

## Supporting Information

# Influence of A-site Cations on Germanium Iodates as Mid-IR Nonlinear Optical Materials: $A_2Ge(IO_3)_6$ (A = Li, K, Rb and Cs) and $BaGe(IO_3)_6 \cdot H_2O$

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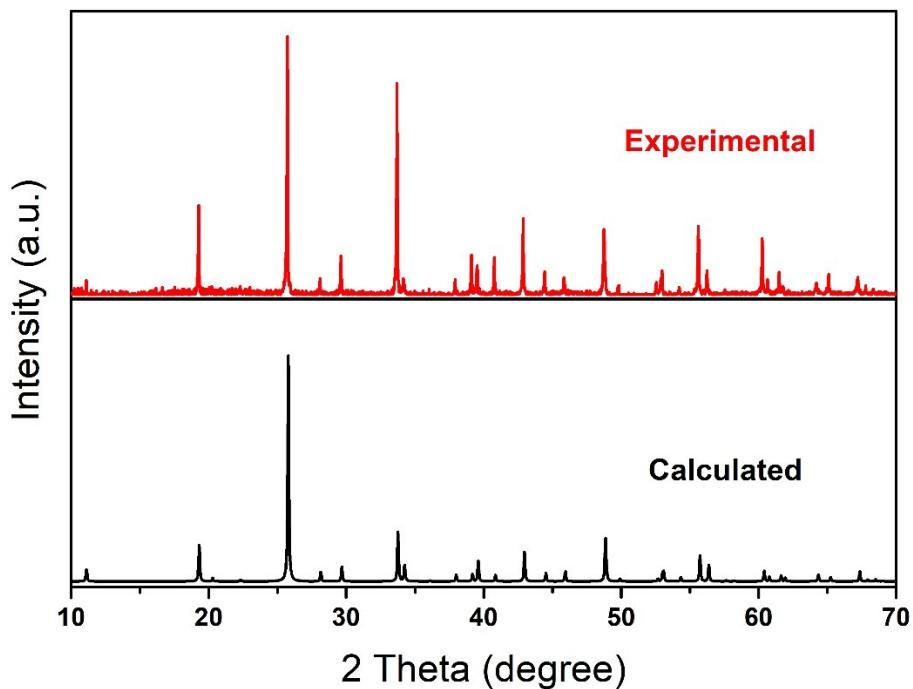
Bond	Lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Bond	Lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ )
Ge(1)-O(1)#2	2.003(13)	I(1)-O(3)	1.776(10)
