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Preparation of a magnetic metal-organic square and metal-organic cubes using 4,5-bis(2-imidazolinyl)imidazolate: slow magnetization relaxation behavior in mixed-valent octamanganese( $\parallel/\parallel$ ) clusters

The 4,5-bis(2-imidazolinyl)imidazolate ligand has produced three kinds of magnetic multinuclear clusters, namely a metalorganic square with copper(||) ion and metalorganic cubes with nickel(||) and manganese(||/|||) ions. The paramagnetic tetracopper(||) square and octanickel(||) cube exhibit moderate antiferromagnetic exchange coupling constants as -95 and -32 K, respectively. Notably, the octamanganese(||/|||) cube exhibits a slow magnetization relaxation behavior due to significant magnetic anisotropy of the manganese(|||) ions. The thermal barrier for the magnetization reversal is estimated to be 6.38 K. The compound has also been characterized by X-ray crystallography, UV-vis spectroscopy, and electrochemistry.



