

XPS and magnetization studies of Sr-v-borate glasses

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OUTLINE

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- Results/Discussion
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Amorphous materials

- **Without form/no periodicity**
- **Not-crystalline**
- **Have short range order rather than long range order**

Glass form a particular class of amorphous materials

Types of glasses

- Metallic glasses/spin glasses (CuMn, FeMn)
- Semiconducting glasses (As_2Te_3)
- Insulating glasses (oxide glasses) but TM oxide glasses are Semicond.

Oxide glasses have technological applications such as:

- **Optical fibers (Si, Ge)**
- **Ionic conductors (Alkali-Si or Alkali-Ge)**
- **Semiconductors (Fe-B, Cu-Si, V-Ge)**
- **Glass Ceramics (Mg-Al-Si, Mg-P-Si)**

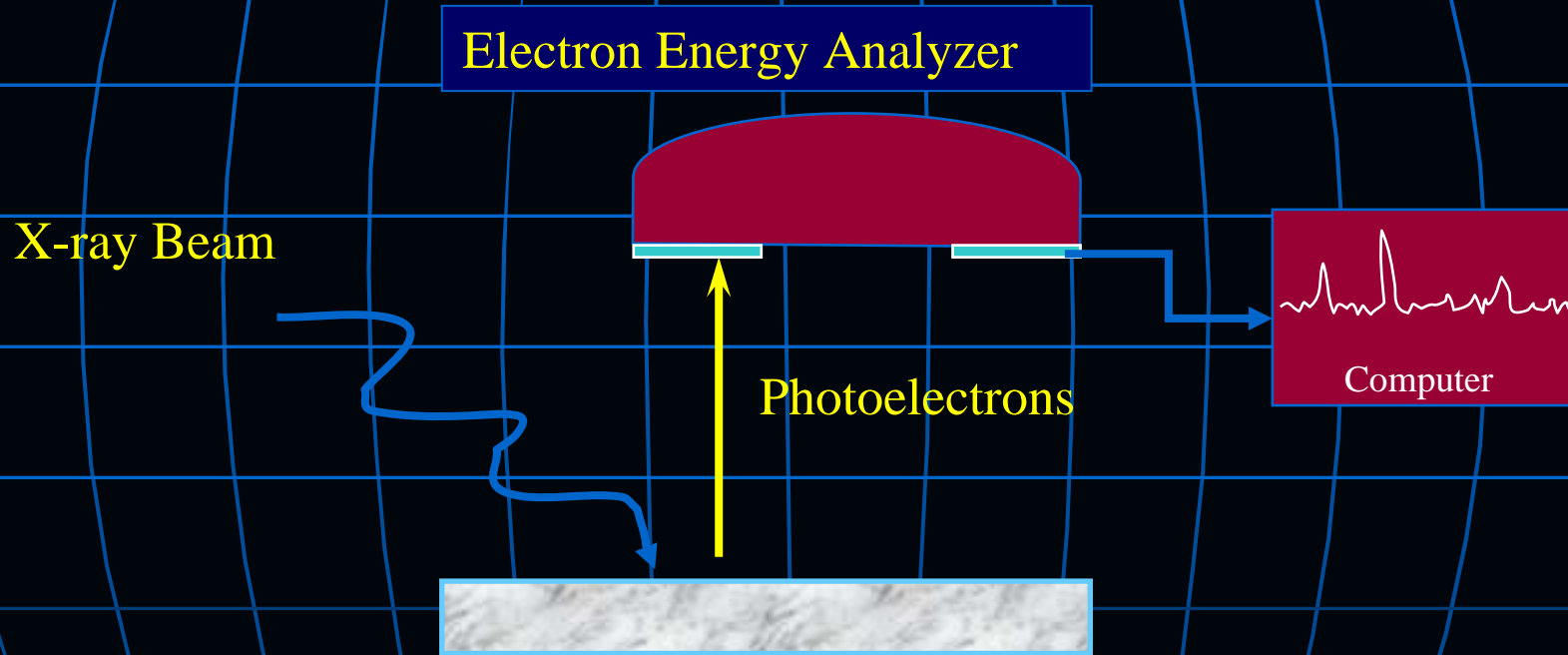
Methods of preparation

- Cooling from the melt
- Condensation from vapor
- Pressure quenching
- Solution hydrolysis
- Anodization
- Bombardment of crystals by high-energy particles or by shock waves

Role of different oxides in glasses

- SiO_2 , P_2O_5 , GeO_2 , B_2O_3 are called **network formers** (these oxides readily form a glass)
- Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 , MgO are called **intermediate** (can substitute for network formers but do not form glasses on their own)
- Na_2O , LiO_2 , K_2O are called **network modifiers** (disrupt the glass network)

X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)



$$E_k = h\nu - E_b - \Phi$$

Basic aspects of XPS

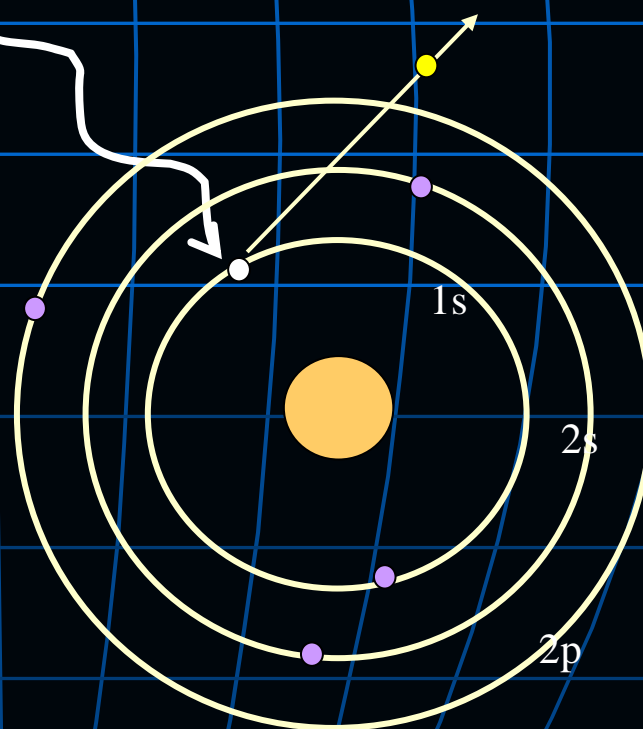
XPS is a surface analytical technique (top 0.5-5 nm) that is widely used for material surface characterization.

