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# Electronic Structures, and Optical and Magnetic Properties of Quadruple-Decker Phthalocyanines

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Abstract: For applications of magnetic devices with operating nuclear-spin-based quantum bits in quantum computing, electronic structures, and magnetic and optical properties of quadruple-decker phthalocyanines with 3d transition metals, such as scandium, yttrium, and lanthanum atoms (M<sub>3</sub>Pc<sub>4</sub>: M = Sc, Y, and La), were studied by quantum calculation using density function theory. Electron density distributions at the highest occupied molecular orbital and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital were considerably delocalized on the phthalocyanine ring with considerable bias of the electrostatic potential. The wide energy gaps and the ultraviolet-visible-near infrared spectra of the systems were based on the phthalocyanine ring-ring interactions with overlapping  $\pi$ -orbitals on the phthalocyanine rings. The chemical shift behavior of <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>14</sup>N-NMR of Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, Y<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, and La<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub> depended on the deformation of their structures owing to Jahn-Teller splitting of the d-orbital in the metal ligand field, the considerable perturbation of the metal ligand crystal field on the phthalocyanine ring, the electronic structure based on the electron density distribution, and the magnetic interaction of the nuclear quadrupole interaction. The magnetic parameters of the principle g-tensor, the V-tensor of the electronic field gradient, and the asymmetric parameters were influenced by the deformed structures of the complex with the considerable deviation of the charge density distribution. The quadruple-decker metal phthalocyanines using 3d transition metals have an advantage in controlling the electronic structure and magnetic parameters based on the nuclear spin interaction in spin lattice relaxation with respect to applications of single-molecular magnets.

**Keywords:** electronic structures; magnetic properties; nuclear magnetic resonance; chemical shift; quadruple-decker phthalocyanine

# 1. Introduction

Electronic structures, and optical and magnetic properties of organometallic transition complexes have been studied for their application in spintronic devices, single-molecule magnetism, and quantum computers. For instance, single-molecule magnets using copper phthalocyanine [1], nitrogen, and phosphorous atom in fullerene cages, such as  $N@C_{60}$  [2], and  $P@C_{60}$ , endohedral metallofullerene, such as  $Sc_3N@C_{80}$  [3],  $Sc_{3-x}YN@C_{80}(CF_3)_n$  [4,5],  $Gd_xSc_{3-x}N@C_{80}$  [6],  $HoSc_2N@C_{80}$  [7],  $LnSc_2N@C_{80}$  [8],  $(Sc_3N@C_{80})_2$  dimmer [9], scandium oxide endohedral metallofullerenes  $Sc_4O_2@C_{80}(CF_3)_n$ ,  $Sc_4O_2@C_{80}$  [10,11], and endohedral metallofullerene encapsulated within single-walled-carbon nanotube (SWCNTs) as peapods [12–14], were applied for controlling the magnetic interaction with entanglement of quantum spin in the spin-lattice relaxation process. Experimental verification of spintronics, and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) quantum computers using single nitrogen vacancy defects in the center of diamonds [15], perfluorobutadienyl iron complex [16], nitrogen endohedral fullerenes, vanadium phthalocyanines [17], and single-molecule magnets [18,19] were performed for analyzing spin dynamics, Rabi oscillation, and entanglement of nuclear spin as quantum bits in quantum algorithm calculation. The Rabi

oscillation at room temperatures was detected in a solid state molecular system using vanadium phthalocyanine mixed with the isostructural diamagnetic host complex using titanyl-phthalocyanine in a molar ratio of 1:1000 [17–19].

Multi-decker phthalocyanine complexes with 3d and 4f transition metals [19] have been applied for development of spintronic devices, single-molecule magnets, and quantum computers. The spin dynamics and quantum spin entanglement depend on magnetic interaction with degeneracies of 3d and 4f orbitals in multiple states [20,21]. The magnetic properties of hetero-nuclear quadruple-decker phthalocyanine using lutetium, dysprosium, cadmium, and terbium as rare metals with 4f-electrons have been studied for clarifying the magnetic interaction and the long-range f-f interaction between metal ions separated by a diamagnetic ion. [22]. In the standard case using the phthalocyanine complexes with a 3d transition metal, experimental evidence of magnetic properties using quantum calculations with perturbation theory clarified the electronic structure, magnetic interaction of nuclear spin, and quadrupole interaction based on the electron field gradient (EFG) and asymmetry parameter  $(\eta)$  around the central metal and ligands [23,24]. For complexes with 4f-electrons, experiments of magnetic measurements should be conducted at extremely low temperature owing to a short relaxation time, making it difficult to detect and manipulate the entanglement of nuclear spin as a quantum bit in quantum computing. Quantitative investigation of the nuclear magnetic interaction on the hetero-nuclear quadruple-decker phthalocyanine using rare earth metals with 4f-electrons need to be performed by cryogenic measurements of the magnetic properties with incorporation of high-level sections on 4f spin orbits as the peripheral orbital.

