

# Supplementary material

## Chiral, heterometallic lanthanide-transition metal complexes by design

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Table S1. Crystallographic data for the La-complexes.

[La(hfac) <sub>3</sub> M(acac) <sub>3</sub> ]:		
	( $\Lambda$ + $\Delta$ , $\Lambda$ )-LaCr	( $\Lambda$ , $\Delta$ )-LaFe
Formula	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> CrF <sub>18</sub> LaO <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> F <sub>18</sub> FeLaO <sub>12</sub>
M <sub>r</sub>	1109.40	1113.25
T / K	122	122
Crystal System	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space Group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 19)	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 19)
a / Å	12.6928(15)	12.3655(14)
b / Å	15.7124(19)	16.209(2)
c / Å	20.603(2)	20.711(3)
V / Å <sup>3</sup>	4108.95	4151.16
Z	4	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ / g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.793	1.781
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.427	1.500
F <sub>000</sub>	2172.0	2180.0
Crystal Size / mm <sup>3</sup>	0.174 · 0.089 · 0.074	0.753 · 0.351 · 0.286
Radiation	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073Å)	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073Å)
2 $\theta$ range / °	4.574 – 56.564	4.586 – 57.400
Reflec. Collected	72584	103901
Indep. Reflections	10186	10728
R <sub>int</sub> , R $\sigma$	0.0472, 0.0321	0.0608, 0.0298
Parameters/Restraints	646	584
S (on F <sup>2</sup> )	1.050	1.077
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> (I $\geq$ 4 $\sigma$ {I})	0.0676, 0.1767	0.0543, 0.1431
R <sub>1</sub> (All Data)	0.0825	0.0669
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}/\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ / e·Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.818 / -1.801	1.983 / -1.812
Flack parameter	0.003(5)	0.00(3)
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Table S2. Crystallographic data for the Gd-complexes.

[Gd(hfac)<sub>3</sub>M(acac)<sub>3</sub>]:

	( $\Lambda$ + $\Delta$ , $\Lambda$ )-GdCr	( $\Lambda$ , $\Delta$ )-GdFe	( $\Lambda$ + $\Delta$ , $\Lambda$ )-GdGa
Formula	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> CrF <sub>18</sub> GdO <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> F <sub>18</sub> FeGdO <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> F <sub>18</sub> GaGdO <sub>12</sub>
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i>	1127.74	1131.59	1145.46
<i>T</i> / K	122	122	122
Crystal System	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space Group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 19)	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 19)	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 19)
<i>a</i> / Å	12.5084(11)	12.2312(9)	12.386
<i>b</i> / Å	15.8220(13)	16.0108(12)	15.853
<i>c</i> / Å	20.5746(18)	20.7089(16)	20.547
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	4071.88	4055.45	4034.51
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ / g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.840	1.853	1.886
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.019	2.117	2.437
<i>F</i> <sub>000</sub>	2200.0	2208.0	2228.0
Crystal Size / mm <sup>3</sup>	0.179 · 0.152 · 0.098	0.086 · 0.079 · 0.055	0.142 · 0.113 · 0.097
Radiation	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073Å)	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073Å)	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073Å)
2 $\theta$ range / °	4.600 – 51.470	4.630 – 50.050	4.620 – 55.962
Reflec. Collected	76409	52814	87006
Indep. Reflections	7736	7119	9692
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub><math>\sigma</math></sub>	0.0339, 0.0209	0.0347, 0.0239	0.0682, 0.0353
Parameters/Restraints	674	579	675
<i>S</i> (on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )	1.057	1.254	1.042
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> ( <i>I</i> ≥ 4 $\sigma$ { <i>I</i> })	0.0476, 0.1159	0.0344, 0.0838	0.0376, 0.0967
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (All Data)	0.0510	0.0388	0.0451
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}/\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ / e·Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.940 / -1.460	1.749 / -0.820	2.431 / -1.084
Flack parameter	0.03(2)	-0.016(16)	0.000(17)
CCDC deposit #	CCDC 1849690	CCDC 1849714	CCDC 1849715

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Table S3. Crystallographic data for the Pr-complexes.

[Pr(hfac) <sub>3</sub> M(acac) <sub>3</sub> ]:			
	( $\Lambda$ + $\Delta$ , $\Lambda$ )-PrCr	( $\Delta$ , $\Lambda$ )-PrFe	( $\Lambda$ + $\Delta$ , $\Lambda$ )-PrGa
Formula	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> CrF <sub>18</sub> O <sub>12</sub> Pr	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> F <sub>18</sub> FeO <sub>12</sub> Pr	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> F <sub>18</sub> GaO <sub>12</sub> Pr
<i>M</i> <sub>r</sub>	1111.40	1115.25	1129.12
<i>T</i> / K	122	122	122
Crystal System	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space Group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 19)	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 19)	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 19)
<i>a</i> / Å	12.6186(6)	12.2969(12)	12.495(4)
<i>b</i> / Å	15.7588(8)	16.1579(15)	15.905(5)
<i>c</i> / Å	20.5581(9)	20.7051(18)	20.533(6)
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	4088.06	4113.94	4080.58
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ / g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.806	1.801	1.838
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.581	1.659	1.978
<i>F</i> <sub>000</sub>	2180.0	2188.0	2208.0
Crystal Size / mm <sup>3</sup>	0.124 · 0.088 · 0.076	0.105 · 0.086 · 0.073	0.293 · 0.277 · 0.261
Radiation	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073Å)	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073Å)	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073Å)
2 $\theta$ range / °	4.586 – 50.698	3.934 – 58.256	4.596 – 61.238
Reflec. Collected	52322	108158	134965
Indep. Reflections	7465	11046	12538
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub><math>\sigma</math></sub>	0.0399, 0.0261	0.0480, 0.0249	0.0369, 0.0213
Parameters/Restraints	646	567	715
<i>S</i> (on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )	1.073	1.094	1.060
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> ( <i>I</i> ≥ 4 $\sigma$ { <i>I</i> })	0.0555, 0.1433	0.0389, 0.1026	0.0431, 0.1074
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (All Data)	0.0613	0.0431	0.0516
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}/\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ / e·Å <sup>-3</sup>	2.001 / -1.883	1.667 / -1.387	1.961 / -1.646
Flack parameter	-0.006(5)	0.009(17)	-0.008(3)
CCDC deposit #	CCDC 1849718	CCDC 1849719	CCDC 1849713

