

substance: Sm₂S₃

property: crystal structure, physical properties

α -Sm₂S₃

crystal structure orthorhombic (D_{2h}¹⁶ – Pnma)

lattice parameters

<i>a</i>	7.382(2) Å	color: red	68S
<i>b</i>	15.375(3) Å		
<i>c</i>	3.974(2) Å		

conductivity, Seebeck coefficient

σ	6 Ω ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹	(<i>E</i> _A = 0.001 eV)	68S
<i>S</i>	– 230 μV K ⁻¹		68S

γ -Sm₂S₃

crystal structure cubic (Th₃P₄-defect structure, T_d⁶ – I 4 3d)

lattice parameters

<i>a</i>	8.448 Å	60P
	8.43 Å	79C
	8.448 Å	85Z

melting point

<i>T</i> _m	1780°C	60P
	1750°C	61H

linear thermal expansion coefficient

α	11.4·10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹	66D
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energy gap and other energy parameters

<i>E</i> _g	2.6 ± 0.1 eV	optical gap	85Z	
	2.7 eV	X-ray spectra	83S	
<i>E</i> _b	5.7 eV	S 3p-level	MgKα XPS, Fig. 6 (<i>E</i> _b rel. to <i>E</i> _F)	91K
	8 eV	Sm 4f-level	MgKα XPS, Fig. 6	
	14.8 eV	S 3s-level	MgKα XPS, Fig. 6	
	22.0 eV	Sm 5p _{3/2} -level	MgKα XPS, Fig. 6	
	26.0 eV	Sm 5p _{1/2} -level	MgKα XPS, Fig. 6	
	44 eV	Sm 5s-level	MgKα XPS, Fig. 6	
	134 eV	Sm 4d _{5/2} -level	MgKα XPS, Fig. 7	
	137 eV	Sm 4d _{3/2} -level	MgKα XPS, Fig. 7	
	249 eV	Sm (4p _{3/2} , 4p _{5/2})-lev.	MgKα XPS	
	1082 eV	Sm 3d _{5/2} -level	AlKα XPS, Fig. 8	
	1109 eV	Sm 3d _{3/2} -level	AlKα XPS, Fig. 8	

E	6.9 eV	S 3p- E_F	ELS, Fig. 9	91K
	10.5 eV	S 3p-cond. band, surface plasmon	ELS, Fig. 9	
	17.8 eV	bulk plasmon	ELS, Fig. 9	
	23.8 eV	Sm 5p- E_F	ELS, Fig. 9	
	32.1 eV	Sm 5p-5d	ELS, Fig. 9	
	≈ 50 eV	Sm 5s- E_F	ELS, Fig. 9	

conductivity

σ	$< 10^{-9} \Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$	near stoichiometric samples	reflectivity: Fig. 10; $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \text{Im } \epsilon^{-1}$: Fig. 11	83B
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resistivity

ρ	$7 \cdot 10^5 \Omega \text{ cm}$			65L
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Further figures and references:

heat capacity [79C] and Fig. 1

coordination polyhedra: Fig. 2

photoconductivity spectra: Figs. 3...5

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Fig. 1.

γ - Sm_2S_3 , Sm_3S_4 , Sm_3Se_4 . Temperature dependence of molar heat capacity. The increase below 7 K is explained by a Schottky anomaly due to the crystal field splitting ($\Delta_{\text{cf}} = 2.4$ K) of Sm^{3+} [79C].

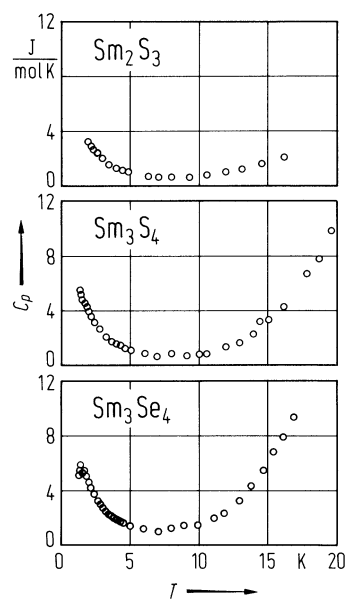


Fig. 2.

Th₃P₄-type compounds. The coordination polyhedra of the cations and the anions. Full circles: Th- atoms, other circles: P-atoms [66H].

