XES STUDIES OF DENSITY OF STATES OF HIGH TEMPERATURE SUPERCONDUCTORS

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ABSTRACT

X-ray emission spectroscopic studies concerning the superconducting crystals, thin films and ceramics of the Y-Ba-Cu-O, Tm-Ba-Cu-O, Bi-Sr-Ca-Cu-O, Bi-Pb-Sr-Ca-Cu-O and Ti-Ba-Ca-Cu-O types are presented. The contributions of the 13d⁹L>, 13d¹⁰L>, 13d¹⁰LL> and 13d¹⁰L²> configurations, where L denotes a ligand hole at the oxygen orbitals, in the spectroscopic pattern of these superconductors is discussed. An attempt to connect the X-ray "as registered" Cu Lα emission spectra with the density of states close to the Fermi level, considering an influence of the CuL₃ absorption edge, is presented. The corrected intensity distributions below the Fermi level are found to correspond to the theoretical density of states.

Furthermore, an approach to the average valence of copper basing on the account of the self-absorption and fluorescence effects and on the configurations listed above is shown. The average valence of copper in the materials investigated is estimated to lie in the range of +2.10-2.32 when the formal trivalent copper is considered as this characterized by the 13d⁹L> configuration. The density of states at the Fermi level was estimated to be 2.4 states/eV-cell for a Bi-Sr-Ca-Cu-O crystal and 3.6 states/eV-cell for a Ti-Ba-Ca-Cu-O ceramic.

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