

Supporting Information

A new melilite-type rare-earth borate CdTbGaB₂O₇ and multicolor tunable emission in the CdTb_{1-x}Sm_xGaB₂O₇ (0 ≤ x ≤ 0.2) phosphors

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Table S1

Atomic coordinates, site occupancies, and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters U_{eq} (\AA^2) of $\text{CdTbGaB}_2\text{O}_7$ with standard deviations in parentheses.

Atoms	Wyck sites	Site symmetry	X	Y	Z	Occupancies	U_{eq}
Cd1/Tb1	4e	C_s	0.83827(3)	0.33827(3)	0.49097(7)	0.5/0.5	0.00997(10)
Ga1	2a	S_4	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1	0.00576(14)
B1	4e	C_s	0.8658(6)	0.6343(6)	0.9369(12)	1	0.0069(9)
O1	2c	C_{2v}	1.0000	0.5000	0.8248(12)	1	0.0119(12)
O2	8f	C_1	0.8095(4)	0.0798(4)	0.2140(7)	1	0.0109(6)
O3	4e	C_s	0.8568(5)	0.6432(5)	0.2366(8)	1	0.0139(8)

Note: U_{eq} is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

Table S2

Anisotropic displacement parameters U_{ij} (\AA^2) of $\text{CdTbGaB}_2\text{O}_7$ with standard deviations in parentheses.

Atoms	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{23}	U_{13}	U_{12}
Cd1/Tb1	0.01079(11)	0.01079(11)	0.00832(13)	-0.00376(10)	-0.00376(10)	0.00176(10)
Ga1	0.00614(19)	0.00614(19)	0.0050(3)	0.000	0.000	0.000
B1	0.0068(13)	0.0068(13)	0.007(2)	0.0001(12)	-0.0001(12)	-0.0015(17)
O1	0.0154(18)	0.0154(18)	0.005(2)	0.000	0.000	0.013(3)
O2	0.0088(13)	0.0155(14)	0.0085(11)	-0.0030(10)	0.0009(11)	0.0032(11)
O3	0.0190(14)	0.0190(14)	0.0036(14)	-0.0020(10)	0.0020(10)	0.0059(19)

Table S3

Selected bond lengths (\AA) and angles ($^\circ$) for $\text{CdTbGaB}_2\text{O}_7$.

Cd1/Tb1-O1	2.305(4)	Ga1-O2 \times 4	1.824(3)
Cd1/Tb1-O2 \times 2	2.316(3)		
Cd1/Tb1-O3	2.401(4)	B1-O3	1.419(7)
Cd1/Tb1-O2 \times 2	2.505(3)	B1-O1	1.492(7)
Cd1/Tb1-O3 \times 2	2.547(3)	B1-O2 \times 2	1.525(5)
Mean	2.430	Mean	1.490
O2-Ga1-O2 \times 4	107.90(10)	O3-B1-O2 \times 2	116.1(3)
O2-Ga1-O2 \times 2	112.7(2)	O1-B1-O2 \times 2	102.6(3)
Mean	109.5	O2-B1-O2	102.9(4)
O3-B1-O1	114.6(5)	Mean	109.15

Table S4

Correlation table of the internal and external modes of B₂O₇ “pyro” units between the site group of the molecule (C_{2v}) and the factor group of the crystal (D_{2d}).

Species	Assignment	site group symmetry	Factor group symmetry
		C _{2v}	D _{2d}
B ₂ O ₇	v _s (BO ₃)	A ₁	A ₁ + B ₂
		B ₁	E
	v _{as} (BO ₃)	A ₁	A ₁ + B ₂
		A ₂	A ₂ + B ₁
		B ₁	E
	v _s (B ^o B)	B ₂	E
		A ₁	A ₁ + B ₂
		B ₁	E
	v _{as} (B ^o B)	A ₁	A ₁ + B ₂
		A ₂	A ₂ + B ₁
	δ(B ^o B)	B ₂	E
		A ₁	A ₁ + B ₂
	ρ(BO ₃)	A ₂	A ₂ + B ₁
B ₂		E	
δ(BO ₃)	3A ₁ + 2A ₂ + 3B ₁ + 2B ₂	3A ₁ + 2A ₂ + 2B ₁ + 3B ₂ + 5E	
T'(B ₂ O ₇)	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂	A ₁ + B ₂ + 2E	
L(B ₂ O ₇)	A ₂ + B ₁ + B ₂	A ₂ + B ₁ + 2E	
Γ	8A₁ + 5A₂ + 8B₁ + 6B₂	8A₁ + 5A₂ + 5B₁ + 8B₂ + 14E	

