

^2H NMR Study of Molecular and Electron Spin Dynamics in Paramagnetic $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\text{SiF}_6]$

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The temperature dependences of ^2H NMR spectra and the spin-lattice relaxation time T_1 were measured for $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\text{SiF}_6]$. The variation of the spectrum above room temperature can be explained by the reorientation of $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ about the C_3 axis. The activation energy E_a and the jumping rate at infinite temperature k_0 for the three site jump of $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ were obtained as 82 kJmol^{-1} and $2 \times 10^{17} \text{ s}^{-1}$ from the spectral simulation. Below room temperature, the spectral line shape was dominated by the 180° flip of the water molecule. The minimum of T_1 caused by the 180° flip of the water molecule was observed at ca. 260 K. The jumping rate of the 180° flip of the water molecule was estimated from the ^2H NMR T_1 and the spectral simulation. $E_a = 38 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$ and $k_0 = 6 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for the 180° flip of the water molecule were obtained from T_1 .

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