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XPS and ARPES study of the metal-insulator transition in Mnsubstituted $Sr_3Ru_2O_7$ ZHIHUAI ZHU, G. LEVY DE CASTRO, M.A. HOSSAIN, UBC, U. MANJU, ICTP Trieste, J.L. MCCHEYNEY, A. BOSTWICK, E. ROTEN-BERG, ALS, Y. YOSHIDA, AIST, I.S. ELFIMOV, UBC, G. PANACCIONE, TASC Trieste, A. DAMASCELLI, UBC — We have studied the metal-insulator transition in Mn-substituted $Sr_3Ru_2O_7$ by core-level x-ray photoemission (XPS) and angleresolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES). In XPS, both the surface- and bulksensitive spectra show a two-peak structure, corresponding to the well screened and the unscreened excitations. The intensity of the well-screened peak is suppressed upon increasing the concentration of Mn, reflecting a metal-to-insulator transition induced by Mn impurities. In ARPES, changes in Fermi surface topology and band dispersions are observed as the system crosses over from a metal to a - possibly Mott - insulator. We observed a variation and enhancement of the Fermi-surface nesting upon Mn substitution, which might be connected to the emergence of the magnetic superstructure revealed by our resonant elastic soft x-ray scattering results [1].

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