

**Square planar Pd(II)/oximate complexes as ‘metalloligands’ for the directional assembly of 4f-metal ions: A new family of {Ln<sub>2</sub>Pd} (Ln = lanthanide) clusters exhibiting slow magnetization relaxation**

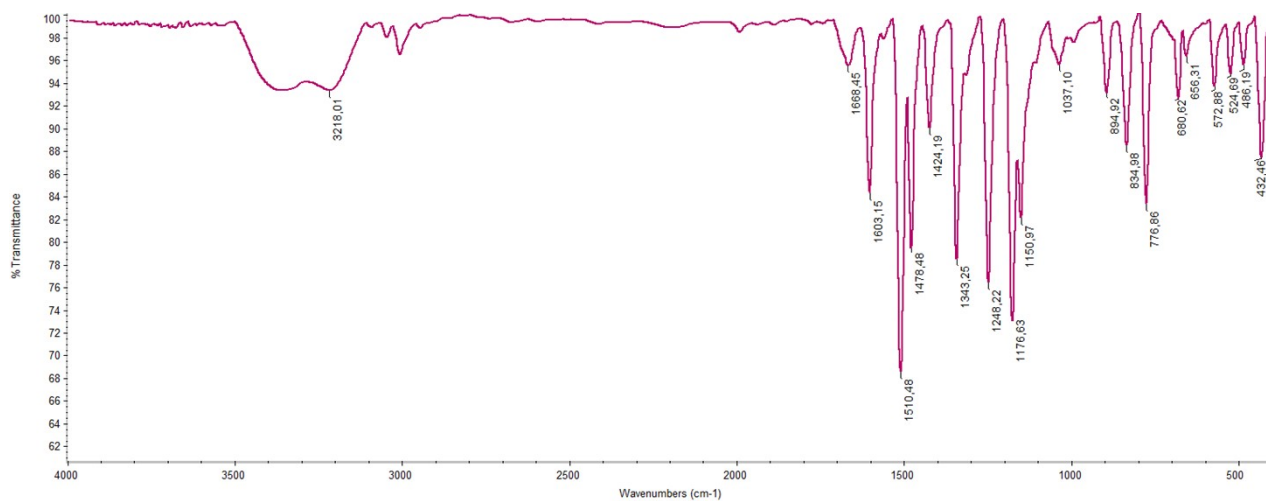
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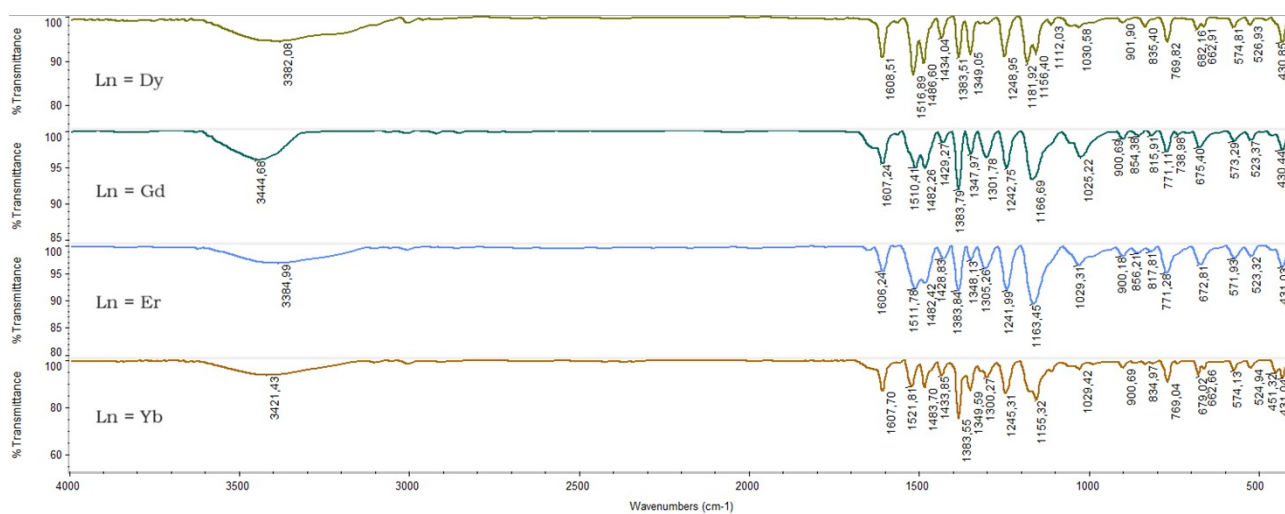
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**Figure S1.** FT-IR spectrum of the 'metalloligand' [Pd(pao)<sub>2</sub>] (**1**).



**Figure S2.** FT-IR spectra of [Ln<sub>2</sub>Pd(pao)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>(MeOH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]·[Pd(pao)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>4</sub> complexes, where Ln<sup>III</sup> = Dy (**2**), Gd (**3**), Er (**4**), Yb (**5**).

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for compounds 1-5.

