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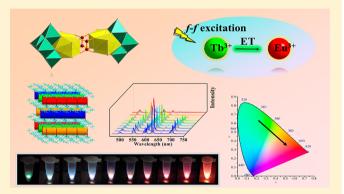
# Double-Oxalate-Bridging Tetralanthanide Containing Divacant Lindqvist Isopolytungstates with an Energy Transfer Mechanism and Luminous Color Adjustablility Through Eu3+/Tb3+ Codoping

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Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** A double-oxalate-bridging tetra-Gd<sup>3+</sup> containing divacant Lindqvist dimeric isopolytungtate  $Na_{10}[Gd_2(C_2O_4)(H_2O)_4(OH)W_4O_{16}]_2 \cdot 30H_2O (Gd_4W_8)$  was obtained based on the reaction of Na<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, and GdCl<sub>3</sub> in aqueous solution. Its dimeric polyoxoanion is established by two divacant Lindqvist [W<sub>4</sub>O<sub>16</sub>]<sup>8-</sup> segments connected by a rectangular tetra-nuclearity  $[Gd_4(C_2O_4)_2(H_2O)_8(OH)_2]^{6+}$  cluster. Notably, neighboring trinuclear  $[Na_3O_4(H_2O)_{11}]^{5-}$  clusters are interconnected to construct a picturesque 1-D sinusoidal Na-O cluster chain. The most outstanding characteristic is that 1-D sinusoidal Na-O cluster chains combine  $[Gd_2(C_2O_4)(H_2O)_4(OH)$ -W<sub>4</sub>O<sub>16</sub>]<sub>2</sub><sup>10-</sup> polyoxoanions together, giving rise to an



intriguing 3-D extended porous framework. The red emitter Eu3+ ions and green emitter Tb3+ ions are first codoped into Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub> to substitute Gd<sup>3+</sup> ions for the exploration of the energy transfer (ET) mechanism between Eu<sup>3+</sup> and Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions and the color-tunable PL property in the isopolytungtate system. The PL emission spectra and decay lifetime measurements of the Eu<sup>3+</sup>/Tb<sup>3+</sup> codoped Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub> system illustrate that under excitation at 370 nm, Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions can transfer energy to Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions. When the molar concentration of Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions is fixed at 0.9 and that of the Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions gradually increases from 0.01 to 0.08, the calculated ET efficiency  $(\eta_{ET})$  from Tb<sup>3+</sup> to Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions increases from 7.9% for  $Gd_{0.36}Tb_{3.6}Eu_{0.04}W_8$  to 67.3% for  $Gd_{0.08}Tb_{3.6}Eu_{0.02}W_8$ . The energy transfer mechanism ( $Tb^{3+} \rightarrow Eu^{3+}$ ) is a nonradiative dipole—dipole interaction. Furthermore, upon excitation at 370 nm, Eu<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub> and Tb<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub> show visible red- and green-emitting lights, respectively. When codoping trace amounts of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions in Tb<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub>, under excitation at 370 nm, Tb<sub>3,92</sub>Eu<sub>0,08</sub>W<sub>8</sub> displays near white-light emission.

# **■ INTRODUCTION**

Over the past few years, polyoxometalate-based inorganicorganic hybrid materials (POMIOHMs) have extensively caught the increasing attention of researchers owing to their complicated ingredients, peculiar bonding modes, and interesting frameworks relying on synergetic effects between inorganic and organic components. 1-7 Therein, polyoxometalates (POMs) exhibit superb nucleophilicity toward transitionmetal (TM) and lanthanide (Ln) ions at specific sites and can function as the remarkable building blocks to construct unprecedented hybrid molecular materials.<sup>8-12</sup> Simultaneously, organic ligands also play a crucial role in constructing intriguing architectures and topologies of POMIOHMs. For instance, they have been used to overcome competitive reactions and induce aggregation of various TM or Ln centers. 13 Their abilities to link multivacant POM building blocks have also been reported. 14,15 Very recently, organic ligands have been employed as structure-directing agents and structural stabilizers. 16 Therefore, complicated components and unique structures of POMIOHMs usually determine their

multidisciplinary applications in adsorption,  $^{17}$  magnetism,  $^{18}$  optics,  $^{19}$  catalysis,  $^{20}$  bioactivity,  $^{21}$  and so forth.

Ln-based heteropolyoxotungstate inorganic-organic hybrid materials (Ln-HPOTIOHMs) have been an active research area in the past decade.<sup>22</sup> A large amount of work has been predominantly concentrated on di-, tri- and tetra-nuclear Ln-HPOTIOHMs with abundant structures and related properties. 19,23-33 However, very rare Ln-based isopolyoxotungstate inorganic-organic hybrid materials (Ln-IPOTIOHMs) have been reported (Figure S1).34 It is also worthy of considering that the construction of Ln-HPOTIOHMs often relies on mono-, di-, and trivacant Keggin-type heteropolyoxotungstate segments; similarly, it is worth considering whether multivacant isopolyoxotungstate units with more nucleophilic oxygen atoms at vacant sites exist? It will be a challenge for the future evolutionary direction of Ln-IPOTIOHMs.

The suitable incorporation of Ln ions to POMs will give birth to novel optic properties such as electroluminescent

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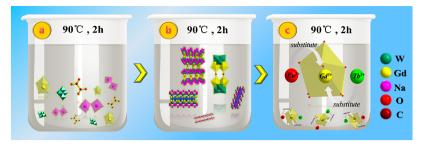


Figure 1. (a, b) Schematic synthetic procedure of Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub>. (c) The process of Eu<sup>3+</sup> and Tb<sup>3+</sup> substituting Gd<sup>3+</sup> ions in Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub>.

materials, white-light-emitting diodes (W-LEDs), optical waveguide amplifiers, biosensing technologies, and imaging techniques, 35,36 which can be ascribed to high luminescence performances of Ln ions in POM system. (a) Ln ions can emit various sharp color emissions through f-f electron transitions;<sup>37</sup> (b) the luminescence emission of Ln ions can be sensitized by POM segments upon the  $O \rightarrow W$  ligand-to-metal charge-transfer (LMCT) photoexcitation.<sup>38</sup> (c) Ln ions can be treated as an emitting sensitizer or antenna to transfer energy to the acceptor. <sup>39,40</sup> For example, in 2011, Boskovic's group researched the luminescence sensitization of inorganic POM and organic ligands to Tb3+ and Eu3+ ions.28 In 2017, our group systematically explored luminescence behaviors of a series of serine-decorated Ln-substituted POMIOHMs. 13 However, these research reports mostly concentrate on homo-Ln incorporated POM materials, and numerous findings expound that homo-Ln incorporated POM materials already cannot satisfy with the needs of light-emitting materials due to some of their limitations such as high color drift, low luminescence intensity, and low photostability. 41,42 It has been certified that hetero-Ln codoped POM materials may resolve these problems, and few examples have been reported. For example, in 2018, Niu and co-workers reported Dy<sup>3+</sup>/Er<sup>3+</sup>doped POM derivatives with near white-light-emitting behavior and high luminescence stability.<sup>43</sup> Our group prepared a series of Er3+/Yb3+-doped tellurotungstates to enhance the luminescence intensity of Er3+ ions through upconversion luminescence regulation. 44 However, the approaches to figure out the ET between Ln ions and to obtain the near white-light-emitting POM materials are still immature.

