

PROPERTIES OF *Bi-2223* SUPERCONDUCTORS FOR SUBSTITUTION OF *Cu* BY MAGNETIC TRANSITION ELEMENTS

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abstract *The effects of the substitution of some magnetic impurities (Fe, Co, Ni) in Bi-2223 superconductor have been studied. It is found that the T_c and a , b parameters are monotonically decreased as a function of the doping impurities. The disintegration temperatures of superconducting phases have been changed by magnetic elements concentration. The weight-loss of the samples linearly decreased by ratio of impurity per Cu. It is correlated with the release of oxygen in bulk of samples. The influence of the magnetic impurities on the superconducting characterization concerning with BCS - theory when impurity atoms replaced into Cu(2) sites in CuO_2 planes has been discussed.*

I. INTRODUCTION

The substitution of the 3d atoms for Cu is expected to provide important information concerning with the mechanism of high- T_c superconductivity. In the Bi-superconductor the CuO_2 - planes are the structure element only containing Cu site in the unit cell. Cu is replaced by 3d-atoms which enter to Cu(2) sites, thus this substitution affects directly the CuO_2 -planes. The incorporation of magnetic atoms as the Fe, Co and Ni into the crystal structure may be one of the reasons to suppress T_c with increasing magnetic impurity concentration. This paper presents the experimental results for the substitution of Cu by 3d-atoms in $Bi_2Sr_2Ca_2(Cu_{1-x}(Fe, Co, Ni)_x)_3O_y$ with $x = 0.00 - 0.10$. The suppression of T_c and variation of superconducting properties in this system are discussed by the influence of magnetic moment effects on basis of BCS - theory.

Nominal composition of samples of $Bi_0Sr_2Ca_{n-1}(Fe, Co, Ni)_x)_nO_y$ ($n = 3$ and $x = 0.00 - 0.10$) was calculated by WEIGHT program and were prepared using the solid reaction method. The resistivity curves have indicated that the (2223) phase varies at $x > 0.04$ for Fe, Co -doped and at $x > 0.05$ for the Ni-doped samples. On the other hand, there is transition from metallic to semiconducting behavior at $x > 0.06$ for Fe and Co-doped and at $x > 0.08$ for Ni-doped samples. The temperatures of zero resistivity are to be decreased, but the resistivity curves do not go to zero even at 60K. This indicates that by increasing 3d-concentration not all of these samples are superconducting. It is found that all samples with $0.00 < x < 0.05$ are metallic in the normal state with increasing

ing concentration x , the metallic characterization reduced and then the transition a metallic to semiconducting state appears at higher doping. The values of transition temperatures as function of Fe, Co and Ni doping are given in figure 1. This indicated for the higher doping concentration (at $x > 0.05$) important changes are noted in the characteristics of sample.

The suppression of T_c in this system can be explained on the basis of BCS-theory for contribution of magnetic impurities in CuO_2 planes. The pairing of carriers in the planes CuO_2 is responsible for high- T_c superconductivity in all copper-oxide systems, it is of interest to alter the electronic structure, as well as introduce magnetic-impurities into $\text{Cu}(2)$ sites in the CuO_2 planes. There is evidence given by Sequeira et al [1] from neutron and Rao et al [2] from XRD experiments that 3d-atoms substitute into Cu site in CuO_2 planes. The suppression of T_c by the substitution of 3d-transition metals for Cu has been attributed to the magnetic-impurities incorporated in the crystal structure causing the interaction of the magnetic moments and electron spins. When one electron has a spin up (\uparrow) associated with the other electron which has a spin down (\downarrow) to form Cooper-pairs.

The Cooper - pairs must follow the conservation of laws for the spins, number of electrons (k) and impulses (p) in superconducting state.

The interaction between the electrons and the doping impurity atoms lead to violating the conservation's of mentioned laws. By increasing of doping concentration (x), magnetic moments tend to decrease the possibility of formation of Cooper-pairs in superconducting state. Thus the interaction between electron spins and magnetic moments of impurity prevents the appearance of the superconducting behavior and hence cause a decrease in T_c . Apart from this, Fukuda et al. [3] showed that this substitution causes lattice distortion effect in the crystal structure also. We suppose the suppression of T_c concluding latter reason.

