

## Multiple sites occupancy induced yellow-orange emission in Eu<sup>2+</sup>-doped KSr<sub>6</sub>Sc(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub> phosphor towards optical temperature sensors

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**Tables:**

**Table S1.** The atom positions, fraction factors, and occupancy of KSSSO:xEu<sup>2+</sup> (x=0, x=0.07, x=0.11, 0.13) samples.

| Formula | KSr <sub>6</sub> Sc(SiO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> |             |             |            |           |
|---------|---|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Atom    | Wyck  | x           | y           | z          | Occupancy |
| Sr1     | 8d  | 0.40961(14) | 0.0031(4)   | 0.3322(5)  | 0.95      |
| K1      | 8d  | 0.40961(14) | 0.0031(4)   | 0.3322(5)  | 0.05      |
| Sr2     | 8d  | 0.22463(15) | 0.01748(28) | 0.4887(4)  | 1         |
| Sr3     | 4c  | 0.48331(22) | -0.25       | -0.0012(8) | 1         |
| Sr4     | 4c  | 0.3375(4)   | 0.25        | 0.7208(8)  | 0.7       |
| K2      | 4c  | 0.3375(4)   | 0.25        | 0.7208(8)  | 0.3       |
| K3      | 4c  | 0.31976(33) | -0.25       | 0.6529(10) | 0.6       |
| Sr5     | 4c  | 0.31976(33) | -0.25       | 0.6529(10) | 0.4       |
| Sc      | 4c  | 0.4937(5)   | -0.25       | 0.4656(14) | 1         |
| Si1     | 4c  | 0.3300(7)   | -0.25       | 0.2248(20) | 1         |
| Si2     | 4c  | 0.3586(9)   | 0.25        | 0.2385(21) | 1         |
| Si3     | 8d  | 0.4218(5)   | 0.0013(13)  | 0.7839(12) | 1         |
| O1      | 4c  | 0.3269(15)  | -0.25       | 0.007(4)   | 1         |
| O2      | 8d  | 0.2834(12)  | -0.3545(20) | 0.352(4)   | 1         |
| O3      | 4c  | 0.3513(25)  | -0.25       | 0.204(8)   | 1         |
| O4      | 4c  | 0.3825(13)  | 0.25        | -0.037(4)  | 1         |
| O5      | 8d  | 0.2945(11)  | 0.3596(19)  | 0.2620(23) | 1         |
| O6      | 4c  | 0.4033(12)  | 0.25        | 0.373(4)   | 1         |
| O7      | 8d  | 0.4203(8)   | -0.0386(16) | 0.9931(28) | 1         |
| O8      | 8d  | 0.3412(8)   | -0.0035(24) | 0.7055(21) | 1         |
| O9      | 8d  | 0.4584(10)  | 0.1394(16)  | 0.6785(29) | 1         |
| O10     | 8d  | 0.4597(11)  | -0.0995(18) | 0.6930(29) | 1         |

