

Electronic Supplementary Information

What Controls the Sign and Magnitude of Magnetic Anisotropy in Tetrahedral Co(II) Single-ion Magnets?

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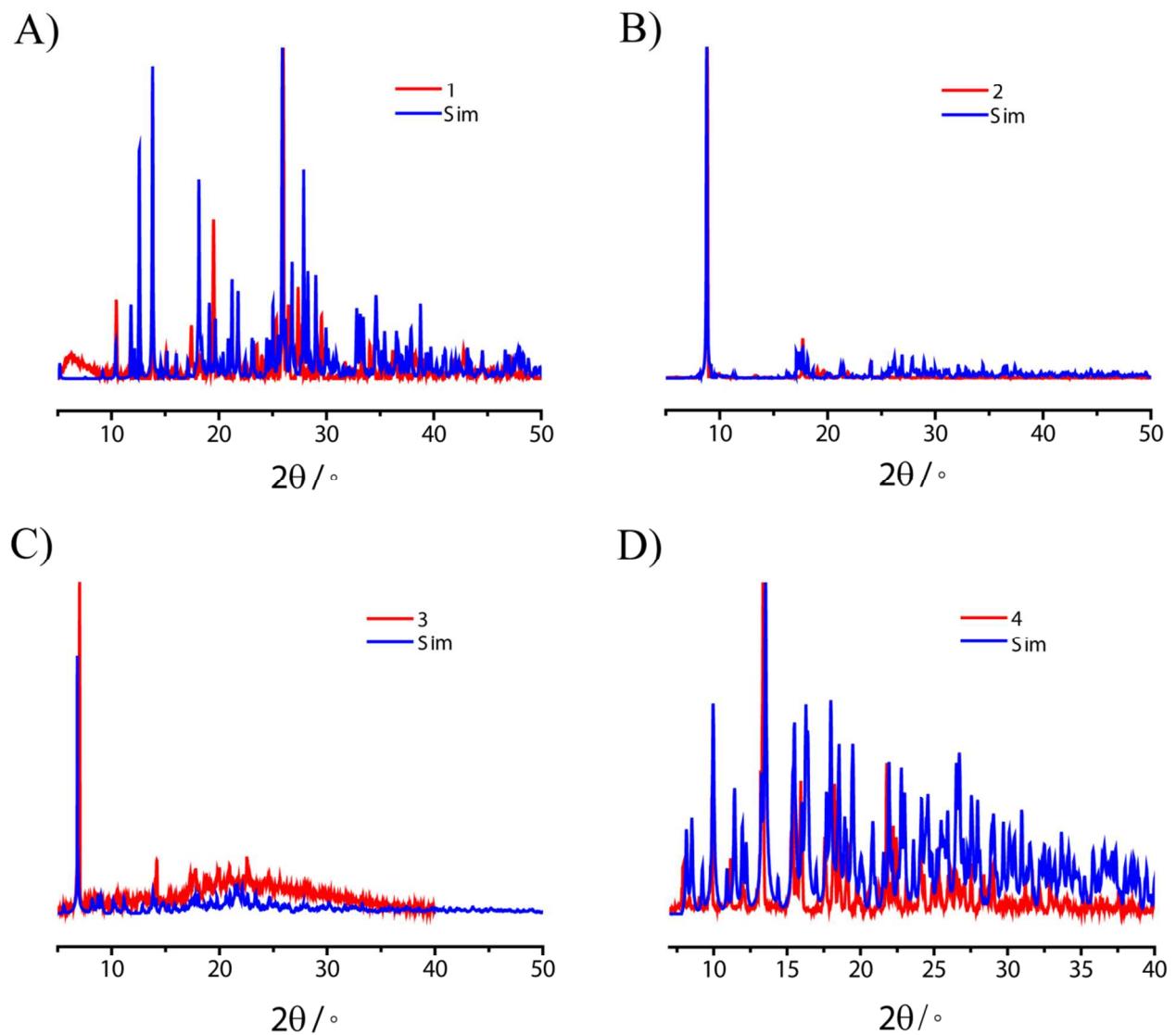


Figure S1. Overlay of experimental powder XRD and generated powder XRD for complexes A) 1, B) 2 C) 3 and D) 4.

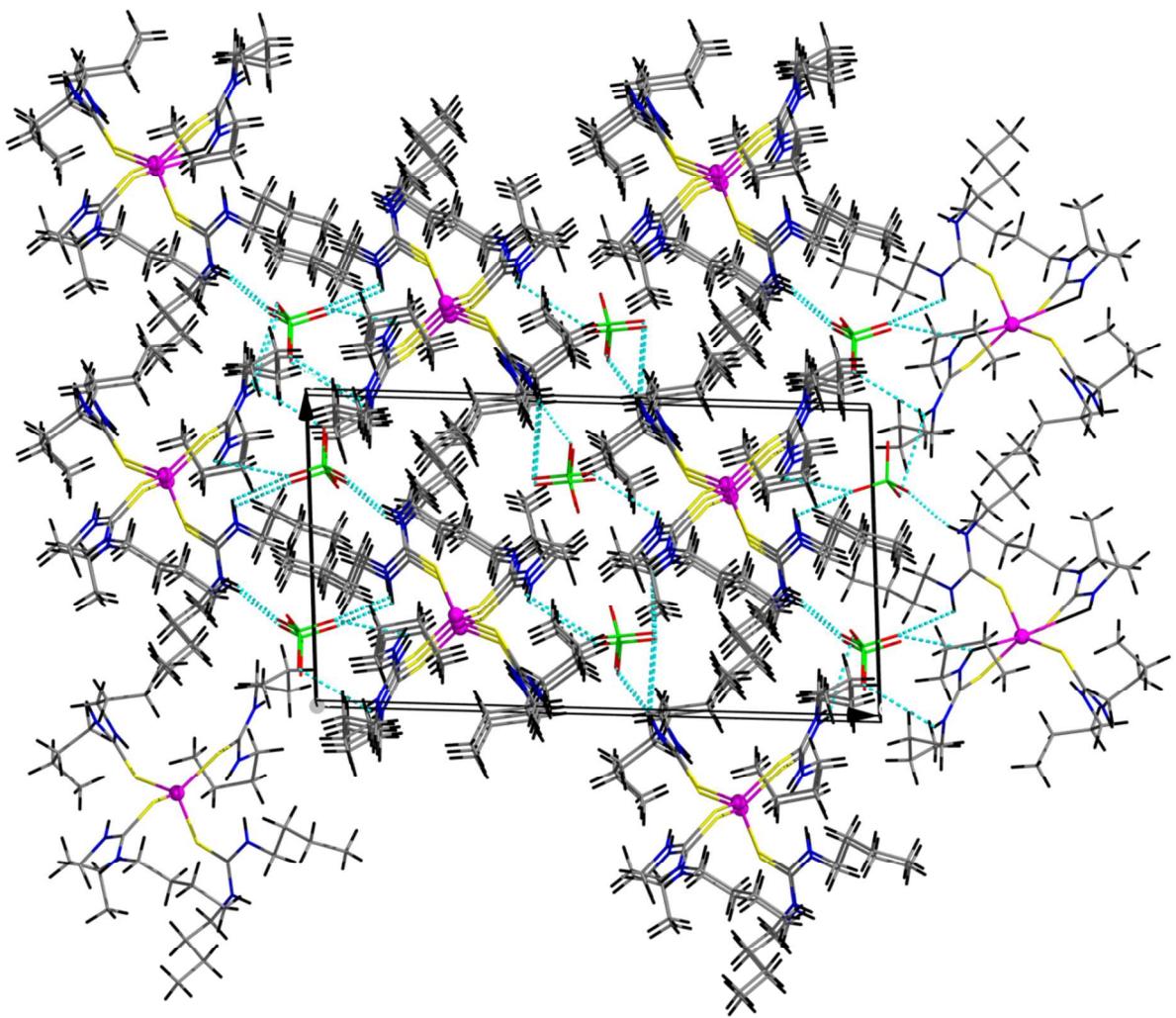


Figure S2. Packing diagram of **2**. Dotted sky blue bonds represent the H-bonding network in complex **2**.

