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# Low-Temperature-Induced Controllable Transversal Shell Growth of NaLnF<sub>4</sub> Nanocrystals

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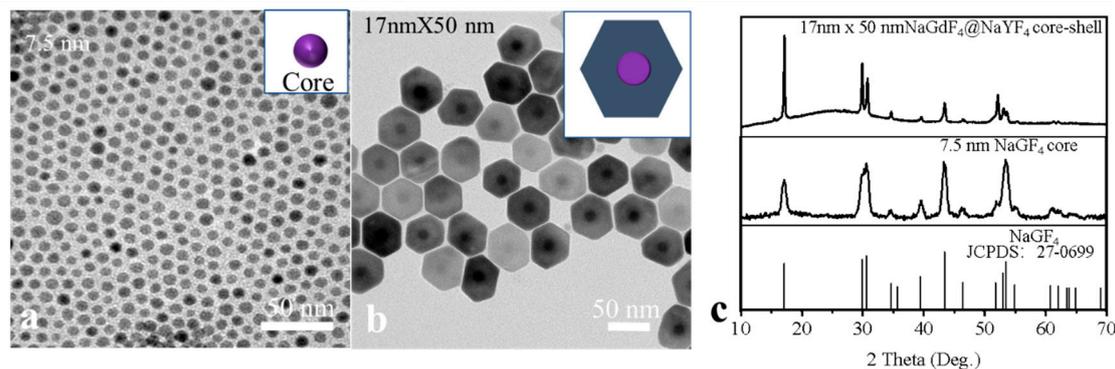
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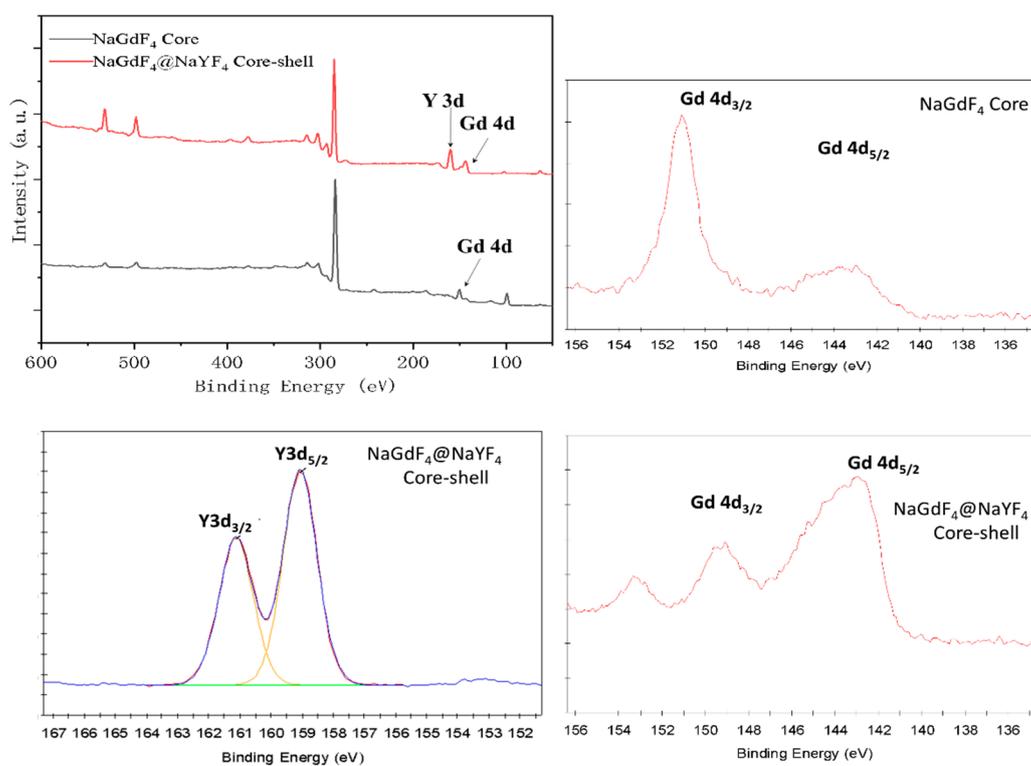
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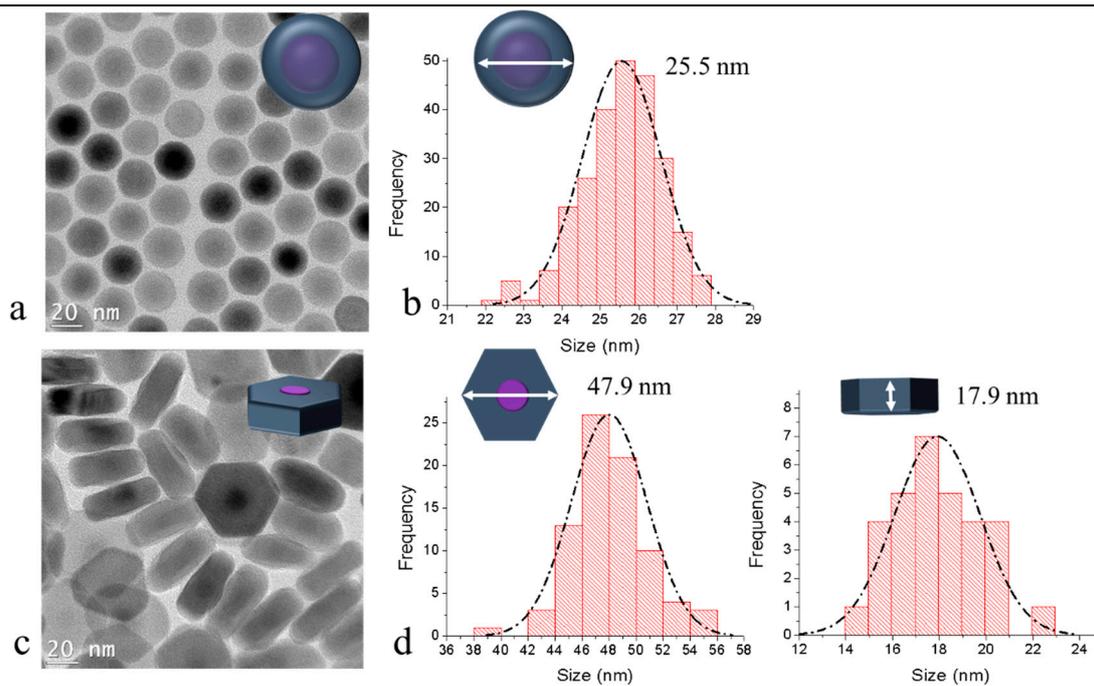
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**Figure S1.** TEM images of 7.5 nm  $\text{NaGdF}_4$  cores (a) and  $17 \times 50$  nm  $\text{NaGdF}_4@NaYF_4$  core-shell nanocrystals (b), scale bars are 50 nm. XRD diffractograms of 7.5 nm  $\beta\text{-NaGdF}_4$  cores and  $17 \times 50$  nm  $\beta\text{-NaGdF}_4@NaYF_4$  core-shell nanocrystals (c).



**Figure S2.** XPS spectra of 7.5 nm  $\text{NaGdF}_4$  cores and  $17 \times 50$  nm  $\text{NaGdF}_4@NaYF_4$  core-shell nanocrystals.



**Figure S3.** TEM images of NaGdF<sub>4</sub>@NaYF<sub>4</sub> as cores before (a) and after (c) transversal shell growth with NaYF<sub>4</sub> shell and their size distributions (b and d). Scale bar is 20 nm.