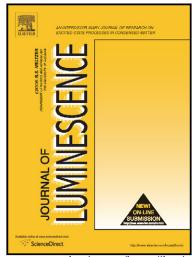
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Abstract

The lanthanide doped lead lithium calcium zinc fluoroborate glasses (LLCZFB: Ln) of composition $20PbF_2+10Li_2O+5Cao+5ZnO+59B_2O_3+1Ln_2O_3$ (where Ln = Sm, Eu and Dy in mol %) were prepared by conventional melt quench technique. The amorphous nature of these glasses was confirmed by X-ray diffraction studies. The glass transition temperatures (T_g) were studied by DSC analysis. The glass structure and spectroscopic properties were investigated using optical absorption, vibrational and fluorescence spectra. The FT-IR spectra and Raman spectra reveal the presence of BO_3 , BO_4 and non-bridging oxygen's. The Judd-Ofelt intensity parameters Ω_{λ} (λ =2, 4, 6) were determined from the spectral intensities of absorption bands. These parameters were used to calculate the radiative parameters such as radiative transition probability (A_R), radiative life time (τ_R) and branching ratio (β_r) for various excited luminescent states of rare earth ions. The visible emission spectra for different rare earth ions were measured. Using the emission spectra, full width half maxima (FWFM), stimulated emission cross section (σ_p^E) were evaluated. The nature of decay profiles of σ_p^E 0 states of Dy, Sm and Eu ions respectively are analyzed. Comparison of luminescence features of these glasses and also with those reported for different glass hosts indicates that the LLCZFB: Dy glass has strong luminescence in the visible region.

Keywords: Fluoroborate glass, FTIR spectroscopy, Micro Raman spectroscopy, Optical absorption, Photoluminescence, Rare earth ion.

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