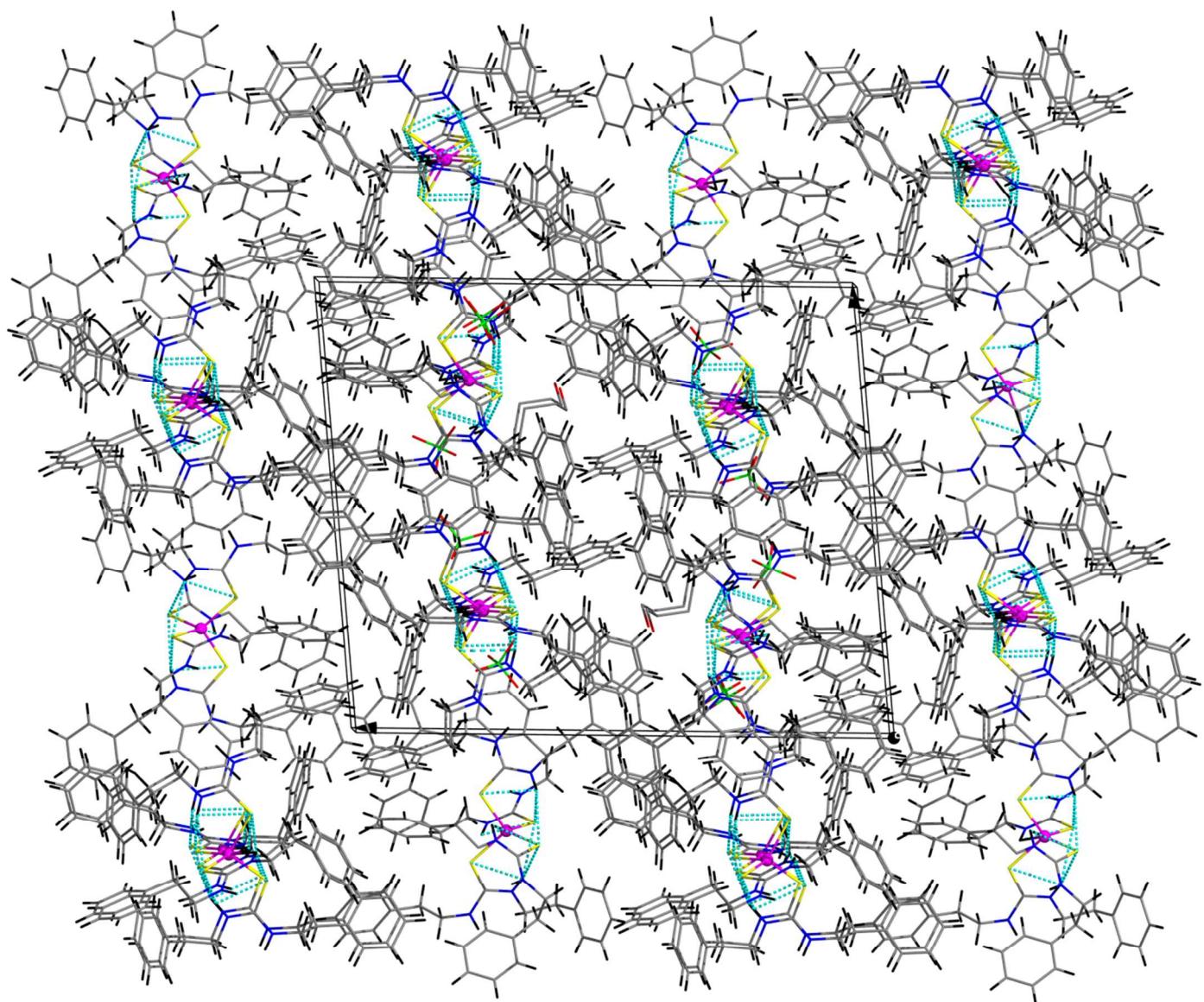


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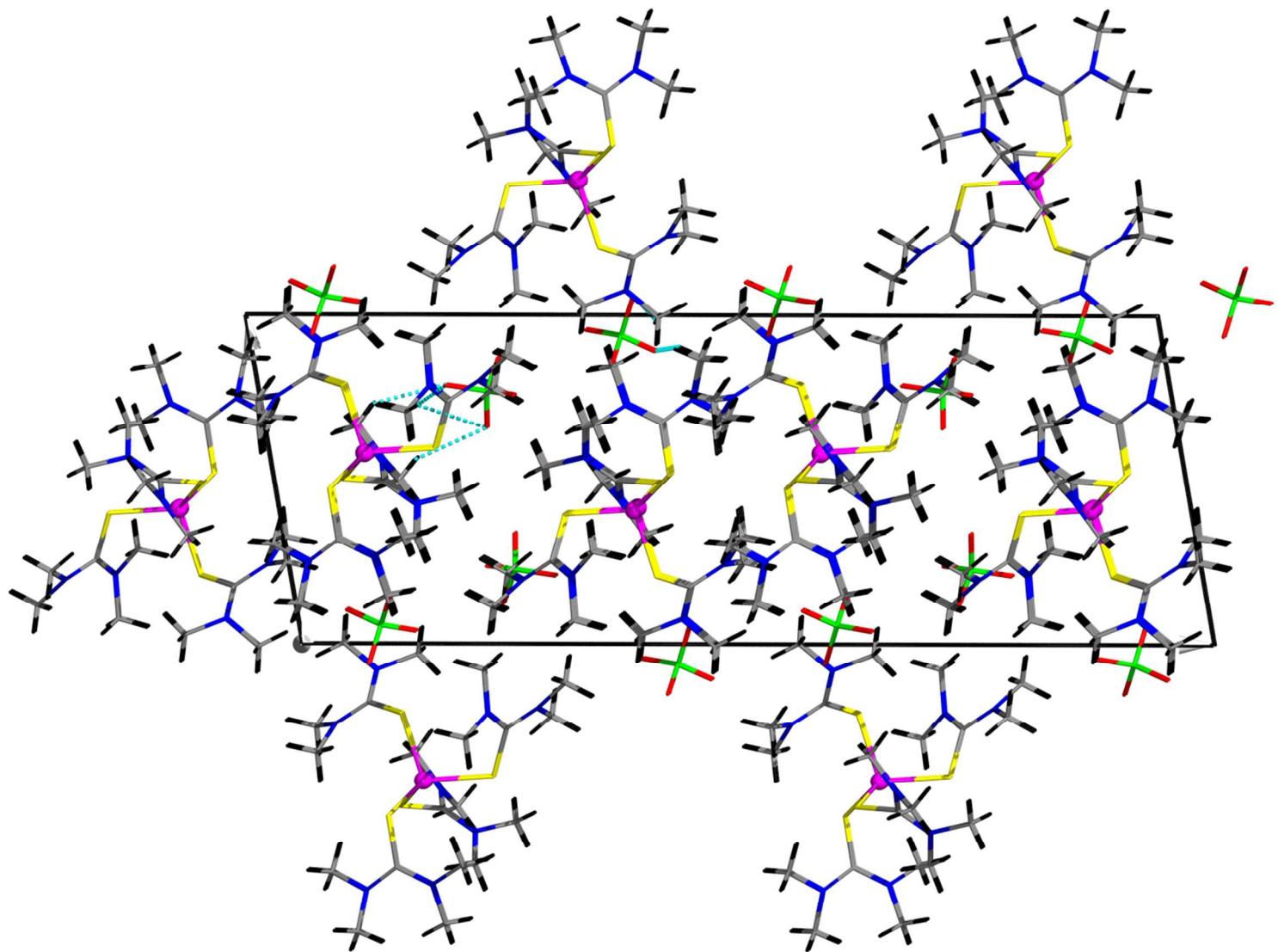