The technology to obtain white-light emission has two methods. One is codoping blue-emitting Tm3+ and yellowemitting Dy<sup>3+</sup> into Ln-POMs with an appropriate ratio.<sup>45</sup> The other is dynamically tuning the emission ratio of red, green, and blue. 46 As we know, trivalent Eu3+ ions can perform as a great red emitter due to their sharp line emission ascribed to the  ${}^5D_0 \rightarrow {}^7F_1$  transition. The Eu<sup>3+</sup> ion occupies the asymmetric site, which not only emits yellow light at 595 nm  $(^5D_0 \rightarrow {}^7F_1)$  and orange light at 614 nm  $(^5D_0 \rightarrow {}^7F_2)$  but also reveals a good color rendering index.  $^{47,48}$  Moreover, the Tb<sup>3+</sup> ion can not only emit sharp green emission at 493 and 545 nm corresponding to the  $^5D_4 \rightarrow {}^7F_6$  and  $^5D_4 \rightarrow {}^7F_5$  transitions, respectively, but also function as an effective sensitizer for the Eu<sup>3+</sup> emission.<sup>49–52</sup> What's more, energy transfer efficiency  $(\eta_{\rm ET})$  and multipolar interactions can be used to systematically unlock the ET mechanism between different Ln ions in a hetero-Ln-POM system, 53,54 which provide powerful support for exploring the ET mechanism and luminescence performances through codoping multiple Ln ions to Ln-POMs.

Herein, we synthesized a double-oxalate-bridging tetra-Gd-substituted isopolyoxotungstate-based inorganic—organic hy-

brid material (IPOTIOHM) Na<sub>10</sub>[Gd<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>(OH)- $W_4O_{16}$ ]<sub>2</sub>·30 H<sub>2</sub>O (Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub>), which represents a rare example of Ln-IPOTIOHMs. The supramolecular stacking of Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub> reveals a 3-D multichannel framework when Na<sup>+</sup> cations perform as metal linkers, and the radii of each hole is about 4.40 Å. We first introduced various molar ratios of Eu<sup>3+</sup> and Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions to substitute Gd<sup>3+</sup> ions in Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub> to prepare a series of derivatives  $Gd_{4-4a}Eu_{4a}W_8$  (a = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07,0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00),  $Gd_{4-4b}Tb_{4b}W_8$  (b = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03,0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00),  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  (x =0.00, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05, 0.06, 0.07, 0.08), and  $Gd_{3.6-4\nu}Tb_{4\nu}Eu_{0.4}W_8$  (y = 0.00, 0.10, 0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.70, 0.80) (Tables S1a-S1d). We also doped various amounts of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions into  $Na_{10}[Tb_2(C_2O_4)(H_2O)_4(OH)$ - $W_4O_{16}]_2 \cdot 30H_2O (Tb_4W_8)$  to obtain  $Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8$  (z = 0.00, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00) (Table S1e). Through the PL emission and decay lifetime measurements of the Eu<sup>3+</sup>/Tb<sup>3+</sup> codoped Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub> system, it can be found that in Eu<sup>3+</sup>/Tb<sup>3+</sup> codoped samples, Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions can transfer energy to Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions under excitation at 370 nm. When the molar concentration of Tb3+ ions is fixed as 0.9 and that of Eu3+ ions increases from 0.01 to 0.08, the intensity and decay lifetime of the emission peak at 545 nm continually declines and the ET efficiency increases from 7.9% for  $Gd_{0.36}Tb_{3.6}Eu_{0.04}W_8$  to 67.3% for  $Gd_{0.08}Tb_{3.6}Eu_{0.32}W_8$ . In this system, the ET mechanism  $(Tb^{3+} \rightarrow Eu^{3+})$  abides by the nonradiative dipole-dipole interaction. Under excitation at 370 nm, the color-tunable emissions of  $Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8$  (z = 0.00, 0.01, 0.02,0.03, 0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00) show visible green-, near-white-, orange-, and red-emitting lights. When codoping trace amounts of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions in Tb<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub>, under excitation at 370 nm, Tb<sub>3.92</sub>Eu<sub>0.08</sub>W<sub>8</sub> displays near-white-light emission. Therefore, hetero-Ln substituted POM materials may have large potentials in the application of W-LEDs.

# ■ EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

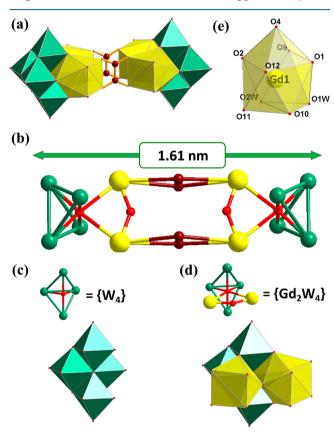
Synthesis of Na<sub>10</sub>[Gd<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>(OH)W<sub>4</sub>O<sub>16</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·30H<sub>2</sub>O (Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub>). Na<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (2.430 g, 7.37 mmol) and oxalic acid (0.063 g, 0.70 mmol) were dissolved in 20 mL of distilled water upon stirring, and the pH was regulated to 7.5 using 6.0 mol/L HCl. After the mixture was stirred for 20 min, GdCl<sub>3</sub> (0.250 g, 0.948 mmol) was added and another sustainable stirring for 0.5 h was needed. Eventually, the solution was placed in a 90 °C water bath for 2 h and then filtered (Figure 1a, b). Slow evaporation of the filtrate at ambient temperature for ca. 1 week resulted in colorless square lamellar crystals of  $Gd_4W_8$ . Yield: 0.24 g (18.3% based on oxalic acid). Anal. calcd (%): H, 2.19; C, 1.28; Na, 6.15; W, 39.33; Gd, 16.82. Found: H, 2.00; C, 1.39; Na, 6.28; W, 39.11; Gd, 16.97.

Syntheses of  $Eu^{3+}$  and/or  $Tb^{3+}$  Codoped  $Gd_4W_8$  Materials. The syntheses of  $Gd_{4-4a}Eu_{4a}W_8$  ( $a=0.01,\,0.02,\,0.03,\,0.04,\,0.07,\,0.10,\,0.40,\,0.70,\,1.00$ ),  $Gd_{4-4b}Tb_{4b}W_8$  ( $b=0.01,\,0.02,\,0.03,\,0.04,\,0.07,\,0.10,\,0.40,\,0.70,\,1.00$ ),  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  ( $x=0.00,\,0.01,\,0.02,\,0.03,\,0.04,\,0.05,\,0.06,\,0.07,\,0.08$ ),  $Gd_{3.6-4y}Tb_{4y}Eu_{0.4}W_8$  ( $y=0.00,\,0.10,$ 

0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.70, 0.80), and  $\mathbf{Tb_{4-4}}_z\mathbf{Eu_{4z}}\mathbf{W_8}$  (z=0.00, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00) were analogous to that of  $\mathbf{Gd_4W_8}$  except that  $\mathbf{EuCl_3}$ ,  $\mathbf{GdCl_3}$ , and  $\mathbf{TbCl_3}$  replace  $\mathbf{GdCl_3}$  in the appropriate molar ratio (Figure 1c, Tables Sla–Sle). The theoretical and experimental mass percentages of W, Gd, Eu, and Tb ions in them were provided in Tables Slf–Slj.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Structure Depiction.** Crystallogaphical data of  $Gd_4W_8$  are exhibited in Table S2. The molecular unit of  $Gd_4W_8$  is composed of 1 double-oxalate-bridging tetra-Gd-substituted  $[Gd_2(C_2O_4)(H_2O)_4(OH)W_4O_{16}]_2^{10-}$   $(Gd_4W_8-1)$  polyoxoanion (POA), 10 Na<sup>+</sup> cations, and 30 lattice water molecules (Figure 2a). The dimeric  $Gd_4W_8-1$  POA is approximately 1.61

