Luminescence Properties and Judd-Ofelt Analysis of Tb^{3+} Doped Sr_2YTaO_6 Double Perovskite Phosphors for White LED Applications

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Support Information

1. J-O calculation process based on emission spectra and radiative transition lifetime

The relative integrated PL intensity for ${}^5D_4 \rightarrow {}^7F_J$ of Tb^{3+} ions can be firstly calculated from the PL spectrum of SYT: 5 mol% Tb^{3+} phosphor. Meanwhile, the sum of relative integrated PL intensity

of ${}^5\mathrm{D}_4$ energy level of Tb^{3+} ions (${}^J={}^{0-6}{}^I_{F_J}$) is usually proportional to the total radiative transition rate ${}^J={}^{0-6}{}^A_{F_J}$ [1] [2], and the relationship can be represented as follows:

$$I = a \sum_{J=0-6}^{1} A_{7_{F_J}}$$
 (S1)

where J = 0 - 6 $A_{7_{F_J}}$ is equal to the reciprocal of the radiative transition lifetime τ_0 , and the expression is written as

$$\sum_{J=0-6} A_{7_{F_J}} = \frac{1}{\tau_0} \tag{S2}$$

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According to the above analysis, substitute $\tau_0 = 3.63$ ms into Eq. (S2) and combine it with Eq. (S1), the coefficient a can be confirmed as 9.74×10^{-4} . And then, the radiative transition rate from 5D_4 to 7F_J were gotten by using Eq. (S3).

$$I_{7_{F_J}} = a \times A_{7_{F_J}} \tag{S3}$$

Furthermore, the radiative transition rates for a certain transition from state J to state J' can be expressed as

$$A_{J-J}^{md} = \frac{64\pi^4 v^3}{3h(2J+1)} n^3 \left(\frac{eh}{4\pi m_e c}\right)^2 \langle \Psi J \| L + 2S \| \Psi' J' \rangle^2$$
 (S4)

$$A_{J-J}^{ed} = \frac{64\pi^4 e^2 v^3 \ n(n^2 + 2)^2}{3h(2J+1)} \sum_{\lambda = 2,4,6} \Omega_{\lambda} \langle \Psi J \| U^{(\lambda)} \| \Psi J' \rangle^2$$
 (S5)

where $A^{\rm md}$ and $A^{\rm ed}$ are the contribution from magnetic dipole (MD) to the transition rate and the contribution from electric dipole (ED), respectively. v is the central wavenumber for $J \rightarrow J'$ transition. h is Planck's constant ($h = 6.626 \times 10^{27} \, {\rm erg \cdot s}$), 2J+1 is the degeneracy of the initial state, n is the refractive index of the host (here n is 1.98 for SYT host), and $\langle \Psi J \| L + 2S \| \Psi' J' \rangle^2$ is the squared matrix element for MD line strength.[3] e is the charge of an electron ($e = 4.80 \times 10^{-10} \, {\rm esu}$) and $\langle \Psi J \| U^{(\lambda)} \| \Psi' J' \rangle$ is the reduced matrix element for the $J \rightarrow J'$ transition.[3] Based on the above analysis, by applying the least squares method to the equations corresponding to all the transitions from 5D_4 to 7F_J , the parameters Ω_{λ} ($\lambda = 2, 4, 6$) were calculated.

Additionally, the fluorescence branch ratios for the ⁵D₄ energy level under 318 nm excitation can be derived from the following equation:

$$\beta = \frac{A_{J-J}}{\sum_{J=0-6}^{A_{J-J}}}.$$
 (S6)

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2. Calculation for CCT and CRI

Based on the obtained color coordinates, the CCT value can be calculated by using the McCamy's approximate[1]

$$CCT = -437n^3 + 3601n^2 - 6861n + 5514.31$$
 (S7)

$$n = \frac{x - x_e}{}$$

 $n = \frac{x - x_e}{y - y_e}.$ (x, y) is the chromaticity coordinates. (x_e, y_e) is the coordinate of the epicenter and its value is (0.332, 0.186).

Moreover, general color rending index (CRI) is the average of eight special color rending indices.[2]

$$CRI = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i=1}^{8} R_i = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i=1}^{8} (100 - 4.6\Delta E_i)$$
(S8)

where R_i is the special color rendering index of a certain color sample i, ΔE_i is the corresponding color difference between the sample under the reference light source and the test light source.

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