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*Alternate packing views*

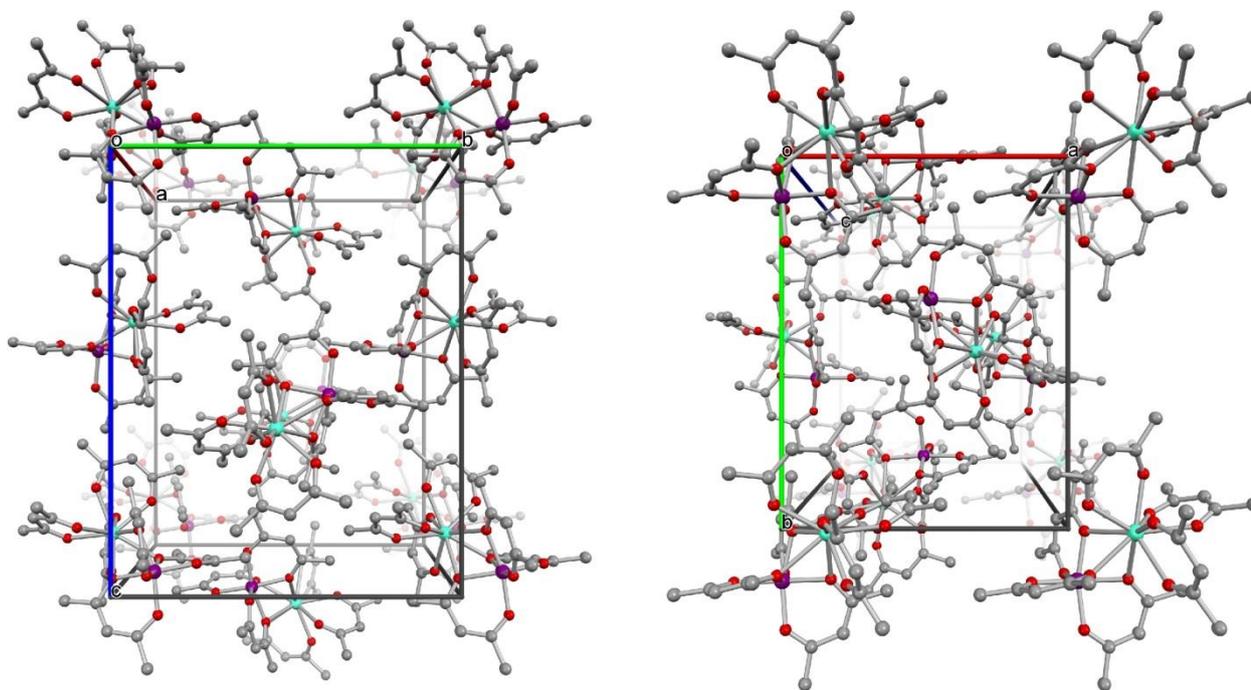


Figure S1. Alternate views of the packing in **GdFe** along the crystallographic *a*-axis (left) and along the crystallographic *c*-axis (right). Hydrogen and fluorine atoms have been omitted for clarity. Color coding: Fe: purple, F: light green, O: red, C: gray, Gd: turquoise.

*Intermolecular interactions*

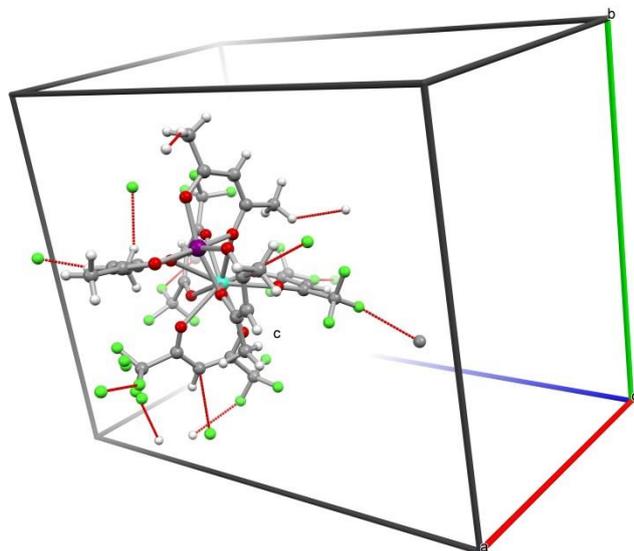


Figure S2. Shortest intermolecular interactions in the packing of **GdFe**. Only one asymmetric unit is shown for clarity.

