

## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

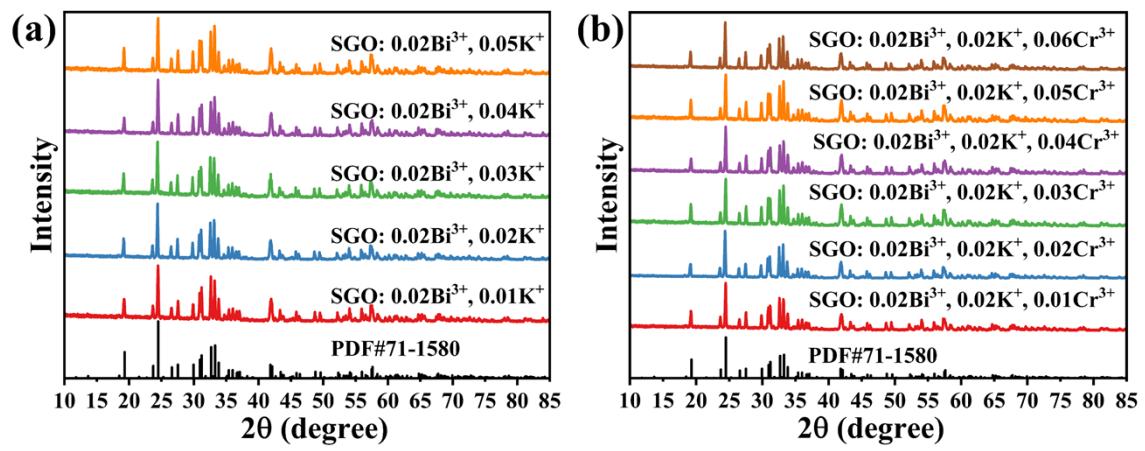
# **Enhanced Optical Properties and Optical Temperature Sensing Performance of SrGa<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: Bi<sup>3+</sup> Co-doped with K<sup>+</sup> and Cr<sup>3+</sup> via Charge Compensation and Energy Transfer**

