

YTTRIUM ALUMINUM MONOCLINIC (YAM) SYNTHESIZED BY HIGH ENERGY BALL MILLING

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ABSTRACT

The structural of the mixture of Y_2O_3 - Al_2O_3 has been studied using X-ray diffraction and ^{27}Al MAS NMR. The sample was synthesized by high energy ball milling process. The polycrystalline YAM powder was form together with impurity YAP and Y_2O_3 when heated at $1100^\circ C$ as confirm by XRD and NMR. Increasing heating temperature up to $1400^\circ C$ did not seem enough to completely transform Y_2O_3 and α - Al_2O_3 into YAM phase as the grain growth occur and increase the diffusion distance in solid state reaction.

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