Molecular design of the multi-decker phthalocyanines in multiple states has been fabricated for developing magnetic devices and quantum computers at multi-quantum spin gates with decoupling pulses. Experimental realization with theoretical considerations of the electronic structure and the magnetic properties of the multi-decker phthalocyanine was performed for making clear the magnetic interaction, entanglement of quantum spin with multiplicity, and spin dynamics in spin-lattice relaxation. The magnetic parameters, such as chemical shifts of <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, g-tensor, and the A-tensor of the hyperfine structure (hfs) in electron spin resonance (ESR) will depend on the degree of perturbation of the 3d spin orbital of the complex in multiple states. Especially, perturbation of the metal-ligand field of the 3d transition metal in multiple states was controlled for operating the electron-nuclear spin interaction and spin dynamics in the spin lattice relaxation process. Rabi oscillations and coherent single nuclear spin manipulation using all-electrical control of a nuclear spin qubit transistor based on a single molecular magnet of double-decker terbium phthalocyanine through the use of the hyperfine Stark effect were demonstrated as experimental results. For improving the magnetic properties in quantum spin devices, experimental results with theoretical calculation on the electronic structure and magnetic properties of multi-decker phthalocyanine was clarified by scanning tunnelling microscopy and spectroscopy (STM/STS) using density functional theory [25]. The quantum calculation was used for computing the STM images and STS. The experimental results with theoretical calculations in the comparison between YPc2 and Y2(Pc)3 indicated the correlation between the appearance of the Kondo effect and unpaired electrons in the  $\pi$ -orbital.

The electronic structure and the magnetic properties of multi-decker phthalocyanines using rare earth actinide metals in multiple states have been studied for developing single-molecular magnets and electron magnetic devices [26–30]. The experimental results of a strong magnetic coupling between a metal ion and a radical spin in the bis(phtalocyaninato)terbium(III) complex (TbPc<sub>2</sub>) using rare earth metal with a 4f orbital were reported. The spin dynamic relaxation processes of the triple-decker terbium (III) phthalocyaninato were influenced by the magnetic interaction based on f-f spin-spin interactions, dipole-dipole interaction, electron density distribution with an overlapping  $\pi$ -orbital between the phthalocyanine rings. Alternating current magnetic studies on single molecular magnets using a terbium(III)-phthalocyaninato quintuple-decker complex suggested correlation between the magnetic interaction and the strength of the terbium-terbium interactions. Single-molecular magnetic behaviour for the terbium(III)-phthalocyaninato quintuple-decker complex depended on

the magnitude of the terbium-terbium magnetic interaction, and hybrization of d and f- $\pi$ -orbitals on the extended conjugation system [29,30]. The quantum chemical calculation based on perturbation theory of the multi-decker phthalocyanine using rare earths with 4f-electrons in multiple states will be difficult to make clear the paramagnetic shifts of multinuclear NMR, the *g*-tensor of ESR, and the long-range f-f magnetic interaction in short relaxation time. The multi-decker phthalocyanines using 3d transition metals have an advantage to control the electronic structure and magnetic parameters, and multi-switching spin dynamics for quantum algorithm calculation with coherent nuclear spin manipulation using electric and magnetic field pulses during the relaxation time.

The purpose of this research is to focus on the electronic structures, the magnetic and optical properties of quadruple-decker phthalocyanine using 3d transition metals for operating the magnetic parameters, and spin dynamics of nuclear spin as a quantum bit in quantum algorithm computing. Especially, the magnetic parameters of the chemical shift of  $^{13}$ C-NMR,  $^{14}$ N-NMR,  $^{14}$ N-NMR,