Note: v_s, symmetric stretching; v_{as}, antisymmetric stretching; δ, bending; ρ, rocking; T', translational mode; L, librational mode; Γ, irreducible representation.

Table S5Rietveld refinement results of CdTb_{1-x}Sm_xGaB₂O₇ (0 ≤ x ≤ 1).

Sm ³⁺ content	x=0	x=0.001	x=0.002	x=0.005	x=0.01	x=0.05	x=0.1	x=0.2	x=1
Space group	<i>PError!2₁m</i>	<i>PError!2₁m</i>	<i>PError!2₁m</i>	<i>PError!2₁m</i>	<i>PError!2₁m</i>	<i>PError!2₁m</i>	<i>PError!2₁m</i>	<i>PError!2₁m</i>	<i>PError!2₁m</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	7.34374(10)	7.34419(13)	7.34398(9)	7.34405(8)	7.34421(12)	7.34551(13)	7.34683(12)	7.34907(12)	7.37531(10)
<i>c</i> (Å)	4.72012(8)	4.72007(10)	4.72025(7)	4.72030(7)	4.72100(10)	4.72210(10)	4.72337(10)	4.72619(10)	4.75700(8)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	254.558(8)	254.587(10)	254.582(7)	254.590(7)	254.639(10)	254.788(11)	254.948(10)	255.257(10)	258.758(9)
2θ range (°)	5-80	5-80	5-80	5-80	5-80	5-80	5-80	5-80	5-80
R _p , %	2.30	2.54	2.34	2.33	2.63	2.68	2.54	2.66	3.02
R _{wp} , %	3.51	3.91	3.56	3.51	4.09	4.23	3.92	4.00	4.91
GOF	2.03	2.14	2.00	2.02	2.40	2.43	2.21	2.33	2.45

Table S6

Atomic coordinates, occupancy factors, and isotropic thermal displacement factors obtained from the Rietveld refinements for $\text{CdTb}_{1-x}\text{Sm}_x\text{GaB}_2\text{O}_7$ ($0 \leq x \leq 1$).

