

Supporting information

All-in-one Thermometer-Heater Up-converting Platform

YF₃: Yb³⁺, Tm³⁺ Operating in the First Biological Window

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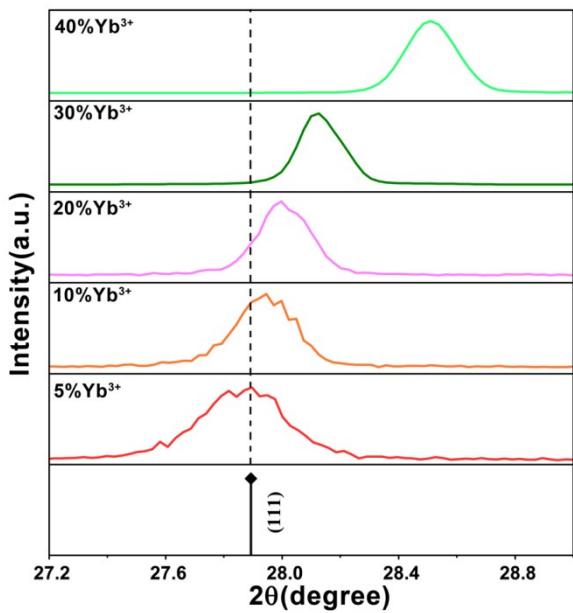


Figure S1. Enlarged main peaks (111) in XRD patterns of YF₃: 0.5%Tm³⁺, xYb³⁺ ($x = 5\%$, 10% , 20% , 30% and 40%) micro-crystals.

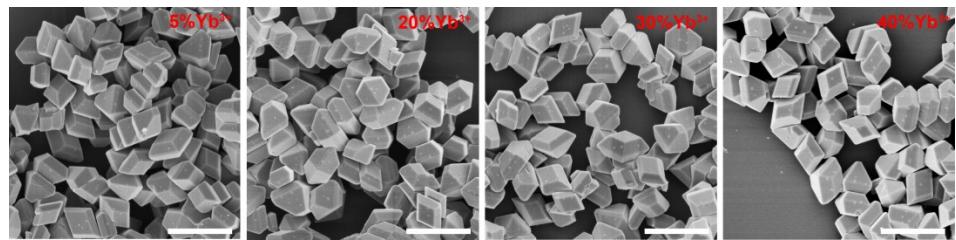


Figure S2. SEM image of YF_3 : 0.5%Tm³⁺, $x\text{Yb}^{3+}$ ($x = 5\%$, 20%, 30% and 40%) micro-crystals (scale bar, 3 μm).

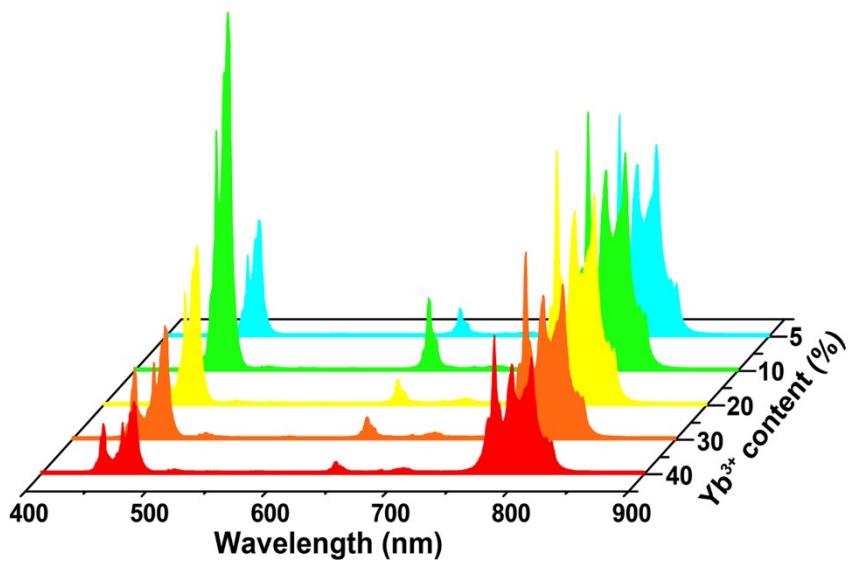


Figure S3. 980 nm excited UC emission spectra of YF_3 : 0.5% Tm^{3+} , $x\text{Yb}^{3+}$ ($x = 5\sim 40\%$) micro-crystals.

