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## Self-suspended rare-earth doped up-conversion luminescent waveguide: propagating and directional radiation

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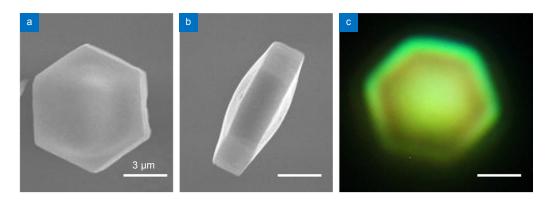
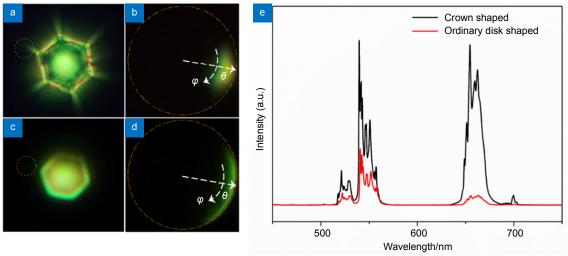


Fig. S1 | TEM (a–b) and optical (c) images of ordinary disk-shaped NaYF<sub>4</sub>:Yb<sup>3+</sup>/Er<sup>3+</sup> microcrystal. For the unsuspended disk-like waveguide, it was impossible to realize directional radiation.



**Fig. S2** | UC fluorescence patterns and Fourier images of the selected region of single crown-shaped **(a-b)** and ordinary-shaped **(c-d)** NaYF<sub>4</sub>:Yb<sup>3+</sup>/Er<sup>3+</sup>. Luminescence spectra **(e)** of single crown-shaped and ordinary-shaped NaYF<sub>4</sub>:Yb<sup>3+</sup>/Er<sup>3+</sup>.

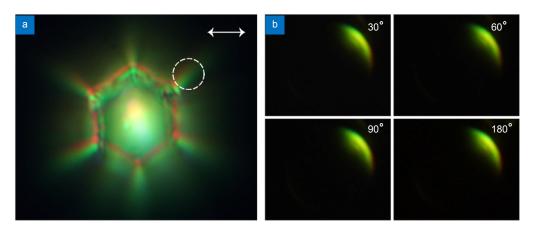


Fig. S3 | Polarization dependent radiation modes of the self-suspended luminescent waveguide. The directional emission (a) and the optical patterns (b) on the image plane with different polarization directions. For different polarizations, the Fourier images remained nearly unchanged.