

Structures and physical properties of new types of organic superconductors, A_x picene, A_x coronene and A_x phenanthrene

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New types of organic superconductors are produced by intercalating alkali or alkali earth metal atoms into the solids of three different hydrocarbons, picene, coronene and phenanthrene. The superconducting transition temperatures, T_c s, are 5 – 18 K for these compounds ¹. The K_3 picene has two different superconducting phases of $T_c = 7$ and 18 K, while Rb_3 picene has one superconducting phase with T_c of 7 K. It has been suggested from the lattice constants that the K and Rb atoms are intercalated into the herringbone stacking layer of picene molecules (intralayer). Very recently, more precise structural determination has been achieved for K_x picene ². The lower and upper critical fields for K_3 picene and Rb_3 picene gave physical parameters such as Ginzburg–Landau coherence length and magnetic penetration depth. The K_3 picene ($T_c = 7$ K) showed the moderate negative pressure effect by applying pressure up to 10 kbar, in contrast to the positive pressure effect for K_3 phenanthrene ³. In this talk we will fully show the structures and physical properties of K_x picene, Rb_x picene, K_x coronene and K_x phenanthrene.

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