

**Supporting Information**

**The role of anionic heterovalent  $[PO_4]^{3-} \rightarrow [GeO_4]^{4-}$  substitution on the luminescent properties in inorganic phosphors with the  $\beta$ - $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$  type structure:  
New data based on accurate crystal structure refinement**

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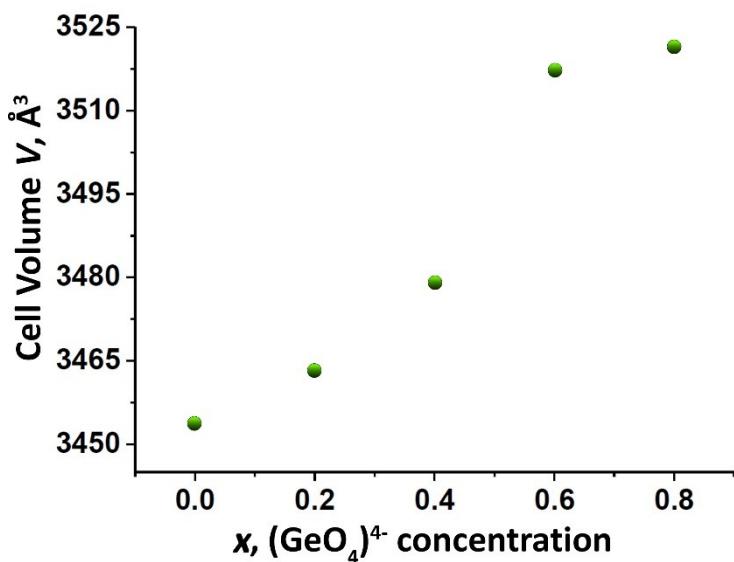
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**Fig. S1.** The dependence of the cell volume  $V$  on the  $x, (\text{GeO}_4)^{4-}$  concentration in  $\text{Ca}_{8+0.5x}\text{ZnEu}(\text{PO}_4)_{7-x}(\text{GeO}_4)_x$ .

**Table S1.** Main Crystallographic Data and experimental details for  $\text{Ca}_{8.2}\text{EuZn}(\text{PO}_4)_{6.6}(\text{GeO}_4)_{0.4}$ .

Phase	$\text{Ca}_{8.2}\text{EuZnGe}_{0.4}\text{P}_{6.6}\text{O}_{28}$
$M_r$	1227.4
Temperature, K	300
Crystal system, space group	Trigonal, $R\bar{3}c$
$a, c$ (Å)	10.38838(1), 37.22381(6)
$V$ (Å³)	3478.954(9)
$Z$	6
$D_x$ (Mg m⁻³)	3.5152
Radiation type	Cu $K\alpha$
Diffractometer	Rigaku SmartLab SE
$\theta$ -Range	2.5–40, step size (°) 0.02
$R_{wp}$	0.082
$R_p$	0.070
$R_{\text{Bragg}}$	0.051
$S$	2.54
No. of parameters	79

**Table S2.** Main Crystallographic Data and experimental details for  $\text{Ca}_{8.3}\text{EuZn}(\text{PO}_4)_{6.4}(\text{GeO}_4)_{0.6}$ .

Phase	$\text{Ca}_{8.3}\text{EuZnGe}_{0.6}\text{P}_{6.4}\text{O}_{28}$
$M_r$	1239.8
Temperature, K	300
Crystal system, space group	Trigonal, $R\bar{3}c$
$a, c$ (Å)	10.42877(3), 37.3433(1)
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3517.321(9)
$Z$	6
$D_x$ (Mg m <sup>-3</sup> )	3.5119
Radiation type	Cu $K\alpha$
Diffractometer	Rigaku SmartLab SE
$\theta$ -Range	2.5–40, step size (°) 0.02
$R_{wp}$	0.089
$R_p$	0.083
$R_{Bragg}$	0.059
$S$	2.73
No. of parameters	79

**Table S3.** Atomic coordinates, displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) and site-occupancy factors (SOFs) in the structure of  $\text{Ca}_{8.2}\text{EuZn}(\text{PO}_4)_{6.6}(\text{GeO}_4)_{0.4}$ .