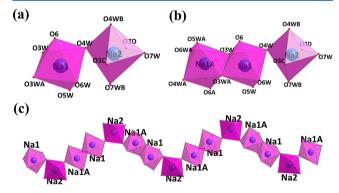


**Figure 2.** (a) The dimeric  $Gd_4W_8-1$  POA. (b) Simplified ball-and-stick view of  $Gd_4W_8-1$ . (c) View of the  $\{W_4\}$  segment. (d) View of the  $\{Gd_2W_4\}$  group. (e) Monocapped square antiprismatic configuration of the  $Gdl^{3+}$  ion. Code:  $\{WO_6\}$ , bottle green octahedra; O, rose red spheres; W, bottle green spheres; Gd, bright yellow spheres; C, brown spheres.

nm long and is constructed by two divacant Lindqvist  $[W_4O_{16}]^{8-}$  ( $\{W_4\}$ ) segments, four  $Gd^{3+}$  ions, and two oxalate ligands (Figure 2b). The divacant Lindqvist  $\{W_4\}$  segments can be considered as a plenary Lindqvist  $[W_6O_{19}]^{2-}$  segment losing two  $\{WO_6\}$  octahedra (Figure 2c). Two  $Gd1^{3+}$  centers simultaneously are embedded into the two vacancies of one divacant Lindqvist  $\{W_4\}$  segment via six  $\mu_2$ -O atoms and one  $\mu_6$ -O atom, which results in one di-Gd-substituted Lindqvist  $[Gd_2(H_2O)_4(OH)W_4O_{16}]^{3-}$   $\{Gd_2W_4\}$  fragment (Figure 2d). Two  $\{Gd_2W_4\}$  fragments are connected by four carboxylic O atoms of two oxalate ligands, in other words, each  $Gd1^{3+}$  center performs as a metal linker between  $\{W_4\}$  segment and the oxalate ligand. Four  $Gd1^{3+}$  centers together with two

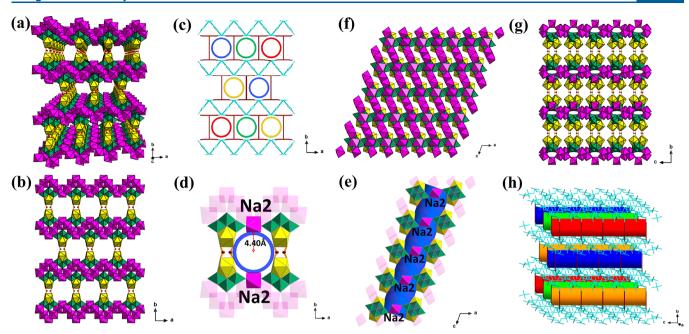
oxalate ligands exhibit a rectangle distribution; four Gd1<sup>3+</sup> centers are located on four vertexes of the rectangle, and two oxalate ligands occupy two sides of the rectangle (Figure S2a). In the simplified view of the rectangle formed by four Gd3+ centers, the distances between Gd<sup>3+</sup> ions are 3.661–6.299 Å (Figure S2b). Four Gd1<sup>3+</sup> centers possess the same coordination environments and reveal the analogous monocapped square antiprismatic geometries (Figure 2e). Specifically, every Gd1<sup>3+</sup> center is surrounded by three  $\mu_2$ -O atoms [Gd1-O1 2.202(9) Å, Gd1-O2 2.188(9) Å, Gd1-O9 2.458(8) Å] and one  $\mu_6$ -O atom [Gd1-O4 2.852(8) Å] from one {W<sub>4</sub>} segment, two aqua ligands [Gd1-O1W 2.409(11) Å, Gd1-O2W 2.389(11) Å], two oxalate O atoms [Gd1-O10 2.427(11) Å, Gd1-O11 2.450(16) Å], and one hydroxyl O atom [Gd1-O12 1.912(5) Å]. Therefore, oxalate ligands play a role of organic linkers between two {Gd<sub>2</sub>W<sub>4</sub>} fragments, which lead to the formation of dimeric Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub>-1 POA.

It should be mentioned that two crystallographically independent Na<sup>+</sup> centers (Na1<sup>+</sup> and Na2<sup>+</sup>) are seen in the structure, which exhibit diverse octahedral environments. The coordination sphere of the Na1<sup>+</sup> center is determined by a terminal O6 atom from one  $\{W_4\}$  segment and five aqua ligands (i.e., O3W, O3WA, O4W, O5W, O6W), whereas the coordination sphere of the Na2<sup>+</sup> center is defined by two terminal O atoms (i.e., O3C, O3D) and four aqua ligands (i.e., O4W, O4WB, O7W, O7WB) (Figure S3a–b). Na1<sup>+</sup> and Na2<sup>+</sup> centers connect with each other through an aqua ligand (O4W), which leads to the dinuclear  $[Na_2O_3(H_2O)_8]^{4-}$  cluster (Figure 3a). In addition, the dinuclear  $[Na_2O_3(H_2O)_8]^{4-}$ 



**Figure 3.** (a) The dinuclear  $[Na_2O_3(H_2O)_8]^{4-}$  cluster formed by a Na1<sup>+</sup> and a Na2<sup>+</sup> center via an aqua ligand. (b) The trinuclear  $[Na_3O_4(H_2O)_{11}]^{5-}$  clusters formed by a dinuclear  $[Na_2O_3(H_2O)_8]^{4-}$  cluster connecting a Na1<sup>+</sup>A center in the edge-sharing mode. (c) The sinusoidal Na-O cluster chain constructed from  $[Na_3O_4(H_2O)_{11}]^{5-}$  clusters. Na, violet spheres. Symmetry code: A: -0.5 - x, 0.5 - y, -z; B: -x, y, 1 - z; C: 0.5 - x, y, 1 - z; D: -0.5 + x, 0.5 - y, z.

cluster combines with a Na1A<sup>+</sup> center via the edge-sharing mode (O3W–O3WA), which leads to the formation of a trinuclear  $[Na_3O_4(H_2O)_{11}]^{5-}$  cluster (Figure 3b). It is interesting that neighboring  $[Na_3O_4(H_2O)_{11}]^{5-}$  clusters are interconnected to build a picturesque 1-D sinusoidal Na–O cluster chain (Figure 3c). It should be noted that this 1-D sinusoidal Na–O cluster chain is very unusual in inorganic chemistry. In the *ac* plane, neighboring 1-D sinusoidal Na–O cluster chains are aligned in the –ABAB– mode (Figure S3c) when taking no account of  $Gd_4W_8$ -1 POAs. In the *ab* plane, neighboring 1-D sinusoidal Na–O cluster chains also show the –ABAB– alignment mode (Figure S3d). The most striking



**Figure 4.** (a) The intriguing 3-D extended porous framework. (b) The 3-D porous framework viewed along the c axis. (c) The simplified 3-D porous framework viewed along the c axis. (d) The combination between two  $[Gd_2(C_2O_4)(H_2O)_4(OH)W_4O_{16}]_2^{10-}$  polyoxoanions and two Na2<sup>+</sup> centers through four O/H<sub>2</sub>O linkers. (e) The 1-D channels constructed from  $[Gd_2(C_2O_4)(H_2O)_4(OH)W_4O_{16}]_2^{10-}$  polyoxoanions and Na2<sup>+</sup> centers. (f) The 3-D porous framework viewed along the a axis. (h) Simplified 3-D porous framework showing the multichannel structure.

