Electronic Supplementary Information

Spin coherence phenomena of a S = 1/2 copper(II) system in a polyoxometalate with a less-abundant nuclear-spin

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Preparation of magnetic dilution sample

 $[(n-C_4H_9)_4N]_4H_2[SiW_{11}O_{39}Cu_{0.01}Zn_{0.99}]$ (1%dil.1) was prepared according to the previous report.^{refS1}

A mixture of $[(n-C_4H_9)_4N]_4H_2[SiW_{11}O_{39}Cu]$ (1) and its diamagnetic congener $[(n-C_4H_9)_4N]_4H_2[SiW_{11}O_{39}Zn]$, synthesized by the reported methods, in a molar ratio of 1 : 99 was dissolved in acetonitrile and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was concentrated on a rotary evaporator and dried under reduced pressure for several hours to give powder form of 1%dil.1.

Electron spin resonance (ESR) measurements

Continuous-wave (CW) ESR measurements at between 4.35-291 K were performed on a JEOL JES-FA300 spectrometer at X-band (~9.0 GHz) frequency using a 5 mm quartz ESR tube. (typical conditions used: microwave frequency = 9.06 GHz; modulation frequency = 100 kHz; modulation amplitude = 0.3 mT; time constant = 0.03 s; and microwave power = 0.04 mW).

CW ESR measurement at room temperature and pulsed ESR measurements were performed on Bruker E680 spectrometer operated at X-band (~9.6 GHz) using a 5 mm quartz ESR tube. A Bruker standard dielectric resonator (ER4118X-MD5W) with TE011 mode was used. For pulsed ESR measurements, 1 kW amplified microwave irradiation was optimized to a fixed $\pi/2$ pulse of 16 ns. The echo decay measurements were conducted using a Hahn-echo (two-pulse) sequence. The pulse interval τ between the first $\pi/2$ pulse and the second π pulse was varied. $T_{\rm M}$ was obtained by stretched exponential fitting of decay curves. Inversion recovery measurements were conducted using a three-pulse spin echo sequence. The first π pulse was irradiated, with an interval τ before the second $\pi/2$ pulse being varied. The third pulse irradiated after 0.2 µs of interval, and then the echo signal followed after 0.2 µs of interval was observed. T_1 was obtained by stretched exponential fitting of recovery curves.

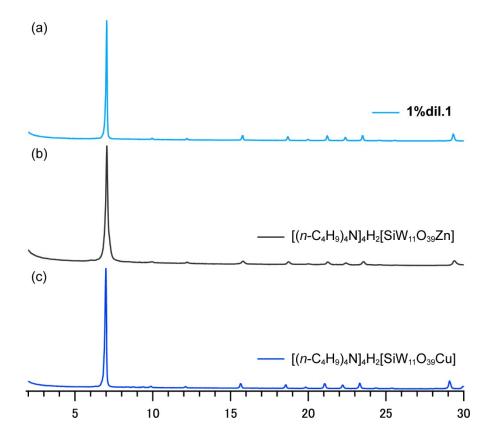


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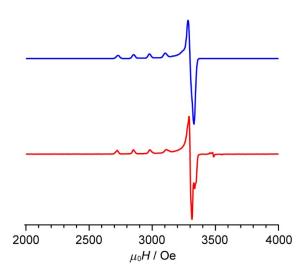


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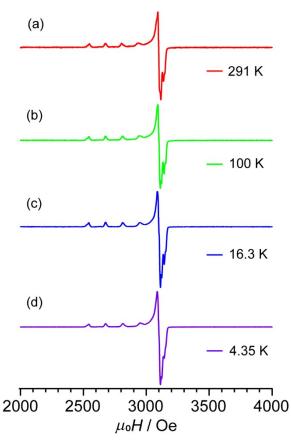


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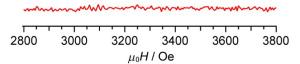


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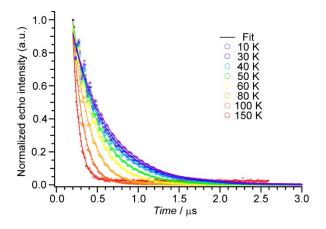


