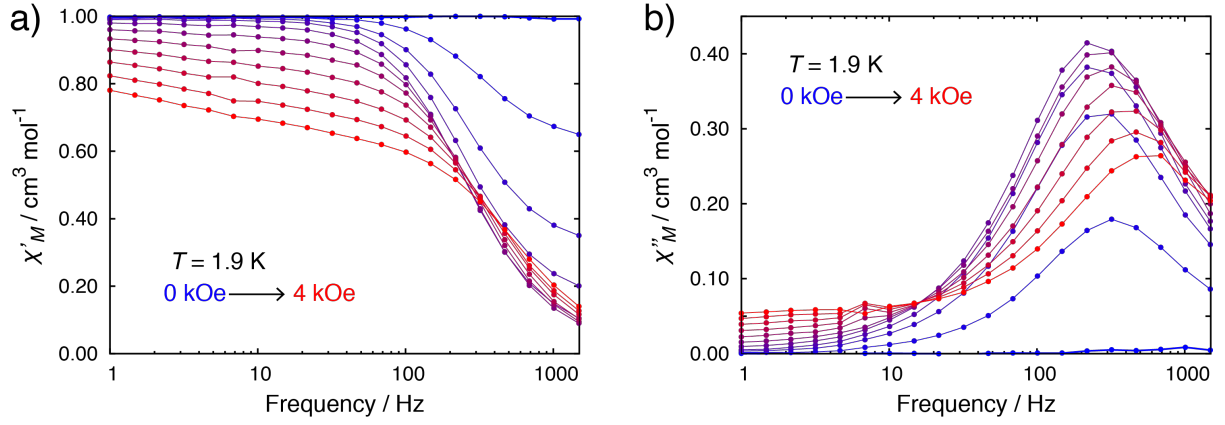
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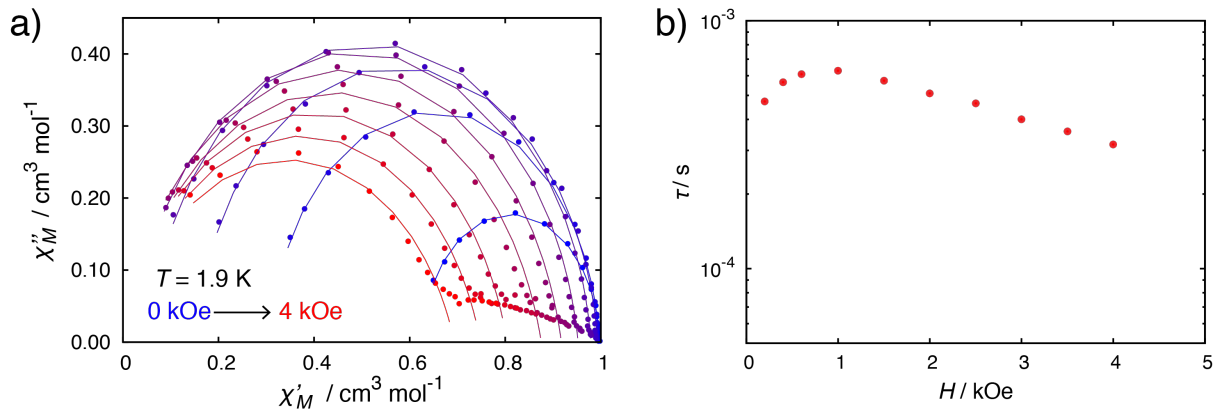
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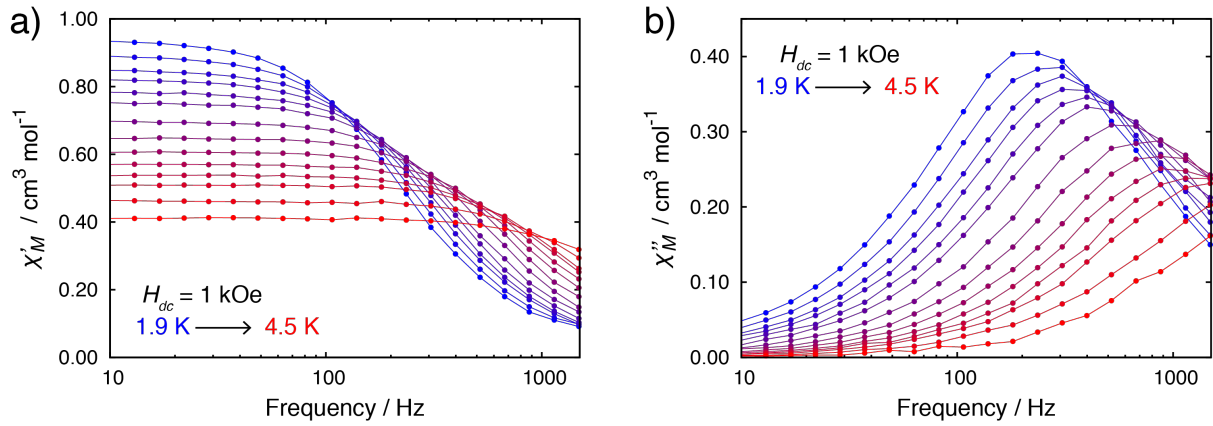
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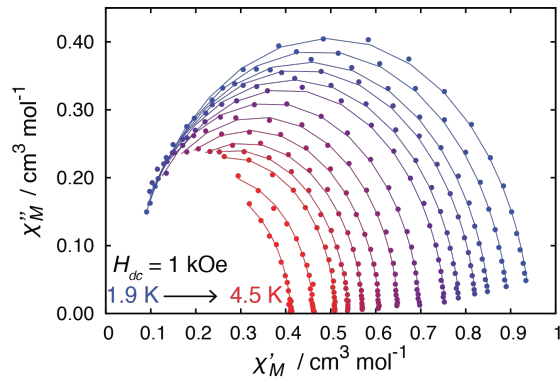
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$H / \text{kOe}$	$\chi_S / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau / \text{s}$	$\alpha$
0.2	$6.274 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.968 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.722 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.459 \times 10^{-2}$
0.4	$3.088 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.965 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.655 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.559 \times 10^{-2}$
0.6	$1.528 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.934 \times 10^{-1}$	$6.094 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.043 \times 10^{-2}$
1.0	$5.484 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.794 \times 10^{-1}$	$6.280 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.068 \times 10^{-2}$
1.5	$1.949 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.526 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.725 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.316 \times 10^{-2}$
2.0	$1.034 \times 10^{-14}$	$9.174 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.093 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.233 \times 10^{-1}$
2.5	$1.374 \times 10^{-14}$	$8.755 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.649 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.477 \times 10^{-1}$
3.0	$2.118 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.038 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.004 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.485 \times 10^{-1}$
3.5	$2.667 \times 10^{-15}$	$7.478 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.574 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.685 \times 10^{-1}$
4.0	$3.824 \times 10^{-15}$	$6.937 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.167 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.982 \times 10^{-1}$



