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Ab-initio study of the optical properties of Pr³⁺ doped fluoride crystals

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Abstract: The first-principle calculations are performed to study the optical properties of the rare earth Pr³⁺ doped fluoride crystals (MF₂; M=Sr, Cd) using the full potential-linearized augmented plane wave method (FP-LAPW) [1] implemented in the code WIEN2K within the density functional theory (DFT) [2]. We present calculations based on Local Density Approximation LSDA and also on Coulomb-corrected LSDA+U [3, 4] approach because the rare earth compounds are highly correlated systems.

The ground-state properties have been calculated in the cubic structure. The optical properties such as the dielectric function, optical reflectivity, absorption coefficient, refractive index, extinction coefficient and electron energy loss are performed for the energy range of 0 - 40 eV.

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