

HIGH TEMPERATURE SUPERCONDUCTORS

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The following tables give properties of a number of high temperature superconductors. Table 1 lists the crystal structure (space group and lattice constants) and the critical transition temperature T_c for the more important high temperature superconductors so far studied. Table 2 gives energy gap, critical current density, and penetration depth in the superconducting state. Table 3 gives electrical and thermal properties of some of these materials in the normal state. The tables were prepared in November 1992 and updated in November 1994.

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TABLE 1. Structural Parameters and Approximate T_c Values of High-Temperature Superconductors

Material	Structure	T_c /K (maximum value)
$\text{La}_2\text{CuO}_{4,\delta}$	Bmab; $a = 5.355$, $b = 5.401$, $c = 13.15$ Å	39
$\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x(\text{Ba}_y)\text{CuO}_4$	I4/mmm; $a = 3.779$, $c = 13.23$ Å	35
$\text{La}_2\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_6$	I4/mmm; $a = 3.825$, $c = 19.42$ Å	60
$\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$	Pmmm; $a = 3.821$, $b = 3.885$, $c = 11.676$ Å	93
$\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_4\text{O}_8$	Ammm; $a = 3.84$, $b = 3.87$, $c = 27.24$ Å	80
$\text{Y}_2\text{Ba}_4\text{Cu}_7\text{O}_{15}$	Ammm; $a = 3.851$, $b = 3.869$, $c = 50.29$ Å	93
$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_6$	Amaa; $a = 5.362$, $b = 5.374$, $c = 24.622$ Å	10
$\text{Bi}_2\text{CaSr}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_8$	A_2aa ; $a = 5.409$, $b = 5.420$, $c = 30.93$ Å	92
$\text{Bi}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_{10}$	A_2aa ; $a = 5.39$, $b = 5.40$, $c = 37$ Å	110
$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2(\text{Ln}_{1-x}\text{Ce}_x)_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_{10}$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.888$, $c = 17.28$ Å	25
$\text{Tl}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{CuO}_6$	A_2aa ; $a = 5.468$, $b = 5.472$, $c = 23.238$ Å; I4/mmm; $a = 3.866$, $c = 23.239$ Å	92
$\text{Tl}_2\text{CaBa}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_8$	I4/mmm; $a = 3.855$, $c = 29.318$ Å	119
$\text{Tl}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_{10}$	I4/mmm; $a = 3.85$, $c = 35.9$ Å	128
$\text{Tl}(\text{BaLa})\text{CuO}_5$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.83$, $c = 9.55$ Å	40
$\text{Tl}(\text{SrLa})\text{CuO}_5$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.7$, $c = 9$ Å	40
$(\text{Tl}_{0.5}\text{Pb}_{0.5})\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_5$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.738$, $c = 9.01$ Å	40
$\text{TlCaBa}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_7$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.856$, $c = 12.754$ Å	103
$(\text{Tl}_{0.5}\text{Pb}_{0.5})\text{CaSr}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_7$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.80$, $c = 12.05$ Å	90
$\text{TlSr}_2\text{Y}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_7$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.80$, $c = 12.10$ Å	90
$\text{TlCa}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_8$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.853$, $c = 15.913$ Å	110
$(\text{Tl}_{0.5}\text{Pb}_{0.5})\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_9$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.81$, $c = 15.23$ Å	120
$\text{TlBa}_2(\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Ce}_x)_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_9$	I4/mmm; $a = 3.8$, $c = 29.5$ Å	40
$\text{Pb}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{La}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_8$	Cmmm; $a = 5.435$, $b = 5.463$, $c = 15.817$ Å	70
$\text{Pb}_2(\text{SrLa})_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_6$	P22 ₂ ; $a = 5.333$, $b = 5.421$, $c = 12.609$ Å	32
$(\text{Pb,Cu})\text{Sr}_2(\text{La,Ca})\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_7$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.820$, $c = 11.826$ Å	50
$(\text{Pb,Cu})(\text{Sr,Eu})(\text{Eu,Ce})\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_x$	I4/mmm; $a = 3.837$, $c = 29.01$ Å	25
$\text{Nd}_{2-x}\text{Ce}_x\text{CuO}_4$	I4/mmm; $a = 3.95$, $c = 12.07$ Å	30
$\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_2$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.902$, $c = 3.35$ Å	110
$\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Nd}_x\text{CuO}_2$	P4/mmm; $a = 3.942$, $c = 3.393$ Å	40
$\text{Ba}_{0.6}\text{K}_{0.4}\text{BiO}_3$	Pm3m; $a = 4.287$ Å	31
$\text{Rb}_2\text{CsC}_{60}$	$a = 14.493$ Å	31
$\text{NdBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$	Pmmm; $a = 3.878$, $b = 3.913$, $c = 11.753$	58
$\text{SmBaSrCu}_3\text{O}_7$	I4/mmm; $a = 3.854$, $c = 11.62$	84
$\text{EuBaSrCu}_3\text{O}_7$	I4/mmm; $a = 3.845$, $c = 11.59$	88
$\text{GdBaSrCu}_3\text{O}_7$	I4/mmm; $a = 3.849$, $c = 11.53$	86
$\text{DyBaSrCu}_3\text{O}_7$	Pmmm; $a = 3.802$, $b = 3.850$, $c = 11.56$	90
$\text{HoBaSrCu}_3\text{O}_7$	Pmmm; $a = 3.794$, $b = 3.849$, $c = 11.55$	87
$\text{ErBaSrCu}_3\text{O}_7$ (multiphase)	Pmmm; $a = 3.787$, $b = 3.846$, $c = 11.54$	82
$\text{TmBaSrCu}_3\text{O}_7$ (multiphase)	Pmmm; $a = 3.784$, $b = 3.849$, $c = 11.55$	88
$\text{YBaSrCu}_3\text{O}_7$	Pmmm; $a = 3.803$, $b = 3.842$, $c = 11.54$	84
$\text{HgBa}_2\text{CuO}_4$	I4/mmm; $a = 3.878$, $c = 9.507$	94
$\text{HgBa}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_6$ (annealed in O_2)	I4/mmm; $a = 3.862$, $c = 12.705$	127
$\text{HgBa}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_8$	Pmmm; $a = 3.85$, $c = 15.85$	133
$\text{HgBa}_2\text{Ca}_3\text{Cu}_4\text{O}_{10}$	Pmmm; $a = 3.854$, $c = 19.008$	126

