Phase equilibria and single crystal growth of \( \text{Ln}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{GaO}_7 \) (\( \text{Ln}=\text{Y}, \text{Ho} \))

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Abstract

Undoped and calcium doped \( \text{Ln}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{GaO}_7 \) (\( \text{Ln}=\text{Y}, \text{Ho} \)) crystals were grown for the 1st time using a 0.2SrO/0.8CuO flux by slow cooling through the crystn. region detd. from the phase diagram. DTA and x-ray powder diffraction were used to construct the phase diagram, which revealed a soly. of .apprx.10 mol% in the flux without the appearance of peritectic decompn. products. Square plate crystals with \( \leq 2 \times 2 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^3 \) were obtained by a combination of slow cooling and thermal cycling. EDS x-ray anal., x-ray powder diffraction and single crystal x-ray diffraction were used to confirm their stoichiometry and structure. Single crystals of \( \text{Y}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{GaO}_7 \) with a nominal compn. of \( x = 0.2 \) are superconducting with \( T_{\text{onset}} \) .apprx. 100 K.