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Magnetocaloric effect of three cyanido-bridged coordination polymers based on Mn(II) and Nb(IV)

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Magnetocaloric effect for $\{[\text{Mn}(\text{II})(\text{pyrazole})_4]_2[\text{Nb}(\text{IV})(\text{CN})_8] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ ($n=1, 2, 3$), $\{[\text{Mn}(\text{II})_2(\text{imH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4[\text{Nb}(\text{IV})(\text{CN})_8] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ ($n=2, 3$) and $[\text{Nb}(\text{IV})\{\mu\text{-CN}\}_4\text{Mn}(\text{II})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_2$ ($n=2, 3$) is reported. The compounds belong to a class of 3D coordination polymers. They exhibit a phase transition to a long range magnetically ordered state at 22.8 K ($n=1$), 24.1 K ($n=2$), and 47 K ($n=3$). Heat capacity measurements by relaxation calorimetry in applied field of 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9 T enabled to determine the magnetic entropy change ΔS_M as well as the adiabatic temperature change ΔT_{ad} . The maximum values of ΔS_M calculated for a field change of 5 T amount to 6.65 J kg⁻¹ K⁻¹ ($n=1$), 9.5 J kg⁻¹ K⁻¹ ($n=2$), and 9.01 J kg⁻¹ K⁻¹ ($n=3$). The corresponding maximum values of ΔT_{ad} are 1.4 K at 23.8 K ($n=1$), 2.02 K at 25.1 K ($n=2$), and 1.7 K at 49.0 K ($n=3$). The temperature dependence of the exponent n characterizing field dependence of ΔS_M has been estimated. Exponent n attains the value of 0.64 ($n=1$), 0.67 ($n=2$), and 0.69 ($n=3$) at the transition temperature, which is close to that expected for the three-dimensional Heisenberg universality class. Universal scaling of the magnetic entropy change is discussed.

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