Reversible photoluminescence switching in photochromic material $Sr_6Ca_4(PO_4)_6F_2$:Eu²⁺ and the modified performance by trap engineering *via* Ln³⁺ (Ln = La, Y, Gd, Lu) co-doping for erasable optical data storage

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Fig. S1 Reflection spectra of sample SCP:0.01Eu²⁺ after different wavelength light irradiation.



Fig. S2 (a) Several cycles of sample SCP:0.01Eu²⁺ after alternately UV light and visible light irradiation, (b) several cycles of sample SCP:0.01Eu²⁺ after alternately UV light and heat treatment.



Fig. S3 TL curves of sample SCP:xEu²⁺ (x=0.004, 0.01, 0.03 and 0.08).



Fig. S4 The overlap of emission band and absorption band of sample SCP:0.01Eu²⁺.



Fig. S5 The function of $(F(R)hv)^2$ versus on hv for sample SCP with single Eu²⁺ doped and codoping Ln³⁺ (Ln = La, Y, Gd and Lu) ions.



Fig. S6 TL curves of sample SCP:0.01Eu²⁺ and SCP:0.01Eu²⁺, 0.01Ln³⁺ (Ln=La,Y, Gd, Ln).



Fig. S7 Fluorescence lifetime before and after UV light irradiation of sample (a) SCP:0.01Eu²⁺, (b)SCP:0.01Eu²⁺, 0.01La³⁺, (c)SCP:0.01Eu²⁺, 0.01Y³⁺, (d)SCP:0.01Eu²⁺, 0.01Gd³⁺, (e)SCP:0.01Eu²⁺, 0.01Lu³⁺, (f) the energy transfer efficiency of sample SCP:0.01Eu²⁺ and SCP:0.01Eu²⁺, 0.01Ln³⁺ (Ln=La,Y, Gd, Ln).



Fig. S8 Relative PL intensity of colored sample with different temperature treatment undergo several cycles.

| Atoms | Wyckoff | X | у | Z | Frac. |
|-------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | position | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Cal | 2b | 0.3333 | 0.6667 | 0.0000 | 1.0000 |
| Sr1 | 2b | 0.3333 | 0.6667 | 0.5000 | 1.0000 |
| Sr2 | 6c | 0.2390 | 0.2550 | 0.2500 | 0.6667 |
| Ca2 | 6c | 0.2390 | 0.2550 | 0.2500 | 0.3333 |
| P1 | 6c | 0.3710 | 0.3990 | 0.7400 | 1.0000 |
| F1 | 2a | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0600 | 1.0000 |
| 01 | 6c | 0.4920 | 0.3420 | 0.7300 | 1.0000 |
| O2 | 6c | 0.4720 | 0.5900 | 0.7800 | 1.0000 |
| O3 | 6c | 0.2590 | 0.3290 | 0.9100 | 1.0000 |
| O4 | 6c | 0.2600 | 0.3850 | 0.5700 | 1.0000 |

Table S1. Refined structure parameters of $Sr_6Ca_4(PO_4)_6F_2:0.01Eu^{2+}$ derived from the Rietveld refinement of X-ray diffraction data.

Crystal system: hexagonal

Space group: P-63

Cell parameters: a=9.575818 Å, b=9.575818 Å, c=7.114803 Å

 α =90°, β =90° and γ =120°

Cell volume: 564.996 Å³

Z=2

 $R_{wp} = 14.14$ %, $R_p = 10.13$ % and $\chi^2 = 5.58$