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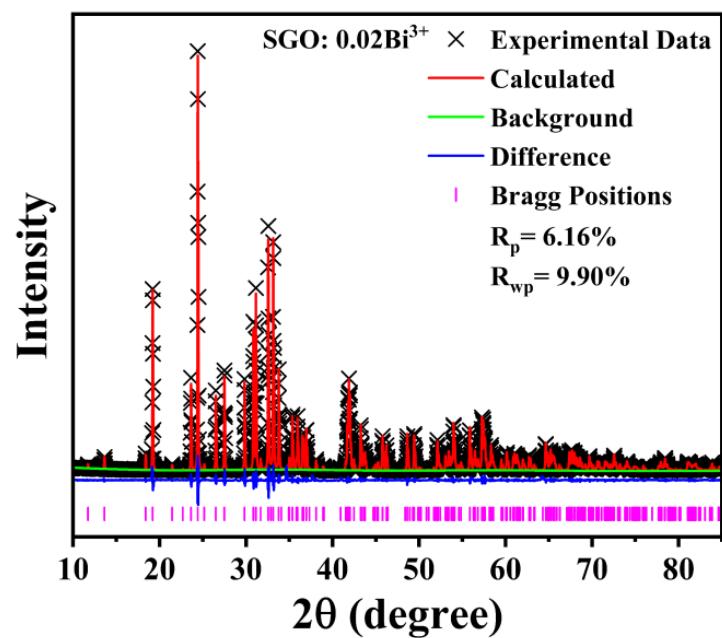
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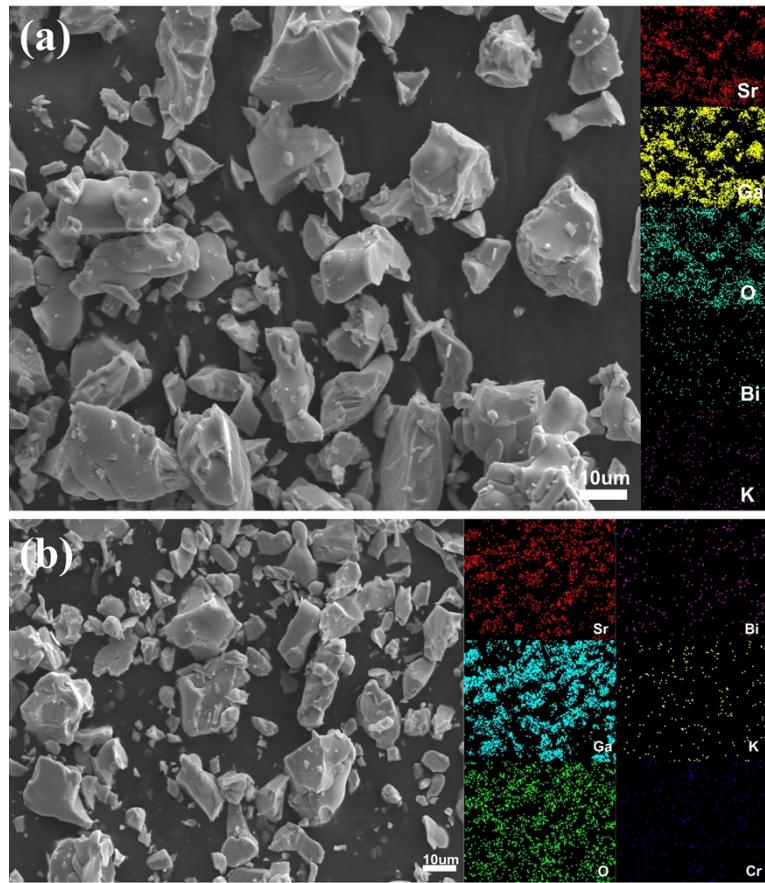
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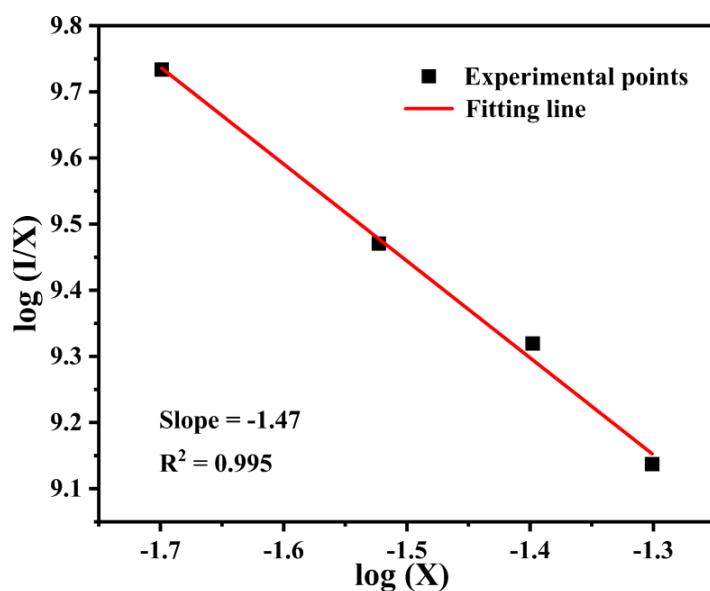
**Fig. S1** (a) XRD patterns of SGO:  $0.02\text{Bi}^{3+}, y\text{K}^+$  ( $y = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05$ ). (b) SGO:  $0.02\text{Bi}^{3+}, 0.02\text{K}^+, z\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ( $z = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05, 0.06$ ).