Atom	Wyckoff site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}$	SOF
<i>M1</i>	18 <i>b</i>	0.7154(1)	0.8307(3)	0.1724(6)	0.0113(6)	$\text{Ca}_{0.845(1)}\text{Eu}_{0.155(1)}$
<i>M2</i>	18 <i>b</i>	0.6222(2)	0.8242(3)	-0.0295(8)	0.0113(6)	$\text{Ca}_{0.888(1)}\text{Eu}_{0.112(1)}$
<i>M3</i>	18 <i>b</i>	0.7016(4)	0.8026(4)	0.0679(2)	0.0113(6)	$\text{Ca}_{0.934(1)}\text{Eu}_{0.066(1)}$
<i>M4</i>	6 <i>a</i>	0	0	-0.0644(1)	0.0113(6)	$\text{Ca}_{0.20(1)}$
Zn1	6 <i>a</i>	0	0	0.7369(6)	0.0113(6)	$\text{Zn}_{1.0}$
<i>T1</i>	6 <i>a</i>	0	0	0.0061(5)	0.016(3)	$\text{P}_{1.0}$
<i>T2</i>	18 <i>b</i>	0.6877(9)	0.8578(2)	0.8709 (4)	0.016(3)	$\text{P}_{1.0}$
<i>T3</i>	18 <i>b</i>	0.6609(1)	0.8495(1)	0.7712(5)	0.016(3)	$\text{P}_{0.967(1)}\text{Ge}_{0.133(1)}$
O1	18 <i>b</i>	0.7280(5)	0.8959(3)	0.9079(5)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O2	18 <i>b</i>	0.7493(1)	0.7619(3)	0.8585(6)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O3	18 <i>b</i>	0.7437(3)	1.0027(3)	0.8507(9)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O4	18 <i>b</i>	0.5296(1)	0.7706(7)	0.8666(6)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O5	18 <i>b</i>	0.6102(2)	0.9718(3)	0.7918(1)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O6	18 <i>b</i>	0.5904(3)	0.6856(3)	0.7852(7)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O7	18 <i>b</i>	0.8143(2)	0.9131(4)	0.7801(7)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O8	18 <i>b</i>	0.6285(5)	0.8277(4)	0.7278(7)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O9	18 <i>b</i>	0.0120(2)	0.8728(1)	-0.0203(4)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O10	6 <i>a</i>	0	0	0.0549(9)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$

**Table S4.** Atomic coordinates, displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) and site-occupancy factors (SOFs) in the structure of  $\text{Ca}_{8.3}\text{EuZn}(\text{PO}_4)_{6.4}(\text{GeO}_4)_{0.6}$ .

Atom	Wyckoff site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> <sub>iso</sub>	SOF
<i>M1</i>	18 <i>b</i>	0.7191(6)	0.8281(3)	0.1681(3)	0.0113(6)	$\text{Ca}_{0.877(1)}\text{Eu}_{0.123(1)}$
<i>M2</i>	18 <i>b</i>	0.6231(3)	0.8313(6)	-0.0285(1)	0.0113(6)	$\text{Ca}_{0.866(1)}\text{Eu}_{0.134(1)}$
<i>M3</i>	18 <i>b</i>	0.6998(1)	0.8127(3)	0.0776(3)	0.0113(6)	$\text{Ca}_{0.923(1)}\text{Eu}_{0.077(1)}$
<i>M4</i>	6 <i>a</i>	0	0	-0.0644(1)	0.0113(6)	$\text{Ca}_{0.30(1)}$
Zn1	6 <i>a</i>	0	0	0.7355(7)	0.0113(6)	$\text{Zn}_{1.0}$
<i>T1</i>	6 <i>a</i>	0	0	0.0066(6)	0.016(3)	$\text{P}_{1.0}$
<i>T2</i>	18 <i>b</i>	0.6889(3)	0.8546(6)	0.8726(8)	0.016(3)	$\text{P}_{1.0}$
<i>T3</i>	18 <i>b</i>	0.6582(2)	0.8449(6)	0.7734(9)	0.016(3)	$\text{P}_{0.800(1)}\text{Ge}_{0.200(1)}$
O1	18 <i>b</i>	0.7254(4)	0.8812(1)	0.9099(7)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O2	18 <i>b</i>	0.7501(5)	0.7553(7)	0.8615(3)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O3	18 <i>b</i>	0.7453(5)	1.0069(7)	0.8561(3)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O4	18 <i>b</i>	0.5347(5)	0.7750(2)	0.8629(1)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O5	18 <i>b</i>	0.6102(2)	0.9718(3)	0.7918(4)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O6	18 <i>b</i>	0.5881(5)	0.6830(8)	0.7844(2)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O7	18 <i>b</i>	0.8132(6)	0.9138(4)	0.7839(1)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O8	18 <i>b</i>	0.6211(5)	0.8109(5)	0.7332(6)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O9	18 <i>b</i>	0.0120(2)	0.8728(4)	-0.0203(1)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$
O10	6 <i>a</i>	0	0	0.0548(9)	0.011(3)	$\text{O}_{1.0}$

**Table S5.** Selected bond length in the Ca<sub>8.2</sub>EuZn(TO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6.6</sub>(GeO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>0.4</sub> structure.

