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## Luminescence of Blue-purple Emitting $\text{Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4 : \text{Ce}^{3+}, \text{Li}^+$ Phosphor

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**Abstract:** Blue-purple emitting  $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4 : x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  ( $x = 0.01 - 0.09$ , in steps of 0.01) and  $\text{Sr}_{1.95-y}\text{SiO}_4 : 0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, y\text{Li}^+$  ( $y = 0.01 - 0.07$ , in steps of 0.02) phosphors have been prepared by co-precipitation method with MCM-41 as silica source. The emission spectra of  $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4 : x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  show an asymmetric broad band with a maximum around 410 nm and the critical mole fraction is found to be 5%.  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  ions prefer nine-coordinated Sr(II) sites over ten-coordinated Sr(I) sites. The emission intensity of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4 : 0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  can be improved effectively by co-doping  $\text{Li}^+$  ions as charge compensator and a greater degree of the improvement is observed for phosphor calcined at 1 100 °C compared with 1 000 °C. The most suitable doping amount of  $\text{Li}^+$  for  $\text{Sr}_{1.95-y}\text{SiO}_4 : 0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, y\text{Li}^+$  is  $y = 0.05$ .

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## $\text{Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4 : \text{Ce}^{3+}, \text{Li}^+$ 蓝紫色荧光粉发光性能的研究

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**摘要:** 以 MCM-41 为硅源, 采用共沉淀法制备  $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4 : x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  ( $x = 0.01 \sim 0.09$ , 步长为 0.01) 和  $\text{Sr}_{1.95-y}\text{SiO}_4 : 0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, y\text{Li}^+$  ( $y = 0.01 \sim 0.07$ , 步长为 0.02) 蓝紫色荧光粉。  $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4 : x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  的发射光谱是一个不对称的宽带, 最大峰值在 410 nm 左右。  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  的最佳掺杂量为 5%。  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  离子倾向于占据九配位的 Sr(II) 格位。 共掺电荷补偿剂  $\text{Li}^+$  可以有效地提高  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4 : 0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  的发光强度, 其中  $\text{Li}^+$  离子对 1 100 °C 煅烧样品的发光强度的提高程度比 1 000 °C 的更高,  $\text{Li}^+$  的最佳掺杂量为  $y = 0.05$ 。

**关键词:** 荧光粉;  $\text{Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4 : \text{Ce}^{3+}, \text{Li}^+$ ; 发光

### 1 Introduction

As a new type of solid light source, white light emitting diodes (WLEDs) have attracted much at-

tention due to high power efficiency, energy saving and environment-friendliness *etc.* Compared with the WLEDs based on yellow YAG phosphors combined with a blue InGaN LED chip, the NUV-excited

blends of blue-, green-, and red-emitting phosphors have the higher color reproduction and color rendering<sup>[14]</sup>. As a good candidate excited in the NUV range, Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> matrix phosphor is extensively studied because of its good chemical stability and thermal stability<sup>[5-10]</sup>.

The commonly doped rare-earth luminescent-centers in Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> matrix include Eu<sup>2+</sup>, Eu<sup>3+</sup>, Ce<sup>3+</sup>, Dy<sup>3+</sup>, *etc.* Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>:Eu<sup>2+</sup> is one of the prevailing green-yellow phosphors for WLEDs<sup>[8]</sup>. Sr<sub>1.97-(x+y)</sub>Dy<sub>0.03</sub>Ce<sub>x</sub>Li<sub>y</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> can emit colour from blue-white to orange-white by varying Dy<sup>3+</sup> concentration<sup>[9]</sup>. The non-equivalent substitution of divalent ion by trivalent ion would create vacancies, which quench the luminescence. Reports show that co-doping of charge compensator (Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>) can solve this problem and enhance the emission intensities of phosphors, such as Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>:Tb<sup>3+</sup><sup>[10]</sup>, Sr<sub>3</sub>B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:Ce<sup>3+</sup>, Eu<sup>2+</sup><sup>[11]</sup>, (Ba<sub>1-x</sub>Sr<sub>x</sub>)<sub>9</sub>Sc<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>6</sub>O<sub>24</sub>:Ce<sup>3+</sup><sup>[12]</sup>, and Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>:Sm<sup>3+</sup><sup>[13]</sup>. In addition to charge compensator, the luminescence of rare-earth ions doped Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> is also influenced by the local coordination of the rare-earth ions in the host lattice. Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> exists in two crystalline phases: β-Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> (monoclinic) and α'-Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> (orthorhombic). β-Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> phase is the low temperature phase while α'-Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> phase the high temperature one<sup>[14]</sup>. There are two kinds of cation sites for Sr<sup>2+</sup> in both α' and β phases. Sr(I) is ten-coordinated and Sr(II) is nine-coordinated by oxygen atoms<sup>[15]</sup>. The amount of Sr(I) site is equal to that of Sr(II) site. For Sr(I) site the average Sr—O bond distance is 0.285 2 nm in α' phase and 0.285 0 nm in β phase. For Sr(II) site the average Sr—O bond distance is 0.269 8 nm in α' phase and 0.270 9 nm in β phase<sup>[16]</sup>. Since the ionic radius of the Ce<sup>3+</sup> (0.125 nm, 10 coord.) is very similar to ionic radius of the Sr<sup>2+</sup> (0.132 nm, 10 coord.), Ce<sup>3+</sup> ions substitute Sr<sup>2+</sup> ions in Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> lattice<sup>[17]</sup>.