Parameter	1	2	3	4	5
Formula	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>62</sub> H <sub>62</sub> N <sub>26</sub> O <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>62</sub> H <sub>62</sub> N <sub>26</sub> O <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>62</sub> H <sub>62</sub> N <sub>26</sub> O <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>62</sub> H <sub>62</sub> N <sub>26</sub> O <sub>32</sub>
	Pd	Pd <sub>5</sub> Dy <sub>2</sub>	Pd <sub>5</sub> Gd <sub>2</sub>	Pd <sub>5</sub> Er <sub>2</sub>	Pd <sub>5</sub> Yb <sub>2</sub>
$F_w / \text{g mol}^{-1}$	384.67	2540.37	2529.87	2549.89	2561.45
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	$P2_1/a$	$P-1$	$P-1$	$P-1$	$P-1$
$a / \text{Å}$	4.5772(2)	12.1673(2)	12.1672(7)	12.1819(6)	12.1945(11)
$b / \text{Å}$	18.3853(10)	12.7713(2)	12.7842(5)	12.7650(5)	12.7509(12)
$c / \text{Å}$	8.1572(4)	13.0477(2)	13.0950(7)	13.0467(6)	13.0041(14)
$\alpha / ^\circ$	90	91.807(1)	91.639(1)	91.676(1)	91.610(3)
$\beta / ^\circ$	95.268(2)	96.213(1)	96.348(1)	96.338(1)	96.362(3)
$\gamma / ^\circ$	90	98.618(1)	98.546(1)	98.823(1)	98.873(3)
$V / \text{Å}^3$	683.55(6)	1990.49(5)	1999.83(18)	1990.32(16)	1983.4(3)
$Z$	2	1	1	1	1
$T / \text{K}$	160(2)	160(2)	160(2)	160(2)	160(2)
Radiation / $\mu$	MoK $\alpha$ /	MoK $\alpha$ /	MoK $\alpha$ /	MoK $\alpha$ /	MoK $\alpha$ /
(mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.380	3.060	2.835	3.291	3.544
$\rho_{\text{calcd}} / \text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.869	2.119	2.101	2.127	2.144
Reflections	10715/1551	45752/8668	31987/8633	36544/8656	21947/5154
collected/unique	(0.0343)	(0.0196)	(0.0736)	(0.0637)	(0.0897)
( $R_{\text{int}}$ )					
Reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	1137	8109	6372	6793	3749
No. of parameters	197	810	825	811	782
$R_1 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$ , $wR_2 [I > 2\sigma(I)]^{a,b}$	0.0206, 0.0453	0.0231, 0.0496	0.0489, 0.1019	0.0410, 0.0899	0.0539, 0.1227
$R_1$ (all data), $wR_2$ (all data) <sup>a,b</sup>	0.0334, 0.0492	0.0256, 0.0502	0.0713, 0.1114	0.0568, 0.0976	0.0766, 0.1375
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}}$	0.026	0.024	0.027	0.014	0.007
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}/\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.68/-0.30	1.42/-0.67	1.72/-1.06	1.71/-1.17	1.42/-1.45
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$^a w = 1 / [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP]$ , where  $P = [\max(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2] / 3$ ;  $a = 0.0258$ ,  $b = 0.1879$  for **1**;  $a = 0.0173$ ,  $b = 2.7355$  for **2**;  $a = 0.0400$ ,  $b = 4.7272$  for **3**;  $a = 0.0388$ ,  $b = 4.0253$  for **4**;  $a = 0.0597$ ,  $b = 6.5554$  for **5**;  $^b R_1 = \Sigma(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \Sigma(|F_o|)$  and  $wR_2 = \{\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma[w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$ .

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances (Å) and bond angles (°) for complex **1**.

<b>Bond Distances (Å)</b>			
Pd-N1A	2.039(4)	Pd-N2A	2.060(9)
Pd-N1A'	2.039(4)	Pd-N2A'	2.060(9)
<b>Bond Angles (°)</b>			
N2A-Pd-N1A	80.2(2)	N2A'-Pd-N1A'	80.2(2)
N2A-Pd-N1A'	99.8(2)	N1A-Pd-N1A'	180.0
N2A'-Pd-N1A	99.8(2)	N2A-Pd-N2A'	180.0

Symmetry code: (')  $-x, 2-y, 2-z$ .

