

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **Dual-Activator Luminescence of RE/TM: Y<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub> (RE=Eu<sup>3+</sup>, Tb<sup>3+</sup>, Dy<sup>3+</sup>; TM=Mn<sup>4+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>) phosphors for Self- Referencing Optical Thermometry**

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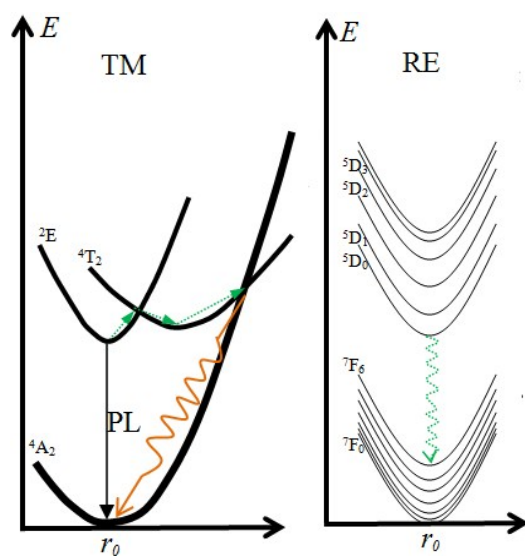


Figure S1 Configurational coordinate diagrams of TM (left) and RE (right) emitting centers in YAG host, showing the energy-level crossing relaxation (ELCR) quenching mechanism for TM activator and multi-phonon deexcitation (MPD) quenching for RE one.

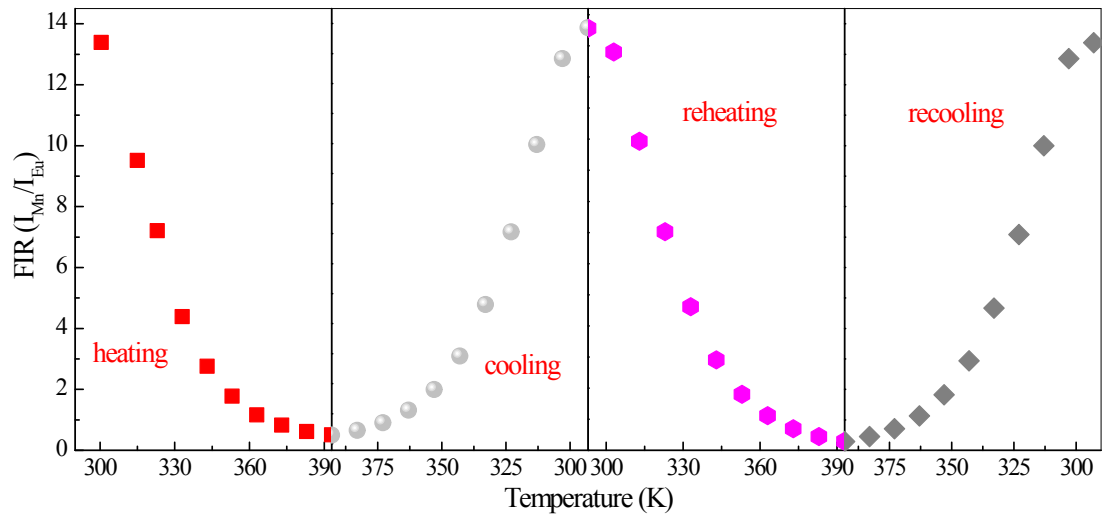


Figure S2 Plots of  $Mn^{4+}/Eu^{3+}$  FIR versus temperature measured on the cycling (heating/cooling and reheating/recooling) process.

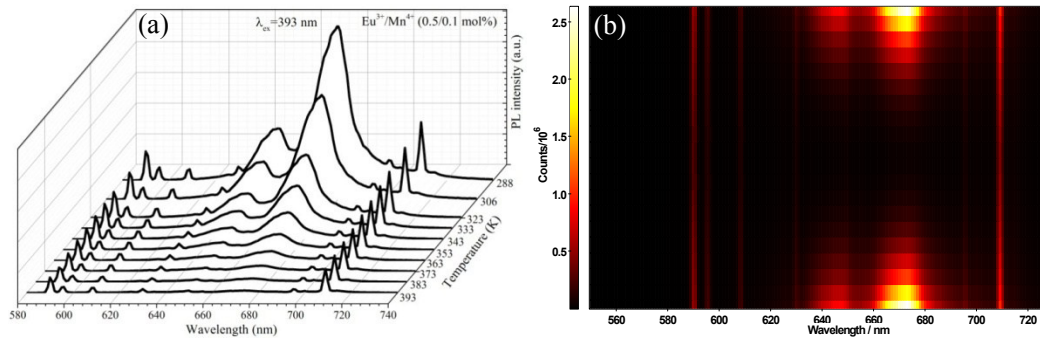


Figure S3 (a) Temperature-dependent PL spectra of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}/\text{Mn}^{4+}$  (0.5/0.1 mol%): YAG sample recorded from 288 K to 393 K. (b) Temperature-dependent emission mapping upon the cycling processes of heating and cooling over the temperature range from 288 K to 393 K.