Figure S4. Packing diagram of **4**. Dotted sky blue bonds represents the H-bonding network in complex **4**.

Table S1. Atoms involved in inter and intramolecular hydrogen bonding and its corresponding bond distance and bond angles in complex **1**.

| H-Bond Donor(D)-Acceptor(A) | D....A (Å) | ∠DHA (°) |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|
| N12-H12B...O113_\$1 | 2.985 | 137.81 |
| N31-H31A...O101_\$1 | 3.304 | 144.70 |
| N51-H51A...O103_\$1 | 3.003 | 156.03 |
| N52-H52A...O103_\$1 | 3.238 | 143.08 |
| N52-H52A...O101_\$1 | 3.030 | 161.56 |
| N31-H31B...S11_\$1 | 3.635 | 130.43 |
| N52-H52A...N101_\$1 | 3.567 | 170.57 |
| N32-H32A...O92_\$2 | 2.836 | 171.60 |
| N31-H31A...O91_\$2 | 3.020 | 123.85 |
| N11-H11B...S31_\$2 | 3.659 | 166.50 |
| N51-H51B...S71_\$2 | 3.570 | 146.86 |
| O141-H14A...S61_\$2 | 3.486 | 120.48 |
| N41-H41A...O91_\$3 | 2.964 | 166.15 |
| N42-H42A...O93_\$3 | 2.896 | 165.72 |
| N81-H81B...S61_\$3 | 3.586 | 164.53 |
| N21-H21A...O112_\$4 | 2.803 | 179.64 |
| N22-H22A...O123_\$4 | 2.914 | 116.59 |
| N22-H22A...O111_\$4 | 3.079 | 167.51 |
| N72-H72A...O122_\$5 | 2.866 | 155.29 |
| N71-H71A...O122_\$5 | 3.189 | 138.78 |
| N71-H71A...O121_\$5 | 3.021 | 164.77 |
| N71-H71A...N121_\$5 | 3.499 | 167.09 |
| N62-H62A...O102_\$6 | 2.946 | 165.88 |
| O1-H1A...O102_\$6 | 2.789 | 157.84 |
| O1-H1B...O93_\$6 | 3.011 | 130.85 |
| O1-H1B...S51_\$6 | 3.418 | 125.84 |
| N82-H82A...O112_\$7 | 2.802 | 170.79 |
| N81-H81A...O113_\$7 | 2.979 | 176.51 |
| N82-H82B...O123_\$8 | 3.193 | 131.08 |
| N82-H82B...O121_\$8 | 3.138 | 128.74 |
| N61-H61B...O103_\$9 | 2.891 | 158.37 |
| N61-H61B...O102_\$9 | 3.208 | 137.60 |
| N61-H61B...N101_\$9 | 3.454 | 157.93 |
| N32-H32B...S41 | 3.720 | 142.34 |
| N41-H41B...S21 | 3.433 | 165.05 |
| N21-H21B...S11 | 3.759 | 153.64 |
| N72-H72B...S81 | 3.718 | 161.69 |
| N62-H62B...S81 | 3.854 | 159.27 |
| N11-H11A...O123 | 3.066 | 161.92 |
| N11-H11A...O111 | 3.094 | 113.96 |
| N12-H12A...O122 | 2.842 | 167.13 |
| N52-H52B...O93 | 3.174 | 168.01 |
| N52-H52B...O92 | 2.925 | 122.17 |
| N42-H42B... O102 | 3.026 | 114.65 |
| N61-H61A...O1 | 2.918 | 164.84 |

Symmetry operators for generating equivalent atoms: \$1 x, -y, z+1/2; \$2 x, -y, z-1/2; \$3 x, -y+1, z-1/2; \$4 x, y+1, z; \$5 x+1, y, z; \$6 x, -y+1, z+1/2; \$7 x+1, y+1, z+1; \$8 x+1, -y, z+1/2; \$9 x, y, z+1

Table S2. Atoms involved in inter and intramolecular hydrogen bonding and its corresponding bond distance and bond angles in complex **2**

| H-Bond Donor(D)-Acceptor(A) | D....A (Å) | ∠DHA (°) |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|
| N22-H22A ...O54_\$1 | 2.989 | 166.14 |
| N32-H32A ...O53_\$2 | 2.916 | 152.11 |
| N42-H42A ...O64_\$3 | 2.940 | 154.12 |
| N11-H11A ...O62 | 2.828 | 146.72 |
| N12-H12A ...S41 | 3.544 | 166.06 |
| N21-H21A ...S31 | 3.484 | 165.23 |
| N31-H31A...S21 | 3.501 | 163.29 |
| N41-H41A...S11 | 3.617 | 164.40 |

Symmetry operators for generating equivalent atoms: \$1 -x+1, -y+1,-z+1; \$2 -x+1,-y,-z+1; \$3 x, y-1, z

Table S3. Atoms involved in inter and intramolecular hydrogen bonding and its corresponding bond distance and bond angles in complex **3**

| H-Bond Donor(D)-Acceptor(A) | D....A (Å) | ∠DHA (°) |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|
| N(71)-H(71A_b)... O171_\$1 | 3.039 | 131.77 |
| N(92)-H(92)... O192_a_\$2 | 3.074 | 155.26 |
| N(92)-H(92)... O19B_b_\$2 | 3.148 | 155.27 |
| N(11)-H(11)...S31 | 3.540 | 158.73 |
| N(12)-H(12)...O174 | 3.000 | 154.61 |
| N(31)-H(31)...S11 | 3.533 | 157.34 |
| N(32)-H(32)...O204 | 2.883 | 147.99 |
| N(51)-H(51)...O191_a | 2.848 | 154.26 |
| N(51)-H(51)... O19A_b | 2.872 | 149.85 |
| N(52)-H(52)...S71 | 3.425 | 169.17 |
| N(72)-H(72)...S51 | 3.517 | 134.79 |
| N(71)-H(71A_a)... O182_a | 2.691 | 148.16 |
| N(71)-H(71A_b)... O2A_b | 3.116 | 135.38 |
| N(91)-H(91)...S151 | 3.589 | 155.41 |
| N(112)-H(112)...S131 | 3.419 | 157.19 |
| N(131)-H(131)...S111 | 3.508 | 149.30 |
| N(132)-H(132)...O171 | 2.866 | 147.36 |
| N(151)-H(151)...S91 | 3.472 | 155.38 |
| N(152)-H(152)... O181_a | 2.948 | 165.85 |
| N(152)-H(152)... O1A_b | 3.193 | 168.88 |