$h\nu$ (X-rays)

Photoelectron

Photoelectron emission Process

$$KE_{\text{photoelectron}} = h\nu - BE$$

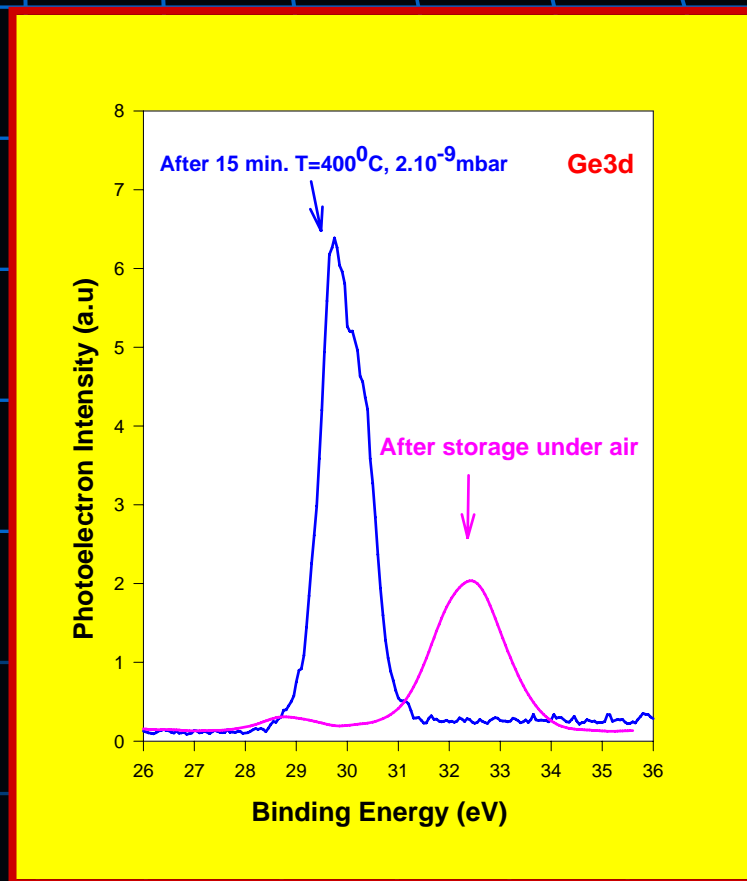
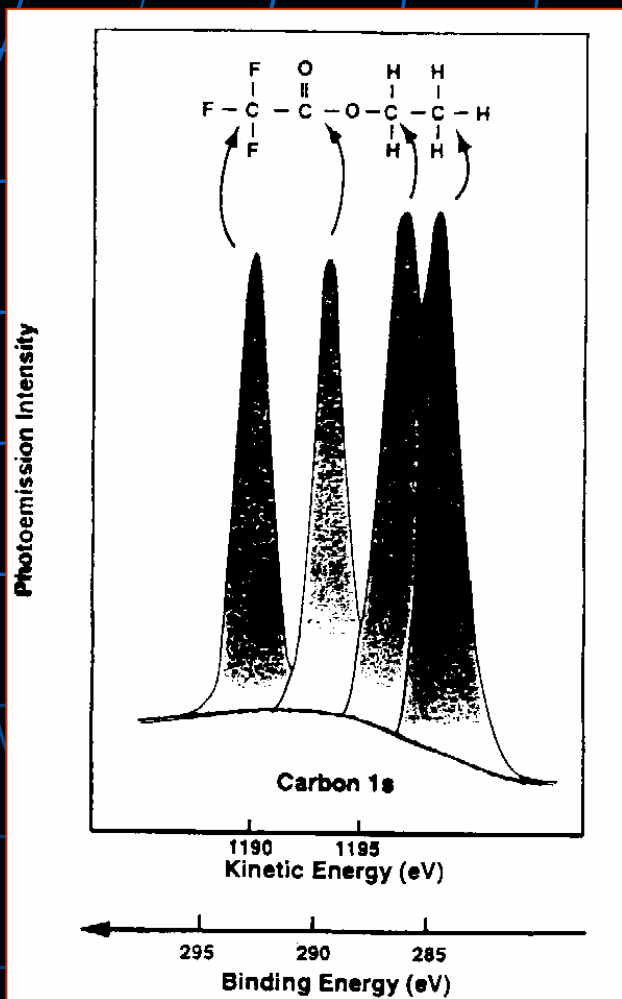


Chemical and structural effects

BE of photoelectron sensitive to:

- Type of atoms
- The oxidation state of the atom
- Local chemical environment

X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) showing chemical shift



Objectives

- (i) Investigate the magnetic properties of V ions in Sr-V-borate glasses.**
- (ii) Find the redox state(s) of V ions using both XPS and magnetic measurements.**
- (iii) Study the structural role of V & Sr in these materials**

Glass system investigated



$$z = 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8$$

Experimental details

Sample preparation

Stoichiometric amounts of V_2O_5 , SrO and B_2O_3 were melted in Alumina crucibles at ~ 1100 °C for two hours.

