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THE EFFECT OF TB3⁺ IONS CONCENTRATION ON THE MORPHOLOGY, STRUCTURE AND PHOTOLUMINESCENCE OF Gd₂O₂SO₄: TB3⁺ PHOSPHOR OBTAINED BY THERMAL DECOMPOSITION OF SULFATE HYDRATED

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Rare earths (RE) are widely explored to develop luminescent materials which may find use in such applications as lasers, optical markers, phosphors, semiconductor materials and X-ray detectors. Rare earth sulfonates have attracted attention because they can be obtained with simple and cost-effective methods for potential technological applications as luminescent thin films. The characteristic features of the electronic spectroscopy of the RE³⁺ ions include the narrow emission lines and long lifetimes due to the intra configurational 4f–4f transitions. The oxysulfides and oxysulfate (RE₂O₂S/RE₂O₂SO₄) of rare earth has been widely exploited as optical materials due to their applicability and easy production. Recently, the oxysulfates and oxysulfides has being largely used as Tb³⁺ (green), Eu³⁺ (red) and Dy³⁺ (yellow/blue) colors ions. In this work, the Gd₂O₂SO₄:Tb³⁺ optical material was obtained by thermal decomposition of sulfate hydrated under air atmosphere. The photo luminescent investigation of Gd₂O₂SO₄:Tb³⁺ material showed that the brightness of terbium-activated gadolinium oxysulfate phosphors was enhanced with increase of the concentration of Tb³⁺ and the distributions of size particles were decreased with controlling by doping the phosphor. The structure and purity was confirmed with XPD powder diffractions according JCPDS # 41-0684. The Gd₂O₂SO₄ is a good host to Tb³⁺ and ions exhibit better intensity of transitions in the ⁵D₄ → ⁷F₂ narrow lines monitored at 545,5 nm.

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