Symmetry operators for generating equivalent atoms: \$1 x+1, y, z; \$2 x-1, y+1, z; \$3 x-1, -y+1, z

Table S4. Atoms involved in inter and intramolecular hydrogen bonding and its corresponding bond distance and bond angles in complex **4**

Intermolecular hydrogen bonding

| H-Bond Donor(D)-Acceptor(A) | D....A (Å) | ∠DHA (°) |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|
| C44-H44A...O53_\$1 | 3.355 | 131.9 |
| C13-H13C...O54_\$2 | 3.274 | 147.1 |
| C32-H32B...O63_\$3 | 3.304 | 134.8 |
| C33-H33C...O64_\$3 | 3.476 | 146.7 |
| C25-H25B...O63_\$4 | 3.575 | 175.8 |
| C25-H25B...O64_\$4 | 3.300 | 128.0 |
| C23-H23B...O52_\$5 | 3.437 | 166.18 |
| C23-H23C...O63_\$6 | 3.586 | 172.02 |
| C24-H24B...O51_\$7 | 3.392 | 141.39 |
| C44-H44C...O53_\$1 | 3.304 | 127.01 |
| C45-H45B...O54_\$8 | 3.484 | 170.33 |
| C45-H45C...S41_\$1 | 3.890 | 160.78 |
| C15-H15B...O53 | 3.164 | 119.98 |
| C34-H34B...O64 | 3.455 | 152.83 |
| C42-H42C...O61 | 3.178 | 119.47 |
| C43-H43B...O61 | 3.378 | 151.87 |
| C25-H25C...S11 | 3.425 | 125.43 |
| C35-H35C...S21 | 3.559 | 132.72 |
| C45-H45A...S31 | 3.792 | 156.23 |

Symmetry operators for generating equivalent atoms: \$1= -x+1, -y, -z+1; \$2= -x+2, -y+1, -z+1; \$3= -x+1, y+1/2, -z+3/2; \$4= -x+1, y-1/2, -z+3/2; \$5= x, -y+1/2, z+1/2; \$6= x+1, y, z; \$7= -x+2, -y, -z+1; \$8= x-1, y, z

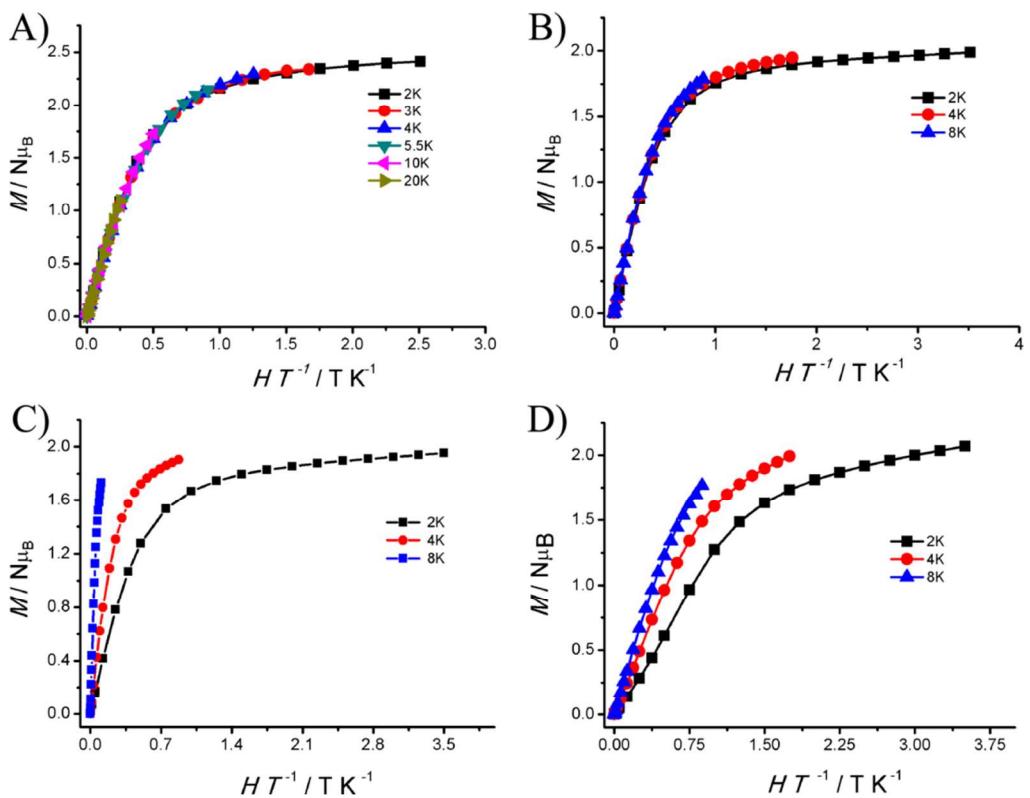


Figure S5. A-D) Reduced magnetization plot for complexes **1-4** respectively.