Ge(1)-O(1)#3	2.003(13)	I(1)-O(2)	1.778(10)
Ge(1)-O(1)#4	2.003(13)	I(1)-O(1)	1.857(12)
Ge(1)-O(1)#5	2.012(14)	Li(1)-O(2) X 3	2.111(19)
Ge(1)-O(1)	2.012(14)	Li(1)-O(3) X 3	2.208(19)
Ge(1)-O(1)#6	2.012(14)		

**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for  $\text{A}_2\text{Ge}(\text{IO}_3)_6$  (A=K, Rb and Cs)

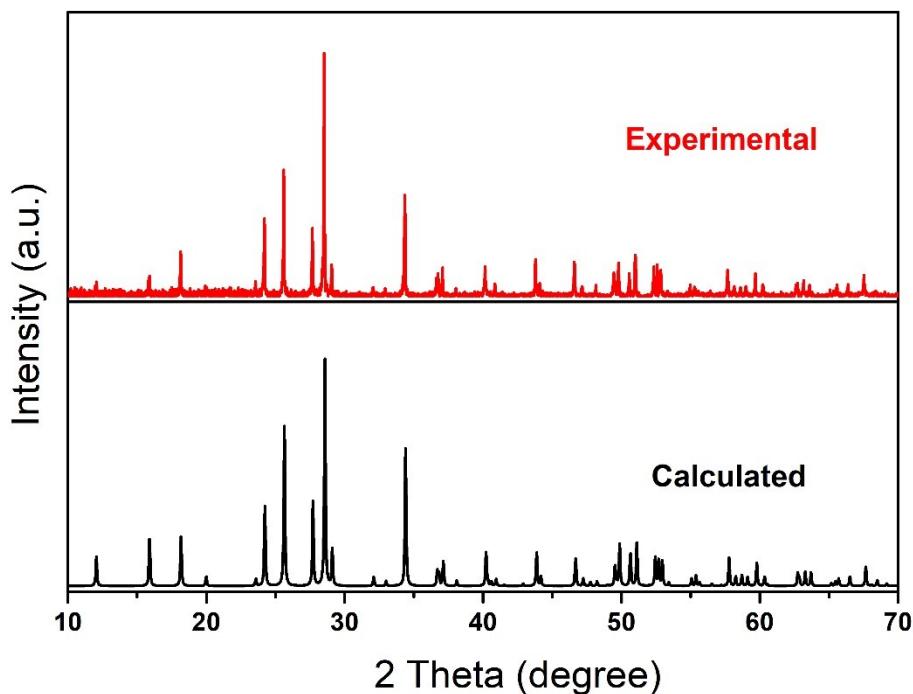
