## **Supporting Information**

## A new modification of an old framework: Hofmann layers with unusual tetracyanidometallate groups

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Figure S1 Asymmetric unit and selected symmetry equivalents of 2. Thermal ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level.



**Figure S2** a) Le Bail profile fit to synchrotron PXRD data ( $\lambda = 60941$  Å) for **1** at 100 K ( $R_p = 0.978$  %,  $wR_p = 1.537$  % and  $\chi^2 = 0.203$ ; a = 7.3775 Å, b = 17.1715 Å, c = 14.3011 Å,  $\beta = 91.5856^{\circ}$ , V = 1811.0 Å<sup>3</sup>) and b) at 500 K (a = 7.5419 Å, b = 16.5071 Å, c = 13.1994 Å,  $\beta = 90.100^{\circ}$ , V = 1643.3 Å<sup>3</sup>).



**Figure S3** Le Bail profile fit to synchrotron PXRD data ( $\lambda = 0.75246$  Å) for **2** at 140 K. a = 7.249 Å, b = 17.456 Å, c = 14.029 Å,  $\beta = 91.625^{\circ}$ , V = 1774.6 Å<sup>3</sup>.



**Figure S4** Le Bail profile fit to synchrotron PXRD data ( $\lambda = 0.75246$  Å) for **3** at 140 K. a = 7.318 Å, b = 17.989 Å, c = 13.860 Å,  $\beta = 90.345^{\circ}$ , V = 1824.5 Å<sup>3</sup>.



**Figure S5** Le Bail profile fit to synchrotron PXRD data ( $\lambda = 0.75246$  Å) for **4** at 140 K. a = 7.345 Å, b = 18.615 Å, c = 15.028 Å,  $\beta = 91.251^{\circ}$ , V = 2054.2 Å<sup>3</sup>.

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Figure S6 Mn[MoO(CN)<sub>4</sub>] Hofmann layer viewed down the *b*-axis in 1



Figure S7 Dichroism of crystals of 5.



Figure S8 Thermal variation in cell axes and angles in 1. Red arrows represent heating, blue cooling.



Figure S9 Phase change in 1 between 275 and 306 K. Arrows represent direction of movement with increasing temperature.



Figure S10 Thermal variation in cell axes and angles in 2



Figure S11 Thermal variation in cell axes and angles in 3



Figure S12 Variation in cell axes and angles in 4



**Figure S13** Thermogravimetric analysis plot for **1**. Three mass losses are seen: 22 - 88 °C, centred at 56 °C, corresponding to a loss of two waters (actual 7.2%; calc. 7.5%); 88 – 112 °C, centred at 100 °C, corresponding to the loss of one water (actual 3.2 %; calc. 3.7 %) and a gradual loss from 150 – 400 °C corresponding to the decomposition of the framework into a mixture of MnO<sub>2</sub> and MoO<sub>2</sub> (actual 41.7%; calc. 44.1%).



**Figure S14** Thermogravimetric analysis plot for **2**. Two mass losses are seen: 45 - 99 °C, centred at 80 °C, corresponding to the loss of three waters (actual 13.5%; calc. 12.3%) and the decomposition of the framework to Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> beginning around 210 °C (actual 51.2%, calc. 51.6%).



**Figure S15** Thermogravimetric analysis plot for **3**. Two mass losses are seen: 22 - 106 °C, centred at 75 °C, corresponding to the loss of three waters (actual 13.1%; calc. 12.3%) and the decomposition of the framework to Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> beginning around 190 °C (actual 51.5%; calc. 51.8%).



**Figure S16** Thermogravimetric analysis plot for **4**. Two mass losses are seen: 22 - 109 °C, centred at 74 °C, corresponding to the loss of three waters (actual 13.1%; calc. 12.3%) and the decomposition of the framework to CoO and Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> beginning above 260 °C (actual 51.2%; calc. 52.9%).



**Figure S17** Thermogravimetric analysis plot for **5**. Several mass losses are seen: 22 - 57 °C, corresponding to loss of MeOH, centred at 46 °C (actual 4.9%; calc. 5.6%); 79 - 140 °C corresponding to loss of 2 H<sub>2</sub>O, centred at 104 °C (actual 8.4%; calc. 11.8%). After this come four indistinct mass losses, finishing with a total end value of 41.1%. corresponding to the formation of a mixture of Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and MoO<sub>2</sub>.