

Low temperature adsorption of ^3He on silica aerogel surface and its influence on ^3He spin kinetics

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Abstract

Significant influence of the aerogel surface heterogeneity on the processes of ^3He nuclear magnetic relaxation at temperatures 1.5 - 4.2 K is discovered. This influence appears, for instance, in differences of the ^3He T₁ relaxation times for small portion of ^3He , adsorbed at different temperatures. Binding energy data of ^3He and distributions of this energy in two types of aerogel were obtained experimentally. Adsorbed ^3He molecules with binding energies 60 - 250 K play supreme role in processes of nuclear magnetic relaxation of gaseous and liquid ^3He in aerogel.

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