

**Nonlinear Optical Response Mechanism of Noncentrosymmetric  
Lead Borate  $\text{Pb}_6[\text{B}_4\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]_3$  with Three Crystallographically  
Independent  $[\text{B}_4\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]_4^-$  Chains**

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**Single crystal X-ray crystallography.** A crystal of  $\text{Pb}_6[\text{B}_4\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]_3$  with dimensions of 0.21 mm  $\times$  0.17 mm  $\times$  0.10 mm was chosen for single crystal data collection. The structural data were collected by a Bruker SMART APEX II CCD single-crystal diffractometer equipped monochromatic Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) at 293 K, and obtained data was integrated with a SAINT program.<sup>1</sup> Numerical absorption corrections were finished by the SCALE program for the area detector.<sup>1</sup> Programs from the SHELXTL crystallographic software package were used for all calculations.<sup>2</sup> All the non-hydrogen atoms were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques with anisotropic thermal parameters. Hydrogen atoms were placed by geometrical method. Final least-squares refinement is on  $F_o^2$  with data having  $F_o^2 \geq 2\sigma(F_o^2)$ . The final structure was checked for missing symmetry elements with PLATON.<sup>3</sup>

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**Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements for  $\text{Pb}_6[\text{B}_4\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]_3^a$**

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Empirical formula	$\text{Pb}_6[\text{B}_4\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]_3$
Formula weight ( $\text{g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	1810.91
Crystal system	Trigonal
Space group	$P3_2(\text{No.145})$
$a / \text{\AA}$	11.7732(5)
$b / \text{\AA}$	11.7732(5)
$c / \text{\AA}$	13.345(11)
$V / \text{\AA}^3$	1601.8(16)
$Z$	3
$F(000)$	2322
Crystal size / $\text{mm}^3$	$0.21 \times 0.17 \times 0.10$

$\vartheta_{\max} / ^\circ$	27.43
Reflections collected / Unique	9741 / 3873
Completeness / %	99.5
GOF on $F^2$	1.150
$R_1, wR_2 (I > 2\sigma(I))^a$	0.0495, 0.1098
$R_1, wR_2$ (all data)	0.0544, 0.1119
Flack parameter	0.01(3)
$^a R_1 = \sum   F_o  -  F_c   / \sum  F_o $ and $wR_2 = [\sum w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w F_o^4]^{1/2}$ for $F_o^2 > 2\sigma(F_o^2)$	

**Table S2.** The final coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) of non-hydrogen atoms for  $\text{Pb}_6[\text{B}_4\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]_3$ .  $U_{\text{eq}}$  is defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized Uij tensor, and the Bond Valence Sum (BVS) for each atom in asymmetric unit.

Atoms	$x/a$	$y/b$	$z/c$	$U_{\text{eq}}$	BVS
Pb(1)	2591(1)	3986(1)	2027(1)	11(1)	2.1
Pb(2)	5867(1)	7218(1)	3294(1)	12(1)	2.1
Pb(3)	-743(1)	1771(1)	235(1)	12(1)	2.2
Pb(4)	6014(1)	5424(1)	565(1)	10(1)	2.1
Pb(5)	2739(1)	2182(1)	-1039(1)	15(1)	2.0
Pb(6)	9165(1)	5237(1)	-775(1)	11(1)	2.1
B(1)	660(40)	-30(40)	190(30)	15(4)	3.0
B(2)	6020(30)	3400(30)	-890(20)	3(6)	3.1
B(3)	2240(30)	4450(30)	-370(30)	7(6)	3.0

