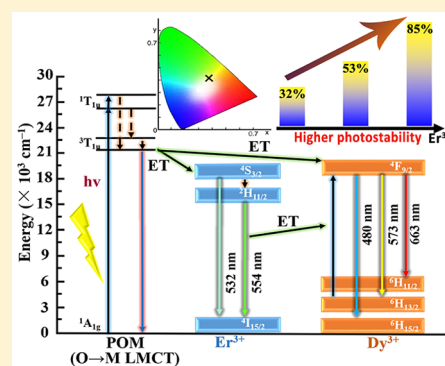


Enhanced Photostability Luminescent Properties of Er³⁺-Doped Near-White-Emitting Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM DerivativesHechen Wu, Bing Yan, Huafeng Li, Vikram Singh, Pengtao Ma,* Jingyang Niu,^{1b} and Jingping Wang*

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: A series of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-polyoxometalates (POMs) were successfully synthesized and characterized well by various physicochemical analysis. The structurally isolated compounds exhibit three characteristic emissions at 480 nm (blue, ⁴F_{9/2} → ⁶H_{15/2} transition), 573 nm (yellow, ⁴F_{9/2} → ⁶H_{13/2} transition), and 663 nm (red, ⁴F_{9/2} → ⁶H_{11/2} transition) whose luminescent color coordinates appear in the near-white area in the CIE 1931 chromaticity diagram. Time-resolved emission spectroscopy was used in Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM to further authenticate energy transfer from the photoexcitation O → M ligand to the metal charge-transfer state of phosphotungstate components to active Dy³⁺/Er³⁺ ions and energy transfer between Dy³⁺ ion and Er³⁺ ion via intramolecular energy transitions. The relative emission intensity of ~32%, ~53%, and ~85% for Dy-POM, Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM, and Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM respectively, were obtained under 300 min of UV irradiation, which indicates better photostability of Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM. Furthermore, Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM samples can emit macroscopic white light under blue irradiation.



INTRODUCTION

Polyoxometalates (POMs) are a class of discrete metal–oxygen clusters of high oxidation states transition metals (e.g., V⁵⁺, Nb⁵⁺, Ta⁵⁺, Mo⁶⁺, W⁶⁺). Insertion of additional heteroatoms (e.g., B, Si, P, Ge, As, Se, Sb, or Te) in the polyanionic framework may induce noticeable characteristic changes in their properties such as (a) improved solid state thermal stability; (b) modified structural topologies; (c) inducing more nucleophilic oxygen enriched surfaces for interesting electronic properties achieved by compositional variations on POM skeletons; (d) ease of binding for d- and f-metal ions via inorganic multidentate O-donor ligands either through O- and N-donor functional organic moieties.^{1–4} POMs are well-defined with abundant structural topologies and are thus employed in diverse areas of research such as magnetic materials, photoluminescence, catalysis, medicinal chemistry, and materials science.^{5,6}

It is well-known that lanthanide ion (Ln³⁺)-based complexes are excellent inorganic optical materials and have drawn considerable interest of researchers because of their sharp characteristic emissions, long luminescent lifetime, potentially high quantum efficiency, good reliability, and safety. On account of these excellent features, Ln³⁺-based materials have been employed in various optical applications such as lighting diodes, detection and sensing, lasers, bioimaging, biomedical analysis, etc.^{7–10} Until now, Ce³⁺, Dy³⁺, Er³⁺, Sm³⁺, Tm³⁺, Yb³⁺, Pr³⁺, and Eu³⁺-based materials have been scientifically explored and partially commercialized in lighting and display purposes in various disciplines of technology.^{11–13} Interestingly, the luminescence of Ln³⁺ is restricted due to the electric-

dipole-forbidden nature of f–f transitions within the unfilled 4f shells, which may lead to small molar absorption coefficients ($\epsilon < 10 \text{ L mol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$) and long luminescence lifetime.^{14,15} Although some magnetic-dipole f–f transitions of Ln³⁺ are allowed, their intensity is too weak to implement their use in practical applications.¹⁶ The alternative route to overcome such discrepancies like small absorption coefficients is to sensitize Ln³⁺ emissions through appropriate sensitizers, which can eventually involve light harvesting and subsequent energy transfer to the Ln³⁺ via antenna effect.^{17,18} Fortunately, Ln³⁺ ions can be utilized as a good electron acceptors due to unfilled 5d or 6s orbitals which can accept lone pair of electrons from various ligands to form covalent bonds.^{19,20} Moreover, the luminescence of Ln³⁺-based materials are influenced by the following: (1) high concentration of Ln³⁺ in complexes which may lead to quenching in luminescence intensity; (2) the ligands such as aqua or similar solvent when coordinated to Ln³⁺ would quench the luminescence due to the high frequency of O–H or N–H stretching vibrations; (3) some emitting Ln³⁺ ions are sensitive to field effects such as highly symmetrical coordination and molecular symmetry around Ln³⁺ centers.^{21–23}

Since the advent of the first Ln³⁺-based POMs (Ln-POMs) by Peacock and Weakley in 1971, more and more attention has been attracted to the synthesis of Ln-POMs complexes because of their potential catalysis, magnetism, and optical properties.^{24–27} Over the years, a large range of mono-, di-, tri-, tetra-

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and even up to 24 nuclearity Ln-POMs structures with outstanding properties have been consistently reported.²⁸ With regard to optical properties, POMs are appropriate light-harvesting candidates as upon irradiation they can act as antenna ligands to sensitize inherently small absorption Ln³⁺ centers through intramolecular energy transfer from the O → M photoexcitation state of ligand to metal charge transfer (LMCT) state within Ln-POMs molecules. The luminescent Ln-POMs can potentially be applied in photochromic, sensors, lighting materials, and so on. For example, Boskovic and co-workers reported that several luminescent Ln-POMs complexes, which can be potentially regarded as inorganic Ln-based phosphors, have been used to explore the energy transfer mechanism in Ln-POM complexes.^{29,30} Zhao and co-workers synthesized a series of Ln-POMs and deeply investigated their photoluminescence (PL) properties.^{31–34} Our group also actively engaged in this direction and obtained a great deal of Ln-POMs derivatives that display obvious photochromic or PL properties under xenon lamp irradiation.^{35–43}