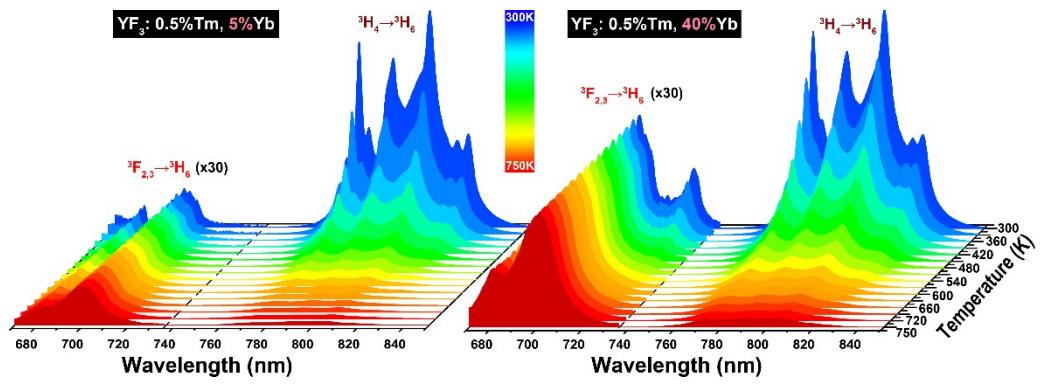


Figure S4. 980 nm excited thermal evolution of UC emission spectra of YF_3 : 0.5% Tm^{3+} , $x\text{Yb}^{3+}$ ($x = 5$ and 40%) micro-crystals within the BW-I.

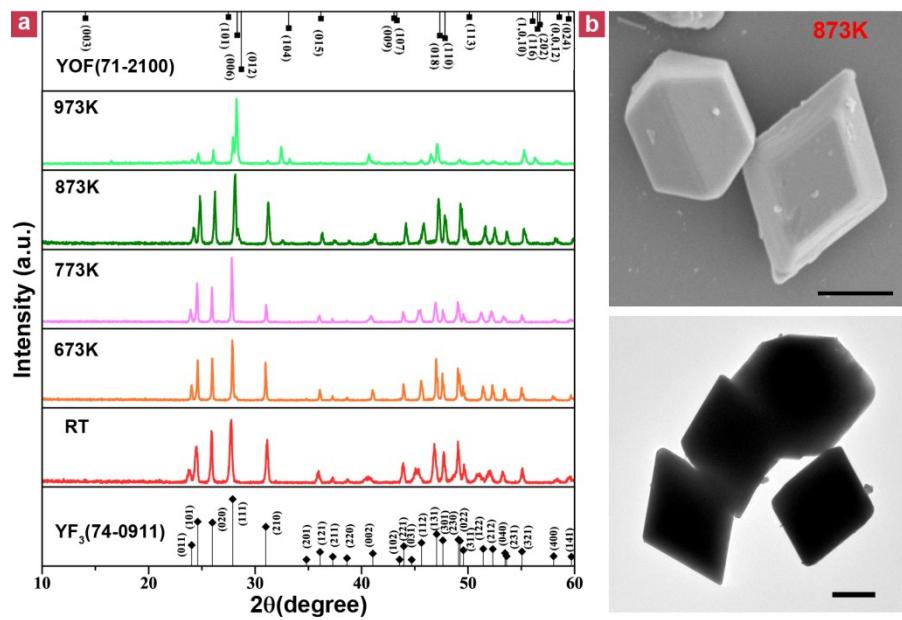


Figure S5. (a) XRD patterns of YF₃: 0.5%Tm³⁺/10%Yb³⁺ micro-crystals after heating treatment at different temperature from RT to 1073 K; (b) SEM and TEM of 873 K-heated samples. Scale bars, 1 μm.

Table S1. Energy separations (ΔE) between TCLs of different fluorescence centers

Fluorescence centers	Transitions	ΔE (cm ⁻¹)	λ_{em} (nm)	ref
Er ³⁺	$^2\text{H}_{9/2}, ^4\text{G}_{11/2} \rightarrow ^4\text{I}_{15/2}$	~1530	384, 408	[1]
	$^4\text{D}_{7/2}, ^4\text{G}_{9/2} \rightarrow ^4\text{I}_{15/2}$	~265	256, 276	[2]
	$^4\text{S}_{3/2}, ^2\text{H}_{11/2} \rightarrow ^4\text{I}_{15/2}$	~800	528, 548	[3]
	$^4\text{F}_{9/2(1)}, ^4\text{F}_{9/2(2)} \rightarrow ^4\text{I}_{15/2}$	~100	653, 674	
Ho ³⁺	$^5\text{G}_6, ^5\text{F}_1, ^5\text{F}_{2,3}, ^3\text{K}_8 \rightarrow ^5\text{I}_8$	~1500	460, 487	[4]
	$^5\text{F}_4, ^5\text{S}_2 \rightarrow ^5\text{I}_8$	~180	538, 543	[5]
	$^5\text{F}_{5(1)}, ^5\text{F}_{5(2)} \rightarrow ^5\text{I}_8$	~60	650, 660	[6]
Dy ³⁺	$^4\text{I}_{15/2}, ^4\text{F}_{9/2} \rightarrow ^6\text{H}_{15/2}$	~1000	455, 481	[7]
Nd ³⁺	$^4\text{F}_{7/2}, ^4\text{F}_{3/2} \rightarrow ^4\text{I}_{9/2}$	~1895	755, 872	
	$^4\text{F}_{5/2}, ^4\text{F}_{3/2} \rightarrow ^4\text{I}_{9/2}$	~1005	805, 872	[8]
	$^4\text{F}_{7/2}, ^4\text{F}_{5/2} \rightarrow ^4\text{I}_{9/2}$	~920	755, 805	
	$^4\text{F}_{3/2(1)}, ^4\text{F}_{3/2(2)} \rightarrow ^4\text{I}_{9/2}$	~110	938, 947	[9]
Gd ³⁺	$^6\text{P}_{5/2}, ^6\text{P}_{7/2} \rightarrow ^8\text{S}_{7/2}$	~460	307, 313	
	$^6\text{I}_{9/2}, ^6\text{I}_{7/2} \rightarrow ^8\text{S}_{7/2}$	~280	277, 280	[10]
Sm ³⁺	$^4\text{F}_{3/2}, ^4\text{G}_{5/2} \rightarrow ^6\text{H}_{5/2}$	~1000	530, 570	[11]
Eu ³⁺	$^5\text{D}_1, ^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_1$	~1700	535, 590	
Tm ³⁺	$^1\text{G}_{4(1)}, ^1\text{G}_{4(2)} \rightarrow ^3\text{H}_6$	~340	479, 484	[12]
	$^3\text{F}_{2,3}, ^3\text{H}_4 \rightarrow ^3\text{H}_6$	~1700	700, 776	This work

Table S2. The lattice constants of YF_3 micro-crystals with different Yb^{3+} contents.

Yb³⁺ contents	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	volume (Å³)
5%Yb ³⁺	6.356	6.869	4.444	194.022
10%Yb ³⁺	6.347	6.866	4.424	192.791
20%Yb ³⁺	6.346	6.859	4.415	192.172
30%Yb ³⁺	6.333	6.839	4.395	190.353
40%Yb ³⁺	6.236	6.752	4.364	183.749

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