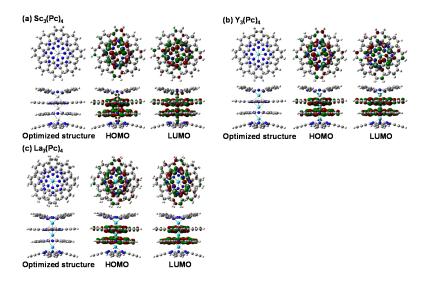
#### 2. Results and Discussion

The electronic structures of quadruple-decker metal phthalocyanines at the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) of Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, Y<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, and La<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub> were calculated by density functional theory (DFT) with hybrid functional calculation with Becke's three-parameter hybrid functional unrestricted B3LYP (UB3LYP) using LANL2MB as the basis set. The optimized structures, electron density distributions, and the energy levels at the HOMO and LUMO of Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, Y<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, and La<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub> are shown in Figure 1. The optimized structures of Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, Y<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, and La<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub> consisted of a double sandwich structure with a degeneration of the energy levels around the frontier orbital. The optimized structures were considerably perturbed by the chemical modification with the central metal diameter varied. The electronic structures were influenced by the deformed structure with the phthalocyanine ring-ring interaction. The electron density distributions were consistent with hybrization between 3d spin orbitals in the metal atom and the nitrogen ligand, and overlapping  $\pi$ -orbitals on the phthalocyanine ring. There was considerable bias of hybrization between the 3d orbital in the metal and nitrogen ligand. Chemical bonds and angles between the metal and ligand are listed in Table 1. The relationship between the lengths of the chemical bond between the metal and nitrogen, and the angles of the N-M-N bonds for M<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub> was investigated. The bond lengths of Sc-N were slightly decreased, as compared with those for  $Y_3(Pc)_4$  and  $La_3(Pc)_4$ . The bond angles of N-M-N for  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$  and  $Y_3(Pc)_4$  became wider than those for La<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>. The lengths of the chemical bonds of N–M–N in M<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub> were increased with increasing metal atomic radii. The chemical bonds and angles depended on the degree of distortion of the molecular structure and intramolecular interaction. The lengths of the chemical bonds of N-M-N in the central part of internal metal were slightly increased, as compared with those in the external metal. The intramolecular interaction between the phthalocyanine rings would influence the electronic structure, the energy gap, and the energy levels at HOMO and LUMO. The deformed structures would resolve the degeneracy of energy levels near the frontier orbital with a narrow band gap between the HOMO and LUMO. The deformed molecular structures will influence the magnetic interaction based on the electron density distribution with the energy levels near the frontier orbital and the band gap.

The electrostatic potential (ESP) mappings of  $M_3(Pc)_4$  (M = Sc, Y, and La) complex are shown in Figure 2a. In the case of  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$ ,  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ , and  $La_3(Pc)_4$ , the electrostatic potentials showed a slight difference in the distribution of red and blue color contrast near the pyrrole ring on the phthalocyanine ring. This behavior indicates polarization and electronegativity on the phthalocyanine ring, which yields a bias of the ESP phase with a lack of balance in charge near the metal ligand field. The lack of

balance in ESP will cause a slight move in the chemical shifts of  $^{13}$ C and  $^{14}$ N-NMR in a low magnetic field. The chemical shifts of  $^{14}$ N-NMR on the phthalocyanine ring will originate from the nuclear spin interactions of nuclear quadrupole interactions based on EFG and  $\eta$  near the metal and nitrogen ligand. The magnetic interaction will depend on the extent of the charge and spin density distribution of the 3d orbital in the metal and the nitrogen ligand, and the hydrization of the 3d-sp² orbital with an overlapping  $\pi$ -orbital on the phthalocyanine rings. The spin density distributions for  $M_3(Pc)_4$  are shown in Figure 2b. The spin density distributions in the M atom for  $M_3(Pc)_4$  were estimated to be 0.012, 0.013 in the outer and central Sc atoms for Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, 0.006 in all Y atoms for Y<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, and 0.004 and 0.008 in outer and central La atoms for La<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, respectively. The spin density distributions were delocalized by a considerable bias of the hybrization between the 3d orbital and sp² orbital of the metal and the nitrogen ligand, overlapping the  $\pi$ -orbital on the phthalocyanine ring with considerable bias of charge distribution.