The commercial Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> phosphors are commonly produced by the conventional solid-state reaction method involving calcining at temperatures above 1 200 °C<sup>[6-8]</sup>. Reports show that the synthe-

sized temperature of the silicate phosphors can be lowered by using mesoporous silica as Si source<sup>[18-19]</sup>. In this paper, we synthesized Sr<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>:Ce<sup>3+</sup>,Li<sup>+</sup> phosphors at 1 000 or 1 100 °C, using MCM-41 as silicon source. The relationships between emission property and Ce<sup>3+</sup> concentration as well as Li<sup>+</sup> concentration are discussed. The influence of temperature on emission intensity is also studied.

## 2 Experiments

### 2.1 Preparation

MCM-41 was synthesized as follows: tetraethyl orthosilicate (TEOS) was added under constant stirring to a mixing solution of cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB), ammonia solution and distilled water. After stirred for 1 h at room temperature, the solution was sealed in a Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave and heated at 110 °C for 48 h. The solid precipitate was filtered, washed, dried and calcined in air at 550 °C for 6 h. The molar ratio of the reactants was  $n(\text{CTAB}) : n(\text{TEOS}) : n(\text{NH}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}) : n(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 0.24 : 0.075 : 0.01 : 66.7$ .

The Sr<sub>2-x</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>:xCe<sup>3+</sup> ( $x = 0.01 - 0.09$ , in steps of 0.01) and Sr<sub>1.95-y</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>:0.05Ce<sup>3+</sup>,yLi<sup>+</sup> ( $y = 0.01 - 0.07$ , in steps of 0.02) phosphors were prepared as follows: Sr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, LiNO<sub>3</sub>, and Ce(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mol/L) solution were mixed in deionized water to get a homogenized solution A. Amount of MCM-41 and oxalic acid ( $n(\text{MCM-41}) : n(\text{oxalic acid}) = 1 : 1.5$ , molar ratio), ammonia solution was uniformly mixed in deionized water as solution B, sonicating for about 25 min. Then solution A was added dropwise to the solution B under vigorous stirring. After stirred for 1 h and then stillled at room temperature for 2 h, the products were filtered, washed, dried, and calcined at 1 000 or 1 100 °C for 3 h in the carbon reduction atmosphere.

### 2.2 Characterizations

X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) measurements were performed on the Rigaku D/MAX-Ultima S equipped with Cu Kα radiation (40 kV, 20 mA), at the rate of 2.0 (°)/min over the range of 1° - 8° (2θ), and 6.0 (°)/min over the range of 20° - 70°

( $2\theta$ ). The particle morphology and size were measured using a thermal field emission electron microscope (SUPRA 55, Carl Zeiss, Germany) at an accelerating voltage of 3.00 kV. The excitation and emission spectra were measured on a FluoroMax-4 fluorescent spectrophotometer with a slit width of 0.8 nm and a Xe lamp as light source. The quantum efficiency was measured by a FluoroMax-4 fluorescent spectrophotometer. All the samples were measured at room temperature.

### 3 Results and Discussion

XRD pattern of MCM-41 powder is shown in Fig. 1. It can be observed that there are three well-resolved peaks at  $2\theta$  range of  $1^\circ - 5^\circ$ , indexed as (100), (110) and (200) reflections of the hexagonal phase MCM-41<sup>[20]</sup>. This indicates that the synthesized sample possesses typical mesoporous structure of MCM-41.