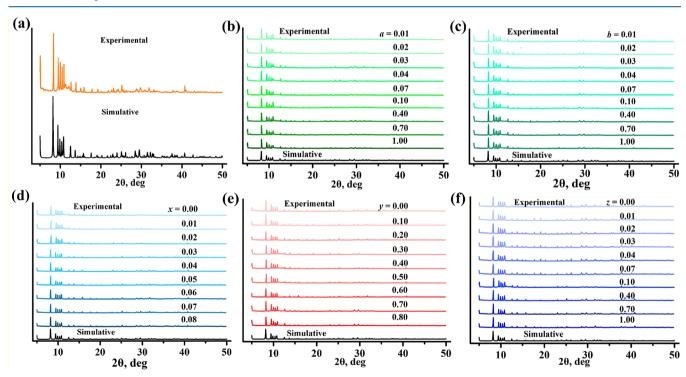


Figure 5. (a) Experimental and simulative PXRD patterns of  $Gd_4W_8$ . (b-f) Comparisons of experimental PXRD patterns of  $Gd_{4-4a}Eu_{4a}W_8$  (a=0.01,0.02,0.03,0.04,0.07,0.10,0.40,0.70,1.00),  $Gd_{0.4-4a}Eu_{4a}Tb_{4b}W_8$  (b=0.01,0.02,0.03,0.04,0.07,0.10,0.40,0.70,1.00),  $Gd_{0.4-4a}Eu_{4a}Tb_{3a}W_8$  (x=0.00,0.01,0.02,0.03,0.04,0.07,0.10,0.40,0.70,0.00),  $Gd_{0.4-4a}Eu_{4a}Tb_{3a}W_8$  (x=0.00,0.01,0.02,0.03,0.04,0.05,0.06,0.07,0.08),  $Gd_{0.6-4a}Tb_{4a}Eu_{4a}W_8$  (x=0.00,0.01,0.02,0.03,0.04,0.05,0.06,0.70,0.08), and  $Gd_{0.4-4a}Eu_{4a}Eu_{4a}W_8$  (g=0.00,0.01,0.02,0.03,0.04,0.05,0.06,0.70,0.08), and  $Gd_{0.4-4a}Eu_{4a}Eu_{4a}W_8$  (g=0.00,0.01,0.02,0.03,0.04,0.05,0.06),  $Gd_{0.07}Eu_{4a}Eu$ 

feature is that 1-D sinusoidal Na–O cluster chains connect  $Gd_4W_8$ -1 POAs together, giving rise to an attractive 3-D porous framework (Figure 4a). Viewed along the c axis,  $Gd_4W_8$ -1 POAs as pillars link the up–down neighboring 1-D sinusoidal Na–O cluster chains (Figure 4b, c). In the 3-D extended porous framework, every two  $Gd_4W_8$ -1 POAs are

joined by two Na2<sup>+</sup> centers through four O/H<sub>2</sub>O linkers, which generates the 1-D channels with the radius of about 4.40 Å (Figure 4d, e). These 1-D channels somewhat resemble pipelines and are parallel to the c axis (Figure 4e–h, Figure S4). Lattice water molecules are filled in these channels.

IR Spectra and PXRD Patterns. Because the radii of Gd<sup>3+</sup>, Eu<sup>3+</sup>, and Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions are close (Table S2) and the structure of Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub> is the same to those of our previously reported Ln-IPOTIOHMs  $Na_{10}[Eu_2(C_2O_4)(H_2O)_4(OH)W_4O_{16}]_2\cdot30H_2O$  $(Eu_4W_8)$  and  $Na_{10}[Tb_2(C_2O_4)(H_2O)_4(OH)W_4O_{16}]_2\cdot 30H_2O$  $(Tb_4W_8)^{55}$  Eu<sup>3+</sup> and Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions can be easily codoped into the host of Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub>. To prove the structural consistence of  $Gd_{4-4a}Eu_{4a}W_8$  (a = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00),  $Gd_{4-4b}Tb_{4b}W_8$  (b = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07,0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00),  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  (x = 0.00, 0.01,0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05, 0.06, 0.07, 0.08),  $Gd_{3.6-4\nu}Tb_{4\nu}Eu_{0.4}W_8$  (y = 0.00, 0.10, 0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.70, 0.80), and  $Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8$  (z = 0.00, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00), their IR spectra and PXRD patterns were collected. Their IR spectra are identical (Figure S5a-f). Therein, the IR spectrum in the low wavenumber region of ca. 400-1000 cm<sup>-1</sup> of Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub> demonstrates that the three strong absorption peaks at 689, 842, and 949 cm<sup>-1</sup> originate severally from the stretching vibrations of corner-sharing W-Ob-W, edgesharing W-Oc-W, and terminal W-Ot bands of vacant  $[W_4O_{16}]^{8-}$  units. <sup>56</sup> In the middle range of ca. 1000–2000 cm<sup>-1</sup>, a weak absorption peak at 1328 cm<sup>-1</sup> can be viewed as the symmetric stretching vibration of carboxylate groups (CO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>) of oxalate ligands, while a strong peak at 1662 cm<sup>-1</sup> is assigned to the common interaction of the O-H bending vibration of H<sub>2</sub>O molecules and the asymmetric stretching vibration of carboxylate groups of oxalate ligands. 57,58 In the high wavenumber region of ca. 2000-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>, a wide absorption band at ca. 3300-3500 cm<sup>-1</sup> stems from the O-H stretching vibration of H<sub>2</sub>O molecules. The absorption band of the Gd-O band cannot be found, probably on account of dominating ionic interactions between vacant  $[W_4O_{16}]^{8-}$  units and  $Gd^{3+}$  ions. <sup>59–62</sup> Their PXRD patterns are also wellmatched with the single-crystal XRD pattern of Gd<sub>4</sub>W<sub>8</sub> (Figure 5a-f). Thus, all used samples for measurements are all isostructural and pure.

Photoluminescence (PL). With respect to various Ln<sup>3+</sup> codoped light-emitting materials, recently, their functional applications in W-LEDs, luminescent thermometers, and temperature-dependent imaging reagents are receiving intimate attention. 63-65 The comprehensive PL behaviors of various Ln<sup>3+</sup> codoped light-emitting materials principally stem from the common results of multiple factors, such as simultaneous emissions of various Ln luminescent centers, ET process between different Ln centers, the concentration of Ln luminescent centers, the concentration quenching, and so forth. 66,67 Therein, Eu<sup>3+</sup> and Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions are respectively red and green components, which can be codoped into the same host with an appropriate concentration ratio to stimulate the study of PL behaviors of various Ln3+ (Ln3+ = Eu3+, Gd3+, Tb3+) codoped POM materials. It is essential to explore systematically the ET process and color-tunable property through various Ln3+ codoped POM materials. The intramolecular ET from the donor to the acceptor can be determined through the following rules: (i) the overlap of emission peaks of the donor with excitation peaks of the acceptor; (ii) the increase of emission intensity or decay time of the acceptor; and (iii) the decrease of emission intensity or decay time of the donor. 68,69 Herein, various  $Gd_{4-4a}Eu_{4a}W_8$  (a = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07,0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00),  $Gd_{4-4b}Tb_{4b}W_8$  (b = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03,0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00),  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  (x =0.00, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05, 0.06, 0.07, 0.08),  $Gd_{3.6-4y}Tb_{4y}Eu_{0.4}W_8$  (y = 0.00, 0.10, 0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50,

