$^{3+}$ ions in lead borate glasses.

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Influence of metal and semiconducting nanoparticles on the optical properties of Dy P K BABU, SAISUDHA MALLUR, Western Illinois University — The effect of glass composition and the influence of Ag, CdSe and ZnSe nanoparticles on the optical absorption and fluorescence of Dy-doped lead borate glasses are studied. Optical absorption and fluorescence spectra of Dy^{3+} ions show significant changes with glass composition, and the presence of semiconducting nanoparticles. We analyzed the hypersensitive transition, intensity parameters, radiative transition probability, stimulated emission cross section (σ_p), and the area ratio of the yellow to blue peak of Dy^{3+} ions. Fluorescence spectra of the glass containing CdSe nanoparticles show a well pronounced, characteristic broad emission. Deconvolution of these broad peaks yields average particle sizes that agree with the transmission electron microscope images. σ_p shows significant increase for the glass containing CdSe nanoparticle of size 8-18 nm. Incorporating CdSe nanoparticles into lead borate glasses can produce significant electronic alterations to the local environment of Dy^{3+} ions to produce favorable enhancements to its optical properties.

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