$\text{CdTbGaB}_2\text{O}_7$	x	y	z	Occ.	B_{eq}
Cd1/Tb1	0.83725(14)	0.33725(14)	0.4890(7)	0.5/0.5	0.7872
Ga1	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	1	0.4548
B1	0.86580	0.63430	0.93690	1	0.5448
O1	1.00000	0.50000	0.82480	1	0.9396
O2	0.80950	0.07980	0.21400	1	0.8606
O3	0.85680	0.64320	0.23660	1	1.098
$\text{CdTb}_{0.999}\text{Sm}_{0.001}\text{GaB}_2\text{O}_7$	x	y	z	Occ.	B_{eq}
Cd1/Tb1/Sm1	0.83715(18)	0.33715(18)	0.4883(9)	0.5/0.4995/0.0005	0.7872
Ga1	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	1	0.4548
B1	0.86580	0.63430	0.93690	1	0.5448
O1	1.00000	0.50000	0.82480	1	0.9396
O2	0.80950	0.07980	0.21400	1	0.8606
O3	0.85680	0.64320	0.23660	1	1.098
$\text{CdTb}_{0.998}\text{Sm}_{0.002}\text{GaB}_2\text{O}_7$	x	y	z	Occ.	B_{eq}
Cd1/Tb1/Sm1	0.83727(14)	0.33727(14)	0.4888(7)	0.5/0.499/0.001	0.7872
Ga1	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	1	0.4548
B1	0.86580	0.63430	0.93690	1	0.5448
O1	1.00000	0.50000	0.82480	1	0.9396
O2	0.80950	0.07980	0.21400	1	0.8606
O3	0.85680	0.64320	0.23660	1	1.098
$\text{CdTb}_{0.995}\text{Sm}_{0.005}\text{GaB}_2\text{O}_7$	x	y	z	Occ.	U_{iso}
Cd1/Tb1/Sm1	0.83748(16)	0.33748(16)	0.4909(7)	0.5/0.4975/0.0025	0.7872
Ga1	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	1	0.4548
B1	0.86580	0.63430	0.93690	1	0.5448
O1	1.00000	0.50000	0.82480	1	0.9396
O2	0.80950	0.07980	0.21400	1	0.8606
O3	0.85680	0.64320	0.23660	1	1.098
$\text{CdTb}_{0.99}\text{Sm}_{0.01}\text{GaB}_2\text{O}_7$	x	y	z	Occ.	U_{iso}
Cd1/Tb1/Sm1	0.83705(17)	0.33705(17)	0.4877(8)	0.5/0.495/0.005	0.7872
Ga1	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	1	0.4548
B1	0.86580	0.63430	0.93690	1	0.5448
O1	1.00000	0.50000	0.82480	1	0.9396
O2	0.80950	0.07980	0.21400	1	0.8606
O3	0.85680	0.64320	0.23660	1	1.098

$\text{CdTb}_{0.95}\text{Sm}_{0.05}\text{GaB}_2\text{O}_7$	x	y	z	Occ.	$U_{\text{iso.}}$
Cd1/Tb1/Sm1	0.83707(18)	0.33707(18)	0.4885(9)	0.5/0.475/0.025	0.7872
Ga1	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	1	0.4548
B1	0.86580	0.63430	0.93690	1	0.5448
O1	1.00000	0.50000	0.82480	1	0.9396
O2	0.80950	0.07980	0.21400	1	0.8606
O3	0.85680	0.64320	0.23660	1	1.098
$\text{CdTb}_{0.9}\text{Sm}_{0.1}\text{GaB}_2\text{O}_7$	x	y	z	Occ.	$U_{\text{iso.}}$
Cd1/Tb1/Sm1	0.83705(17)	0.33705(17)	0.4873(8)	0.5/0.45/0.05	0.7872
Ga1	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	1	0.4548
B1	0.86580	0.63430	0.93690	1	0.5448
O1	1.00000	0.50000	0.82480	1	0.9396
O2	0.80950	0.07980	0.21400	1	0.8606
O3	0.85680	0.64320	0.23660	1	1.098
$\text{CdTb}_{0.8}\text{Sm}_{0.2}\text{GaB}_2\text{O}_7$	x	y	z	Occ.	$U_{\text{iso.}}$
Cd1/Tb1/Sm1	0.83706(17)	0.33706(17)	0.4888(8)	0.5/0.4/0.1	0.7872
Ga1	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	1	0.4548
B1	0.86580	0.63430	0.93690	1	0.5448
O1	1.00000	0.50000	0.82480	1	0.9396
O2	0.80950	0.07980	0.21400	1	0.8606
O3	0.85680	0.64320	0.23660	1	1.098
$\text{CdSmGaB}_2\text{O}_7$	x	y	z	Occ.	$U_{\text{iso.}}$
Cd1/Sm1	0.83681(18)	0.33681(18)	0.4892(9)	0.5/0.5	0.7872
Ga1	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000	1	0.4548
B1	0.86580	0.63430	0.93690	1	0.5448
O1	1.00000	0.50000	0.82480	1	0.9396
O2	0.80950	0.07980	0.21400	1	0.8606
O3	0.85680	0.64320	0.23660	1	1.098