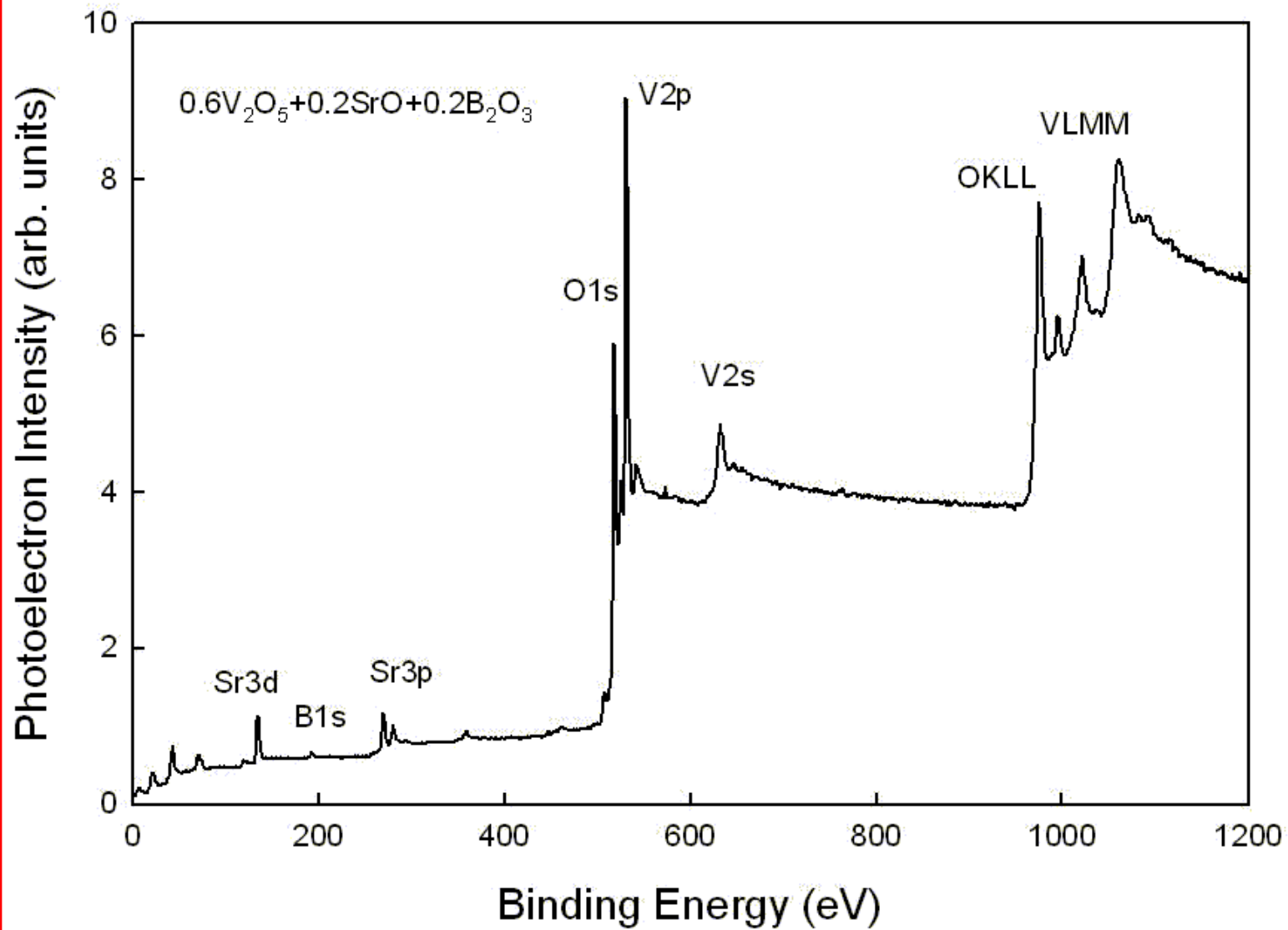
Chemical composition was determined by ICP.

