

Evolution of the Paring Symmetry by the Doping Change in n-type Superconductors

T. Charikova^a, N. Shelushinina^a, G. Kharus^a, O. Petukhova^a, and A. Ivanov^b

^aInstitute of Metal Physics RAS, Ekaterinburg, Russia

^bMoscow Engineering Physics Institute, Moscow, Russia

According to the resistivity method the temperature dependences of the upper critical field of electron-doped superconductor $\text{Nd}_{2-x}\text{Ce}_x\text{CuO}_{4+\delta}$ single-crystal films with various Ce concentration ($x = 0.15, 0.17, 0.18$) and different degree of disorder δ were studied in magnetic fields up to 12T ($B \parallel c, J \parallel ab$) and temperature range 0.4-40 K.

We have found the crucial difference between the behaviors of the upper critical field slope $(dH_{c2}/dT)|_{T_c}$ and critical temperature T_c/T_{c0} as the function of the disorder parameter for optimally doped ($x = 0.15$) and overdoped films ($x = 0.17$ and 0.18). Experimentally observed behaviors corresponds to theoretical predictions for d -wave ($x = 0.15$) or anisotropic s -wave ($x = 0.17; 0.18$) superconductors. We have demonstrated that the relative stability of the optimal doped n -type superconductor with the d -paring with regard to disordering is associated with the strong anisotropy of d -type impurity scattering. Present result points to possible change of the pairing symmetry: from optimally doped superconductors with d -pairing to overdoped anisotropic s -pairing superconductors.

This work was done within RAS Programm (project N 09-P-2-1005 Ural Division RAS).