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B(4)	420(30)	690(30)	1930(20)	5(6)	3.0
B(5)	2790(30)	6050(30)	3500(30)	10(7)	3.1
B(6)	3760(30)	7390(30)	1920(30)	11(7)	3.0
B(7)	-1200(30)	1530(30)	-2040(30)	12(7)	3.0
B(8)	5580(40)	4390(40)	2910(30)	15(4)	3.0
B(9)	6940(30)	4060(30)	-2600(20)	5(6)	3.0
B(10)	6130(30)	8260(40)	1140(30)	15(4)	3.0
B(11)	-1160(40)	-2180(30)	-260(30)	14(7)	3.1
B(12)	5440(30)	4900(30)	-1900(20)	4(6)	2.8
O(1)	5243(17)	4048(17)	-1029(14)	4(4)	2.1
O(2)	7099(17)	3840(17)	-1548(14)	4(4)	2.1
O(3)	36(18)	430(18)	859(15)	7(4)	2.0
O(4)	10389(19)	5903(19)	1045(15)	10(4)	1.1
O(5)	1630(20)	3140(20)	-245(17)	15(5)	2.0
O(6)	-1317(18)	568(18)	-1313(15)	7(4)	2.1
O(7)	4920(20)	5050(20)	2728(16)	12(4)	1.9
O(8)	6910(20)	9581(19)	693(16)	12(4)	1.2
O(9)	6752(17)	4819(17)	2388(14)	4(4)	1.9
O(10)	2(19)	-1513(19)	234(15)	8(4)	1.9
O(11)	-40(20)	1520(20)	2341(17)	15(5)	2.0
O(12)	1736(19)	5006(19)	-1017(15)	9(4)	1.8
O(13)	8277(19)	4871(18)	-3077(15)	8(4)	1.9

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O(14)	5390(18)	7349(17)	325(14)	4(4)	2.0
O(15)	3273(18)	6194(18)	2479(14)	5(4)	2.2
O(16)	589(19)	360(19)	-842(15)	10(4)	2.0
O(17)	6184(19)	4711(19)	-2741(15)	8(4)	2.1
O(18)	-2570(20)	1160(20)	-2323(17)	19(5)	1.1
O(19)	7058(18)	7871(18)	1548(14)	7(4)	1.2
O(20)	6500(17)	3711(17)	173(14)	4(4)	2.0
O(21)	3370(20)	5240(20)	201(15)	11(4)	1.9
O(22)	3815(18)	6667(18)	4187(14)	7(4)	2.0
O(23)	8130(19)	6500(19)	-188(15)	10(4)	1.8
O(24)	-520(20)	1550(20)	-2911(17)	14(5)	2.1
O(25)	278(19)	3969(19)	1712(15)	9(4)	1.1
O(26)	5250(20)	8190(20)	1961(17)	16(5)	2.0
O(27)	-690(20)	2850(20)	-1565(16)	15(5)	1.1

**Table S3.** Selected bond distances (Å) and bond angles (deg.) for  $\text{Pb}_6[\text{B}_4\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]_3$ .

Pb(1)-O(15)	2.383(18)	O(6)-Pb(3)-O(5)	93.1(7)
Pb(1)-O(14) <sup>a</sup>	2.526(19)	O(3)-Pb(3)-O(27)	135.2(7)
Pb(1)-O(7)	2.56(2)	O(6)-Pb(3)-O(27)	56.4(6)
Pb(1)-O(25)	2.745(19)	O(5)-Pb(3)-O(27)	73.5(7)
Pb(1)-O(21)	2.76(2)	O(3)-Pb(3)-O(8) <sup>b</sup>	80.5(6)
Pb(2)-O(7)	2.34(2)	O(6)-Pb(3)-O(8) <sup>b</sup>	77.4(6)