**Table S3.** Selected bond distances (Å) and bond angles (°) for complex **2**.

<b>Bond Distances (Å)</b>			
Pd1-N1A	2.042(3)	Dy1-O2	2.469(3)
Pd1-N1A'	2.042(3)	Dy1-O3	2.449(3)
Pd1-N2A	2.038(5)	Dy1-O5	2.487(2)
Pd1-N2A'	2.038(5)	Dy1-O6	2.457(2)
Dy1-O1A	2.29(3)	Dy1-O8	2.433(2)
Dy1-O1W	2.286(2)	Dy1-O9	2.519(2)
Dy1-O1M	2.340(2)		
<b>Bond Angles (°)</b>			
N2A-Pd1-N1A	78.95(17)	O6-Dy1-O5	51.40(8)
N2A-Pd1-N1A'	101.05(17)	O6-Dy1-O9	121.28(8)
N2A'-Pd1-N1A	101.05(17)	O8-Dy1-O2	143.75(10)
N2A'-Pd1-N1A'	78.95(17)	O8-Dy1-O3	141.94(9)
N1A-Pd1-N1A'	180.0	O8-Dy1-O5	69.49(8)
N2A-Pd1-N2A'	180.0	O8-Dy1-O6	74.41(8)
O1A-Dy1-O2	80.3(5)	O8-Dy1-O9	51.13(7)
O1A-Dy1-O3	87.4(7)	O1M-Dy1-O2	75.88(11)
O1A-Dy1-O5	148.7(8)	O1M-Dy1-O3	127.39(10)

O1A-Dy1-O6	152.6(6)	O1M-Dy1-O5	125.25(8)
O1A-Dy1-O8	124.4(6)	O1M-Dy1-O6	77.64(8)
O1A-Dy1-O9	73.3(6)	O1M-Dy1-O8	79.74(10)
O1A-Dy1-O1M	86.0(8)	O1M-Dy1-O9	73.21(9)
O2-Dy1-O5	103.95(9)	O1W-Dy1-O1A	77.0(7)
O2-Dy1-O9	140.29(9)	O1W-Dy1-O2	123.57(10)
O3-Dy1-O2	51.57(10)	O1W-Dy1-O3	76.29(9)
O3-Dy1-O5	72.67(9)	O1W-Dy1-O5	75.01(8)
O3-Dy1-O6	85.34(9)	O1W-Dy1-O6	126.38(8)
O3-Dy1-O9	151.35(9)	O1W-Dy1-O8	90.10(9)
O5-Dy1-O9	114.07(8)	O1W-Dy1-O9	78.82(8)
O6-Dy1-O2	74.45(9)	O1W-Dy1-O1M	150.47(9)

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Symmetry code: (')  $-x, -y, 1-z$ .

**Table S4.** Continuous Shape Measurement (CShM) values for the potential coordination polyhedra of the 9-coordinate Dy1/Dy1' centers in complex **2**.

Polyhedron <sup>a,b</sup>	Dy1/Dy1'
EP	34.64
OPY	21.86
HBPY	16.58
JTC	14.43
JCCU	9.62
CCU	8.19
JCSAPR	3.35
CSAPR	2.57
JTCTPR	3.60
TCTPR	2.82
JTDIC	12.03
HH	8.99
<b>MF</b>	<b>2.43</b>

<sup>a</sup>Abbreviations: EP, Enneagon; OPY, Octagonal pyramid; HBPY, Heptagonal bipyramid; JTC, Johnson triangular cupola; JCCU, Capped cube; CCU, Spherical-relaxed capped cube; JCSAPR, Capped square antiprism, CSAPR-9, Spherical capped square antiprism; JTCTPR, Tricapped trigonal prism; TCTPR, Spherical tricapped

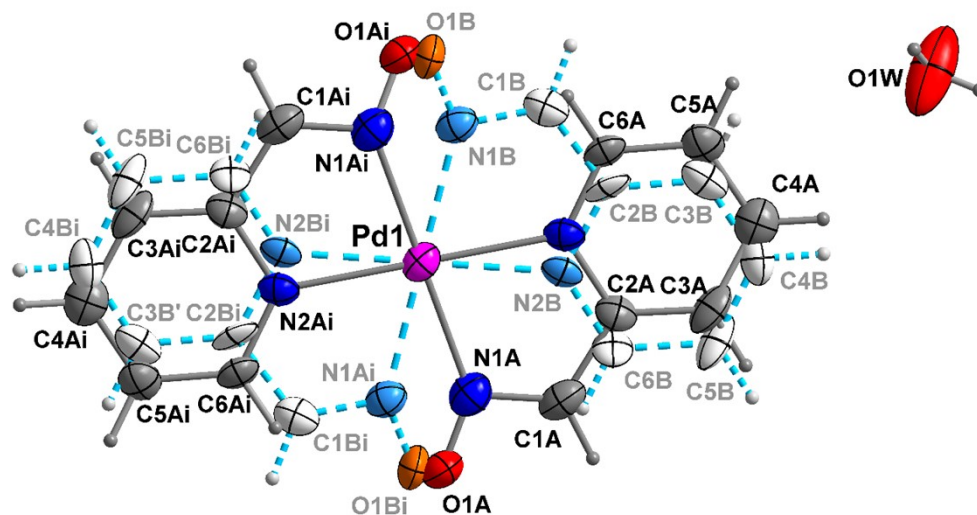
trigonal prism; JTDIC, Tridiminished icosahedron, HH, Hula-hoop; MFF, Muffin. <sup>b</sup>The value in boldface indicates the closest polyhedron according to Continuous Shape Measures.