0.60, 0.70, 0.80), and  $Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8$  (z = 0.00, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00) samples were prepared, and emission spectra and decay times as testing methods were utilized to analyze ET between  $Eu^{3+}$  and  $Tb^{3+}$  ions and the color-tunable property. The room-temperature excitation and emission spectrograms of  $Gd_{1.2}Eu_{2.8}W_8$  and  $Gd_{1.2}Tb_{2.8}W_8$  were measured (Figure 6a, b). As shown in Figure 6a, the

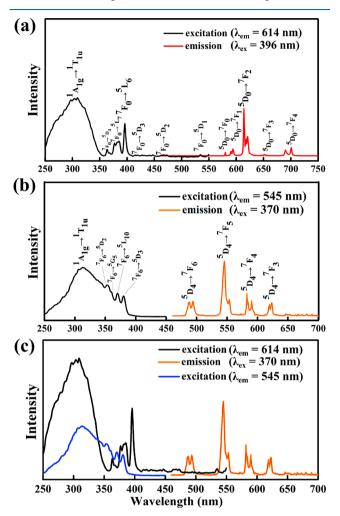


Figure 6. (a) Emission spectrogram upon  $\lambda_{\rm ex}=396$  nm and excitation spectrogram by supervising the peak at  $\lambda_{\rm em}=614$  nm of  ${\bf Gd_{1.2}Eu_{2.8}W_8}$ . (b) Emission spectrogram upon  $\lambda_{\rm ex}=370$  nm and excitation spectrogram by supervising the peak at  $\lambda_{\rm em}=545$  nm of  ${\bf Gd_{1.2}Tb_{2.8}W_8}$ . (c) The emission spectrum of  ${\bf Gd_{1.2}Tb_{2.8}W_8}$  (red), the excitation spectrum of  ${\bf Gd_{1.2}Eu_{2.8}W_8}$  (black), and the excitation spectrum of  ${\bf Gd_{1.2}Tb_{2.8}W_8}$  (blue).

excitation spectrogram (the black line) of  $\mathbf{Gd_{1.2}Eu_{2.8}W_8}$  collected through supervising the strongest emission at 614 nm gives a wide excitation band centered at 310 nm derived from the  ${}^{1}A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{1}T_{1u}$  transition of O  $\rightarrow$  W LMCT of  $[W_4O_{16}]^{8-}$  segments and five excitation peaks at 364, 382, 396, 416, 464, and 535 nm that are respectively ascribed to  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+7}F_0} \rightarrow {}^{5}D_4$ ,  ${}^{7}F_0 \rightarrow {}^{5}L_7$ ,  ${}^{7}F_0 \rightarrow {}^{5}L_6$ ,  ${}^{7}F_0 \rightarrow {}^{5}D_3$ ,  ${}^{7}F_0 \rightarrow {}^{5}D_2$ , and  ${}^{7}F_0 \rightarrow {}^{5}D_1$  transitions,  ${}^{70}$  where the  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+}}$  strongest excitation peak is at 396 nm. Upon excitation at 396 nm, the emission spectrum (the red line) of  $\mathrm{Gd_{1.2}Eu_{2.8}W_8}$  displays five prominent f-f emitting peaks at 580, 594, 614, 652, and 701 nm that are assigned to  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+5}D_0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_J$  (J=0, 1, 2, 3, 4) transitions.  ${}^{70}$  As revealed in Figure 6b, the excitation spectrum

(the black line) of  $\mathbf{Gd_{1.2}Tb_{2.8}W_8}$  exhibits one broad excitation band at ca. 310 nm from the  ${}^1A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1T_{1u}$  transition of O  $\rightarrow$  W LMCT of  $[W_4O_{16}]^{8^-}$  segments and four Tb<sup>3+</sup> excitation peaks at 351 ( ${}^7F_6 \rightarrow {}^5D_2$ ), 360 ( ${}^7F_6 \rightarrow {}^5G_5$ ), 370 ( ${}^7F_6 \rightarrow {}^5L_{10}$ ), and 377 ( ${}^7F_6 \rightarrow {}^5D_3$ ) nm.  ${}^{70-73}$  Under excitation at 370 nm of Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions, the emission spectrogram of  $\mathbf{Gd_{1.2}Tb_{2.8}W_8}$  (the orange line) mainly reveals four f-f emission peaks at 493, 545, 582, and 623 nm originating from Tb<sup>3+5</sup>D<sub>4</sub>  $\rightarrow {}^7F_J$  (J=6, 5, 4, 3) transitions.  ${}^{72,7^3}$  It is notable that a partial overlap between the  ${}^5D_4 \rightarrow {}^7F_5$  emission peak at 545 nm of  $\mathbf{Gd_{1.2}Tb_{2.8}W_8}$  and the  ${}^7F_0 \rightarrow {}^5D_1$  excitation peak at 535 nm of  $\mathbf{Gd_{1.2}Eu_{2.8}W_8}$  and an obvious excitation spectral overlap of  $\mathbf{Gd_{1.2}Tb_{2.8}W_8}$  and  $\mathbf{Gd_{1.2}Eu_{2.8}W_8}$  in the range of 374–390 nm can be observed (Figure 6c, Figure S6a), which indicate that the ET from the  ${}^5D_4$  state of Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions to the  ${}^5D_1$  state of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions can happen.  ${}^{53,74}$ 

Furthermore, various  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+}}$ -doped  $\mathrm{Gd_{4-4a}}\mathrm{Eu_{4a}}\mathrm{W_8}$  (a=0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00) samples and various  $\mathrm{Tb^{3+}}$ -doped  $\mathrm{Gd_{4-4b}}\mathrm{Tb_{4b}}\mathrm{W_8}$  (b=0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00) samples were prepared to understand the relationship between luminescence intensity and concentration of  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+}}$  and  $\mathrm{Tb^{3+}}$  ions. Upon excitation at 396 nm of  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+}}$  ions, the emission spectra of  $\mathrm{Gd_{4-4a}}\mathrm{Eu_{4a}}\mathrm{W_8}$  reveal that the emission intensity at 614 nm grows rapidly with increasing the concentration of  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+}}$  ions in the range of 0.01–0.10 and then increases slowly with increasing the concentration of  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+}}$  ions in the range of 0.10–1.00, which may be due to the slight concentration quenching (Figure 7a). The cross relaxation among adjacent  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+}}$  ions is responsible for the

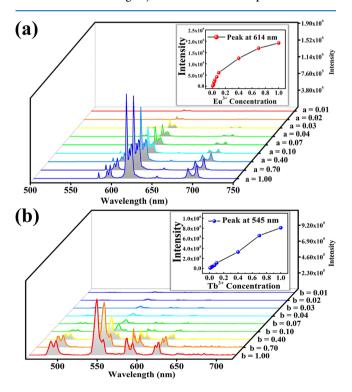


Figure 7. (a) Evolution of PL emitting spectra of  $Gd_{4-4a}Eu_{4a}W_8$  with increasing the concentration of  $Eu^{3+}$  ions upon  $\lambda_{\rm ex}=396$  nm. Inset is the variation of the emission peak intensity at 614 nm with increasing the concentration of  $Eu^{3+}$  ions. (b) Evolution of PL emitting spectra of  $Gd_{4-4b}Tb_{4b}W_8$  with increasing the concentration of  $Tb^{3+}$  ions upon  $\lambda_{\rm ex}=370$  nm. Inset is the variation of emission peak intensity at 545 nm with increasing the concentration of  $Tb^{3+}$  ions.

concentration quenching of  $Eu^{3+}$  emission. <sup>75–79</sup> Under excitation at 370 nm of  $Tb^{3+}$  ions, the emission spectra of  $Gd_{4-4b}Tb_{4b}W_8$  illustrate that the emission intensity at 545 nm ascends with the rising concentration of  $Tb^{3+}$  ions (Figure 7b). Therefore, the  $Eu^{3+}$  and  $Tb^{3+}$ -codoped  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  (x=0.00-0.08) and  $Gd_{3.6-4y}Tb_{4y}Eu_{0.4}W_8$  (y=0.00-0.80) samples have been prepared for the investigation of ET between  $Eu^{3+}$  and  $Tb^{3+}$  ions. Therein, the concentration quenching of  $Eu^{3+}$  ions can be avoided effectively.

