

Supporting Information

Unlocking Color-Tunable Emission of Eu²⁺-Activated Phosphors through Doping-Free Exploration of Hidden Sites

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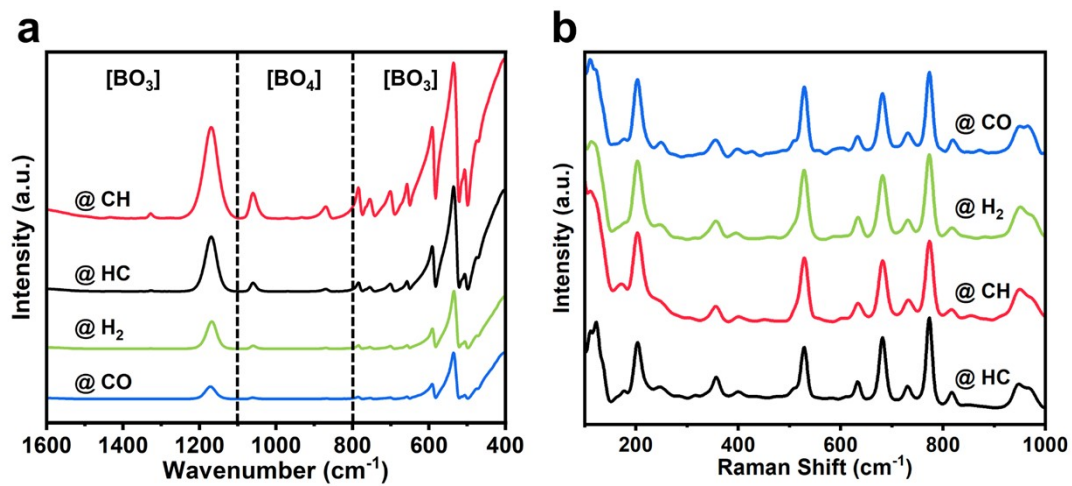


Fig. S1 (a) Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra and (b) Raman spectra of NBB:Eu²⁺@CO, NBB:Eu²⁺@H₂, NBB:Eu²⁺@CH and NBB:Eu²⁺@HC samples.

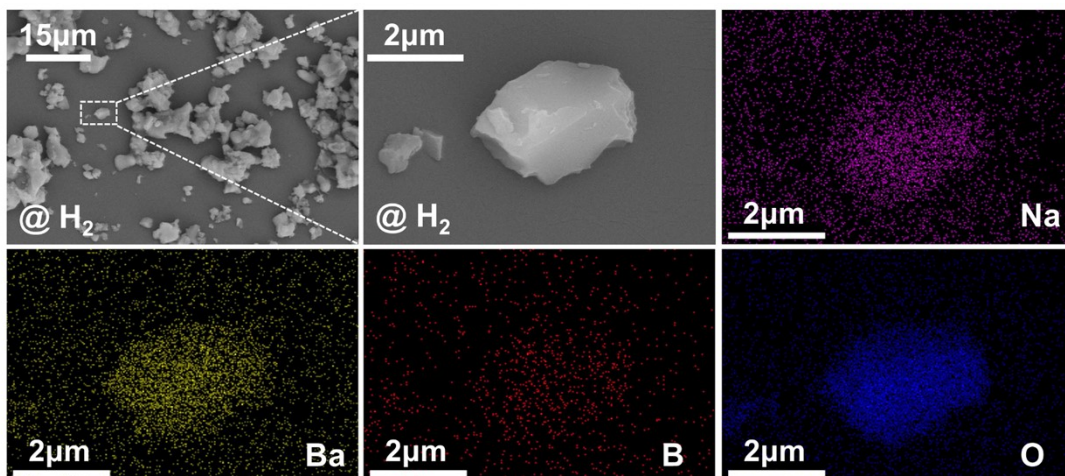


Fig. S2 SEM images and the corresponding elemental mapping images of NBB:Eu²⁺@H₂ sample.

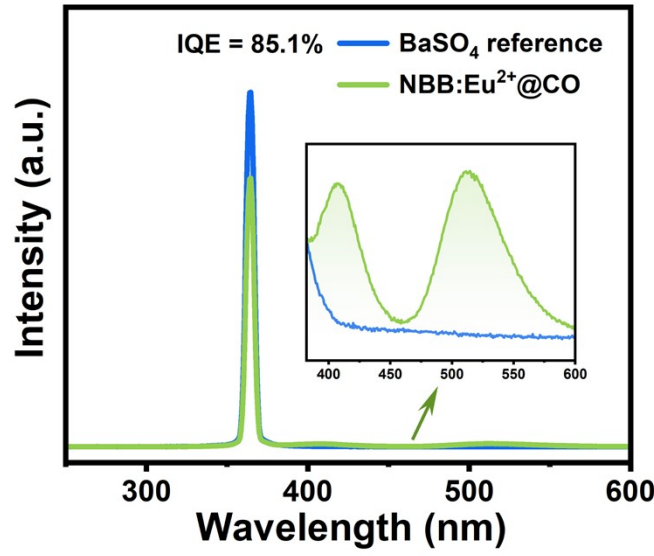


Fig. S3 IQE of NBB:0.03Eu²⁺@CO sample.

