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**Combined experimental and theoretical investigations of
Ba₃GaS₄I: interesting structure transformation originated
from the halogen substitution**

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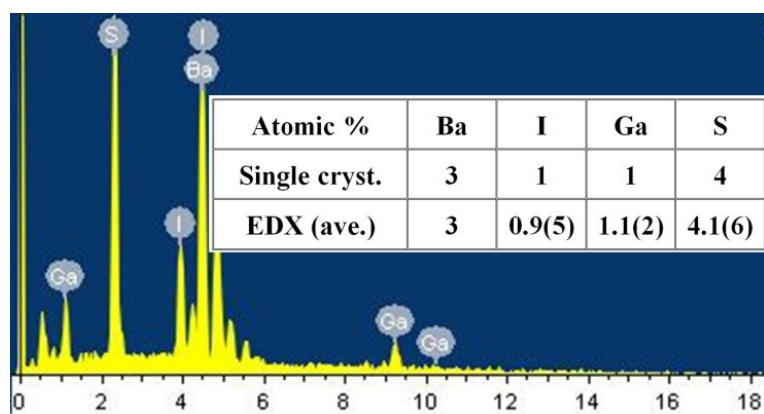


Figure S1. EDX results of $\text{Ba}_3\text{GaS}_4\text{I}$.

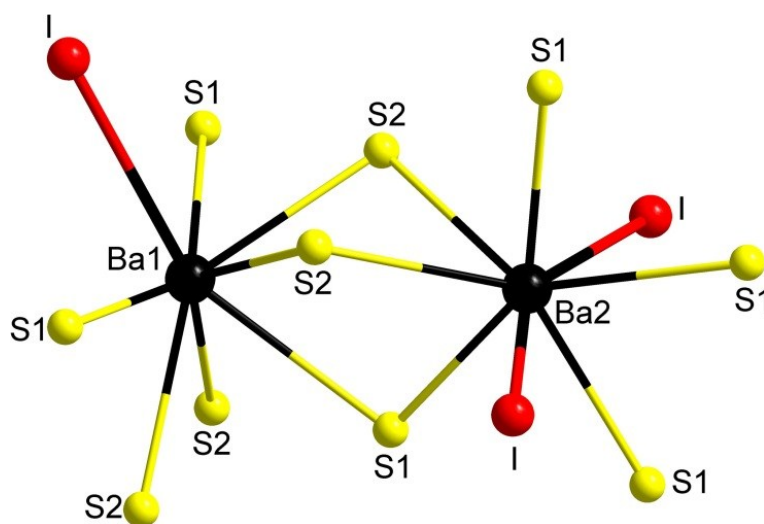


Figure S2. The coordination geometries of Ba atoms in $\text{Ba}_3\text{GaS}_4\text{I}$.

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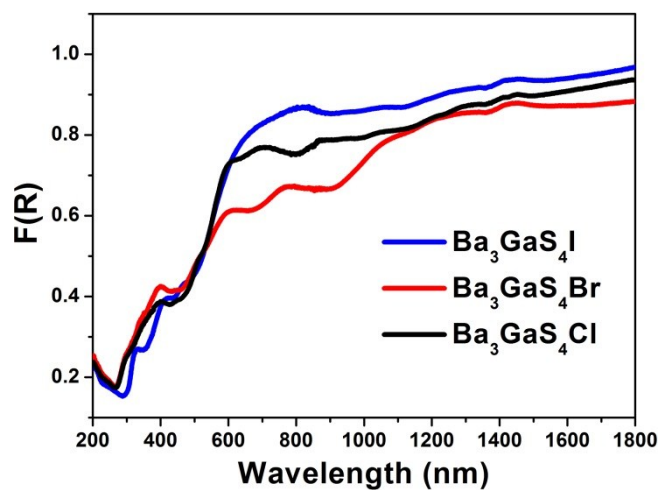


Figure S3. UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra for $\text{Ba}_3\text{GaS}_4\text{X}$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$).