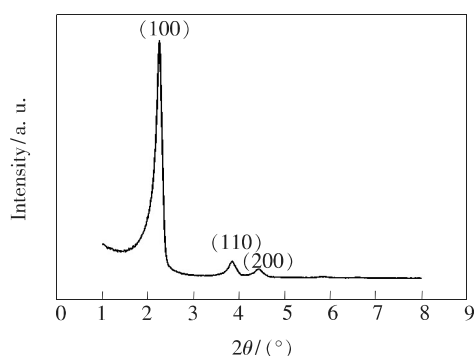


Fig. 1 XRD pattern of MCM-41

XRD patterns of  $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4:x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  samples calcined at  $1100^\circ\text{C}$  are shown in Fig. 2. For  $x=0.01$  sample, major  $\beta\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase co-exists with minor  $\alpha'\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase. When  $x$  increased to 0.03, the

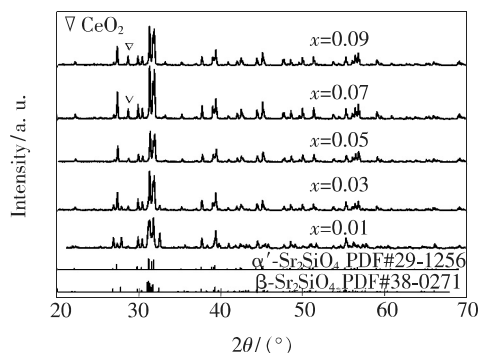


Fig. 2 XRD patterns of  $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4:x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  samples calcined at  $1100^\circ\text{C}$

intensity of diffraction peaks of  $\beta\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  decreased. When  $x$  is higher than 0.03, the  $\beta\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase completely transforms into the pure  $\alpha'\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase, and a weak peak at  $2\theta = 28.6^\circ$ , assigned to the (111) diffraction of the  $\text{CeO}_2$  phase, can be clearly observed.

XRD patterns of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Sr}_{1.9}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, 0.05\text{Li}^+$  samples calcined at different temperatures are presented in Fig. 3. All the three samples consist of nearly pure  $\alpha'\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase with only minor  $\text{CeO}_2$  impurity phase. Compared to the  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  sample calcined at  $1000^\circ\text{C}$ , the diffraction peaks of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Sr}_{1.9}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, 0.05\text{Li}^+$  calcined at  $1100^\circ\text{C}$  shift to the higher angle-side, indicating the lattice shrinking with rising calcining temperature.

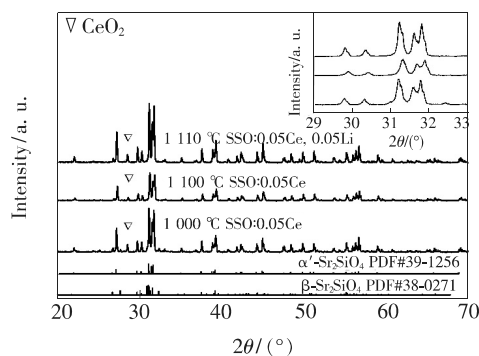


Fig. 3 XRD patterns of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Sr}_{1.9}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, 0.05\text{Li}^+$  samples calcined at different temperatures

The structure of  $\alpha'\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  is similar to that of  $\beta\text{-K}_2\text{SiO}_4$  and has been described in literature<sup>[21-22]</sup>. The schematic crystal structure of  $\alpha'\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase is shown in Fig. 4(a). There are two cation sites of  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  in  $\alpha'\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase.  $\text{Sr}(\text{I})$  is 10-coordinated and  $\text{Sr}(\text{II})$  is 9-coordinated by oxygen atoms, as shown in Fig. 4(b).

SEM images of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  samples calcined at different temperatures are shown in Fig. 5. For samples calcined at  $1000^\circ\text{C}$ , the particle diameters are about  $2.3\ \mu\text{m}$  and the shape is regular. As the calcining temperature increased from  $1000^\circ\text{C}$  to  $1100^\circ\text{C}$ , the particle sizes increase from  $2.3\ \mu\text{m}$  to  $4.2\ \mu\text{m}$ , and the shape is also regular. Compared with the sample calcined at  $1000^\circ\text{C}$ , the sample at