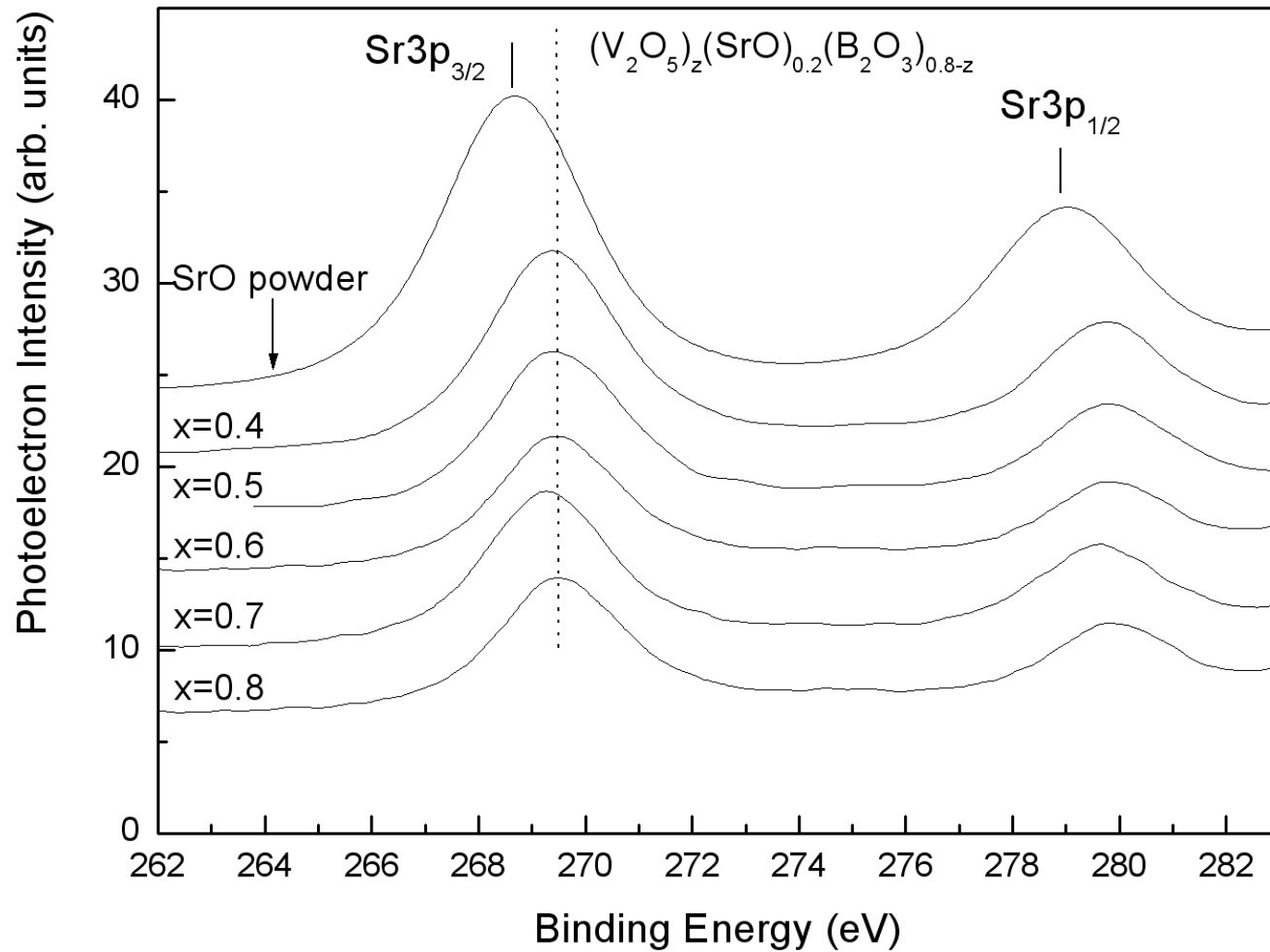
Magnetic data

M vs. T data were recorded using a SQUID magnetometer in a magnetic field of 5000 Oe over a temperature range of 5 K to 300 K. Accuracy $\sim \pm 3\%$.

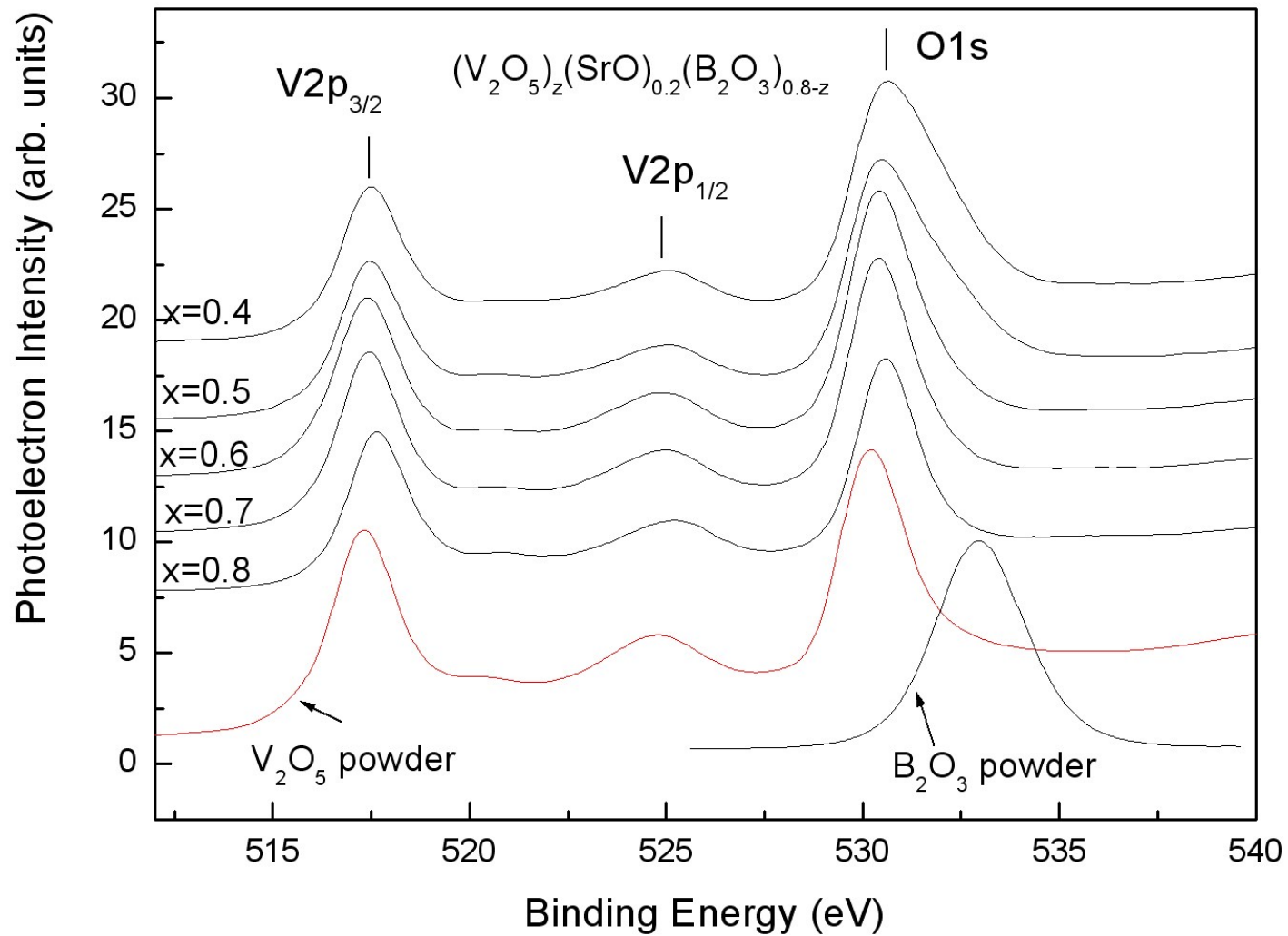
XPS measurements

High resolution V 2p, O 1s, Sr 3p, and B 1s core level spectra were obtained Using an Al $K\alpha$ X-ray source on a VG ESCALAB Mk II. Glass rods were Fractured in UHV ($\sim 10^{-10}$ mbar). The C 1s was a reference level. Accuracy in the quantitative analysis $\sim \pm 5\%$.