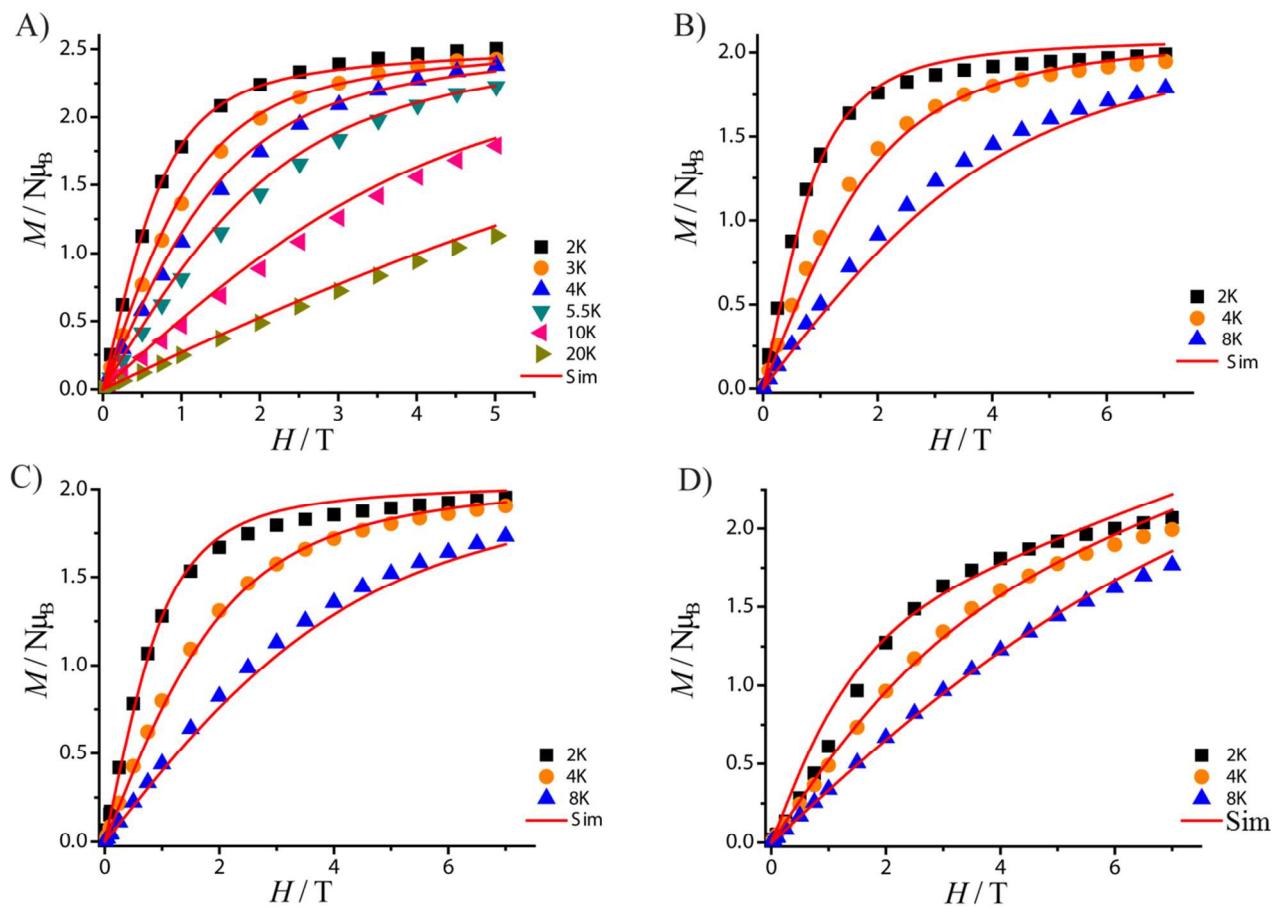


Figure S6. A-D) Field dependent magnetization data collected on polycrystalline sample of complexes 1-4 respectively. The red line represents the simulation obtained by taking magnetic anisotropy as negative.

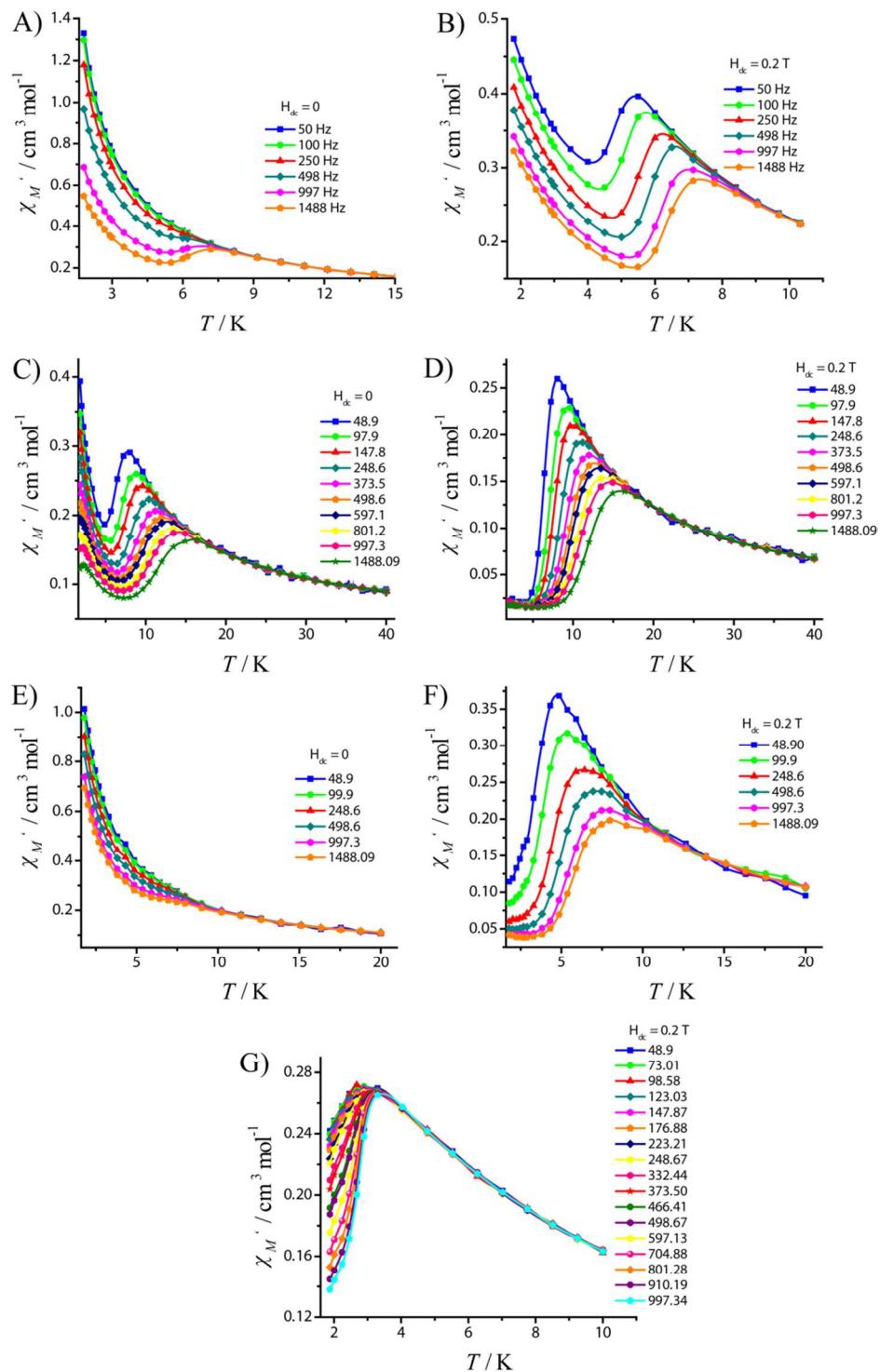


Figure S7. Frequency dependent in-phase susceptibility signals for complexes **1-3** in zero dc field (panels A, C and E) respectively and in the presence of 0.2 Tesla of dc bias field for complexes **1-4** (panels B, D, F and G) respectively.

