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EFFECT OF PLASTIC DEFORMATION ON COLOR CENTER FORMATION AND BLEACHING IN SODIUM CHLORIDE CRYSTAL

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Introduction

In the previous paper the authors reported the effect of plastic deformation upon F-centers produced in alkali halide crystals by electrolysis. Now the authors have studied the effect of plastic deformation on color center formation in NaCl crystal and the bleaching effect of plastic deformation in NaCl crystal darkened by γ-ray irradiation.

Burstein, Smith and Davisson have reported that x-irradiation of plastically deformed KCl crystals forms the F-, R- and N-bands and the extent of color center formation is enhanced in moderately deformed crystals. Smekal and Schroeder have found that the F-centers in alkali halide crystals darkened by x-rays are bleached by plastic deformation. The authors have found that (1) the deformed NaCl crystal darkened by γ-ray irradiation shows dark yellow color, which is changed to blue by F-light exposure, whereas the coloration of undeformed crystal is yellow, which is scarcely changed by F-light exposure, and (2) the F-centers produced in undeformed NaCl crystal by γ-ray irradiation are bleached by plastic deformation and the optical bleaching of the deformed crystal by F-light exposure is more rapid than that of undeformed crystal. These effects of plastic deformation have been investigated by measuring the absorption spectra at room temperature.

Experimentals

The crystal pieces used in this work were cleaved from large single-crystal block synthesized in this laboratory. The γ-ray irradiation was performed at room temperature for 30 days using radioactive Co. The plastic deformation was carried out by die-casting with a pressure of 5,000 kg/cm² in the dark at room temperature as in the previous investigation. The optical absorption measurements were made over the wavelength range from 350 to 1000 μm at room temperature on Beckman Model DU Spectrophotometer. The optical bleaching was accomplished in the spectrophotometer at 464 μm, the wavelength of the F-band maximum, with the slit set at 2 mm.

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Results

Color center formation in plastically deformed crystal  
The crystal cleaved to a square plate of about 4.0×4.0×1.7 mm was deformed to a thin disk of 6 mm in diameter and 0.95 mm in thickness and then the deformed crystal was darkened by γ-ray irradiation for 30 days with the undeformed crystal arranged for comparison. The absorption spectra of these deformed and undeformed crystals are shown by curve 1 in Figs. 1 and 2 respectively. By comparing the spectra it was found that in the deformed crystal the F-center formation was markedly increased and broad absorption band was formed on the long wavelength side. Then both the deformed and undeformed crystals were exposed to F-light. The bleaching of F-centers in the deformed crystal thickness=0.95 mm

Fig. 1 Absorption spectrum of color centers produced in plastically deformed NaCl crystal by γ-ray irradiation and its changes by exposure to F-light

Fig. 2 Absorption spectrum of color centers produced in undeformed NaCl crystal by γ-ray irradiation and its changes by exposure to F-light
Effect of Plastic Deformation on Color Center Formation and Bleaching in NaCl Crystal

Crystal was so rapid that the F-centers almost vanished by 55 minutes F-light exposure, whereas the bleaching of F-centers in the undeformed crystal was slow and the F-centers still existed after 55 minutes exposure as shown by curves 2, 3 and 4 in Figs. 1 and 2 respectively. The long wavelength band in the deformed crystal was scarcely changed by the 55 minutes exposure (curve 4 in Fig. 1).

Bleaching effect of plastic deformation The crystal cleaved to a square plate of about $4.0 \times 4.0 \times 1.9\text{mm}$ was darkened by $\gamma$-ray irradiation for 30 days and then the colored crystal was deformed to a thin disk of 6mm in diameter and 1.08mm in thickness. As a result of this deformation the height of the F-band was reduced by about 24 percent and the long wavelength band was slightly developed as shown by curves 1 and 2 in Fig. 3. After the deformation the crystal was exposed to F-light.

![Fig. 3 Changes of the absorption spectrum of color centers in NaCl crystal by plastic deformation and exposure to F-light](image)

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