### Magnetization data at variable temperatures

The magnetization curves recorded at different temperatures were simulated using the Hamiltonian described in the main text.

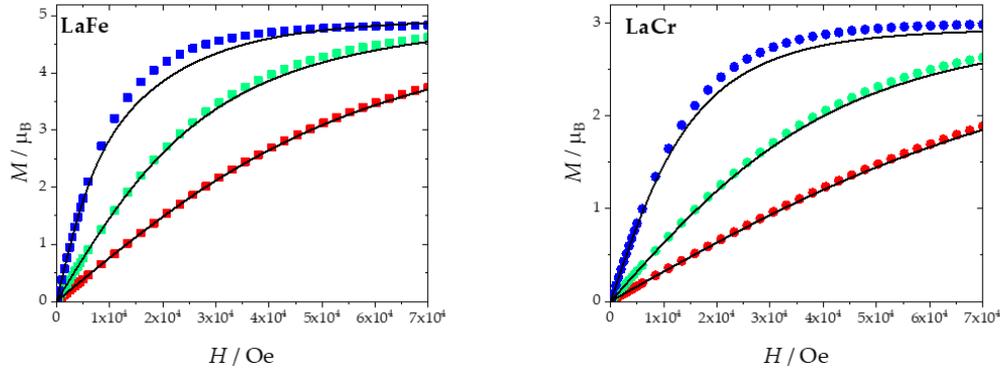


Figure S3. Magnetization curves of **LaTM** recorded at  $T = 1.8, 5$  and  $10$  K. Symbols are the experimental points and lines are the simulations.

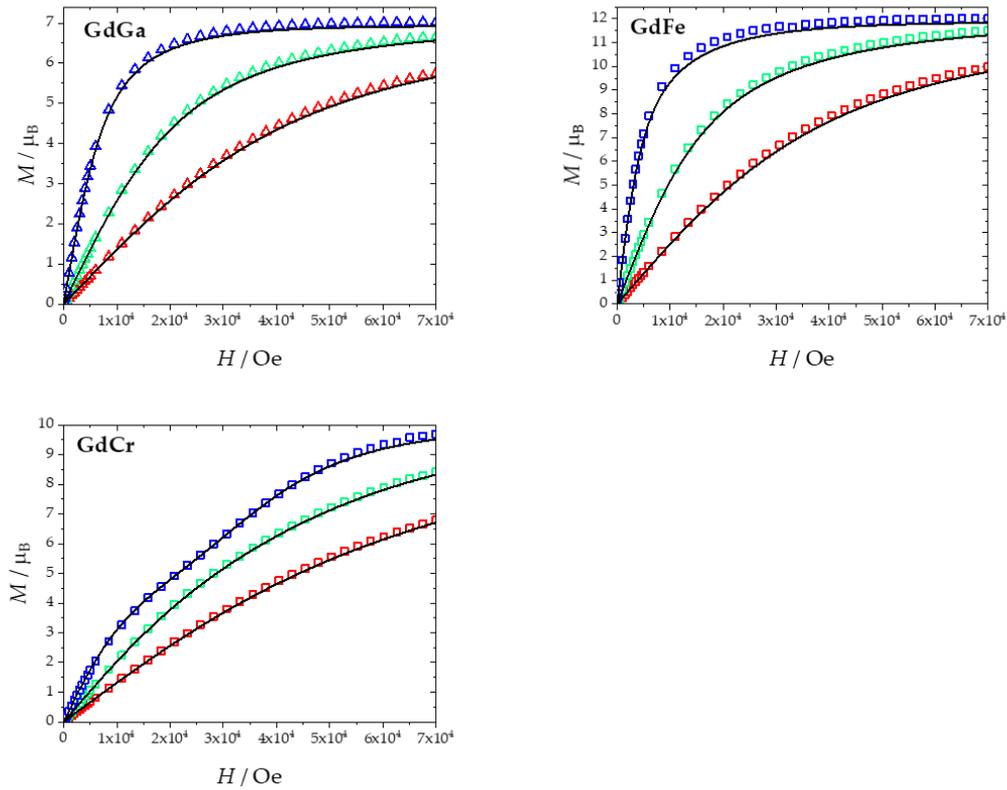


Figure S4. Magnetization curves of **GdTM** recorded at  $T = 1.8, 5$  and  $10$  K. Symbols are the experimental points and lines are the simulations.