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Pb(2)-O(26)	2.41(2)	O(5)-Pb(3)-O(8) <sup>b</sup>	159.0(6)
Pb(2)-O(22)	2.472(18)	O(27)-Pb(3)-O(8) <sup>b</sup>	114.5(6)
Pb(2)-O(19)	2.628(19)	O(23)-Pb(4)-O(20)	74.4(6)
Pb(3)-O(3)	2.339(18)	O(23)-Pb(4)-O(1)	86.1(6)
Pb(3)-O(6)	2.40(2)	O(20)-Pb(4)-O(1)	56.4(6)
Pb(3)-O(5)	2.52(2)	O(23)-Pb(4)-O(14)	98.8(6)
Pb(3)-O(27)	2.71(2)	O(20)-Pb(4)-O(14)	160.7(6)
Pb(3)-O(8) <sup>b</sup>	2.74(2)	O(1)-Pb(4)-O(14)	105.8(6)
Pb(4)-O(23)	2.38(2)	O(5)-Pb(5)-O(16)	77.8(7)
Pb(4)-O(20)	2.413(18)	O(5)-Pb(5)-O(24) <sup>c</sup>	89.6(7)
Pb(4)-O(1)	2.550(18)	O(16)-Pb(5)-O(24) <sup>c</sup>	56.7(7)
Pb(4)-O(14)	2.728(18)	O(5)-Pb(5)-O(1)	104.5(7)
Pb(5)-O(5)	2.36(2)	O(16)-Pb(5)-O(1)	171.0(6)
Pb(5)-O(16)	2.377(19)	O(24) <sup>c</sup> -Pb(5)-O(1)	114.5(6)
Pb(5)-O(24) <sup>c</sup>	2.59(2)	O(17) <sup>d</sup> -Pb(6)-O(2)	89.5(7)
Pb(5)-O(1)	2.654(18)	O(17) <sup>d</sup> -Pb(6)-O(23)	96.0(7)
Pb(6)-O(17) <sup>d</sup>	2.33(2)	O(2)-Pb(6)-O(23)	85.0(6)
Pb(6)-O(2)	2.384(18)	O(17) <sup>d</sup> -Pb(6)-O(4)	56.2(6)
Pb(6)-O(23)	2.474(19)	O(2)-Pb(6)-O(4)	142.4(6)
Pb(6)-O(4)	2.73(2)	O(23)-Pb(6)-O(4)	83.9(6)
B(1)-O(3)	1.43(4)	O(3)-B(1)-O(16)	110(3)
B(1)-O(16)	1.47(4)	O(3)-B(1)-O(24) <sup>c</sup>	112(3)

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B(1)-O(24) <sup>c</sup>	1.48(4)	O(16)-B(1)-O(24) <sup>c</sup>	107(3)
B(1)-O(10)	1.51(4)	O(3)-B(1)-O(10)	110(3)
B(2)-O(2)	1.41(3)	O(16)-B(1)-O(10)	109(3)
B(2)-O(1)	1.47(3)	O(24) <sup>c</sup> -B(1)-O(10)	108(2)
B(2)-O(20)	1.50(3)	O(2)-B(2)-O(1)	114(2)
B(2)-O(9) <sup>e</sup>	1.50(3)	O(2)-B(2)-O(20)	110(2)
B(3)-O(5)	1.34(4)	O(1)-B(2)-O(20)	104(2)
B(3)-O(12)	1.39(4)	O(2)-B(2)-O(9) <sup>e</sup>	110(2)
B(3)-O(21)	1.40(4)	O(1)-B(2)-O(9) <sup>e</sup>	112(2)
B(4)-O(11)	1.44(4)	O(20)-B(2)-O(9) <sup>e</sup>	106(2)
B(4)-O(3)	1.48(4)	O(5)-B(3)-O(12)	120(3)
B(4)-O(16) <sup>c</sup>	1.51(4)	O(5)-B(3)-O(21)	119(3)
B(4)-O(6) <sup>c</sup>	1.51(3)	O(12)-B(3)-O(21)	121(3)
B(5)-O(22)	1.40(4)	O(11)-B(4)-O(3)	109(2)
B(5)-O(15)	1.46(4)	O(11)-B(4)-O(16) <sup>c</sup>	108(2)
B(5)-O(14) <sup>a</sup>	1.49(4)	O(3)-B(4)-O(16) <sup>c</sup>	109(2)
B(5)-O(21) <sup>a</sup>	1.54(4)	O(11)-B(4)-O(6) <sup>c</sup>	111(2)
B(6)-O(15)	1.44(4)	O(3)-B(4)-O(6) <sup>c</sup>	110(2)
B(6)-O(22) <sup>f</sup>	1.49(4)	O(16) <sup>c</sup> -B(4)-O(6) <sup>c</sup>	109(2)
B(6)-O(12) <sup>a</sup>	1.50(4)	O(22)-B(5)-O(15)	111(2)
B(6)-O(26)	1.52(4)	O(22)-B(5)-O(14) <sup>a</sup>	114(2)
B(7)-O(24)	1.41(4)	O(15)-B(5)-O(14) <sup>a</sup>	105(2)

