

## Synthesis and photoluminescent properties of $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ , $\text{Dy}^{3+}$ doped molybdate based novel $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4$ phosphors

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$\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{2-x-y}(\text{MoO}_4)_4:x\text{Eu}^{3+},y\text{Dy}^{3+}$  with doping concentrations of  $x\text{Eu}^{3+}$  and  $y\text{Dy}^{3+}$  ( $x=0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.1$  and  $y=0.01$ ) phosphors were synthesized by solid state reaction method, one of the high temperature solid state methods. The reactions were carried out in tube furnace at determined temperatures. Thermogravimetry-differential thermal analysis (TG/DTA) system was used to determine the synthesis temperature of the material and to examine its thermal behavior. The crystal structure of the material was checked with x-ray powder diffractometry (XRD), surface morphology and elemental analysis were done with scanning electron microscope (SEM). The photoluminescent properties of luminescence and excitation wavelength and luminescence duration were determined by photoluminescence spectrophotometer (PL). As a result of the analyses made with photoluminescence spectrophotometer, three emission bands were observed at 619 nm, 652 nm and 706 nm, resulting from the characteristic  $^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_j$  ( $J=2, 3$  and  $4$ ) transitions of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  ions.

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Inorganic luminescent materials have wide application with their wide composition options and unique physical and chemical properties<sup>1-3</sup>. However, these materials have been designed as multi-functional to obtain photocatalytic or piezoelectric properties as well as luminescence properties<sup>4-8</sup>. In addition, inorganic luminescent materials are indispensable for W-LED and opto-electronic applications. To date, W-LEDs are composed of  $\text{InGaN}$  (blue LED) and  $\text{YAG:Ce}^{3+}$  (yellow-emitting) components and are widely used. However, perfection has not been reached yet regarding the red components used in such W-LEDs. Research continues on physicochemical stability for red-emitting W-LED components<sup>9-11</sup>. For this reason, there is a need for more research on red-emitting phosphors. At this point,  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  comes to the fore with its unique red emission properties.  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  ions in a host crystal commonly form the luminescent center by  $^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_j$  ( $J=0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) transitions. The  $^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_1$  transition is due to the magnetic dipole transition of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  and is observed around 590 nm. The red emission of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  at  $\sim 610$  nm, which is also the focus of this

study, is the  $^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_2$  transition resulting from the electric dipole transition. The relative emission intensities of the aforementioned transitions vary depending on whether the host crystal is doped with the center of inversion symmetry or not<sup>9, 12-15</sup>.

$\text{MLn}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4$  type crystal ( $\text{M}:\text{M}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ln}$ : rare earth elements) has a *scheelite* structure. The first example of  $\text{MLn}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4$ , ( $\text{M}:\text{M}^{2+}$ ) type crystal structures is the  $\text{CaEu}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4$  crystal. Such crystal structures are formed as tetragonal units in space can be modeled in (3+2) dimensions. This structure consists of  $\text{MoO}_4$  tetrahedrons and  $(\text{A})\text{O}_8$  square antiprisms. (A) position can be  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Yb}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ho}^{3+}$  ions or hole. In the  $\text{MoO}_4$  tetrahedron, the molybdenum atom is surrounded by 4 oxygens in the center, while in the  $(\text{A})\text{O}_8$  square antiprism there is an atom such as  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Yb}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ho}^{3+}$  in the center and 8 oxygen atoms surrounding it<sup>16</sup>. Thanks to the similarity of the radii of the rare earth elements that can settle in the structure, these ions can be effectively doped into the crystal lattice. Naturally, materials with photoluminescent properties can be developed, as well as materials for the desired purpose. For this, impurity atoms can be doped into a crystal (host

crystal), these atoms are called "activator" atoms. These activator atoms are doped in very small amounts (1-10 mol%) to form a narrow energy band. They cause some differences in luminescence properties due to the formation of radiation and defect centers in the crystal they are added to. The most suitable doping atoms for this purpose are the rare earth elements, as they have partially filled 4f shells. The transitions between the partially filled 4f shells of the doping atoms, which are protected within the crystal field of the residential crystal and create additional energy levels, cause emission. Such luminescent materials in inorganic crystal structure in which the photoluminescent feature is observed are generally oxide, oxysulfide, sulfur, selenide, borate, phosphate, gallate, germanate, vanadate, sulfate, molybdate, aluminate, silicate and alumina silicate type compounds<sup>17,18</sup>.

