## **Supplementary Material**

Tuning magnetic anisotropy by the p-bonding features of the axial ligands and the electronic effects of gold(I) atoms in  $CoN_4X_2$  (X =N, O) field induced Single-Ion Magnets nodes of 2D { $Co(L)_2[Au(CN)_2]_2$ } metal-organic frameworks.

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Compound	1(DMSO)	3 (py)	4(bzpy)	5 (naphthalene)
Formula	$C_8H_{12}Au_2CoN_4O_2S_2$	$C_7H_5AuCo_{0.5}N_3$	$C_{28}H_{18}Au_2CoN_6O_2$	$C_{34}H_{26}Au_2CoN_6$
M <sub>r</sub>	713.20	357.57	923.35	971.47
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	$P2_1/c$	C2/c
a (Å)	7.4006(3)	7.1352(3)	13.1531(5)	20.2748(17)
b (Å)	14.3681(5)	13.9841(6)	13.5483(5)	10.4871(7)
c (Å)	14.9002(6)	8.4042(4)	15.5142(5)	16.0466(12)
a (°)	90	90	90	90
β (°)	93.6693(18)	95.735(2)	93.7020(17)	115.017(2)
γ (°)	90	90	90	90
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1581.13(11)	834.37(6)	2758.90(17)	3091.8(4)
Z	4	4	4	4
Dc (g cm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.996	2.847	2.223	2.087
$m(MoK_a) (mm^{-1})$	19.813	18.528	11.240	10.031
T (K)	100(2)	293(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Observed reflections a	4075 (3335)	2135 (2103)	6398 (4724)	3190 (3120)
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0362	0.0333	0.0585	0.0611
Parameters	176	106	352	199
GOF	1.320	0.747	0.814	0.700
R <sub>1</sub> <sup>b,a</sup>	0.0485 (0.0372)	0.0182 (0.0179)	0.0562 (0.0317)	0.0290 (0.0276)

 Table S1.- Crystallographic data for complexes 1, 3-5.

wR <sub>2</sub> <sup>c,a</sup>	0.1747 (0.1669)	0.0768 (0.0701)	0.1176 (0.0945)	0.0750 (0.0737)						
<sup>a</sup> Values in parenthese	<sup>a</sup> Values in parentheses for reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ .									
<sup>b</sup> $\mathbf{R}_1 =   \mathbf{F}\mathbf{o}  -  \mathbf{F}\mathbf{c}  /\Sigma \mathbf{F}\mathbf{o} .$										
<sup>c</sup> wR <sub>2</sub> = { $\Sigma$ [w(Fo <sup>2</sup> - Fc <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>2</sup> ] / $\Sigma$ [w(Fo <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>2</sup> ]} <sup>1/2</sup> .										

 Table S2.- Continuous Shape Measures calculations for 1-5.

S H A P E v2.1 Continuous Shape Measures calculation (c) 2013 Electronic Structure Group, Universitat de Barcelona Contact: llunell@ub.edu							
JPPY-65 C5vJohnson pentagonal pyramid J2TPR-64 D3hTrigonal prismOC-63 OhOctahedronPPY-62 C5vPentagonal pyramidHP-61 D6hHexagon							
JPPY-6	5 C5v	Johnson p	pentagonal p	yramid J2			
TPR-6	4 D3h	Trigonal	prism				
OC-6	3 Oh	Octahedro	n				
PPY-6	2 C5v	Pentagona	al pyramid				
HP-6	1 D6h	Hexagon					
Complex 1							
-	-	JPPY-6 29.637,	TPR-6 32.528.	OC-6	PPY-6	HP-6 3	3.075,
Complex 2							
Structure []	ML6]	JPPY-6	TPR-6	OC-6	PPY-6	HP-6,	32.149,
15.542,	0.103,	28.650,	31.823.				

## Complex 3

Structure [ML6]		JPPY-6	TPR-6	OC-6	PPY-6	HP-6, 33.742,
16.677,	16.677, 0.003,		33.079.			