Although a large number of Ln-POMs complexes have been reported, still there are relatively far less studies on mixed Ln/Ln'-POMs complexes. In recent years, a few reports on mixed Ln/Ln' ions in an appropriate ratio within the same Ln-POMs complexes have been documented. In 2013, Sato et al. successfully synthesized heterodinuclear Ln/Ln'-POMs TBA₈H₄[{Ln(μ₂-OH)₂Ln'}(γ-SiW₁₀O₃₆)₂] (Ln = Dy and Gd; Ln' = Eu, Yb, and Lu). The study of TBA₈H₄[{Dy(μ₂-OH)₂Ln'}(γ-SiW₁₀O₃₆)₂] showed single-molecule magnet (SMM) behavior due to the strong magnetic anisotropy of the Dy³⁺ ion, and the energy barriers for magnetization reversal can be operated via a change in coordination geometry of the Dy³⁺ ion by tuning the types and ratio of the Ln' ion.⁴⁴ Shiddip et al. obtained other Ln/Ln'-POMs Na₉[Ho_xY_(1-x)(W₅O₁₈)₂]·H₂O (x = 0.001–0.25) that exhibits clock transitions which can be treated as a method of enhancing coherence of molecular spin qubits in 2016.⁴⁵ These studies of Ln/Ln'-POMs materials were mainly based on magnetic properties. In addition, several luminescent Ln/Ln'-POMs materials were also investigated. In 2012, Wu and co-workers successfully obtained dinuclear Ln-POMs {[Ln₂(DMF)₈(H₂O)₆][ZnW₁₂O₄₀]}·4DMF (Ln = La, Eu and Tb) and heterodinuclear Ln/Ln'-POMs {[Ln_(1-x)Ln'_x(DMF)₈(H₂O)₆][ZnW₁₂O₄₀]}·4DMF (Ln = Tb; Ln' = Eu; x = 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 and 1.0). The results prove that the CIE luminescent color coordinates could be manipulated by adjusting the ratios of Eu³⁺ and Tb³⁺ ions. The calculated CIE 1931 chromaticity coordinates for Tb_{0.25}Eu_{0.75}-POMs (0.342, 0.362) are near standard white light (0.33, 0.33).⁴⁶ In 2017, Kaczmarek et al. discussed the luminescence properties of hetero-tetranuclear Ln/Ln'-POMs [Ln_(4-x)Ln'_x(MoO₄)(Mo₇O₂₄)₄]¹⁴⁻ (Ln = La; Ln' = Eu³⁺, Tb³⁺, Sm³⁺, Dy³⁺, and Nd³⁺; x = 0.05) and tetranuclear Ln-POMs [Ln₄(MoO₄)(Mo₇O₂₄)₄]¹⁴⁻ (Ln = Eu³⁺, Tb³⁺, Sm³⁺, Dy³⁺, and Nd³⁺). The results indicate that La-POMs doped with emissive Ln³⁺ ions could display good luminescence properties that can be potentially employed as visible and NIR luminescent materials.⁴⁷ In the same year, Kaczmarek et al. obtained other hetero-multinuclear Ln/Ln'-POMs [Tb_{3.94}Eu_{0.06}(MoO₄)(Mo₇O₂₄)₄]¹⁴⁻ and [Tb_{3.68}Eu_{0.32}(MoO₄)(Mo₇O₂₄)₄]¹⁴⁻, which can display outstanding temperature-dependent luminescence properties. Especially, [Tb_{3.94}Eu_{0.06}(MoO₄)(Mo₇O₂₄)₄]¹⁴⁻ shows excellent temperature-dependent luminescence property particularly in the low temperature region which is highly significant for industrial applications in the energy and

aerospace industries.⁴⁸ Besides, Zhou and co-workers reported a series of heteronuclear Eu/Tb/La-POMs Na(HL)-(CH₃COO)Eu_mTb_nLa_{1-m-n}(AlMo₆(OH)₆O₁₈)(H₂O)₆·10H₂O (L = nicotinate) that exhibit tunable luminescence color, and the white light emitting can be realized through an appropriate molar ratio of Eu/Tb/La.⁴⁹ Thus, the background offers us a good opportunity to further explore heteronuclear Ln/Ln'-POMs materials.

In this work, we choose the reported [N(CH₃)₄]₆K₃H₇[Dy(C₄H₂O₆)(α-PW₁₁O₃₉)₂·27H₂O] as the parent Ln-POM (Dy-POM),⁴² and a series of different ratios of Er³⁺ ion doped Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM (x = 0–1) derivatives which have been well synthesized. The structure of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM were characterized by elemental analysis, powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD), thermogravimetric analyses (TGA), energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX), inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometer (ICP-AES), and IR spectra. The schematic energy level diagram is proposed to demonstrate the process of energy transfer and characteristic emissions of Dy³⁺ and Er³⁺ ions in Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM. Furthermore, the time-resolved emission spectroscopy was measured to authenticate the mechanism involved in the energy transfer process. Photostability of PL of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM has been systematically investigated, and the PL lifetime, emitting colors in the CIE 1931 chromaticity diagram, color purity, and correlated color temperature (CCT) have also been investigated in this work. The study reveals that Er³⁺-doped Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM samples possess relatively good photostability as compared to pure Dy-POM.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Materials and Methods. All chemicals were commercially purchased and used without further purification. The precursor K₁₄[P₂W₁₉O₆₉(H₂O)]·24H₂O was synthesized according to the literature and confirmed by IR spectroscopy.⁴² C, H, and N elemental analyses were recorded using an Elementar Vario EL cube CHNS analyzer. Analyses for P, W, Dy, and Er atoms were conducted on a PerkinElmer Optima 2000 ICP-OES spectrometer (Table S1). PXRD data were recorded on an X-ray powder diffractometer (Bruker, D8 Advance) using Cu Kα radiation (λ = 1.5418 Å) collected with the angular range (2θ) from 5° to 45° at room temperature. IR spectra were measured on a Bruker VERTEX-70 spectrometer using KBr pellets in the range of 400–4000 cm⁻¹. EDX measurements were recorded on a JSM-7610F scanning electron microscope with an OXFORD x-act EDS system (Figures S1 and S2). TGA was performed in flowing N₂ from room temperature to 800 °C at a heating rate of 10 °C min⁻¹ on a NETZSCH STA 449 F5 Jupiter thermal analyzer (Figure S3). Crystallographic parameters were measured on a Bruker Apex II CCD diffractometer at room temperature with the graphite-monochromated Mo Kα radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). PL emission spectra, PL excitation spectra, and decay time curves were performed on an EDINBURGH FLS 980 fluorescence spectrophotometer equipped with a monochromated 325 W Xe-arc excitation source and a visible detector (Hamamatsu R928P). PL photographs were taken with an entrance slit of 1 mm and an exit slit of 1 mm. The CIE 1931 chromaticity coordinates, dominant wavelength, color purity, and CCT were calculated on account of the international CIE standards. The distance between the sample and xenon lamp is 50 cm during the measurement of photostability.

Synthesis of [N(CH₃)₄]₆K₃H₇[Dy(C₄H₂O₆)(α-PW₁₁O₃₉)₂·27H₂O] (Dy-POM). DyCl₃·6H₂O (0.228 g, 0.600 mmol) was dissolved in deionized water (30 mL), and then tartaric acid (0.120 g, 0.800 mmol) was added. The resulting solution stirred to form a clear solution, followed by the solid addition of K₁₄[P₂W₁₉O₆₉(H₂O)]·24H₂O (2.120 g, 0.465 mmol) at room temperature. Finally, the pH value of solution was adjusted to 3.2 by 3 mol L⁻¹ KOH solution. This

solution was stirred and heated to 60 °C for 1.5 h, and subsequently tetramethylammonium chloride (TMACl) (0.110 g, 1.000 mmol) was added and stirred for another 30 min. The resulting solution was cooled and filtered to evaporate at room temperature. The clear filtrate was left for about 2 weeks to obtain colorless block crystals. Yield: 33.6% (0.707 g, based on $\text{DyCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$). Selected IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3445 (br), 3041 (w), 1622 (s), 1486 (s), 1094 (s), 1049 (s), 952 (s), 889 (s), 829 (s) and 715 (w). Elemental analyses (%): Calcd, C, 5.47; H, 1.97; N, 1.20; Found, C, 5.49; H, 1.69; N, 1.23.