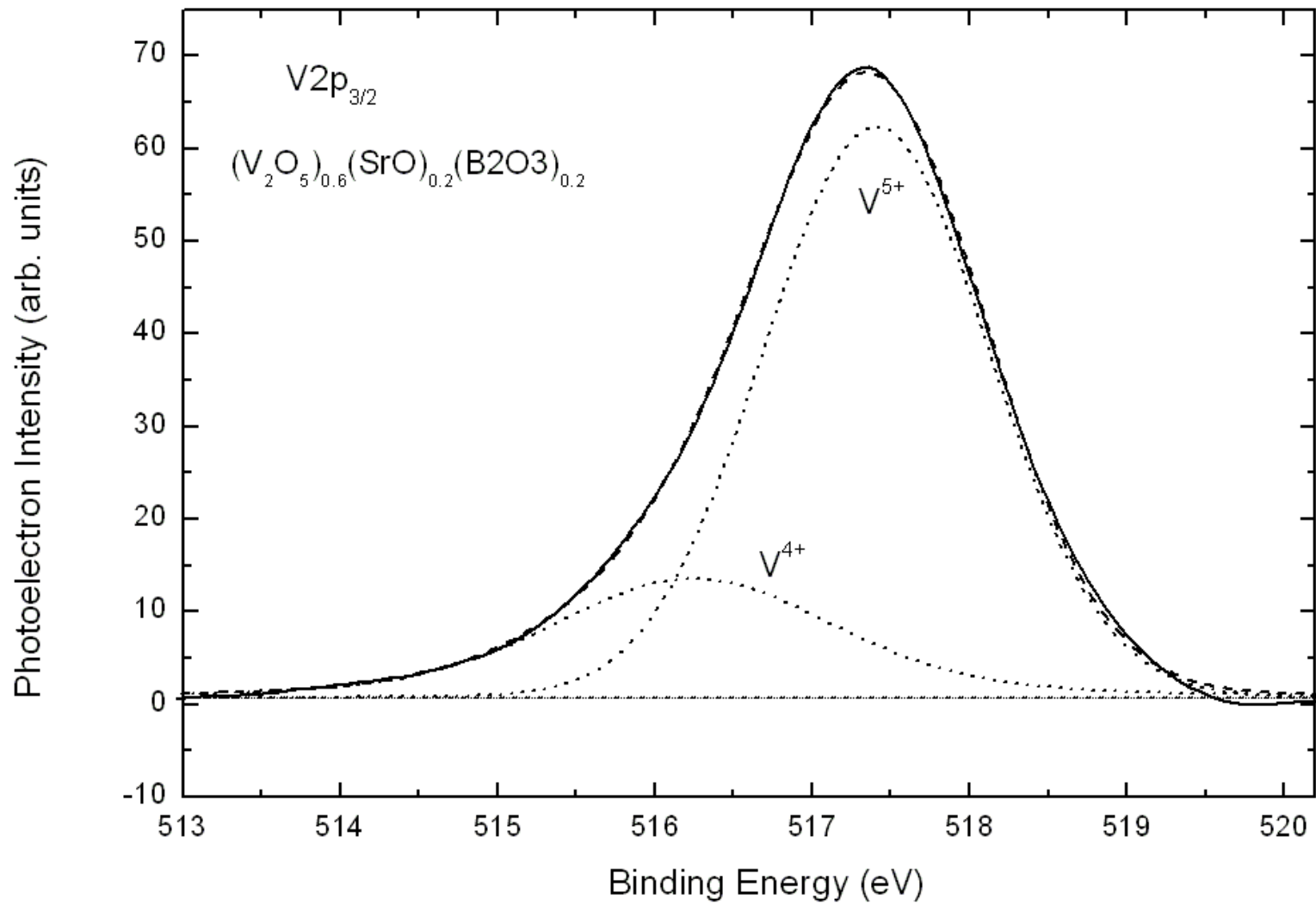


- Sr 3p spectra have the same B.E. for all samples.
- Shifted by 0.6 eV towards higher B.E. in comparison to their values in SrO powder.
- This shift arises from a change in the molecular environment.



V 2p spectra

- the V 2p_{3/2} spectra for the glass samples are sufficiently broaden such that two peaks are fitted to the data.
- These peaks are associated with the presence of V⁵⁺ and V⁴⁺ and the relative area under each peak reflects the relative amount of each ion.
- More than 90% of the V is found to be in the V⁵⁺ state in these glass samples.