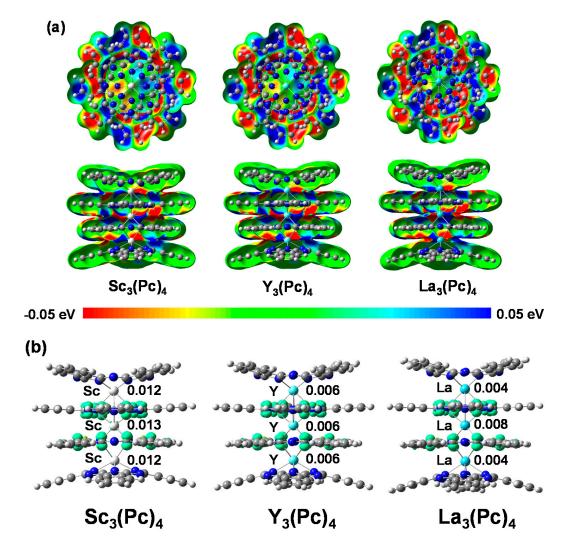
The energy levels and energy gaps between HOMO and LUMO were calculated by DFT. The energy levels near the frontier orbital of Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, Y<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, and La<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub> are shown in Figure 3. The degeneracy of the energy levels near the frontier orbit was influenced by the deformed structures. In the case of Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, the degeneracy of energy levels was separated near the frontier orbital levels. In the case of  $Y_3(Pc)_4$  and  $La_3(Pc)_4$ , the degenerated molecular orbitals with separated energy levels and wide energy gaps arose from a slightly deformed structure by the Jahan-Teller effect. The energy levels and energy gap near the frontier orbital also depended on the extent of the overlapping  $\pi$ -orbital on the phthalocyanine ring with decreasing metal radii. Excited states, the first excited state, absorption wavelength, and oscillation strength were calculated by time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT). Calculated UV-VIS-NIR spectra of Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub> and Y<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub> are shown in Figure 4 and Table 2. In all cases, there was a wide absorption in the UV-VIS-NIR spectra and the excited process in the range of 1000–10,000 nm. In the case of Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub> and Y<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, the first excited state was estimated to be 1417 nm and 1997 nm, which was identified to be the Q absorption band of  $\pi$ - $\pi$ \* excited states. The excited process and energy gaps depended on the extent of overlapping  $\pi$ -orbitals on the phthalocyanine ring and the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interaction between the phthalocyanine rings with decreasing metal radii. The tendency of the narrowing energy gaps and long wavelength in UV-VIS-NIR spectra was conspicuous with the multi-decker phthalocyanine ring. The deformation of the molecular structure with the overlapping  $\pi$ -orbital on the phthalocyanine ring will influence the magnetic interaction and parameters of the chemical shift of  $^{13}$ C and  $^{14}$ N-NMR, isotropic *g*-tensor, *V*-tensor of EFG, and  $\eta$ , respectively.



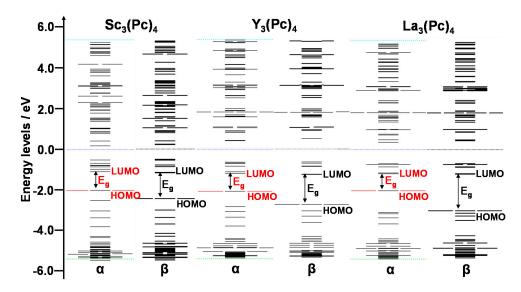
**Figure 1.** Optimized structures and electron density distribution (isovalue 0.02 a.u.) at HOMO and LUMO of (a)  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$ ; (b)  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ ; and (c)  $La_3(Pc)_4$ , calculated by DFT using hybrid functional calculation UB3LYP and LANL2BM as the basis set. Dark blue atoms are nitrogen, dark gray atoms are carbon, and light white atoms are hydrogen.

**Table 1.** Atomic radii of the central metal, bond lengths, and angles between the metal atom and nitrogen ligand in the optimized structure of  $M_3(Pc)_4$ .

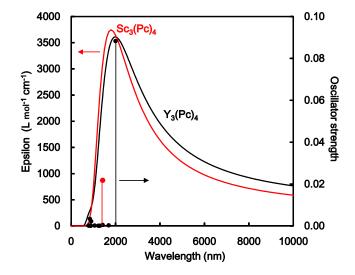
M <sub>3</sub> (Pc) <sub>4</sub>	Atomic Radii (pm) [31]	M-N (Å)	Angle N–M–N (°)		
Sc <sub>3</sub> (Pc) <sub>4</sub>		2.21	126		
	160	2.39	105		
		2.21	126		
Y <sub>3</sub> (Pc) <sub>4</sub>		2.33	119		
	180	2.48	104		
		2.33	119		
La <sub>3</sub> (Pc) <sub>4</sub>		2.46	113		
	195	2.60	99		
		2.46	113		



**Figure 2.** (a) ESP mapping with negative and positive potential values in red and blue; and (b) spin density distribution of  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$ ,  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ , and  $La_3(Pc)_4$ .



**Figure 3.** Energy levels near the frontier orbital and energy gaps ( $E_g$ ) of Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, Y<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, and La<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>. α and β correspond to upward and downward spins, respectively.



**Figure 4.** Calculated UV-VIS-NIR spectra of Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub> and Y<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>.

