

Conversions of Localized Excess Electrons and Spin States under External Electric Field: Inter-Cage Electron-transfer Isomer $(C_{20}F_{20})_3K_2$

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Abstract

By doping two potassium atoms among three $C_{20}F_{20}$ cages, peanut-shaped single molecular solvated dielectron $(C_{20}F_{20})_3K_2$ was theoretically presented. The triplet structures with two excess electrons individually inside left and middle cages (isomers **I** or **II**) are thermodynamically more stable than both open-shell (OS) and close-shell (CS) singlet ones with lone pair of excess electrons inside middle cage. Applying an oriented external electric field (OEEF) of -20×10^{-4} au (-0.1018 V/Å) or a larger one can result in both left-to-right transfers of the two excess electrons, and then releasing the OEEF can form new kind of inter-cage electron-transfer isomers (**III** or **IV**). Each triplet **I** ~ **IV** with three redox sites may be new members of mixed-valent compounds, namely, Robin-Day Class II. For electrified **I** of $(C_{20}F_{20})_3K_2$, the following spin states are ground state: 1) triplet state in field ranges of $-120 \times 10^{-4} < F_x < -30 \times 10^{-4}$ au and $30 \times 10^{-4} < F_x < 111 \times 10^{-4}$ au; 2) CS singlet state in range of F_x 111×10^{-4} and 120×10^{-4} au; 3) OS singlet state in ranges of -30×10^{-4} F_x -5×10^{-4} au and 5×10^{-4} F_x 30×10^{-4} au.

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