

Spectroscopic reflects of structural disorder in $\text{Eu}^{3+}/\text{Pr}^{3+}$ -doped $\text{La}_{0.4}\text{Gd}_{1.6}\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_7$ transparent ceramics.

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Perfectly transparent ceramics of $\text{La}_{0.4}\text{Gd}_{1.6}\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_7$ doped with either Eu^{3+} or Pr^{3+} ions were prepared by high-temperature vacuum sintering. Results of the Rietveld structure refinement and spectroscopic properties of the ceramics are presented and discussed in details. Photoluminescence characteristics support the non-uniformity in the crystal structure of ceramics. X-ray excited luminescence of $\text{La}_{0.4}\text{Gd}_{1.6}\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_7:\text{Eu}$ was rather inefficient and the Pr-doped ceramics showed no Pr-related radioluminescence. Instead they produced Eu^{3+} emission characteristic for $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Eu}$ phase not detected in X-ray diffraction patterns.

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