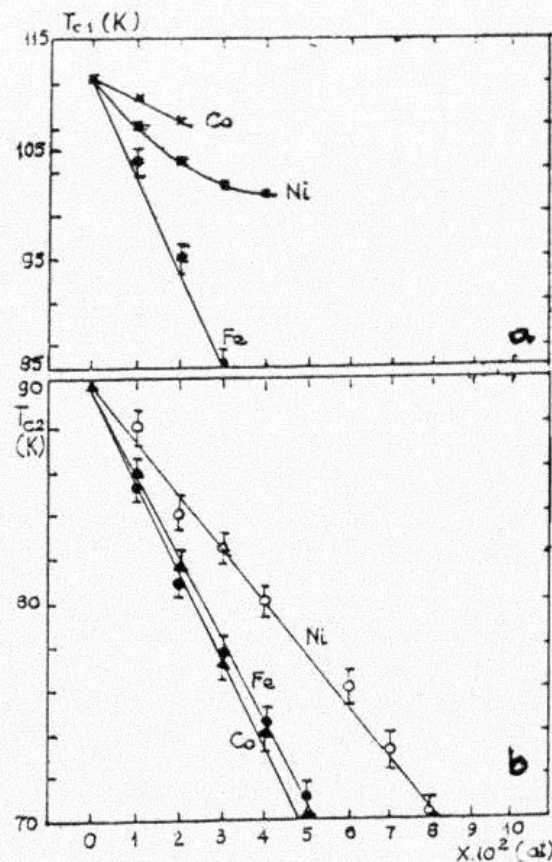


Figure 1. Suppression of T_{c1} (a) and T_{c2} (b) by doping concentration (x) in $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2(\text{Cu}_{1-x}(\text{Fe}, \text{Co}, \text{Ni})_x)_3\text{O}_y$ compounds ($x = 0.00 - 0.10$)

XPD patterns showed that some weak impurity reflections are observed indicating that the limited doping concentrations are incorporated into the crystalline structure. Figures 2 (a,b) demonstrated the change of lattice parameters and volume of unit cell with doping concentrations. It shows lattice parameters a , b are slightly decreased and c almost unchanged by increasing the concentration of x . The limited doping concentration of Fe, Co and Ni magnetic atoms have occupied the sites of Cu(2) in CuO_2 planes. This causes the suppression of superconducting behavior as well as of T_c , but does not cause the change of crystalline structure. It is quite different in the similar doping case of Y-(123) superconductors [4].

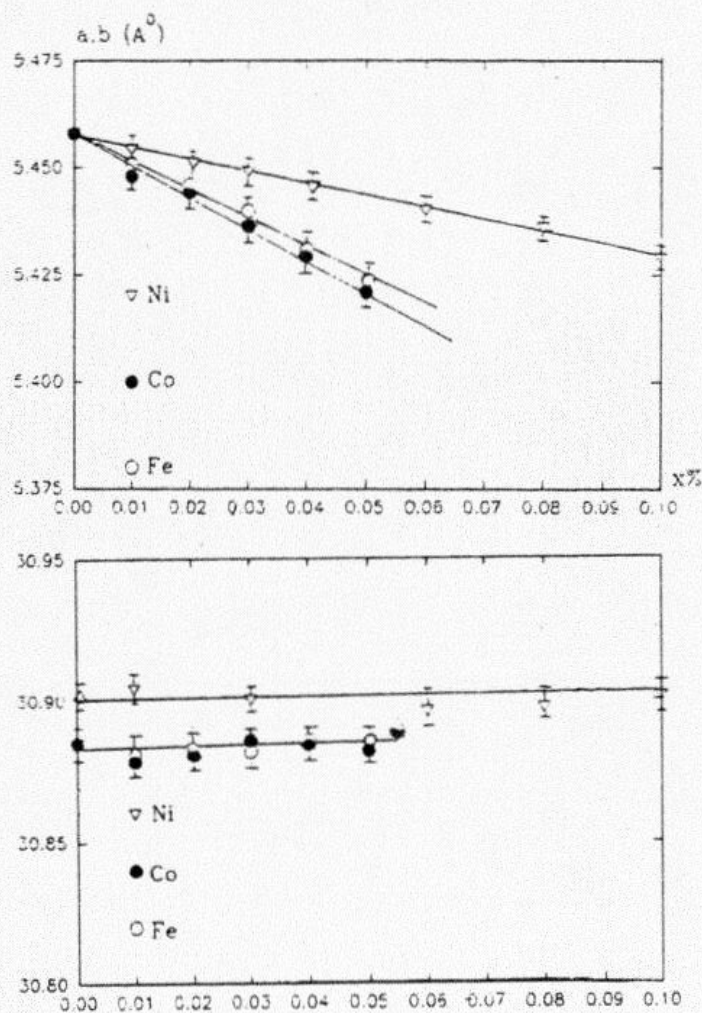


Figure 2. Variation of lattice parameters a , b and c in $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2(\text{Cu}_{1-x}(\text{Fe}, \text{Co}, \text{Ni})_x)_3\text{O}_y$ ($x = 0.0 - 0.10$).

