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Relaxation of the magnetisation in superconducting oxides

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Abstract

Relaxation of the thermoremanent magnetisation M in oxide superconductors $\text{BaPb}_{0.75}\text{Bi}_{0.25}\text{O}_3$, $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$, $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_x$ and $\text{Bi}_4\text{Sr}_3\text{Ca}_4\text{Cu}_4\text{O}_x$ is measured at $T=4.2$ K by the SQUID magnetometer. It is well described by the law $M(t)=M_0-S\ln t$, where t is the time, M_0 and S are constants. The dependence of the decay rate S on the external magnetic field H is investigated in detail for the ceramics $\text{BaPb}_{0.75}\text{Bi}_{0.25}\text{O}_3$ with a low first critical magnetic field $H_{c1}\sim 12$ Oe.