<i>M1</i> –O2 <sup>i</sup>	2.808(4)	<i>M4</i> –O1 <sup>x</sup>	2.675(4)
<i>M1</i> –O3 <sup>ii</sup>	2.601(5)	<i>M4</i> –O1 <sup>xi</sup>	2.675(4)
<i>M1</i> –O4 <sup>ii</sup>	2.387(6)	<i>M4</i> –O1 <sup>xii</sup>	2.675(4)
<i>M1</i> –O4 <sup>i</sup>	2.518(7)	<i>M4</i> –O9 <sup>xiii</sup>	2.150(3)
<i>M1</i> –O5 <sup>ii</sup>	2.158(5)	<i>M4</i> –O9 <sup>xiv</sup>	2.150(3)
<i>M1</i> –O6 <sup>i</sup>	2.472(4)	<i>M4</i> –O9 <sup>xv</sup>	2.150(3)
<i>M1</i> –O8 <sup>iii</sup>	2.271(3)	< <i>M4</i> –O>	2.413
<i>M1</i> –O9 <sup>iv</sup>	2.673(2)	<i>M5</i> –O4 <sup>xvi</sup>	2.240(2)
< <i>M1</i> –O>	2.486	<i>M5</i> –O4 <sup>xvii</sup>	2.240(7)
<i>M2</i> –O1 <sup>v</sup>	2.524(2)	<i>M5</i> –O4 <sup>xviii</sup>	2.240(2)
<i>M2</i> –O2 <sup>vi</sup>	2.423(3)	<i>M5</i> –O7 <sup>xix</sup>	2.320(3)
<i>M2</i> –O3 <sup>vii</sup>	2.286(4)	<i>M5</i> –O7 <sup>xx</sup>	2.320(5)
<i>M2</i> –O5 <sup>vii</sup>	2.440(4)	<i>M5</i> –O7 <sup>viii</sup>	2.320(3)
<i>M2</i> –O6 <sup>vi</sup>	2.591(3)	< <i>M5</i> –O>	2.280
<i>M2</i> –O7 <sup>vi</sup>	2.425(5)	<i>T1</i> –O9 <sup>xiii</sup>	1.700(3)
<i>M2</i> –O7 <sup>vii</sup>	2.474(4)	<i>T1</i> –O9 <sup>xiv</sup>	1.700(3)
<i>M2</i> –O9 <sup>viii</sup>	2.222(2)	<i>T1</i> –O9 <sup>xv</sup>	1.700(3)
< <i>M2</i> –O>	2.423	<i>T1</i> –O10	1.816(4)
<i>M3</i> –O1 <sup>vii</sup>	2.777(3)	< <i>T1</i> –O>	1.729
<i>M3</i> –O2 <sup>vi</sup>	2.458(4)	<i>T2</i> –O1	1.436(2)
<i>M3</i> –O3 <sup>vii</sup>	2.485(3)	<i>T2</i> –O2	1.499(4)
<i>M3</i> –O5 <sup>ii</sup>	2.605(5)	<i>T2</i> –O3	1.514(3)
<i>M3</i> –O6 <sup>i</sup>	2.449(4)	<i>T2</i> –O4	1.433(7)
<i>M3</i> –O8 <sup>ii</sup>	2.507(5)	< <i>T2</i> –O>	1.471
<i>M3</i> –O8 <sup>i</sup>	2.673(5)	<i>T3</i> –O5	1.774(4)
<i>M3</i> –O10 <sup>ix</sup>	2.536(1)	<i>T3</i> –O6	1.569(3)
< <i>M3</i> –O>	2.562	<i>T3</i> –O7	1.426(2)
		<i>T3</i> –O8	1.644(3)
		< <i>T3</i> –O>	1.604

