

Perspectives in Multi-Functional Single-Molecule Magnets and Single-Chain Magnets

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Recently, the quantum molecular nano-magnets have been attracting much attention based on the basic sciences as well as the applied sciences such as memory storages, quantum computers, etc. So far 20 type of single-chain quantum magnets have been reported. Among them, we have synthesized 10 types of single-chain quantum magnets so far. More recently, we have synthesized the novel single-chain quantum magnet formed by a twisted arrangement of easy XY-plane magnetic anisotropy ($D > 0$) for the first time. The compound consists of an alternating high-spin Fe(II) and low-spin Fe(III) mixed-valence chain complex, *catena*-[Fe^{II}(ClO₄)₂{Fe^{III}(bpca)₂}]ClO₄·3MeNO₂. The compound shows the photo-induced switching between a single-chain quantum magnet and a paramagnetic state reversibly for the first time by irradiation of the mixed-valence charge transfer band from Fe(II) to Fe(III). This shows the reversible absorption and desorption of 3MeNO₂ crystalline solvents, which is accompanied by the change of the magnetic behaviours and is the first sponge quantum single-chain magnet. Moreover, this shows the semi-conducting behaviour. More recently, we have succeeded to synthesize conducting single-molecule quantum magnets such as [Mn₄(hmp)₆(MeCN)₂][Pt(mnt)₂]₆ and [Mn₂(5-MeOsaltmen)₂(MeCN)₂][Ni(dmit)]₇·4(MeCN). These show the semi-conducting behaviors. We have accessed to one single-molecule magnet of Pc₂Tb by STM. We have observed “Kondo peak” in it by STS. We have a plan to input one memory into one single-molecule magnet and output from one single-molecule magnet.

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