

# CaMgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:Eu<sup>2+</sup> and Dy<sup>3+</sup> co doped phosphors prepared by combining two chemical method

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Silicate system of the CaO–MgO–SiO<sub>2</sub> has attracted great interest due to its high weather resistance which is endorsed by the physical and chemical stability [1, 2]. This property makes it applicable as host for luminescent materials. CaMgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (diopside), an important component of the mantle and subduction slabs has been studied by many researchers [3]. Eu<sup>2+</sup> activated alkaline earth silicate phosphors have a long afterglow characteristic and blue to green emission by the near ultraviolet [4] stimulation. Glass ceramic of CaO–MgO–SiO<sub>2</sub> system has potential application on the optical devices [5, 6], for example, Ca<sub>2</sub>MgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>:Eu<sup>2+</sup> [7] and CaMgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:Eu<sup>2+</sup>, Dy<sup>3+</sup> [8]. Ca<sub>2</sub>MgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>:Eu<sup>2+</sup> is a promising phosphor material for white light emitting diode (LED) [5]. In this study, CaMgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:Eu<sup>2+</sup> and Dy<sup>3+</sup> co-doped CaMgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:Eu<sup>2+</sup> phosphors were synthesized using sol gel technique followed by a modified molten salt method and thermal treatment in a weak reducing atmosphere. Crystalline phase identification by XRD and the measurements of photoluminescence (PL) excitation were performed. The XRD results reveal that the synthesized phosphors are crystalline and assigned to the diopside structure. The PL results indicate the emission spectra of CaMgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:Eu<sup>2+</sup> and Dy<sup>3+</sup> co-doped CaMgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:Eu<sup>2+</sup> phosphors have a broad band at 450nm attributed to electronic transition from the 4f<sup>6</sup> 5d<sup>1</sup> state to the 4f<sup>7</sup> state.

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