Table S5. Fitting parameters for Cole-Cole plot of **1**.

| S.No. | Temp (K) | χ_s | χ_T | τ | α | residual |
|-------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | 1.8 | 0.141800 | 1.15578 | 0.256378E-03 | 0.112938 | 0.513441E-02 |
| 2 | 2.0 | 0.127916 | 1.02621 | 0.247103E-03 | 0.112600 | 0.379937E-02 |
| 3 | 2.2 | 0.119084 | 0.934292 | 0.241150E-03 | 0.111852 | 0.306346E-02 |
| 4 | 2.4 | 0.111090 | 0.842886 | 0.235896E-03 | 0.109727 | 0.247141E-02 |
| 5 | 2.6 | 0.103694 | 0.770729 | 0.230711E-03 | 0.108879 | 0.197318E-02 |
| 6 | 2.8 | 0.101059 | 0.710621 | 0.228597E-03 | 0.105198 | 0.212741E-02 |
| 7 | 3.0 | 0.0928849 | 0.659082 | 0.223553E-03 | 0.108352 | 0.146351E-02 |
| 8 | 3.2 | 0.0905895 | 0.615192 | 0.221282E-03 | 0.105340 | 0.132837E-02 |
| 9 | 3.4 | 0.0842011 | 0.576592 | 0.216165E-03 | 0.105778 | 0.115359E-02 |
| 10 | 3.6 | 0.0820646 | 0.542277 | 0.213399E-03 | 0.103400 | 0.905385E-03 |
| 11 | 4.0 | 0.0750875 | 0.485850 | 0.203469E-03 | 0.0977402 | 0.635469E-03 |
| 12 | 5.0 | 0.0744820 | 0.385816 | 0.152617E-03 | 0.0772965 | 0.350440E-03 |
| 13 | 6.0 | 0.0804064 | 0.320814 | 0.821952E-04 | 0.0485771 | 0.559532E-04 |
| 14 | 7.0 | 0.0876068 | 0.275200 | 0.331772E-04 | 0.0119805 | 0.165190E-04 |

Table S6. Crystallographic table for **5** and **6**.

| | 5 | 6 |
|---|--|--|
| Formula | Zn ₁ C ₈ H ₂₂ N ₁₂ O ₆ S ₄ | Zn ₁ C ₃₆ H ₈₀ N ₈ O ₈ S ₄ Cl ₂ |
| Size [mm] | 0.32 x 0.29 x 0.21 | 0.22 x 0.21 x 0.14 |
| System | Orthorhombic | Triclinic |
| Space group | <i>Iba2</i> | <i>P-1</i> |
| <i>a</i> [Å] | 18.721(8) | 12.892(4) |
| <i>b</i> [Å] | 10.223(4) | 19.843(6) |
| <i>c</i> [Å] | 12.798(5) | 20.783(6) |
| α [°] | 90 | 82.912(3) |
| β [°] | 90 | 81.025(3) |
| γ [°] | 90 | 89.725(2) |
| <i>V</i> [Å ³] | 2449.3(17) | 5210.9(3) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 2 |
| ρ_{calcd} [g/cm ⁻³] | 1.562 | 1.431 |
| $2\theta_{\text{max}}$ | 58.16 | 49.99 |
| Radiation | Mo K _α | Mo K _α |
| λ [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| <i>T</i> [K] | 100 | 100 |
| Reflns | 8447 | 81491 |
| Ind. reflns | 3236 | 18350 |
| reflns with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ | 2330 | 15970 |
| <i>R</i> 1 | 0.0556 | 0.0633 |
| <i>wR</i> 2 | 0.1072 | 0.1784 |

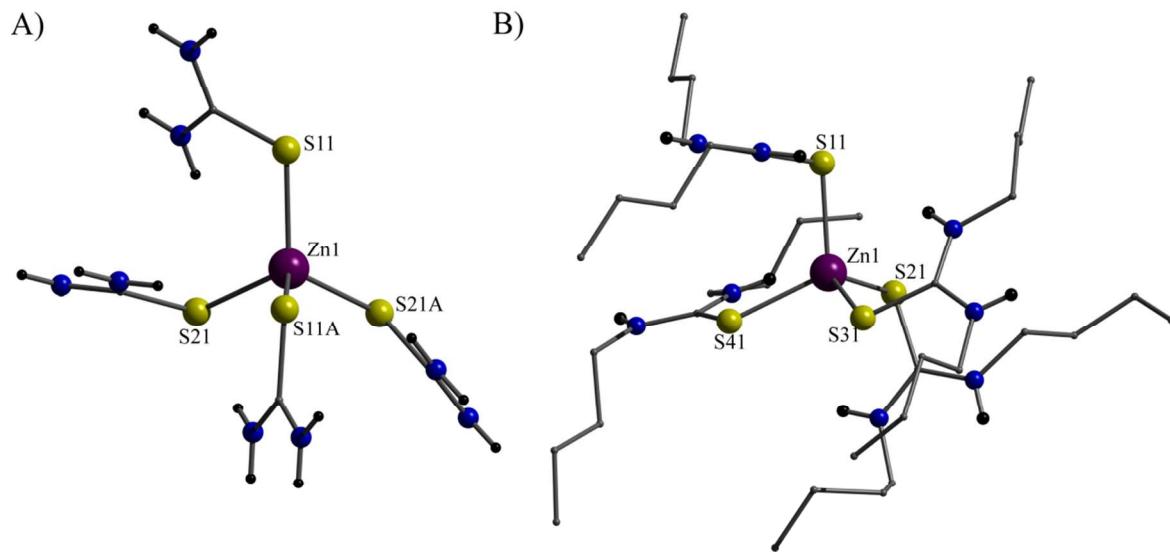


Figure S8. Ball and stick representation of crystal structures of A) **5** and B) **6**.

Table S7. Fitting parameters for Cole-Cole plot of **2**.

| S.No. | T(K) | χ_{tot} | $\Delta\chi_1$ | τ_1 | α_1 | $\Delta\chi_2$ | τ_2 | α_2 | residual |
|-------|------|---------------------|----------------|----------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | 1.8 | 0.299776 | 0.323573 | 0.0128 | 0.466085 | 0.674726 | 0.380 | 0.166183 | 0.828420E-04 |
| 2 | 2.2 | 0.181069 | 0.345441 | 0.0056 | 0.551122 | 0.559615 | 0.364 | 0.168926 | 0.788954E-04 |
| 3 | 2.4 | 0.249406 | 0.201869 | 0.0114 | 0.376982 | 0.534281 | 0.357 | 0.165999 | 0.693386E-04 |
| 4 | 2.6 | 0.225327 | 0.215956 | 0.0133 | 0.420857 | 0.471414 | 0.344 | 0.142842 | 0.113516E-03 |
| 5 | 2.8 | 0.248056 | 0.177920 | 0.0256 | 0.339945 | 0.419801 | 0.319 | 0.114266 | 0.824624E-04 |
| 6 | 3.0 | 0.215845 | 0.192412 | 0.0203 | 0.373905 | 0.382002 | 0.268 | 0.0839967 | 0.157305E-03 |
| 7 | 3.2 | 0.213640 | 0.167928 | 0.0207 | 0.319821 | 0.359188 | 0.218 | 0.0617061 | 0.170578E-03 |
| 8 | 3.4 | 0.199997 | 0.168283 | 0.0197 | 0.303455 | 0.327731 | 0.169 | 0.0313561 | 0.144651E-03 |
| 9 | 3.6 | 0.179267 | 0.152048 | 0.0121 | 0.297267 | 0.327349 | 0.124 | 0.0287548 | 0.203042E-03 |
| 10 | 4.0 | 0.172336 | 0.123874 | 0.0108 | 0.195225 | 0.297730 | 0.0695 | 0.0113108 | 0.121089E-03 |
| 11 | 5.0 | 0.112574 | 0.0846565 | 0.0017 | 0.188102 | 0.283739 | 0.0159 | 0.0181964 | 0.169843E-03 |
| 12 | 6.0 | 0.0585294 | 0.0970530 | 0.00033 | 0.261736 | 0.251428 | 0.00512 | 0.0145644 | 0.219011E-03 |
| 13 | 7.0 | 0.0426688 | 0.0890793 | 0.000169 | 0.238456 | 0.221706 | 0.00209 | 0.0129184 | 0.241286E-03 |
| 14 | 8.0 | 0.0413012 | 0.0719046 | 0.000111 | 0.161904 | 0.200150 | 0.00101 | 0.00979929 | 0.175628E-03 |
| 15 | 10.0 | 0.0552286 | 0.0976594 | 0.000387 | 0.105890E-07 | 0.104577 | 0.00018 | 0.0508785 | 0.289514E-03 |
| 16 | 12.0 | 0.0163502 | 0.164124 | 0.000117 | 0.0240485 | 0.0385790 | 0.210750E-18 | 0.380652 | 0.171134E-03 |