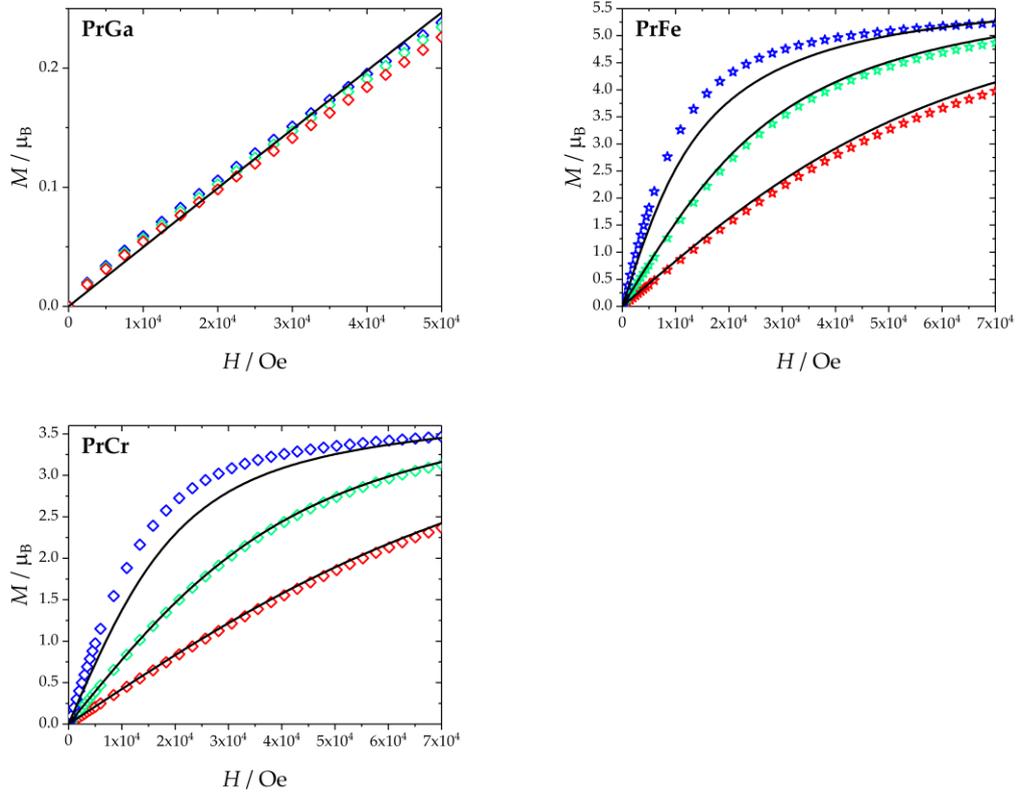


Figure S5. Magnetization curves of **PrTM** recorded at  $T = 1.8, 5$  and  $10 \text{ K}$ . Symbols are the experimental points and lines are the simulations.

### Ac susceptibility of **GdGa**

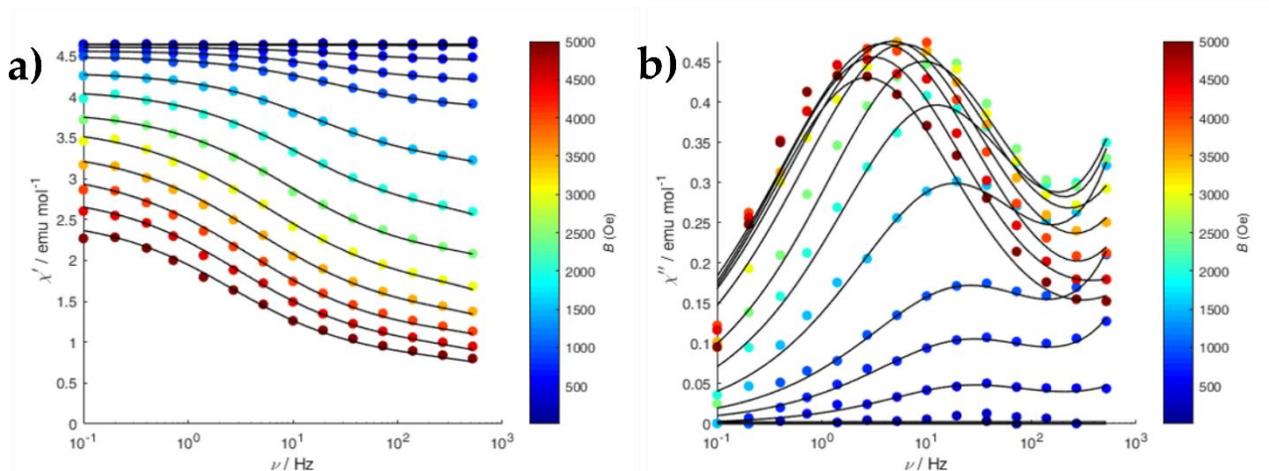


Figure S6 (a) Real and (b) Imaginary part of the ac magnetic susceptibility of **GdGa** recorded at  $T = 1.8 \text{ K}$ . Symbols are the experimental points and black lines are the fit based on the Cole-Cole formulas [1].

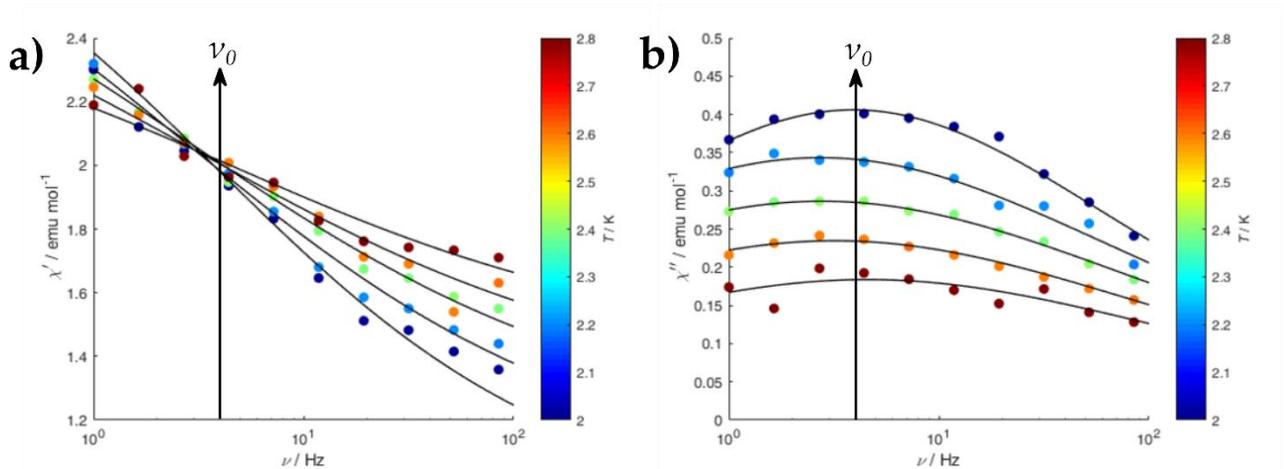


Figure S7 (a) Real and (b) Imaginary part of the ac magnetic susceptibility of **GdGa** recorded at  $B = 4000$  Oe. Symbols are the experimental points and black lines are the fit using Cole-Cole formulas [1]. The black arrow refers to the temperature-independent relaxation frequency obtained from the fitting of the field scan

