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Spin-crossover phenomena of a Jahn-Teller active Mn(III) complex [Mn(taa)]

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The octahedral manganese(III) complex, [Mn^{III}(taa)] (H₃taa = tris(1-(2-azoly)-2-azabuten-4-yl)amine), has long been known as a rare example of (3d)⁴ spin-crossover system, having a steep spin-crossover phase transition at $T_c = 48$ K between a high-spin ⁵E_g and a low-spin ³T_{2g} states [1, 2]. Since the high-spin state is obviously subject to the Jahn-Teller effect, the electronic states are coupled with lower-symmetry deformation modes lifting ⁵E_g orbital degeneracy in addition to a symmetrical breathing mode responsible for the spin crossover. This simultaneous involvement of two molecular bistabilities may afford a variety of condensed states (phases) due to competitive or cooperative interactions [3]. The phase diagram and the phase transition behavior were thoroughly explored via several probes, including dielectric measurements [4], magnetization under pulsed high field [5], HF-EPR [6], and magnetic susceptibility measurements using high-pressure clamp cell [7]. All the results were successfully interpreted in a unified fashion based on a four-state Ising-Potts model with mean-field approximation.

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