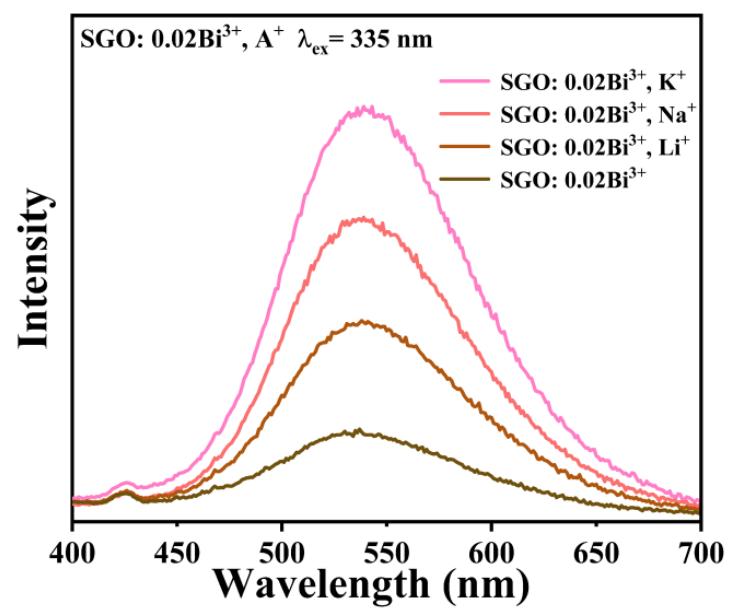
**Fig. S2** Rietveld refinement of XRD for SGO: 0.02Bi<sup>3+</sup>.



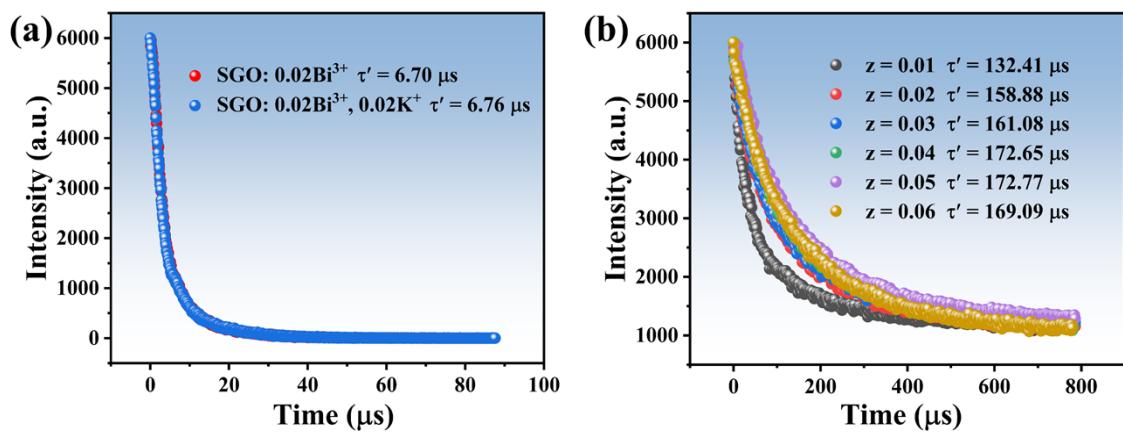
**Fig. S3** SEM image and element mapping image of (a) SGO: 0.02Bi<sup>3+</sup>, 0.02K<sup>+</sup> and (b)SGO: 0.2Bi<sup>3+</sup>, 0.02K<sup>+</sup>, 0.01Cr<sup>3+</sup>.



