

2k_F-4k_F TRANSITION IN POTASSIUM DEFICIENT PARTIALLY OXIDIZED
PLATINUM SALTS, K_{1.75}[Pt(CN)₄].1.5H₂O

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X-ray photographs of K_{1.75}[Pt(CN)₄].1.5H₂O showed weak 2k_F reflections below 294 K, which had been overlooked in neutron and X-ray diffraction studies. These reflections suggest the 2k_F eightfold structure. Above T_c, the Pt chain has a 4k_F fourfold structure. The 294 K transition can be regarded as the first example of 2k_F-4k_F transition in the partially oxidized platinum compounds.

Recently, independent neutron¹⁾ and X-ray diffraction studies²⁾ have determined the fourfold structure of the potassium deficient partially oxidized platinum salt K_{1.75}[Pt(CN)₄].1.5H₂O hereafter K(def)TCP. Assuming a uniform chain, the stoichiometry of K(def)TCP implies an electronic band filling of 7/8 and Fermi vector k_F=0.875π/c₀, where c₀ is the average intrachain platinum distance. The 2k_F diffuse scattering,³⁾ a Kohn anomaly⁴⁾ in an inelastic neutron scattering, the d.c. resistivity⁵⁾ and the reflectance⁶⁾ showed characteristic one-dimensional behavior. The fourfold room temperature structure of K(def)TCP can be regarded as the 4k_F structure.

Epstein and Miller suggested the second order mean-field transition near 305 K.⁷⁾ Our conductivity measurements⁸⁾ showed a similar anomaly (T_c~300 K) to that of Epstein and Miller. We took oscillation and Weissenberg photographs of K(def)TCP between 215 and 313 K by the use of a high-powered X-ray generator (Rigaku RU1000) with Ni-filtered Cu radiation (50Kv, 1000mA) and the X-ray films of Sakura SCRE(Fig.1). The results are summarized as follows.

- 1) In contrast with the lattice periodicity so far reported, the crystal of K(def)TCP has a eightfold structure (2k_F structure) along the platinum chain below 294 K.
- 2) The intensity of the 2k_F reflections increases abruptly around 294 K(T_c) (Fig.2). Above T_c, the 2k_F reflections disappear and there remain faint 2k_F diffuse streaks and 4k_F reflections.
- 3) The characteristic intensity distribution of 2k_F reflections in the high angle region shows that the crystal lattice is sinusoidally modulated by the 2k_F wave (T<T_c). According to the development of the 2k_F wave, the lattice vectors varies from **a**, **b** and **c** (T>T_c) to **a**, **2b** and **2c** (T<T_c).

Putting all accounts together, the 294 K transition can be regarded as a $2k_F$ - $4k_F$ transition, which corresponds to the phase transition found by Epstein and Miller. The $2k_F$ - $4k_F$ transition of K(def)TCP is the first example in the partially oxidized platinum compounds. Although Carneiro, Jacobsen and Williams⁹⁾ considered K(def)TCP to be metallic above 50 K, the appearance of the $2k_F$ structure clearly shows that K(def)TCP is not a simple one-dimensional metal at least below 294 K.

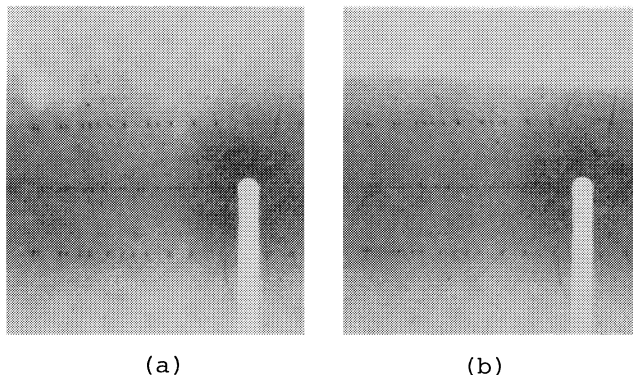


Fig.1. a) The oscillation photograph of K(def)TCP around the c axis at 318 K (above T_c).
b) The oscillation photograph of K(def)TCP around the c axis at 273 K (below T_c).

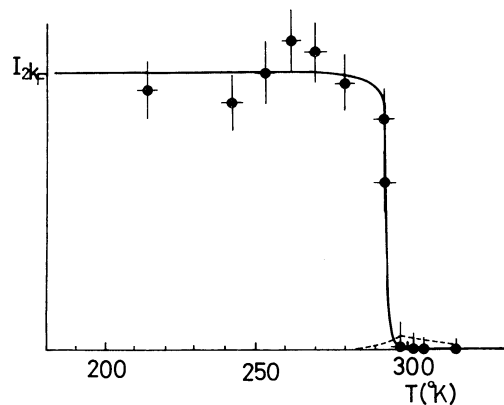


Fig.2. The temperature dependence of the averaged intensity of the $2k_F$ reflections measured by a microdensitometer. Broken line shows a rough plot of the intensity of $2k_F$ diffuse streak.

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