| <b>Formula</b> | <b>KSr<sub>5.93</sub>Sc(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>:0.07Eu<sup>2+</sup></b> |             |             |            |                  |
|----------------|--|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| <b>Atom</b>    | <b>Wyck</b>  | <b>x</b>    | <b>y</b>    | <b>z</b>   | <b>Occupancy</b> |
| Sr1            | 8d   | 0.40798(18) | 0.0013(5)   | 0.3450(5)  | 0.947            |
| Eu1            | 8d   | 0.40798(18) | 0.0013(5)   | 0.3450(5)  | 0.003            |
| K1             | 8d   | 0.40798(18) | 0.0013(5)   | 0.3450(5)  | 0.05             |
| Sr2            | 8d   | 0.22822(18) | 0.0201(4)   | 0.4927(4)  | 0.986            |
| Eu2            | 8d   | 0.22822(18) | 0.0201(4)   | 0.4927(4)  | 0.014            |
| Sr3            | 4c   | 0.48734(30) | -0.25       | 0.0166(8)  | 0.978            |
| Eu3            | 4c   | 0.48734(30) | -0.25       | 0.0166(8)  | 0.022            |
| Sr4            | 4c   | 0.3372(4)   | 0.25        | 0.7171(8)  | 0.681            |
| Eu4            | 4c   | 0.3372(4)   | 0.25        | 0.7171(8)  | 0.019            |
| K2             | 4c   | 0.3372(4)   | 0.25        | 0.7171(8)  | 0.3              |
| K3             | 4c   | 0.3198(6)   | -0.25       | 0.7301(16) | 0.6              |
| Sr5            | 4c   | 0.3198(6)   | -0.25       | 0.7301(16) | 0.387            |
| Eu5            | 4c   | 0.3198(6)   | -0.25       | 0.7301(16) | 0.013            |
| Sc             | 4c   | 0.5054(5)   | -0.25       | 0.4944(14) | 1                |
| Si1            | 4c   | 0.3258(13)  | -0.25       | 0.2310(33) | 1                |
| Si2            | 4c   | 0.3708(7)   | 0.25        | 0.2483(20) | 1                |
| Si3            | 8d   | 0.4183(6)   | -0.0097(14) | 0.7766(12) | 1                |
| O1             | 4c   | 0.3738(16)  | -0.25       | -0.069(5)  | 1                |
| O2             | 8d   | 0.3071(10)  | -0.3364(20) | 0.3941(34) | 1                |
| O3             | 4c   | 0.3686(17)  | -0.25       | 0.248(5)   | 1                |
| O4             | 4c   | 0.3391(22)  | 0.25        | 0.091(5)   | 1                |
| O5             | 8d   | 0.2606(9)   | 0.3466(16)  | 0.2124(18) | 1                |
| O6             | 4c   | 0.4027(7)   | 0.25        | 0.3910(17) | 1                |
| O7             | 8d   | 0.4135(6)   | -0.0334(11) | 1.0194(15) | 1                |
| O8             | 8d   | 0.3485(7)   | 0.0311(14)  | 0.6803(19) | 1                |
| O9             | 8d   | 0.4745(10)  | 0.0750(19)  | 0.7202(25) | 1                |
| O10            | 8d   | 0.4505(11)  | -0.1202(23) | 0.6643(33) | 1                |

| <b>Formula</b> | <b>KSr<sub>5.81</sub>Sc(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>:0.11Eu<sup>2+</sup></b> |             |             |             |                  |
|----------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>Atom</b>    | <b>Wyck</b>  | <b>x</b>    | <b>y</b>    | <b>z</b>    | <b>Occupancy</b> |
| Sr1            | 8d   | 0.40869(24) | -0.0001(5)  | 0.3317(9)   | 0.946            |
| Eu1            | 8d   | 0.40869(24) | -0.0001(5)  | 0.3317(9)   | 0.004            |
| K1             | 8d   | 0.40869(24) | -0.0001(5)  | 0.3317(9)   | 0.05             |
| Sr2            | 8d   | 0.22560(22) | 0.0226(4)   | 0.4930(6)   | 0.978            |
| Eu2            | 8d   | 0.22560(22) | 0.0226(4)   | 0.4930(6)   | 0.022            |
| Sr3            | 4c   | 0.4818(4)   | -0.25       | -0.0014(12) | 0.964            |
| Eu3            | 4c   | 0.4818(4)   | -0.25       | -0.0014(12) | 0.036            |
| Sr4            | 4c   | 0.3392(5)   | 0.25        | 0.7235(10)  | 0.67             |
| Eu4            | 4c   | 0.3392(5)   | 0.25        | 0.7235(10)  | 0.03             |
| K2             | 4c   | 0.3392(5)   | 0.25        | 0.7235(10)  | 0.3              |
| K3             | 4c   | 0.3213(5)   | -0.25       | 0.6633(14)  | 0.6              |
| Sr5            | 4c   | 0.3213(5)   | -0.25       | 0.6633(14)  | 0.382            |
| Eu5            | 4c   | 0.3213(5)   | -0.25       | 0.6633(14)  | 0.018            |
| Sc             | 4c   | 0.4963(7)   | -0.25       | 0.4761(19)  | 1                |
| Si1            | 4c   | 0.3292(10)  | -0.25       | 0.2295(28)  | 1                |
| Si2            | 4c   | 0.3598(12)  | 0.25        | 0.2206(30)  | 1                |
| Si3            | 8d   | 0.4198(8)   | 0.0029(17)  | 0.7721(18)  | 1                |
| O1             | 4c   | 0.3288(26)  | -0.25       | 0.046(6)    | 1                |
| O2             | 8d   | 0.2962(12)  | -0.3601(22) | 0.342(5)    | 1                |
| O3             | 4c   | 0.4055(22)  | -0.25       | 0.316(6)    | 1                |
| O4             | 4c   | 0.3934(20)  | 0.25        | 0.062(6)    | 1                |
| O5             | 8d   | 0.2887(13)  | 0.3475(21)  | 0.2634(33)  | 1                |
| O6             | 4c   | 0.3992(19)  | 0.25        | 0.373(5)    | 1                |
| O7             | 8d   | 0.4185(11)  | -0.0338(19) | 0.9983(35)  | 1                |
| O8             | 8d   | 0.3350(13)  | 0.0166(21)  | 0.680(4)    | 1                |
| O9             | 8d   | 0.4833(13)  | 0.1063(27)  | 0.718(4)    | 1                |
| O10            | 8d   | 0.4557(10)  | -0.1049(19) | 0.6408(33)  | 1                |

