inner filter effect

1. In an emission experiment, an apparent decrease in emission quantum yield and/or distortion of bandshape as a result of reabsorption of emitted radiation.
2. During a light irradiation experiment, absorption of incident radiation by a species other than the intended primary absorber.

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