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B(7)-O(6)	1.45(4)	O(22)-B(5)-O(21) <sup>a</sup>	112(2)
B(7)-O(18)	1.49(4)	O(15)-B(5)-O(21) <sup>a</sup>	107(2)
B(7)-O(27)	1.49(4)	O(14) <sup>a</sup> -B(5)-O(21) <sup>a</sup>	107(2)
B(8)-O(13) <sup>g</sup>	1.35(4)	O(15)-B(6)-O(22) <sup>f</sup>	112(2)
B(8)-O(7)	1.37(4)	O(15)-B(6)-O(12) <sup>a</sup>	113(3)
B(8)-O(9)	1.39(4)	O(22) <sup>f</sup> -B(6)-O(12) <sup>a</sup>	105(2)
B(9)-O(17)	1.45(3)	O(15)-B(6)-O(26)	111(2)
B(9)-O(2)	1.45(4)	O(22) <sup>f</sup> -B(6)-O(26)	109(2)
B(9)-O(20) <sup>e</sup>	1.49(3)	O(12) <sup>a</sup> -B(6)-O(26)	107(2)
B(9)-O(13)	1.51(3)	O(24)-B(7)-O(6)	113(3)
B(10)-O(14)	1.47(4)	O(24)-B(7)-O(18)	109(3)
B(10)-O(26)	1.48(4)	O(6)-B(7)-O(18)	106(3)
B(10)-O(8)	1.48(4)	O(24)-B(7)-O(27)	114(3)
B(10)-O(19)	1.49(4)	O(6)-B(7)-O(27)	111(3)
B(11)-O(23) <sup>b</sup>	1.35(4)	O(18)-B(7)-O(27)	103(2)
B(11)-O(10)	1.36(4)	O(13) <sup>g</sup> -B(8)-O(7)	121(3)
B(11)-O(11) <sup>h</sup>	1.40(4)	O(13) <sup>g</sup> -B(8)-O(9)	123(3)
B(12)-O(1)	1.48(3)	O(7)-B(8)-O(9)	116(3)
B(12)-O(25) <sup>f</sup>	1.49(3)	O(17)-B(9)-O(2)	113(2)
B(12)-O(4) <sup>e</sup>	1.49(3)	O(17)-B(9)-O(20) <sup>e</sup>	109(2)
B(12)-O(17)	1.50(4)	O(2)-B(9)-O(20) <sup>e</sup>	111(2)
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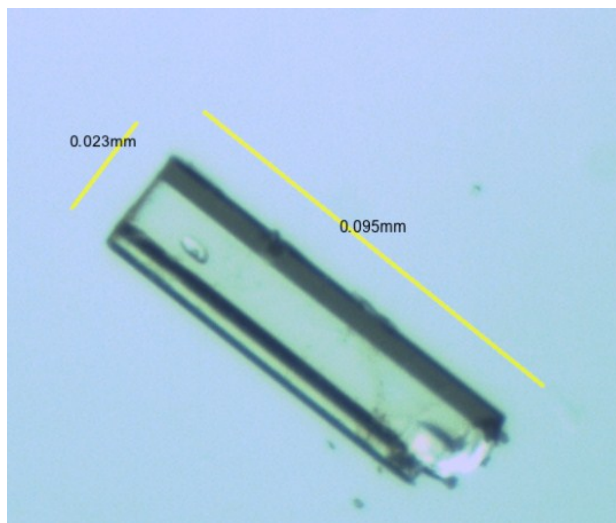
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O(26)-Pb(2)-O(19)	56.7(7)	O(25) <sup>f</sup> -B(12)-O(4) <sup>e</sup>	106(2)
O(22)-Pb(2)-O(19)	144.3(6)	O(1)-B(12)-O(17)	113(2)
O(3)-Pb(3)-O(6)	89.9(7)	O(25) <sup>f</sup> -B(12)-O(17)	112(2)
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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

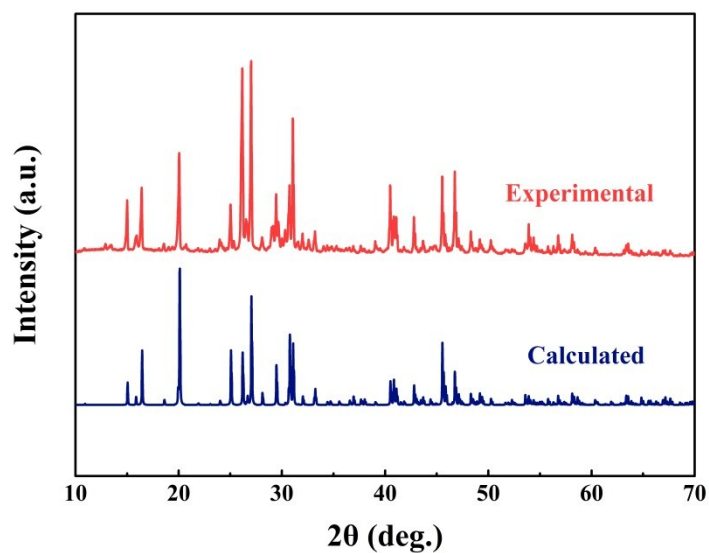
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| (d) $-x+y+1, -x+1, z+1/3$ | (e) $-y+1, x-y, z-1/3$ | (f) $-y+1, x-y+1, z-1/3$ |
| (g) $-y+1, x-y, z+2/3$    | (h) $-y, x-y, z-1/3$   | (i) $x+1, y+1, z$        |
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**Microphotography.**