O 1s spectra

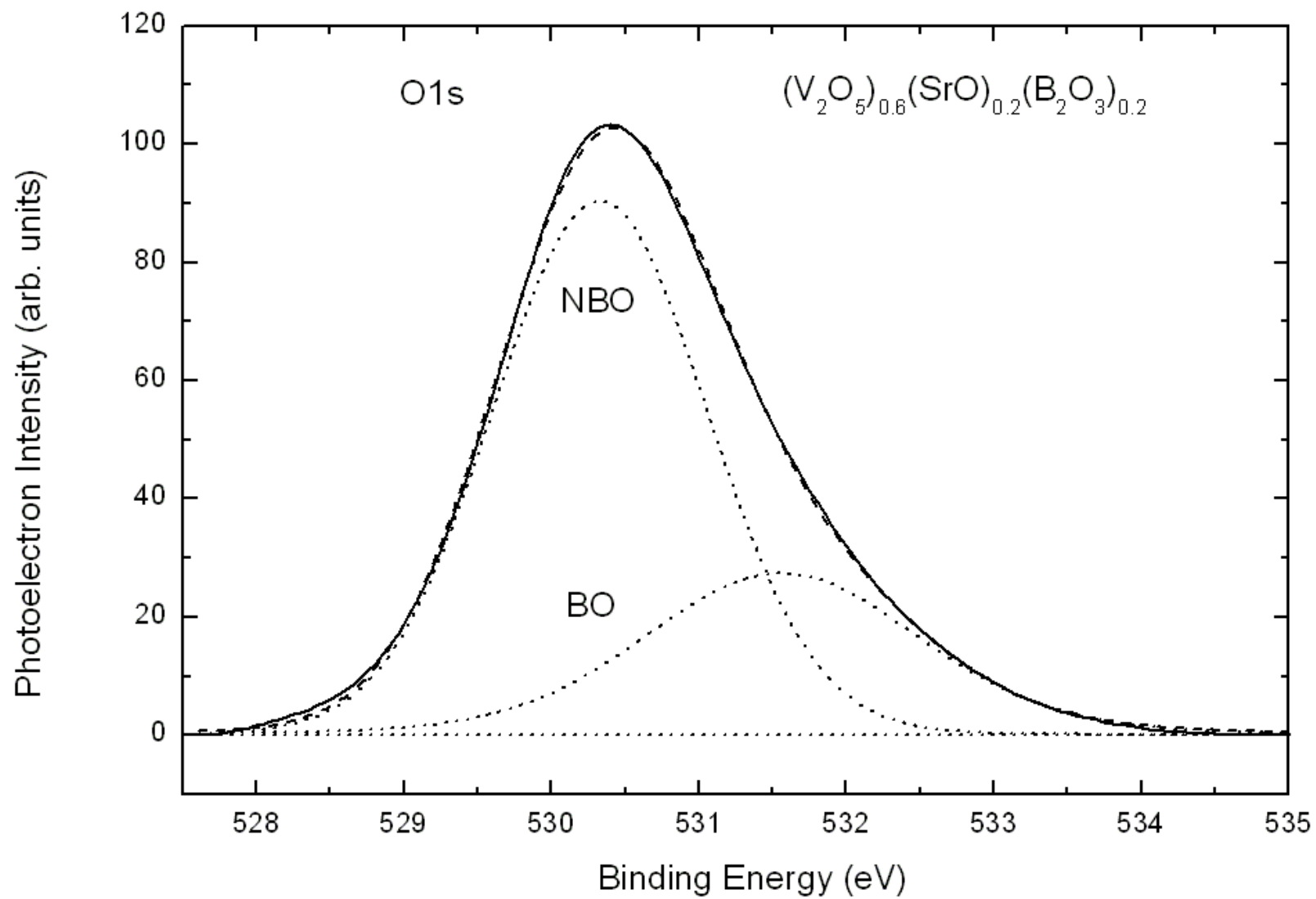
- V-O-V, V-O-B, B-O-B: bridging oxygen (BO)
- V-O-Sr, Sr-O-Sr, V = O non-bridging oxygen