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+y+2/3, -x+4/3, z-2/3$ ; (ii)  $-y+5/3, x-y+4/3, z-2/3$ ; (iii)  $x, x-y+1, z-1/2$ ; (iv)  $-y+4/3, -x+2/3, z+7/6$ ; (v)  $x, y, z-1$ ; (vi)  $-y+4/3, -x+5/3, z+1/6$ ; (vii)  $-x+y+1/3, y-1/3, z+1/6$ ; (viii)  $-x+y, -x+1, z$ ; (ix)  $x+1, y+1, z$ ; (x)  $x-1, y-1, z-1$ ; (xi)  $-y+1, x-y, z-1$ ; (xii)  $-x+y, -x+1, z-1$ ; (xiii)  $x, y-1, z$ ; (xiv)  $-y+1, x-y+1, z$ ; (xv)  $-x+y-1, -x, z$ ; (xvi)  $-y+2/3, -x+1/3, z-1/6$ ; (xvii)  $-x+y-1/3, y-2/3, z-1/6$ ; (xviii)  $x-1/3, x-y+1/3, z-1/6$ ; (xix)  $x-1, y-1, z$ ; (xx)  $-y+1, x-y, z$

**Table S6.** Selected bond length in the  $\text{Ca}_{8.3}\text{EuZn}(\text{TO}_4)_{6.4}(\text{GeO}_4)_{0.6}$  structure.

$M1-\text{O}2^{\text{i}}$	2.838(4)	$M4-\text{O}1^{\text{x}}$	2.666(4)
$M1-\text{O}3^{\text{ii}}$	2.657(6)	$M4-\text{O}1^{\text{xii}}$	2.666(9)
$M1-\text{O}4^{\text{ii}}$	2.329(8)	$M4-\text{O}1^{\text{xiii}}$	2.666(4)
$M1-\text{O}4^{\text{i}}$	2.500(2)	$M4-\text{O}9^{\text{xiv}}$	2.160(3)
$M1-\text{O}5^{\text{ii}}$	2.161(1)	$M4-\text{O}9^{\text{xv}}$	2.160(3)
$M1-\text{O}6^{\text{i}}$	2.483(2)	$M4-\text{O}9^{\text{xv}}$	2.160(3)
$M1-\text{O}8^{\text{iii}}$	2.495(8)	$\langle M4-\text{O} \rangle$	2.413
$M1-\text{O}9^{\text{iv}}$	2.687(5)	$M5-\text{O}4^{\text{xvi}}$	2.337(7)
$\langle M1-\text{O} \rangle$	2.519	$M5-\text{O}4^{\text{xvii}}$	2.341(2)
$M2-\text{O}1^{\text{v}}$	2.480(8)	$M5-\text{O}4^{\text{xviii}}$	2.337(7)
$M2-\text{O}2^{\text{vi}}$	2.430(1)	$M5-\text{O}7^{\text{xix}}$	2.476(8)
$M2-\text{O}3^{\text{vii}}$	2.444(1)	$M5-\text{O}7^{\text{xx}}$	2.476(4)
$M2-\text{O}5^{\text{vii}}$	2.519(7)	$M5-\text{O}7^{\text{xviii}}$	2.476(8)
$M2-\text{O}6^{\text{vi}}$	2.565(9)	$\langle M5-\text{O} \rangle$	2.408
$M2-\text{O}7^{\text{vi}}$	2.379(5)	$T1-\text{O}9^{\text{xiii}}$	1.719(4)
$M2-\text{O}7^{\text{vii}}$	2.486(2)	$T1-\text{O}9^{\text{xiv}}$	1.719(4)
$M2-\text{O}9^{\text{viii}}$	2.204(3)	$T1-\text{O}9^{\text{xv}}$	1.719(5)
$\langle M2-\text{O} \rangle$	2.439	$T1-\text{O}10$	1.800(7)
$M3-\text{O}1^{\text{vii}}$	2.993(1)	$\langle T1-\text{O} \rangle$	1.740
$M3-\text{O}2^{\text{vi}}$	2.330(1)	$T2-\text{O}1$	1.433(7)
$M3-\text{O}3^{\text{vii}}$	2.372(1)	$T2-\text{O}2$	1.521(1)
$M3-\text{O}5^{\text{ii}}$	2.584(8)	$T2-\text{O}3$	1.521(6)
$M3-\text{O}6^{\text{i}}$	2.442(1)	$T2-\text{O}4$	1.439(5)
$M3-\text{O}8^{\text{ii}}$	2.530(1)	$\langle T2-\text{O} \rangle$	1.479
$M3-\text{O}8^{\text{i}}$	2.562(1)	$T3-\text{O}5$	1.772(7)
$M3-\text{O}10^{\text{ix}}$	2.520(3)	$T3-\text{O}6$	1.524(9)
$\langle M3-\text{O} \rangle$	2.542	$T3-\text{O}7$	1.458(6)
		$T3-\text{O}8$	1.544(7)
		$\langle T3-\text{O} \rangle$	1.575

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