

Toroidal azulenooids

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An azulenooid is a carbon network in which there exists a partition of the atoms into azulenes (a five ring and a seven ring that share an edge) and that has the potential for interesting chemical applications. We will discuss the question what the possible forms of toroidal azulenooids — i.e. azulenooids that form a torus — with one orbit of azulenes are.

This problem is equivalent to finding periodic azulenooid tilings of the plane. To enumerate and classify certain types of tilings we need a symbolic description for these tilings. Delaney-Dress symbols turned out to be a very efficient means for the purpose of enumerating periodic tilings.

We will give a short introduction to these Delaney-Dress symbols and describe the methods we used to generate this specific class of tilings.

Furthermore we give examples of the 1274 azulenooid tilings that were generated.