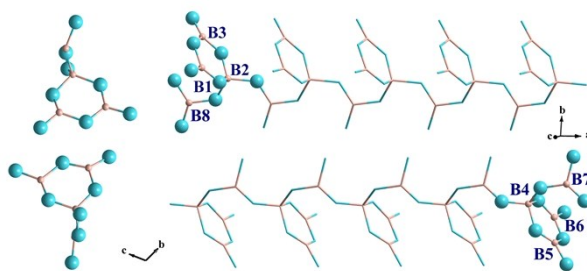


**Fig. S1** Microphotography of  $\text{Pb}_6[\text{B}_4\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]_3$ .

**Powder XRD.** Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) was carried out by a Bruker D2 PHASER X-ray diffractometer equipped a diffracted beam monochromator for obtaining Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation whose wavelength is 1.5418 Å. The scan step is 0.02 ° per second with the angular range of 10-70 ° (see Fig. S2).



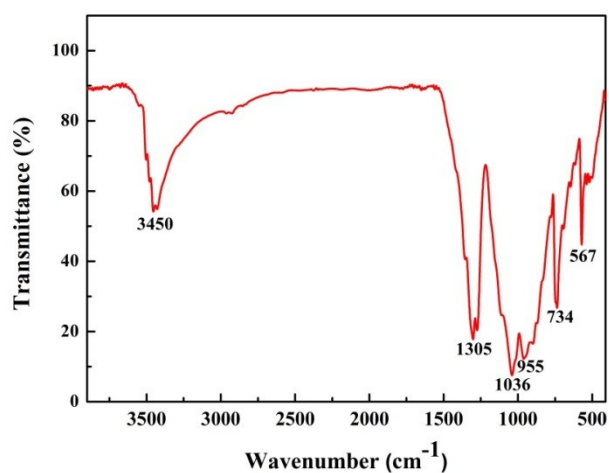
**Fig. S2** Experimental and calculated XRD patterns of  $\text{Pb}_6[\text{B}_4\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]_3$ .



**Fig. S3** Two crystallographically independent  $[B_4O_8]^{4-}$  chains in  $Bi[B_4O_6(OH)_2]OH$ .

**IR spectroscopy.** The IR spectrum was determined by a Shimadzu IR Affinity-1 Fourier transform infrared spectrometer for the range of 400 to  $4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Incidentally, the sample for the IR spectrum measurement is composed by dried high-purity KBr (400 mg) and the polycrystalline powder of  $Pb_6[B_4O_7(OH)_2]_3$  (4 mg).

The structural units of  $Pb_6[B_4O_7(OH)_2]_3$  were confirmed by IR spectrum (see Fig. S4). The absorption peaks at  $1305\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $955\text{ cm}^{-1}$  were recognized, which could be assigned to the asymmetric stretching vibrations and symmetric stretching vibrations of  $[BO_3]^{3-}$ . Analogously, the asymmetric and symmetric stretching vibrations of  $[BO_4]^{5-}$  groups correspond to the peaks at  $1036$  and  $734\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. The bending vibrations of  $[BO_3]^{3-}$  and  $[BO_4]^{5-}$  can also be found in the range of  $400\text{--}800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . These peaks in the curve are similar to other reported borates, which confirm the existence of  $[BO_3]^{3-}$  and  $[BO_4]^{5-}$  groups.<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, the presence of  $OH^-$  was shown by the broad absorption peak in the range of near  $3450\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .



**Fig. S4** The IR spectrum of  $\text{Pb}_6[\text{B}_4\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]_3$ .

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