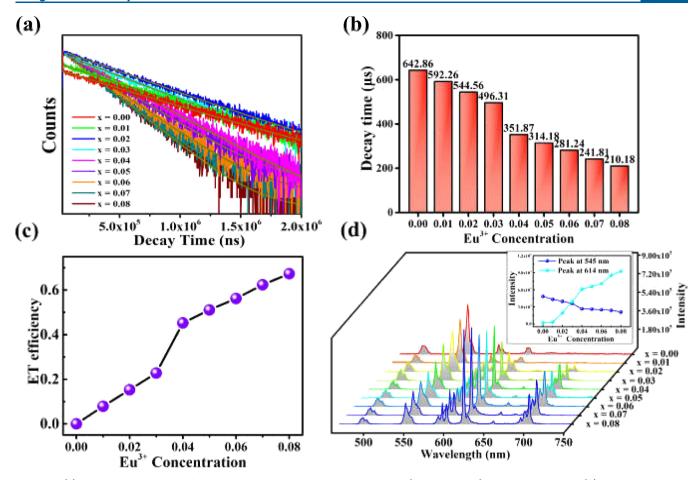
To better explore the ET mechanism between Tb3+ and Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions, under the  ${}^{7}F_{6} \rightarrow {}^{5}L_{10}$  photoexcitation at 370 nm of  ${
m Tb}^{3+}$  ions, a series of decay time curves of the  ${}^5{
m D}_4$  ightarrow  ${}^7{
m F}_5$ emission peak at 545 nm of Tb3+ ions for Gd<sub>0.4-4x</sub>Eu<sub>4x</sub>Tb<sub>3.6</sub>W<sub>8</sub> were measured (Figure 8a) and can be simulated by the monoexponential function. As displayed in Figure 8a and b and Table S3, as the concentration of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions increases from 0 to 0.08, the PL lifetime of the emission peak at 545 nm significantly decreases from 642.86 to 210.18 µs, which is caused by ET from Tb<sup>3+</sup> to Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions. These decay lifetime curves conform to the monoexponential behavior, which indicates that the emission peak at 545 nm is primarily caused by the contribution of Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions. Also, a series of decay lifetime curves of the  ${}^5D_0 \rightarrow {}^7F_2$  emission peak at 614 nm of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions for  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  were measured and exhibit the double-exponential behavior (Figure S6b, Table S4). Therein, the short lifetime  $\tau_1$  and long lifetime  $\tau_2$  gradually increase as the concentration of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions increases, and two lifetimes may be caused by the common contribution of Eu<sup>3+</sup> and Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions. The above-mentioned analysis can be supported by the observation that because of ET from Tb<sup>3+</sup> donors to Eu<sup>3+</sup> acceptors, the decay lifetime of the emission peak at 545 nm (the  $^5D_4 \rightarrow ^7F_5$  transition of  $Tb^{3+}$  ions) decreases and the decay lifetime of the emission peak at 614 nm (the  ${}^5D_0 \rightarrow {}^7F_2$ transition of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions) increases.

Because the molar concentration of  $Tb^{3+}$  ions is fixed as 0.90 and the concentration of  $Eu^{3+}$  ions varies from 0 to 0.08, the ET efficiency  $(\eta_{ET})$  from  $Tb^{3+}$  to  $Eu^{3+}$  ions can be calculated by eq 1:  $^{80-82}$ 

$$\eta_{\rm ET} = 1 - \tau_{\rm S}/\tau_{\rm S0} \tag{1}$$

In this equation,  $\tau_{\text{S}}$  and  $\tau_{\text{S0}}$  are the decay lifetimes of the emission peak at 545 nm ascribed to the Tb<sup>3+ 5</sup>D<sub>4</sub>  $\rightarrow$  <sup>7</sup>F<sub>5</sub> transition (donors) with and without Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions (acceptors). The  $\eta_{ET}$  values in  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  (x = 0.01-0.08) are 7.9%, 15.3%, 22.8%, 45.3%, 51.1%, 56.3%, 62.4%, and 67.3%, respectively (Figure 8c). Simultaneously, the emission spectra of  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  (x = 0.01-0.08) measured upon excitation at 370 nm simultaneously exhibit emissions of Eu<sup>3+</sup> and Tb3+ ions (Figure 8d), where the peaks at 580, 594, 614, 652, and 701 nm are attributable to Eu<sup>3+ 5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>  $\rightarrow$  <sup>7</sup>F<sub>I</sub> (J = 0, 1, 2,3, 4) transitions and the peaks at 493, 545, 582, and 623 nm are assigned to the  $Tb^{3+} {}^5D_4 \rightarrow {}^7F_I (J = 6, 5, 4 \text{ and } 3)$ transitions. As shown in Figure 8d, with increasing the concentration of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions in  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  (x = 0.01-0.08), the emission intensity gradually declines for the peak at 545 nm (the  ${}^5D_4 \rightarrow {}^7F_5$  transition of Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions) but grows for the peak at 614 nm (the  $^5D_0 \rightarrow ^7F_2$  transition of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions), which indicates that the increase of concentration of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions will singly result in the successive enhancement of luminescence quenching to Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions.

Many cases have been shown as examples that luminescence quenching can be owed to ET from donors to acceptors when acceptors appear in the lattice.<sup>83</sup> Blasse proposed that the



**Figure 8.** (a) Decay lifetime curves of the peak at 545 nm for  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  (x = 0.00-0.08) upon  $λ_{ex} = 370$  nm. (b) PL lifetimes of the peak at 545 nm for  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  (x = 0.00-0.08) upon  $λ_{ex} = 370$  nm. (c) Dependence of ET efficiency ( $Tb^{3+} → Eu^{3+}$ ) on concentration of  $Eu^{3+}$  ions upon  $λ_{ex} = 370$  nm for  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$ . (d) Emission spectra of  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  (x = 0.00-0.08) obtained upon  $λ_{ex} = 370$  nm.

