## DFT Magnetic Characterization of a $Fe_4$ SMMs Series: From Isotropic Exchange Interactions to Multi-Spin Zero Field Splitting.

## Supplementary Information Materials

## **Isotropic Exchange Coupling Constants**

From Table 1, it is evident that the differences among the computed three  $J_1$  values are small and this results support their supposed experimental equivalence by symmetry. Moreover, it comes also out that calculations suggest as more appropriate axial  $C_2$  symmetry than a  $C_3$  one.

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**Table 1** Calculated PBE0 Exchange Coupling Constants  $J_1$ 

	$\rm Fe_4OMe$	${\rm Fe_4tBu}$	$\mathrm{Fe}_4\mathrm{Ph}$	${\rm Fe_4Me}$	$\rm Fe_4C5$	$\rm Fe_4C4$	$\rm Fe_4C3$	$\rm Fe_4C1$
$J_1'$	$23.53 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$22.05 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$13.28 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$16.60 \ {\rm cm}^{-1}$	$17.39 \ {\rm cm}^{-1}$	$15.44 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$13.17 \ {\rm cm}^{-1}$	$11.58 \ {\rm cm}^{-1}$
$J_1^{\prime\prime}$	$23.31 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$22.04 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$12.97 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$16.41 \ {\rm cm}^{-1}$	$15.25 \ {\rm cm}^{-1}$	$11.60 \ {\rm cm}^{-1}$	$10.68 \ {\rm cm}^{-1}$	$12.20 \ {\rm cm}^{-1}$
$J_1^{\prime\prime\prime}$	$23.25 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$22.04 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$13.06 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$16.39 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$15.25 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$10.85 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$9.40 \ {\rm cm}^{-1}$	$13.47 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

## PBE v.s. PBE0 Single Ion Anisotropy Tensors for Fe<sub>4</sub>Ph

	Da				$\rm E/D^a$	XC functional	
	$\mathrm{Fe}_{c}$	$\mathrm{Fe}_p$ <sup>b</sup>	$\mathrm{Fe}_{p'}$ <sup>b</sup>	$\mathrm{Fe}_c$	$\mathrm{Fe}_{p}^{\mathrm{b}}$	$\mathrm{Fe}_{p'}$ <sup>b</sup>	
$\rm Fe_4Ph$	-0.307	0.841	0.841	$\sim 0$	0.062	0.080	PBE
$\rm Fe_4Ph$	0.225	-0.242	0.152	0.320	0.319	0.254	PBE0

Table 2 Calculated Single Ion Anisotropy Tensors and their orientations.

<sup>a</sup> Values expressed in  $cm^{-1}$ ;

<sup>b</sup> Fe<sub>p</sub> refers to the peripheral Iron laying on the  $C_2$  and Fe<sub>p'</sub> refers to Irons which do not;