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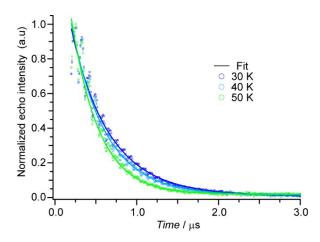


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| Т/К | <i>I</i> ₀ | A | <i>T</i> _M / μs | $\beta_{\rm M}$ |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 10 | 0.00045 ± 0.00005 | 1.50 ± 0.01 | 0.425 ± 0.01 | 0.955 ± 0.005 |
| 30 | 0.0006 ± 0.001 | 1.57 ± 0.1 | 0.390 ± 0.02 | 0.93 ± 0.02 |
| 40 | 0.00074 ± 0.0001 | 1.67 ± 0.07 | 0.355 ± 0.015 | 0.93 ± 0.02 |
| 50 | 0.00085 ± 0.0001 | 1.98 ± 0.3 | 0.294 ± 0.04 | 0.94 ± 0.06 |
| 60 | 0.0011 ± 0.0001 | 1.84 ± 0.2 | 0.300 ± 0.03 | 1.08 ± 0.06 |
| 80 | 0.0019 ± 0.0002 | 2.20 ± 0.3 | 0.234 ± 0.03 | 1.11 ± 0.07 |
| 100 | 0.0040 ± 0.0004 | 4.80 ± 1.7 | 0.125 ± 0.04 | 0.99 ± 0.11 |
| 150 | 0.026 ± 0.002 | 12.0 ± 4.0 | 0.077 ± 0.017 | 1.00 ± 0.10 |

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| Т/К | <i>I</i> ₀ | A | <i>T</i> _M / μs | $\beta_{\rm M}$ |
|-----|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 30 | 0.008 ± 0.0010 | 1.55 ± 0.20 | 0.445 ± 0.055 | 0.94 ± 0.06 |
| 40 | 0.013 ± 0.0015 | 1.66 ± 0.24 | 0.400 ± 0.070 | 0.96 ± 0.09 |
| 50 | 0.019 ± 0.0010 | 1.79 ± 0.01 | 0.346 ± 0.024 | 1.03 ± 0.05 |

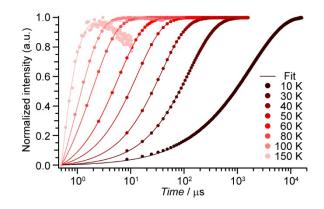


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|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| <i>Т </i> К | I ₀ | A | <i>T</i> ₁ / μs | β_1 | | | |
| 10 | 1.025 ± 0.001 | -1.032 ± 0.001 | 1680 ± 20 | 0.62 ± 0.01 | | | |
| 30 | 1.001 ± 0.001 | -1.009 ± 0.001 | 124 ± 0.5 | 0.85 ± 0.03 | | | |
| 40 | 0.998 ± 0.001 | -1.019 ± 0.001 | 37.1 ± 0.01 | 0.90 ± 0.02 | | | |
| 50 | 0.999 ± 0.001 | -1.051 ± 0.001 | 13.3 ± 0.001 | 0.91 ± 0.01 | | | |
| 60 | 0.999 ± 0.001 | -1.111 ± 0.001 | 5.88 ± 0.06 | 0.91 ± 0.002 | | | |
| 80 | 0.998 ± 0.005 | -1.33 ± 0.001 | 1.89 ± 0.01 | 0.93 ± 0.04 | | | |
| 100 | 0.997 ± 0.002 | -1.641 ± 0.04 | 0.998 ± 0.05 | 1.01 ± 0.02 | | | |
| 150 | 0.974 ± 0.020 | -4.09 ± 0.01 | 0.349 ± 0.01 | 1.01 ± 0.002 | | | |

Table S3 Fitting parameters used in the stretched monoexponential decay (eq. 2) of the transition of **1%dil.1** at 3330 Oe.

Ref. S1 T. Ishizaki and T. Ozeki, Dalton Trans., 2023, 52, 4678.