Synthesis of $[\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4]_6\text{K}_3\text{H}_7[\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_6)(\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39})]_2 \cdot 27\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$). The synthesis of $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$ is similar to Dy-POM except for $\text{DyCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ replaced by the mixture of $\text{DyCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{ErCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in rational proportions (see the Supporting Information). Er-POM: selected IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3453 (br), 3030 (w), 1624 (s), 1484 (s), 1100 (s), 1050 (s), 952 (s), 888 (s), 820 (s) and 720 (w); elemental analyses (%): Calcd, C, 5.46; H, 1.96; N, 1.19; Found, C, 5.79; H, 1.86; N, 1.29. $\text{Dy}_{0.9}\text{Er}_{0.1}\text{-POM}$: selected IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3450 (br), 3038 (w), 1619 (s), 1485 (s), 1101 (s), 1050 (s), 952 (s), 890 (s), 829 (s) and 727 (w); elemental analyses (%): Calcd, C, 5.47; H, 1.96; N, 1.20; Found, C, 5.39; H, 1.64; N, 1.11. $\text{Dy}_{0.8}\text{Er}_{0.2}\text{-POM}$: selected IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3444 (br), 3041 (w), 1619 (s), 1485 (s), 1104 (s), 1051 (s), 952 (s), 890 (s), 823 (s) and 724 (w); elemental analyses (%): Calcd, C, 5.47; H, 1.96; N, 1.20; Found, C, 5.61; H, 1.70; N, 1.26. $\text{Dy}_{0.7}\text{Er}_{0.3}\text{-POM}$: selected IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3450 (br), 3036 (w), 1621 (s), 1486 (s), 1095 (s), 1048 (s), 952 (s), 888 (s), 824 (s) and 720 (w); elemental analyses (%): Calcd, C, 5.47; H, 1.96; N, 1.32. $\text{Dy}_{0.6}\text{Er}_{0.4}\text{-POM}$: selected IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3446 (br), 3038 (w), 1624 (s), 1487 (s), 1095 (s), 1049 (s), 952 (s), 888 (s), 824 (s) and 717 (w); elemental analyses (%): Calcd, C, 5.47; H, 1.96; N, 1.20; Found, C, 5.48; H, 1.78; N, 1.28. $\text{Dy}_{0.5}\text{Er}_{0.5}\text{-POM}$: selected IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3455 (br), 3040 (w), 1618 (s), 1486 (s), 1093 (s), 1049 (s), 952 (s), 889 (s), 820 (s) and 716 (w); elemental analyses (%): Calcd, C, 5.47; H, 1.96; N, 1.20; Found, C, 5.51; H, 1.81; N, 1.28. $\text{Dy}_{0.4}\text{Er}_{0.6}\text{-POM}$: selected IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3450 (br), 3039 (w), 1619 (s), 1485 (s), 1101 (s), 1049 (s), 952 (s), 890 (s), 817 (s) and 718 (w); elemental analyses (%): Calcd, C, 5.47; H, 1.96; N, 1.20; Found, C, 5.50; H, 1.87; N, 1.29. $\text{Dy}_{0.3}\text{Er}_{0.7}\text{-POM}$: selected IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3447 (br), 3042 (w), 1619 (s), 1485 (s), 1104 (s), 1050 (s), 953 (s), 892 (s), 820 (s) and 721 (w); elemental analyses (%): Calcd, C, 5.47; H, 1.96; N, 1.20; Found, C, 5.54; H, 1.86; N, 1.33. $\text{Dy}_{0.2}\text{Er}_{0.8}\text{-POM}$: selected IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3449 (br), 3042 (w), 1621 (s), 1486 (s), 1094 (s), 1048 (s), 952 (s), 888 (s), 829 (s) and 718 (w); elemental analyses (%): Calcd, C, 5.47; H, 1.96; N, 1.20; Found, C, 5.53; H, 1.79; N, 1.32. $\text{Dy}_{0.1}\text{Er}_{0.9}\text{-POM}$: selected IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3447 (br), 3038 (w), 1624 (s), 1486 (s), 1095 (s), 1049 (s), 952 (s), 888 (s), 824 (s) and 717 (w); elemental analyses (%): Calcd, C, 5.47; H, 1.96; N, 1.20; Found, C, 5.55; H, 1.67; N, 1.25.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

IR Spectra. Figure 1a shows the IR spectra of $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$ ($x = 0-1$). All samples have similar characteristic peaks recorded from 4000 to 400 cm^{-1} . The characteristic peaks at 1100 to 700 cm^{-1} can be attributed to the $\nu(\text{P}-\text{O}_a)$, $\nu(\text{W}-\text{O}_t)$, $\nu(\text{W}-\text{O}_b)$, and $\nu(\text{W}-\text{O}_c)$ vibrations of the $\{\text{PW}_{11}\}$ skeleton in $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$. The vibration absorption peaks at around 3040 and 1620 cm^{-1} can be assigned to $\nu(\text{C}-\text{H})$ and $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ stretching vibrations. The strong absorption band at around 1486 cm^{-1} is a positive signature of the $\nu(\text{C}-\text{N})$ stretching vibration of $[(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{N}]^+$ counteranions. The broad band located around 3450 cm^{-1} is due to the stretching vibration of lattice water molecules.

Powder X-ray Diffraction. The PXRD patterns of $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$ samples were recorded at room temperature as shown in Figure 1b. The diffraction signals of $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$ samples are in good agreement with the reported Dy-POM, and no obvious changes were observed in the crystal structure when Dy^{3+} ions were partially replaced by Er^{3+} ions. It

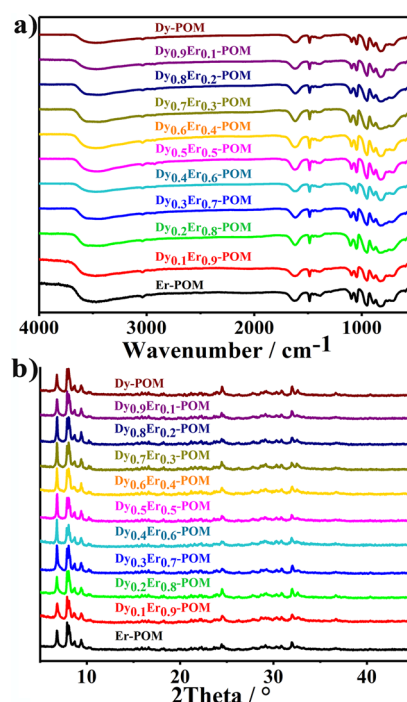


Figure 1. (a) IR spectra of $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$ ($x = 0-1$); (b) PXRD patterns of $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$.

should also be noted that no noticeable shift could be seen in the diffraction signals even when most of Er^{3+} ions were replaced by Dy^{3+} ions (90%) in their crystal lattice, which can be ascribed to the similar ionic radii and coordination geometries of Er^{3+} and Dy^{3+} ions that thus results in isomorphic $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$ derivatives.

Crystallographic Parameters. As shown in Table S2, $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$ have similar crystallographic parameters, which are in good agreement with the results of IR and PXRD. The negligible crystal lattice distortion for $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$ samples may not cause obvious shift in their diffraction peaks, thus there is no hindrance for the insertion of different Ln^{3+} ions into the POMs skeleton. All these investigations show that the Er^{3+} -doped $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$ samples are isomorphic with single component Dy-POM.

Structural Description. The PXRD patterns and crystallographic parameters of samples were investigated to affirm the structural similarity in $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{1-x}\text{-POM}$, which crystallizes in orthorhombic space group $Pna2_1$. Herein, the structural description of Dy-POM was described in detail. Dy-POM is comprised of one fundamental dimeric polyanion skeleton $[\text{Dy}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_6)(\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39})]_2^{16-}$, three K^+ cations, six $[\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4]^{3+}$ counteranions, and 27 lattice water molecules, and simultaneously seven protons are directly added for charge balance of negative polyanion.⁴² The addition of protons is very consistent with the acidic reaction environment ($\text{pH} = 3.2$). As shown in Figure 2a, the dimeric $[\text{Dy}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_6)(\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39})]_2^{16-}$ polyanion can be regarded as two monolacary Keggin-type $[\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{7-}$ fragments linked by the organic-inorganic hybrid species $[\text{Dy}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_6)]_2^{2-}$. The $[\text{Dy}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_6)]_2^{2-}$ species can be seen as two Dy^{3+} ions chelated by two tartrate ligands through one O atom from carboxyl group and one O atom from hydroxyl group of each tartrate ligand (Figure 2b). Two $[\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{7-}$ fragments originate from the decomposition of $[\text{P}_2\text{W}_{19}\text{O}_{69}(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{14-}$ precursor in