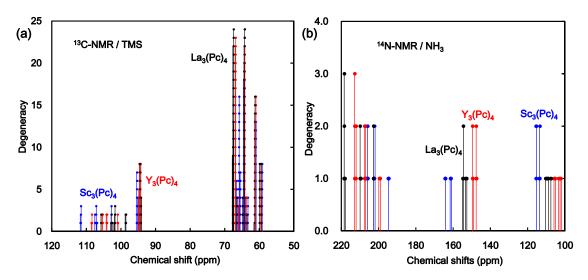
**Table 2.** Energy levels, wavelengths, and oscillator strengths in the excitation processes of  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$  and  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ .

Sc <sub>3</sub> (Pc) <sub>4</sub>	No.	Energy (eV)	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator Strength	
Excited state	1	0.8747	1417	0.0218	
Y <sub>3</sub> (Pc) <sub>4</sub>					
	1	0.6209	1997	0.0883	
Excited state	2	1.3731	903	0.0022	
	3	1.4644	847	0.0034	

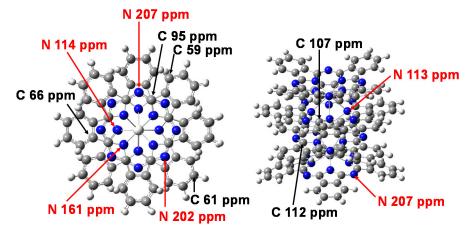
The chemical shifts of  $^{13}$ C and  $^{14}$ N-NMR were calculated by DFT using gauge-independent atomic orbitals (GIAO). The chemical shifts of  $^{13}$ C and  $^{14}$ N-NMR of  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$ ,  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ , and  $La_3(Pc)_4$  are shown in Figure 5. The chemical shifts of  $^{13}$ C-NMR, as referred by tetramethylsilane (TMS), were considerably separated around 100–110 ppm, 98 ppm, and 60–70 ppm. The chemical shifts of  $^{14}$ N-NMR, as referred by NH<sub>3</sub>, were considerably separated around 100–120 ppm, 150–160 ppm,

and 190–220 ppm. Assignments of the chemical shifts of  $^{13}$ C and  $^{14}$ N-NMR of  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$  are shown in Figure 6. The separation of chemical shifts of  $^{13}$ C and  $^{14}$ N-NMR were mainly caused by the deformed structure with considerable bias of the electron density distribution between the central metal and ligand. The chemical shift was based on nuclear spin magnetic interaction with a paramagnetic term of spin-local interaction, and the excited process from the ground state. The chemical shifts were explained by the theoretical study of the NMR spectra [32–34].

The quantum chemical calculation based on perturbation theory expects the electronic structure and magnetic interaction of nuclear quadrupole interaction based on EFG,  $\eta$ , and the excited process. Generally, a chemical shift is a sum of diamagnetic and paramagnetic terms. According to the Karplus-Pople equation, the chemical shift is mainly dominated by paramagnetic terms with spin-local interaction, hybridization of the molecular orbital, and nuclear quadrupole interaction based on EFG and  $\eta$ . The magnetic parameters of the chemical shift are based on the spin-local interaction, and the excited process from the ground state to excited states. The excited process depends on the extent of the overlapping  $\pi$ -orbital between the phthalocyanine rings with decreasing metal radii. The magnetic parameters, chemical shift, principle g-tensor, V-tensor of EFG, and  $\eta$  are considerably influenced by Jahn-Teller distortion of the 3d orbital in the metal ligand field on the phthalocyanine rings with considerable bias of the charge density distribution.



**Figure 5.** Calculated chemical shifts of (a)  $^{13}$ C-NMR; and (b)  $^{14}$ N-NMR for  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$ ,  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ , and  $La_3(Pc)_4$ .



**Figure 6.** Assignments of the chemical shifts of <sup>13</sup>C-NMR and <sup>14</sup>N-NMR for Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>.