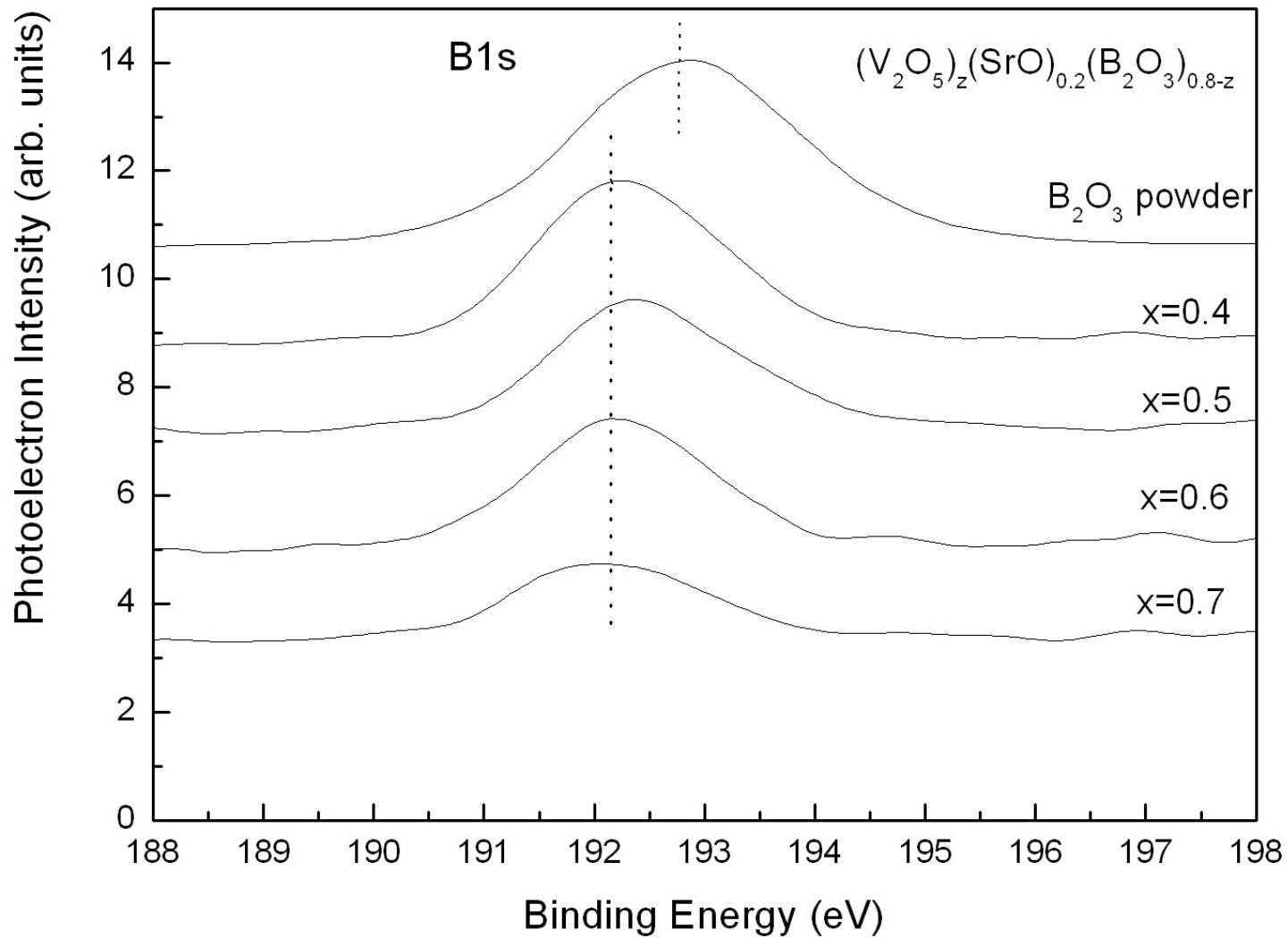


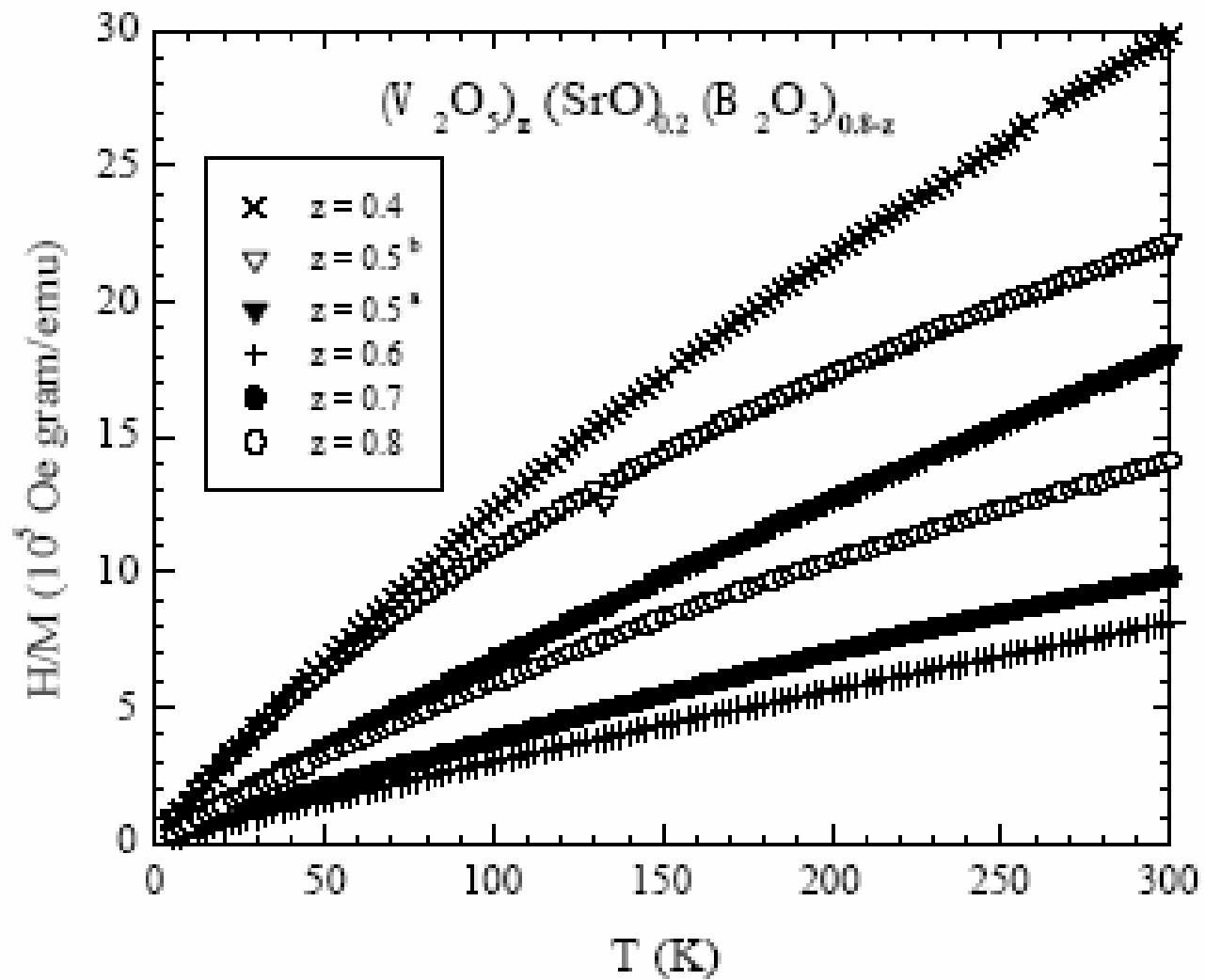
- $NBO/TO = (4x + 2y) / (5x + y + 3z)$

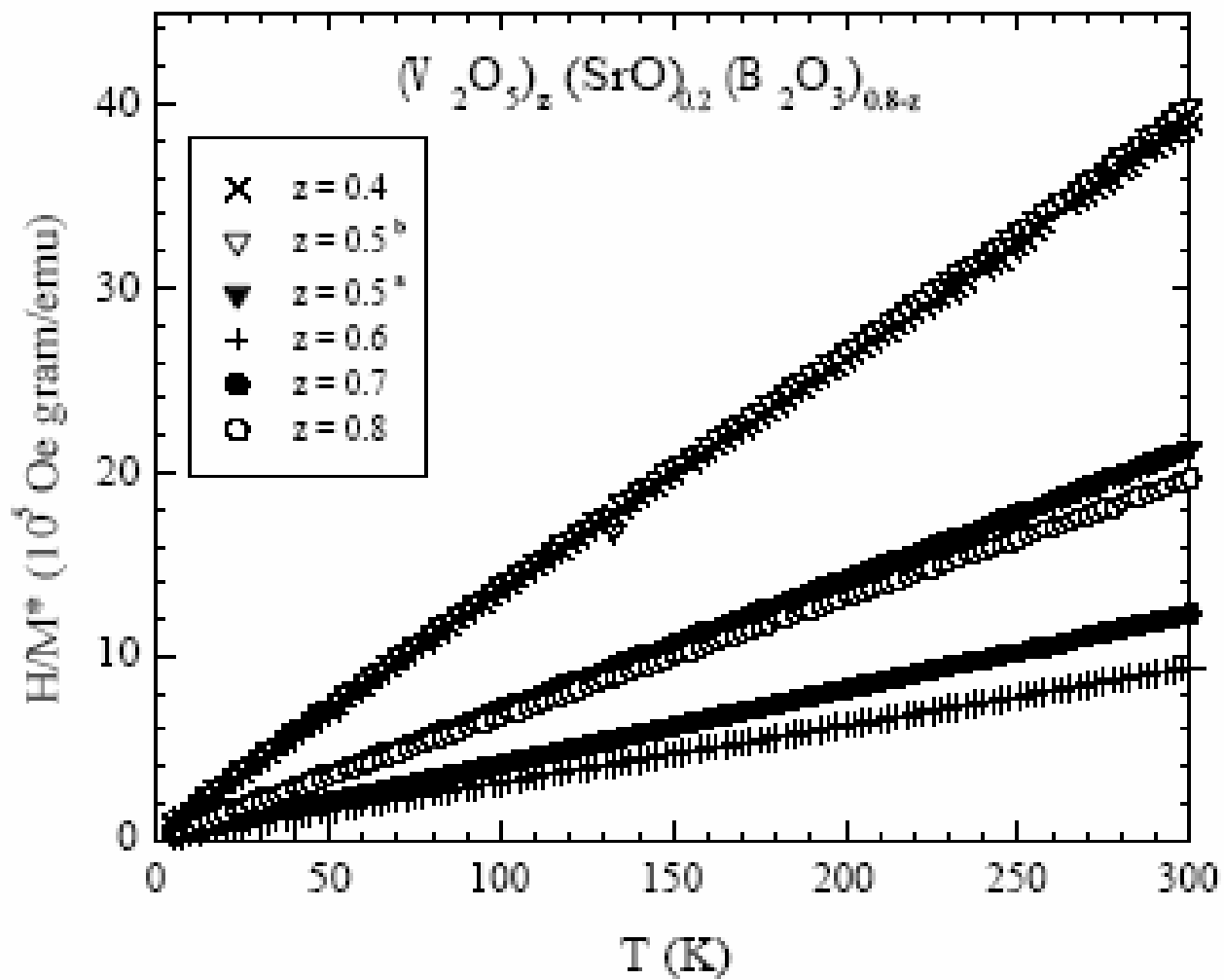
- NBO/TO 57-85%

- Good agreement between calculated and measured.









Magnetization Results

TABLE Compositions and magnetic characterization parameters for the vanadate glasses.

	Batch	Actual			$(M/H)_{const}$ $\left(\frac{10^{-7} \text{ emu}}{\text{g Oe}}\right)$	C $\left(\frac{10^{-4} \text{ emu K}}{\text{g Oe}}\right)$	θ (K)	V^{4+}/V
		V_2O_5	SrO	B_2O_3				
$(SrO)_x(V_2O_5)_{1-x}$	x = 0.5	0.488	0.511	-	0.700	0.533	-0.91	0.0206
	x = 0.4	0.591	0.409	-	1.17	0.700	0.03	0.0236
	x = 0.3	0.692	0.308	-	1.55	0.955	-0.05	0.0289
	x = 0.2	0.792	0.208	-	2.00	1.54	-2.85	0.0427
$(V_2O_5)_{0.5}(SrO)_{0.5-y}(B_2O_3)_y$	y = 0.1	0.498	0.415	0.087	0.670	0.603	-0.07	0.0225
	y = 0.2	0.483	0.299	0.218	0.630	0.731	0.42	0.0270
	y = 0.3 ^a	0.516	0.214	0.270	0.850	1.41	-1.38	0.0489