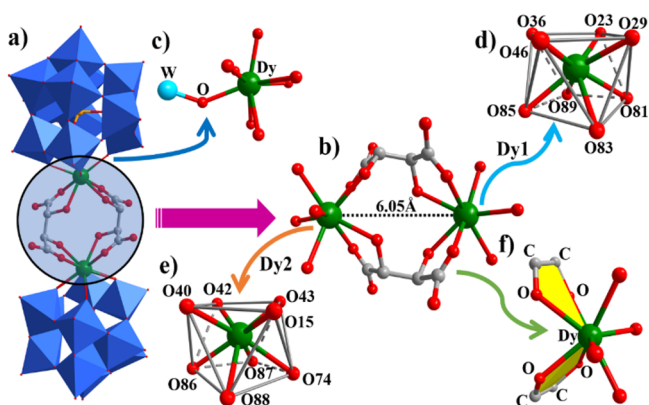


Figure 2. (a) Combined polyhedral/ball-and-stick representation of polyanion for Dy-POM; (b) coordination mode of Dy^{3+} ions and tartrate ligands; (c) angle of $\text{Dy}-\text{O}-\text{W}$; (d) coordination environment of Dy1 ion; (e) coordination environment of Dy2 ion; (f) five-membered $\text{Dy}-\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{O}$ rings constructed by coordination of tartrate ligands and Dy^{3+} ions (color code: WO_6 , blue; W, turquoise; P, light orange; Dy, green; O, red; C, gray).

an acidic reaction environment. The $[\text{Dy}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_6)]_2^{2-}$ segment and two $[\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{7-}$ fragments are connected with each other by Dy^{3+} ions into the defect site of $[\text{PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{7-}$ with the angles of $\text{Ln}-\text{O}-\text{W}$ in the range of $135.330(14)$ – $158.495(14)^\circ$ (the average angle is $146.608(15)$) (Figure 2c). Both Dy^{3+} ions in $[\text{Dy}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_6)(\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39})]_2^{16-}$ polyanion display 8-fold coordination distorted square antiprism configurations, which are constructed by four O atoms from each monolacunary Keggin $[\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{7-}$ and from two tartrate ligands. Specifically, the Dy1 atom is 8-fold coordinated by four O atoms (O23, O29, O36, and O46) from $[\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{7-}$ subunit and another from two tartrate ligands (O81, O83, O85, and O89), which can be anticipated for a distorted square antiprism geometry with $\text{Dy1}-\text{O}$ bond lengths of $2.32(3)$ – $2.52(3)$ Å and $\text{O}-\text{Dy1}-\text{O}$ angles of $64.6(12)$ – $148.3(11)^\circ$ (Figure 2d). In contrast, the square antiprism geometry of Dy2 atom is constructed by four O atoms (O15, O40, O42, and O43) from another $[\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{7-}$ subunit and four O atoms (O74, O86, O87, and O88) from two tartrate ligands with $\text{Dy2}-\text{O}$ bond lengths of $2.29(3)$ – $2.46(3)$ Å and $\text{O}-\text{Dy2}-\text{O}$ angles of $63.1(13)$ – $146.9(12)^\circ$ (Figure 2e). In addition, the distance between Dy1 and Dy2 atoms in dimeric $[\text{Dy}$

$(\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_6)(\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39})]_2^{16-}$ polyanion is $6.05(2)$ Å. Interestingly, the tartrate ligands take part in the construction of a $[\text{Dy}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_6)(\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39})]_2^{16-}$ skeleton through the formation of five-member $\text{Dy}-\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{O}$ chelate rings (Figure 2f), which play a crucial role in stabilization of the integral skeleton. It can be concluded that tartrate ligands can play an important role in the formation and stabilization of the structural units in this system.

Photoluminescence Properties. The PL of Dy^{3+} ions has been investigated primarily because of their potential applications in lighting materials, and second, the active Dy^{3+} ions can emit blue (${}^4\text{F}_{9/2} \rightarrow {}^6\text{H}_{15/2}$ transition), yellow (${}^4\text{F}_{9/2} \rightarrow {}^6\text{H}_{13/2}$ transition), and red (${}^4\text{F}_{9/2} \rightarrow {}^6\text{H}_{11/2}$ transition) emissions in the visible area.^{50–52} However, the applications of Dy^{3+} -doped materials have already been limited due to their smaller molar absorption coefficients and their tendency to exhibit different chemical environments in their surroundings. Therefore, there must be some hosts or matrix to sensitize Dy^{3+} ions to induce the characteristic emissions in such compounds. POMs can be seen as an appropriate candidate to be used as a sensitizer, as upon photoexcitation they act as antenna ligands to transfer energy from the $\text{O} \rightarrow \text{M}$ LMCT state within Ln-POMs.⁵³ H_2O molecules, as inorganic ligands, usually coordinate to Ln^{3+} ions in the Ln-POM complex, which can result in luminescence quenching due to coupled frequency with $\text{O}-\text{H}$ groups oscillators. In $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{(1-x)}$ -POM, Ln^{3+} ions are coordinated by four O atoms from two tartrate ligands and another four O atoms from $[\alpha\text{-PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{7-}$ fragments, and hence there are no obvious $\text{O}-\text{H}$ frequency oscillators impairing the emission of Ln^{3+} ions in $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{(1-x)}$ -POM. In addition, the luminescence quenching can be also operated by the hopping of d^1 electrons to Ln^{3+} ions because of $f\pi$ - $p\pi$ - $d\pi$ ($\text{Ln}-\text{O}-\text{W}$) orbital mixing in Ln-POM complexes. It is noteworthy to say that when the angles of $\text{Ln}-\text{O}-\text{W}$ are around 150° , the $f\pi$ - $p\pi$ - $d\pi$ orbital mixing and electron delocalization to the similar $d\pi$ - $p\pi$ - $d\pi$ ($\text{W}-\text{O}-\text{W}$) can be easily overtuned. On the contrary, orbital mixing is not supported when the angles are larger or smaller than the ideal 150° .^{54,55} In $\text{Dy}_x\text{Er}_{(1-x)}$ -POM, the $\text{Ln}-\text{O}-\text{W}$ bond angles can be defined in two categories: $\text{Dy}-\text{O}_x-\text{W}$ ($\text{O}_x = \text{O15}, \text{O23}, \text{O36}, \text{O40}$) bond angles in the range of $135.330(14)$ – $138.424(15)^\circ$ and $\text{Dy}-\text{O}_y-\text{W}$ ($\text{O}_y = \text{O29}, \text{O42}, \text{O43}, \text{O46}$) of $153.206(15)$ – $158.495(14)^\circ$. Thus, the $f\pi$ - $p\pi$ - $d\pi$ orbital

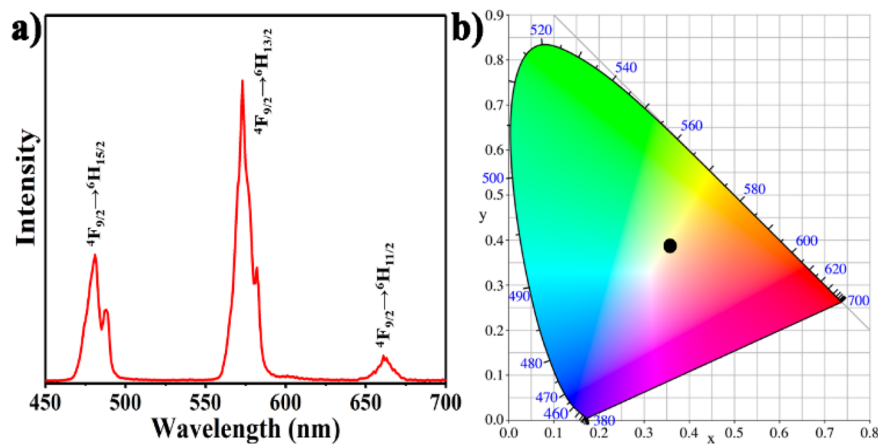


Figure 3. (a) PL emission spectra of Dy-POM powder sample ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 367$ nm); (b) the CIE 1931 chromaticity coordinates corresponding to the PL emission spectra of Dy-POM.