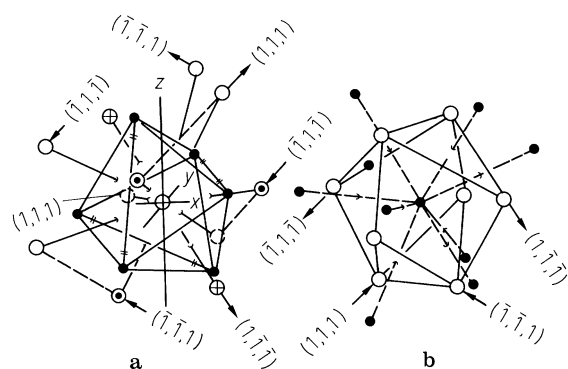


Fig. 3.

γ - Sm_2S_3 :Cd. Photoconductivity spectra (relative change $\Delta\sigma/\sigma$ vs. photon energy) of a Cd-doped polycrystalline film at 115 K, 295 K, 384 K [82G].

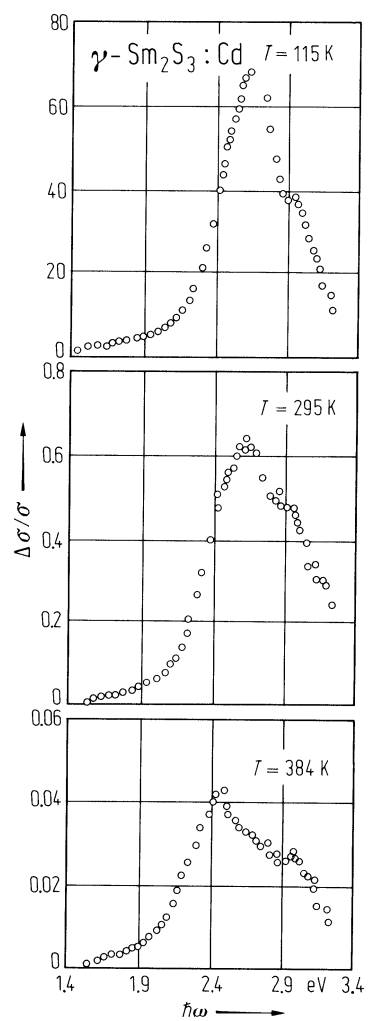


Fig. 4.

γ - Sm_2S_3 :Pb,Cd. Photoconductivity spectra (photo emf vs. photon energy) of Pb-doped (1) and Cd-doped (2) films [82G].

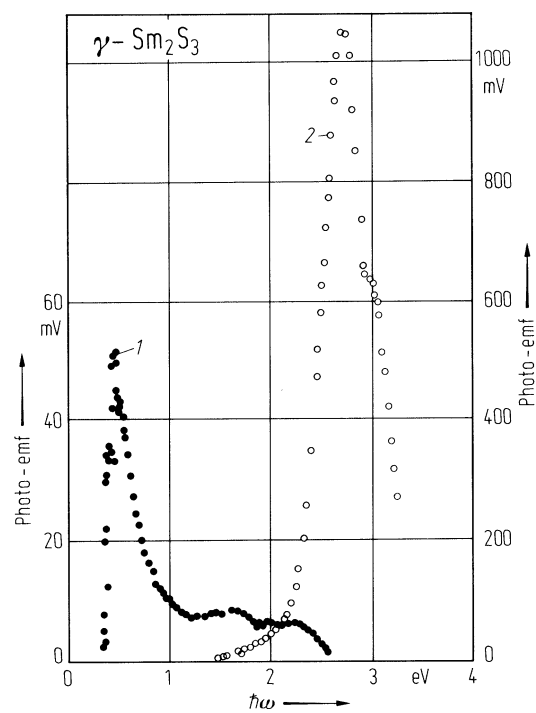


Fig. 5.

γ - $\text{Sm}_2\text{S}_3\text{:Pb}$. Fine structure of the photoconductivity spectrum (relative change $\Delta\sigma/\sigma$ vs. photon energy) of a Pb-doped film at 115 K, 190 K, and 300 K [82G].

