

Optical properties of colloidal ReVO₄:Eu³⁺ (Re=La, Gd, Y) nanophosphors

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Characteristics of activated nanocrystals

- Narrow spectral bands
- The absence of blinking
- High photochemical stability
- Large Stokes' shift (more than 150 nm)



Colloidal nanoluminophors of $ReVO_4$: Eu^{3+} (Re = Y, Gd, La)

Under transmitted light



Under UV irradiation





Water-soluble powders of orthovanadate nanocrystals

Wet-Chemical Synthesis of nanoluminophors ReVO₄: Eu³⁺ (Re = Y, Gd, La) colloidal solutions



TEM images of ReVO₄:Eu³⁺ nanocrystals in colloidal solutions



spherical particles ~ 2 nm



spindle-like ~ 3×10 nm



spindle-like ~ 10×50 nm



rod-like ~ 5×40 nm



rod-like ~ 8×80 nm



rod-like ~ 28×300 nm

Excitation (left, λ vis=619 nm) and emission (right, λ ex=395 nm) spectra of ReVO₄:Eu³⁺ luminophor in water solution



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UV–vis absorption spectra of $ReVO_4$: Eu³⁺ (Re = Y, Gd, La)



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The dependence λ_{\max} of the absorption on the average length of nanoparticles

for nonspherical particles in the range of linear sizes of 10 - 300 nm



Increase of the size of nanoparticles leads to bathochromic shift of the absorption maximum

The application of ReVO₄: Eu³⁺ (Re = Y, Gd, La) nanoluminophors colloidal solutions as luminescent probes

Luminescence microscopy images of hepatocytes and isolated cells



The intensive luminescence of nanoparticles in the nuclei of hepatocytes is observed

Autofluorescence of hepatocytes

Fluorescence of hepatocytes under incubation with NPs

- cellular imaging to reveal the localization and movement of intracellular substances;

- drug delivery

Conclusions

- nReVO₄:Eu³⁺ (Re = Gd, Y, Sm, La) luminescent nanocrystals with different shapes and sizes from 2 to 300 nm have been synthesized in the form of water colloidal solutions
- Luminescence of nReVO₄:Eu³⁺ nanocrystals are effectively excited under UV and visible irradiation
- It was found, that increase of the size of nanoparticles leads to bathochromic shift of the absorption maximum
- The Stokes shift for fluorescence nanocrystals nGdYVO₄:Eu³⁺ more than 200 nm allows to separate the autofluorescence of biological material from the fluorescence of the probe
- Spherical nGdYVO₄:Eu³⁺ nanocrystals are efficient inorganic markers

Thank you for attention!

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