

Analysis of the absorption and emission spectra U^{3+} in $CsCdBr_3$ single crystal.

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Laser selective excitation and emission spectra as well as σ - and π -polarized absorption spectra have been recorded for U^{3+} ions diluted in a $CsCdBr_3$ host crystal. Three distinct U^{3+} sites were observed. For the principal site, which was attributed to a symmetric dimer center, 45 crystal-field energy levels in the 0–13250 cm^{-1} energy range were assigned. These experimentally determined levels were fitted to thirteen parameters of a semiempirical Hamiltonian representing the combined atomic, one-electron crystal field as well as two-particle correlation crystal-field (CCF) operators, with an rms deviation of 41 cm^{-1} . Above 14000 cm^{-1} strong electric-dipole allowed $5f^3-5f^26d^1$ transitions were observed. The lifetime of the $^4G_{7/2}$ fluorescing level has been measured for each of the three U^{3+} sites at liquid-helium temperatures and are 2.5, 4.3, and 7.6 μs . The emission is strongly influenced by temperature due to strong phonon coupling of the $5f^3$ states with the nearby $5f^26d^1$ states. Visible upconversion fluorescence observed when pumping the $^4I_{9/2} - (^4F_{7/2} + ^4I_{15/2})$ absorption transitions of the principal site A is attributed to excited-state absorption (ESA).

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