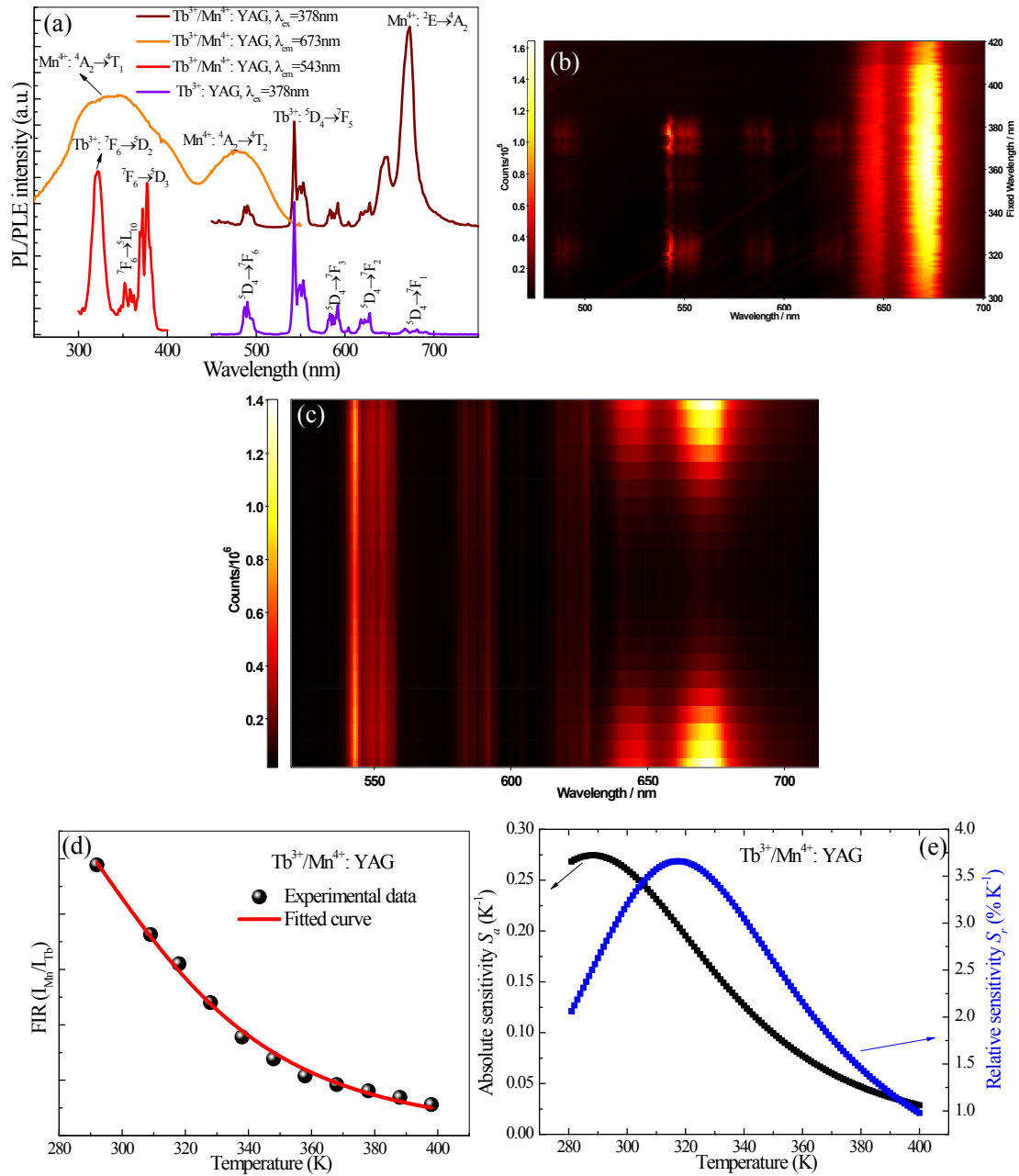


Figure S4 (a) PL and PLE spectra of Tb<sup>3+</sup>: YAG and Tb<sup>3+</sup>/Mn<sup>4+</sup>: YAG products. (b) Excitation-wavelength-dependent emission mapping of Tb<sup>3+</sup>/Mn<sup>4+</sup>: YAG sample. (c) Temperature-dependent PL spectra of Tb<sup>3+</sup>/Mn<sup>4+</sup>: YAG sample recorded from 303 K to 393 K. Dependence of (d) experimental FIR and (e) the corresponding absolute sensitivity ( $S_a$ ) and relative sensitivity ( $S_r$ ) on temperature for the Tb<sup>3+</sup>/Mn<sup>4+</sup>: YAG sample.

