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Energy transfer from ${\rm Cr}^{3+}$ to ${\rm Nd}^{3+}$ and NIR luminescence of ${\rm Nd}^{3+}$ in lead borate glasses

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Abstract

Energy transfer processes from Cr^{3+} to Nd^{3+} and NIR luminescence of Nd^{3+} ions at 1.06 μ m in Cr-Nd co-doped lead borate glasses have been investigated. The spectroscopic investigation indicates that Cr^{3+} ions are located at strong-field and weak-field sites. Replacing PbO by PbF₂ in lead borate glasses slightly influences the energy transfer processes between Cr^{3+} and Nd^{3+} and NIR luminescence of Nd^{3+} ions. The energy transfer process occurs in both oxide and oxyfluoride glass systems, which may be due to the thermally induced population of the 4T_2 excited state of Cr^{3+} ions and the participation of lattice phonons.



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