| <b>Formula</b> | <b>KSr<sub>5.81</sub>Sc(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>:0.13Eu<sup>2+</sup></b> |             |             |            |                  |
|----------------|--|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| <b>Atom</b>    | <b>Wyck</b>  | <b>x</b>    | <b>y</b>    | <b>z</b>   | <b>Occupancy</b> |
| Sr1            | 8d   | 0.41164(19) | 0.0047(4)   | 0.3428(5)  | 0.946            |
| Eu1            | 8d   | 0.41164(19) | 0.0047(4)   | 0.3428(5)  | 0.004            |
| K1             | 8d   | 0.41164(19) | 0.0047(4)   | 0.3428(5)  | 0.05             |
| Sr2            | 8d   | 0.22142(18) | 0.0114(4)   | 0.4934(5)  | 0.973            |
| Eu2            | 8d   | 0.22142(18) | 0.0114(4)   | 0.4934(5)  | 0.027            |
| Sr3            | 4c   | 0.48664(31) | -0.25       | 0.0118(9)  | 0.958            |
| Eu3            | 4c   | 0.48664(31) | -0.25       | 0.0118(9)  | 0.042            |
| Sr4            | 4c   | 0.3376(5)   | 0.25        | 0.7257(8)  | 0.664            |
| Eu4            | 4c   | 0.3376(5)   | 0.25        | 0.7257(8)  | 0.036            |
| K2             | 4c   | 0.3376(5)   | 0.25        | 0.7257(8)  | 0.3              |
| K3             | 4c   | 0.3168(4)   | -0.25       | 0.6724(11) | 0.6              |
| Sr5            | 4c   | 0.3168(4)   | -0.25       | 0.6724(11) | 0.379            |
| Eu5            | 4c   | 0.3168(4)   | -0.25       | 0.6724(11) | 0.021            |
| Sc             | 4c   | 0.5004(11)  | -0.25       | 0.4862(26) | 1                |
| Si1            | 4c   | 0.3327(11)  | -0.25       | 0.2461(22) | 1                |
| Si2            | 4c   | 0.3569(11)  | 0.25        | 0.2495(29) | 1                |
| Si3            | 8d   | 0.4300(4)   | 0.0012(8)   | 0.7822(9)  | 1                |
| O1             | 4c   | 0.3487(21)  | -0.25       | -0.085(5)  | 1                |
| O2             | 8d   | 0.3078(9)   | -0.3432(15) | 0.3189(23) | 1                |
| O3             | 4c   | 0.4017(15)  | -0.25       | 0.3860(35) | 1                |
| O4             | 4c   | 0.3842(21)  | 0.25        | 0.178(6)   | 1                |
| O5             | 8d   | 0.2535(7)   | 0.3387(10)  | 0.1760(19) | 1                |
| O6             | 4c   | 0.4073(15)  | 0.25        | 0.3903(34) | 1                |
| O7             | 8d   | 0.4266(6)   | -0.0354(9)  | 1.0177(17) | 1                |
| O8             | 8d   | 0.3462(7)   | 0.0281(10)  | 0.6937(14) | 1                |
| O9             | 8d   | 0.4488(9)   | 0.1193(15)  | 0.7538(22) | 1                |
| O10            | 8d   | 0.4540(9)   | -0.1008(12) | 0.6334(22) | 1                |