Bond	$\text{K}_2\text{Ge}(\text{IO}_3)_6$	$\text{Rb}_2\text{Ge}(\text{IO}_3)_6$	$\text{Cs}_2\text{Ge}(\text{IO}_3)_6$
I(1)-O(3)	1.793(4)	1.788(3)	1.787(4)
I(1)-O(2)	1.800(4)	1.799(3)	1.790(4)
I(1)-O(1)	1.881(4)	1.872(3)	1.869(4)
Ge(1)-O(1)#2	1.881(4)	1.889(3)	1.886(4)
Ge(1)-O(1)#6	1.881(4)	1.889(3)	1.886(4)
Ge(1)-O(1)#7	1.881(4)	1.889(3)	1.886(4)
Ge(1)-O(1)#8	1.881(4)	1.889(3)	1.886(4)
Ge(1)-O(1)	1.882(4)	1.889(3)	1.886(4)
Ge(1)-O(1)#9	1.882(4)	1.889(2)	1.886(4)
A(1)-O(1) X 3	2.966(4)	2.897(3)	3.057(4)
A(1)-O(2) X 3	2.776(4)	3.047(3)	3.162(4)
A(1)-O(3) X 3	2.971(4)	3.054(3)	3.170(4)

**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for  $\text{BaGe}(\text{IO}_3)_6 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ 

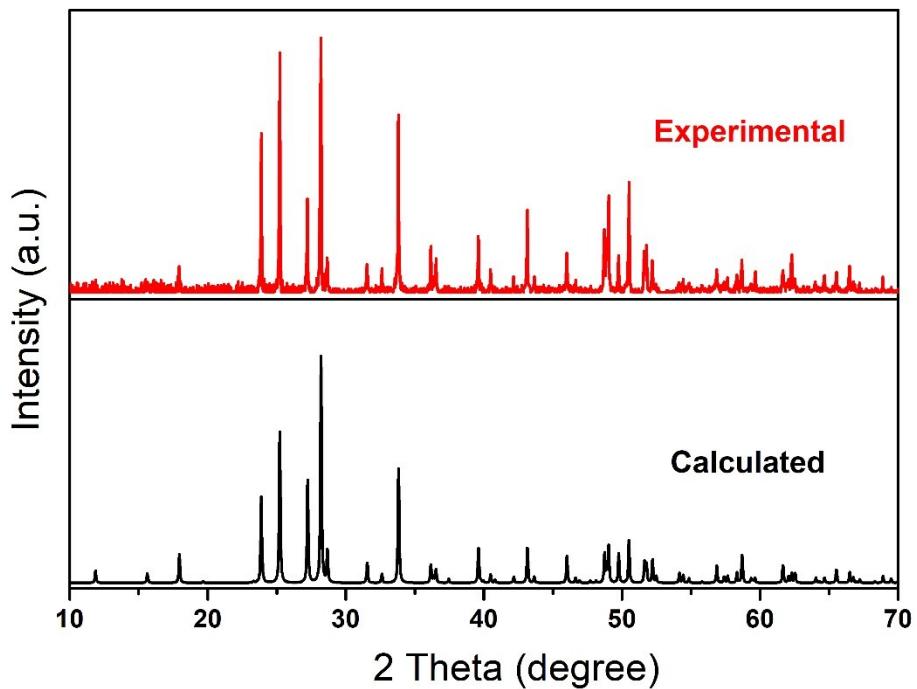
Bond	Lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Bond	Lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ )
