Superhard Superconductor Composites Obtained by Sintering of Diamond, c-BN and C_{60} Powders with Superconductors

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Superhard superconducting samples with a critical temperature of $T_{\rm C} = 10.5 - 12.6$ K were obtained by high-pressure / high-temperature sintering of synthetic diamond powders coated with a niobium film and in 50% –50% composition with superhard C_{60} fullerene. Superhard superconductors with $T_{\rm C} = 9.3$ K were obtained when diamond and molybdenum powders were sintered at a pressure of 7.7 GPa and a temperature of 2173 K. Superconducting samples with $T_{\rm C} = 36.1 - 37.5$ K have been obtained in the systems diamond-MgB₂ and cubic boron nitride-MgB₂.

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