**Table S5.** Hydrogen bonding interactions in the crystal structure of **1·2H<sub>2</sub>O**. Abbreviations: D = Donor; A = Acceptor

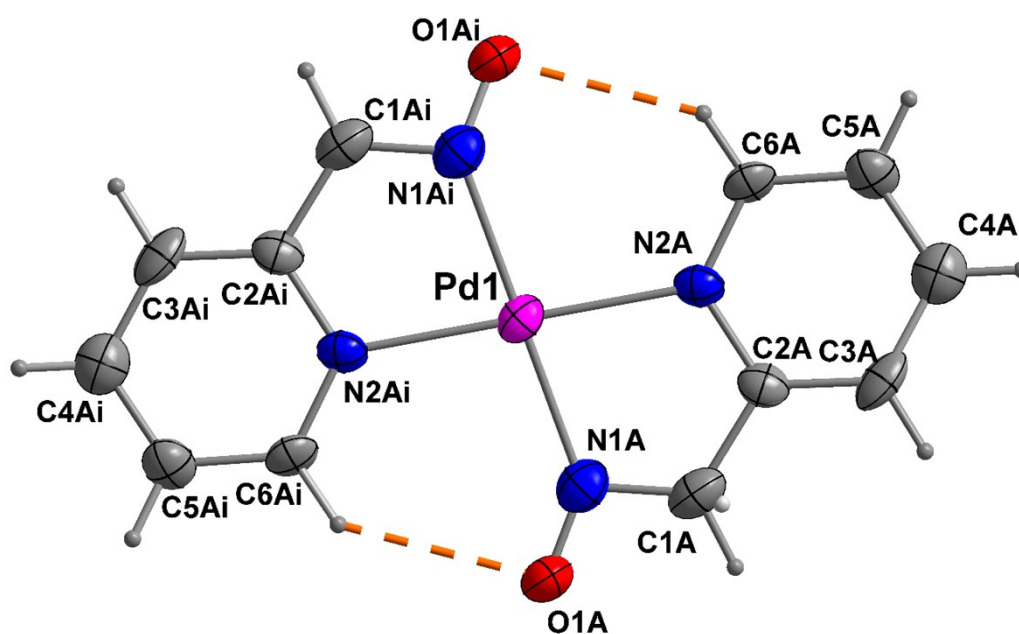
<i>D—H···A</i>	<i>D—H</i> (Å)	<i>H···A</i> (Å)	<i>D···A</i> (Å)	<i>D—H···A</i> (°)
Intramolecular				
<i>C6A—H6A···O1A<sup>i</sup></i>	0.95	2.15	2.947(10)	140
<i>C6B—H6B···O1B<sup>i</sup></i>	0.95	2.13	2.924(16)	141
Intermolecular				
<i>C5A—H5A···O1A<sup>ii</sup></i>	0.95	2.86(1)	3.343(12)	113(1)
<i>C1B—H1B···O1B<sup>iii</sup></i>	0.95	2.44(1)	3.194(2)	136.1(5)
<i>*O1W—H1WA···O1A<sup>iv</sup></i>	0.80(5)	2.01(4)	2.80(3)	170(4)
<i>*O1W—H1WA···O1B<sup>v</sup></i>	0.80(5)	2.01(4)	2.79(3)	166(4)
<i>*O1W—H1WB···O1W<sup>vi</sup></i>	0.74(5)	1.98(5)	2.69(4)	163(5)

\*Only the parameters for water molecules occupying sites A are given.

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, -y+2, -z+2$ ; (ii)  $x, y, z-1$ ; (iii)  $-x, -y+2, -z+1$ ; (iv)  $x+1, y, z-1$ ; (v)  $-x+1, -y+2, -z+1$ ; (vi)  $x+1/2, -y+3/2, z$ .

