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White wide-band emission from  $Yb^{3+}$ : $Y_2Si_2O_7$  nanoparticles under IR excitation<sup>1</sup> BRYAN SITT, Boston College, MURAT ERDEM, Marmara University, GAOZAN DING, Wheaton College, GONUL ERYUREK, Istanbul Technical University, BALDASSARE DI BARTOLO, Boston College — The spectral properties of  $Yb^{3+}$  ions have attracted considerable attention and offered the possibility of obtaining an infrared emission and an up-converted emission. The emission properties of various host media activated with  $Yb^{3+}$ , have been recently studied even in nanoscale form, due to their potential photonic application. Ytterbium  $(Yb^{3+})$  doped  $Y_2Si_2O_7$  powders with average particle size 40 were successfully synthesized using the sol-gel technique. At the pressure of 0.01 mbar a wide white light band appeared. The International Commission on Illumination (CIE) coordinates (c) using an illuminance meter for nano-particles at a distance of 5cm. The CIE coordinates were found to be (0.465, 0.377) for white emission under 950 nm excitation.

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