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Optical properties of UV-induced color centers in a KY3F10:Ce³⁺ crystal

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Abstract

The evolution of color centers induced in a KY3F10:Ce³⁺ crystal by UV radiation has been observed and interpreted. It has been revealed that, initially, the UV irradiation of the KY3F10:Ce³⁺ crystal induces the formation of color centers predominantly of the F-type, which, in a short time period of about ten minutes, are transformed into complex color centers of the F2-type, as well as into impurity color centers. Based on the data obtained, a diagram of energy states of the crystal, dopant, and color centers has been constructed, on which most probable processes that are caused by electronic transitions occurring in the KYF:Ce³⁺ crystal after its UV irradiation have been indicated. © 2013 Pleiades Publishing, Ltd.

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