

OPTICAL PROPERTIES OF YTTERBIUM
TRIANTIMONIDE THIN FILMS

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S u m m a r y

Rare-earth antimonides represent interesting objects for researches owing to their exclusive properties. For the first time, we have studied the reflection and absorption spectra of α -Yb₅Sb₃ (the Mn₅Si₃-type hexagonal lattice with parameters $a = 8.97 \text{ \AA}$ and $c = 6.90 \text{ \AA}$) thin films prepared by vacuum-thermal deposition. Based on the analysis of the obtained results, the energy band structures near the extrema of the valency and conduction bands are suggested.