## Complex 4

 Structure [ML6 ]
 JPPY-6
 TPR-6
 OC-6
 PPY-6
 HP-6, 32.096,

 15.669,
 0.126,
 28.596,
 32.303.
 Complex 5

Structure [	[ML6]	JPPY	-6 T	PR-6	OC-6	PPY-6	HP-6	,
32.547,	15.837,	0.070,	29.003	33.	231			

**Table S3**. SOC-CASSCF(7,5)/NEVPT2 computed eigenvalues of the effective g-tensor of the lowest Kramers doublet (the values calculated including gold(I) atoms are given in red color)

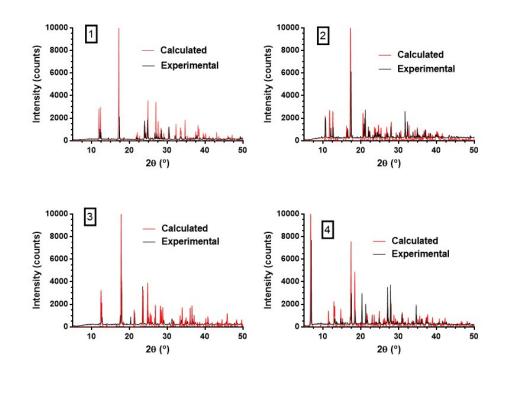
Compound	<b>g</b> ' <sub>1</sub>	g'2	g'3
DMF	2.610	4.864	5.598
	2.176	2.805	7.363
DMSO	2.433	3.344	6.940
	1.924	3.324	6.900
Pyridine	1.985	3.614	6.684
	2.262	4.217	6.104
PyPhCO	1.956	4.130	6.294
	2.622	4.598	5.570

**Table S4.**  $S_{\text{eff}} = 1/2$  Hamiltonian parameters determined from HFEPR of the investigated complexes.

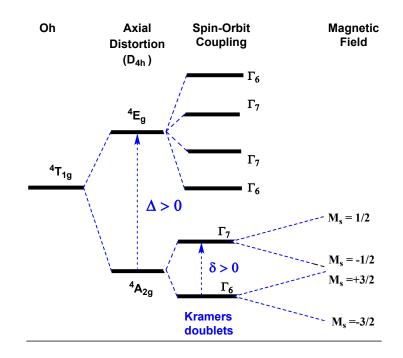
	$g_{x}$	$g_{ m y}$	gz
Co-Au-DMSO 1	6.05	3.59	1.92
Co-Au-DMF 2	2.65	2.95	6.55
Co-Au-Py <b>3</b>	5.21	4.60	2.58
Co-Au-BzPy <b>4</b>	3.15	3.78	5.58

	Method	D, cm <sup>-1</sup>	E/D	$\delta = 2\sqrt{D^2 + 3E^2}$	g1	g <sub>2</sub>	g <sub>3</sub>	$\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{g_1^2+g_2^2+g_3^2}$	<b>g'</b> 1	g'2	g′3	relaxation time (s) at 2K and 0.1 Tesla
1 DMSO	calculation	80	0.203	170	1.918	2.437	2.795	2.410	1.92	3.32	6.90	
	Susceptibility	68(1)	fixed 0	136	-	-	-	2.610(7)	2.61	2.61	5.03	
	HFEPR+FIRMS	71.8	0.17	150	2.10	2.47	2.48					
	HFEPR								1.92	3.59	6.05	
	AC SQUID											9*10-4
2 DMF	calculation	111	0.253	242	1.683	2.198	2.989	2.352	2.176	2.805	7.363	
	Susceptibility	90(2)	fixed 0	180	-	-	-	2.687(6)	2.42	2.42	7.02	
	FIRMS			258								
	HFEPR								2.65	2.95	6.55	
	AC SQUID											2.8*10 <sup>-4</sup>
3 Py	calculation	85	0.095	172	1.938	2.578	2.713	2.433	2.26	4.22	6.10	
	Susceptibility	75(2)	fixed 0	140	-	-	-	2.531(7)	2.89	2.89	4.80	
	HFEPR+FIRMS	91.3	0.04	183	2.46	2.46	2.60					
	FIRMS											
	HFEPR								2.58	4.60	5.21	
	AC SQUID											4.7*10-4
4 PyPhCO	calculation	99	0.053	199	1.926	2.551	2.701	2.416	2.62	4.60	5.57	
	Susceptibility	80(1)	fixed 0	160	-	-	-	2.605(1)	2.92	2.92	6.46	
	FIRMS			193?								
	HFEPR								3.15	3.78	5.58	
	AC SQUID											2.6*10-4