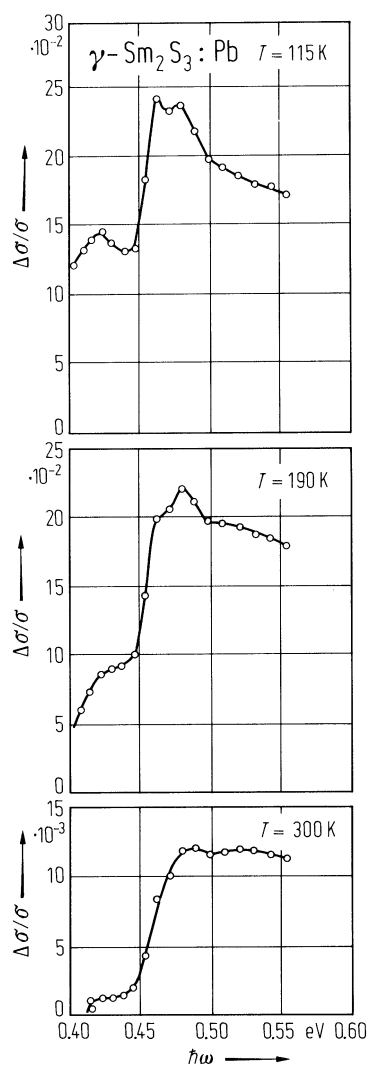


Fig. 6.

γ -Ln₂S₃. MgK_α X-ray photoelectron spectra of the rare-earth sesquisulfides (Ln = La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Gd, Dy) in the energy region below Fermi level down to Ln 5s core level [91K].

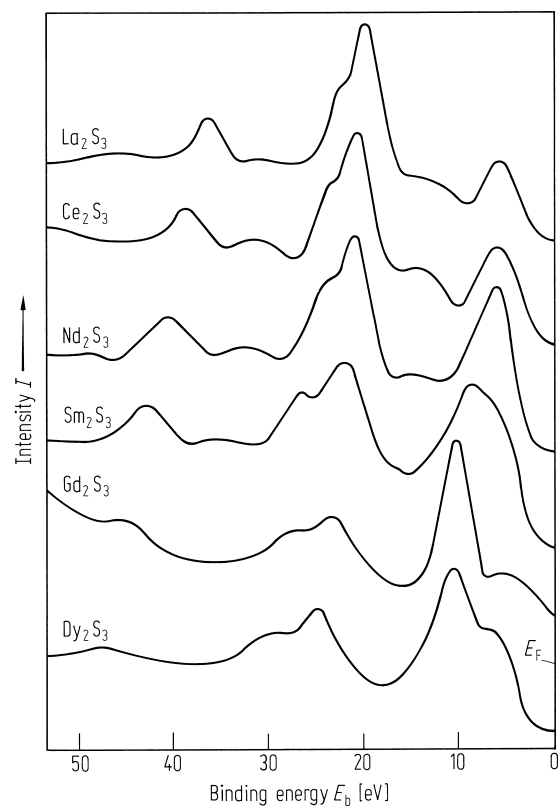


Fig. 7

γ - Ln_2S_3 . MgK_{α} X-ray photoelectron spectra of the rare-earth sesquisulfides ($\text{Ln} = \text{La}, \text{Ce}, \text{Nd}, \text{Sm}, \text{Gd}, \text{Dy}$) in the 4d core level region [91K]. E_b relative to E_F .