	y = 0.3 ^b	0.486	0.192	0.322	2.00	0.771	-5.65	0.0276
	y = 0.4	0.539	0.112	0.347	1.76	0.617	-7.41	0.0204
$(V_2O_5)_z(SrO)_{0.2}(B_2O_3)_{0.8-z}$	z = 0.4	0.434	0.220	0.346	0.950	0.734	-1.88	0.0283
	z = 0.5 ^b	0.486	0.192	0.322	2.00	0.771	-5.65	0.0276
	z = 0.5 ^a	0.516	0.214	0.270	0.850	1.41	-1.38	0.0489
	z = 0.6	0.613	0.209	0.178	2.00	3.24	-2.64	0.1007
	z = 0.7	0.701	0.209	0.091	1.67	2.47	-1.94	0.0721
	z = 0.8	0.792	0.208	0.000	2.00	1.54	-2.85	0.0427

^{a,b} – Refers to two samples with the same nominal composition.

Conclusion

- ✓ *The XPS analysis of V 2p core level indicates that more than 90% V ions exist in the V⁵⁺ state only*
- ✓ *The magnetization studies also suggests that V ions are mainly in the V⁵⁺ valence state and behave antiferromagnetically*
- ✓ *The strength of the interaction increases with increase in vanadium concentration*



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