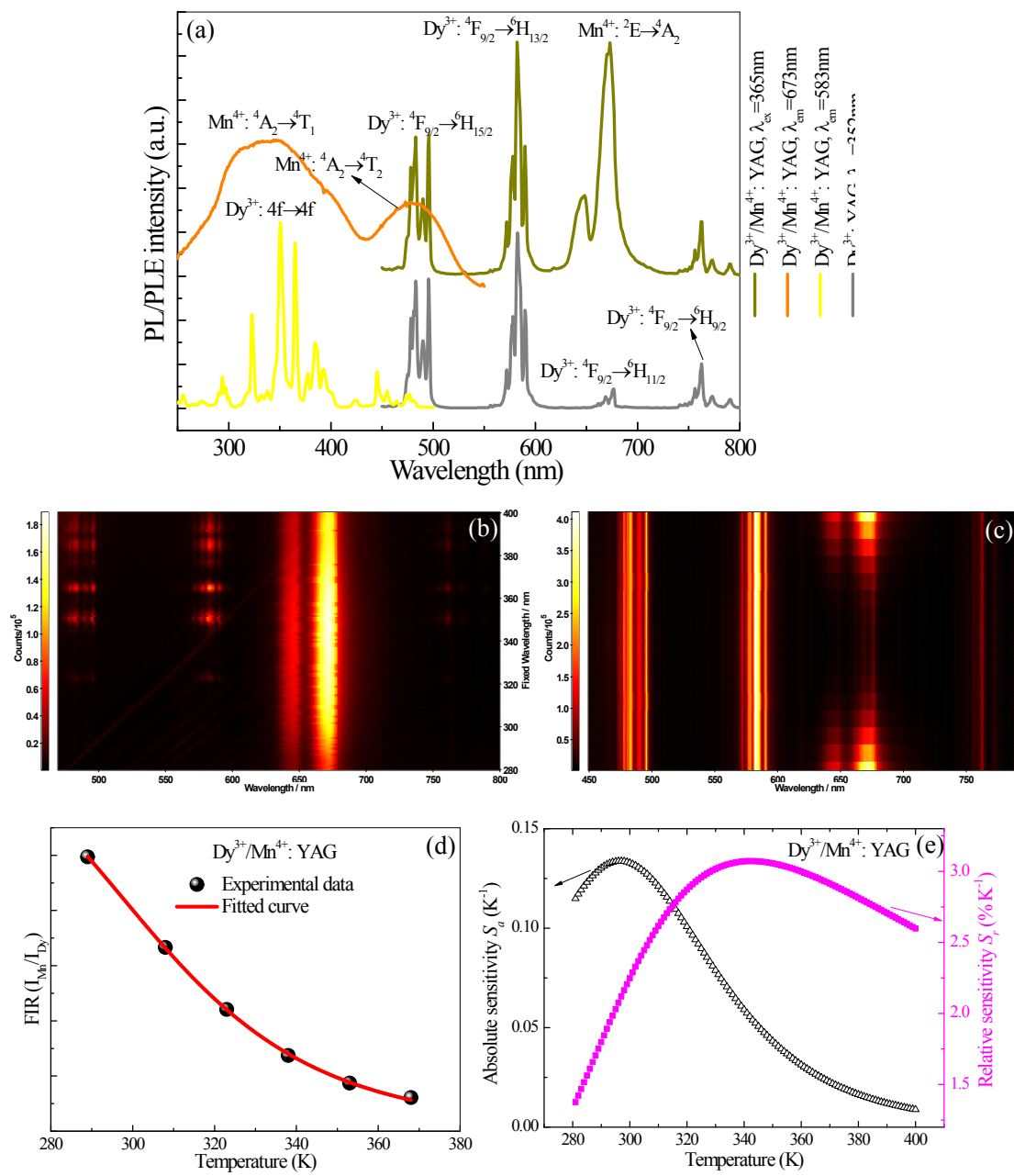


Figure S5 (a) PL and PLE spectra of Dy<sup>3+</sup>: YAG and Dy<sup>3+</sup>/Mn<sup>4+</sup>: YAG products. (b) Excitation-wavelength-dependent emission mapping of Dy<sup>3+</sup>/Mn<sup>4+</sup>: YAG sample. (c) Temperature-dependent PL spectra of Dy<sup>3+</sup>/Mn<sup>4+</sup>: YAG sample recorded from 303 K to 393 K. Dependence of (d) experimental FIR and (e) the corresponding absolute sensitivity ( $S_a$ ) and relative sensitivity ( $S_r$ ) on temperature for the Dy<sup>3+</sup>/Mn<sup>4+</sup>: YAG sample.

