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## **Supporting Information**

Synthesis, Crystal Structure and Physical Properties of  $FeV_4S_8$  and  $KFe_2V_8S_{16} \label{eq:KFe2V8S16}$ 

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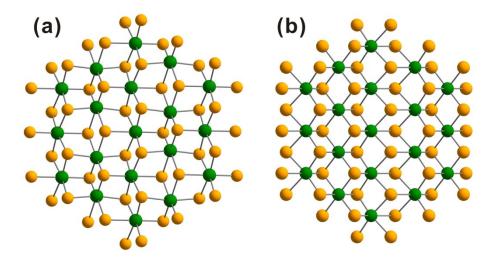
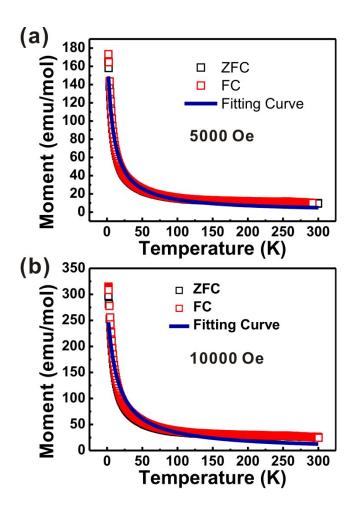


Figure S1. (a) The structure of the  $[V_4S_8]^{3-}$  layers in FeV<sub>4</sub>S<sub>8</sub>. (b) The structure of the  $[V_8S_{16}]^{7-}$  layers  $KFe_2V_8S_{16}$ .



**Figure S2**. Temperature-dependence of the magnetization of the  $FeV_4S_8$  compound under different external magnetic field (a) 5000 Oe and (b) 10000 Oe.

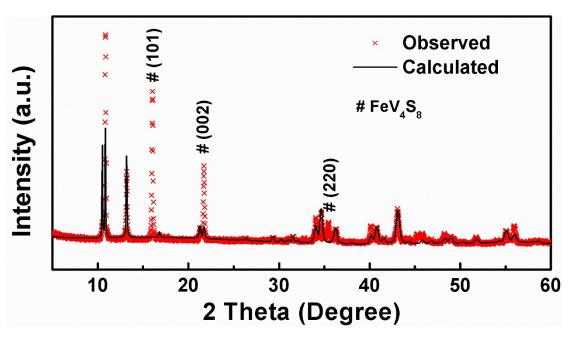


Figure S3. Powder XRD of the as-synthesized  $KFe_2V_8S_{16}$