The field dependence of the extracted relaxation rate ( $\tau^{-1}$ ) for the slow process was fitted considering a single tunnelling process using the equation:

$$\tau^{-1} = \frac{B_1}{1+B_2H^2} \quad (1)$$

where  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are empirical parameters.

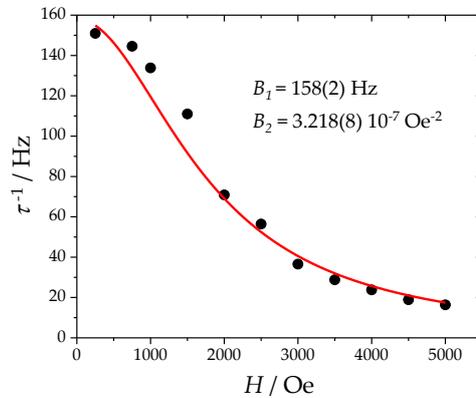


Figure S8. Field dependence of the relaxation time extracted from the fit of the real and imaginary ac susceptibility at  $T = 1.8$  K (Figure S6). Symbols are the experimental points and the red line is the fit using eq. (1).

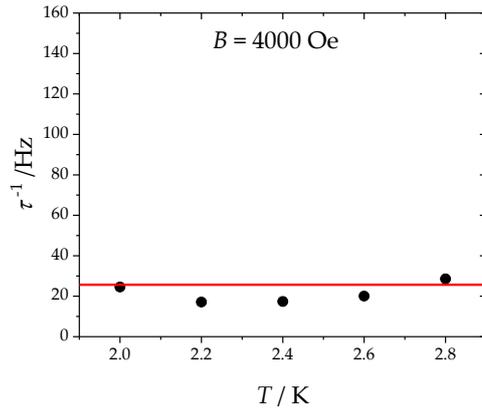


Figure S9. Temperature dependence of the relaxation rate extracted from the fit of the real and imaginary ac susceptibility at  $H = 4000$  Oe (Figure S7). Symbols are the experimental points and the red line is the value extracted using eq (1) at  $H = 4000$  Oe ( $\tau^{-1} = 25.6$  Hz). The  $y$  scale was chosen to be equal to the one of Figure S8, in order to emphasize the small variation of the relaxation time.

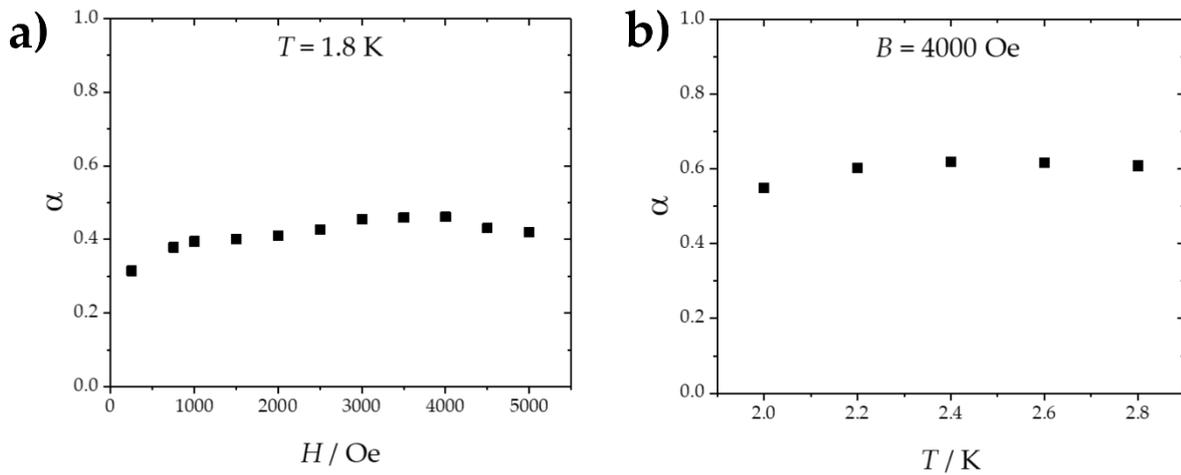


Figure S10. Width of the relaxation times distribution as a function of field at  $T = 1.8$  K (a) and as a function of temperature at  $H = 4000$  Oe (b).

Substituting the best fit parameters in eq. (1), it is possible to calculate the expected temperature independent relaxation frequency at the optimum field of  $H = 4000$  Oe:  $\nu_0 = (2\pi\tau_0)^{-1} = 4.1$  Hz. This frequency is close to the position of the inflexion point of the real part of the magnetic susceptibility or, equivalently, to the peak in the imaginary susceptibility at all the measured temperatures (black arrow in Figure S7). Indeed, the relaxation rate has an almost constant value (Figure S9).