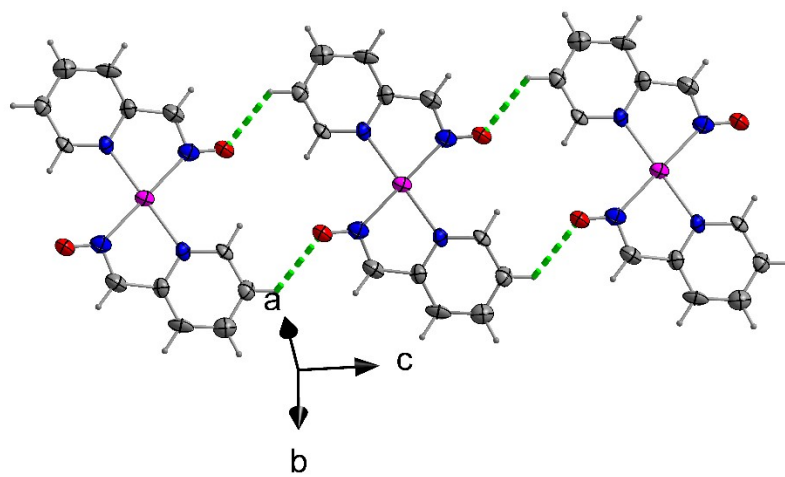


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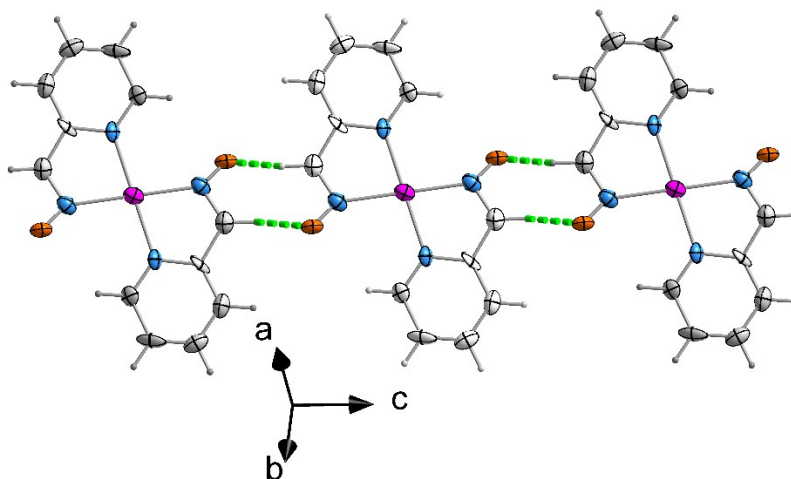


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**Figure S3.** (a) Fully labelled ORTEP plot of  $1 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Atoms labeled as “A” and “B” indicate the two disordered orientations of the ligands. Dashed cyan lines connect the atoms in orientation B. The atoms occupying sites B are decorated with lighter colors. (b) Fully labelled ORTEP plot of **1** using the disordered orientation which corresponds to A atoms; the dashed orange lines highlight the C6A—H6A $\cdots$ O1A' intramolecular hydrogen bonds. Color scheme: Pd<sup>II</sup>, magenta; O, red; N, blue; C, gray. Symmetry code: (i):  $-x, 2-y, 2-z$ .



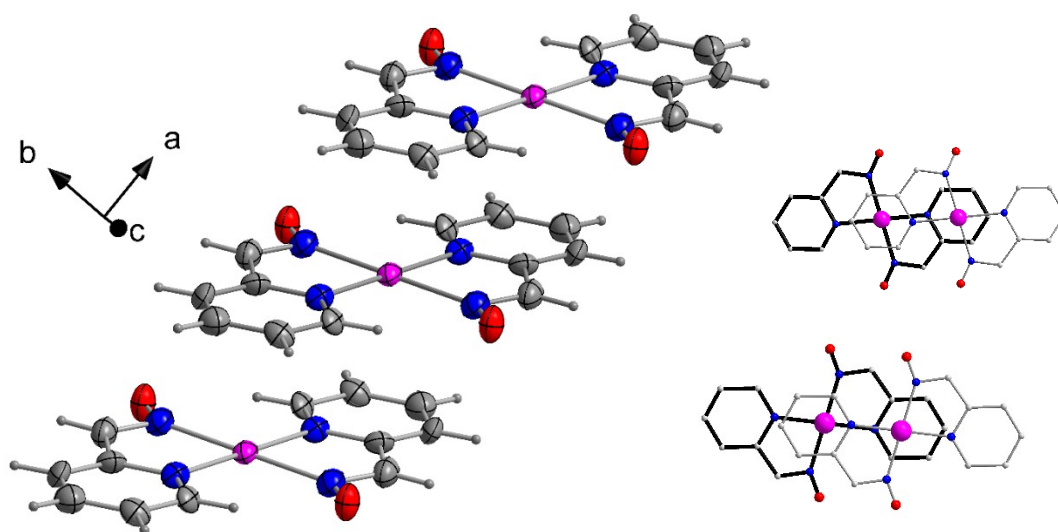
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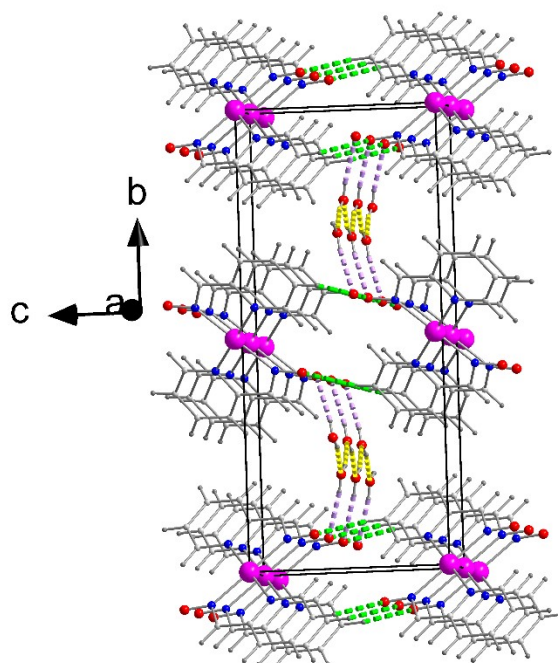
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**Figure S4.** Intermolecular hydrogen bonds between the two disordered parts of the  $[\text{Pd}(\text{pao})_2]$  complexes in the structure of **1**. In (a), the hydrogen bonds developed among the A disordered parts and in (b) those developed among parts B are shown, i.e.  $\text{C5A-H5A}\cdots\text{O1A}^{\text{ii}}$  and  $\text{C1B-H1B}\cdots\text{O1B}^{\text{iii}}$  (symmetry codes are given in Table S5 or in the text). Color coding is as in Figure S3.



