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Impact of ZnO Addition on Er^{3+} Near-Infrared Emission, the Formation of Ag Nanoparticles, and the Crystallization of Sodium Fluorophosphate Glass

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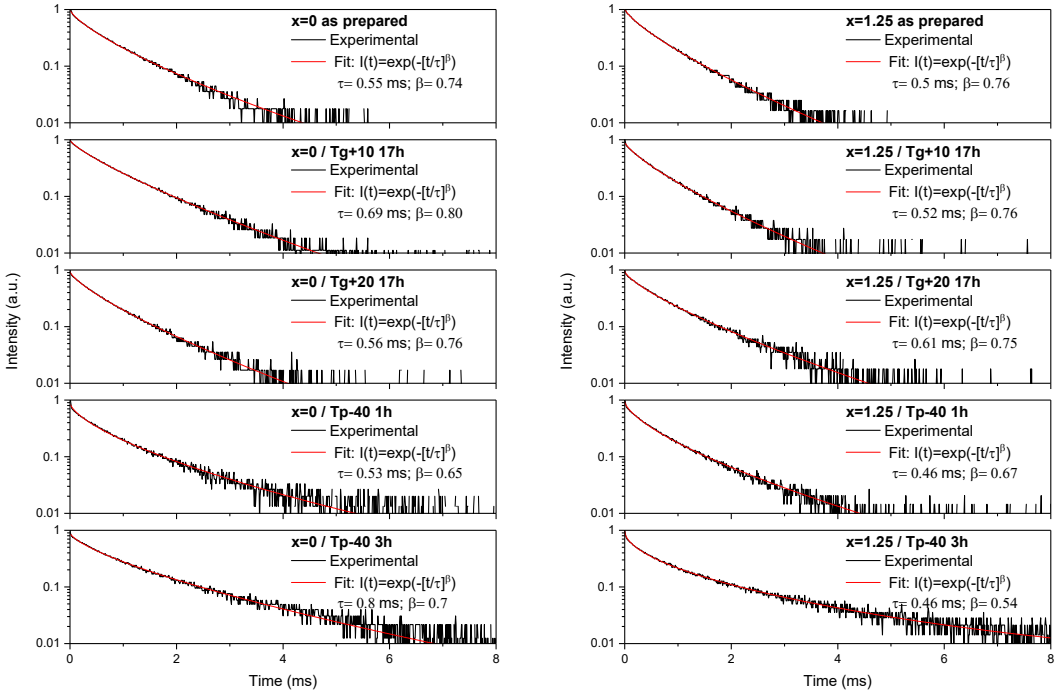


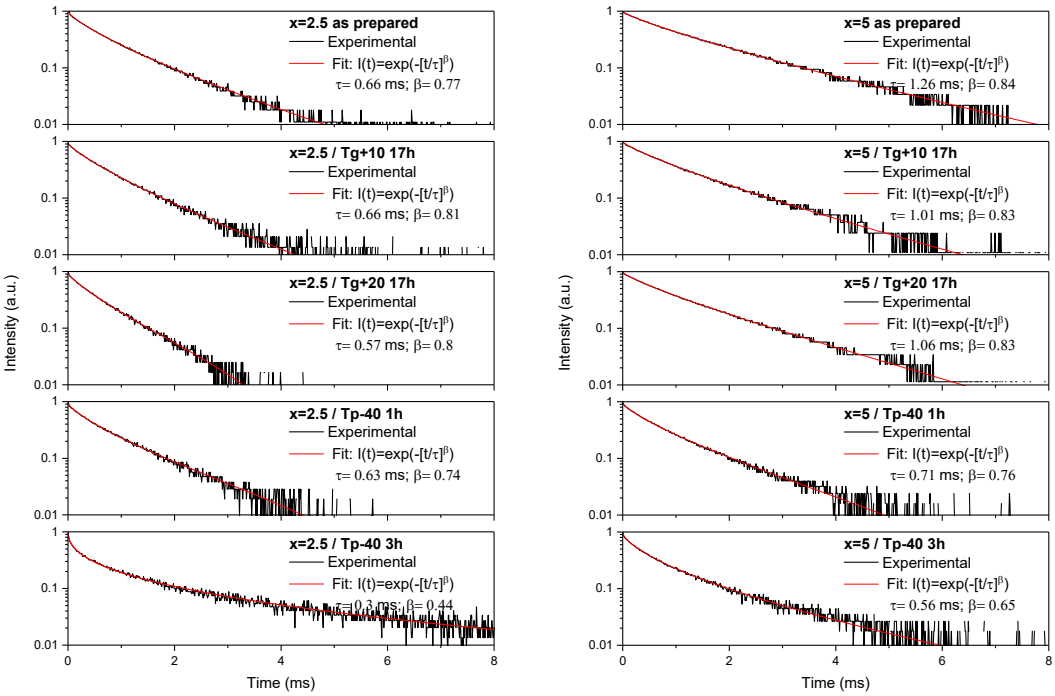
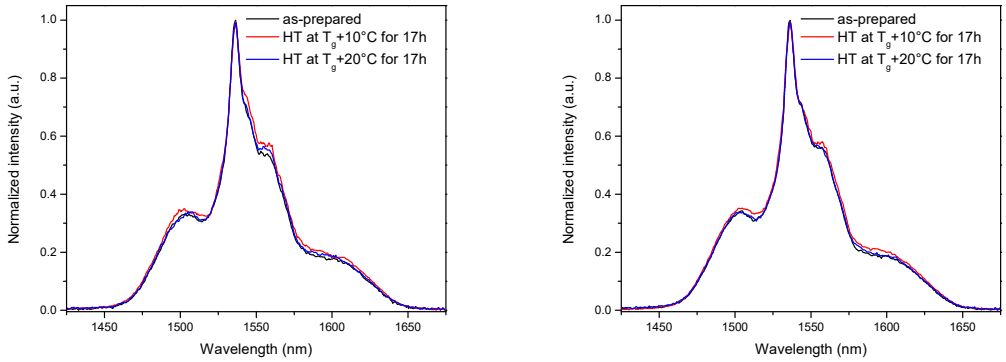


