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Electronic Supplementary Information

Crystal-phase Transition and Polyhedron Transformation towards

Evolution of Photoluminescence and Improvement of Thermal Stability

in Efficient Blue-emitting Ba_{0.47-x}Sr_{0.50+x}Al₂Si₂O₈:Eu²⁺

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Fig. S1 (a) SEM images, (b) corresponding elemental mapping of Ba, Sr, Eu, Si, Al and O, respectively, and (c) EDS spectra of Ba_{0.47}Sr_{0.50}Al₂Si₂O₈:0.03Eu²⁺ sample.

| Element | Weight % | Atomic % | Net Int. | Error % | Kratio | Z |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--------|--------|
| O K | 33.22 | 59.34 | 54.20 | 9.23 | 0.1015 | 1.1560 |
| AlK | 15.75 | 16.68 | 87.80 | 7.02 | 0.0751 | 1.0443 |
| SiK | 14.26 | 14.51 | 83.00 | 7.08 | 0.0716 | 1.0698 |
| BaL | 19.67 | 4.09 | 38.90 | 5.09 | 0.1565 | 0.7557 |
| EuL | 1.45 | 0.27 | 2.40 | 28.36 | 0.0112 | 0.7533 |
| SrK | 15.65 | 5.10 | 4.40 | 13.88 | 0.1425 | 0.7931 |

Table S1 The average EDS results of $Ba_{0.47}Sr_{0.50}Al_2Si_2O_8:0.03Eu^{2+}$ sample.

Table S2 Crystallographic parameters gained from Rietveld refinements for Ba_{0.47-x}Sr_{0.5+x}Al₂Si₂O₈:

| Samples | а | b | с | V | β | γ | R_p | $R_{\rm wp}$ | Rexp | χ^2 |
|-----------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-----|-------|--------------|------|----------|
| BASOE | 5.2943 | 5.2943 | 7.7822 | 188.906 | 90.0000 | 120 | 4.48 | 6.25 | 3.32 | 3.55 |
| <i>x</i> = -45% | 5.2938 | 5.2938 | 7.7823 | 188.876 | 90.0000 | 120 | 6.74 | 8.77 | 3.62 | 5.86 |
| <i>x</i> = -35% | 5.2893 | 5.2893 | 7.7796 | 188.488 | 90.0000 | 120 | 8.07 | 10.70 | 3.51 | 9.35 |
| <i>x</i> = -25% | 5.2857 | 5.2857 | 7.7747 | 188.111 | 90.0000 | 120 | 6.46 | 8.90 | 3.42 | 6.76 |
| <i>x</i> = -15% | 8.5492 | 13.0277 | 14.3608 | 1448.568 | 115.0872 | 90 | 6.42 | 10.30 | 3.32 | 9.65 |
| <i>x</i> = -10% | 8.5351 | 13.0249 | 14.3542 | 1445.604 | 115.0529 | 90 | 5.41 | 7.28 | 3.22 | 5.12 |
| <i>x</i> = -5% | 8.5215 | 13.0186 | 14.3449 | 1441.630 | 115.0556 | 90 | 5.60 | 7.38 | 3.21 | 5.29 |
| BSASOE | 8.5094 | 13.0174 | 14.3401 | 1438.683 | 115.0800 | 90 | 4.09 | 5.54 | 3.00 | 3.41 |
| <i>x</i> = 10% | 8.4850 | 13.0031 | 14.3183 | 1429.965 | 115.1532 | 90 | 8.56 | 10.90 | 4.66 | 5.51 |
| <i>x</i> = 25% | 8.4360 | 12.9904 | 14.2953 | 1417.060 | 115.2364 | 90 | 3.98 | 5.40 | 2.91 | 3.43 |
| <i>x</i> = 40% | 8.3970 | 12.9751 | 14.2691 | 1405.413 | 115.3093 | 90 | 8.53 | 11.10 | 4.26 | 6.75 |
| SASOE | 8.3831 | 12.9729 | 14.2635 | 1402.086 | 115.3285 | 90 | 4.47 | 6.37 | 2.57 | 6.13 |

0.03Eu (x = -50.0%-47.0%)

Note: $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ for all the samples



Fig. S2 The Rietveld refinement XRD patterns of BASOE, x = -25.0%, x = -15.0%, x = 25.0%, x = 25.0% and SASOE samples.

| Samulas | CIE Coordinates | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Samples | Х | у | | | |
| BASOE | 0.1919 | 0.2365 | | | |
| x = -45% | 0.1816 | 0.1992 | | | |
| x = -40% | 0.1761 | 0.1827 | | | |
| x = -35% | 0.1652 | 0.1471 | | | |
| x = -30% | 0.1543 | 0.1147 | | | |
| x = -25% | 0.1599 | 0.1317 | | | |
| x = -20% | 0.1528 | 0.1122 | | | |
| <i>x</i> =-15% | 0.1523 | 0.1057 | | | |
| x = -10% | 0.1516 | 0.1021 | | | |
| x = -5% | 0.1523 | 0.1038 | | | |
| BSASOE | 0.1520 | 0.1016 | | | |
| <i>x</i> = 10% | 0.1531 | 0.0922 | | | |
| x = 20% | 0.1539 | 0.0895 | | | |
| x = 25% | 0.1541 | 0.0993 | | | |
| $\overline{x=30\%}$ | 0.1548 | 0.0884 | | | |
| x = 40% | 0.1560 | 0.0820 | | | |
| x = 47% | 0.1572 | 0.0958 | | | |

Table S3 CIE coordinates for $Ba_{0.47-x}Sr_{0.5+x}Al_2Si_2O_8$: 0.03Eu (x = -50.0%-47.0%)



Fig. S3 The PL spectra of (a) BSASOE, (b) x = 10.0%, (d) x = 25.0%, (g) x = 30.0% and (h) x = 40.0% samples, and the normalized PL spectra of (c) x = 10.0%, (e) x = 25.0% and (i) x = 40.0% samples at various temperatures (298-523 K), respectively; (f) The corresponding emission intensity with one heating and cooling cycles of the x = 25.0% sample from 298 to 523 K.



Fig. S4 (a) The activation energy (Ea) values for BASOE, BSASOE and SASOE samples which are obtained from the temperature-dependent PL intensity. (b) The calculated average U_{iso} values from the XRD Rietveld refinement for Ba_{0.47-x}Sr_{0.50+x}Al₂Si₂O₈:0.03Eu (x = -50.0%-47.0%).



Fig. S5 (a) The emission spectrum of 365 nm LED chip; insert is the photograph of the semi-finished lamp bead. (b) and (c) CIE chromaticity coordinates diagrams for the two fabricated devices in different versions of CIE 1931.