

Evolution of UV luminescence spectrum in ZnO structures under fast electron excitation

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The presented work presents the results of the study of the evolution of UV luminescence spectra in ZnO whisker and tetrapod ensembles when excited by fast electrons with an energy of 60 keV. It has been shown that increasing the exposure time and focusing the electron beam on the ensemble of crystalline ZnO viscors only leads to widening of the UV band into the long-wavelength region of the luminescence spectrum. A similar effect on the ensemble of defective ZnO tetrapods leads to long-wave mixing and widening of the UV band of the luminescence spectrum. The observed effects are associated with surface etching of ZnO structures during exposure to fast electrons and an increase in the concentration of interstitial zinc.

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