

## Supporting Information

### **Sub-Ångstrom-scale structural variations in high-entropy oxides**

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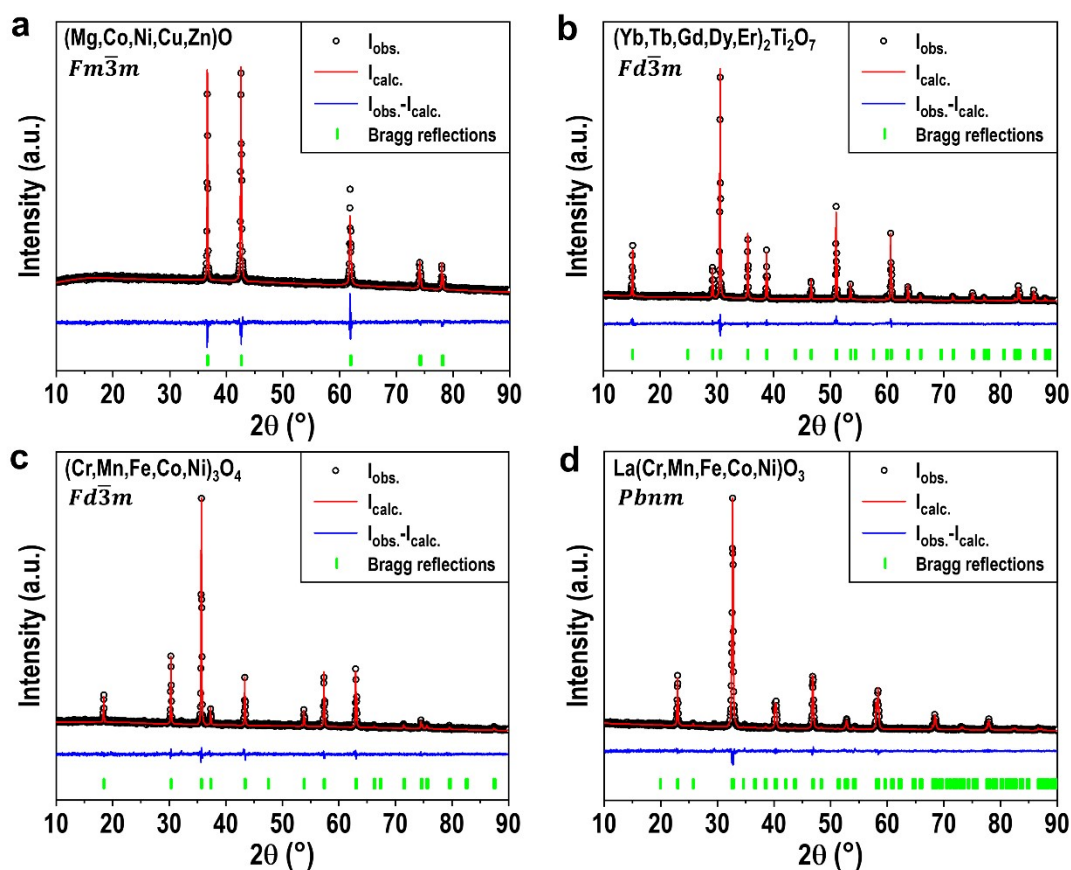
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**Table S1** Crystallographic data for the four types of HEOs from refinements of their powder XRD patterns.

