

### Combining oxime-based $[\text{Mn}_6]$ clusters with cyanometalates: 1D chains of $[\text{Mn}_6]$ SMMs from $[\text{M}(\text{CN}_2)]^-$ ( $\text{M} = \text{Au}, \text{Ag}$ )

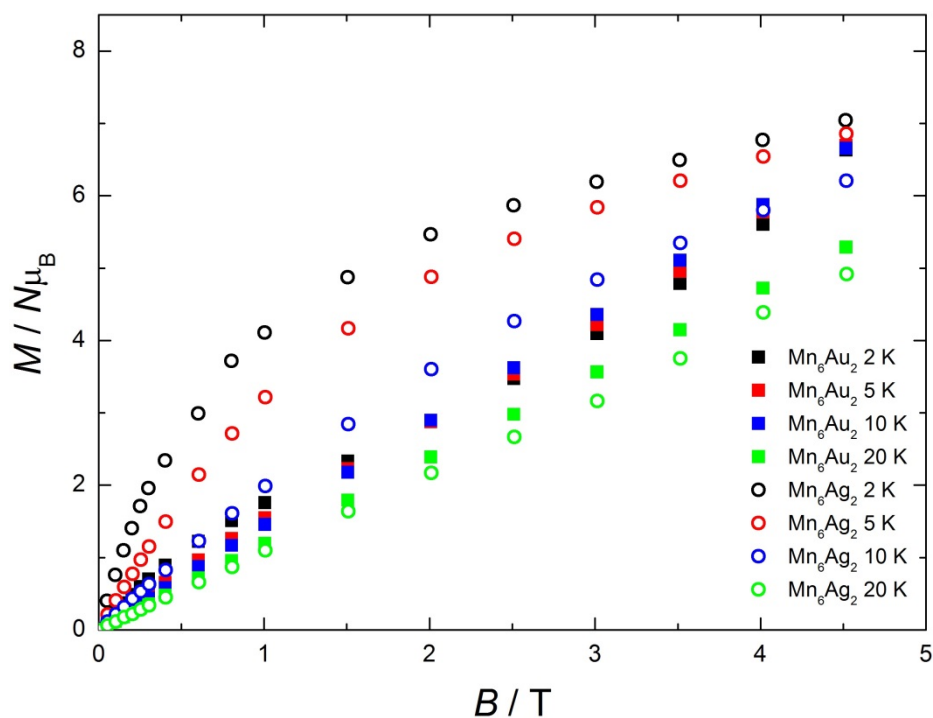
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#### Experimental Procedures

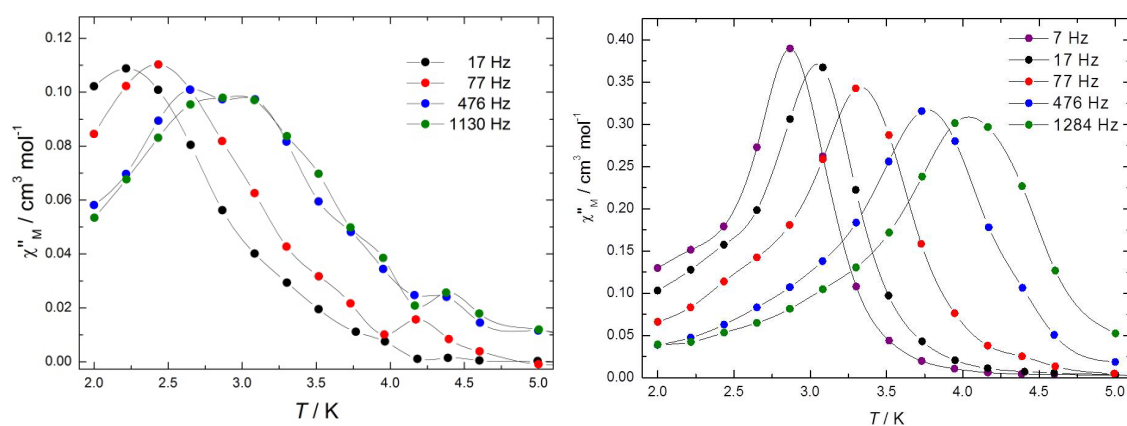
Solvents and reagents were used as received from commercial suppliers.

**Synthesis of compound 1:**  $\text{Mn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (125 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-hydroxypropiophenone oxime (80 mg, 0.5 mmol), 3-ethynlpyridine (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) and  $\text{KAu}(\text{CN})_2$  (144 mg, 0.5 mmol) were dissolved in MeOH (20 ml). After 5 minutes of stirring LiOMe (37 mg, 1 mmol) was added, and the solution stirred for a further 1 h, before being filtered and allowed to stand. Black rod-like X-ray quality crystals were obtained after room temperature evaporation of the mother liquor over 4 days. Elemental analysis (%) calculated (found) for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{39}\text{AuMn}_3\text{N}_6\text{O}_9$  (1085.23): C 42.03 (41.92), H 3.62 (3.49), N 7.74 (7.58).