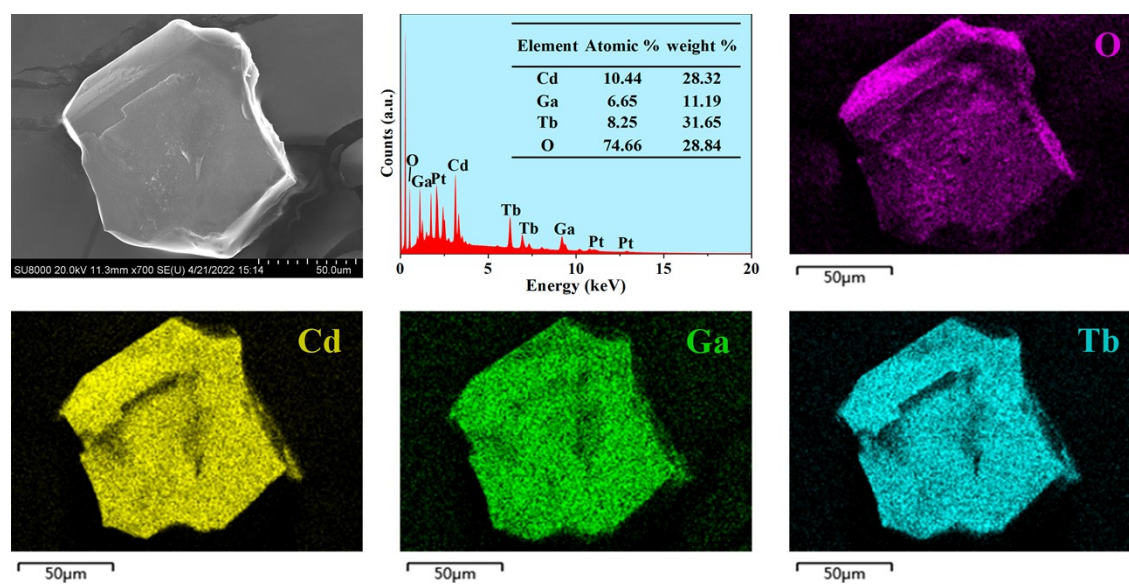


Fig. S1 A FE-SEM image, typical EDX results, and elemental mapping of the CdTbGaB₂O₇ single-crystal. Pt element comes from the pretreatment process (A thin layer of Pt was evaporated on the sample surface to provide electrical conductivity).