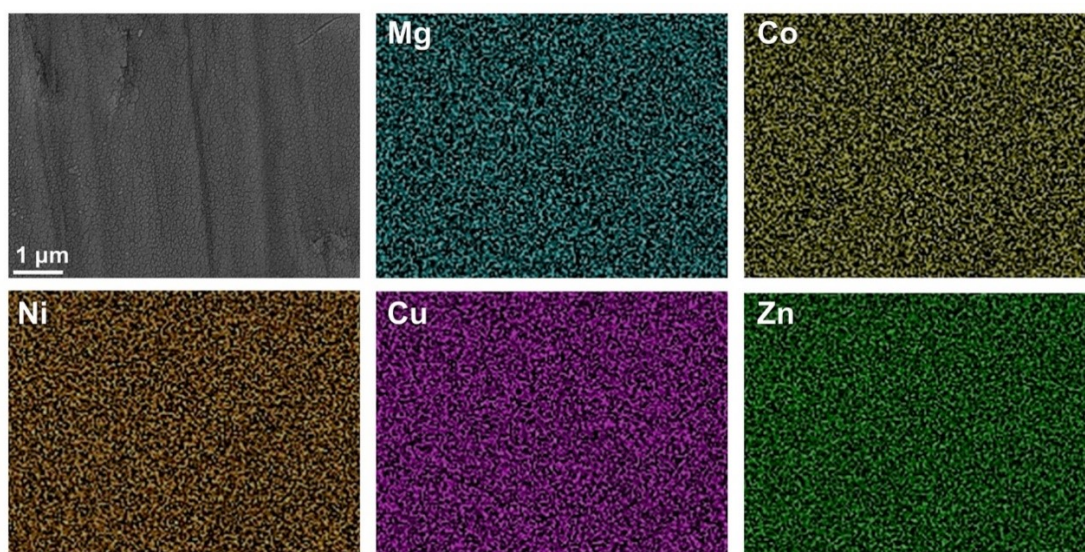
| Samples                                  | (Mg,Co,Ni,Cu,Zn)O            | (Yb,Tb,Gd,Dy,Er) <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> | (Cr,Mn,Fe,Co,Ni) <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | La(Cr,Mn,Fe,Co,Ni)O <sub>3</sub>                                  |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Crystal system                           |                              | Cubic                                                        |                                              | Orthorhombic                                                      |
| Space group                              | <i>Fm</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i> | <i>Fd</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>                                 | <i>Fd</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>                 | <i>Pbnm</i>                                                       |
| Lattice Parameter [Å]                    | 4.2365(2)                    | 10.1117(2)                                                   | 8.3477(3)                                    | <i>a</i> =5.4747(2)<br><i>b</i> =5.5172(2)<br><i>c</i> =7.7542(4) |
| Volume [Å <sup>3</sup> ]                 | 76.034(7)                    | 1033.88(3)                                                   | 581.70(4)                                    | 234.21(2)                                                         |
| Calculated Density [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ] | 6.13                         | 6.88                                                         | 5.30                                         | 6.89                                                              |
| <i>R</i> <sub>p</sub>                    | 3.53%                        | 7.42%                                                        | 5.57%                                        | 8.37%                                                             |
| Bragg R-factor                           | 2.83%                        | 6.20%                                                        | 7.50%                                        | 7.18%                                                             |
| Goodness of Fit [ $\chi^2$ ]             | 5.58                         | 5.64                                                         | 4.75                                         | 4.85                                                              |