### Powder X-ray diffractograms

The samples were ground in an agate mortar, and measured in a poly(methyl methacrylate) sample holder. This particular sample holder gives rise to a slight curvature in the low-angle background. The simulated powder patterns were calculated from the relevant .cif files using the Mercury 3.7 software.<sup>2</sup>

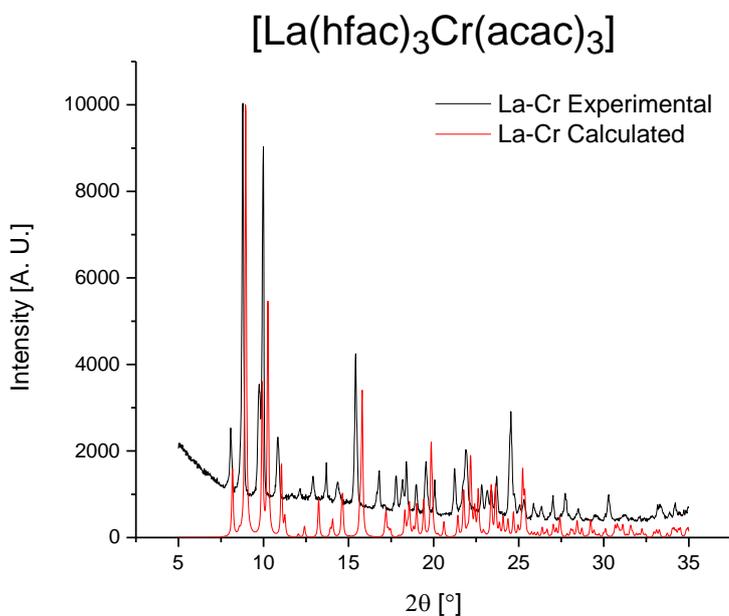


Figure S11. Powder X-ray diffractogram of **LaCr**.

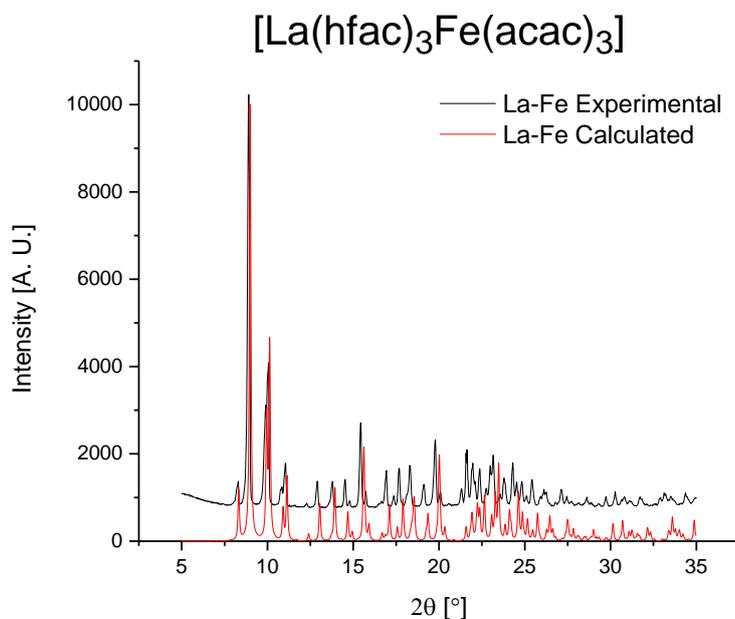


Figure S12. Powder X-ray diffractogram of **LaFe**.

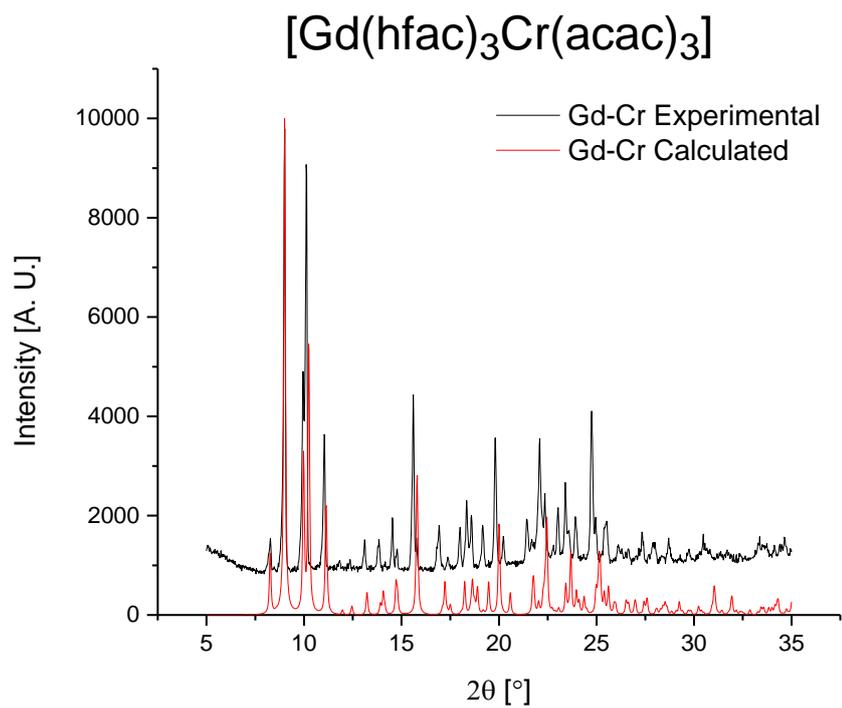


Figure S13. Powder X-ray diffractogram of **GdCr**.

