

Improved Ligand-Field Calculation of Energy Spectrum and R-Line Thermal Shift of MgO:Cr³⁺

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Abstract: Traditional ligand-field theory has to be improved by taking into account both pure electronic contribution and electron-phonon interaction one (including lattice-vibrational relaxation energy). By means of improved ligand-field theory, the R-line, $t_2^{32}T_1$ lines, $t_2^2(^3T_1)e^4T_2$, and $t_2^2(^3T_1)e^4T_1$ bands, ground-state g factor, four strain-induced level-splittings, and R-line thermal shift of MgO:Cr³⁺ have been calculated. The results are in very good agreement with the experimental data. It is found that for MgO:Cr³⁺, the contributions due to electron-phonon interaction (EPI) come from the first-order term. In thermal shift of R-line of MgO:Cr³⁺, the temperature-dependent contribution due to EPI is dominant.

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