**Table S2** Refined atomic coordinates for the four types of HEOs from their powder XRD patterns.

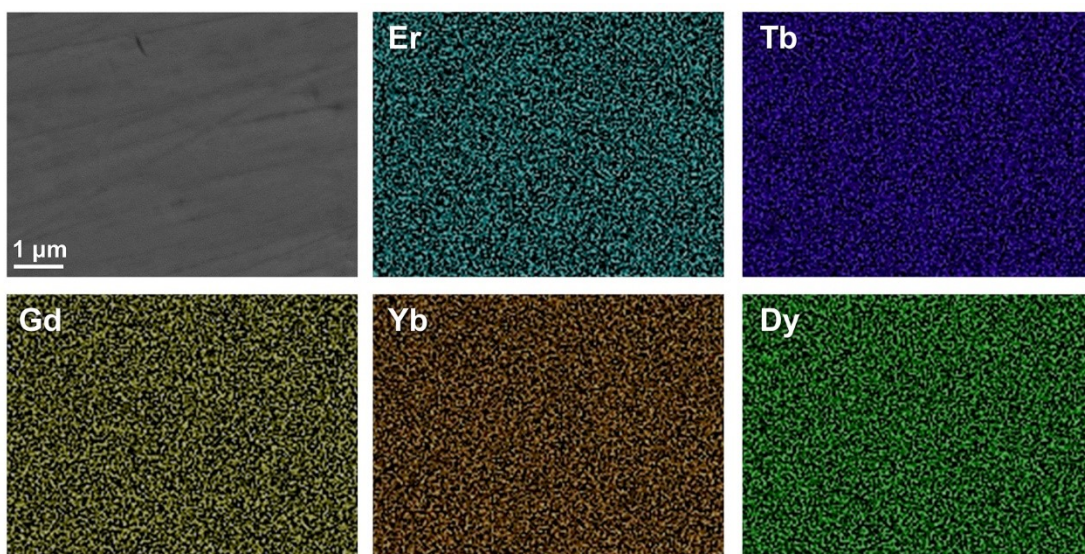
| (Mg,Co,Ni,Cu,Zn)O                                                                                                                    |              |           |           |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| atom                                                                                                                                 | Wyckoff site | <i>x</i>  | <i>y</i>  | <i>z</i>  |
| <i>M</i>                                                                                                                             | 4 <i>a</i>   | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| O                                                                                                                                    | 4 <i>b</i>   | 0.5       | 0.5       | 0.5       |
| <i>M</i> = Mg, Co, Ni, Cu, and Zn with occupancy = 0.2 for each.                                                                     |              |           |           |           |
| (Yb,Tb,Gd,Dy,Er) <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>                                                                         |              |           |           |           |
| atom                                                                                                                                 | Wyckoff site | <i>x</i>  | <i>y</i>  | <i>z</i>  |
| <i>M</i>                                                                                                                             | 16 <i>c</i>  | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Ti                                                                                                                                   | 16 <i>d</i>  | 0.5       | 0.5       | 0.5       |
| O1                                                                                                                                   | 8 <i>a</i>   | 0.125     | 0.125     | 0.125     |
| O2                                                                                                                                   | 48 <i>f</i>  | 0.4277(7) | 0.125     | 0.125     |
| <i>M</i> = Yb, Tb, Gd, Dy, and Er with occupancy = 0.2 for each.                                                                     |              |           |           |           |
| (Cr,Mn,Fe,Co,Ni) <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>                                                                                         |              |           |           |           |
| atom                                                                                                                                 | Wyckoff site | <i>x</i>  | <i>y</i>  | <i>z</i>  |
| <i>M1</i>                                                                                                                            | 8 <i>a</i>   | -0.125    | -0.125    | -0.125    |
| <i>M2</i>                                                                                                                            | 16 <i>d</i>  | 0.500     | 0.500     | 0.500     |
| O                                                                                                                                    | 32 <i>e</i>  | 0.2597(4) | 0.2597(4) | 0.2597(4) |
| <i>M1</i> =Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, and Ni with occupancy = 0.2 for each;<br><i>M2</i> =Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, and Ni with occupancy = 0.2 for each. |              |           |           |           |
| La(Cr,Mn,Fe,Co,Ni)O <sub>3</sub>                                                                                                     |              |           |           |           |
| atom                                                                                                                                 | Wyckoff site | <i>x</i>  | <i>y</i>  | <i>z</i>  |
| <i>M</i>                                                                                                                             | 4 <i>b</i>   | 0.5       | 0         | 0         |
| La                                                                                                                                   | 4 <i>c</i>   | 0.001(2)  | 0.0141(5) | 0.25      |
| O1                                                                                                                                   | 4 <i>c</i>   | -0.04(1)  | 0.466(6)  | 0.25      |
| O2                                                                                                                                   | 8 <i>d</i>   | 0.289(3)  | 0.282(3)  | 0.037(2)  |
| <i>M</i> = Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, and Ni with occupancy = 0.2 for each.                                                                     |              |           |           |           |