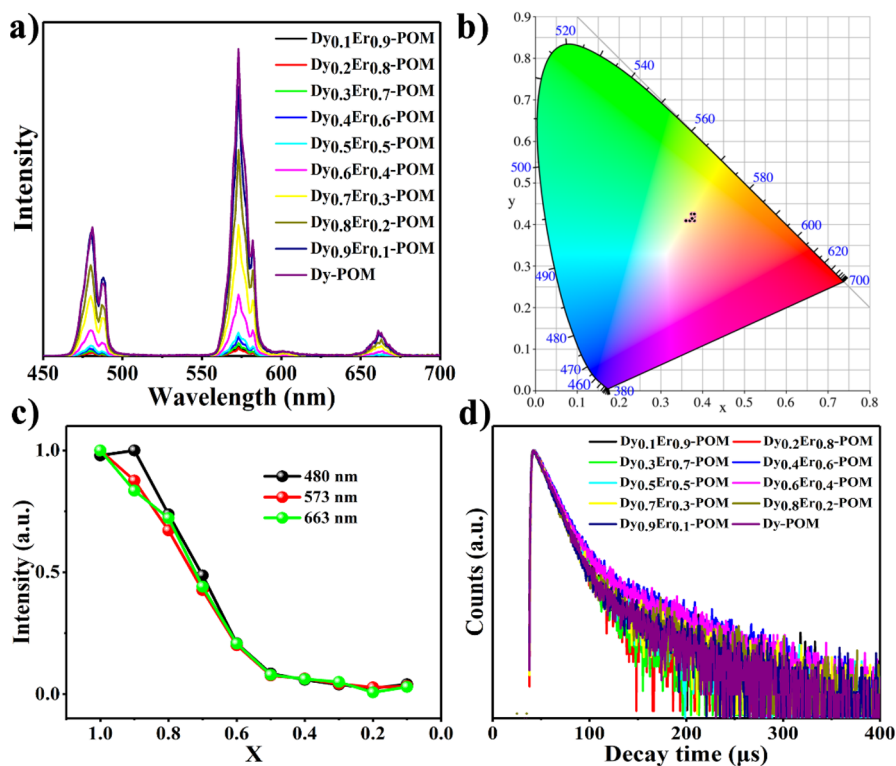


Figure 4. (a) PL emission spectra of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM powder sample ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 367$ nm); (b) the CIE 1931 chromaticity coordinates corresponding to the PL spectra of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM; (c) corresponding line charts of emission intensity at 480, 573, and 663 nm of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM; (d) PL decay time diagrams of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM powder sample upon excitation at 367 nm and emission at 573 nm. Note that x in Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM is 0.1–1.

mixing cannot effectively give rise to luminescence quenching in Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM.

As shown in Figure 3a, the characteristic emission peaks of Dy-POM upon excitation of 367 nm appearing at 480, 573, and 663 nm are indicative of ${}^4\text{F}_{9/2} \rightarrow {}^6\text{H}_{15/2}$, ${}^4\text{F}_{9/2} \rightarrow {}^6\text{H}_{13/2}$, and ${}^4\text{F}_{9/2} \rightarrow {}^6\text{H}_{11/2}$ transitions, respectively. The emissions at 480 and 573 nm split up into two peaks due to lower symmetry with no inversion center on the emitting atoms, which is very consistent with the crystal structure. Obviously, the blue (480 nm) and yellow (573 nm) emissions are dominated in the spectrum, and the CIE 1931 chromaticity coordinates (0.38, 0.43) are located in near-white light (Figure 3b). Especially, the highest intensity of the electric dipole ${}^4\text{F}_{9/2} \rightarrow {}^6\text{H}_{13/2}$ transition strongly depends on the local environment prevailing in Dy³⁺ ions,^{56,57} yet the magnetic dipole ${}^4\text{F}_{9/2} \rightarrow {}^6\text{H}_{13/2}$ transition is insensitive to the crystal field effects and local environment around Dy³⁺ ions. Obviously, the emission intensity of electric dipole ${}^4\text{F}_{9/2} \rightarrow {}^6\text{H}_{13/2}$ transition is much higher than the magnetic dipole ${}^4\text{F}_{9/2} \rightarrow {}^6\text{H}_{15/2}$ transition. The PL emission spectra, CIE 1931 chromaticity coordinates, line charts of emission intensity, and decay time curves of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM samples are illustrated in Figure 4, and PL excitation spectra are shown in Figure S4. The room temperature PL emission spectra of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM are investigated to demonstrate any influence in their emission characteristics and optical quality on different Er³⁺-doping concentrations (Figure 4a). For Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM, the PL emission intensity gradually decreases as the value of x decreases. As a result, when the Er³⁺-doping concentration reaches 20%, the emission intensity drops to ~75% as compared to that of Dy-POM. At high Er³⁺-doping concentration (x is less than 0.5), the emission intensity of Dy³⁺ emitting center drops to ~5% of the emission intensity of

Dy-POM (Figure 4c). However, no noticeable shift in the characteristic emissions is observed (480, 573, and 663 nm) in the spectra. Surprisingly, no characteristic emissions of Er³⁺ ions appeared even after the increase in Er³⁺ ions to 90 percent, which may be due to inherently weak emissions of the active Er³⁺ ion even weaker by several orders of magnitude to those of the Dy³⁺ ion with a much shorter PL lifetime.⁵⁸

The 1931 chromaticity coordinates, dominant wavelength, color purity, and CCT are important optical parameters in the process of the research of luminescent materials. The CCT can be calculated by eq 1 proposed by McCamy et al.⁵⁹

$$\text{CCT} = 499.0n^3 + 3525.0n^2 + 6823.3n + 5520.22 \quad (1)$$

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

$x_e = 0.3320$; $y_e = 0.1858$.

As shown in Table 1, the similar optical parameters prove that different Er³⁺ concentration doped Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM samples have a similar optical property except for emission intensity, which can be attributed to the dominant of Dy³⁺ ion emission in the samples (Figure 4b). The decay time curves of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM samples upon excitation at 367 nm and emission at 573 nm are shown in Figure 4d, and the decay time can be fitted by the following double exponential function:⁶⁰

$$I(t) = \alpha_1 e^{(1/\tau_1)} + \alpha_2 e^{(t/\tau_2)} \quad (2)$$

where $I(t)$ is the emission intensity at time t , $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1$, α_1 and α_2 are the fractional contributions of lifetime τ_1 and τ_2 , τ_1 represents the short time component, and τ_2 represents the long time component.

Table 1. Optical Parameters of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM Samples upon Excitation Wavelength at 367 nm ($x = 0.1-1$) and 380 nm ($x = 0$)

sample	CIE 1931 coordinates (x, y)	dominant wavelength (nm)	color purity (%)	T _c (K)
Dy _{0.1} Er _{0.9} -POM	0.36, 0.41	566	32.69	4703
Dy _{0.2} Er _{0.8} -POM	0.37, 0.41	570	36.87	4373
Dy _{0.3} Er _{0.7} -POM	0.38, 0.43	570	42.64	4254
Dy _{0.4} Er _{0.6} -POM	0.38, 0.42	570	38.99	4327
Dy _{0.5} Er _{0.5} -POM	0.38, 0.42	570	41.30	4296
Dy _{0.6} Er _{0.4} -POM	0.38, 0.42	570	40.48	4307
Dy _{0.7} Er _{0.3} -POM	0.38, 0.43	570	42.88	4248
Dy _{0.8} Er _{0.2} -POM	0.38, 0.43	570	41.69	4290
Dy _{0.9} Er _{0.1} -POM	0.36, 0.40	567	29.07	4724
Dy-POM	0.38, 0.43	570	43.35	4263
Er-POM	0.47, 0.52	574	98.50	3264

The fitting results of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM are shown in Table 2. The values of τ_1 and τ_2 gradually increase with the increase in doped Er³⁺ concentration.