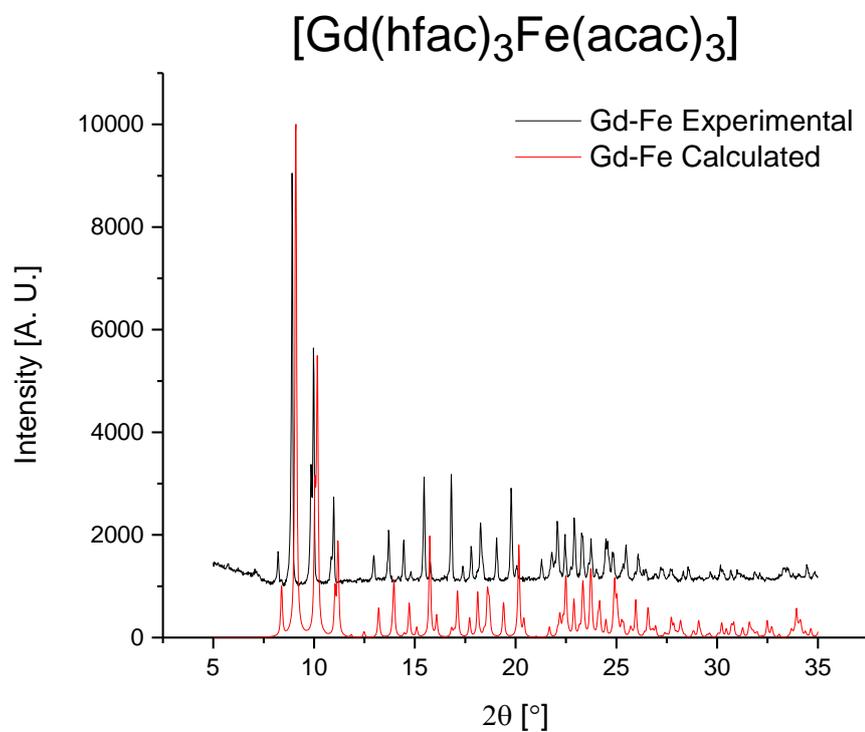


Figure S14. Powder X-ray diffractogram of **GdFe**.

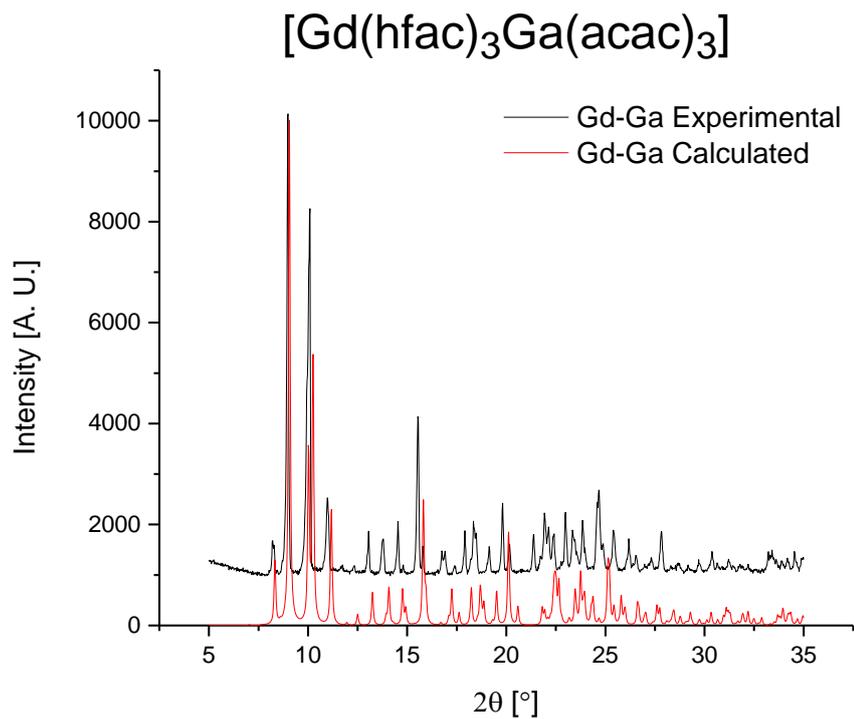


Figure S15. Powder X-ray diffractogram of **GdGa**.

