

Supporting Information

Hydrophobic and luminescent polydimethylsiloxane PDMS- $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ coating for power enhancement and UV protection of Si solar cells

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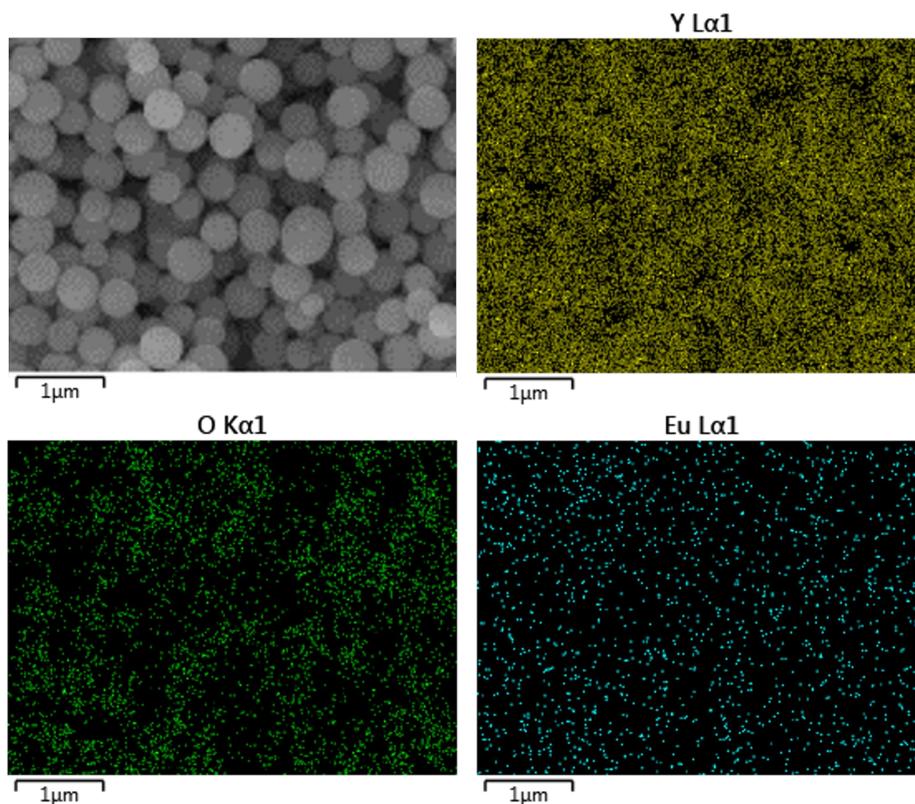


Figure S1. EDS elemental mapping of $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ particles.

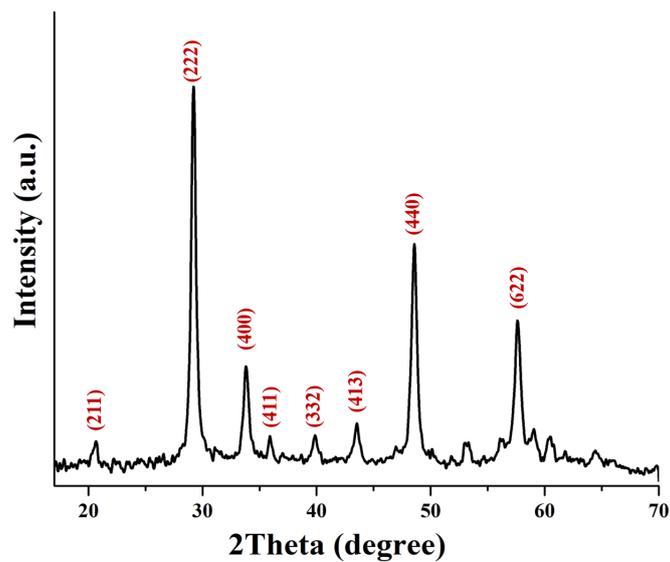


Figure S2. XRD pattern of $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ particles.

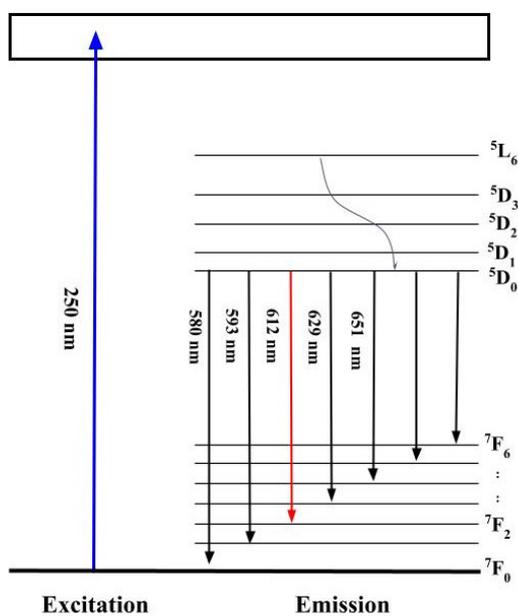


Figure S3. Schematic representation of transitions within Eu^{3+}

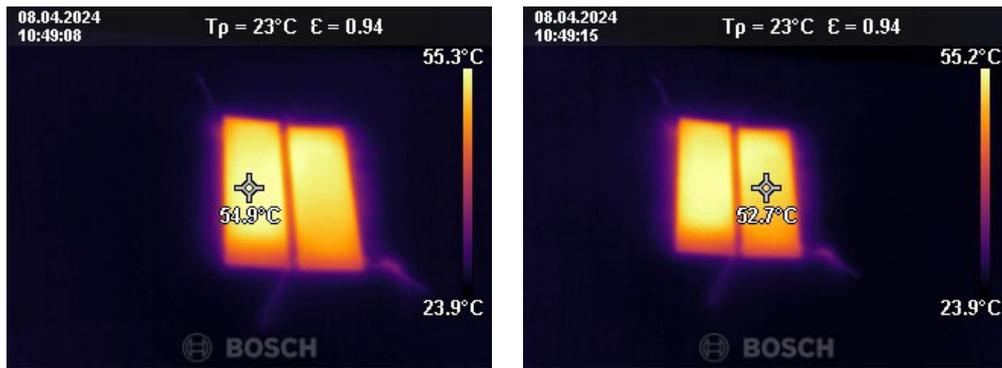


Figure S4. Heating of Si cells within 5 min under simulated solar light illumination. Uncoated Si cell reached $\sim 54.9^\circ\text{C}$, while coated Si cell reached $\sim 52.7^\circ\text{C}$ under the same conditions. Temperature was measured using Bosch GTC 600 C thermal imaging camera.