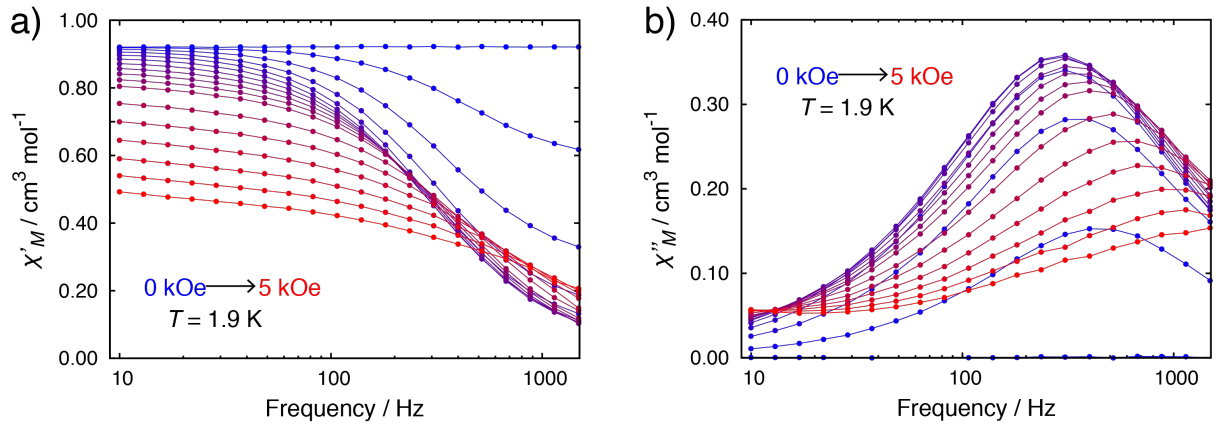
**Figure S9.** Temperature dependence of (a) the in-phase  $\chi_M'$  vs. frequency plots and (b) out-of-phase  $\chi_M''$  vs. frequency plots for CoTi in the presence of 1 kOe with ac frequency of 1–1488 Hz. The lines are guide for the eye.