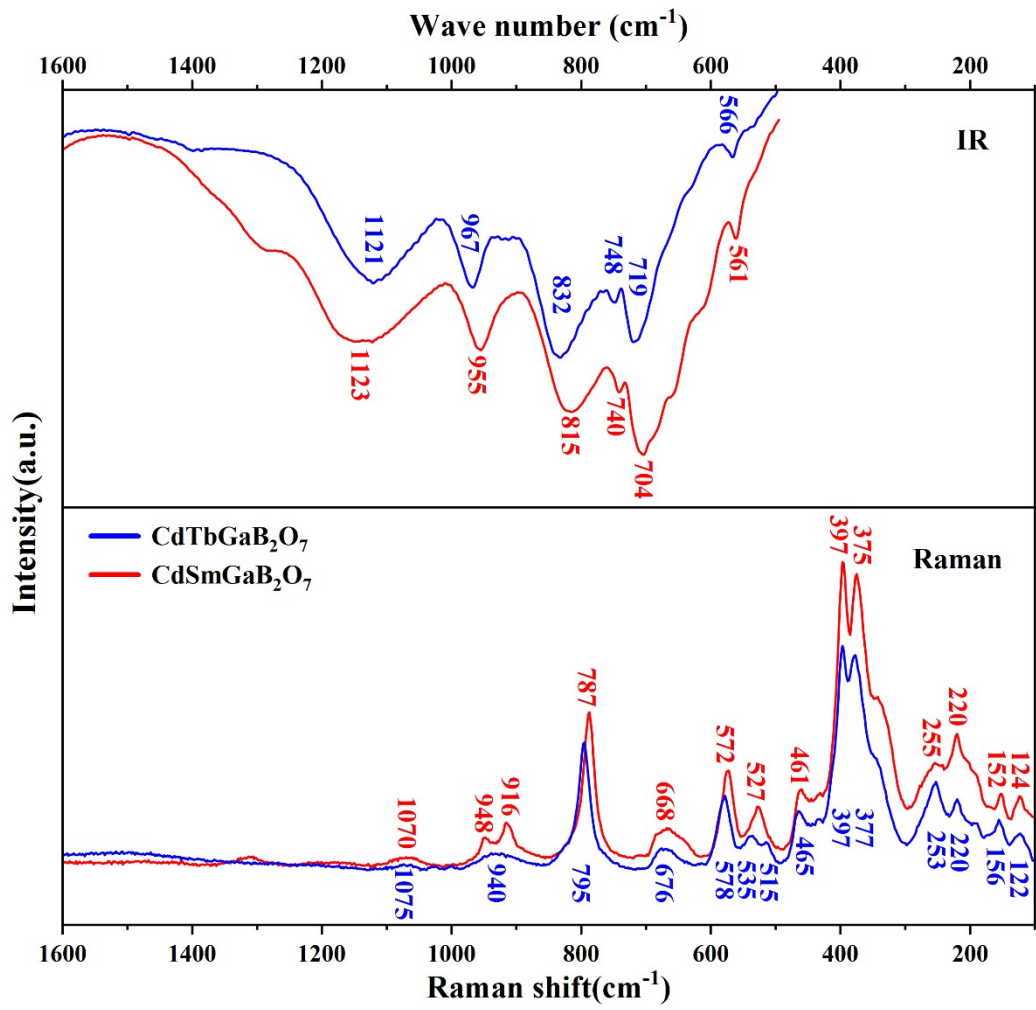


Fig. S2 Infrared and Raman spectra of CdTbGaB₂O₇ and CdSmGaB₂O₇.

