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Synthesis and Testing of BaZrGe₃O₉: Mn⁴⁺ for Application as a Red-Emitting Phosphor

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A series of novel red-emitting phosphors $BaZrGe_3O_9:Mn^{4+}$ (BZG:Mn⁴⁺) were synthesized through high-temperature solid-state reaction method in order to explore their capabilities for application as red-emitting phosphors. The phosphors were characterized by X-ray diffraction, photoluminescence spectra, and decay curve measurements at the temperature ranging from 80 to 500 K. The luminescence intensity increases to maximum at doping concentration of 0.2 mol.%, and then decreases with concentration. Serious thermal quenching was also revealed.

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