TABLE 2. Superconducting Properties

$J_c(0)$: Critical current density extrapolated to 0 K

λ_{ab} : Penetration depth in a - b plane

k_B : Boltzmann constant

Material	Form	Energy gap (Δ)		$10^{-6} \times J_c(0)/A\text{ cm}^{-2}$	$\lambda_{ab}/\text{\AA}$
		$2\Delta_{pp}/k_B T_c^*$	$2\Delta_{fit}/k_B T_c^\dagger$		
YBa ₂ Cu ₃ O ₇	Single Crystal	5-6	4-5	30 (film)	1400
Bi ₂ Sr ₂ CaCu ₂ O ₈	Single Crystal	8-9	5.5-6.5	2	2700
Tl ₂ Ba ₃ CaCu ₂ O ₈	Ceramic	6-7	4-6	10 (film, 80 K)	2000
La _{2-x} Sr _x CuO ₄ , $x = 0.15$	Ceramic	7-9	4-6		
Nd _{2-x} Ce _x CuO ₄	Ceramic	8	4-5	0.2 (film)	

* Obtained from peak to peak value.

† Obtained from fit to BCS-type relation.

TABLE 3. Normal State Properties

ρ_{ab} : Resistivity in the a - b plane

ρ_c : Resistivity along the c axis

+ve: ρ_c has positive temperature coefficient of resistivity

-ve: ρ_c has negative temperature coefficient of resistivity

n_H : Hall density

k : Thermal conductivity

in plane: Along a - b plane

out of plane: Perpendicular to a - b plane

Material	Form	$\rho_{ab}/\mu\Omega\text{ cm}$		$\rho_c/\text{m}\Omega\text{ cm}$	$d\rho_c/dT$	$10^{-21} \times n_H/\text{cm}^{-3}$		$k/(\text{mW}/\text{cm K})$ at 300 K	
		300 K	100 K	300 K		300 K	100 K	in plane	out of plane
YBa ₂ Cu ₃ O ₇	Single crystal	110	35	5	+ve	11-16	4-6	120	3
	Film	200-300	60-100			5-9	2-3		
YBa ₂ Cu ₄ O ₈	Single crystal	75	20	10	-ve	14			
	Film	100-200	20-50			22	17		
Bi ₂ Sr ₂ CuO ₆	Single crystal	300	150	5000	-ve	6	5		
Bi ₂ Sr ₂ CaCu ₂ O ₈	Single crystal	150	50	>1000	-ve	4	3	60	8
Tl ₂ Ba ₂ CuO ₆	Single crystal	300-400	50-75	200-300	+ve	3.1	2.5		
Tl ₂ Ba ₂ Ca ₂ Cu ₃ O ₁₀	Ceramic	***	**				$\approx 2^*$		
La _{2-x} Sr _x CuO ₄ , $x = 0.12$	Single crystal	900	350	200	+ve for $T > 225\text{ K}$	2.5			
La _{2-x} Sr _x CuO ₄ , $x = 0.20$	Single crystal	400	200	80	+ve for $T > 150\text{ K}$	10		50 (for $x = 0.04$)	20
	Film	400	160			8.4	6.3		
Nd _{2-x} Ce _x CuO ₄ , $x = 0.17$	Single crystal	500	275			53	17		
	Film	140-180	35			32	11	250 (for $x = 0.15$)	

* At 200 K

** $\rho \sim 0.4\text{ m}\Omega\text{ cm}$ at 120 K

*** $\rho \sim 1.5\text{ m}\Omega\text{ cm}$ at 300 K