Table 2. Biexponential Fitting Results of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM ($x = 0.1-1$) Samples upon Excitation at 367 nm and Emission at 573 nm and Er-POM Sample upon Excitation at 380 nm and Emission at 554 nm

sample	τ_1 (μ s)	α_1 (%)	τ_2 (μ s)	α_2 (%)
Dy _{0.1} Er _{0.9} -POM	15.57	86.93	85.63	13.07
Dy _{0.2} Er _{0.8} -POM	15.84	47.59	81.87	52.41
Dy _{0.3} Er _{0.7} -POM	15.77	96.04	83.24	3.96
Dy _{0.4} Er _{0.6} -POM	14.95	80.52	80.74	19.48
Dy _{0.5} Er _{0.5} -POM	14.64	92.42	81.36	7.58
Dy _{0.6} Er _{0.4} -POM	15.10	71.20	78.92	28.80
Dy _{0.7} Er _{0.3} -POM	14.65	81.12	76.66	18.88
Dy _{0.8} Er _{0.2} -POM	14.46	76.82	79.82	23.18
Dy _{0.9} Er _{0.1} -POM	14.25	89.39	78.67	10.61
Dy-POM	13.68	87.48	77.84	12.52
Er-POM	2.51	30.81	11.10	69.19

The 3D EEMs of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM powder samples are shown in Figure 5, Figures S5 and S6. Through the EEMs of Dy-POM (Figure 5a), Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM (Figure 5b), and Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM (Figure 5c), it can also indicate that the emission intensity of low concentration of Er³⁺ ions doped Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM remains stable compared to that of pure Dy-POM. The PL emission intensity of Er-POM seems to be negligible compared to that of Dy-POM under the same conditions (Figure S6), which also explain the reason for not detecting any characteristic emissions of Er³⁺ ions in PL emission spectra of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM ($x = 0.1-1$). There is no appreciable shift in excitation or emission peaks of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM observed in EEMs with nearly invariable optical parameters (Figures S7 and S8 and Table S3), which indicates that the dopant of Er³⁺ ions cannot effectively affect the crystal structure and emissions of Dy³⁺ ions in Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM.

As shown in Figure S9, PL photographs of Dy-POM (Figure S9a), Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM (Figure S9b), and Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM (Figure S9c) were taken under different excitation wavelengths from 420 to 460 nm that are close to the commercial blue LED chip light.⁶¹⁻⁶³ Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM ($x = 0.8-1$) absorbed partial energy when excited by blue light, and thus immediately emitted yellow-white light, probably due to the mixing of blue and yellow-white light, and the blue light is covered into a white light. Thus, the macroscopic white light indicates that low concentration Er³⁺ doped Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM complexes can be potentially regarded as lighting materials covering the blue LED chip in practical applications.

Energy Transfer Mechanism. Figure 6a shows the possible process of energy transfer from POM to Dy³⁺/Er³⁺ ions and between Er³⁺ ion and Dy³⁺ ion in Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM. Some significant information can be acquired from the spectral layouts. First, the POM acting as a sensitizer can be excited from ground state ¹A_{1g} to ¹T_{1u} triplet state and subsequently return to the ³T_{1u} triplet state through fast nonradiative transition, which is usually termed multiphonon emission.⁶⁴ Second, the photoexcitation O → M (W) LMCT ³T_{1u} triplet state of POM transfers energy to the ⁴S_{3/2} level of Er³⁺ ion and ⁴F_{9/2} level of Dy³⁺ ion via an antenna effect. Finally, the Dy³⁺ ion emits three characteristic emissions at 480, 573, and 663 nm, whereas the Er³⁺ ion emits two characteristic emissions at 532 and 554 nm with the help of nonradiative transition. Moreover, the energy transfer could also be observed from ⁴S_{3/2} of the Er³⁺ ion to ⁴F_{9/2} level of the Dy³⁺ ion. To confirm this mechanism, time-resolved emission spectroscopy of the Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM powder sample was performed under an excitation wavelength of 367 nm at room temperature. As shown in Figure 6b, Figures S10 and S11, the energy transfer process from phosphotungstate components to Dy³⁺ and Er³⁺ ions can be detected from time-resolved emission spectroscopy. First of all, the emissions at 470 and 480 nm appear at 37 μ s, and it is obvious that the peak at 470 nm is prominent in the spectrum (Figure 6b). To explore the origin of the emission at 470 nm, the emission spectrum of K₁₄[P₂W₁₉O₆₉(H₂O)]·24H₂O was recorded under 367 nm, which shows an emission signal at 475 nm (Figure S12). Apparently, the emission appearing at 470 nm in the time-resolved emission spectroscopy may be arising from ³T_{1u} → ¹A_{1g} transition originating from the O → M LMCT triplet state in phosphotungstate components. As the time elapsed, the intensity of emission at 470 and 480 nm gradually increased, and the emission at 532, 554, and 573 nm appeared at 38 μ s. At 38 μ s, the peak at 480 nm becomes more prominent, whereas the relative emission intensity at 470 nm observed with decline intensity. Meanwhile, the emission at 663 nm appears at 39 μ s. The intensity of emissions at 480, 532, and 554 nm reached a maximum at 40 μ s and subsequently dropped down. Yet the intensity of emissions at 573 and 663 nm reached a maximum at 41 μ s and then declined. It can be found that the characteristic emissions of Er³⁺ ion decline much faster than that of Dy³⁺ ion, which can be attributed to the much shorter PL lifetime than that of the Dy³⁺ ion.⁴² Similar processes of spectral temporal evolution were detected for Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM ($x = 0.2-0.9$), which exhibit the observed time-resolved emission peaks with complex kinetics. The ⁴F_{9/2} → ⁶H_{15/2} transition energy gap (20.83 × 10³cm⁻¹) of the Dy³⁺ ion and ⁴S_{3/2} → ⁴I_{15/2} transition energy gap (18.79 × 10³cm⁻¹) of the Er³⁺ ion are close to the energy of the ³T_{1u} triplet state (21.27 × 10³cm⁻¹) (Table 3). The calculated results reasonably approve that the photoexcitation O → M