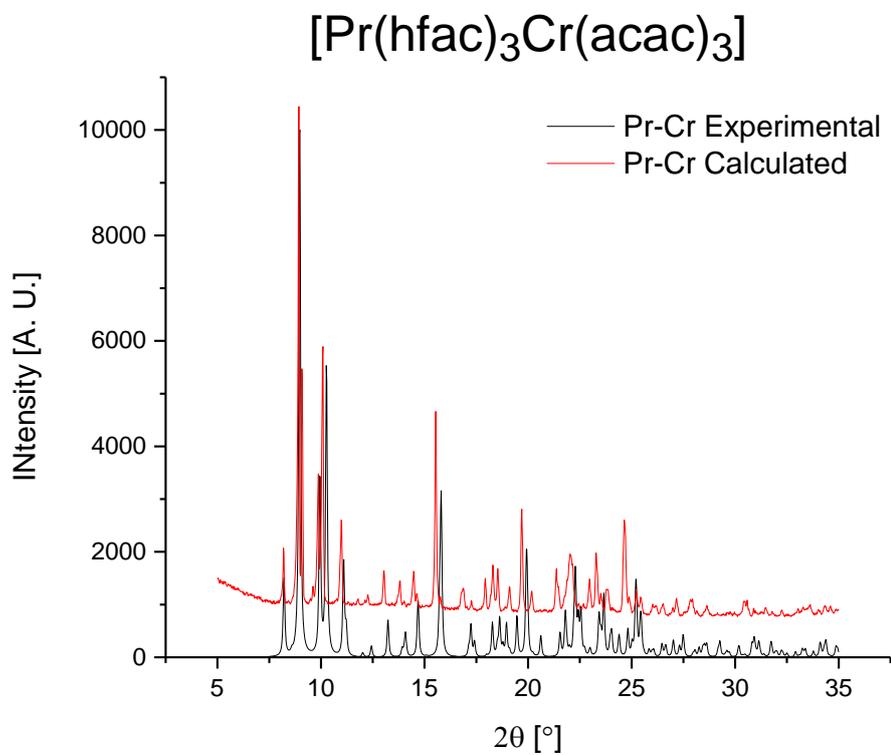


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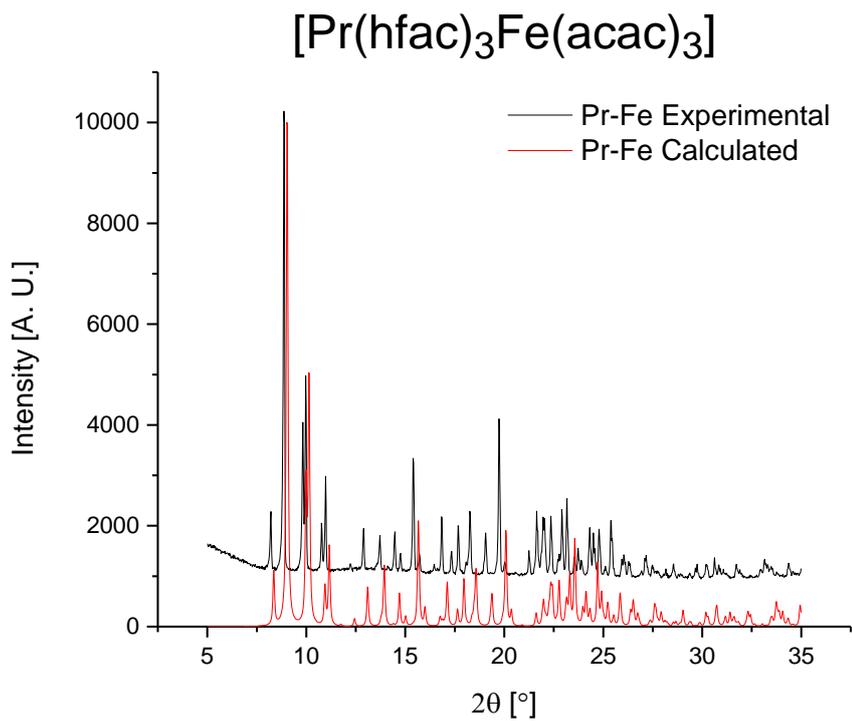


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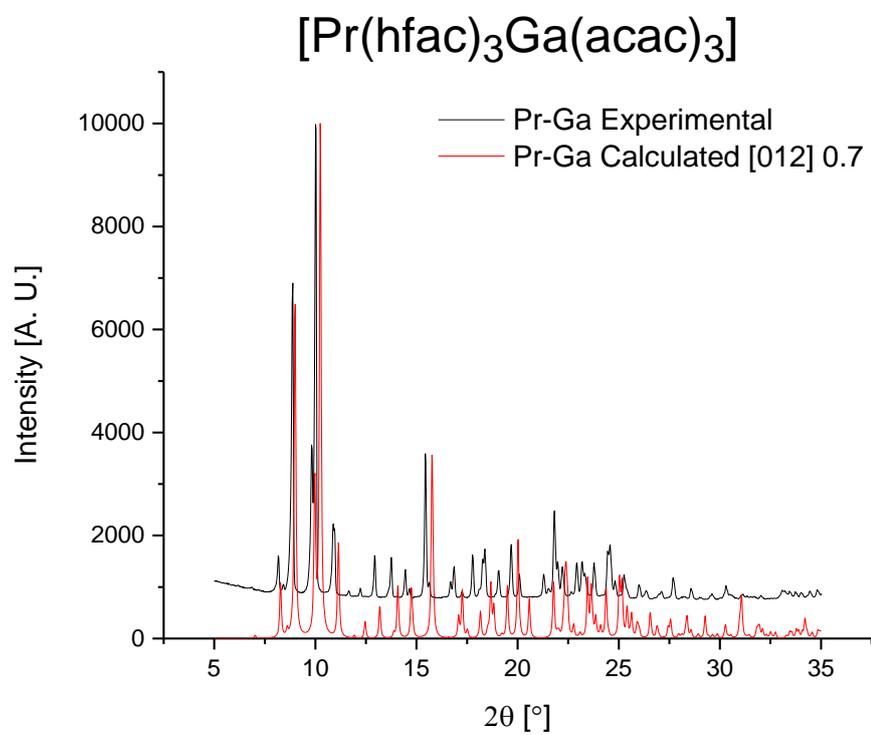


Figure S18. Powder X-ray diffractogram of **PrGa**.

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