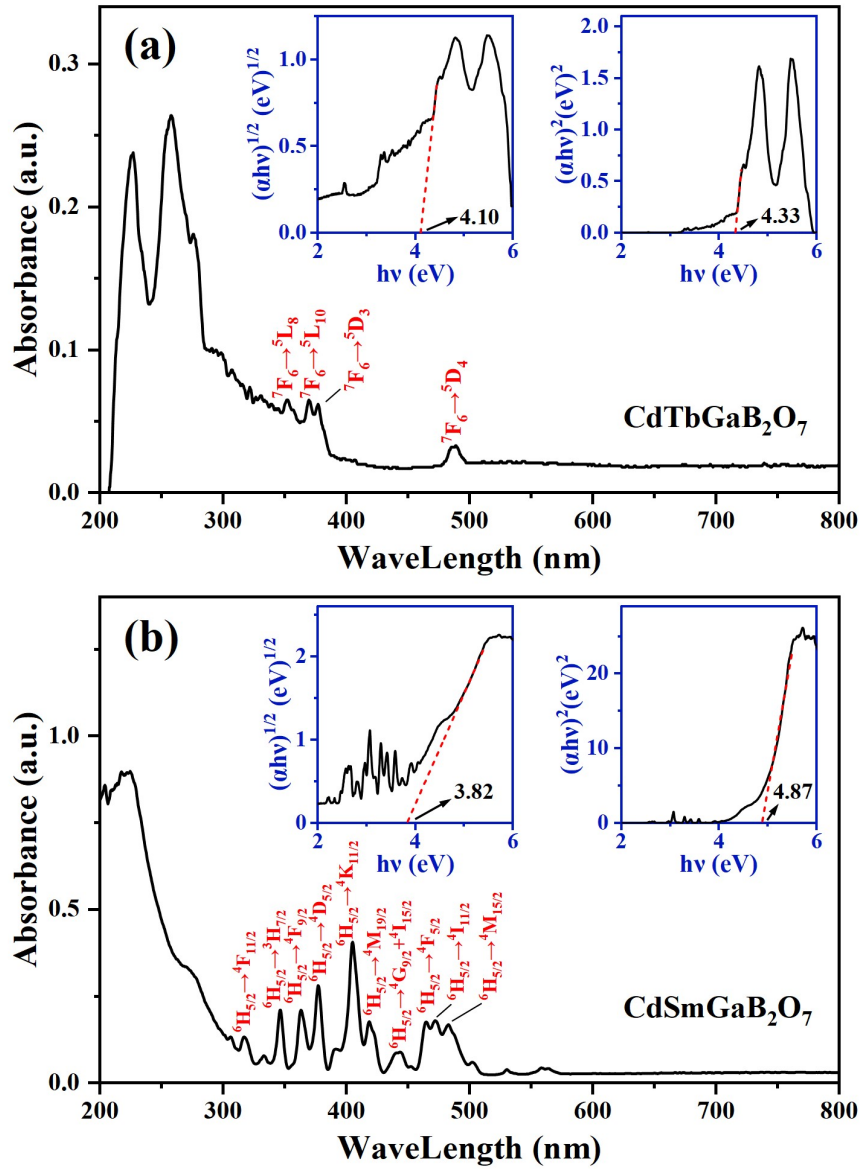


Fig. S3 UV-vis absorption spectra of $\text{CdTbGaB}_2\text{O}_7$ (a) and $\text{CdSmGaB}_2\text{O}_7$ (b). The insets show the Tauc plots from indirect (left) and direct (right) transitions.

