Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for Dalton Transactions. This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry 2023

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## LiBa<sub>12</sub>(BO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>7</sub>F<sub>4</sub> (LBBF) crystals doped with Eu<sup>3+</sup>, Tb<sup>3+</sup>, Ce<sup>3+</sup>: structure and

## luminescence properties

Tatyana B. Bekker<sup>a,b\*</sup>, Alexey A. Ryadun<sup>b,c</sup>, Alexey V. Davydov<sup>a,b</sup>, Sergey V. Rashchenko<sup>a,b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Sobolev Institute of Geology and Mineralogy, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of

Sciences, 630090 Novosibirsk, Russia

<sup>b</sup>Novosibirsk State University, 630090 Novosibirsk, Russia

°Nikolaev Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of

Sciences, 630090 Novosibirsk, Russia

## Contents

Table S1 Details of data collection and structure refinement for LiBa<sub>12</sub>(BO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>7</sub>F<sub>4</sub>: Eu<sup>3+</sup> crystal

**Fig. S1** Transmission spectra of 1.2 mm thick plates made of LBBF: Eu<sup>3+</sup>, Tb<sup>3+</sup> and LBBF: Eu<sup>3+</sup>, Tb<sup>3+</sup>, Ce<sup>3+</sup> crystals.

**Fig. S2** Rietveld refinement of the X-ray diffraction patterns of solid state synthesized LBBF and LBBF: Ce<sup>3+</sup> samples.

**Table S2** The results of whole-profile fitting of X-ray diffraction patterns of LBBF: Tb<sup>3+</sup> samples

Fig. S3 Rietveld refinement of the X-ray diffraction patterns of solid state synthesized LBBF and

LBBF: Tb<sup>3+</sup> samples.

Table S3 The results of whole-profile fitting of X-ray diffraction patterns of LBBF: Eu<sup>3+</sup> samples

**Fig. S4** Rietveld refinement of the X-ray diffraction patterns of solid state synthesized LBBF and LBBF: Eu<sup>3+</sup> samples.

**Fig. S5** Excitation light profiles and PL spectra obtained under 395 nm excitation by setting quartz cells with and without the sample: LBBF: 0.5 wt% Eu<sup>3+</sup> (a), LBBF: 2 wt% Eu<sup>3+</sup> (b).

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	$B_7Ba_{11.72563}F_4LiO_{21}$
$M_{ m r}$	2105
Crystal system, space group	Tetragonal, P4 <sub>2</sub> /mbc
Temperature (K)	293
<i>a</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	13.5360 (2), 14.9439 (2)
$V(Å^3)$	2738.07 (7)
Ζ	4
Radiation type	Μο Κα
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	16.67
Crystal size (mm)	$0.25 \times 0.15 \times 0.05$
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Esperanto- <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> -abstract goniometer imported esperanto images
Absorption correction	Multi-scan <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> 1.171.42.49 (Rigaku Oxford Diffraction, 2022) Empirical absorption correction using spherical harmonics, implemented in SCALE3 ABSPACK scaling algorithm.
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	0.182, 1
No. of measured, independent and	103417, 1987, 1253
observed $[I > 3\sigma(I)]$ reflections	
$R_{\rm int}$	0.075
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\max} (\text{Å}^{-1})$	0.694
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.020, 0.069, 0.65
No. of reflections	1987
No. of parameters	125
$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}}, \bar{\Delta} \rho_{\text{min}} (e \text{ Å}^{-3})$	1.37, -0.97

Table S1 Details of data collection and structure refinement for	$LiBa_{12}(BO_3)_7F_4: Eu^{3+}$	crystal
--	---------------------------------	---------



**Fig. S1** Transmission spectra of 1.2 mm thick plates made of LBBF: Eu<sup>3+</sup>, Tb<sup>3+</sup> and LBBF: Eu<sup>3+</sup>, Tb<sup>3+</sup>, Ce<sup>3+</sup> crystals.



**Fig. S2** Rietveld refinement of the X-ray diffraction patterns of solid state synthesized LBBF and LBBF: Ce<sup>3+</sup> samples.

Table S2 The results of whole-profile fitting of X-ray diffraction patterns of LBBF: Tb<sup>3+</sup> samples

Phase	Space group	Unit cell parameters, Å			V, Å <sup>3</sup>	$R_{b}^{*}, \%$
synthesized by solid-	used for	а	b	С		
state synthesis	refinement					
LBBF	$P4_2bc$	13.5464(6)	_	14.9599(8)	2745.2(2)	6.052
LBBF: 0.4 wt% Tb <sup>3+</sup>	Pbam	13.418(1)	13.6523(1)	14.951(1)	2738.9(3)	5.746
LBBF: 0.75 wt% Tb <sup>3+</sup>	Pbam	13.3919(9)	13.688(1)	14.961(1)	2741.5(3)	5.854
LBBF: 1 wt% Tb <sup>3+</sup>	Pbam	13.407(1)	13.669(1)	14.956(1)	2741.1(3)	6.945

 $\overline{R_b^*}$  – R-Bragg value for the whole refinement.



**Fig. S3** Rietveld refinement of the X-ray diffraction patterns of solid state synthesized LBBF and LBBF: Tb<sup>3+</sup> samples.

Phase	Space group	Unit cell parameters, Å			V, Å <sup>3</sup>	$R_{b}^{*}, \%$
synthesized by solid-	used for	a	b	с		
state synthesis	refinement					
LBBF	$P4_2bc$	13.5464(6)	_	14.9599(8)	2745.2(2)	6.052
LBBF: 0.1 wt% Eu <sup>3+</sup>	Pbam	13.462(1)	13.638(1)	14.974(1)	2749.3(3)	6.002
LBBF: 0.5 wt% Eu <sup>3+</sup>	Pbam	13.421(1)	13.668(1)	14.958(1)	2744.1(3)	5.899
LBBF: 2 wt% Eu <sup>3+</sup>	Pbam	13.450(1)	13.634(1)	14.957(2)	2742.8(3)	6.144
LBBF: 4 wt% Eu <sup>3+</sup>	$P4_2bc$	13.5393(8)	_	14.950(1)	2740.5(3)	7.567
	Pbam	13.54(1)	13.53(1)	14.951(1)	2740(3)	9.947
LBBF: 5 wt% Eu <sup>3+</sup>	$P4_2bc$	13.5396(8)	_	14.947(1)	2740.0(3)	7.832
	Pbam	13.540(6)	13.539(7)	14.951(1)	2741(1)	9.111
LBBF: 6 wt% Eu <sup>3+</sup>	$P4_2/mbc$	13.5398(8)	_	14.948(1)	2740.4(3)	7.831
	Pbam	13.540(7)	13.540(7)	14.951(1)	2741(2)	9.233

Table S3 The results of whole-profile fitting of X-ray diffraction patterns of LBBF: Eu<sup>3+</sup> samples

 $\overline{R_b^*}$  – R-Bragg value for the whole refinement.





**Fig. S4** Rietveld refinement of the X-ray diffraction patterns of solid state synthesized LBBF and LBBF: Eu<sup>3+</sup> samples.



**Fig. S5** Excitation light profiles and PL spectra obtained under 395 nm excitation by setting quartz cells with and without the sample: LBBF: 0.5 wt% Eu<sup>3+</sup> (a), LBBF: 2 wt% Eu<sup>3+</sup> (b).