Until now, almost no research has been done on the doping of  $MLn_2(MoO_4)_4$  crystal with rare earth elements and its photoluminescence properties. Also, there is no article about the  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4$  crystal and its photoluminescence properties. Therefore, in the present study,  $Eu^{3+}$  and  $Dy^{3+}$  doped  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4$  phosphors were synthesized for the first time.  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_{2-x-y}(MoO_4)_4: xEu^{3+}, yDy^{3+}$  phosphors with doping concentrations of  $xEu^{3+}$  and  $yDy^{3+}$  ( $x = 0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.1$  and  $y = 0.01$ ) phosphors were prepared by solid state reaction method. The synthesized phosphors were characterized by X-ray diffraction (XRD), thermogravimetry-differential thermal analysis (TG/DTA) system and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). The luminescence properties were investigated using photoluminescence (PL) photospectrophotometer.

## Materials and Method

In this study, high temperature solid state method was used as the synthesis method. To form the  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:xEu^{3+}, yDy^{3+}$  phosphors, the starting materials  $BaCO_3$  (99.0%),  $CaCO_3$  (99.9%),  $La_2O_3$  (99.99%),  $MoO_3$  (99.9%),  $Eu_2O_3$  (99.99%),  $Dy_2O_3$  (99.99%) were weighed in stoichiometric ratios ( $x = 0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.1$  and  $y = 0.01$ ) and ground in a gate mortar. In order to determine the reaction optimum of the prepared homogeneous starting materials mixture, the thermal behavior of samples were investigated with a heating rate of  $10^\circ C/min$  from room temperature to  $1300^\circ C$  by a Seiko Instruments Inc./Exstar TG/DTA 6200 system. According to the thermal analysis studies, the starting material mixture was preheated at  $650^\circ C$  for 10 hours and heat treated at  $850^\circ C$  for 10 hours and slowly

cooled down to room temperature. The crystal structure of the heat-treated samples was determined with the BRUKER AXS D8 ADVANCE model (40 kV, 30 mA, Cu-K $\alpha$ ,  $0.02^\circ/2\theta$ ) XRD. The surface morphology and EDX analyzes of the synthesized crystal systems were performed with a LEO 440 scanning electron microscope (SEM). Photoluminescence properties were examined with a PTI Quanta Master 30 model photoluminescence spectrophotometer operating in the 200-900 nm range with a xenon lamp.

## Results and Discussions

The thermal analysis result of the powder mixture of  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.01 Eu^{3+}$  consisting of starting materials  $BaCO_3$ ,  $CaCO_3$ ,  $La_2O_3$ ,  $MoO_3$  and  $Eu_2O_3$  used in the synthesis of luminescent material is shown in the thermogram in the Fig. 1(a). According to the TG curve, a total mass loss of 5.0% occurs in four regions. The initial mass loss occurs at the rate of 0.5% in the temperature range of  $260-354^\circ C$ , and it reaches the maximum speed at  $312^\circ C$ . In the TG curve, it is seen that the second mass loss occurs at the rate of 2.3% in the temperature range of  $374-570^\circ C$ , it is consistent with the theoretical mass loss and reaches the maximum speed at  $475^\circ C$  in the DTG curve. These mass losses correspond to the mass loss of pure  $La_2O_3$ <sup>19</sup>. It is seen that the third and fourth mass losses in the TG curve occur at the rate of 2.2% in the temperature range of  $570-772^\circ C$ , and reach the maximum speed at 613 and  $702^\circ C$  in the DTG curve, which is compatible with the theoretical mass loss. These mass losses are due to the decomposition of  $BaCO_3$  and loss of  $CO_2$  and the mass loss of pure  $La_2O_3$ <sup>19</sup>. TG/DTA curves of  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.01Eu^{3+}, 0.01Dy^{3+}$ ,  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.03Eu^{3+}, 0.01Dy^{3+}$ ,  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.05 Eu^{3+}, 0.01 Dy^{3+}$ ,  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.1Eu^{3+}, 0.01Dy^{3+}$  materials are also given in Fig. 1(b-e), respectively. The mass loss and the related temperatures for each sample are given in Table 1.