The internal quantum efficiency (IQE) can be calculated by the following equation:

$$IQE = \frac{\int L_S}{\int E_R - \int E_S} \quad (1)$$

where $\int L_S$ represents the integral area of emission spectrum, $\int E_R$ and $\int E_S$ represent the integral area of excitation spectrum without and with the phosphor in the integrating sphere, respectively. As shown in the figure, under 365 nm excitation, the values of IQE of NBB:0.03Eu²⁺@CO is calculated to be 85.1%.

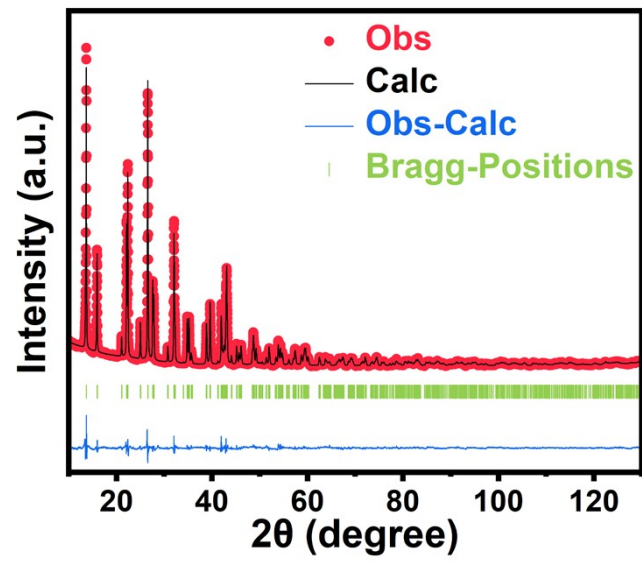


Fig. S4 Rietveld refinement of XRD patterns of NBB:0.1Eu²⁺@CH sample.

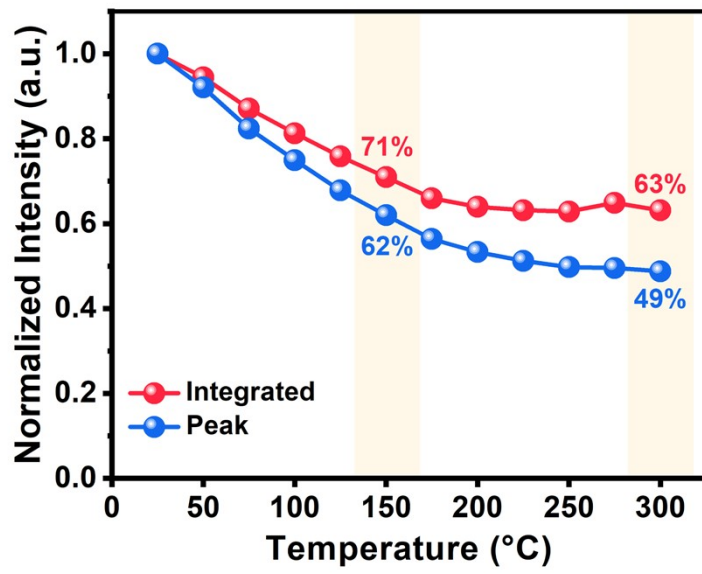


Fig. S5 Normalized integrated emission and peak intensity of NBB:0.03Eu²⁺@H₂ sample as a function of temperature.

Supporting Tables:

Table S1 Crystallographic data for NBB:Eu²⁺@CO, NBB:Eu²⁺@H₂ and NBB:Eu²⁺@CH samples.

| Formula | NBB:Eu ²⁺ @CO | NBB:Eu ²⁺ @H ₂ | NBB:Eu ²⁺ @CH |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Space group | <i>R3c</i> | <i>R3c</i> | <i>R3c</i> |
| a (Å) | 11.09019(3) | 11.09235(4) | 11.08931(3) |
| b (Å) | 11.09019(3) | 11.09235(4) | 11.08931(3) |
| c (Å) | 17.42435(11) | 17.41842(12) | 17.42104(10) |
| Volume (Å ³) | 1855.945 | 1856.037 | 1855.294 |
| $\alpha = \beta$ (°) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| γ (°) | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| R _p (%) | 4.2190 | 3.7302 | 3.5794 |
| R _{wp} (%) | 5.7504 | 4.8144 | 4.7914 |
| R _B (%) | 6.1603 | 6.3781 | 4.4847 |
| S | 3.3505 | 2.8976 | 2.8161 |

Table S2 The IQE and thermal stability at 150 °C of the reported related Eu²⁺-activated phosphors.

