

Optically functional ceramic materials

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Background

- Phosphors and transparent ceramics are being widely used for LED lighting, solid lasers, and scintillators
- YAG and Y_2O_3 based ceramics are well known, but there are still strong needs in the development of new materials and better fabrication technologies.

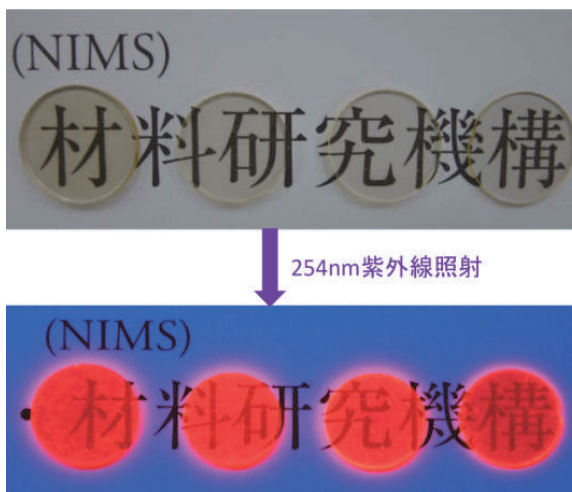
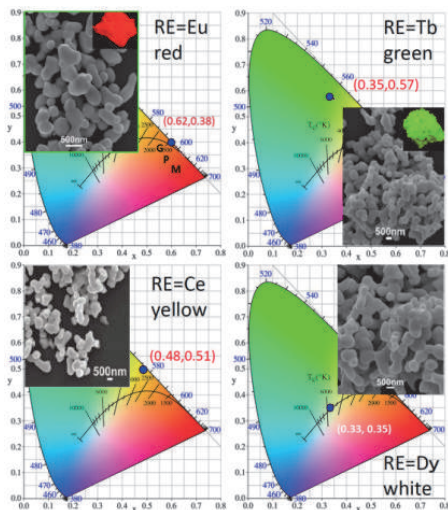
Aim

- Development of GdAG-based solid solutions as efficient phosphors
- Fabrication of single-crystal-like $(Y,Gd)_2O_3:RE$ (RE=Eu, Tb etc) transparent ceramics via advanced powder processing and vacuum sintering;
- Seeking enhanced luminescence with the energy transfer from Gd^{3+} to the activator

Advanced Research Topics

$(Gd,M)AG:RE$ phosphors (M : for lattice stabilization); Synthesis: 1150-1500°C

$(Y,Gd)_2O_3:Eu$ transparent ceramics sintered at 1700°C for 4h (1mm thick; in-line transmittance ~81%)



Publications

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Summary

- GdAG-based new phosphors
- Advanced processing technologies for highly sinterable oxide powders
- Single-crystal like transparent ceramics
- Excellent luminescent performances

Research outcome

- Phosphors for scintillation and LED lighting
- Ceramic scintillators for X-CT etc.
- High temperature window, IR window, and solid laser materials