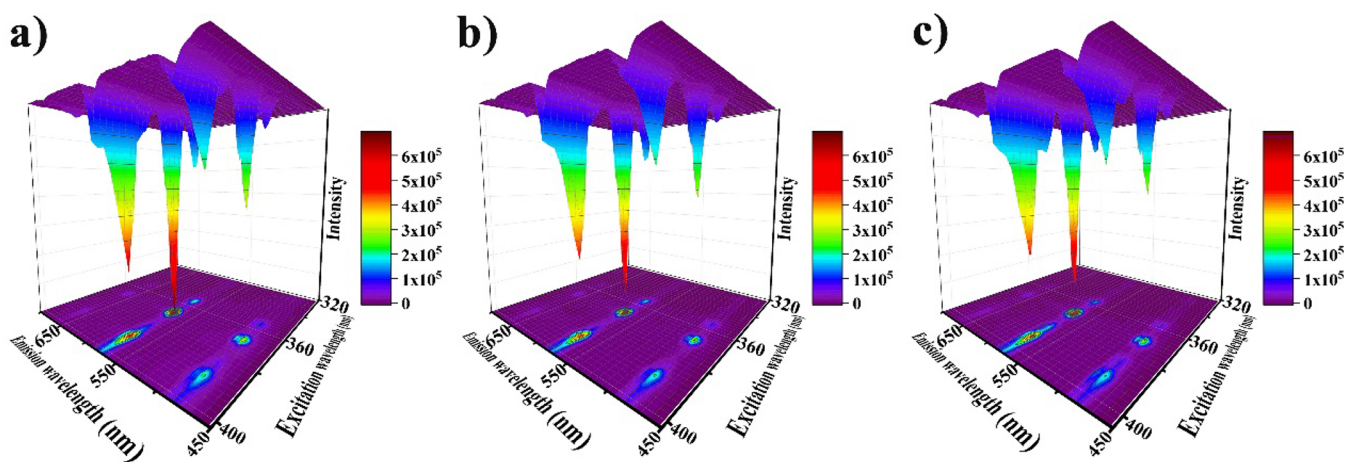


Figure 5. 3D color surface plots (top) and corresponding 2D diagrams (bottom) of luminescence excitation and emission maps (EEMs) of Dy-POM (a), Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM (b), and Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM (c) under the same conditions.

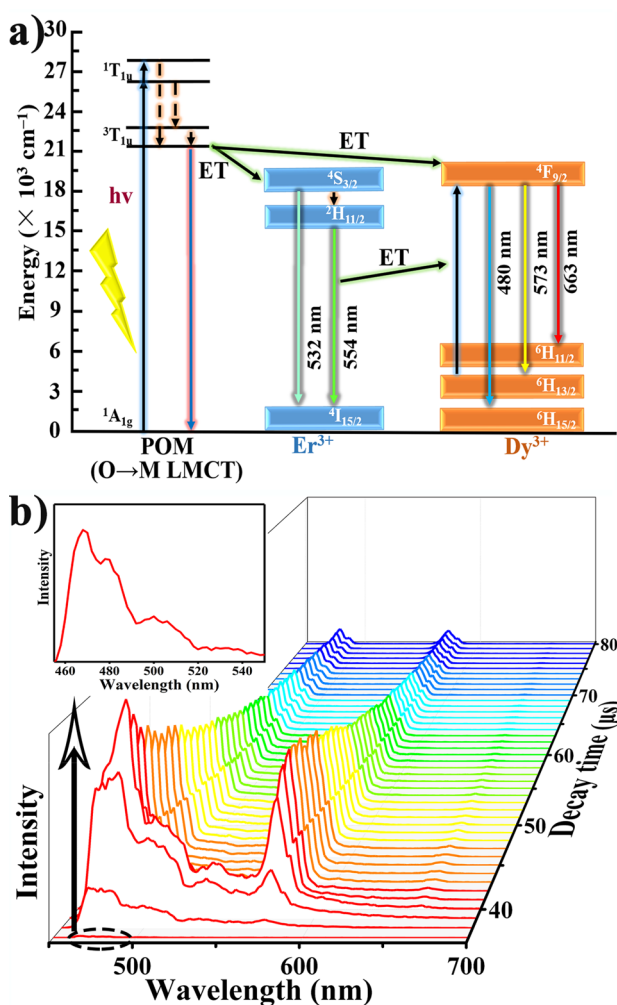


Figure 6. (a) The schematic energy level diagram demonstrating energy transfer (ET) process from POM to Dy³⁺/Er³⁺ ions and characteristic emissions of Dy³⁺ and Er³⁺ ions (dotted line denotes nonradiative transition); (b) the time-resolved emission spectroscopy of Dy_{0.1}Er_{0.9}-POM powder sample under excitation wavelength at 367 nm (inset shows emission spectrum from 455 to 550 nm at 37 μs).

LMCT triplet state of phosphotungstate components can effectively sensitize the emission of Dy³⁺ and Er³⁺ ions via

Table 3. Calculated Energy of Different Transitions of States

transitions of states	wavelength (nm)	energy gap ($\times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$)
$^3T_{1u} \rightarrow ^1A_{1g}$	470	21.27
$^4F_{9/2} \rightarrow ^6H_{15/2}$	480	20.83
$^4S_{3/2} \rightarrow ^4I_{15/2}$	532	18.79
$^2H_{11/2} \rightarrow ^4I_{15/2}$	554	18.05
$^4F_{9/2} \rightarrow ^6H_{13/2}$	573	17.45
$^4F_{9/2} \rightarrow ^6H_{11/2}$	663	15.08

intramolecular energy transitions in Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM. Moreover, the increased PL lifetime of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM with the increasing of Er³⁺ ions doped concentration indicates the presence of energy transfer from the Er³⁺ ion to the Dy³⁺ ion that is very consistent with closed energy gaps between the $^2H_{11/2} \rightarrow ^4I_{15/2}$ transition ($18.05 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and $^4F_{9/2} \rightarrow ^6H_{13/2}$ transition ($17.45 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) (Table 2 and Table 3).^{52,65}

Photostability of Luminescence. Luminescence stability plays a vital role for practical application; hence the photostability of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM powder samples has been further investigated. As shown in Figure 7a and Figure S13, the PL emission and excitation intensity of Dy-POM sample gradually decrease with the increase of irradiation time. The relative PL intensity at 573 nm drops to 32% of initial intensity under UV irradiation for 300 min (Figure 7b). The reason for this quenching phenomenon may be ascribed to severe photobleaching or the absorption around 605 nm of $W^V \rightarrow W^VI$ intervalence charge-transfer (IVCT) under irradiation.⁶⁶ In addition, Figure 7c shows the decay curves of Dy-POM upon excitation at 367 nm and emission at 573 nm with the similar profiles at different irradiation times, and the lifetime can be fitted as biexponential functions. The lifetime τ_1 and τ_2 of Dy-POM sample is shortened by increasing irradiation time. As the irradiation time increased, the values of τ_1 and τ_2 decreased from ~ 14 and $\sim 78 \mu\text{s}$ to ~ 11 and $\sim 52 \mu\text{s}$, respectively (Table 4). For Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM sample, the PL emission intensity also decreases as the irradiation time increased (Figure 7d). The relative emission intensity at 573 nm nearly unchanged in 15 min of irradiation, and the intensity drops to 53% of the original intensity even after 300 min of irradiation (Figure 7e). For the lifetime τ_1 and τ_2 of Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM sample, the values of τ_1 remains unchanged ($\sim 14 \mu\text{s}$) and τ_2 values decrease from $\sim 79 \mu\text{s}$ to $\sim 43 \mu\text{s}$ within the irradiation time from 0 to 300 min

