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## Characterization and thermoluminescence studies of CaSO<sub>4</sub>:Tm,Si phosphor under X-ray excitation.

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**Abstract** : CaSO<sub>4</sub>:Tmphosphorsco-doped with silica prepared through solid state synthesis were subjected to a detailed thermoluminescence analysis. Preliminary studies were done for the structural characterization of the phosphor material.PL spectra were recorded to understand the emission mechanism. TL characteristics of the phosphor were recorded under X-ray excitations. The most noticeable feature of the CaSO<sub>4</sub>:Tm,Si phosphor is the peak emission temperature around 365°C with a fairly large intensity of emission. The dosimetric emission temperature is very high compared to that of the commercially available standard phosphor CaSO<sub>4</sub>:Dy. The fading was found to be around 7% over a period of 2 months. The observed properties of the Si co-doped CaSO<sub>4</sub>:Tm phosphor made it suitable for its use in various radiation dosimetry applications.

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