

Structural and Optical Properties of Ce³⁺ Doped YPO₄: Nanophosphors Synthesis by Sol Gel Method

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Abstract : Recently, nanomaterials are developed in the form of nano-films, nano-crystals and nano-pores. Lanthanide phosphates as a material find extensive application as laser, ceramic, sensor, phosphor, and also in optoelectronics, medical and biological labels, solar cells and light sources. Among the different kinds of rare-earth orthophosphates, yttrium orthophosphate has been shown to be an efficient host lattice for rare earth activator ions, which have become a research focus because of their important role in the field of light display systems, lasers, and optoelectronic devices. It is in this context that the 4fⁿ- \leftrightarrow 4fⁿ⁻¹ 5d transitions of rare earth in insulating materials, lying in the UV and VUV, are the aim of large number of studies. Though there has been a few reports on Eu³⁺, Nd³⁺, Pr³⁺, Er³⁺, Ce³⁺, Tm³⁺ doped YPO₄. The 4fⁿ- \leftrightarrow 4fⁿ⁻¹ 5d transitions of the rare earth dependent to the host-matrix, several matrices ions were used to study these transitions, in this work we are suggesting to study on a very specific class of inorganic material that are orthophosphate doped with rare earth ions. This study focused on the effect of Ce³⁺ concentration on the structural and optical properties of Ce³⁺ doped YPO₄ yttrium orthophosphate with powder form prepared by the Sol Gel method.

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