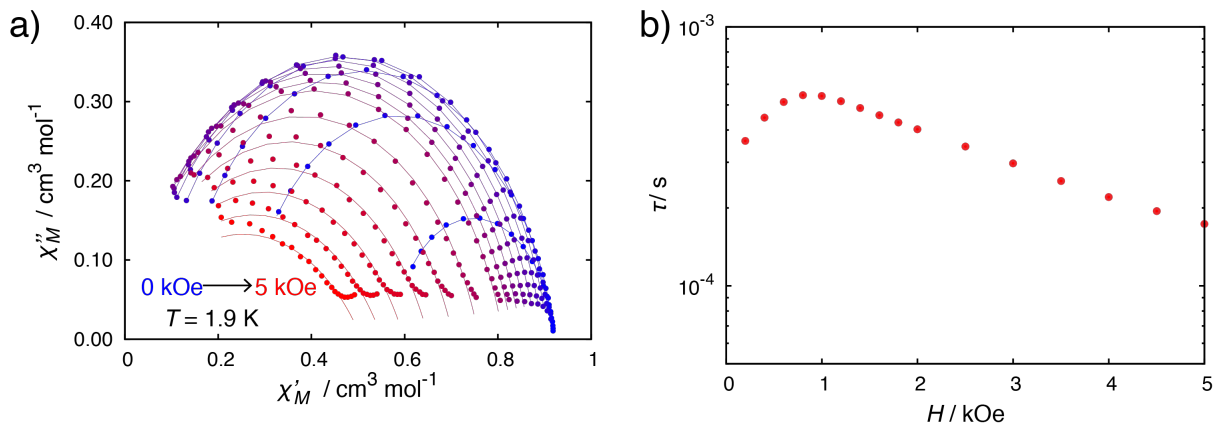
**Figure S10.** Cole–Cole plot for CoTi in the presence of 1 kOe dc field at variable temperature. The solid lines represent the fit to a generalized Debye model.

