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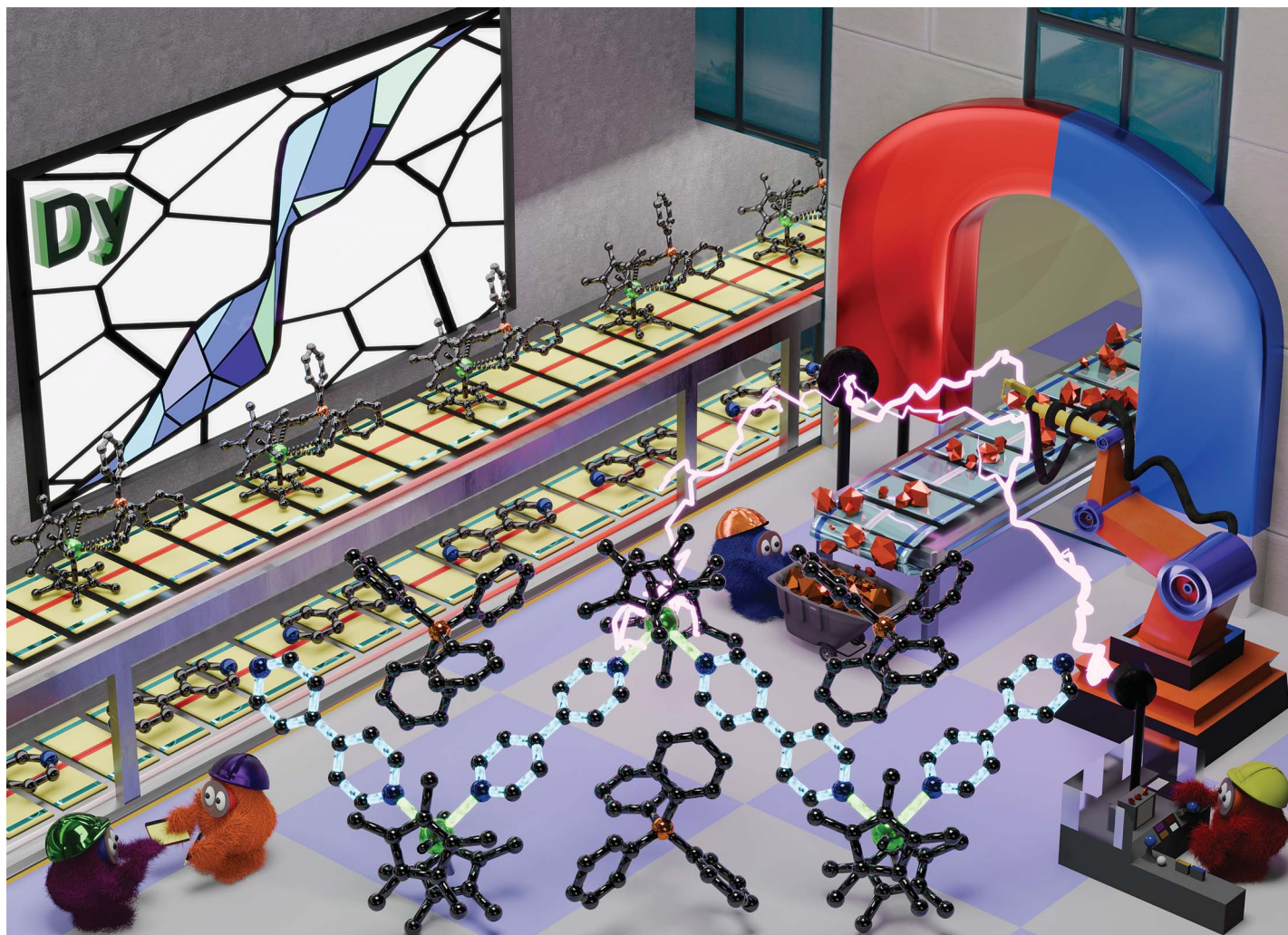
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Showcasing research from Professor Demir's laboratory, Department of Chemistry, Michigan State University, United States.

Magnetic hysteresis in 1D organometallic lanthanide chain compounds containing 4,4'-bipyridine

This study presents the construction of multinuclear compounds containing highly anisotropic lanthanide building blocks with relevance for the development of advanced magnetic materials. Specifically, the slow reaction of  $\text{Cp}_2^*\text{Ln}(\text{BPh}_4)$  with 4,4'-bipyridine afforded  $\{[\text{Cp}_2^*\text{Ln}(\text{bpy})][\text{BPh}_4]\}_n$  ( $\text{Ln} = \text{Gd}, \text{Tb}, \text{Dy}$ ), constituting the first crystallographically characterised 1D organometallic network of lanthanide metallocenium units connected to one another through organic bridges. The dysprosium congener exhibits open magnetic hysteresis loops up to 8 K, where the observed slow magnetic relaxation originates from single-ion effects, as deduced from EPR spectroscopy, SQUID magnetometry and *ab initio* calculations.

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