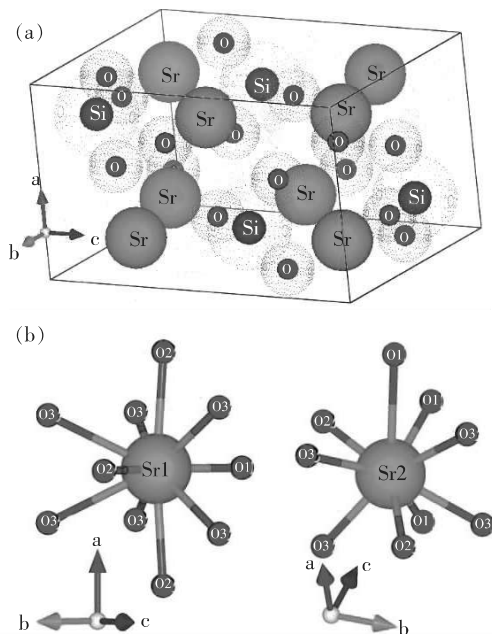


Fig. 4 (a) Schematic crystal structure of  $\alpha'$ - $\text{Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase. (b) Coordination environments of Sr(I) and Sr(II) sites in  $\alpha'$  phase.

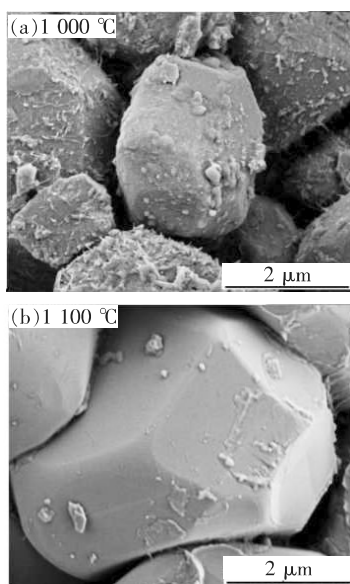


Fig. 5 SEM images of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  samples calcined at different temperatures

1100 °C shows cleaner particle surfaces and more straight grain boundaries. It indicates that the sample calcined at 1100 °C has better crystallinity.

Fig. 6 shows the emission and excitation spectra of the  $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4:x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  samples calcined at 1100 °C. All the excitation spectra show two bands at about 280 nm and 351 nm, corresponding to the 4f-5d transition of  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$ . The emission spectra show an asymmetric broad band with a maximum locating at

around 410 nm, ascribed to the 5d-4f transition of  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$ . The emission peak shifts towards red with increasing  $x$ . The emission intensity and half-band width increase significantly with increasing  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  concentration, and gradually decrease as  $x$  exceeding 0.05. This shows that 5%  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  is a critical concentration in  $\text{Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$ .

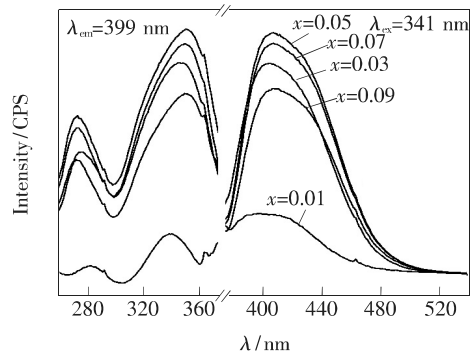


Fig. 6 Emission and excitation spectra of  $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4:x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  samples calcined at 1100 °C

The emission spectrum of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  could be decomposed into two Gaussian peaks centered at 398 nm and 424 nm, respectively, as shown in Fig. 7. According to Van Uitert's empirical equation<sup>[23]</sup> shown below, the emission wavelength of  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  in  $\text{Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  host could be calculated to identify the sites of  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  ions.

$$E = Q \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{V}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{V}} 10^{-\frac{n+ea+r}{80}} \right], \quad (1)$$

$Q$  is the position in energy for the lower d-band edge for the free ion ( $50\,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$ ).  $V$  is the valance of the activator, and is 3 for  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  ion.  $n$  is the coordination number of the host cation.  $r$  is the radius of the host cation replaced by  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  ion.  $ea$  is the electron affinity of the atoms that form anions

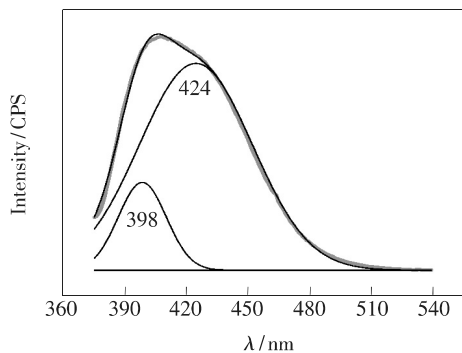


Fig. 7 Gaussian peak fittings for emission spectrum of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  calcined at 1100 °C

(1.6 eV for  $\text{O}^{2-}$ ). The ionic radius of 10- and 9-coordinated  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  are 0.132 nm and 0.125 nm, respectively<sup>[16]</sup>. The calculated peaks of  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  in ten-coordinated Sr(I) and nine-coordinated Sr(II) are located at 396 nm and 436 nm, respectively. The observed emission peaks at 398 nm and 424 nm are in very good agreement with the calculated peaks, and can be attributed to the  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  (I) and  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  (II), respectively. The result indicates that  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  ions occupy the two different sites of  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  in  $\text{Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  host.

