

Effect of Pressure on Conductive Anion-Radical Salt, (DMe-DCNQI)₂Cu

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A series of anion radical salts, (DCNQI)₂Cu, where DCNQI is *N,N*-dicyanoquinonediimine, have been extensively investigated because of their peculiar physical phenomena such as heavy-fermion-like behavior and the Metal-Insulator transition [1]. The hybridization between the wide 1D $2p\pi$ bands and the narrow $3d$ bands is a key factor in understanding electronic properties of these systems.

One of these salts, (DMe-DCNQI)₂Cu, (DMe-DCNQI = 2,5-dimethyl-DCNQI) has an unusual pressure-temperature (*P-T*) phase diagram (Fig. 1). At ambient pressure, this material shows metallic behavior down to 450 mK. Peculiar to (DMe-DCNQI)₂Cu, an insulating phase is induced by the application of pressure higher than 100 bar [2]. This unusual *P-T* phase diagram can be reproduced by the *chemical pressure effect* using selectively deuterated compounds [3]. The fully deuterated sample of (DMe-DCNQI)₂Cu, in which the chemical pressure corresponds to 512 bar, exhibits the antiferromagnetic ordering below 8 K [4].

Recently, we have developed a high-pressure μ SR setup for the RIKEN-RAL Muon Facility and successfully observed a sign of magnetic ordering of (DMe-DCNQI)₂Cu under 500 bar by means of the high-pressure setup. In this presentation, we will show the experimental results of high-pressure μ SR measurements for (DMe-DCNQI)₂Cu.

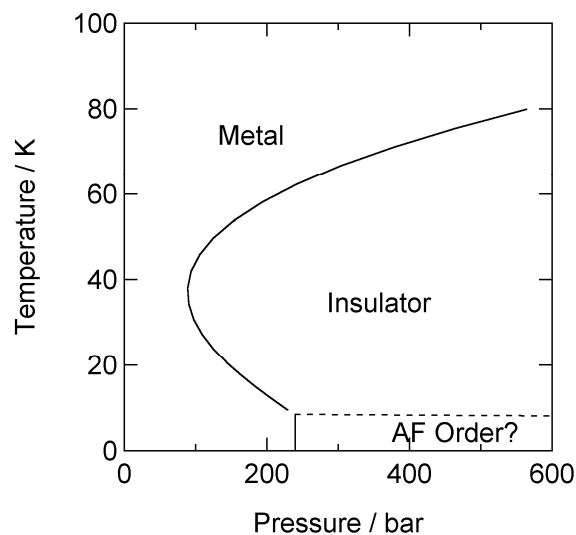


Figure 1. *P-T* phase diagram for (DMe-DCNQI)₂Cu.

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