Ge(1)-O(4)	1.872(6)	Ba(1)-O(8)	2.611(10)
Ge(1)-O(4)#4	1.872(6)	Ba(1)-O(6)#1	2.753(6)
Ge(1)-O(4)#5	1.872(6)	Ba(1)-O(6)#2	2.753(6)
Ge(1)-O(2)#4	1.884(6)	Ba(1)-O(6)#3	2.753(6)
Ge(1)-O(2)	1.884(6)	Ba(1)-O(1)	2.994(6)
Ge(1)-O(2)#5	1.884(5)	Ba(1)-O(1)#4	2.994(6)
I(1)-O(3)	1.783(6)	Ba(1)-O(1)#5	2.994(6)
I(1)-O(1)	1.794(5)	Ba(1)-O(3)#6	3.012(6)
I(1)-O(2)	1.860(5)	Ba(1)-O(3)#7	3.012(6)
I(2)-O(5)	1.784(6)	Ba(1)-O(3)#8	3.012(6)
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I(2)-O(4)	1.869(6)		



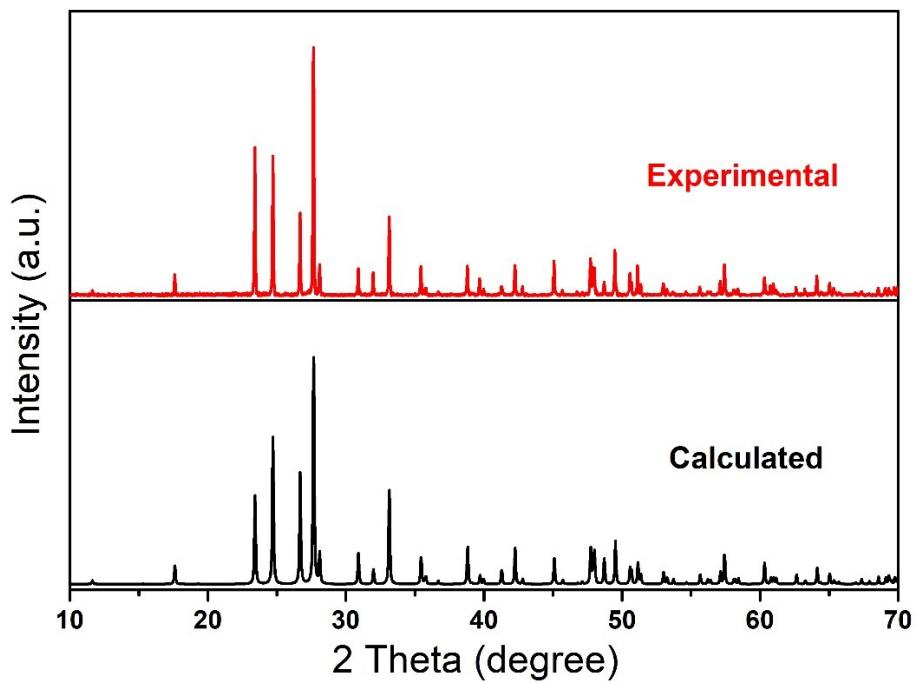
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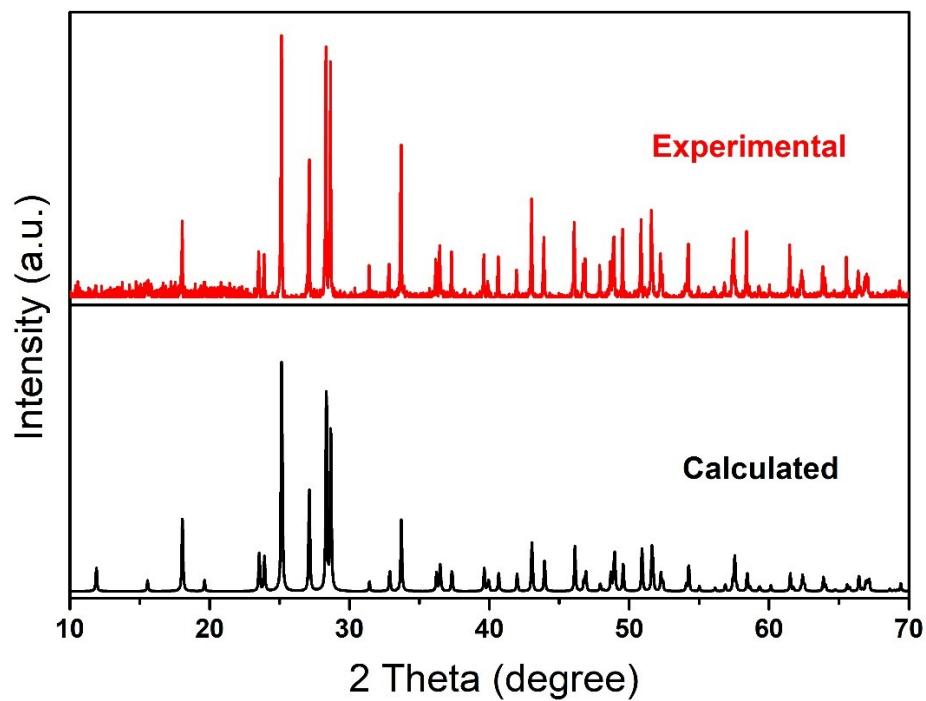
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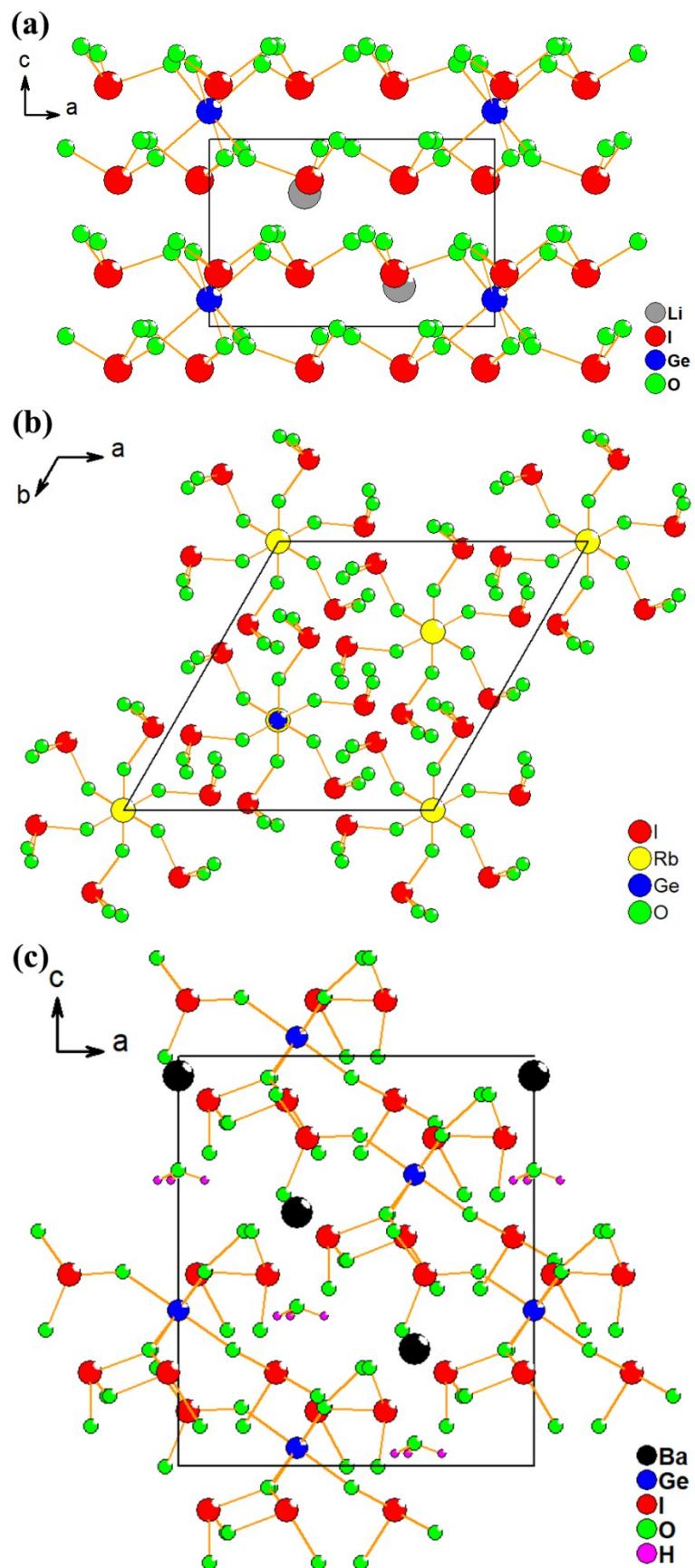
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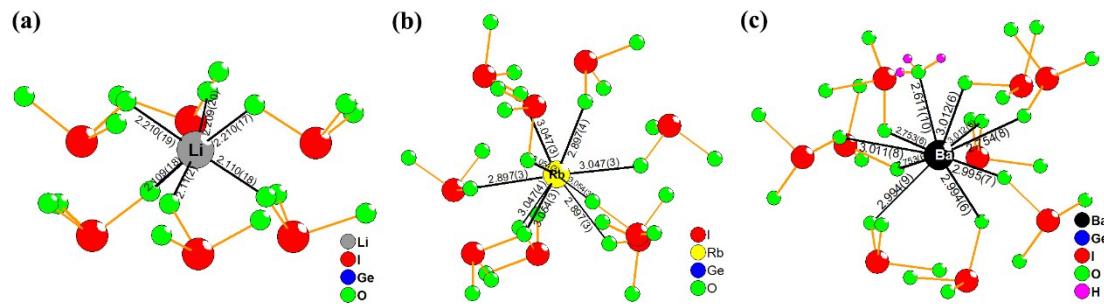