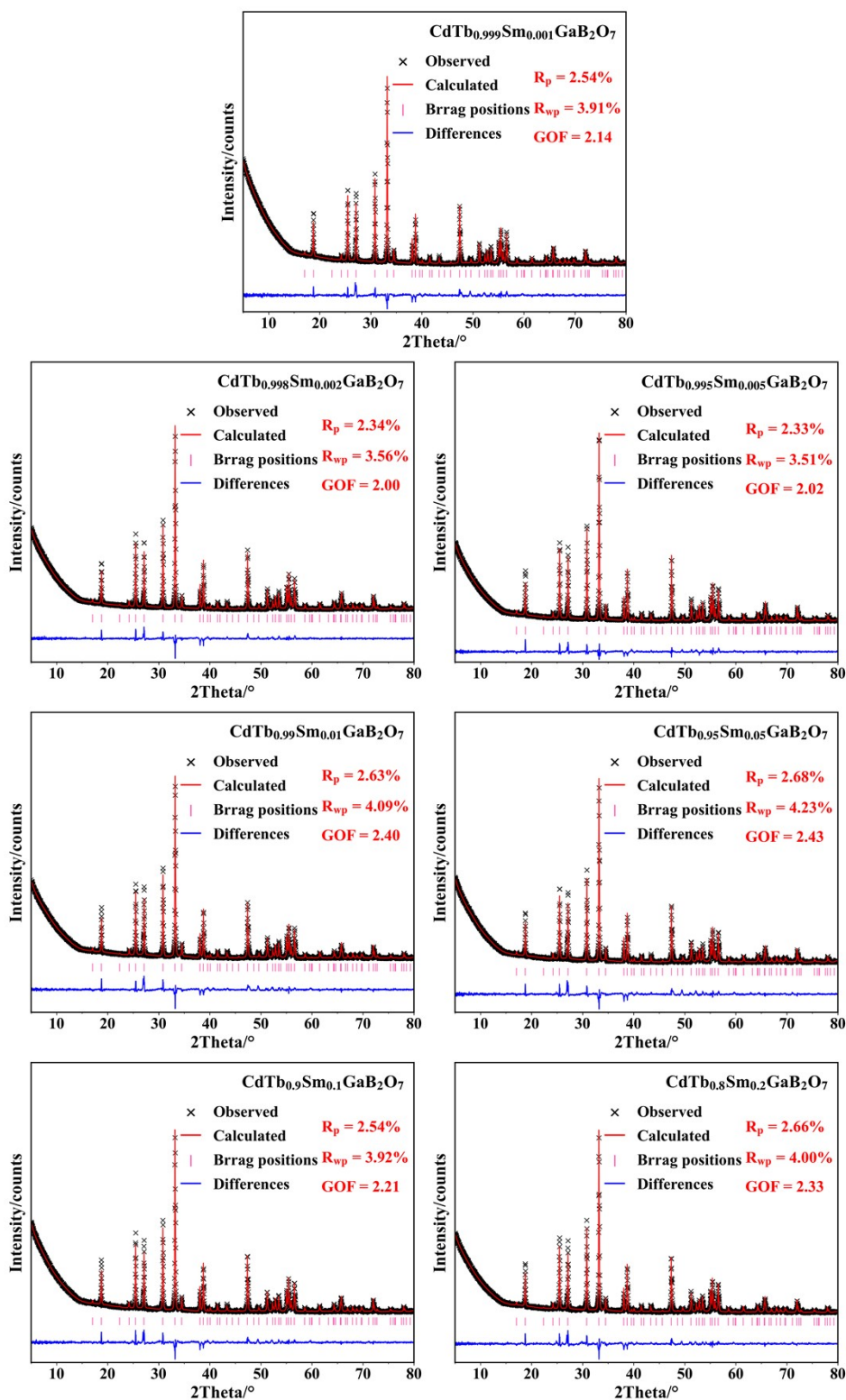


Fig. S4 Rietveld refinements of powder X-ray diffractograms of the $\text{CdTb}_{1-x}\text{Sm}_x\text{GaB}_2\text{O}_7$ ($x = 0.001, 0.002, 0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, \text{ and } 0.2$) solid solutions.

