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#### Abstract

Achieving up-conversion luminescence from Tb<sup>3+</sup>/Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions was generally via a complicated energy transfer process  $(Yb^{3+} \rightarrow Tm^{3+} \rightarrow Gd^{3+} \rightarrow Ln^{3+}, Ln=Tb/Eu)$ , which makes the relevant energy management rather difficult and inevitably results in impure blue luminescence of  $Tm^{3+}$ . In this work, a facile and rational strategy is designed to integrate dual-mode luminescence from  $Eu^{3+}/Tb^{3+}$  ions into NaGdF<sub>4</sub>:Yb/Eu@NaGdF<sub>4</sub>:Ce@NaGdF<sub>4</sub>:Yb/Tb@NaYF<sub>4</sub> core-multishell nanostructure. It is found that the down-conversion energy transfer across NaGdF<sub>4</sub>@NaGdF<sub>4</sub> interface is confined in a narrow space region of approximately 2 nm. For the up-conversion mode, the primary factor that dominates the emission intensity of  $Eu^{3+}$ is determined to be the molar ratio of NaGdF<sub>4</sub>:Yb/Tb component in the second shell to NaGdF<sub>4</sub>:Yb/Eu one in the core, which differs from the anisotropic filtration effect previously reported. Eventually, tunable dual-mode emission colors were achieved through simply varying the inner shell thickness of NaGdF<sub>4</sub>:Yb/Tb. The strategy of integrating dual-mode luminescence of  $Eu^{3+}/Tb^{3+}$  reported here for energy management allows one to design new luminescence materials for many important applications.

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