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Optical and Photoluminescence Properties of Nanocomposites Polymer-Compounds Coordinated with Eu^{+3} Ions

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Abstract

Thin films (1–3 μm thickness) of nanocomposites (NCs) based on organic compounds with Eu^{3+} ions ($\text{Eu}(\text{TTA})_3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{Eu}(\text{TTA})_3$ Phen, $\text{Eu}(\text{DBM})_3$ Phen and $\text{Eu}(\text{TTA})_2(\text{Ph}_3\text{PO})_2\text{NO}_3$ and polymer polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) or copolymer styrene-butylmethacrylate in ratio of 1:1 (SBMA) were obtained by chemical methods and with different molar ratios into organic polymer matrix. NCs have been characterized by measurements of optical transmission and photoluminescence (PL) spectra. The PL of nanocomposites in all type of compounds with Eu^{3+} ions detected the same spectra specific for internal transitions $4f \rightarrow 4f$ of the Eu^{3+} ion $5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow 7\text{F}_i$ ($i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ and 4) centered at 580, 590, 615, 650, and 705 nm, respectively at $T = 300$ K. The dominant PL attributed to the transition $5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow 7\text{F}_2$ is at 612–615 nm and the halfwidth is less than 10 nm. It was found that with the increase of the coordination number and reduction of the symmetry of Eu^{3+} ions, the intensity of the photoluminescence increases. In nanocomposites, the effect of energy transfer from the polymer matrix towards the coordinated compound with subsequent transfer to Eu^{3+} ion was identified.