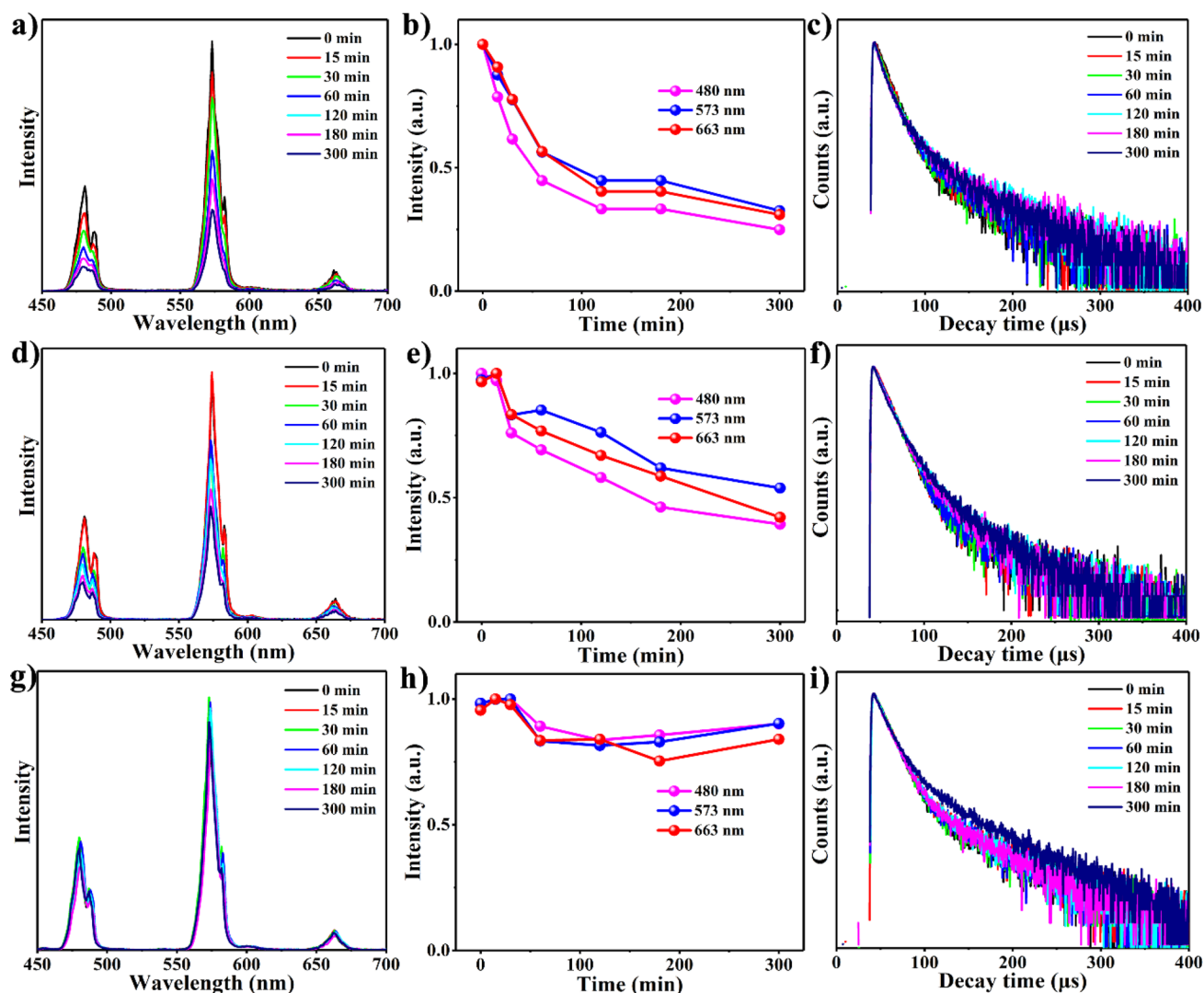


Figure 7. PL emission spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 367$ nm) of Dy-POM (a), Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM (d), and Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM (g), corresponding variation rules of emission intensity at 480, 573, and 663 nm of Dy-POM (b), Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM (e), and Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM (h), and decay time diagrams of Dy-POM (c), Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM (f), and Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM (i) upon excitation at 367 nm and emission at 573 nm under continuous UV irradiation (300 W xenon lamp) for 300 min.

Table 4. Biexponential Fitting Results of Decay Time Curves of Dy-POM, Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM, and Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM upon Excitation at 367 nm and Emission at 573 nm under Continuous UV Irradiation (300 W Xenon Lamp) for 300 min

irradiation time (min)	Dy-POM				Dy _{0.9} Er _{0.1} -POM				Dy _{0.8} Er _{0.2} -POM			
	τ_1 (μs)	α_1 (%)	τ_2 (μs)	α_2 (%)	τ_1 (μs)	α_1 (%)	τ_2 (μs)	α_2 (%)	τ_1 (μs)	α_1 (%)	τ_2 (μs)	α_2 (%)
0	13.68	87.48	77.84	12.52	14.25	89.39	78.67	10.61	14.46	76.82	79.82	23.18
15	13.22	83.08	68.68	16.92	14.20	89.17	75.96	10.83	14.64	77.67	80.62	22.33
30	12.89	81.11	63.82	18.89	14.96	93.17	74.18	6.83	14.63	80.28	78.94	19.72
60	11.94	73.71	63.23	26.29	14.94	93.18	73.31	6.82	14.44	73.57	73.07	26.43
120	11.57	68.49	60.17	31.51	14.81	85.15	51.77	14.85	14.90	75.31	69.83	24.69
180	11.23	67.82	57.86	32.18	14.09	76.58	43.57	23.42	14.77	75.76	67.72	24.24
300	11.18	66.19	51.72	33.81	13.64	72.88	42.52	27.12	14.79	59.56	68.11	40.44

(Table 4). It is obvious that the decline of PL intensity of Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM sample is less than those of Dy-POM and Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM under UV irradiation (Figure 7g). The relative PL emission intensity of Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM appears the same in 30 min of irradiation, and the intensity strength is up to ~85% as compared to those at 300 min of irradiation (Figure 7h). The τ_1 value of Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM is approximately constant with ~14 μs , and τ_2 decreases from ~80 μs to ~68 μs as the UV

irradiation time increased (Table 4). In addition, the optical parameters of Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM are similar as those of both Dy-POM and Dy_{0.9}Er_{0.1}-POM (Table S4). It can be found that the luminescence properties of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM samples could maintain photostability with the decreasing value of x under consecutive UV irradiation condition (Figures S14–S23 and Tables S5 and S6). Especially, the relative PL emission intensity of Er-POM could remain above 90% of the original intensity

after 300 min of UV irradiation. Most of all, Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM can preserve high emission intensity and stable PL properties during 300 min of UV irradiation.

CONCLUSION

In summary, a series of [N(CH₃)₄]₆K₃H₇[Dy_xEr_(1-x)(C₄H₂O₆)-(α -PW₁₁O₃₉)]₂·27H₂O ($x = 0-1$) (Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM) samples were successfully prepared, which have been characterized by PXRD, TGA, ICP-AES, EDX, and IR spectra. The investigation of Ln-O-W angles indicates that the $f\pi$ - $p\pi$ - $d\pi$ orbital mixing cannot effectively leads to luminescence quenching. Time resolved emission spectroscopy reasonably approves the process of energy transfer in Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM, indicating that the photoexcitation O → M LMCT state of phosphotungstate fragments can effectively sensitize the emission of Er³⁺ and Dy³⁺ ions via intramolecular energy transitions, and the energy can transfer from the Er³⁺ ion to Dy³⁺ ion. The photostability study reveals that the Dy_{0.8}Er_{0.2}-POM sample on continuous UV irradiation can exhibit a high PL emission intensity with wonderful stability. The Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM ($x = 1, 0.9, \text{ and } 0.8$) samples can emit macroscopic white light under blue irradiation, implying the samples can cover the blue LED chip to emit white light in practical applications. Furthermore, this work will provide us novel thinking to explore new and practical solid state lighting materials in the field of Ln-POM complexes.

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Synthetic method for Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM ($x = 0-0.9$). The ICP results (Table S1) and crystallographic parameters of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM (Table S2), optical parameters and lifetime of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM under different irradiation time (Tables S3–S6), EDX elemental spectra, TGA curves, 3D EEMs and corresponding CIE 1931 chromaticity coordinates, photographs, time-resolved emission spectroscopy of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM (Figures S1–S11), emission spectrum of K₁₄[P₂W₁₉O₆₉(H₂O)]·24H₂O precursor (Figure S12), PL excitation, emission and corresponding CIE 1931 chromaticity coordinates, decay curves of Dy_xEr_(1-x)-POM under different irradiation time (Figures S13–S23) (PDF)

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