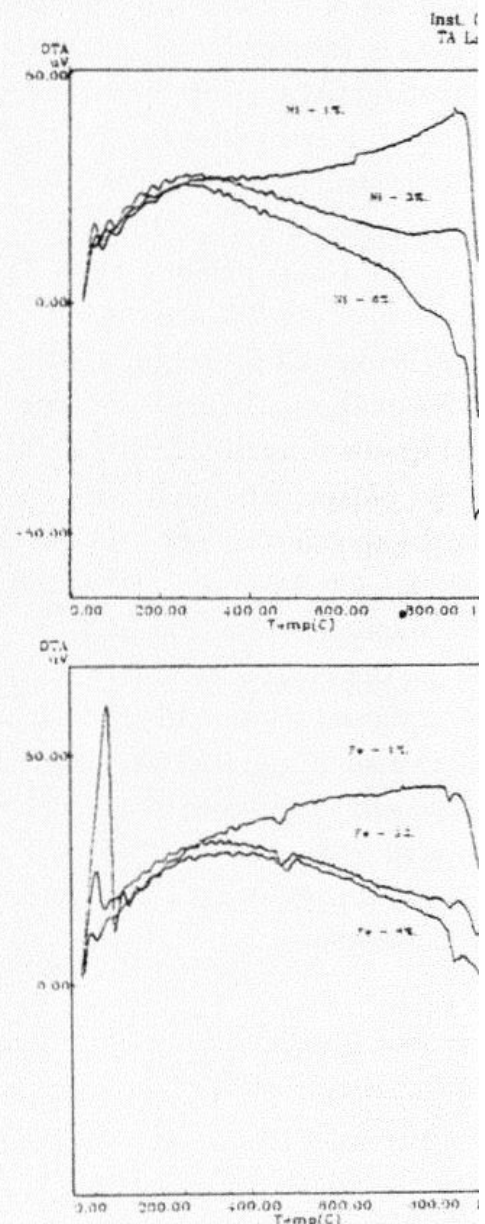


Figure 3. DTA data for $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2(\text{Cu}_{1-x}(\text{Ni})_x)_3\text{O}_y$ ($x = 0.0 - 0.10$). (a). For Ni. (b). For Fe.

The volume of unit cell is nearly linearly decreasing with increasing doped concentration. This possibility corresponds to the fact that the ionic radii of Fe, Co, Ni is less than that of Cu. The susceptibility measurement also indicated that for the same amount of doping concentration in samples, Co strongly suppresses the superconducting behavior more than Fe and Ni. At the higher doping concentration, amount of (2212) phase increases and quickly degenerates to that of (2223) phase. Furthermore, with increasing x concentration, the superconductivity is going to vanish for the both of (2212) and (2223) phases. This is in agreement with the observed results from XPD and electrical resistivity measurements.

The figures 3 show the DTA traces of $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2(\text{Cu}_{1-x}(\text{Fe,Ni})_x)_3\text{O}_y$ ($x = 00 - 0.10$) for the case of Fe and Ni-doping. (The similar behavior is seen in Co-doping case). These indicate that below 500°C , all samples take up oxygen and then release of oxygen at the higher temperatures indicated by the transition from exothermic to endothermic behavior in the DTA traces. The endothermic at about $800 - 930^\circ\text{C}$ is attributable to incongruent melting. It is clear from the thermogravimetric curves that the amount of oxygen increase rapidly with the Fe, Co, Ni doping transition elements. TGA measurement indicated that the weight-loss increases with increasing doping concentration and that of the Fe doping samples have less than that of the other samples. The difference of DTA and TGA in the process of absorption and desorption oxygen between undoping and doping samples become more pronounced at higher temperature.

The SEM photographs show the differences for the structure on the surface of samples with various substituted elements and difference doping concentration. The variation of the sharp, the dimension and border of grains were observed on surface of all samples. It may be proved that the magnetic elements (Fe, Co, Ni) have been incorporated in these compounds.

Conclusion: the obtained results give evidence of the coexistence of (2212) and (2223) superconducting phases and the amount of the (2212) phase increasing and that of the (2223) phase simultaneously degenerating with increasing doping concentration. The superconductivity slightly vanished at higher doping concentration of magnetic impurity. It can be confirmed that the limited doping concentrations of Fe, Co, Ni impurity have been substituted into Cu(2) sites and incorporated in the crystal structure. This concerns with the variation of the sharp and the dimension of grains which observed on the surface of samples. The interaction between electron spins and magnetic moments of Fe, Co, Ni impurities due to these doping compounds seems to give the one ability of explanation for the suppression of superconducting transition temperatures T_c . This paper is supported by National Subject Nr. 435/1998- 2000.

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TÍNH CHẤT CỦA CHẤT SIÊU DẪN Bi - 2223 KHI THAY Cu BẰNG CÁC KIM LOẠI CHUYỂN TIẾP TỪ

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Một số hiệu ứng thay thế các tạp chất từ (Fe, Co, Ni) cho Cu trong siêu dẫn -2223 đã được nghiên cứu. Nhận thấy rằng: Nhiệt độ chuyển pha siêu dẫn T_c và hằng số mạng a, b giảm theo hàm của nồng độ tạp chất. Nhiệt độ phân rã các pha dẫn thay đổi theo nồng độ các kim loại chuyển tiếp từ. Độ mất trọng lượng của các mẫu giảm tuyến tính theo tỷ lệ các kim loại chuyển tiếp pha tạp và Cu. Vấn đề này có liên quan đến sự giải phóng oxy trong mẫu. Một trong những cách lý giải ảnh hưởng của tạp chất từ lên đặc tính siêu dẫn của hệ này dựa trên lý thuyết BCS khi các nguyên tử kim loại chuyển tiếp từ thay thế vào vị trí Cu(2) trong các mặt Cu₂O.