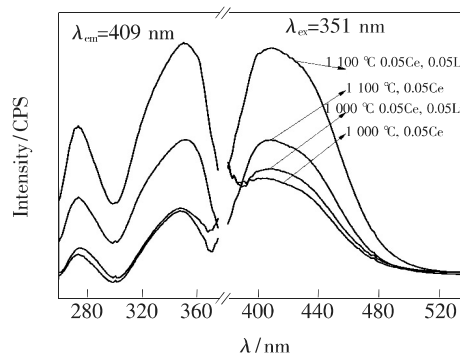
The Gaussian fitting results for the spectra of  $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4:x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  phosphors are summarized in Tab. 1. As shown in Tab. 1, when the content of  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  increases in the range of 0.01 to 0.05, the ratio of integral area of Gaussian fitting peak  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  (I) to  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  (II) decreases, indicating a preference for  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  to occupy the smaller Sr(II) site rather than the larger Sr(I) site in the solid solution. The radius of  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  is smaller than that of  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$ . The preferent occupation of smaller  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  (II) by  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  can reduce lattice distortion.

**Tab. 1 Gaussian fitting results for the spectra of  $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4:x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  phosphors**

Phosphors	Observed/nm		Ratio of area (Ce(I)/Ce(II))
	Ce(I)	Ce(II)	
$\text{Sr}_{1.99}\text{SiO}_4:0.01\text{Ce}^{3+}$	388	420	33/67
$\text{Sr}_{1.97}\text{SiO}_4:0.03\text{Ce}^{3+}$	395	423	22/78
$\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$	398	424	15/85
$\text{Sr}_{1.93}\text{SiO}_4:0.07\text{Ce}^{3+}$	398	424	15/85
$\text{Sr}_{1.91}\text{SiO}_4:0.09\text{Ce}^{3+}$	398	426	18/82

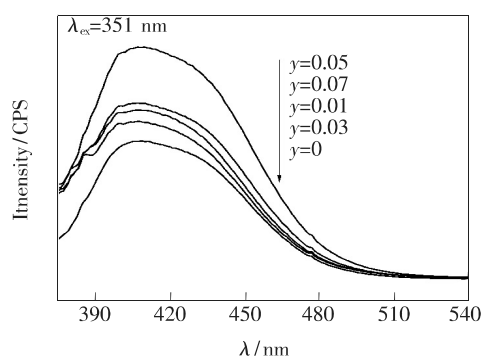
The emission spectra of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Sr}_{1.9}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, 0.05\text{Li}^+$  calcined at different temperatures are presented in Fig. 8. As the calcining temperature increased from 1 000 °C to 1 100 °C, the emission intensities of phosphors enhance obviously. This can be attributed to the improved crystallinity. It can also be observed from Fig. 8 that the emission intensity of  $\text{Sr}_{1.9}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, 0.05\text{Li}^+$  is much higher than that of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  calcined at the same temperature. Doping  $\text{Li}^+$  ions can obviously improve the emission intensity. The degree of improvement is influenced by the calcining temperature. Obviously,

doping  $\text{Li}^+$  ions improve the emission intensity of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  calcined at 1 100 °C more effectively than that calcined at 1 000 °C.



**Fig. 8** Excitation and emission spectra of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Sr}_{1.9}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, 0.05\text{Li}^+$  calcined at different temperatures

Fig. 9 shows the emission spectra of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95-y}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, y\text{Li}^+$  under 351 nm excitation. It can be seen that all the samples show the characteristic emission of  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  at 410 nm and no distinct diversifications on the shapes and positions of the emission spectra are observed. The emission intensities of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95-y}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, y\text{Li}^+$  increase with increasing  $y$ , and gradually decrease as the doping concentration of  $\text{Li}^+$  exceeds  $y = 0.05$ . The intensity of sample with  $y = 0.05$  shows the highest intensity, two times as high as that of sample with  $y = 0$ . The results indicate that the most suitable doping amount for  $\text{Li}^+$  is equal to that for  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$ . The non-equivalent substitution of  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  by  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  can lead to the advent of  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  vacancy, which acts as the charge trapping center and hence quenches the luminescence. When the monovalent alkali metal ion  $\text{Li}^+$  is co-doped as the charge compensator, the number of the vacancies decreases with increasing concentration of  $\text{Li}^+$ , and the emission intensity is therefore improved<sup>[24-26]</sup>.



