

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# Luminescence properties and site occupancy of Ce<sup>3+</sup> in Ba<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>: a combined experimental and ab initio study

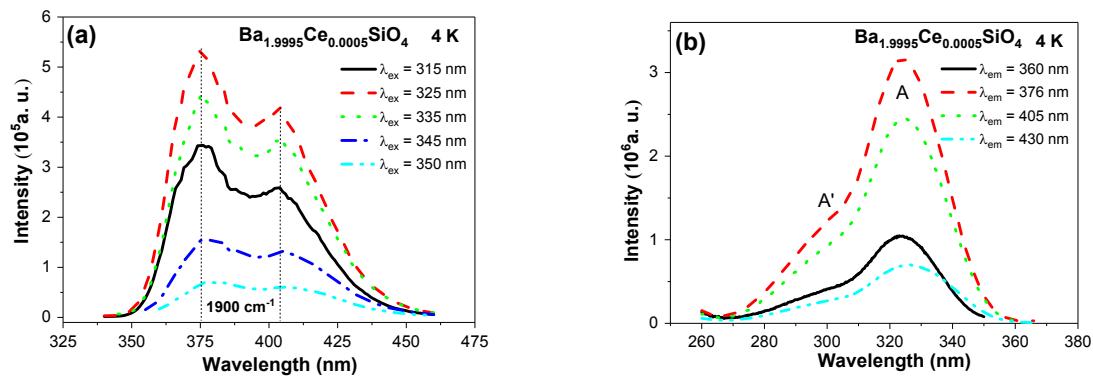
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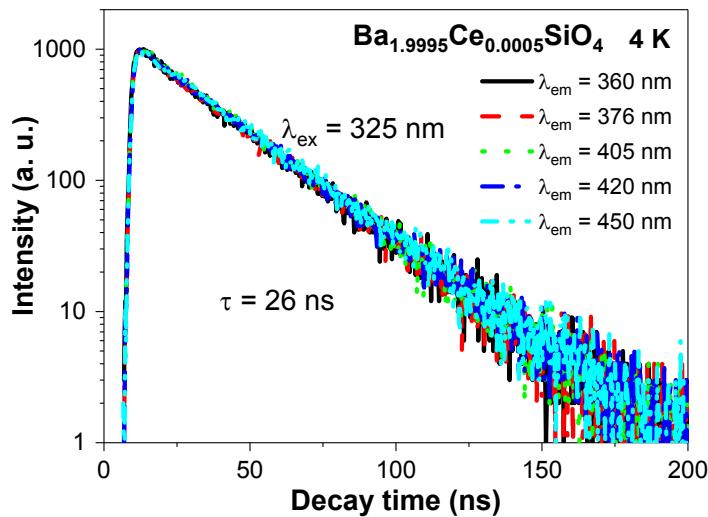
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**Fig. S1** (a) The UV-vis emission ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 315, 325, 335, 345$ , and  $350 \text{ nm}$ ) and (b) UV excitation spectra ( $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 360, 376, 405$ , and  $430 \text{ nm}$ ) of  $\text{Ba}_{1.9995}\text{Ce}_{0.0005}\text{SiO}_4$  at 4 K.



**Fig. S2** Luminescence decay curves ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 325 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 360, 375, 405, 420$ , and  $450 \text{ nm}$ ) of  $\text{Ba}_{1.9995}\text{Ce}_{0.0005}\text{SiO}_4$  at 4 K.