

**Low Temperature Heat Capacity of Quantum Spin-Liquid State in Molecular Crystals  
EtMe<sub>3</sub>Sb[Pd(dmit)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> and  $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>3</sub>**

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In the case of a planer antiferromagnetic triangular lattice consisting of  $S = 1/2$  spins, the geometric frustration prohibits the formation of ordering and therefore a liquid-like ground state is expected. Since it is considered as a macroscopic appearance of a quantum mechanical character, the physics of the spin-liquid has been discussed as one of the central topics of condensed matter science in the last thirty years [1]. By our single crystal calorimetry measurements for dimer-based organic charge transfer salt of  $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>3</sub> down to the dilution temperatures, a  $T$ -linear heat capacity was clearly observed of which electronic heat capacity coefficient ( $\gamma$ ) was about 15 mJK<sup>-2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>. One of the characteristic feature suggested by the RVB (Resonating Valence Bond) model explaining the formation of spin-liquid state is the existence of such linearly temperature dependent behavior in heat capacity. The degeneration of energy state should give a gap-less excitations from the ground state like a Fermi liquid state in usual metals [2]. The present thermodynamic result seems to be consistent with the Fermionic excitations as are suggested by the RVB like scenario. However, we have observed another peculiar thermodynamic character which predicts a kind of crossover behavior into the quantum spin-liquid state. This is an unexpected result which has been unveiled by the thermodynamic measurement. The discussion is also expanded to another organic triangular system of EtMe<sub>3</sub>Sb[Pd(dmit)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> [3], which also has a  $T$ -linear term expressed by  $\gamma = 20$  mJK<sup>-2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup> in its low temperature heat capacity. The characteristic features in the spin-liquid state observed at extremely low temperatures and an importance of thermodynamic measurements to understand the ground state of quantum spin system are discussed.

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