

Effects of Neutron Irradiation on Superconducting Properties of MgB₂

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We studied the influence of neutron irradiation up to fluences of $3.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ on superconducting properties of polycrystalline MgB₂. Irradiation leads to an improvement in both critical current density at high magnetic fields and irreversibility field. With increasing fluencies the critical temperature is slightly diminished. An analysis of the critical field and critical current density behavior has been carried out.