| Phosphor | IQE (%) | Thermal stability at 150 °C (%) | Ref. |
|---|----------------|--|-------------|
| BaAl ₄ Sb ₂ O ₁₂ :Eu ²⁺ | 96.7 | 94 | 1 |
| CaO:Eu ²⁺ @C+GeO ₂ | 76 | - | 2 |
| Sr(Li ₂ Al ₂ O ₂ N ₂):Eu ²⁺ | 80 | 96 | 3 |
| RbLi(Li ₃ SiO ₄) ₂ :Eu ²⁺ | 80 | 103 | 4 |
| (Sr,Ba)Y ₂ O ₄ :Eu ²⁺ | - | 90 | 5 |
| BaLi ₂ Al ₂ Si ₂ N ₆ :Eu ²⁺ | 54.8 | 85.9 | 6 |
| Rb ₃ YSi ₂ O ₇ :Eu ²⁺ | 32.6 | 81 | 7 |
| NBB:Eu ²⁺ @CO | 85.1 | 106 | This work |

Table S3 Structural parameters of NBB:Eu²⁺@CO, NBB:Eu²⁺@H₂ and NBB:Eu²⁺@CH samples.

| Atom | x | y | z | B (Å ²) | Occ. |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|
| NBB:Eu ²⁺ @CO | | | | | |
| Na | 0 | 0 | 0.22273(11) | 1.096(15) | 0.9621(13) |
| Eu | 0 | 0 | 0.22273(11) | 1.096(15) | 0.0379(13) |
| Ba | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.096(15) | 0.9379(13) |
| Eu | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.096(15) | 0.0621(13) |
| B1 | 0.3783(9) | 0.2523(9) | 0.0504(4) | 0.82(3) | 1 |
| B2 | 0.4455(8) | 0.3893(8) | 0.1684(4) | 0.82(3) | 1 |
| B3 | 0.2548(8) | 0.3552(8) | 0.1117(4) | 0.82(3) | 1 |
| O1 | 0.4774(3) | 0.3328(5) | 0.11429(17) | 0.82(3) | 1 |
| O2 | 0.2528(4) | 0.2548(4) | 0.0571(2) | 0.82(3) | 1 |
| O3 | 0.1933(4) | 0.4277(3) | 0.06567(19) | 0.82(3) | 1 |
| O4 | 0.3601(4) | 0.4265(4) | 0.1619(3) | 0.82(3) | 1 |
| O5 | 0.1087(5) | 0.2275(3) | 0.16330(18) | 0.82(3) | 1 |
| NBB:Eu ²⁺ @H ₂ | | | | | |
| Na | 0 | 0 | 0.22228(13) | 0.798(16) | 0.9955(14) |
| Eu | 0 | 0 | 0.22228(13) | 0.798(16) | 0.0045(14) |
| Ba | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.798(16) | 0.9045(14) |
| Eu | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.798(16) | 0.0955(14) |
| B1 | 0.3765(9) | 0.2551(8) | 0.0668(4) | 0.59(4) | 1 |
| B2 | 0.4665(8) | 0.4174(8) | 0.1806(5) | 0.59(4) | 1 |
| B3 | 0.2419(9) | 0.3342(11) | 0.1024(4) | 0.59(4) | 1 |
| O1 | 0.4851(4) | 0.3312(5) | 0.11439(17) | 0.59(4) | 1 |
| O2 | 0.2579(4) | 0.2439(4) | 0.0601(2) | 0.59(4) | 1 |
| O3 | 0.2110(6) | 0.4278(3) | 0.06758(17) | 0.59(4) | 1 |
| O4 | 0.3397(6) | 0.4147(4) | 0.1667(4) | 0.59(4) | 1 |
| O5 | 0.0900(4) | 0.2380(3) | 0.1614(2) | 0.59(4) | 1 |

| NBB:Eu ²⁺ @CH | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| Na | 0 | 0 | 0.22208(11) | 0.917(13) | 1 |
| Eu | 0 | 0 | 0.22208(11) | 0.917(13) | 0 |
| Ba | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.917(13) | 0.9 |
| Eu | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.917(13) | 0.1 |
| B1 | 0.3923(7) | 0.2472(7) | 0.0659(3) | 1.07(3) | 1 |
| B2 | 0.4626(7) | 0.4027(7) | 0.1717(4) | 1.07(3) | 1 |
| B3 | 0.2222(6) | 0.3299(9) | 0.1135(3) | 1.07(3) | 1 |
| O1 | 0.4773(3) | 0.3160(4) | 0.11844(18) | 1.07(3) | 1 |
| O2 | 0.2493(3) | 0.2320(4) | 0.05574(18) | 1.07(3) | 1 |
| O3 | 0.1958(4) | 0.4301(3) | 0.06796(19) | 1.07(3) | 1 |
| O4 | 0.3467(4) | 0.4119(3) | 0.1615(3) | 1.07(3) | 1 |
| O5 | 0.1103(5) | 0.2338(2) | 0.15810(18) | 1.07(3) | 1 |

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