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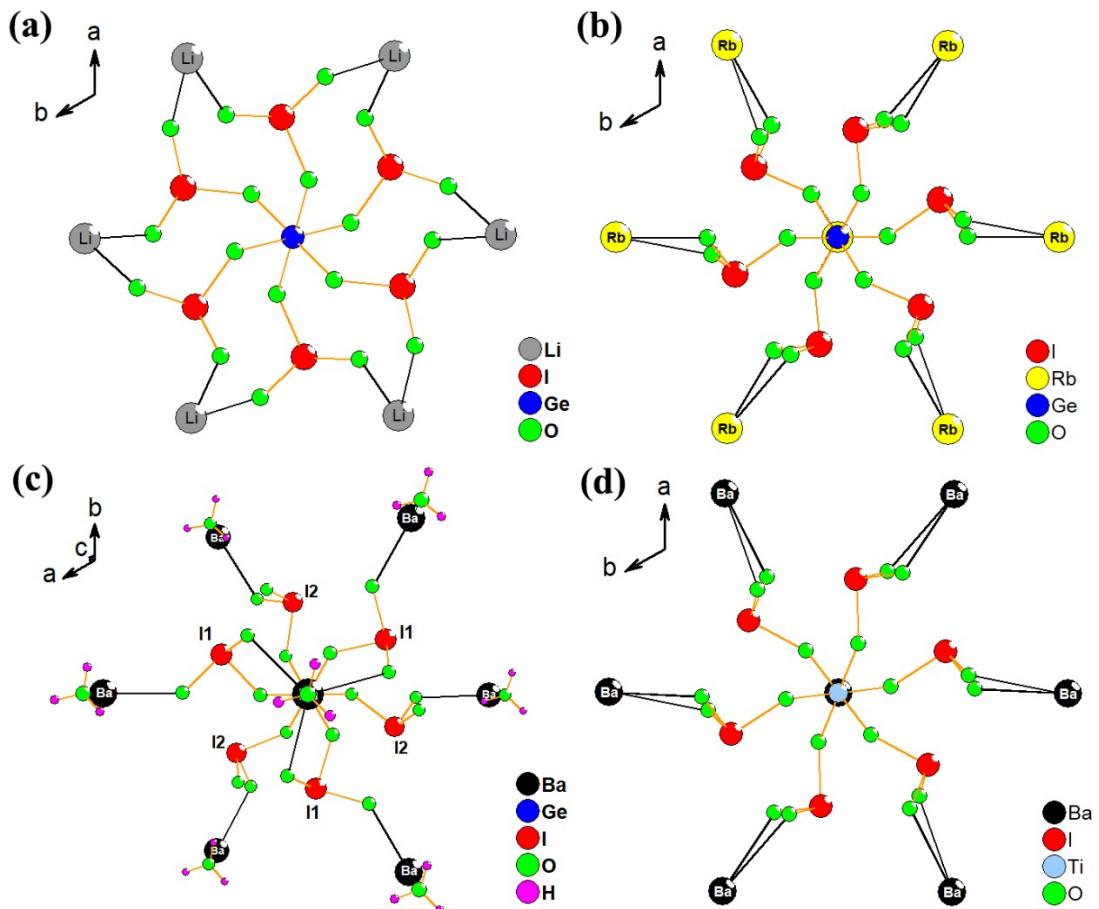
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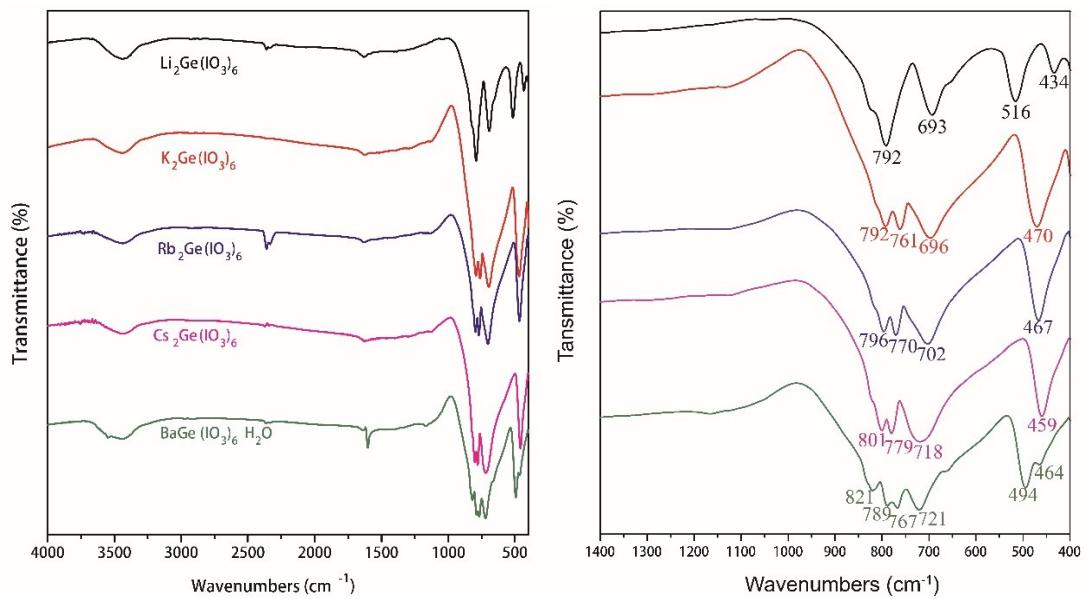
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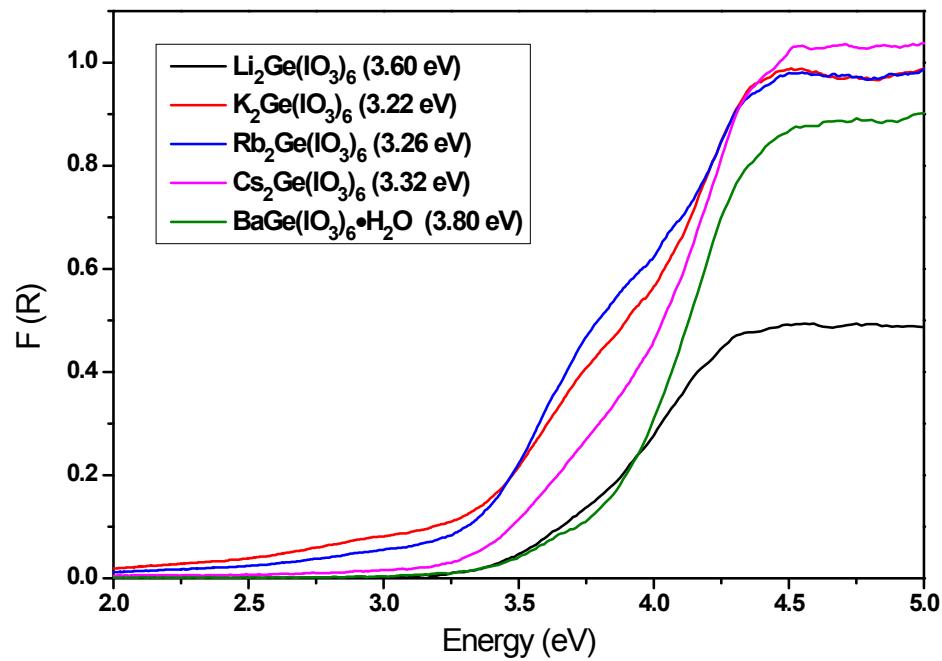
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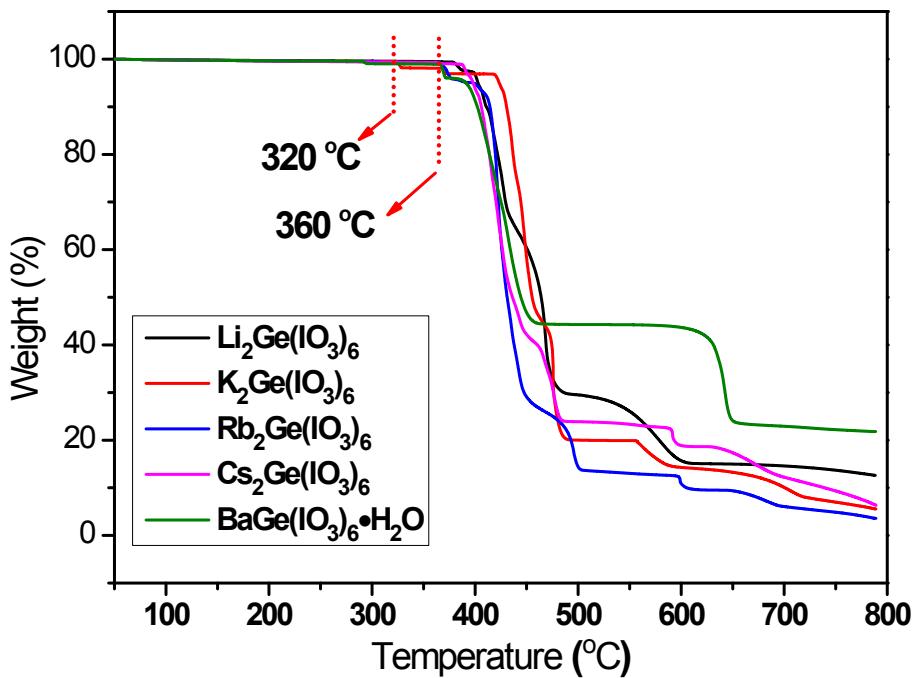
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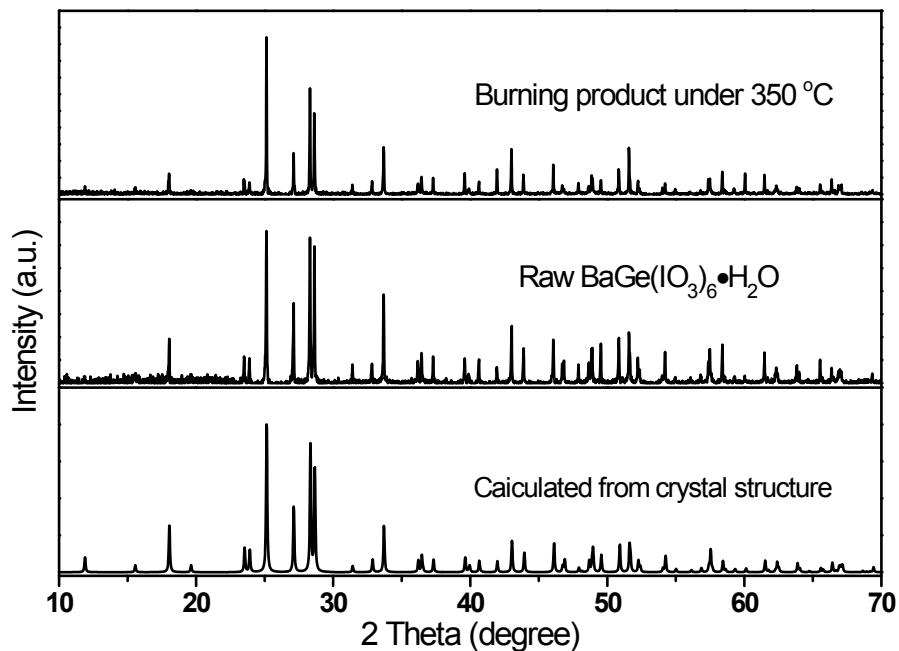