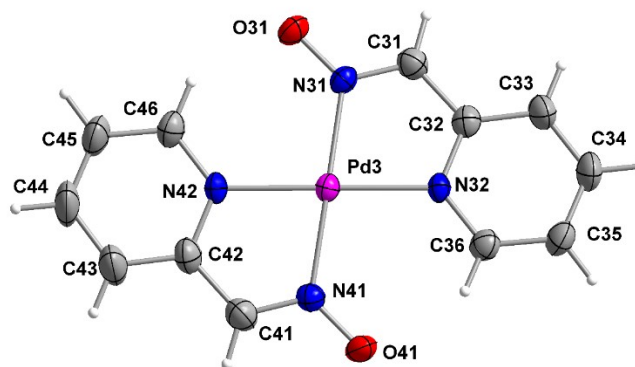


**Figure S5.** Stacking of  $[\text{Pd}(\text{pao})_2]$  complexes with the  $\text{pao}^-$  ligands in A-orientation. In the inset, the overlap type of neighboring complexes is shown for A-orientation (top) and B-orientation (bottom). Those at the top are with light colors. Color coding as in Figure S3.



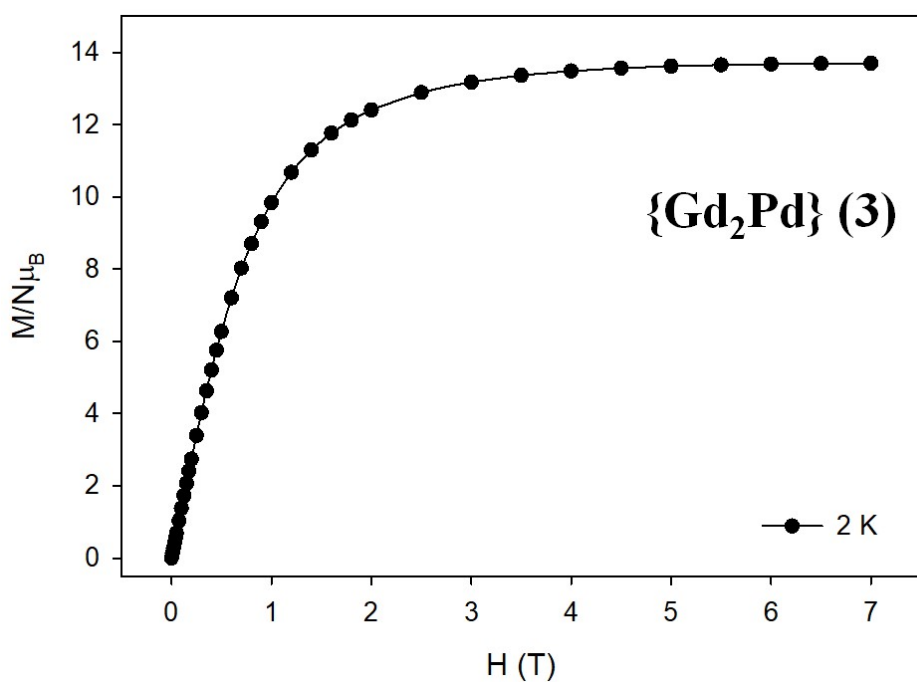
**Figure S6.** 3-D architecture of the structure of  $1 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The  $\text{pao}^-$  ligands and water lattice solvent molecules are presented only occupying site A. Dashed green, yellow and violet lines highlight the  $\text{C5A-H5A} \cdots \text{O1A}^{\text{ii}}$ ,  $\text{O1WA-H2W} \cdots \text{O1WA}^{\text{vi}}$  and  $\text{O1WA}$ -