According to the DTA/TG curves, no mass change was observed after  $770^\circ C$ . Therefore, it was decided to apply a pre-heat treatment at  $650^\circ C$  for 10 hours in order to decompose  $CaCO_3$  and  $BaCO_3$  compounds into their oxides and  $CO_2$ . After pre-heating, a main heat treatment was applied at  $850^\circ C$  for 10 hours in the furnace in order to carry out the solid state reactions. X-Ray Powder Diffraction (XRD) analyzes were made in order to determine their crystal structures and unit cell parameters. The XRD

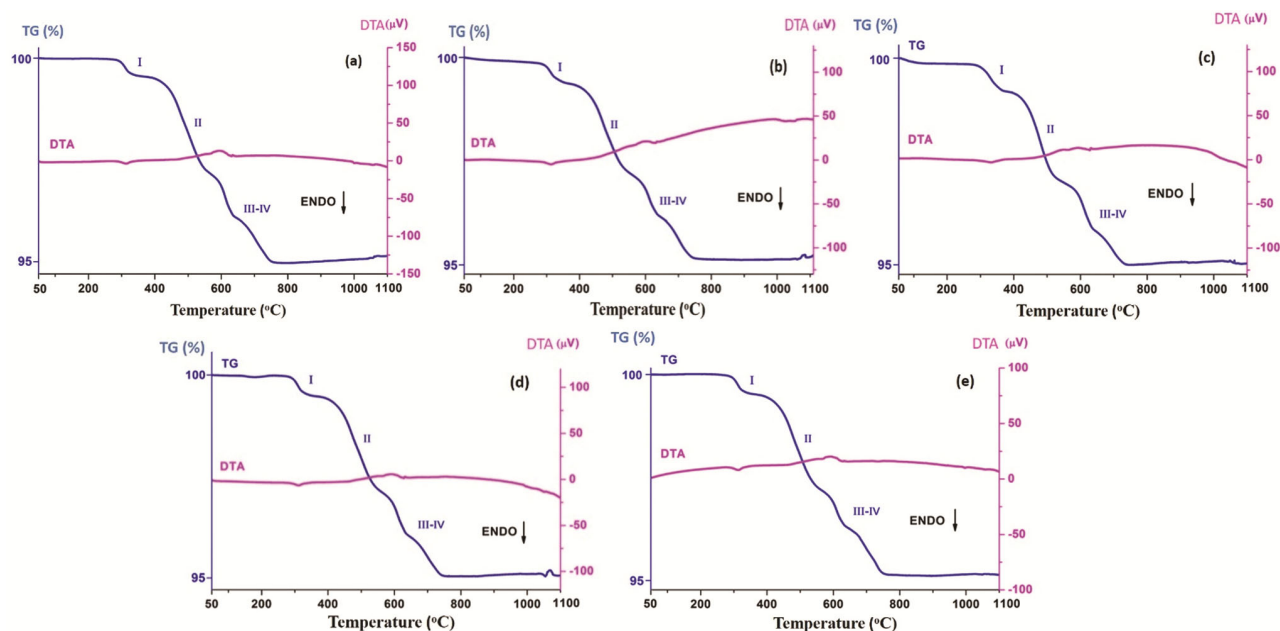


Fig. 1 — TG/DTA curves of (a)  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.01\text{Eu}^{3+}$ , (b)  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.01\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ , (c)  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.03\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ , (d)  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.05\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ , (e)  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.10\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$  phosphors

Table 1 — TG/DTA datas of  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{2-x-y}(\text{MoO}_4)_4:x\text{Eu}^{3+}, y\text{Dy}^{3+}$  ( $x=0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.1$  and  $y=0.01$ ) phosphors.