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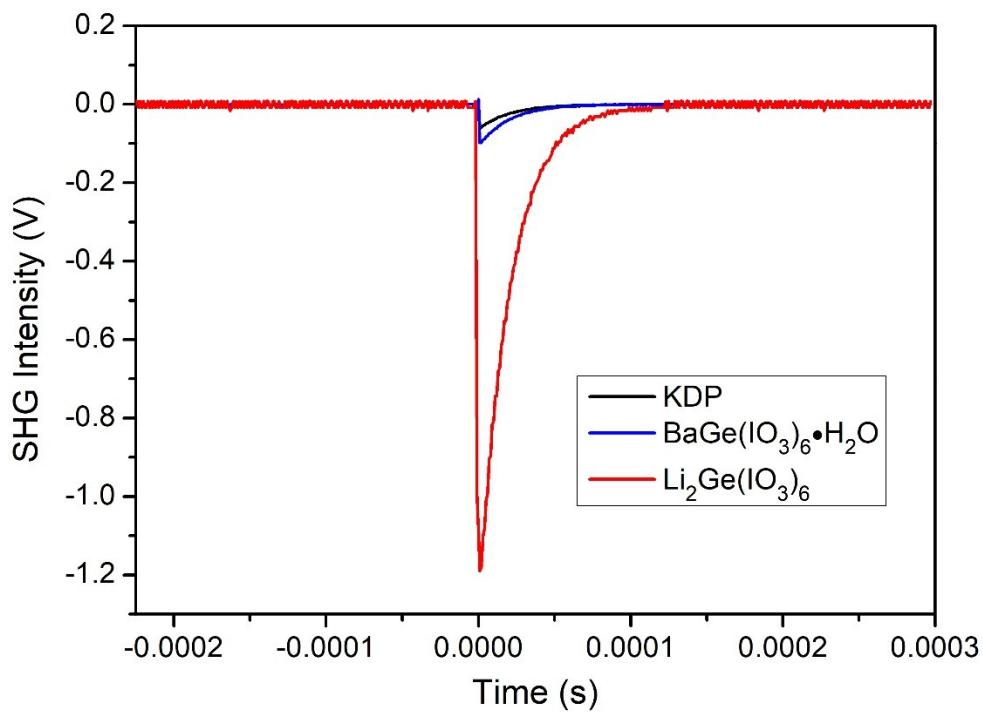
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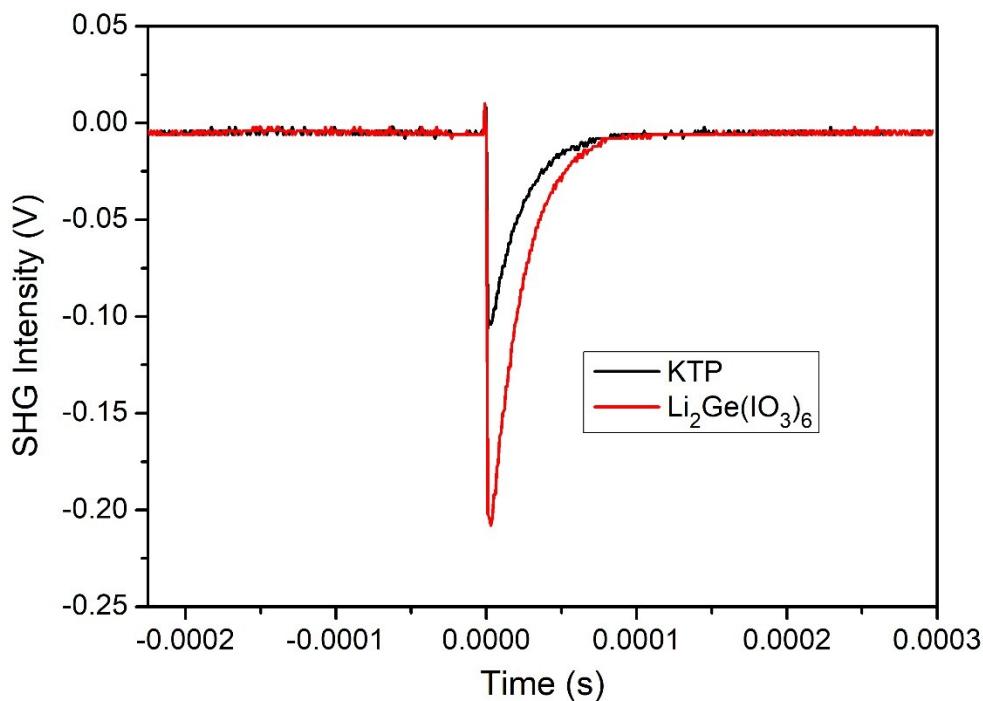
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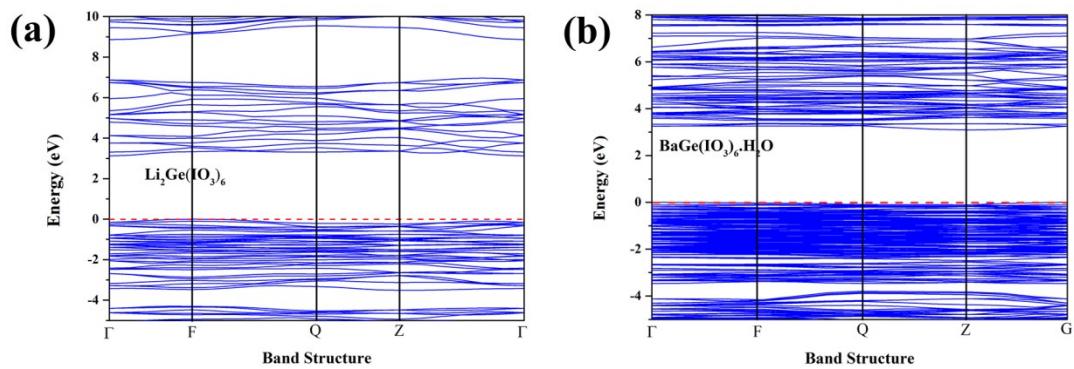
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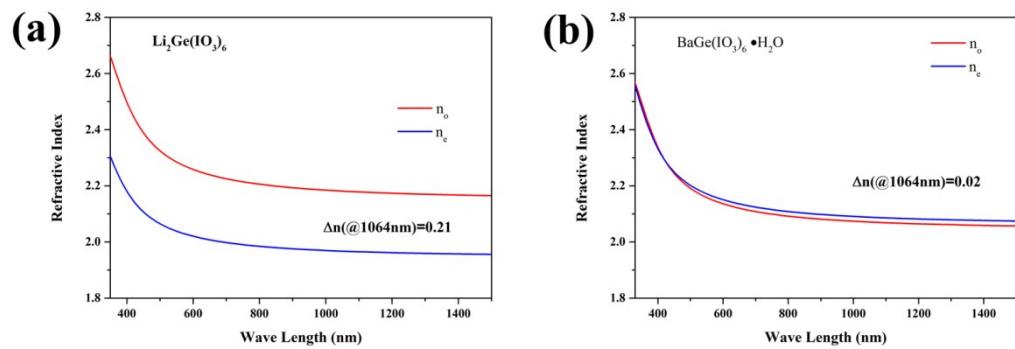
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