Mulliken atomic charge, spin density distribution, principle g-tensor, V-tensor of EFG, and  $\eta$  for  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$ ,  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ , and  $La_3(Pc)_4$  are listed in Table 3. Especially, the  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$  system had a Mulliken atomic charge of 0.32 e, 0.49 e, spin density of 0.0123, and 0.0133 for the scandium atom. The magnetic parameters of the principle g-tensor, V-tensor of EFG, and  $\eta$  for  $Sc_1$  in  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$  were calculated to be  $g_{xx} = 1.96695$ ,  $g_{yy} = 2.00180$ ,  $g_{zz} = 2.00300$ ,  $V_{xx} = -0.0247$ ,  $V_{yy} = -0.0356$ ,  $V_{zz} = 0.0603$ , and  $\eta = 0.18$ , respectively. In other cases of  $M_3(Pc)_4$  (M = Y and La), anisotropic magnetic parameters of the g-tensor was estimated to be  $g_{xx} = 1.85325$ ,  $g_{yy} = 1.99824$ ,  $g_{zz} = 2.00298$  for  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ ,  $g_{xx} = 1.54111$ ,  $g_{yy} = 1.98794$ , and  $g_{zz} = 2.00117$  for  $La_3(Pc)_4$ , respectively. The symmetry parameters of  $\eta$  for  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$ ,  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ , and  $La_3(Pc)_4$  were decreased by reducing the bias of the V-tensor of EFG at the top and bottom of the M atom. The anisotropic parameters caused a wide separation and splitting of chemical shifts in a low magnetic field. The system had a polarization of charge distribution around the metal-ligand field in  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$ ,  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ , and  $La_3(Pc)_4$ . The magnetic parameters were based on the deformed phthalocyanine ring with considerable polarization of the charge distribution.

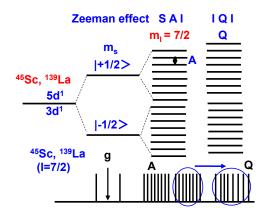
**Table 3.** Magnetic parameters, principle *g*-tensors, *V*-tensors of EFG, and  $\eta$  of Sc<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, Y<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>, and La<sub>3</sub>(Pc)<sub>4</sub>.

Sc <sub>3</sub> (Pc) <sub>4</sub>	Mulliken Atomic Charge	Spin Density	g-tensor		EFG			η	
			gxx	$g_{yy}$	$g_{zz}$	$V_{xx}$	$V_{yy}$	$V_{zz}$	. ,
Sc <sub>1</sub>	0.32	0.0123	1.96695	2.00180	2.00300	-0.0247	-0.0356	0.0603	0.18
$Sc_2$	0.49	0.0133				-0.0153	-0.0370	0.0523	0.42
$Sc_3$	0.32	0.0122				-0.0246	-0.0356	0.0602	0.18
Y <sub>3</sub> (Pc) <sub>4</sub>									
Y <sub>1</sub>	0.31	0.0064	1.85325	1.99824	2.00298	-0.0057	-0.0079	0.0136	0.16
$Y_2$	0.53	0.0059				-0.0063	-0.0092	0.0155	0.19
$Y_3$	0.31	0.0064				-0.0057	-0.0079	0.0136	0.16
La <sub>3</sub> (Pc) <sub>4</sub>									
La <sub>1</sub>	0.41	0.0039	1.54111	1.98794	2.00117	-0.0073	-0.0087	0.0160	0.09
La <sub>2</sub>	0.66	0.0078				-0.0071	-0.0086	0.0157	0.10
La <sub>3</sub>	0.41	0.0039				-0.0073	-0.0087	0.0160	0.09

The allowed ESR and NMR transitions will be explained by an energy level diagram of  $^{45}$ Sc and  $^{139}$ La atoms, as shown in Figure 7. The degeneracy of the doublet splits each ground state into eight different quantum states in the magnetic field. The separated states are considerably shifted by the nuclear quadrupole interaction based on EFG and  $\eta$  of  $^{45}$ Sc and  $^{139}$ La at I=7/2. The allowed ESR and NMR transitions are obeyed by the separated energy level. Spin Hamiltonian and g-tensor are written by following Equations (1) and (2). Spin Hamiltonian ( $H_Q$ ) regarding with nuclear quadrupole interaction is formulated by Equations (3) and (4). The magnetic parameters of  $g_e$  and  $g_N$  represent a g factor of free electrons and nuclear spin. g and g means the Bohr magneton and nuclear magneton. g -tensor means the spin coupling constant in the hfs as electron-nuclear spin interaction. g and g means the quantum numbers of electrons and nuclear spin. g represents the magnetic field. The parameters of g, g, g, g, g, represent the wave function, operator of the orbital angular momentum, energy levels of each orbital, and the energy level at the ground state, respectively. g is the quadrupole moment, and g is the maximum principal value of the g axis.

As noted by Equation (1), the spin Hamiltonian is a sum of Zeeman effects of electrons and nuclear spin under the magnetic field in first and second terms, electron-nuclear spin interaction (SAI) as a dipole-dipole interaction in the third term, and nuclear quadrupole interaction (IQI) in the fourth term based on EFG and  $\eta$  generated by the charge distribution around nucleus. As noted by Equation (2), the magnetic parameter of the g-tensor depends on spin local interaction, electron density distribution, and energy transition process from the ground state to the excited states. The excited

transition is based on the resolved degeneracy of the 3d orbital with the overlapping  $\pi$ -orbital on the phthalocyanine ring.