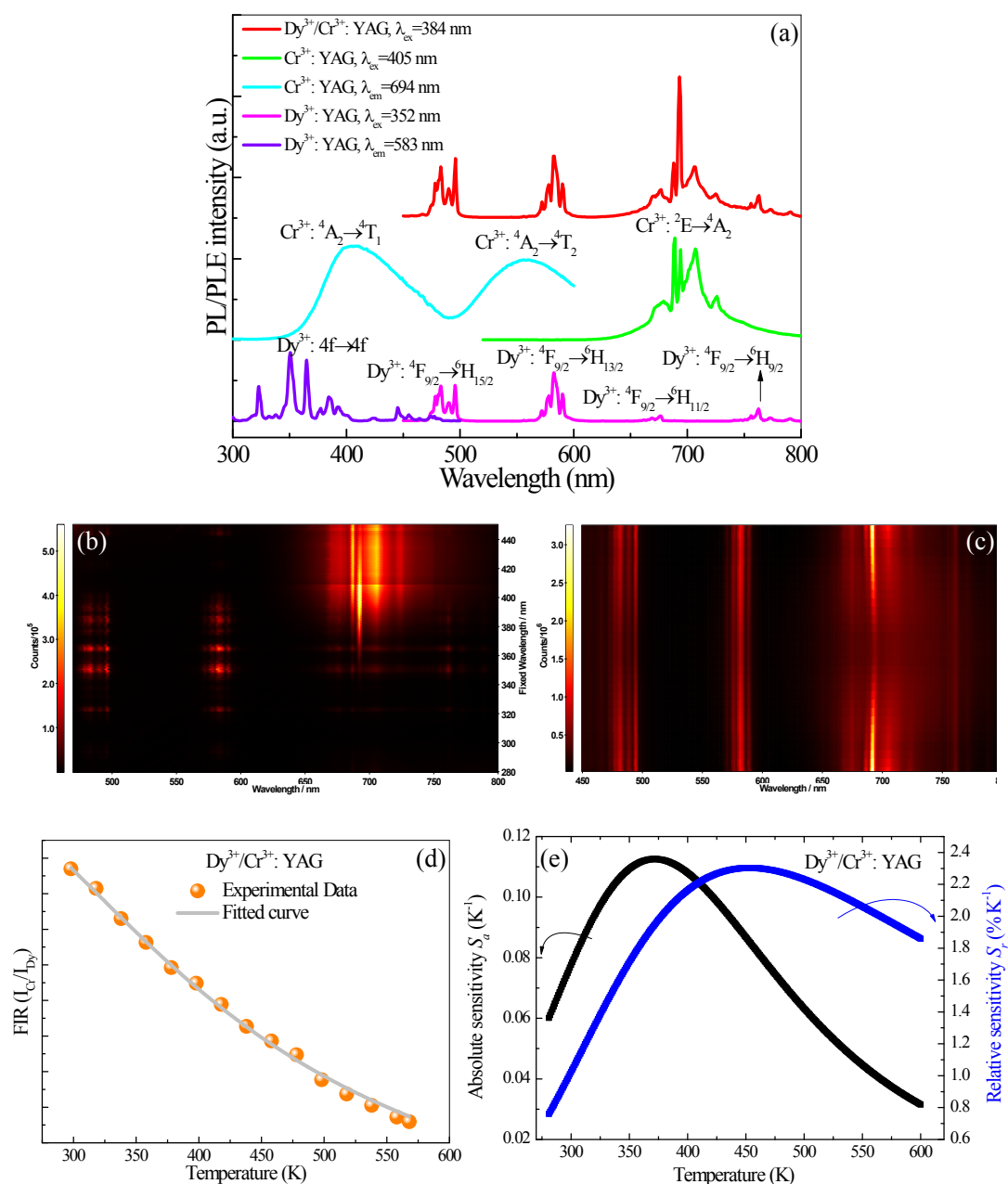


Figure S6 (a) PL and PLE spectra of Dy<sup>3+</sup>: YAG and Dy<sup>3+</sup>/Cr<sup>3+</sup>: YAG products. (b) Excitation-wavelength-dependent emission mapping of Dy<sup>3+</sup>/Cr<sup>3+</sup>: YAG sample. (c) Temperature-dependent PL spectra of Dy<sup>3+</sup>/Cr<sup>3+</sup>: YAG sample recorded from 303 K to 393 K. Dependence of (d) experimental FIR and (e) the corresponding absolute sensitivity ( $S_a$ ) and relative sensitivity ( $S_r$ ) on temperature for the Dy<sup>3+</sup>/Cr<sup>3+</sup>: YAG sample.

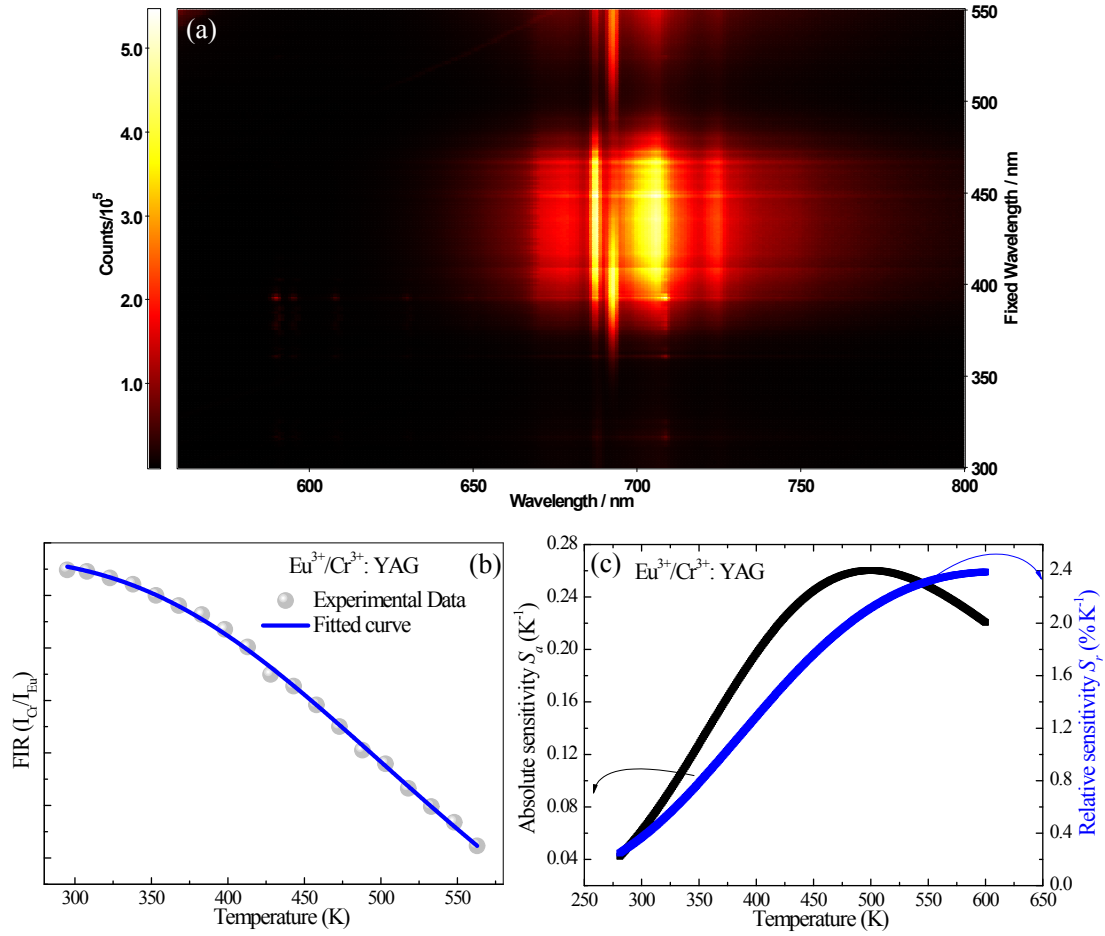


Figure S7 (a) Excitation-wavelength-dependent emission mapping of Eu<sup>3+</sup>/Cr<sup>3+</sup>: YAG sample. Dependence of (b) experimental FIR and (c) the corresponding absolute sensitivity ( $S_a$ ) and relative sensitivity ( $S_r$ ) on temperature for the Eu<sup>3+</sup>/Cr<sup>3+</sup>: YAG sample.