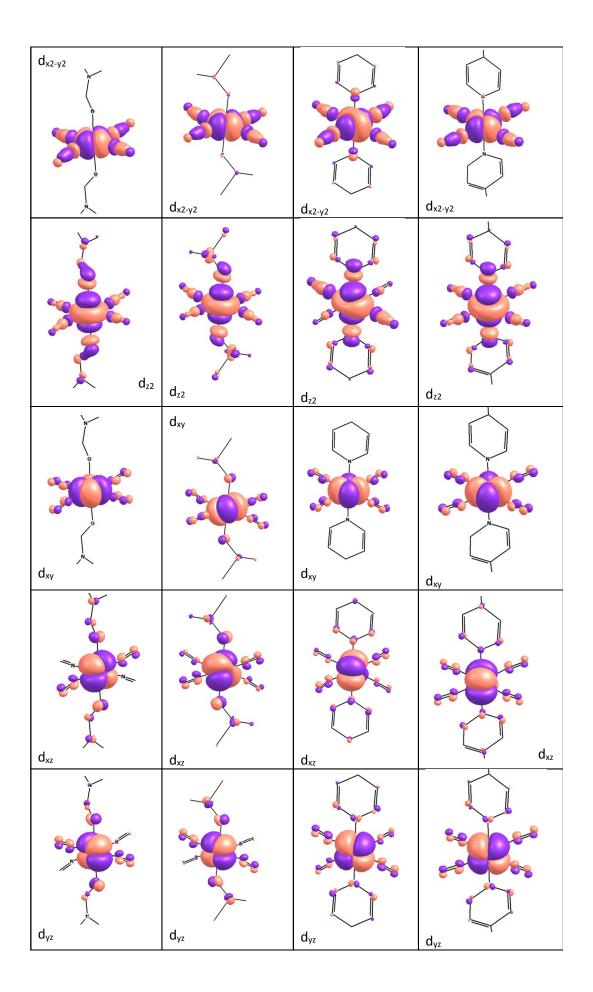
 Table S5. Spin Hamiltonian parameters computed with SOC-CASSCF(7,5)/NEVPT2 for 1-4 and obtained by different experimental techniques.



**Figure S1**. Experimental XRPD for bulk samples of complexes 1-4 (red colour) and those derived from their X-Ray crystal structures (black colour)



**Figure S2.-** *Simplified* Energy Level Diagram for the Splitting of the  ${}^{4}T_{Ig}$  Ground State by an axial crystal field, second-order SOC and external magnetic field. D is the axial orbital splitting of the  ${}^{4}T_{1g}$ , while d is the energy gap between the  $\pm 3/2$  and  $\pm 1/2$  Kramers doublet provoked by the second order SOC.



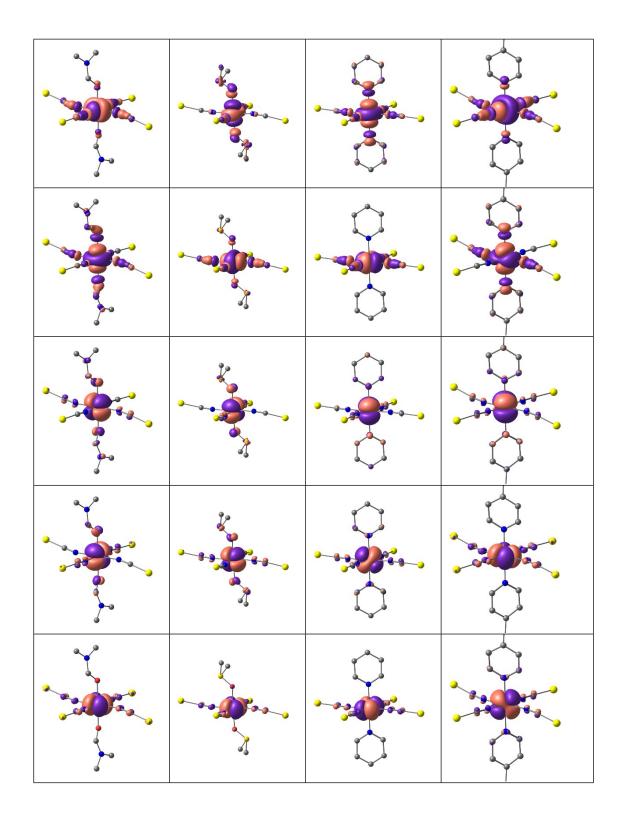
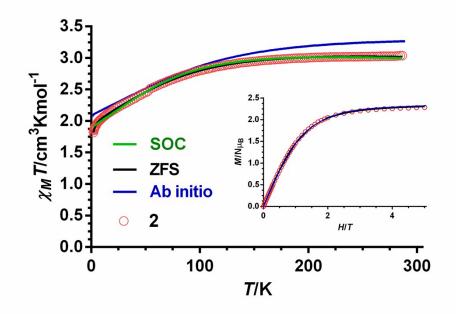
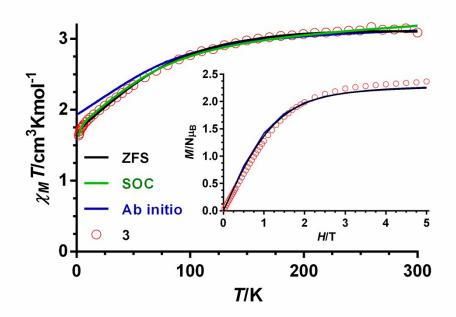