**Figure 7.** Schematic illustration of the energy level diagram for <sup>45</sup>Sc and <sup>139</sup>La in a magnetic field, which shows the allowed ESR and NMR transitions.

$$H = g\beta SH - g_N\beta NSH + SAI + IQI \tag{1}$$

$$g = g_e \left\{ 1 + \sum_{m} \frac{\langle \phi_m | L | \phi_p \rangle}{\varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_p} \right\}$$
 (2)

$$H_{Q} = \frac{e^{2} qzz Q}{4I(I-1)} \left[ 3 I_{z}^{2} - I (I+1) + \eta \left( I_{x}^{2} + I_{y}^{2} \right) \right]$$
 (3)

$$|V_{zz}| \ge |V_{xx}| \ge |V_{xx}|, \ eq = V_{xx}, \ \eta = \frac{V_{xx} - V_{yy}}{V_{zz}}$$
 (4)

In the case of  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$  and  $La_3(Pc)_4$  with nuclear spin at I=7/2 of  $^{45}Sc$ ,  $^{139}La$ , and I=1 of  $^{14}N$  atoms, the influence of nuclear quadrupole interaction for  $^{45}Sc$ ,  $^{139}La$ , and  $^{14}N$  atoms on the magnetic parameters of chemical shift needs to be considered in accordance with the first and second perturbation. As noted by Equations (3) and (4), the nuclear quadrupole interaction is related to the nuclear quadrupole moment based on the Q-tensor, EFG, and  $\eta$  generated by the charge distribution around the nucleus. The chemical shift of  $^{13}C$  and  $^{14}N$ -NMR would be remarkably shifted by nuclear quadrupole interaction in proportion to the extent of the V-tensor of EFG and  $\eta$  with a lack of balance in the charge density distribution. The chemical shifts of  $^{45}Sc$ ,  $^{139}La$ , and  $^{14}N$ -NMR depends on multi-separate transition states, and spin dynamics based on the nuclear spin interaction in the spin lattice relaxation process. Multi-separate transition states are based on the hyperfine coupling between the electron and nuclear spin in  $^{45}Sc$  and  $^{139}La$  atoms at I=7/2 with nuclear quadrupole interaction. The nuclear magnetic interaction, multi-separation, and spin oscillation are important factors to control the spin dynamics of the quantum spin bit in the spin lattice relaxation time.

The spin-lattice relaxation time of  $T_1$  of  $^{45}$ Sc,  $^{139}$ La, and  $^{14}$ N atoms in quadruple-decker phthalocyanines is important to control the entanglement of multi-spin gates and spin dynamics for quantum computers. The relaxation time of  $T_1$  of  $^{45}$ Sc,  $^{139}$ La, and  $^{14}$ N atoms for isotropic orientation motion with correlation time using  $\eta$  is given by Equation (5) [35,36]:

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \frac{3}{40} \frac{2I+3}{I^2 (2I-1)} \left(1 + \frac{\eta^2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{eQ}{h} V_{zz}\right)^2 \tau \tag{5}$$

where I is the number of nuclear spin, e is electronic charge, h is Planck constant,  $V_{zz}$  is electronic field gradient, and  $\tau$  is correlation time. The correlation time of  $\tau = 2a^2/9D$  related with sphere radius of a by Stokes law and the self-diffusion coefficient of D will be detected on the basis of the experimental

data. Using the parameters of  $\tau$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $V_{zz}$ , and eQ/h, the calculated rate of  $T_1^{-1}$  will be compared with the measured rate by  $^{45}$ Sc,  $^{139}$ La, and  $^{14}$ N-NMR. From comparisons between the DFT quantum calculations and the experimental results using  $^{45}$ Sc,  $^{139}$ La, and  $^{14}$ N-NMR, the damping nuclear spin-oscillation of the nuclear spin for  $^{45}$ Sc,  $^{139}$ La, and  $^{14}$ N atoms of Mc<sub>3</sub>Pc<sub>4</sub> will be generated by energy exchange through nuclear quadrupole interaction.

Electron and nuclear spin of the 3d transition metal in  $Mc_3Pc_4$  in multiple states will work the magnetic interaction with entanglement and spin dynamics based on the nuclear spin interaction in the multi-parallel process. The resonance frequency of the nuclear spin 3d transition metal for  $M_3Pc_4$  will be controlled independently. The nuclear quadrupole interaction is an important factor for controlling the spin gate with damping spin-oscillation in the long relaxation time. Considerable distorted electron and charge density distribution of  $M_3Pc_4$  plays an important role in affecting the magnetic interaction of chemical shifts with splitting and separation in the relaxation time. The relaxation mechanism will be explained by the spin-lattice vibration modes (phonon) on the phthalocyanine ring as spin-lattice relaxation. The spin dynamics in the spin lattice relaxation depends on the molecular modification. The quadruple-decker metal phthalocyanines with the 3d transition metal in multiple states have an advantage to control the electronic structure and the magnetic parameters based on nuclear spin interaction in spin-lattice relaxation for applications in single-molecular magnets and quantum computers.