**Table S9.** Cole–Cole fit values for CoTi at 1.9–4.5 K with an applied dc field of 1 kOe.

$T / \text{K}$	$\chi_S / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau / \text{s}$	$\alpha$
1.9	$4.828 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.438 \times 10^{-1}$	$6.900 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.342 \times 10^{-2}$
2.0	$4.459 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.971 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.873 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.193 \times 10^{-2}$
2.1	$4.056 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.550 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.009 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.048 \times 10^{-2}$
2.2	$3.983 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.250 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.496 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.715 \times 10^{-2}$
2.3	$3.717 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.881 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.879 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.520 \times 10^{-2}$
2.4	$4.246 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.559 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.432 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.959 \times 10^{-2}$
2.6	$2.766 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.997 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.653 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.100 \times 10^{-2}$
2.8	$3.454 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.509 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.183 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.012 \times 10^{-2}$
3.0	$3.431 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.089 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.804 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.049 \times 10^{-2}$
3.2	$4.249 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.721 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.546 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.328 \times 10^{-2}$
3.4	$2.518 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.395 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.256 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.201 \times 10^{-2}$
3.6	$3.337 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.103 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.124 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.255 \times 10^{-2}$
4.0	$2.478 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.618 \times 10^{-1}$	$8.194 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.197 \times 10^{-2}$
4.5	$5.065 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.112 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.605 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.674 \times 10^{-2}$



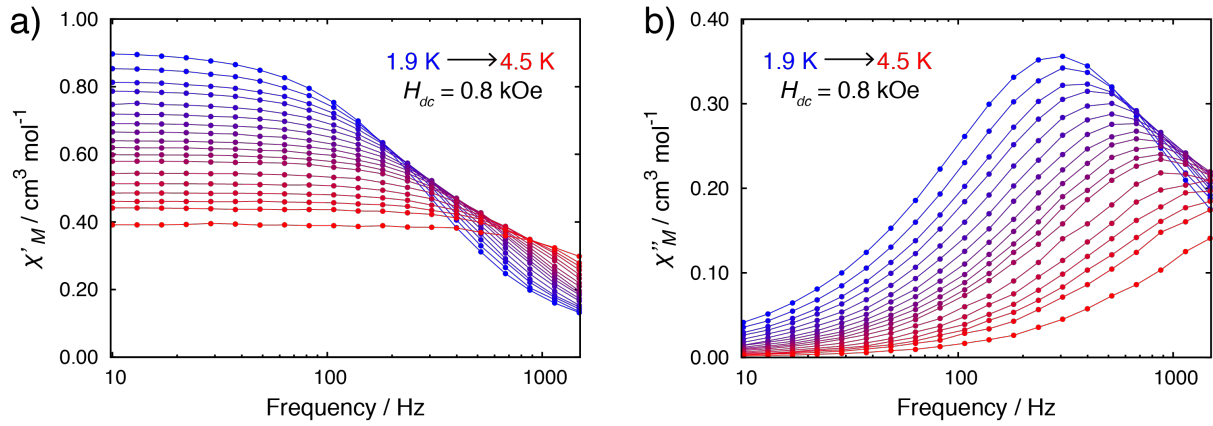
**Figure S11.** Dc field dependence of (a) the in-phase  $\chi_M'$  vs. frequency plots and (b) out-of-phase  $\chi_M''$  vs. frequency plots for **CoZr** at 1.9 K with ac frequency of 1–1488 Hz. The lines are guide for the eye.



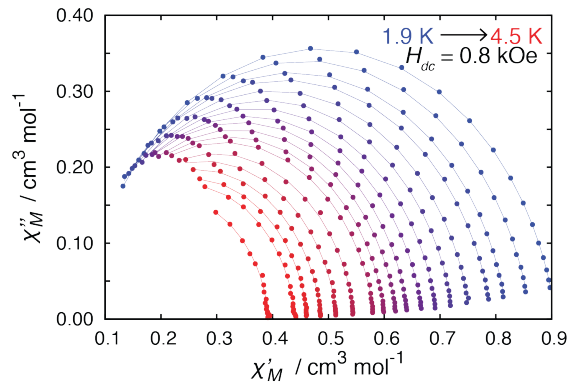
**Figure S12.** (a) Cole–Cole plot for **CoZr** at 1.9 K under variable field. The solid lines represent the fit to a generalized Debye model. (b) The field dependence of the relaxation time derived from the fit.