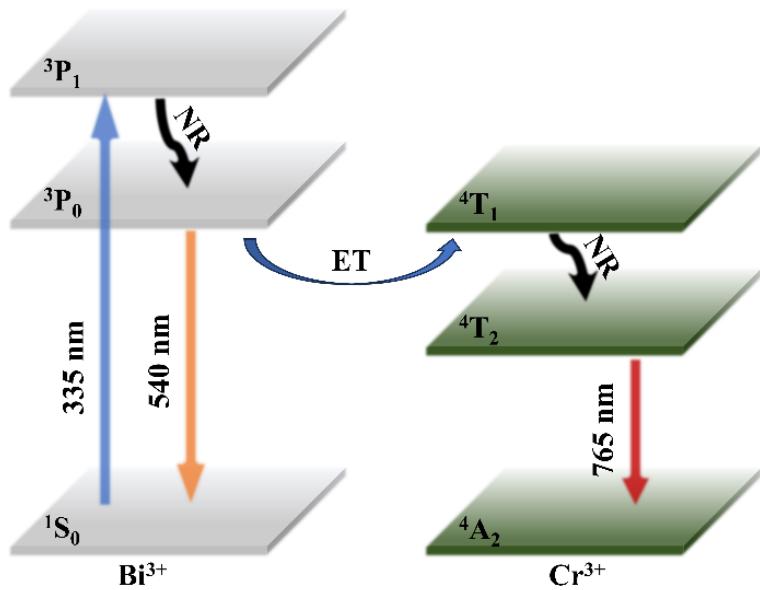
**Fig. S4** Plot of  $\log (I/x)$  versus  $\log(x)$  of SGO:  $x\text{Bi}^{3+}$  ( $x = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05$ ).



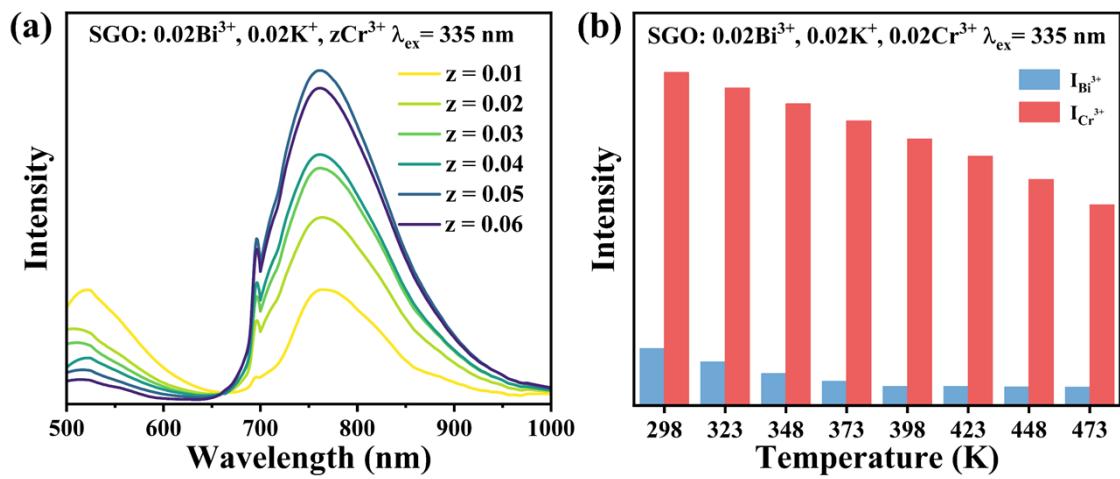
**Fig. S5** PL spectra of SGO: 0.02Bi<sup>3+</sup>, A<sup>+</sup>(A<sup>+</sup>= Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>)