Phosphor	Total mass loss (%)	1. Mass loss(%)	2. Mass Loss (%)	3. and 4. Mass loss (%)
$\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.01\text{Eu}^{3+}$	5	%0.5 (266°C -374°C) (Max. :312°C)	%2.3 (374°C -570°C) (Max. :475°C)	%2.2 (570°C -772°C) Max. (613-702°C)
$\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.01\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$	5	%0.5 (260°C -354°C) (Max. :313°C)	%2.3 (354°C -558°C) (Max. :471°C)	%2.2 (558°C -769°C) Max. (611-701°C)
$\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.03\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$	5	%0.5 (267 °C -360°C) (Max. :332°C)	%2.3 (360°C -548°C) (Max. :479°C)	%2.2 (548°C -747° C) Max. (612-700°C)
$\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.05\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$	5	%0.5 (257°C -354°C) (Max. :312°C)	%2.3 (354°C -565°C) (Max. :471°C)	%2.2 (565°C -761°C) Max. (610-699°C)
$\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.1\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$	5	%0.5 (258°C -361°C) (Max. :313°C)	%2.3 (361°C -565°C) (Max. :478°C)	%2.2 (565°C -767°C) Max. (633-681°C)

powder patterns of  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.01\text{Eu}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.01\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.03\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.05\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.1\text{Eu}^{3+}, 0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$  luminescent materials are given in Fig. 2 (a-e). The luminescent materials have single phase and their powder pattern compatible with the PDF card number

JCPDS:00-035-0365. The unit cell parameters calculated for the monoclinic crystal systems were found as  $a=1079$  pm,  $b=1061$  pm,  $c=1277$  pm,  $\alpha=90^\circ$ ,  $\beta=90^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=90.44^\circ$ ,  $V=1461.89 \times 10^6$  pm<sup>3</sup>.

After the applied heat treatment at 850°C for 12 hours, EDX and surface morphology analyzes of doped  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4$  luminescent materials

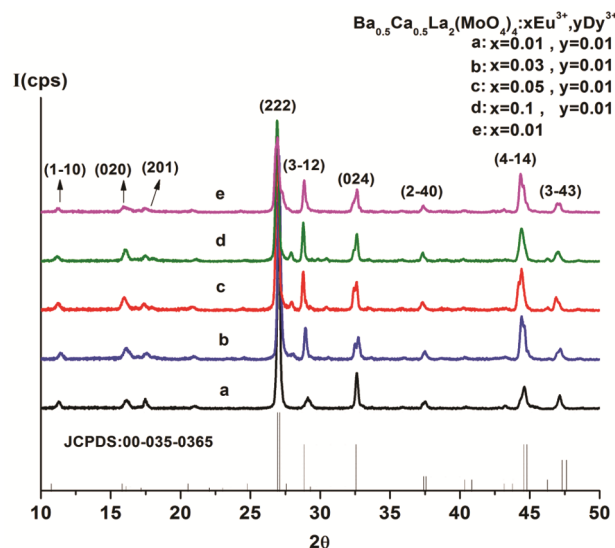


Fig. 2 — XRD patterns of  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{2-x-y}(\text{MoO}_4)_4:x\text{Eu}^{3+},y\text{Dy}^{3+}$  ( $x=0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.1$  and  $y=0.01$ ) phosphors at  $850^\circ\text{C}$

were made by SEM and x20.000 times magnified images of the particles forming the materials were recorded. The SEM images of luminescent materials are shown Fig. 3 (a-e). Also, the EDX analyzes of luminescent materials are shown in the Fig. 4 (a-e) and the EDX analyzes data are listed in the Table 2. According to SEM images and EDX analysis, it is seen that there are no impurity elements in the structure, the particle sizes are around  $0.1\text{-}4\ \mu\text{m}$  and the particles are homogeneously dispersed.