**Table S10.** Cole-Cole fit values for **CoZr** at 1.9 K with an applied dc field of 0.2–5 kOe.

$H / \text{kOe}$	$\chi_S / \text{cm}_3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_T / \text{cm}_3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\tau / \text{s}$	$\alpha$
0.2	$5.756 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.205 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.634 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.601 \times 10^{-2}$
0.4	$2.568 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.206 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.461 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.020 \times 10^{-1}$
0.6	$1.126 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.155 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.130 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.070 \times 10^{-1}$
0.8	$5.894 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.074 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.448 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.110 \times 10^{-1}$
1.0	$3.265 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.968 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.410 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.209 \times 10^{-1}$
1.2	$1.735 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.829 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.171 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.307 \times 10^{-1}$
1.4	$6.783 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.675 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.856 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.402 \times 10^{-1}$
1.6	$7.289 \times 10^{-8}$	$8.505 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.556 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.480 \times 10^{-1}$
1.8	$1.066 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.320 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.283 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.553 \times 10^{-1}$
2.0	$1.465 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.117 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.025 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.621 \times 10^{-1}$
2.5	$2.226 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.598 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.450 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.880 \times 10^{-1}$
3.0	$3.137 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.050 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.975 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.164 \times 10^{-1}$
3.5	$3.506 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.516 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.539 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.542 \times 10^{-1}$
4.0	$4.876 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.992 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.203 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.933 \times 10^{-1}$
4.5	$4.839 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.523 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.942 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.422 \times 10^{-1}$
5.0	$5.542 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.083 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.736 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.881 \times 10^{-1}$



**Figure S13.** Temperature dependence of (a) the in-phase  $\chi'_M$  vs. frequency plots and (b) out-of-phase  $\chi''_M$  vs. frequency plots for **CoZr** in the presence of 0.8 kOe with ac frequency of 1–1488 Hz. The lines are guide for the eye.



**Figure S14.** Cole–Cole plot for **CoZr** in the presence of 1 kOe dc field at variable temperature. The solid lines represent the fit to a generalized Debye model.

**Table S11.** Cole–Cole fit values for **CoZr** at 1.9–4.5 K with an applied dc field of 0.8 kOe.

$T / \text{K}$	$\chi'_S / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi'_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau / \text{s}$	$\alpha$
1.9	$5.894 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.074 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.448 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.110 \times 10^{-1}$
2.0	$5.322 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.627 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.742 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.101 \times 10^{-1}$
2.1	$5.087 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.215 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.162 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.083 \times 10^{-1}$
2.2	$4.690 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.931 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.778 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.079 \times 10^{-1}$
2.3	$4.744 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.555 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.355 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.032 \times 10^{-1}$
2.4	$4.718 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.246 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.006 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.024 \times 10^{-1}$
2.5	$4.027 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.964 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.670 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.062 \times 10^{-1}$
2.6	$4.256 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.698 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.439 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.017 \times 10^{-1}$
2.7	$4.031 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.440 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.211 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.659 \times 10^{-2}$
2.8	$4.436 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.229 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.064 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.403 \times 10^{-2}$
2.9	$4.078 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.024 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.874 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.853 \times 10^{-2}$
3.0	$4.229 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.830 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.730 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.504 \times 10^{-2}$
3.2	$4.652 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.469 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.505 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.741 \times 10^{-2}$
3.4	$3.741 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.155 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.270 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.761 \times 10^{-2}$
3.6	$3.808 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.877 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.106 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.300 \times 10^{-2}$
3.8	$4.584 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.626 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.926 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.598 \times 10^{-2}$
4.0	$4.561 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.408 \times 10^{-1}$	$8.670 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.919 \times 10^{-2}$