critical distance  $(R_c)$  of ET from donors to acceptors can be calculated by eq 2:  $^{84,85}$ 

$$R_{c} = 2 \times [3V/(4\pi\chi_{c}Z)]^{1/3}$$
 (2)

where V represents the volume of a unit cell,  $\chi_c$  (critical concentration) is the total molar concentration of the donor (Tb<sup>3+</sup>) and the acceptor (Eu<sup>3+</sup>) in a unit cell when the emission intensity of donor ( $Tb^{3+}$ ) is half of that in the absence of the acceptor (Eu3+), and Z stands for the number of the donor  $(Tb^{3+})$  in the host. In the  $Tb^{3+}$  single-doped host, V =3943.3 Å<sup>3</sup> and Z = 8 (Figure S7).<sup>55</sup>  $R_c$  is calculated to be 9.93 Å for  $\chi_c = 0.9628$  (determined from Figure S6c). Therefore, the electric multipolar interactions can be viewed as the dominating ET mechanism from  $Tb^{3+}$  to  $Eu^{3+}$  ions because  $R_c$ > 5.0 Å is the precondition of electric multipolar interaction and  $R_{\rm c} < 5.0$  Å is the precondition of exchange interaction. <sup>86–89</sup> On the basis of Dexter's expression and Reisfeld's approximation, <sup>86–89</sup> the electric multipolar interactions are divided into the dipole-dipole interaction, the dipole-quadrupole interaction, and the quadrupole-quadrupole interaction. The electric multipolar interactions can be determined through eq 3:

$$\eta_{S0}/\eta_{S} \propto C^{n/3} \tag{3}$$

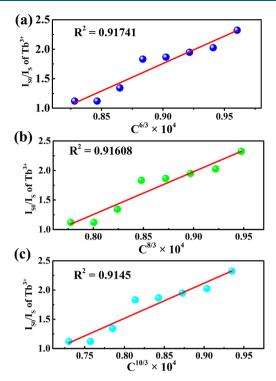
In eq 3, C is the total molar concentration of  $\mathrm{Tb}^{3+}$  and  $\mathrm{Eu}^{3+}$  ions. The values of n=6, 8, and 10 represent, respectively, dipole—dipole, dipole—quadrupole, and quadrupole—quadru-

pole interactions. The values for  $\eta_{S0}$  and  $\eta_{S}$  represent luminous quantum efficiencies of the host  $(\mathrm{Tb^{3+}})$  ions in the absence and presence of  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+}}$  ions, respectively, and  $\eta_{S0}/\eta_{S}$  can be replaced by  $I_{S0}/I_{S}$  to some degree (Figure 8d).  $I_{S0}$  and  $I_{S}$  respectively are the emission intensities of the peak at 545 nm (the  ${}^{5}\mathrm{D_{4}} \rightarrow {}^{7}\mathrm{F_{5}}$  transition of  $\mathrm{Tb^{3+}}$  ions) in the absence and presence of  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+}}$  ions for  $\mathrm{Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_{8}}$ . Thus, we can determine the ET mechanism from  $\mathrm{Tb^{3+}}$  to  $\mathrm{Eu^{3+}}$  ions by eq 4:

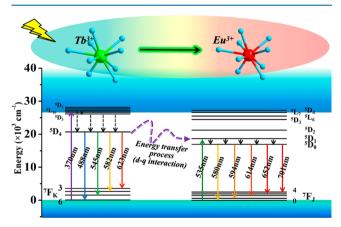
$$I_{SO}/I_{S} \propto C^{n/3} \tag{4}$$

As shown in Figure 9a–c, the linear relationships between  $I_{\rm S0}/I_{\rm S}$  and  $C^{n/3}$  can be fitted considering that n is equal to 6, 8, and 10, respectively, which afforded the agreement factor  $R^2$  values that are 0.91741 (n=6), 0.91608 (n=8), and 0.9145 (n=10). It can be observed that the best linear fitting can be obtained ( $R^2=0.91741$ ) when n is equal to 6; therefore, the multipolar ET mechanism from Tb<sup>3+</sup> to Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions is a nonradiative dipole—dipole interaction.

The schematic energy level diagram interpreting ET from  $Tb^{3+}$  to  $Eu^{3+}$  ions is presented in Figure 10. Upon excitation at 370 nm, by absorbing ultraviolet—visible radiation, electrons at the ground state ( ${}^{7}F_{6}$ ) of  $Tb^{3+}$  ions jump to the  ${}^{5}L_{10}$  state and decline to the  ${}^{5}D_{4}$  state in form of nonradiative relaxation. Afterward, partial emission energy at the  ${}^{5}D_{4}$  state leads to the  ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{5}$  (J=6,5,4, and 3) emission transitions of  $Tb^{3+}$  ions, and the energy partially migrates to the  ${}^{5}D_{1}$  state of  $Eu^{3+}$  ions due to the matched energy gap between  ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{5}$  (18.35 ×



**Figure 9.** (a–c) Dependence of  $I_{S0}/I_0$  of the  $^5D_4 \rightarrow ^7F_5$  transition from Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions on  $C^{6/3}$ ,  $C^{8/3}$ , and  $C^{10/3}$ .



**Figure 10.** Schematic energy level diagram indicating the ET process from Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions to Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions corresponding to dipole—dipole interaction. The solid line is radiation transition and the dotted line is nonradiative transition.

 $10^3~cm^{-1}$ ) of Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions and  $^7F_0 \rightarrow ^5D_1$  (18.69  $\times$   $10^3~cm^{-1}$ ) transitions of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions (Table S5). At the moment, photons at the  $^5D_1$  state of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions drop to the  $^5D_0$  state and give out radiant  $^5D_0 \rightarrow ^7F_I$  (J=0, 1, 2, 3, 4) transitions. $^{70}$ 

To deduce whether ET from Eu<sup>3+</sup> to Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions occurs, upon excitation at 396 nm of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions, the emitting spectra of  $Gd_{0.4-4x}Eu_{4x}Tb_{3.6}W_8$  (x=0.01-0.08) give out only strong emission peaks of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions at 580, 594, 614, 652, and 701 nm ascribed to Eu<sup>3+5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>  $\rightarrow$  <sup>7</sup>F<sub>J</sub> (J=0,1,2,3,4) transitions, and the emission peak intensity at 614 nm grows considerably as the concentration of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions increases (Figure S8a and S8b), which indicates that ET from Eu<sup>3+</sup> to Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions does not occur upon excitation at 396 nm. In addition,  $Gd_{3.6-4y}Tb_{4y}Eu_{0.4}W_8$  (y=0-0.80) were also prepared to affirm that Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions can transfer energy uniaxially to Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions. When exciting

 $Gd_{3,6-4y}Tb_{4y}Eu_{0.4}W_8$  (y=0-0.80) using a light of 370 nm, their emitting spectra simultaneously generate emissions of  $Eu^{3+}$  and  $Tb^{3+}$  ions (Figure S9a and S9b), in which the peaks at 580, 594, 614, 652, and 701 nm originate from  $Eu^{3+5}D_0 \rightarrow {}^7F_J$  (J=0,1,2,3,4) transitions of ions and the peaks at 493, 545, 582, and 623 nm are derived from  $Tb^{3+5}D_4 \rightarrow {}^7F_J$  (J=6,5,4,3) transitions. As the  $Tb^{3+}$  concentration increases, the emitting peak intensity at 614 nm is gradually enhanced, which can also be attributable to ET from  $Tb^{3+}$  to  $Eu^{3+}$  ions. It implies that the ratio of emission intensity between  $Eu^{3+}$  and  $Tb^{3+}$  ions can be adjusted through tuning the molar concentration proportion of  $Eu^{3+}$  and  $Tb^{3+}$  ions and further to shift the emission color of the  $Eu^{3+}/Tb^{3+}$  codoped samples.

The CIE diagram 1931 is an effective method to certify the color authenticity. The chromaticity coordinates, dominant wavelength, color purity, and CCT are important optic parameters. Therein, chromaticity coordinates can represent the accurate emission colors of luminescent materials, and the color based on dominant wavelength is agreement with that of a luminescent material in theory. Color purity is usually employed to demonstrate the brightness of colors, which can be calculated by eq 5:

color purity =

$$[(x - x_i)^2 + (y - y_i)^2 / (x_d - x_i)^2 + (y_d - y_i)^2]^{1/2}$$
 (5)

where (x, y) is the color coordinate of the light source,  $(x_d, y_d)$  is the coordinate involving the dominant wavelength, and  $(x_i, y_i)$  is the coordinate of the white light at (0.3333, 0.3333).