**Fig. 9** Emission spectra of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95-y}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}, y\text{Li}^+$

The internal quantum efficiency (IQE) was measured using the excitation source of 351 nm. The IQE of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Sr}_{1.9}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$ ,  $0.05\text{Li}^+$  calcined at 1 100 °C were obtained to be 23.7% and 35.7%, respectively. The result suggests that doping proper amount of  $\text{Li}^+$  ions is an effective method to enhance the IQE of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4:\text{Ce}^{3+}$  phosphor.

The measured chromaticity coordinates ( $x_c$ ,  $y_c$ ) of  $\text{Sr}_{2-x-y}\text{SiO}_4:x\text{Ce}^{3+},y\text{Li}^+$  phosphors are summarized in Tab. 2. The CIE chromaticity diagram of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95-y}\text{Li}_y\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  phosphors is shown in Fig. 10. It can be seen that all the samples exhibit blue-purple emissions. The variation of  $\text{Li}^+$  doping concentration only influences the emission intensity and has little effect on the colorimetric coordinate location in the CIE chromaticity diagram.

**Tab. 2 Chromaticity coordinates ( $x_c, y_c$ ) of  $\text{Sr}_{2-x-y}\text{SiO}_4:x\text{Ce}^{3+},y\text{Li}^+$  phosphors**

Sample	$x_c$	$y_c$
$\text{Sr}_{1.99}\text{SiO}_4:0.01\text{Ce}^{3+}$	0.151 3	0.081 2
$\text{Sr}_{1.97}\text{SiO}_4:0.03\text{Ce}^{3+}$	0.156 7	0.037 5
$\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$	0.156 0	0.035 8
$\text{Sr}_{1.93}\text{SiO}_4:0.07\text{Ce}^{3+}$	0.155 8	0.037 8
$\text{Sr}_{1.91}\text{SiO}_4:0.09\text{Ce}^{3+}$	0.155 2	0.040 8
$\text{Sr}_{1.94}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+},0.01\text{Li}^+$	0.156 1	0.036 9
$\text{Sr}_{1.92}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+},0.03\text{Li}^+$	0.155 9	0.038 6
$\text{Sr}_{1.9}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+},0.05\text{Li}^+$	0.155 7	0.034 7
$\text{Sr}_{1.88}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+},0.07\text{Li}^+$	0.155 7	0.036 5

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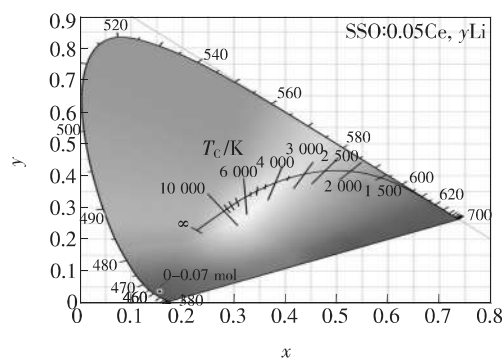


Fig. 10 CIE chromaticity coordinates of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95-y}\text{Li}_y\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  phosphors

## 4 Conclusion

$\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4:x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Sr}_{1.95-y}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+},y\text{Li}^+$  phosphors have been prepared at 1 000 or 1 100 °C. For  $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{SiO}_4:x\text{Ce}^{3+}$  samples, major  $\beta\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase co-exists with minor  $\alpha'\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase when  $x=0.01$ , and the  $\alpha'\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase completely transforms into  $\beta\text{-Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase when  $x>0.03$ . All the samples exhibit blue-purple emissions. The critical mole fraction of  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  is found to be 5%. Doping proper amount of  $\text{Li}^+$  ions can improve the emission intensity of  $\text{Sr}_{1.95}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+}$  calcined at 1 100 °C more effectively than that at 1 000 °C. The most suitable doping amount of  $\text{Li}^+$  for  $\text{Sr}_{1.95-y}\text{SiO}_4:0.05\text{Ce}^{3+},y\text{Li}^+$  is  $y=0.05$ . The results in present work could be helpful for efficiently enhancing the luminescence of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{SiO}_4:\text{Ce}^{3+}$  phosphor.

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