The luminescence properties and life times of  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.01\text{Eu}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.01\text{Eu}^{3+},0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.03\text{Eu}^{3+},0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.05\text{Eu}^{3+},0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.1\text{Eu}^{3+},0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$  luminescent materials were analyzed by photoluminescence spectrophotometer with wavelengths ranging from  $200\ \text{nm}$  to  $900\ \text{nm}$ . The effect of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  ions doped at different rates on the excitation and emission

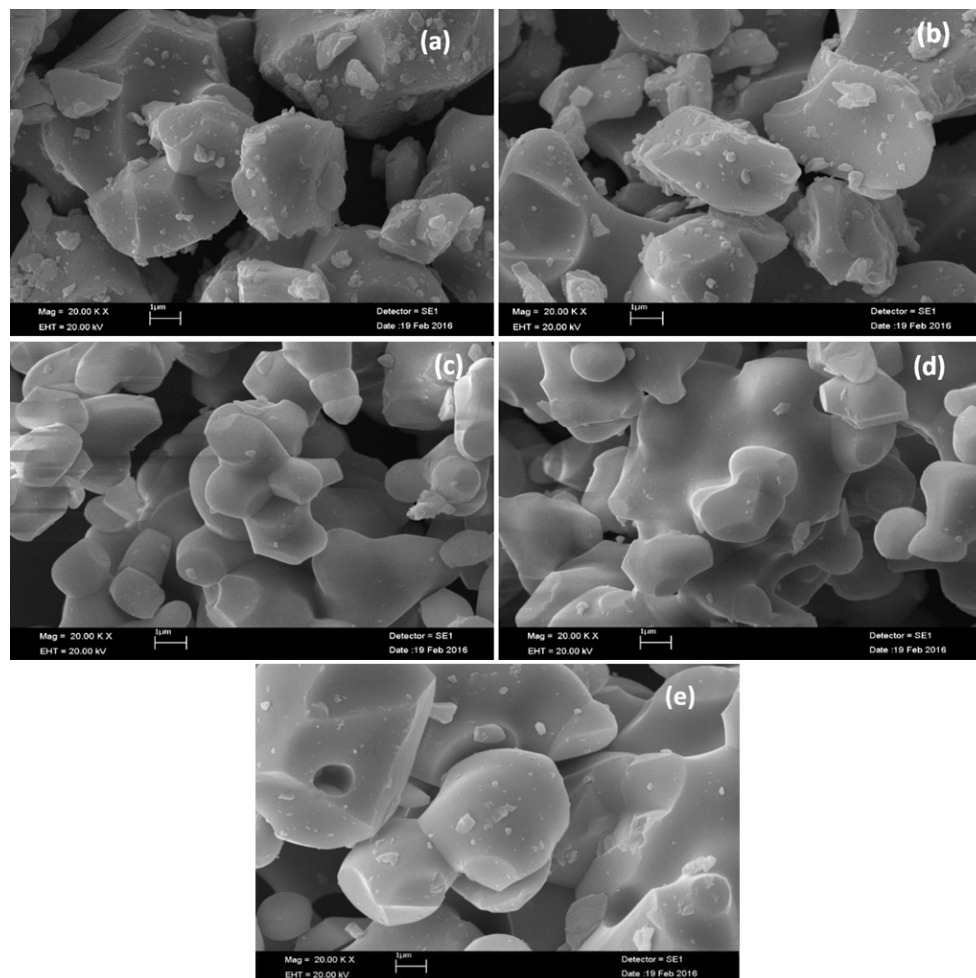


Fig. 3 — SEM images of (a)  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.01\text{Eu}^{3+},0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ , (b)  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.03\text{Eu}^{3+},0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ , (c)  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.05\text{Eu}^{3+},0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ , (d)  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.10\text{Eu}^{3+},0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ , (e)  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.01\text{Eu}^{3+}$  phosphors