Figure S1. Emission decay curves and the appropriate fit using the stretched exponential function for investigated glasses and glass ceramics.



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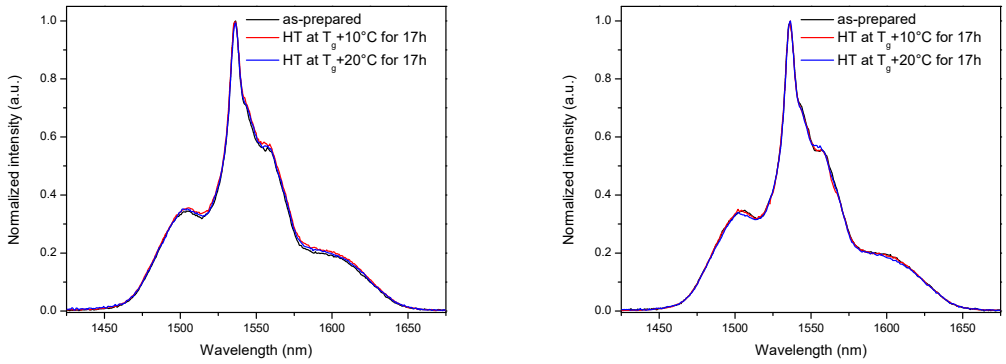

Figure S2. Normalized emission spectra of Er^{3+}: $^4I_{13/2} \rightarrow {}^4I_{15/2}$ optical transition from the glasses prior to and after the heat treatment at T_g + 10°C and 20°C for 17 h for x=0 (a), x=1.25 (b), x=2.5 (c) and x=5 (d) (λ_{exc}=976 nm). Corresponding integral intensity of the spectra is shown in Figure 6b.

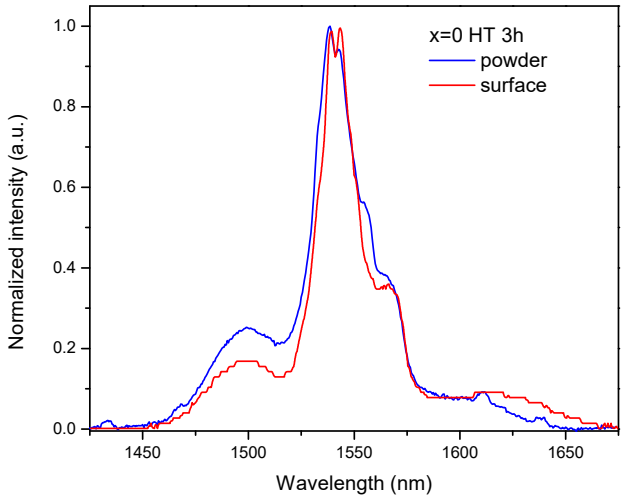

Figure S3. Normalized emission spectra of the GC obtained by the heat treatment of x=0 glass at (T_g+20°C) for 17 h followed by a hold at its respective (T_P-40°C) 3 h measured from the surface of a bulk piece and crushed into powder sample.