**Table S2.** The bond lengths of Sr-O in detail.

|                 |             |                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Sr1-O2          | 2.737(23)   | Sr3-O9          | 2.834(21)   |
| Sr1-O3          | 2.878(25)   | Sr3-O9          | 2.834(21)   |
| Sr1-O5          | 2.633(22)   | Sr3-O10         | 2.786(21)   |
| Sr1-O6          | 2.781(5)    | Sr3-O10         | 2.786(21)   |
| Sr1-O7          | 2.463(19)   | <b>Sr3 Mean</b> | <b>2.75</b> |
| Sr1-O8          | 2.759(15)   | Sr4-O2          | 2.856(25)   |
| Sr1-O9          | 3.043(20)   | Sr4-O2          | 2.856(25)   |
| Sr1-O9          | 2.690(20)   | Sr4-O4          | 2.324(29)   |
| Sr1-O10         | 2.938(21)   | Sr4-O6          | 2.701(25)   |
| Sr1-O10         | 2.732(21)   | Sr4-O8          | 2.840(27)   |
| Sr1-O2          | 2.737(23)   | Sr4-O8          | 2.840(27)   |
| <b>Sr1 Mean</b> | <b>2.77</b> | Sr4-O9          | 2.843(21)   |
| Sr2-O1          | 2.786(11)   | Sr4-O9          | 2.843(21)   |
| Sr2-O2          | 2.953(26)   | <b>Sr4 Mean</b> | <b>2.76</b> |
| Sr2-O2          | 2.354(23)   | Sr5-O1          | 2.523(30)   |
| Sr2-O5          | 2.650(19)   | Sr5-O2          | 2.737(26)   |
| Sr2-O5          | 2.505(18)   | Sr5-O2          | 2.737(26)   |
| Sr2-O7          | 2.786(16)   | Sr5-O3          | 3.25(5)     |
| Sr2-O8          | 2.723(15)   | Sr5-O5          | 2.625(23)   |
| Sr2-O8          | 2.380(15)   | Sr5-O5          | 2.625(23)   |
| <b>Sr2 Mean</b> | <b>2.64</b> | Sr5-O8          | 2.814(27)   |
| Sr3-O1          | 2.997(28)   | Sr5-O8          | 2.814(27)   |
| Sr3-O3          | 2.72(5)     | Sr5-O10         | 3.178(22)   |
| Sr3-O4          | 2.525(25)   | Sr5-O10         | 3.178(22)   |
| Sr3-O7          | 2.656(17)   | Sr5-O1          | 2.523(30)   |
| Sr3-O7          | 2.656(17)   | <b>Sr5 Mean</b> | <b>2.85</b> |

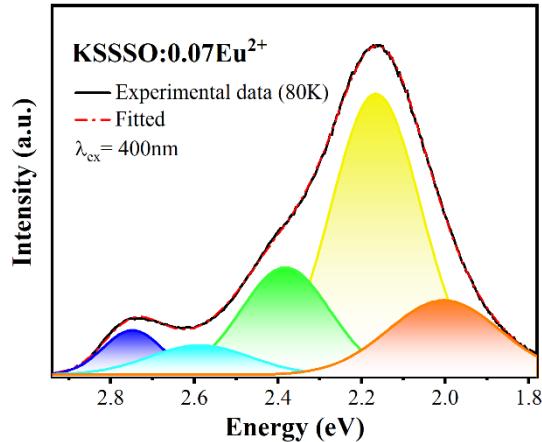
### Temperature uncertainty $\delta T$ :