Figure S3. Ab initio ligand field orbitals excluding gold (I) atoms

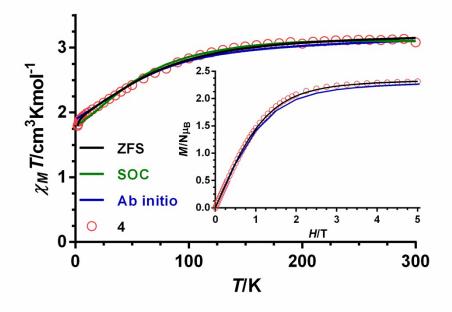
Figure S4. Ab initio ligand field orbitals including gold (I) atoms



**Figure S5** .- Temperature dependence of  $\chi_M T$  for compound **2** (red circles). Black and green solid lines represent the best fit to equations 1 and 2, respectively. Blue solid line generated from the *ab* initio calculated energy levels including gold(I) atoms.



**Figure S6** .- Temperature dependence of  $\chi_M T$  for compound **3** (red circles). Black and green solid lines represent the best fit to equations 1 and 2, respectively. Blue solid line generated from the *ab* initio calculated energy levels including gold(I) atoms.



**Figure S7.-** Temperature dependence of  $\chi_M T$  for compound **4** (red circles). Black and green solid lines represent the best fit to equations 1 and 2, respectively. Blue solid line generated from the *ab* initio calculated energy levels including gold(I) atoms.

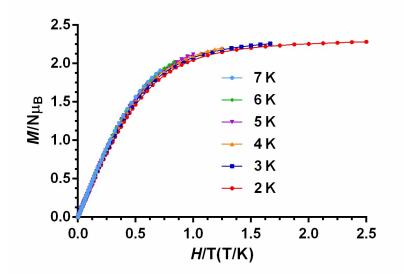


Figure S8.- M vs H/T isotherms for compound 2 at the indicated temperatures.

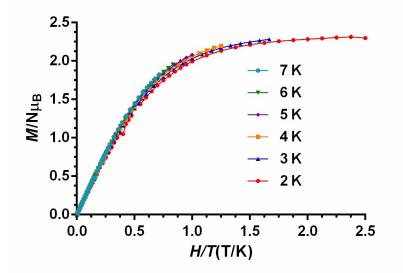


Figure **S9**.- M vs H/T isotherms for compound **3** at the indicated temperatures.

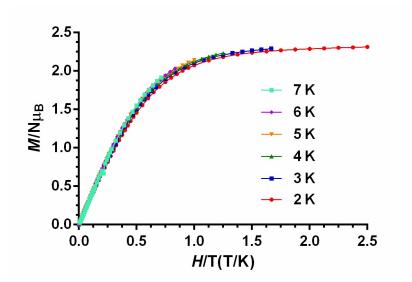
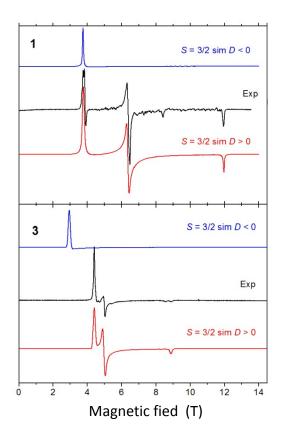


Figure S10.- M vs H/T isotherms for compound 4 at the indicated temperatures.



