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The effect of annealing temperature on the structure and luminescence of Zn₂V₂O₇ prepared by sol-gel method

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Abstract: The zinc vanadate (Zn₂V₂O₇) phosphor was prepared by a sol-gel method followed by annealing at temperatures between 700 °C - 850 °C. The effect of annealing temperature on the structure and photoluminescence of Zn₂V₂O₇ was investigated. The x-ray diffraction (XRD) results showed the single monoclinic phase of Zn₂V₂O₇ [1]. The crystallinity of the Zn₂V₂O₇ phosphor improved while the full width at half-maximum of (022) XRD peak was decreased with the increase in annealing temperature. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) shows grain size increase with the increase in annealing temperature, which is due to the crystallinity of Zn₂V₂O₇. Thermal behaviour of the Zn₂V₂O₇ phosphor was investigated by thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC). TGA results showed a total weight loss of 65.3% when temperature was risen from 35 °C to 500 °C. The photoluminescence (PL) emission spectra of annealed Zn₂V₂O₇ powders showed a broadband emission from 400 nm to 800 nm. The PL intensity enhanced as the annealing temperature was increased, resulting to an improvement of the crystallinity. PL emission peaks shift from green emission towards a yellow emission.

Reference: [1] P. Y. Zavalij, F. Zhang and M. Stanley Whittingham, Solid State Sciences, 4 (2002) 591–597.

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