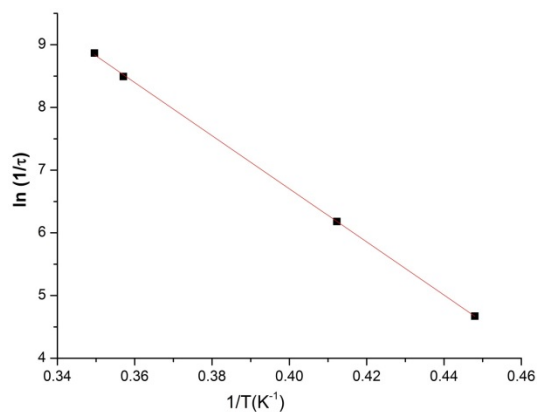
**Synthesis of compound 2:**  $\text{Mn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (125 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-hydroxyacetophenone Oxime (75 mg, 0.5 mmol), 3-ethynlpyridine (50 mg, 0.25 mmol),  $\text{KAg}(\text{CN})_2$  (128 mg, 0.5 mmol), were dissolved in MeOH (20 ml). After 5 minutes of stirring LiOMe (37 mg, 1 mmol) was added, and the solution stirred for a further 1 h, before being filtered. The filtrate was collected and allowed to stand for 24 h before being filtered again. Black rod-like X-ray quality crystals were obtained after room temperature evaporation of the mother liquor over 4 days. Elemental analysis (%) calculated (found) for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{30}\text{AgMn}_3\text{N}_6\text{O}_8$  (923.33): C 44.21 (44.14), H 3.28 (3.24), N 9.10 (9.01).



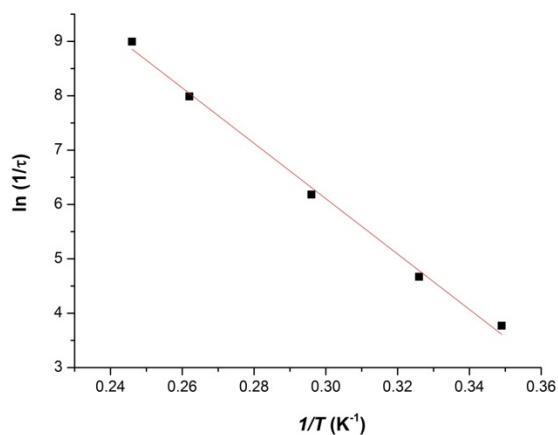
**Figure S1.** Plot of magnetisation versus field for **1** and **2** in the 2.0 to 20 K temperature range, in fields up to 5 T.



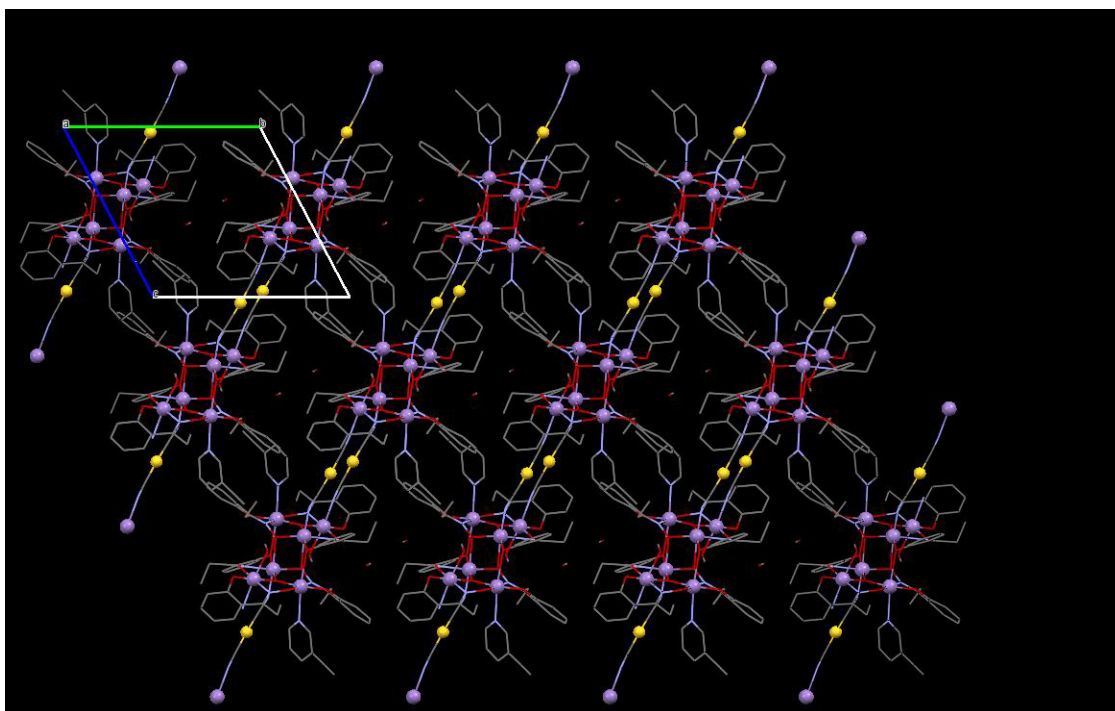
**Figure S2.** Plot of  $\chi''_M$  vs.  $T$  for compound 1 (left) and 2 (right) in the indicated temperature and frequency ranges.



