Optical spectroscopy of six coordinated Eu^{2+} and Ce^{3+} in $M^{2+}Al_2B_2O_7\ (M^{2+}{=}Ca,\ Sr,\ Ba)$

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Detailed analysis of the excitation and emission spectra of Eu^{2+} and Ce^{3+} in the compound $M^{2+}Al_2B_2O_7$ ($M^{2+}=Ca$, Sr, Ba) is reported. The M^{2+} ion is octahedrally coordinated in this structure. The crystal field splitting, Stokes shift and thermal quenching along with the Hyung-Rhys parameter and the phonon frequencies are reported for the first time for the Eu^{2+} ion in these compounds. The optical data is then compared to the structural aspects of the host lattice. The optical properties are also compared with those reported for the Eu^{2+} ion in $Cs_2M^{2+}P_2O_7$ [($M^{2+}=Ca$, Sr, Ba)] structure [1]. We also discuss and compare the optical properties of Eu^{2+} and the Ce^{3+} ions in these materials.

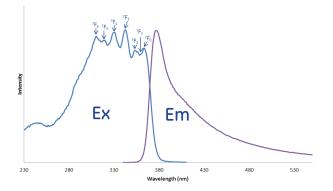


Figure 1: The room temperature excitation and emission spectrum of Eu^{2+} doped $BaAl_2B_4O_7$

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