The light sources with different CCTs can give rise to different subjective feelings to people. The feeling from light is warm when CCT is lower than 3000 K, standard in the range of 3000–5000 K, and cold when it is higher than 5000 K. CCT can be calculated by the eq 6:

CCT = 
$$499.0n^3 + 3525.0n^2 + 6823.3n + 5520.22$$
 (6)  
 $n = (x - x_e)/(y_e - y)$ 

where  $(x_e, y_e)$  is the epicenter coordinate (0.3320, 0.1858).

Due to the existence of ET from Tb<sup>3+</sup> to Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions, under excitation at 370 nm, the simultaneous emissions of Eu<sup>3+</sup> and Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions will support the investigation of color-tunable emission property. To better observe the emission color shift, the emission spectra, CIE 1931 diagram and luminous photographs of  $Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8$  (z = 0.00, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00) were collected under excitation at 370 nm. Upon excitation at 370 nm, emission spectra of  $Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8$  also show simultaneous emissions of Eu<sup>3+</sup> and Tb<sup>3+</sup> ions (Figure 11a). As the molar concentration of Eu3+ ions increases and that of Tb3+ ions decreases, the emission intensity at 545 nm gradually weakens and the emission intensity at 614 nm of Eu<sup>3+</sup>ions enhances (Figure 11b, c). It can be explicitly seen that their CIE color coordinates of  $Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8$  (z = 0.00, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00) could be indexed from (0.332, 0.531) to (0.652, 0.343) with the growing molar concentration of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions from 0 to 1.0 (Table S6). The relevant dominant wavelengths vary from 554 to 607 nm. The related CCTs decrease from 5507 to 1798 T at first and then increase to 2556 T (Table S6), which indicates that the relatively low CCTs can be acquired by tuning the Eu<sup>3+</sup>/Tb<sup>3+</sup> proportion. What's more, under the blue UV light photo-

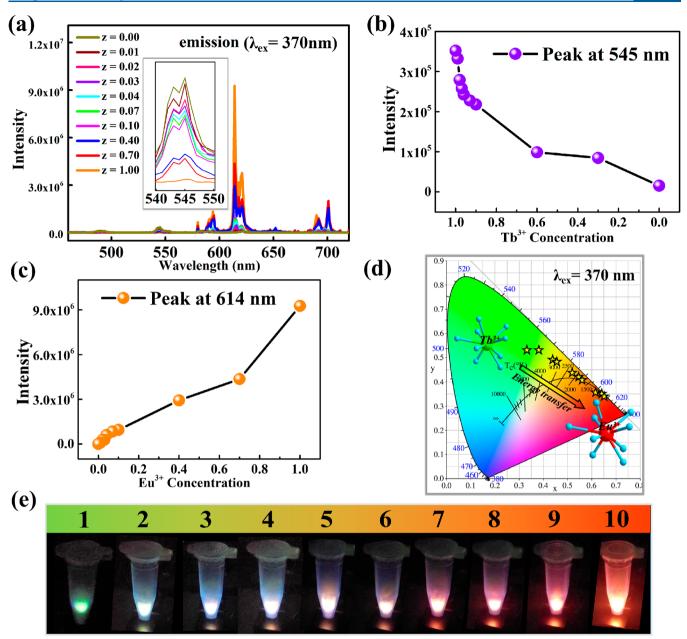


Figure 11. (a) Emission spectra of  $\mathbf{Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8}$  ( $z=0.00,\,0.01,\,0.02,\,0.03,\,0.04,\,0.07,\,0.10,\,0.40,\,0.70,\,1.00$ ) upon  $\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}=370\,\mathrm{nm}$ . (b) The relation between the concentration of  $\mathbf{Tb^{3+}}$  ions and the emission intensity of the peak at 545 nm upon  $\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}=370\,\mathrm{nm}$  in  $\mathbf{Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8}$ . (c) The relation between the concentration of  $\mathbf{Eu^{3+}}$  ions and the emission intensity of the peak at 614 nm upon  $\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}=370\,\mathrm{nm}$  in  $\mathbf{Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8}$ . (d) CIE 1937 coordinates of  $\mathbf{Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8}$  upon  $\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}=370\,\mathrm{nm}$ . (e) Experimental pictures of emitting color upon  $\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}=370\,\mathrm{nm}$  for  $\mathbf{Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8}$ .

excitation, the tunable and visible emission property with the variation from green to red of  $\mathbf{Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8}$  (z=0.00,~0.01,~0.02,~0.03,~0.04,~0.07,~0.10,~0.40,~0.70,~1.00) have been realized (Figure 11e).  $\mathbf{Tb_{3.92}Eu_{0.08}W_8}$  generates a near-white-light emission through combining upon excitation at 370 nm (Figure 11e) with an excellent CCT of 3518 K, which shows a great potential to act as phosphor for W-LEDs. <sup>56</sup>

Under irradiation of the UV lamp at 396 nm, the emission spectra, the CIE color coordinates, and experimental luminous pictures of  $Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8$  (z = 0.00, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00) are also recorded and generated only languishing red emissions (Figure S10, Table S7).

### CONCLUSIONS

To sum up, a double-oxalate-bridging tetra-Gd substituted dimeric isopolytungtate  $\mathbf{Gd_4W_8}$  was isolated and is composed of two divacant Lindqvist  $[W_4]$  segments, four  $\mathbf{Gd^{3^+}}$  ions, and two oxalate ligands. When  $\mathbf{Na^+}$  cations perform as metal linkers, picturesque 1-D sinusoidal  $\mathbf{Na-O}$  cluster chains are formed by self-aggregation of  $\mathbf{Na^+}$  ions. In the help of the bridging role of 1-D sinusoidal  $\mathbf{Na-O}$  cluster chains,  $\mathbf{Gd_4W_8-1}$  POAs are linked together to produce a 3-D multichannel framework. When codoping  $\mathbf{Eu^{3^+}}$  ions and  $\mathbf{Tb^{3^+}}$  ions in  $\mathbf{Gd_4W_8}$ , the  $\mathbf{Tb^{3^+}}$  to  $\mathbf{Eu^{3^+}}$  ET phenomenon has been investigated under excitation at 370 nm. The ET mechanism has been confirmed as a nonradiative dipole—dipole interaction. The tunable emission property is successfully realized by exciting  $\mathbf{Tb_{4-4z}Eu_{4z}W_8}$  (z=0.00, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04,

0.07, 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 1.00), where Tb<sub>3.92</sub>Eu<sub>0.08</sub>W<sub>8</sub> gives out a near-white-light emission under excitation at 370 nm with an excellent CCT of 3518 K. From the above-mentioned luminous performance analysis, it can be thought that hetero-Ln codoped POM materials may be of great significance for the design and application of color-tunable POM-based materials. In the future, we will concentrate on the search and exploitation of hetero-Ln codoped POM-based luminescent materials with the aim at discovering novel POMIOHMs bearing special structures and eminent performances.

#### ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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Physical measurements; preparations and characterization of  $Eu^{3+}$  and/or  $Tb^{3+}$  codoped  $Gd_4W_8$  systems; some crystal data of  $Gd_4W_8$ ; some figures involving structure, IR, and TG curves; and related and luminescence properties (PDF)

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