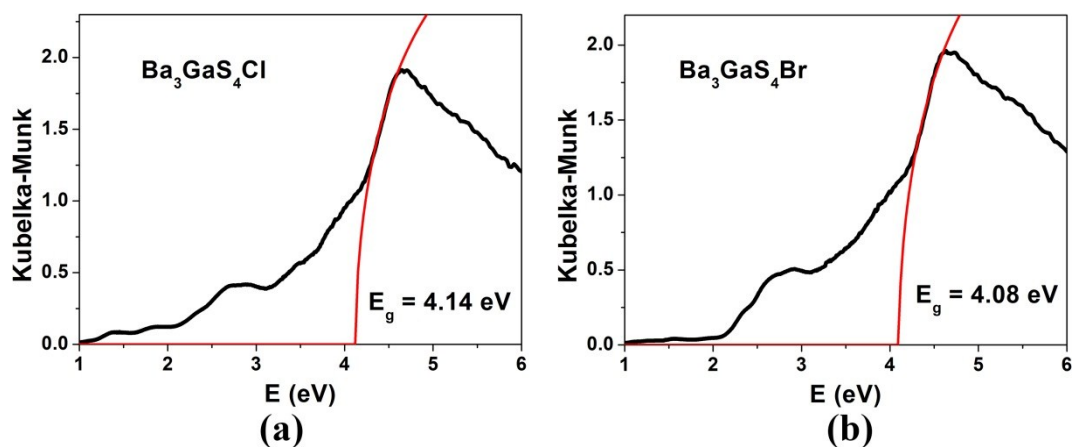


Figure S4. The experimental band gap of $\text{Ba}_3\text{GaS}_4\text{X}$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$) were determined by fitting the absorption edge with Tauc's function describing a direct semiconductor.

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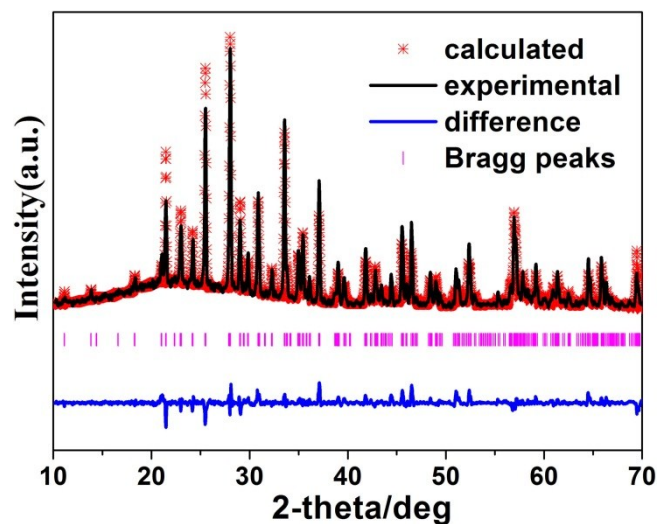


Figure S5. Experimental, calculated, positions of the Bragg peaks and difference results of powder XRD refined by General Structure Analysis System (GSAS) for $\text{Ba}_3\text{GaS}_4\text{I}$ after DTA.

