Multidentate ligands as a tool in syntheses of complexes with slow magnetic relaxation

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We are living in the era of information society so there is a strong demand on storage of information [1]. As perspective materials for molecule-based information storage are considered Single Molecule Magnets (SMM), materials which can exist in two magnetic states [2,3]. Consequently, at present, the magnetic properties including SMM magnetism of various complexes are intensively studied [4,5]. SMMs from chemical point of view (composition, crystal structure) can be very variable and among these the lanthanide complexes with prevailing O-donor ligands are especially popular. One way leading to complexes exhibiting slow magnetic relaxation is the use of multidentate ligands, e.g. based on polycarboxylato ligands as purely O-donor or Schiff base type ligands as O,N-donors. Within the lecture will be given several examples of the use of the above-mentioned ligands for syntheses, characterizations, and crystal structures of (mainly) lanthanide complexes as magnetic materials.

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