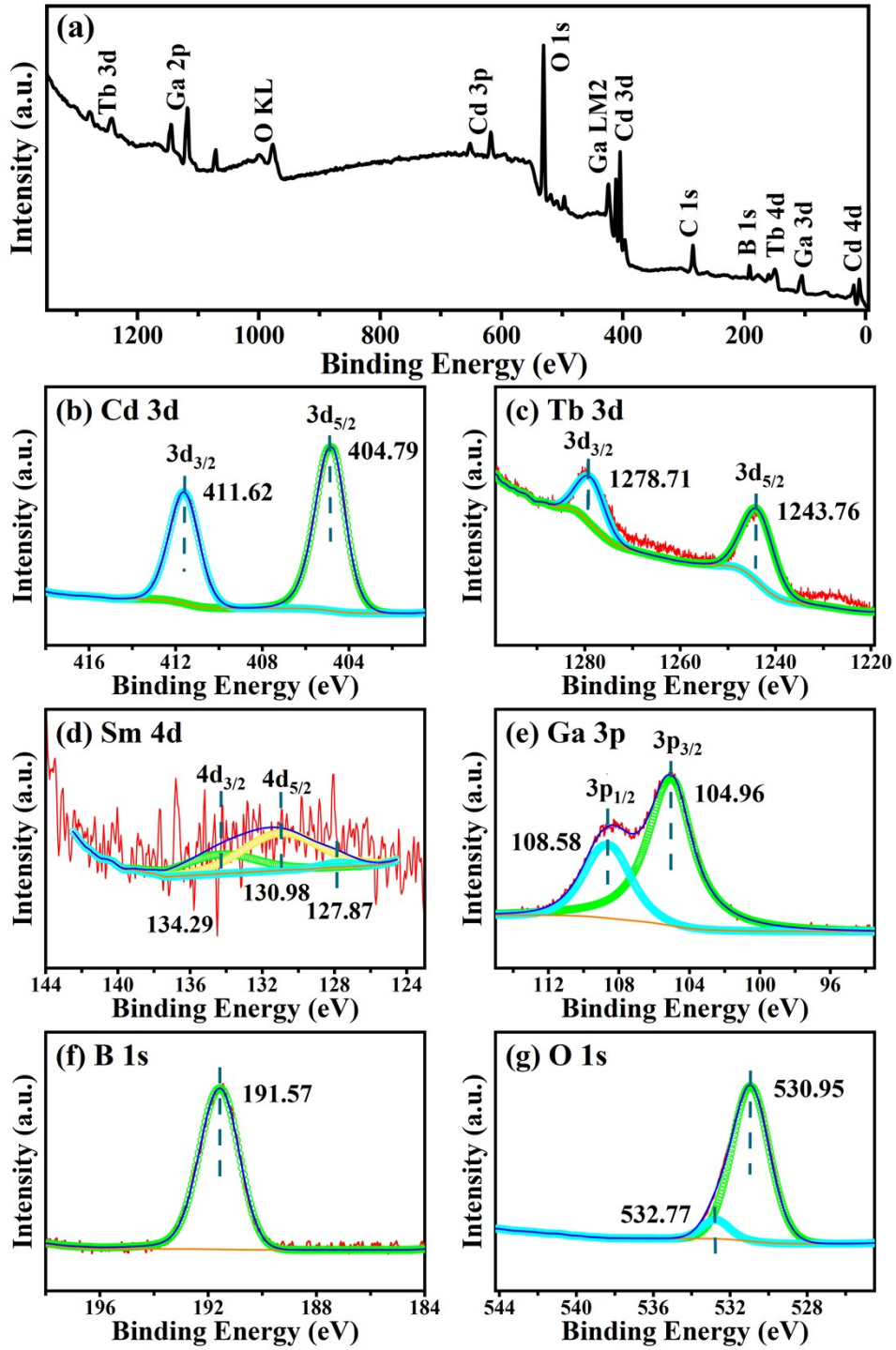


Fig. S5 Survey (a) and core-level spectra of Cd 3d (b), Tb 3d (c), Sm 4d (d), Ga 3p (e), B 1s (f) and O 1s (g) for $\text{CdTb}_{0.995}\text{Sm}_{0.005}\text{GaB}_2\text{O}_7$.

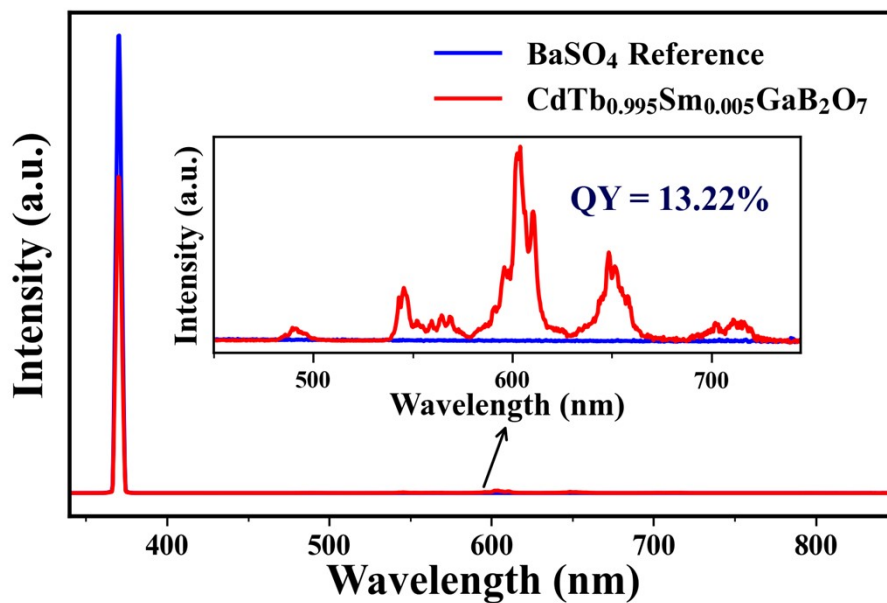


Fig. S6 The excitation line of BaSO_4 reference and the PL spectrum of the $\text{CdTb}_{0.995}\text{Sm}_{0.005}\text{GaB}_2\text{O}_7$ phosphor collected using an integrating sphere ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 370$ nm); inset shows a local magnification of the PL spectrum.