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Producing white light using a phosphor-converted LEDs

Energy-efficient LED light bulbs use an InGaN LED chip (λ_{em} = 450 nm) and inorganic phosphors



These devices produce a functional white light that is ubiquitous in general illumination

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Proposed solutions for blue LED exposure



Transitioning to violet LEDs can reduce blue light at the source

Violet (λ_{em} = 405 nm) LEDs and compatible red, green, and **blue** phosphors can generate a "human-centric" white light



 $BaMgAl_{10}O_{17}$: Eu²⁺ has poor violet absorption and is not chemically stable

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Na_{2-2x}Eu_xMgPO₄F can be synthesized in a one-step reaction by sintering at 825°C for 8 hours

A highly crystalline product can be readily obtained in scaled up reactions



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Na₂MgPO₄F:Eu²⁺ produces a bright blue emission

The Na_{2-2x}Eu_xMgPO₄F phosphors have a distinct excitation maxima at 400 nm producing broad blue emission

The quantum yield at 400 nm excitation is 71(1)%, making it compatible with violet LEDs



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Evaluating the thermal and chromatic stability of Na₂MgPO₄F:Eu²⁺

Phosphors must retain > 50% of its emission intensity by 420 K

Na_{1.92}Eu_{0.04}MgPO₄F maintains its intensity up to 500 K

The perceived color remains unchanged from 300 K to 500 K



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Analysis of chemical stability: hydrolysis resistance

Na_{1.92}Eu_{0.04}MgPO₄F was submerged and agitated in water for 21 days

Crystal structure and optical properties remain unchanged contrary to BaMgAl₁₀O₁₇:Eu²⁺





Building a human-centric light using Na₂MgPO₄F:Eu²⁺

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The transition to LED light bulbs exposes humans to blue light causing insomnia and mood disorders

Shifting to violet LEDs allows for human-centric lighting, but new blue-emitting phosphors must be discovered

Using Na_{1.92}Eu_{0.04}MgPO₄F and a violet LED produces a warm white light with minimal blue light exposure and higher color rendering than a commercial bulb

Future work: conduct chemical substitution experiments to narrow the emission spectrum for human-centric display lighting

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