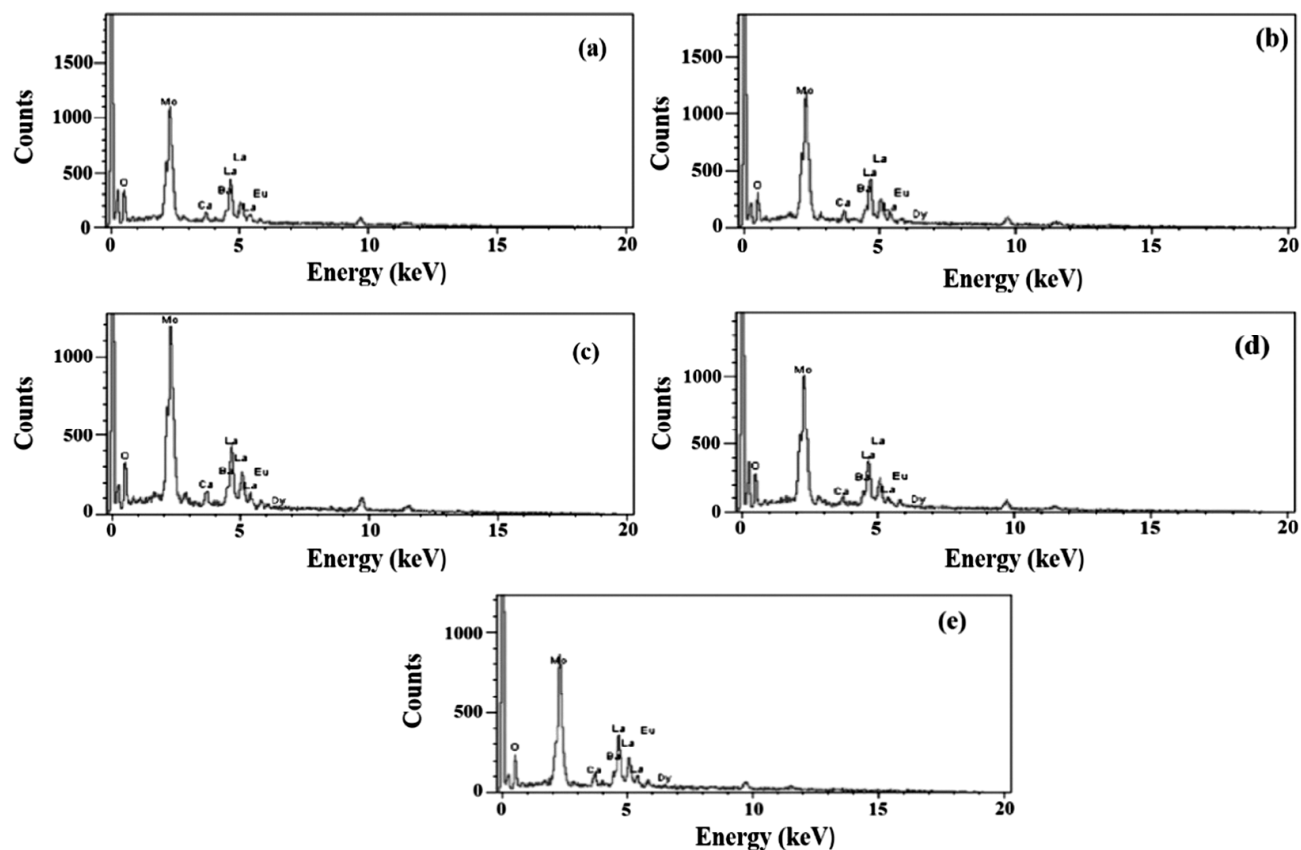


Fig. 4 — EDX analysis of (a)  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.01Eu^{3+}$ , (b)  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.01Eu^{3+}, 0.01Dy^{3+}$ , (c)  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.03Eu^{3+}, 0.01Dy^{3+}$ , (d)  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.05Eu^{3+}, 0.01Dy^{3+}$ , (e)  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.10Eu^{3+}, 0.01Dy^{3+}$  phosphors

Table 2 — EDX data of  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_{2-x-y}(MoO_4)_4:xEu^{3+},yDy^{3+}$  ( $x=0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.1$  and  $y=0.01$ ) phosphors.