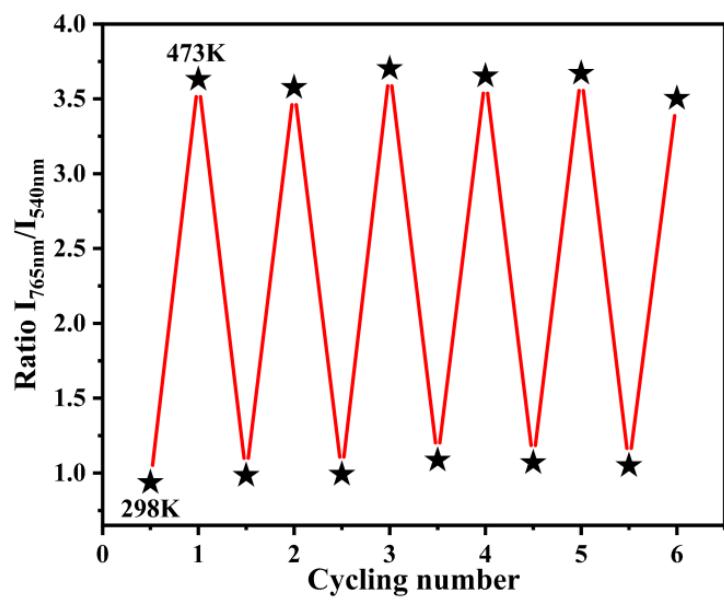
**Fig. S6** (a) Decay curves of SGO: 0.2Bi<sup>3+</sup> and SGO: 0.2Bi<sup>3+</sup>, 0.02K<sup>+</sup> under 335 nm excitation and detection at 540 nm. (b) Decay curves of SGO: 0.2Bi<sup>3+</sup>, 0.02K<sup>+</sup>, zCr<sup>3+</sup> ( $z = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05, 0.06$ ) under 335 nm excitation and detection at 765 nm.



**Fig. S7** Energy transfer mechanism diagram.



**Fig. S8** (a) PL spectra of SGO: 0.02Bi<sup>3+</sup>, 0.02K<sup>+</sup>, zCr<sup>3+</sup> ( $z = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05, 0.06$ ). (b) Histogram of the emission intensity for the Bi<sup>3+</sup> and Cr<sup>3+</sup> of SGO: 0.02Bi<sup>3+</sup>, 0.02K<sup>+</sup>, 0.02Cr<sup>3+</sup>.



**Fig. S9** Plot of  $I_{765\text{nm}}/I_{540\text{nm}}$  as a function of the temperature measured in the temperature cycling process for a range of 298–473 K.

**Table S1.** Main parameters of processing and refinement results of SGO and SGO:0.02Bi<sup>3+</sup>.

| Compound            | SGO      | SGO: 0.02 Bi <sup>3+</sup> |
|---------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| Space group         | $C\ 2/c$ | $C\ 2/c$                   |
| a, Å                | 13.462   | 13.460                     |
| b, Å                | 9.220    | 9.221                      |
| c, Å                | 5.708    | 5.707                      |
| V, Å <sup>3</sup>   | 681.610  | 681.513                    |
| $\alpha=\beta$ , °  | 90       | 90                         |
| $\gamma$ , °        | 105.824  | 105.818                    |
| R <sub>wp</sub> , % | 6.57     | 9.90                       |
| R <sub>p</sub> , %  | 5.05     | 6.16                       |

**Table S2** • Comparison of temperature sensing properties of different Bi<sup>3+</sup>-activated phosphors.

| Phosphors  | Temperature range (K) | Maximum Sr (%K <sup>-1</sup> ) | Ref.      |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Li <sub>3</sub> Gd <sub>3</sub> Te <sub>2</sub> O <sub>12</sub> : Bi <sup>3+</sup> , Pr <sup>3+</sup>                    | 100-300               | 0.672                          | 1         |
| Ca <sub>2</sub> YZr <sub>2</sub> Al <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub> : Bi <sup>3+</sup> , Eu <sup>3+</sup>                   | 250-575               | 0.664                          | 2         |
| Ca <sub>3</sub> Sc <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub> : Bi <sup>3+</sup> , Eu <sup>3+</sup> , Tb <sup>3+</sup> | 300-500               | 1                              | 3         |
| CaBaZn <sub>2</sub> Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> : Bi <sup>3+</sup>  | 298-473               | 1.45                           | 4         |
| SrGa <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub> : Bi <sup>3+</sup> , K <sup>+</sup> , Cr <sup>3+</sup>                                  | 298-473               | 1.27                           | this work |

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