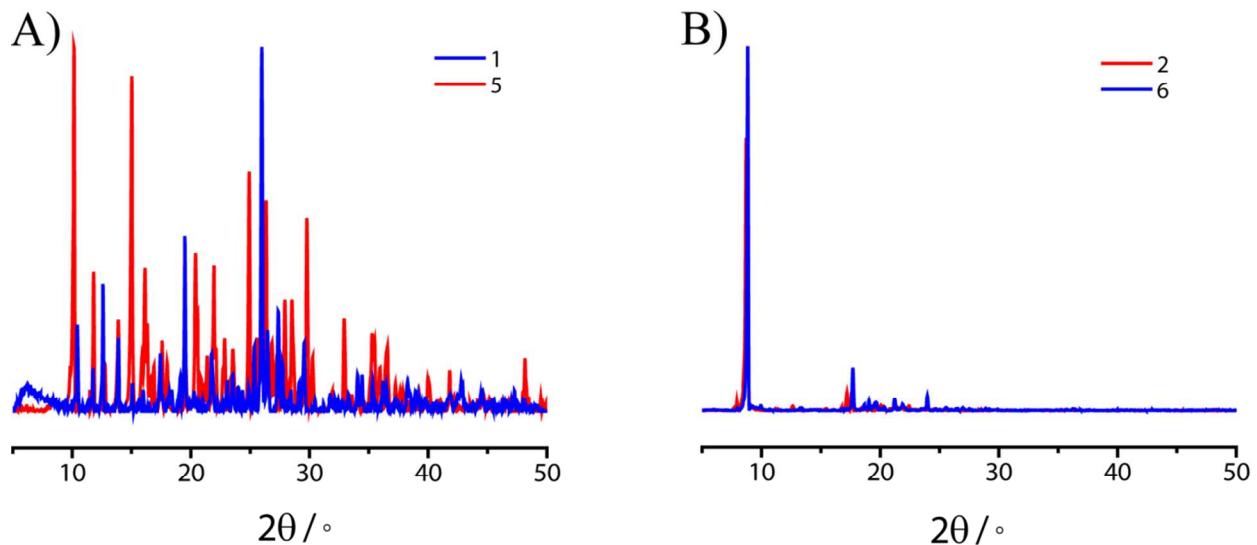


Figure S9. Powder XRD pattern of A) Complex **1** and its diamagnetic analogue prepared under the same condition as **1**. B) Complex **2** and Complex **6**.

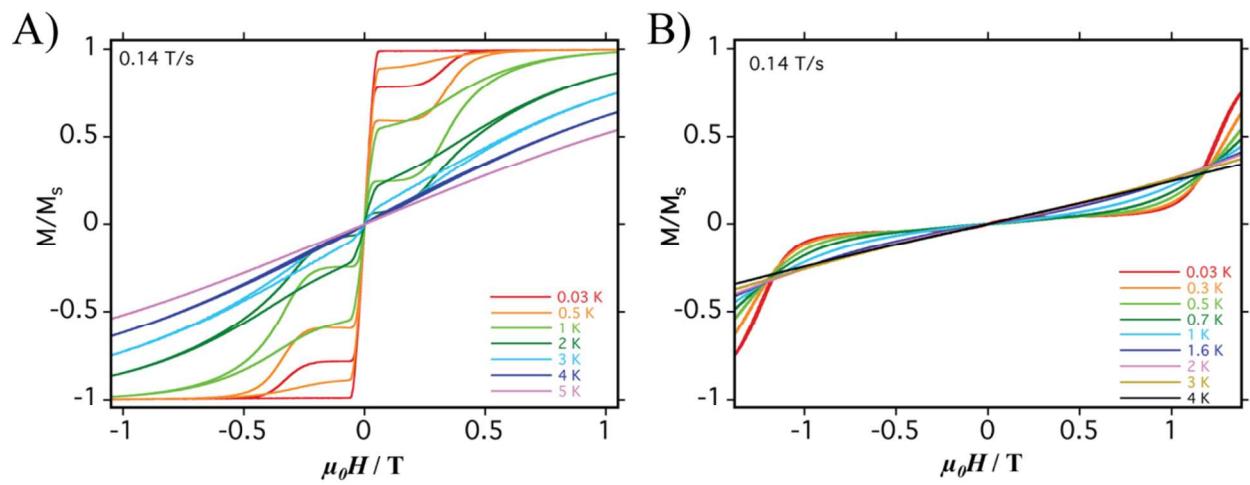


Figure S10. A and B) Temperature dependent hysteresis loop measurement performed on a single crystal of 100% sample of **3** and **4** respectively, where the external magnetic field is aligned parallel to the easy axis.

