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.

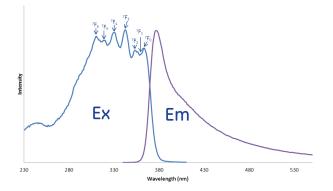


Figure 1: The room temperature excitation and emission spectrum of  $Eu^{2+}$  doped  $BaAl_2B_4O_7$ 

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