

Giant Negative Magnetoresistance in Low-dimensional Conductors Based on Axially Substituted Metallophthalocyanine

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Electrochemical oxidation of $[M^{III}(\text{Pc})(\text{CN})_2]^-$ (Pc unit; M = Co and Fe, Pc = phthalocyaninato) with appropriate counter cations gives conductors with low-dimensional π - π stacking of the partially oxidized Pc units. In the one-dimensional Fe system, antiferromagnetic interaction and negative magnetoresistance were observed in the low temperature region [1]. In this study, charge transport and magnetotransport measurements under hydrostatic pressure for two-dimensional conductors, $[\text{PXX}]_2[\text{M}(\text{Pc})(\text{CN})_2] \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (PXX = peri-xanthenoxanthene; Fig. 1(a)), were carried out. This system is moderately conducting ($\sim 10^{-1} \Omega \text{ cm}$ at room temperature) and exhibits semiconducting behaviour at ambient pressure for both M = Co and Fe. For M = Co ($S = 0$), stable metallic behaviour down to 5 K was observed under hydrostatic pressures above ca. 1 GPa [2]. For M = Fe ($S = 1/2$), the same trend was observed above 100 K, however, below ca. 20 K, resistivity increased rapidly and became several orders higher than that in M = Co at 5 K. By applying a 15 T of static magnetic field, giant negative magnetoresistance was observed in the low temperature region (Fig. 1 (b)). The details of the structure and physical properties will be presented.

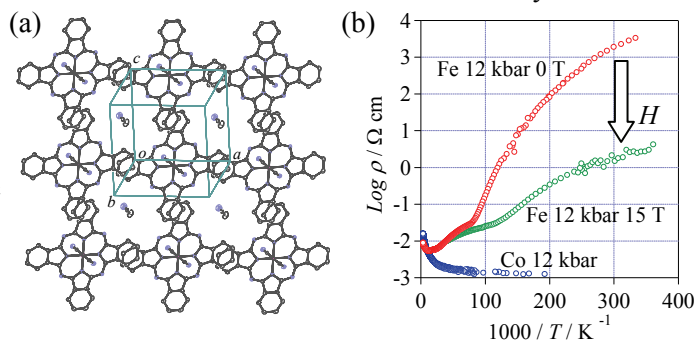


Fig. 1: Pc 2-D sheet (a) and giant negative magnetoresistance (b) in $[\text{PXX}]_2[\text{Fe}(\text{Pc})(\text{CN})_2] \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{CN}$

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