		Ba	Ca	La	Mo	O	Eu	Dy
$Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.01Eu^{3+}, 0.01Dy^{3+}$	Calculated %	6.80	1.99	27.52	38.02	25.36	0.15	0.16
	Experimental %	7.95	2.31	36.89	30.05	21.78	0.13	0.88
$Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.03Eu^{3+}, 0.01Dy^{3+}$	Calculated %	6.78	1.98	27.45	37.90	25.28	0.45	0.16
	Experimental %	9.43	2.16	38.07	27.89	21.70	0.34	0.41
$Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.05Eu^{3+}, 0.01Dy^{3+}$	Calculated %	6.76	1.97	27.40	37.72	25.24	0.75	0.16
	Experimental %	10.67	1.37	38.78	26.70	20.59	1.25	0.64
$Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.1Eu^{3+}, 0.01Dy^{3+}$	Calculated %	6.71	1.96	27.15	37.51	25.02	1.49	0.16
	Experimental %	8.47	0.99	33.53	31.76	22.84	1.88	0.53
$Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_2(MoO_4)_4:0.01Eu^{3+}$	Calculated %	6.81	1.99	27.57	38.08	25.40	0.15	-
	Experimental %	8.13	2.21	36.83	28.74	23.97	0.12	-

intensities of luminescent materials is shown in Fig. 5. As seen in the Fig. 5, all phosphors also exhibit the similar emission spectra and the characteristic luminescence bands of  $Dy^{3+}$  ions doped as co-activator were not observed. Two excitation bands of luminescent materials have been detected, resulting from the charge transfer of  $Eu^{3+}$  ions at 290 nm and  ${}^7F_0 \rightarrow {}^5L_6$  transition of  $Eu^{3+}$  ions at 389 nm. The excitation peak at 389 nm ( ${}^7F_0 \rightarrow {}^5L_6$ ), suggesting that the  $Ba_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}La_{2-x-y}(MoO_4)_4:xEu^{3+},yDy^{3+}$  with doping

concentrations of  $xEu^{3+}$  and  $yDy^{3+}$  ( $x=0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.1$  and  $y=0.01$ ) phosphors could be effectively excited by blue light and N-UV, having potential application in W-LED. As a result of these excitations, three emission bands were observed at 619 nm, 652 nm and 706 nm, resulting from the characteristic  ${}^5D_0 \rightarrow {}^7F_j$  ( $J=2, 3$  and  $4$ ) transitions of  $Eu^{3+}$  ions<sup>20</sup>. Among the three emission peaks, the strongest emission peak is the red emission peak at 619 nm. At the same time, no orange emission peak is

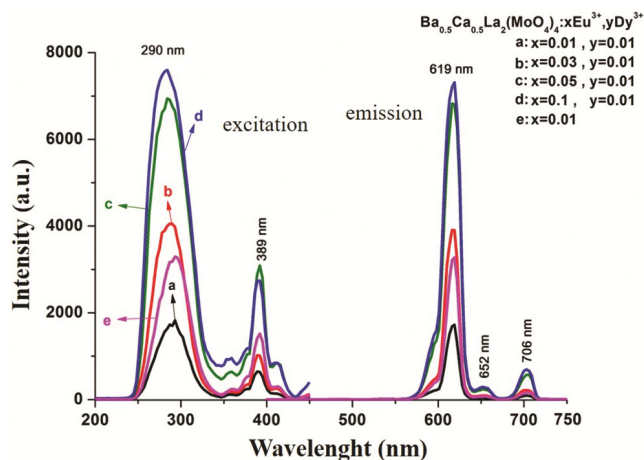


Fig. 5 — Photoluminescence spectra of  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{2-x-y}(\text{MoO}_4)_4:x\text{Eu}^{3+},y\text{Dy}^{3+}$  ( $x=0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.1$  and  $y=0.01$ ) phosphors

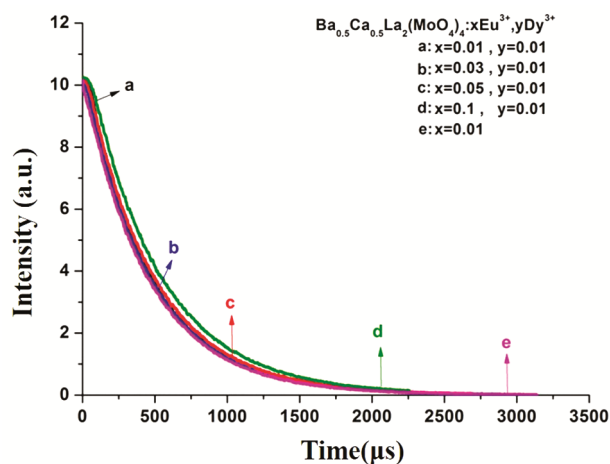


Fig. 6 — Lifetime spectra of  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{2-x-y}(\text{MoO}_4)_4:x\text{Eu}^{3+},y\text{Dy}^{3+}$  ( $x=0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.1$  and  $y=0.01$ ) phosphors