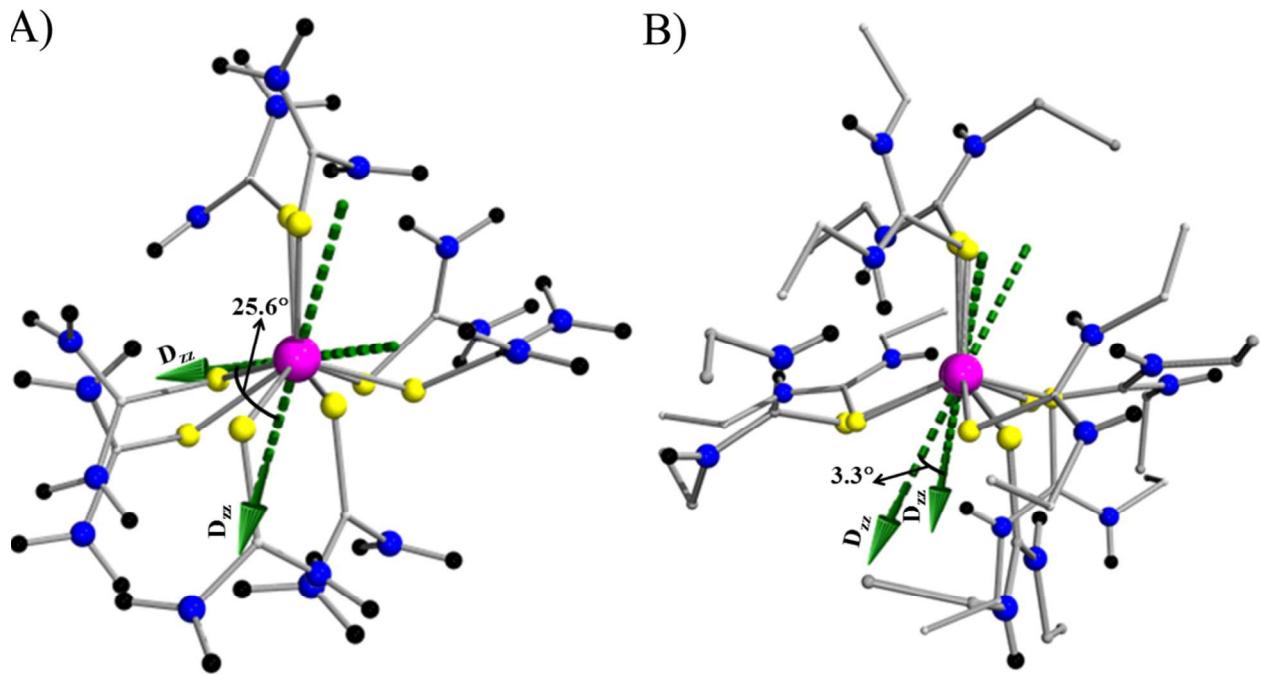


Figure S11. D_{zz} orientations between the crystallographically distinct molecules in A) Complex **1** and B) Complex **3**.

Table S8. D_{zz} orientation angle (°) with respect to the Co-sulphur bonds.

| Label | 1a(°) | 2(°) | 4(°) | Label | 1b(°) | Label | 3a(°) | Label | 3b(°) |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Co-S11 | 75.959 | 24.137 | 66.577 | Co-S51 | 72.464 | Co-S11 | 36.017 | Co-S91 | 56.666 |
| Co-S21 | 59.958 | 92.651 | 42.803 | Co-S61 | 16.907 | Co-S31 | 55.779 | Co-S111 | 35.707 |
| Co-S31 | 24.910 | 66.549 | 74.012 | Co-S71 | 41.904 | Co-S51 | 64.035 | Co-S131 | 44.963 |
| Co-S41 | 46.874 | 64.271 | 31.096 | Co-S81 | 83.738 | Co-S71 | 45.640 | Co-S151 | 65.528 |

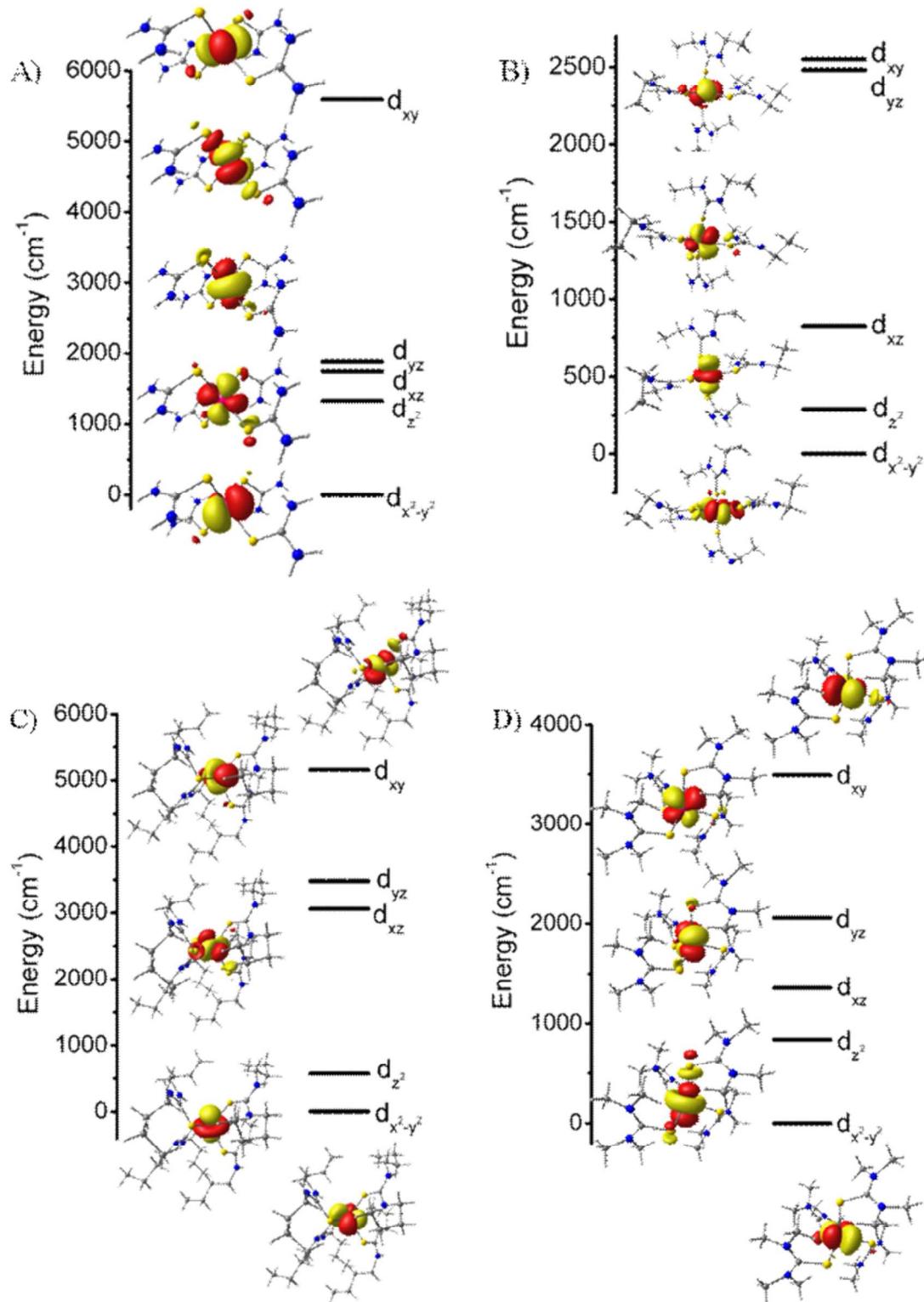


Figure S12. NEVPT2 computed d-orbital energy orderings for low-lying quartet state, $^4\text{T}_2(\text{F})$ for complexes A-D (1-4) respectively using ORCA ¹ suite.

Table S9. The individual values for 2θ and ω parameters based on S4 symmetry in complexes **1-4**.

| | 1a | 1b | 2 | 3a | 3b | 4 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| S1-Co-S2 | 93.9 | 92.1 | 95.3 | 99.8 | 100.6 | 120.7 |
| S3-Co-S4 | 89.2 | 90.0 | 96.0 | 99.1 | 97.9 | 109.3 |
| X-Co-S1-C1 | -12.9 | -19.1 | 0.8 | -8.0 | -0.6 | -8.0 |
| X-Co-S2-C2 | -25.3 | 19.5 | -3.66 | 1.14 | 5.94 | -74.5 |
| X-Co-S3-C3 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 77.8 |
| X-Co-S4-C4 | 8.8 | -26.1 | -4.7 | 9.4 | -1.2 | 72.6 |

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