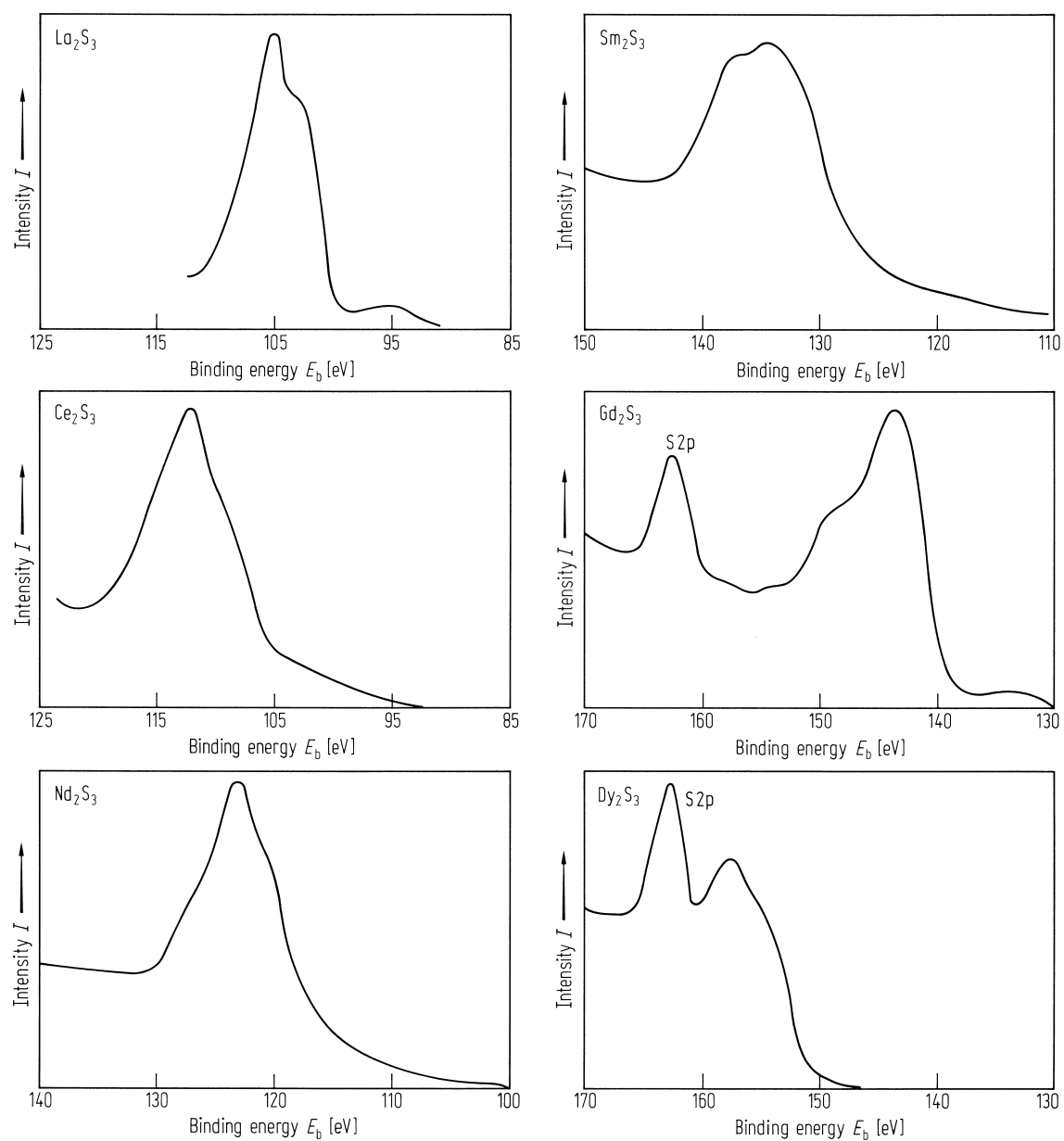


Fig. 8.

γ - Ln_2S_3 . AlK_α X-ray photoelectron spectra of the rare-earth sesquisulfides ($\text{Ln} = \text{La, Nd, Sm, Gd}$) in the 3d core level region [91K]. The trivalence of Sm is testified by the value of the Sm 3d doublet line spin-orbit splitting ($= 27.6 \text{ eV}$). E_b relative to E_F .