**Figure S11.** Top: an EPR spectrum of **1** at 321.6 GHz and 7 K accompanied by simulations using S = 3/2 spin Hamiltonian parameters:  $|D| = 71.8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $|E| = 12.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (E/D = 0.17);  $g_x = 2.47$ ;  $g_y = 2.48$ ;  $g_z = 2.10$ . Bottom: an EPR spectrum of **3** at 321.6 GHz and 10 K accompanied by simulations using S = 3/2 spin Hamiltonian parameters:  $|D| = 91.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $|E| = 3.65 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (E/D = 0.04);  $g_x = 2.46$ ;  $g_y = 2.46$ ;  $g_z = 2.60$ . The  $g_z$  value is tentative only since there are two features in the same high-*g* spectral range and either one could be the parallel turning point. The HFEPR spectra of **2** and **4** cannot be simulated using S = 3/2 spin Hamiltonian parameters but only an effective S = 1/2 Hamiltonian (Figure S12)

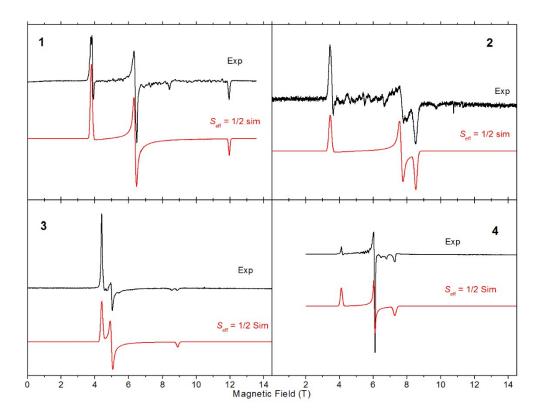


Figure S12.- HFEPR spectra of 1-4 at 321.6 GHz (1, 3 and 4), 316.8 GHz (2), and 7 K (1 and 4) and 10 K (2 and 3). Simulations using an effective S = 1/2 Hamiltonian appear as red lines. Hamiltonian parameters appear above in Table S4.

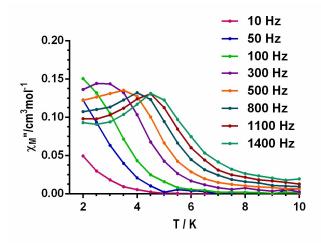
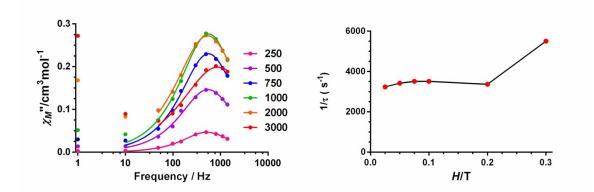


Figure S13.- Temperature dependence of the out-of-phase ( $\chi$ ") for 1 under a H<sub>dc</sub> = 0.1 T Oe at different frequencies



**Figure S14.-** Field dependence of the out-of-phase signal ( $\chi''_M$ ) at 2 K for 2 (left). Field dependence of the relaxation times for 2 (right).

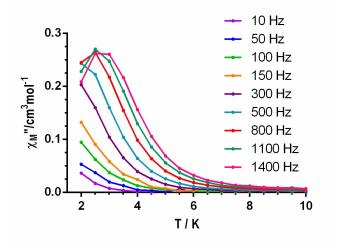


Figure S15.- Temperature dependence of the out-of-phase ( $\chi$ ") for 2 under a H<sub>dc</sub> = 0.1 T Oe at different frequencies

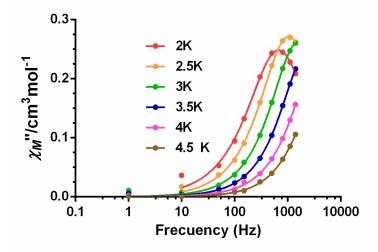
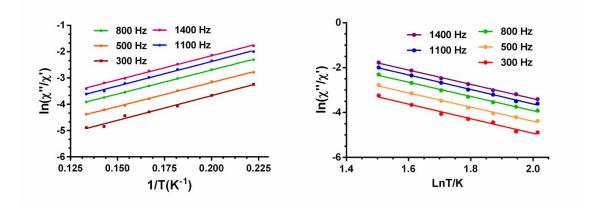


Figure S16.- Frequency dependence of the out-of-phase ( $\chi$ ") for 2 under a H<sub>dc</sub> = 0.1 T at different temperatures.