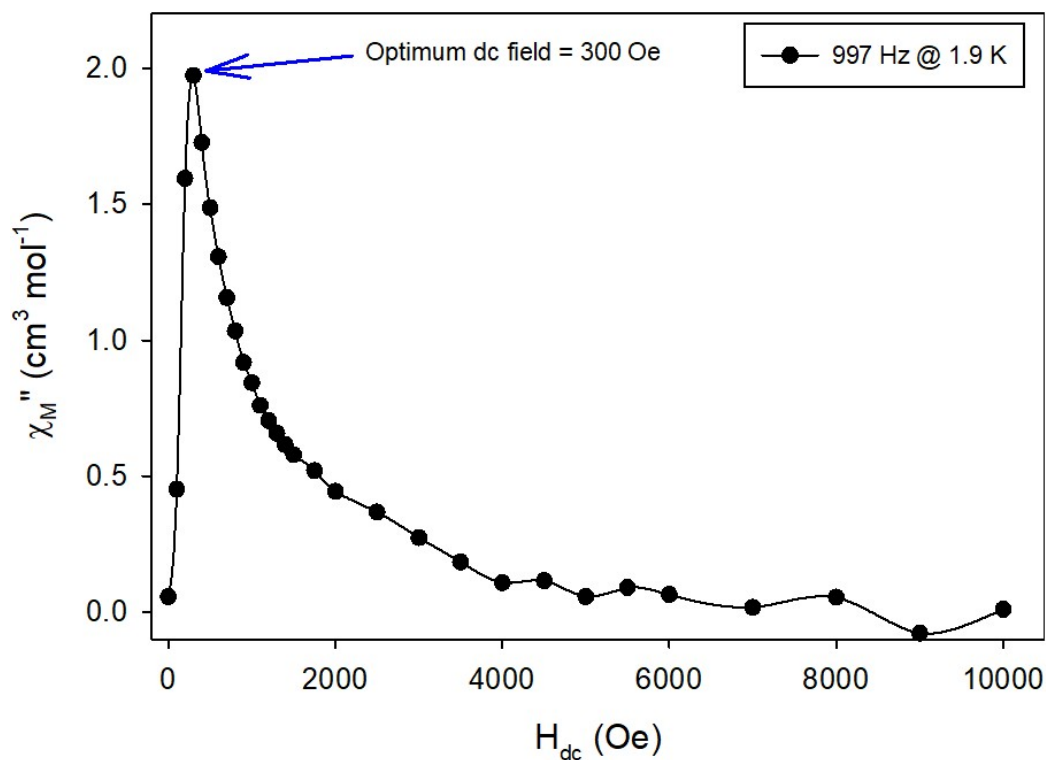


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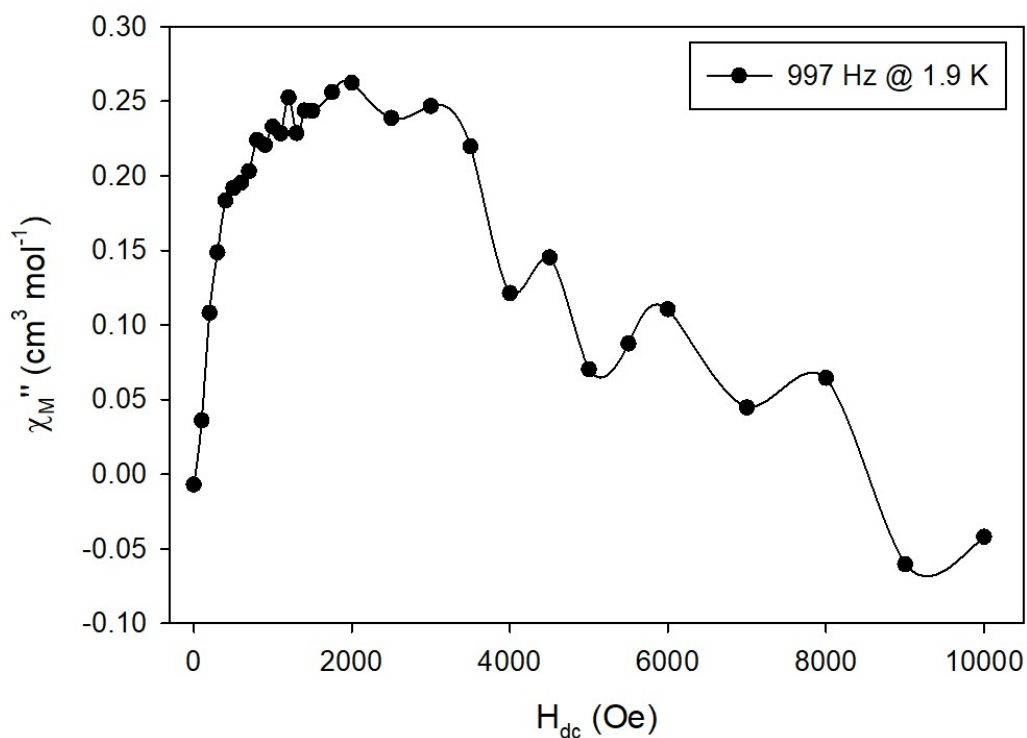
**Figure S7.** Ortep-type views of the complexes (a) **2A**, (b) **2B**, and (c) **2C** that are present in the structure of **2**. Atoms labeled as A and B in (a) and (b) indicate the two disordered orientations of the  $\text{pao}^-$  ligands. Dashed cyan lines connect the atoms in orientation B and the atoms occupying sites A are highlighted with lighter colors. Symmetry code ('):  $-x, -y, 1-z$ .