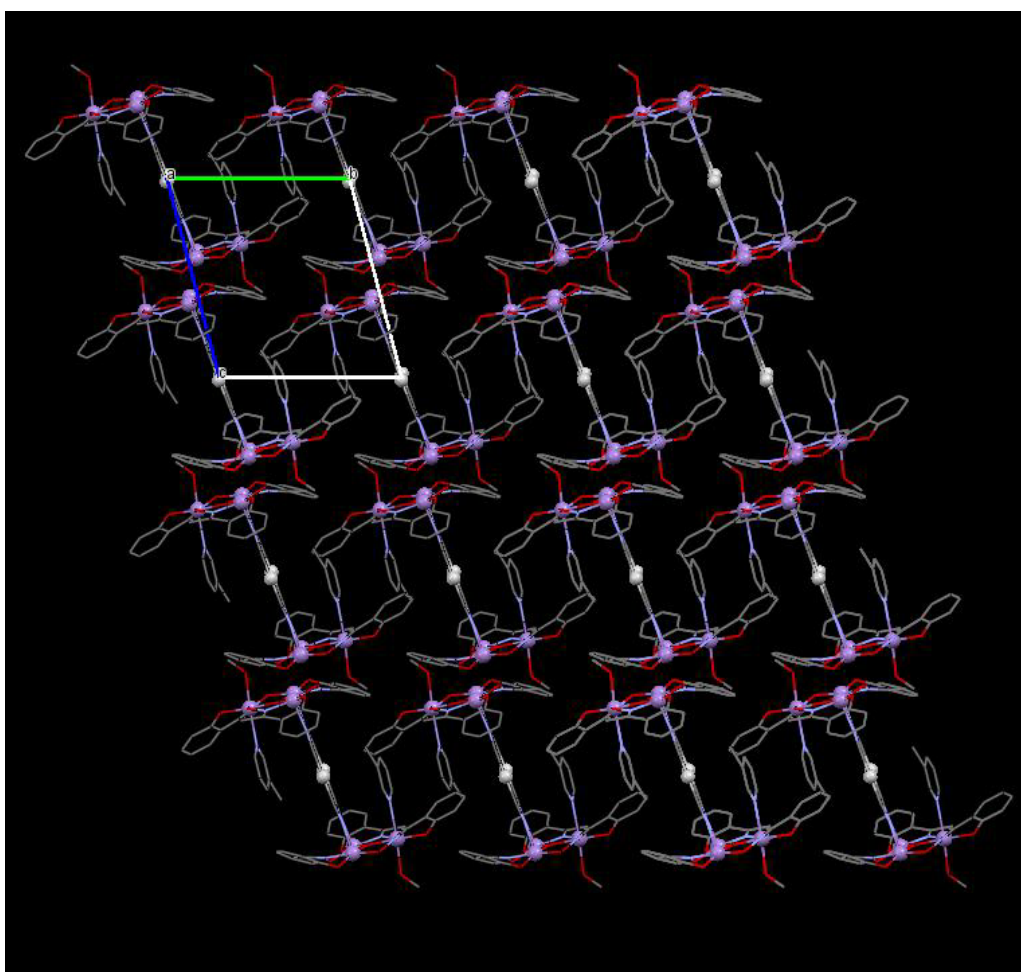
**Figure S3.** Arrhenius analysis of the ac susceptibility data for **1**;  $\tau_0 = 1.5 \times 10^{-10}$  s and  $U_{\text{eff}} = 39.9$  K.



**Figure S4.** Arrhenius analysis of the ac susceptibility data for **2**;  $\tau_0 = 5.4 \times 10^{-10}$  s and  $U_{\text{eff}} = 50.7$  K.



**Figure S5.** Packing of the chains of **1** in the crystal. H-atoms omitted for clarity.



**Figure S6.** Packing of the chains of **2** in the crystal. H-atoms omitted for clarity.