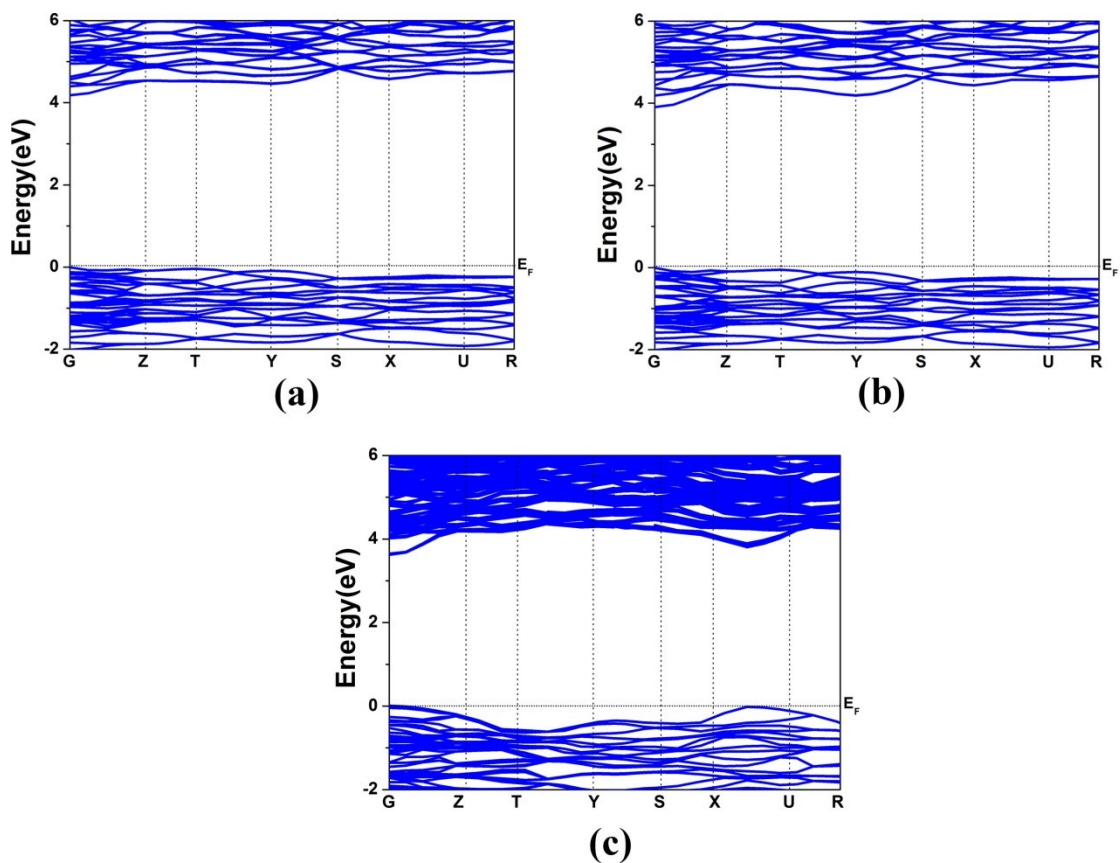


Figure S6. Calculated band structures of $\text{Ba}_3\text{GaS}_4\text{X}$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$ and I).

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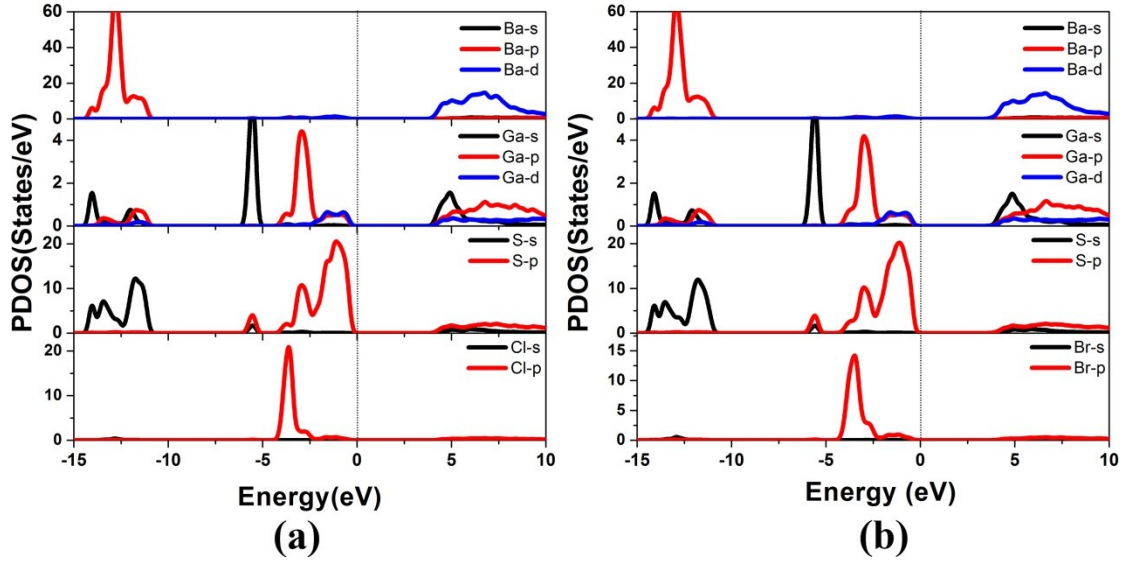


Figure S7. Calculated PDOS of $\text{Ba}_3\text{GaS}_4\text{X}$ (X = Cl, Br).