observed. It indicates that  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  ions locate the non-inversion symmetry site in the host crystal<sup>9,21</sup>. This condition leads to a dominant red emission by doping  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  to the  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{2-x-y}(\text{MoO}_4)_4$  host crystal, in accordance with the purpose of this study. As seen in the Fig. 5, the most intense red emission at 619 nm is obtained in  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.1\text{Eu}^{3+},0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$  composition. Thus we can say that the optimum doping ratios for  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{2-x-y}(\text{MoO}_4)_4$  host crystal are  $x=0.1\text{Eu}^{3+}$ , and  $y=0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ . Further increase of doping concentration leads to luminescence intensity decline due to concentration quenching.

The decay time graphs of the luminescent materials are given in the Fig. 6 and the decay times of the material was calculated using below equation and are shown in the Table 3.

Table 3 — Decay times of  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{2-x-y}(\text{MoO}_4)_4:x\text{Eu}^{3+},y\text{Dy}^{3+}$  ( $x=0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.1$  and  $y=0.01$ ) phosphors.

Phosphor	Activator ion and doping rate (mole)	Co-Activator ion and doping rate (mole)	Decay time ( $\tau_1$ )
$\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4$	0.01 $\text{Eu}^{3+}$	0.01 $\text{Dy}^{3+}$	442.2 $\mu\text{s}$
	0.03 $\text{Eu}^{3+}$	0.01 $\text{Dy}^{3+}$	453.3 $\mu\text{s}$
	0.05 $\text{Eu}^{3+}$	0.01 $\text{Dy}^{3+}$	43.35 $\mu\text{s}$
	0.10 $\text{Eu}^{3+}$	0.01 $\text{Dy}^{3+}$	62.35 $\mu\text{s}$
	0.01 $\text{Eu}^{3+}$	-	423.6 $\mu\text{s}$

$$I = A_1 \exp(-t/\tau_1) + C_1.$$

$I$  : luminescence intensity,  $A_1$ ,  $C$ : constant,  $t$ : time and  $\tau_1$  : decay time.

It can be clearly seen from Table 3 that the composition with the longest decay time is  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4:0.03\text{Eu}^{3+},0.01\text{Dy}^{3+}$ .

## Conclusions

In this study,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{1.99}\text{Eu}_{0.01}(\text{MoO}_4)_4$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{1.98}\text{Eu}_{0.01}\text{Dy}_{0.01}(\text{MoO}_4)_4$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{1.96}\text{Eu}_{0.03}\text{Dy}_{0.01}(\text{MoO}_4)_4$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{1.94}\text{Eu}_{0.05}\text{Dy}_{0.01}(\text{MoO}_4)_4$ ,  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_{1.89}\text{Eu}_{0.10}\text{Dy}_{0.01}(\text{MoO}_4)_4$  luminescent materials were firstly synthesized by high temperature solid state reaction methods. It was determined that all the materials have single-phase monoclinic crystal system according to XRD data. As a result of the analyses made with photoluminescence spectrophotometer, three emission bands were observed at 619 nm, 652 nm and 706 nm, resulting from the characteristic  ${}^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow {}^7\text{F}_j$  ( $J=2, 3$  and  $4$ ) transitions of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  ions. Since  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  ions locate the non-inversion symmetry site in the  $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{La}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_4$  host crystal, desired dominant red emission is obtained at 619 nm. Also, all phosphors could be effectively excited by blue light and NUV (389 nm). For these reasons, all phosphors have significant potential for WLEDs applications. As it is known, materials with red emission are very important for opto-electronic applications. According to the photoluminescent results obtained in this study, all the luminescent materials synthesized are good candidates for opto-electronic applications with red components.

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