Temperature uncertainty  $\delta T$  determines the temperature measurement accuracy or how small temperature difference sensor can measure. The temperature uncertainty of the nanothermometers  $\delta T$  is defined as:<sup>1-3</sup>

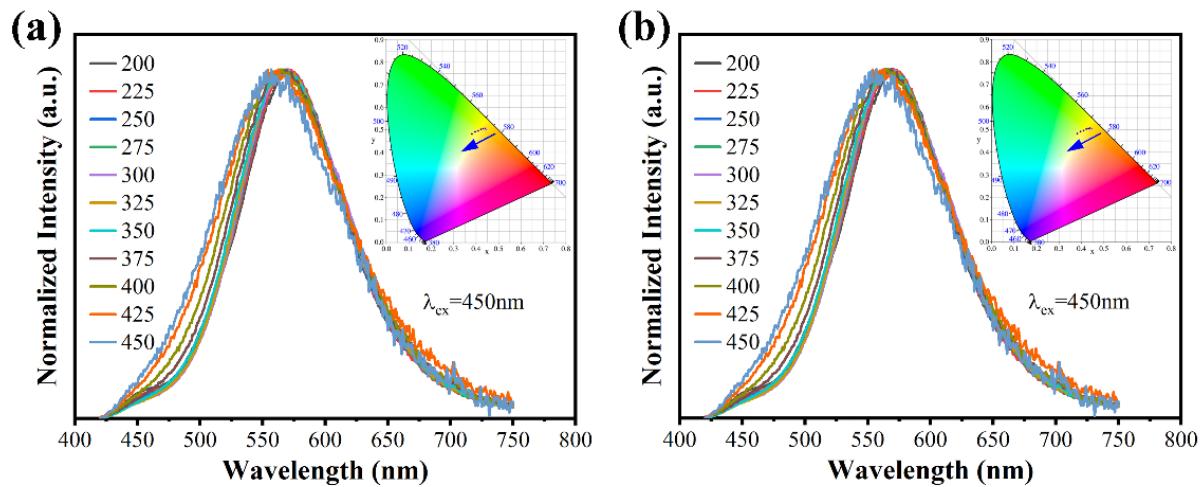
$$\delta T = \frac{1}{S_r} \frac{\delta \Delta}{\Delta} \quad (S1)$$

where  $\delta \Delta$  is the uncertainty in the determination of  $\Delta$  estimated through the errors in I.

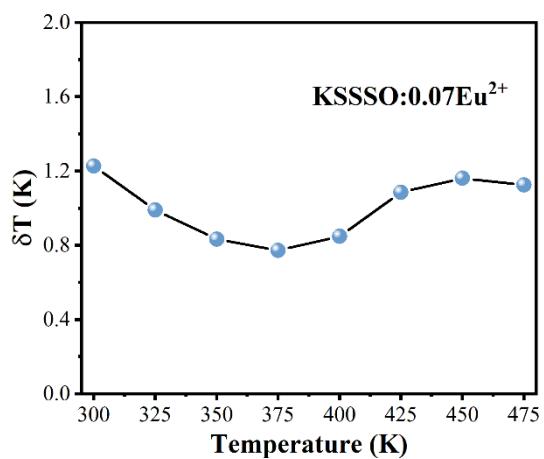
### Figures:



**Fig. S1** Gaussian fitting of the PL spectra of KSSSO:0.07Eu<sup>2+</sup> excited by 400 nm at 80 K.



**Fig. S2** The normalized TPL spectra excited by 450 (a) and 400 nm (b) and the insets are the CIE chromaticity diagram.



**Fig. S3** Temperature uncertainty calculated using Eq. S1.

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