#### 3. Calculation Method

The isolated molecular structures of quadruple-decker metal phthalocyanines with 3d transition metals, such as scandium, yttrium, and lanthanum atoms ( $M_3(Pc)_4$ : M = Sc, Y, and La) in the doublet state were optimized by ab initio quantum chemical calculation using unrestricted Hartree-Fock as the unrestricted open-shell self-consistent field calculation and DFT calculation using the Gaussian 03 program (Gaussian, Inc.) with Becke's three-parameter hybrid functional UB3LYP [37,38] method in order of STO-3G\*, 3-31G\*, 6-31G\*, and LANL2MB as the basis set. The HOMO, HOMO – 1, LUMO, LUMO + 1, and the HOMO-LUMO band gap (Eg) were calculated. Mulliken atomic charges, electron density distributions, and the ESP image on the phthalocyanine ring were estimated by Mulliken population analysis. After calculating the optimized structures and the electronic structures near the frontier molecular orbital, the isotropic chemical shifts of <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>14</sup>N-NMR, principle g-tensors, V-tensors of EFG, and the  $\eta$  of Sc, Y, and La atoms in the quadruple-decker phthalocyanines were calculated by DFT using the gauge-independent atomic orbital (GIAO) [39] with hybrid functional UB3LYP method, and LANL2MB as the basis set. UV-VIS-NIR spectra and excited processes of the optimized structures were calculated by TD-DFT with UB3LYP with LANL2MB as the basis set [40]. The TD-DFT intense excitation energies, molar absorption coefficients (Epsilon), oscillator strengths, and transition process expressed in terms of the frontier molecular orbitals were also computed.

#### 4. Conclusions

The electronic structures, and optical and magnetic properties of quadruple-decker phthalocyanines with 3d transition metals in multiple states were studied for applications in magnetic devices that manipulate nuclear-spin-based quantum bits in quantum computing. The electronic structures, chemical shifts of  $^{13}$ C and  $^{14}$ N-NMR, the principle g-tensors and V-tensors of EFG,  $\eta$ , and UV-VIS-NIR spectra were calculated by density functional theory. The electron density distributions at HOMO and LUMO of  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$ ,  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ , and  $La_3(Pc)_4$  were delocalized on the  $\pi$ -orbital of the phthalocyanine rings with hybrization of the 3d orbital near metal ligand field. The narrow Eg of  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$  and  $Y_3(Pc)_4$  was based on the strong phthalocyanine ring-ring interactions with decreasing metal radii, suggesting a broad absorption of UV-VIS-NIR spectra for the  $\pi$ - $\pi$ \* transition process of the phthalocyanine rings. Considerable solvable perturbation of degeneracy of 3d orbital for  $M_3(Pc)_4$  influenced the magnetic parameters of chemical shifts in  $^{13}$ C and  $^{14}$ N-NMR, the isotropic g-tensor, the V-tensor of EFG, and  $\eta$ . The considerable splitting and separations on

 $^{13}$ C and  $^{14}$ N-NMR chemical shifts of  $Sc_3(Pc)_4$ ,  $Y_3(Pc)_4$ , and  $La_3(Pc)_4$  were obeyed by Jahn-Teller splitting of the 3d orbital, the perturbation of the metal ligand field on the phthalocyanine ring, the electronic structure, and magnetic interaction of the nuclear quadrupole interaction. The magnetic parameters of the principle g-tensor, the V-tensor of EFG, and  $\eta$  depended on the deformation of the molecular structures of the complex with the considerable deviation of the electron and charge density distribution. The magnetic properties will be controlled by the molecular modification with a lack of balance in electron and charge density distribution on the conjugated system of the complex. The considerable solvable perturbation of the metal ligand field on the multi-decker of the phthalocyanine ring will influence the magnetic resonance frequency, splitting, separation of the chemical shift, and spin dynamics in the relaxation time. The quadruple-decker metal phthalocyanines with 3d transition metals have an advantage to control the electronic structure and the magnetic parameters based on the nuclear spin interaction in the spin-lattice relaxation for applications in single-molecular magnets and quantum computer.

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