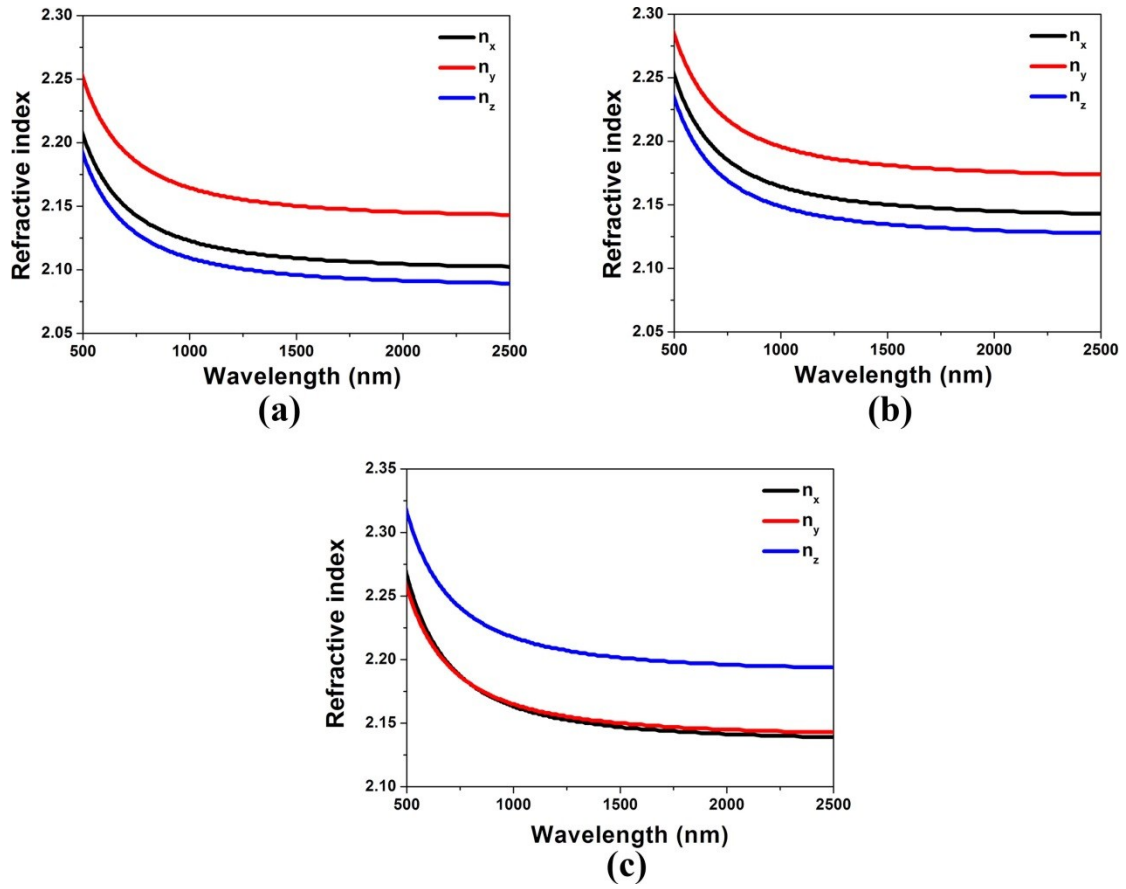


Figure S8. Calculated refractive indices of $\text{Ba}_3\text{GaS}_4\text{X}$ (X = Cl, Br and I).

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Table S1. Selected Ga–S distances (Å) for Ba₃GaS₄X (X = Cl, Br, I).

	Ba ₃ GaS ₄ Cl ¹	Ba ₃ GaS ₄ Br ¹	Ba ₃ GaS ₄ I	
space group	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>Cmcm</i>	
Ga–S1×2	2.2321(8)	2.231(3)	Ga–S1×2	2.2239(12)
Ga–S2	2.2682(12)	2.276(4)	Ga–S2×2	2.2750(11)
Ga–S3	2.2655(12)	2.258(4)		
<i>d</i> _{ave} (Ga–S)	2.2495	2.249		2.2495

Table S2. Selected ∠S–Ga–S bond angle (°) for Ba₃GaS₄X (X = Cl, Br, I).

	Ba ₃ GaS ₄ Cl ¹	Ba ₃ GaS ₄ Br ¹	Ba ₃ GaS ₄ I	
∠S1–Ga–S1	119.54(5)	116.28(17)	∠S1–Ga–S1	118.20(6)
∠S1–Ga–S3	107.25(3)	108.02(10)	∠S1–Ga–S2	108.42(2)
∠S1–Ga–S3	107.25(3)	108.02(10)	∠S1–Ga–S2	108.42(2)
∠S1–Ga–S2	105.75(3)	106.88(10)	∠S1–Ga–S2	108.42(2)
∠S1–Ga–S2	105.75(3)	106.88(10)	∠S1–Ga–S2	108.42(2)
∠S3–Ga–S2	111.30(4)	110.76(15)	∠S1–Ga–S2	104.07(6)
Σ	23.78	16.18		18.33

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