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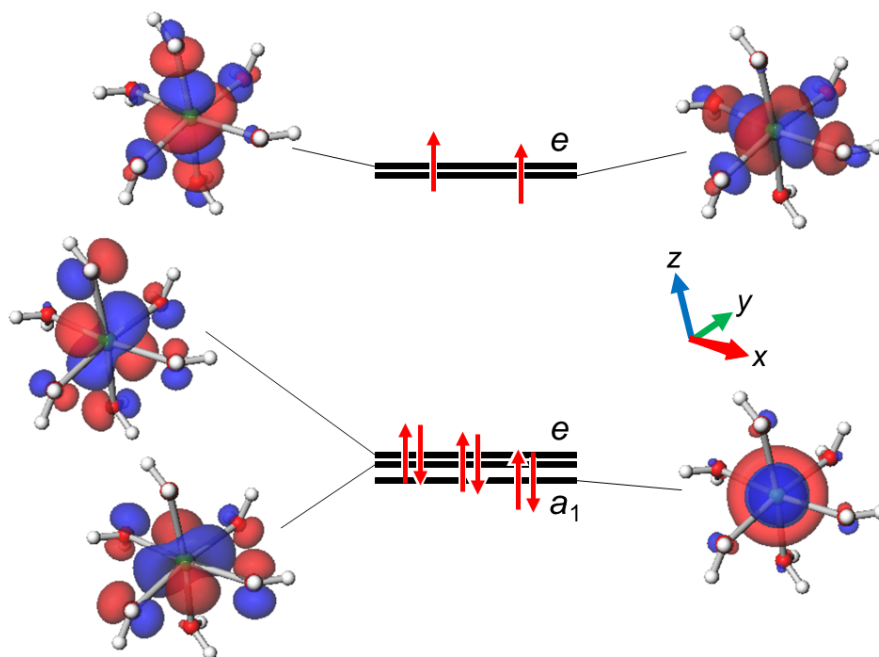
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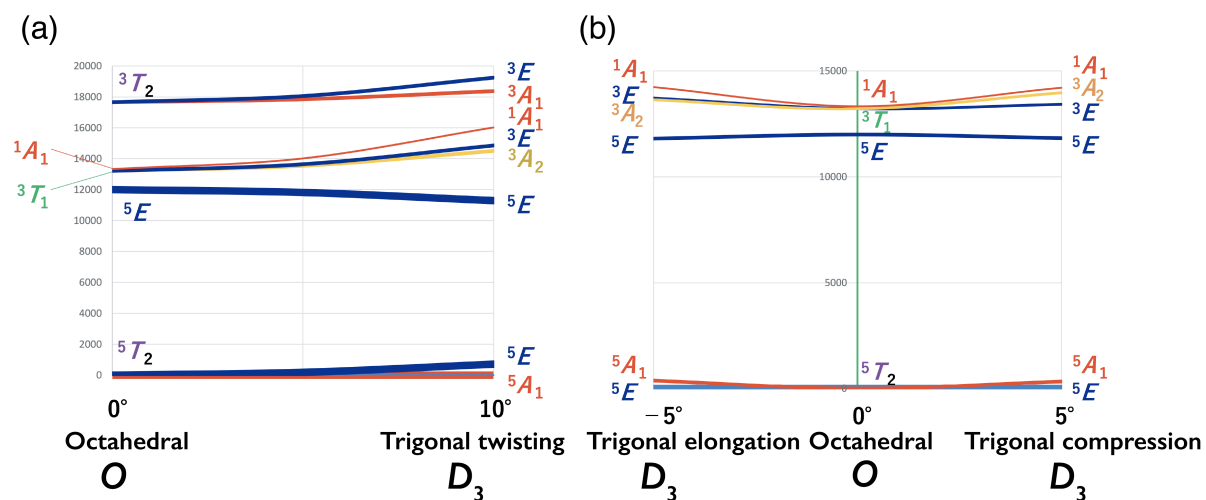
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#### 4. DFT Calculation



**Figure S15.** The energy levels of *d*-orbital-related molecular orbitals for  $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  complex cation in NiTi on the basis of the DFT computation (LC-BOP/6-31G).

## 4. AOM Calculation



**Figure S16.** The energy level diagrams for six-coordinate  $d^6$  ion. (a) Bailar twisting distortion from. (b) Trigonal elongation/compression. Racah and AOM parameters:  $B = 1050 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $C = 4500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $e_\sigma = 4000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .