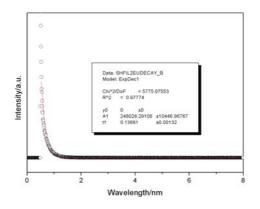
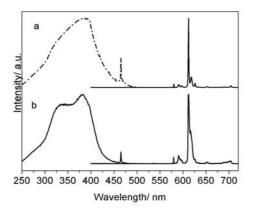
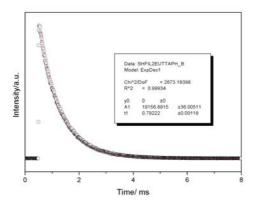
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ESI1 Decay curve of IL-Eu, measured at room temperature using an excitation wavelength of 395nm and monitored around the most intense emission line at 613nm. (open circle:experimental data; solid line: fitted according to  $I=I_0+Aexp[-(t-t_0)/\tau]$ )



ESI2 Excitation (dash dot line) and emission (solid line) spectra of a) ternary complex ( $Eu(TTA)_3Phen$ ) in solid state, and b) dissolved in IL (0.5mol%)



*ESI3 Decay curve of IL-Eu-TTa-Phen, measured at room temperature using an excitation wavelength of 350nm and monitored around the most intense emission line at 612nm. (open circle:experimental data; solid line: fitted according to I=I<sub>0</sub>+Aexp[-(t-t<sub>0</sub>)/\tau])*