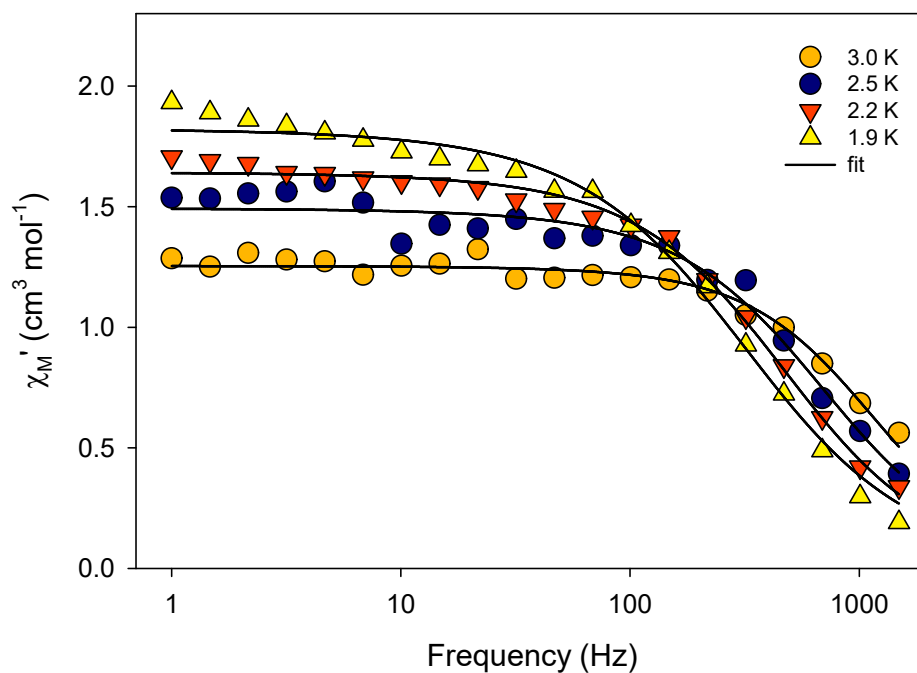
**Figure S8.** Plot of magnetization ( $M$ ) vs. field ( $H$ ) for complex **3** at 2 K. The solid line is guide for the eye only.



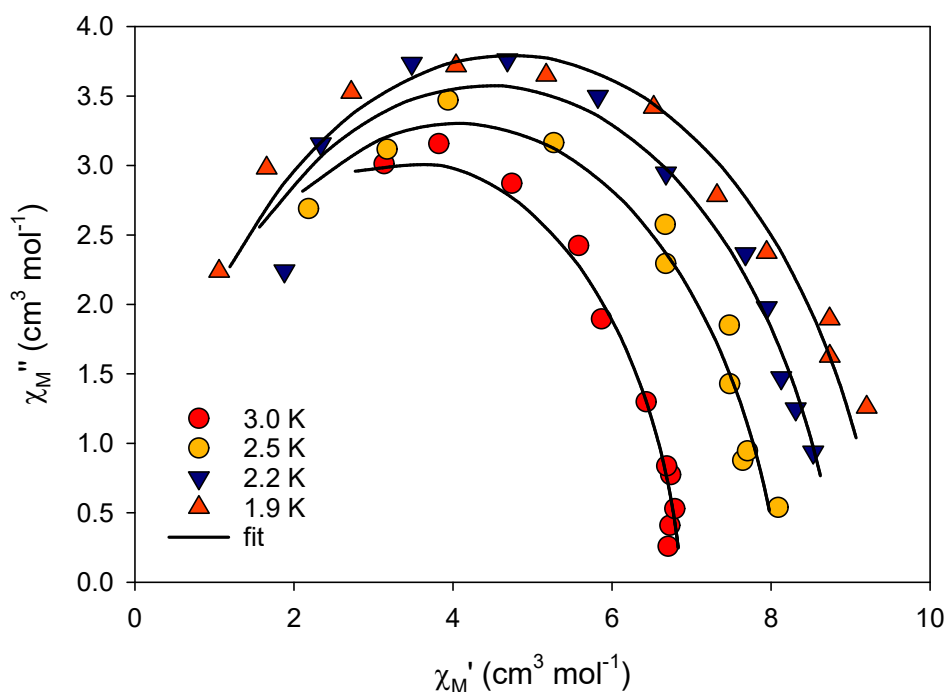
**Figure S9.** Plot of out-of-phase *ac* magnetic susceptibility ( $\chi''_M$ ) vs. field (*H*) for complex 2 at 1.9 K, indicating an optimum *dc* field at 300 Oe.



**Figure S10.** Plot of out-of-phase *ac* magnetic susceptibility ( $\chi''_M$ ) vs. field (*H*) for complex 5 at 1.9 K, indicating an optimum *dc* field at 2000 Oe.



**Figure S11.** Frequency dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'_{M}$ ) *ac* magnetic susceptibility under a 2000 Oe applied optimum *dc* field for complex **5**. Solid lines correspond to the best fit obtained with a generalized Debye model.



**Figure S12.** Cole-Cole plot for complex **5** obtained using the *ac* susceptibility data under a 2000 Oe applied *dc* field at the temperature range 1.9-3.0 K. The solid lines correspond to the best fit obtained with a generalized Debye model.