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## Abstract

Processings of the  $Pb_2Sr_2(Y_{1-x}Ca_x)Cu_3O_{8+\delta}$  (2213) system for x=0.4-0.6 to control deleterious oxidative decomposition have been studied. Our results show that compounds are stable at both low  $pO_2$  and high  $pO_2$  if they are suitably oxidized. Various oxidation and deoxidation procedures have been investigated in order to determine the optimum hole concentration in the  $CuO_2$  layers for the maximum  $T_c$ . In cases x=0.5 and x=0.6, the optimum hole concentration in the 2213-phase is achieved, but with accelerated oxidative decomposition. Despite this, the maximum  $T_c \sim 80-83$  K for the 2213-phase can be deduced when x=0.5 to 0.6.