

Production of nanocrystalline $Y_2O_3:Eu$ powder by microwave plasma-torch and its characterization

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$Y_2O_3:Eu$ nanophosphors were synthesized directly by dissolving Y_2O_3 and EuO_2 in HNO_3 in an atmospheric microwave-plasma torch for a direct continuous preparation and mass production of $Y_2O_3:Eu$ powders. The $Y_2O_3:Eu$ phases obtained were characterized by X-ray powder diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM). Also, investigated optical properties are the photoluminescence emission spectra. The mean size of the nanophosphors was in the range 25.5~43.7nm, and showed a narrow size distribution, high crystallinity and special luminescent properties. Compared with the phosphors prepared by mixing rates ratio of EuO_2 , the quenching concentration of 9.9 g was is higher than others.