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## **Supporting information**

## VUV-vis photoluminescence, X-ray radioluminescence and energy transfer dynamics of Ce<sup>3+</sup> and Pr<sup>3+</sup> doped LiCaBO<sub>3</sub>

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**Fig. S1** Fitting results of the emission spectrum ( $\lambda_{ex} = 353$  nm) of Li<sub>1.01</sub>Ca<sub>0.98</sub>Ce<sub>0.01</sub>BO<sub>3</sub> at RT using a sum of two Gauss functions.



Fig. S2 VUV-UV excitation spectrum ( $\lambda_{em} = 313 \text{ nm}$ ) of  $\text{Li}_{1.01}\text{Ca}_{0.98}\text{Gd}_{0.01}\text{BO}_3$  at RT.



Fig. S3 Normalized luminescence decay curves of  $Li_{1+x}Ca_{1-2x}Ce_xBO_3$  (x = 0.001, 0.008, 0.010, 0.015;  $\lambda_{ex} = 353$  nm,  $\lambda_{em} = 419$  nm) at RT.



**Fig. S4** Normalized luminescence decay curves of  $Li_{1.01}Ca_{0.98}Ce_{0.01}BO_3$  ( $\lambda_{ex} = 353$  nm,  $\lambda_{em} = 419$  nm) at different temperatures. The inset shows the lifetimes of Ce<sup>3+</sup> as a function of temperature.



Fig. S5 VUV-UV excitation spectra ( $\lambda_{em} = 614$ , 613 nm) of Li<sub>1.01</sub>Ca<sub>0.98</sub>Eu<sub>0.01</sub>BO<sub>3</sub> at RT.



Fig. S6 The 4f-4f excitation spectrum (a,  $\lambda_{em} = 610$  nm) and corresponding emission spectrum (b,  $\lambda_{ex} = 483$  nm) of Li<sub>1.003</sub>Ca<sub>0.994</sub>Pr<sub>0.003</sub>BO<sub>3</sub> at RT.



Fig. S7 Luminescence decay curves of  $Ce^{3+}$  5d-4f emission at 419 nm for excitation in 5d state of  $Ce^{3+}$  at 353 nm for  $Li_{1.001}Ca_{0.998}Ce_{0.001}BO_3$  and  $Li_{1.003+x}Ca_{0.994-}_{2x}Ce_xPr_{0.003}BO_3$  (x = 0.001, 0.002, 0.005) at RT.