Experimental Study of Magnetocaloric Effect in the Two-Dimensional Quantum System $Cu(en)(H_2O)_2SO_4$

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Magnetocaloric study have been performed on a two-dimensional (2D)quantum system Cu(en)(H₂O)₂SO₄ (en=ethylendiamine=C₂N₂H₈) in the temperature range from 0.4 K to 4 K in magnetic fields up to 2 T by adiabatic magnetization and adiabatic demagnetization measurements. The title compound has been previously identified as a potential realization of the quasi-two dimensional spatially anisotropic triangular Heisenberg antiferromagnet with spin 1/2 and effective intralayer exchange coupling, $J/k_B =$ -1.4 K. A phase transition to magnetically ordered state has been observed in zero magnetic field at $T_N =$ 0.91 K¹. The normal magnetocaloric effect (MCE) was observed in the temperature range from 0.62 K to 0.98 K. In contrast, at temperatures near the phase transition the character of MCE changes to inverse. Above temperature 2 K the normal MCE was observed again. This change can be ascribed to the onset of short-range magnetic correlations previously observed in specific heat and susceptibility studies. This work has been supported by projects ERDF EU project.No. ITMS26220120005 and APVV LPP-0202-09.

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