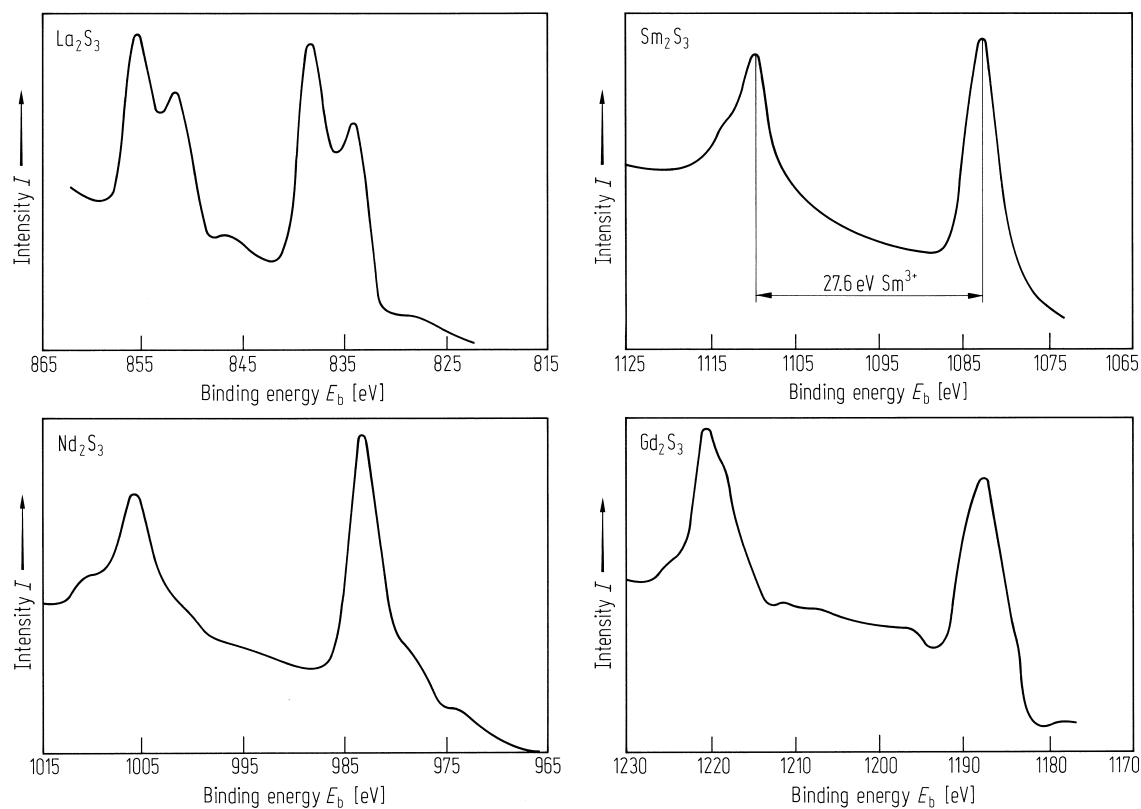


Fig. 9.

γ - Ln_2S_3 . Electron loss spectra of the rare-earth sesquisulfides ($\text{Ln} = \text{La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Gd, Dy}$) for primary electron beam energy $E_p = 750 \text{ eV}$. All the peaks, revealed from the second derivative d^2N/dE^2 are indicated by arrows [91K].

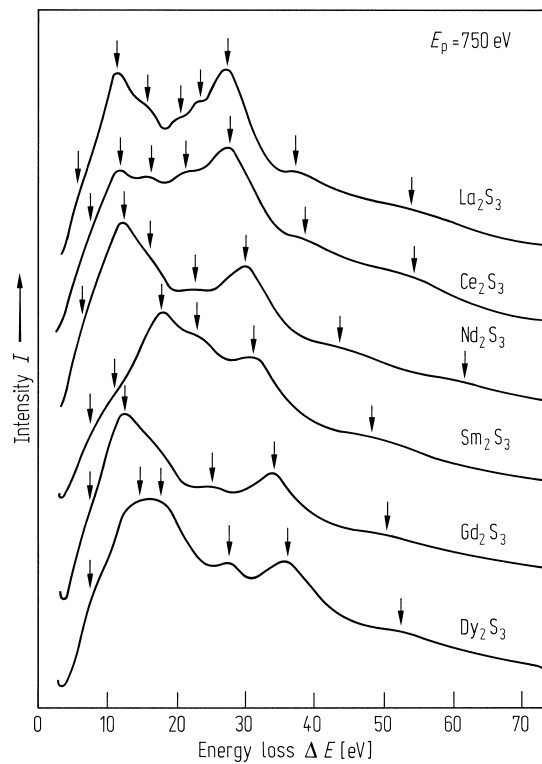


Fig. 10.

γ - La_2S_3 ; γ - Sm_2S_3 . Reflection spectra [83B].

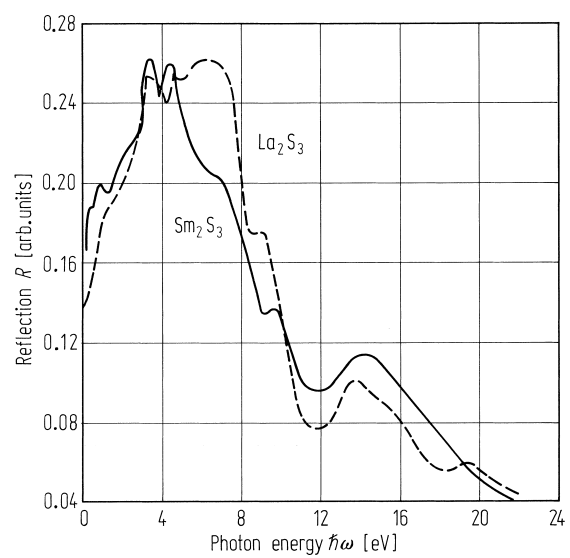


Fig. 11.

γ - Sm_2S_3 . Dielectric constants and loss function vs. photon energy [83B].

