

## New synthesis procedure for nanoparticulate Lu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Eu and spectroscopy of the product.

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Fabrication procedure of nanocrystalline Lu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Eu powders from organic–inorganic emulsion is presented and the behavior of the precipitate upon heat-treatment is analyzed. It is proved that heating at 800–850 °C converts the raw material into Lu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>:Eu, which decomposes further to Lu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Eu when heated at 1000 °C or above. Research with synchrotron radiation revealed that free exciton is able to transfer effectively its energy to Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions in Lu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Eu nanosized powder, which is in contrast to the findings for micron-sized ceramics of the same composition.

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