**Figure S17.-** Temperature dependence of the ratio of the in-phase and out-of-phase ac components at different frequencies under a magnetic field of 0.1 T for **2**. Solid lines correspond to the fit of the experimental data to equation 6 (left) and equation 7 (right).

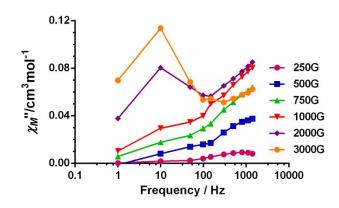


Figure S18.- Field dependence of the out-of-phase signal (  $\chi"_M)$  at 2 K for 3

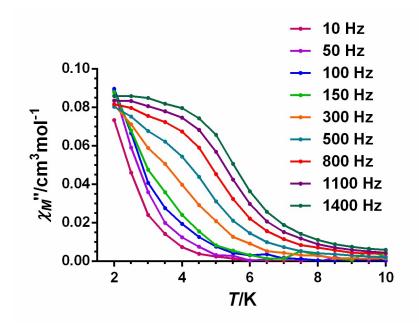


Figure S19.- Temperature dependence of the out-of-phase ( $\chi$ ") for 3 under a H<sub>dc</sub> = 0.1 T Oe at different frequencies

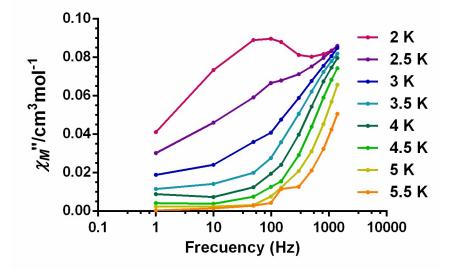
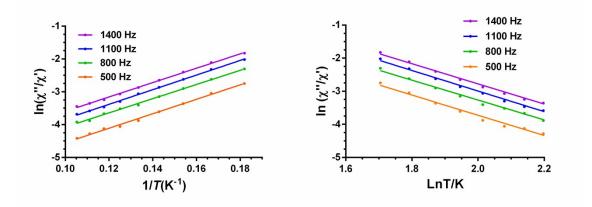
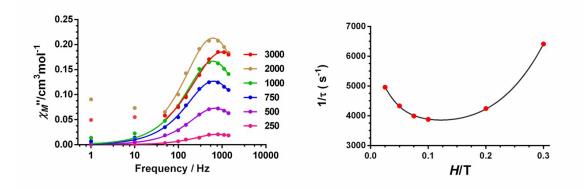


Figure S20.- Frequency dependence of the out-of-phase ( $\chi$ ") for 3 under a H<sub>dc</sub> = 0.1 T at different temperatures.



**Figure S21.-** Temperature dependence of the ratio of the in-phase and out-of-phase ac components at different frequencies under a magnetic field of 0.1 T for **3**. Solid lines correspond to the fit of the experimental data to equation 6 (left) and equation 7 (right).



**Figure S22.-** Field dependence of the out-of-phase signal ( $\chi''_M$ ) at 2 K for 4 (left). Field dependence of the relaxation times for 4 (right).

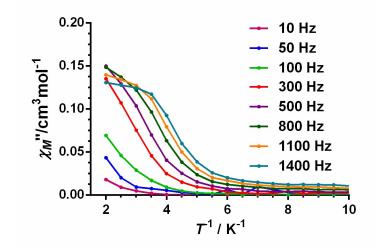
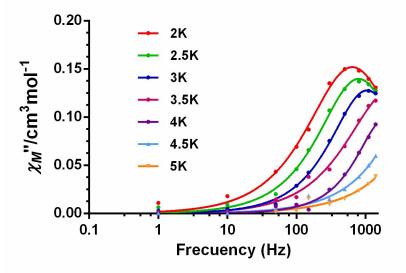
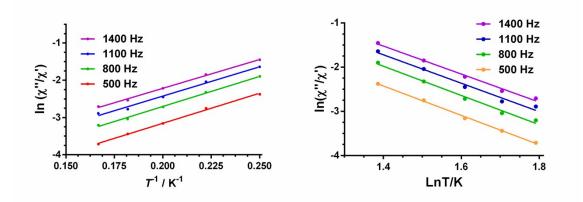


