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## Einladung zu einem ausserordentlichen LES Palaver

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Thema: Microwave-hydrothermal synthesis of water-dispersible

luminescent nanoparticles of yttrium phosphates and fluorides

doped with Nd3+ ion

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## **Abstract**

The current talk is based on the recently published Master thesis. Our group synthesized and studied water-dispersible  $Nd^{3+}$  doped nanoparticles for bioimaging. We synthesized luminescent nanoparticles of yttrium phosphates and fluorides doped with  $Nd^{3+}$  ion using a microwave-hydrothermal method. As a first step, we studied the influence of synthesis conditions during the crystallization of freshly precipitated gels on the phase composition and morphology of  $Nd^{3+}$  doped nanoparticles, while monitoring the conditions including pH, temperature, reagents concentration, and surfactant concentration. As a result, we developed a synthetic procedure for obtaining water-dispersible, highly crystalline and small luminescent nanoparticles. We show that phase composition, water content, and morphology strongly affect the luminescent properties of obtained particles. To study the luminescent properties we performed site-selective spectroscopy and analyzed static (Direct Energy Transfer, DET) Förster kinetics of impurity quenching N(t). As a result we revealed structural origins of fluorescence quenching in synthesized nanoparticles and evaluate their suitability for novel fluorescent markers.

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