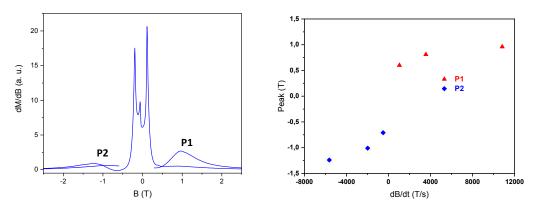
Figure S23.- Temperature dependence of the out-of-phase ( $\chi$ ") for 4 under a H<sub>dc</sub> = 0.1 T Oe at different frequencies



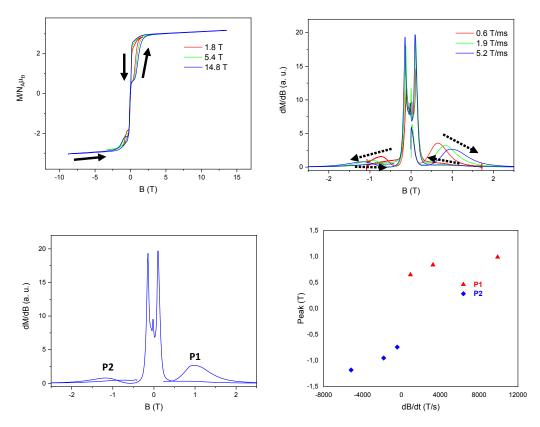
**Figure S24.-** Frequency dependence of the out-of–phase ( $\chi$ '') for **4** under a H<sub>dc</sub> = 0.1 T at different temperatures.



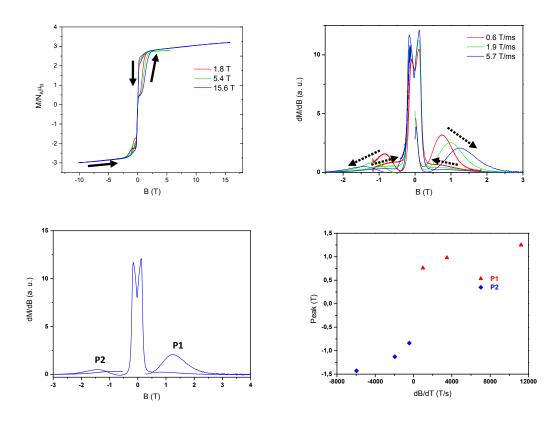
**Figure S25.-** Temperature dependence of the ratio of the in-phase and out-of-phase ac components at different frequencies under a magnetic field of 0.1 T for **4**. Solid lines correspond to the fit of the experimental data to equation 6 (left) and equation 7 (right).



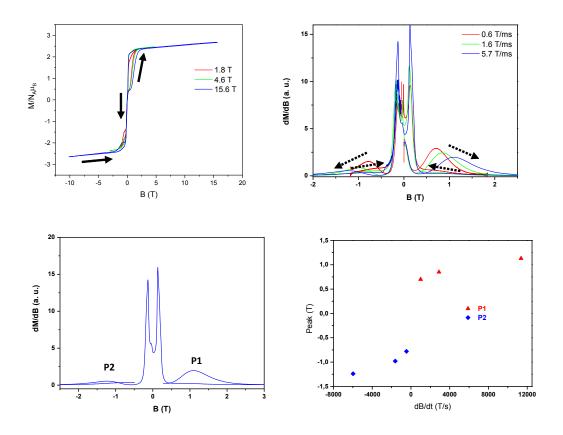
**Figure S26.-** Differential of magnetization measured at 0.4 K and 5.2 T/ms (left) and sweep rate dependence of peaks P1-P2 (right) for compound **1**.



**Figure S27.-** Pulse-field (top left) and differentiate (top right) magnetizations curves for **2** at 0.4 K and at different scan field rates. Differential of magnetization measured at 0.4 K and 5.2 T/ms (bottom left) and sweep rate dependence of peaks P1-P2 (bottom right) for compound **2**.



**Figure S28.**- Pulse-field (top left) and differentiate (top right) magnetizations curves for **3** at 0.4 K and at different scan field rates. Differential of magnetization measured at 0.4 K and 5.2 T/ms (bottom left) and sweep rate dependence of peaks P1-P2 (bottom right) for compound **3**.



**Figure S29.-** Pulse-field (top left) and differentiate (top right) magnetizations curves for **4** at 0.4 K and at different scan field rates. Differential of magnetization measured at 0.4 K and 5.2 T/ms (bottom left) and sweep rate dependence of peaks P1-P2 (bottom right) for compound **4**.