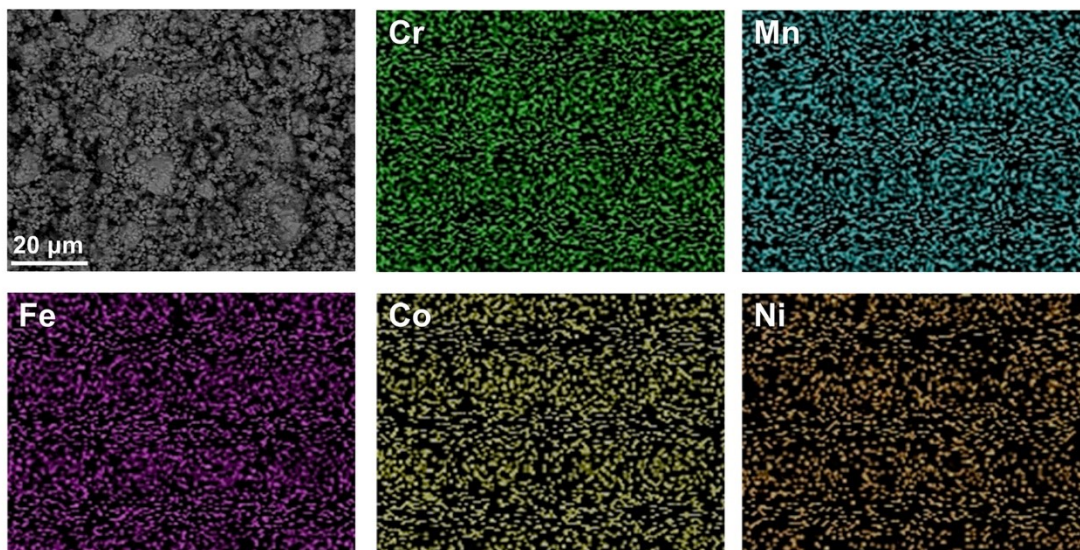
**Fig. S1** XRD patterns for sintered samples of (a) rock-salt type (Mg,Co,Ni,Cu,Zn)O, (b) pyrochlore type (Yb,Tb,Gd,Dy,Er)<sub>2</sub>Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, (c) spinel type (Cr,Mn,Fe,Co,Ni)<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, and (d) perovskite type La(Cr,Mn,Fe,Co,Ni)O<sub>3</sub>.



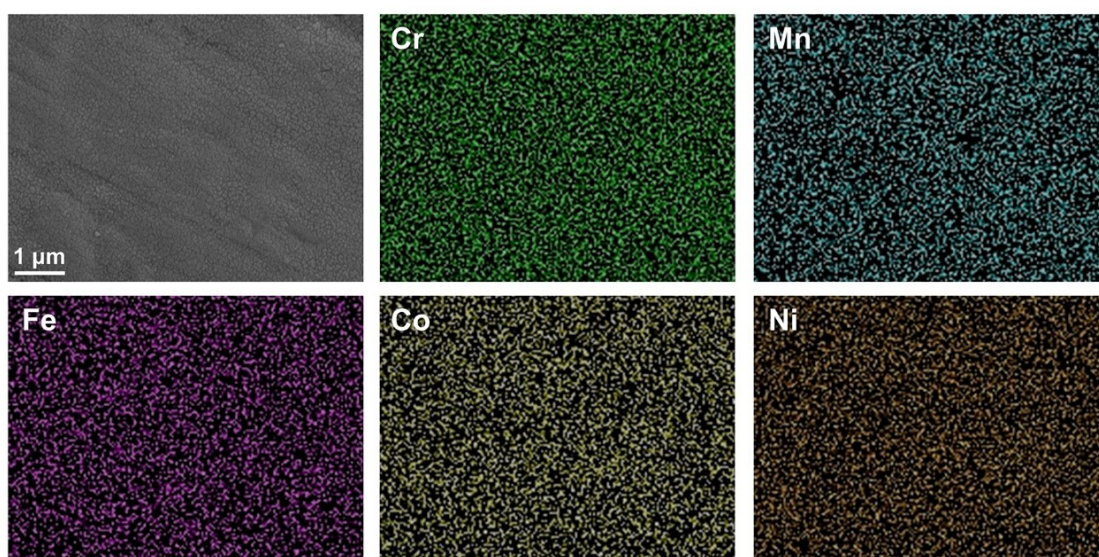
**Fig. S2** EDS-SEM elemental maps of Mg, Co, Ni, Cu and Zn for rock-salt type  $(\text{Mg,Co,Ni,Cu,Zn})\text{O}$  HEO.



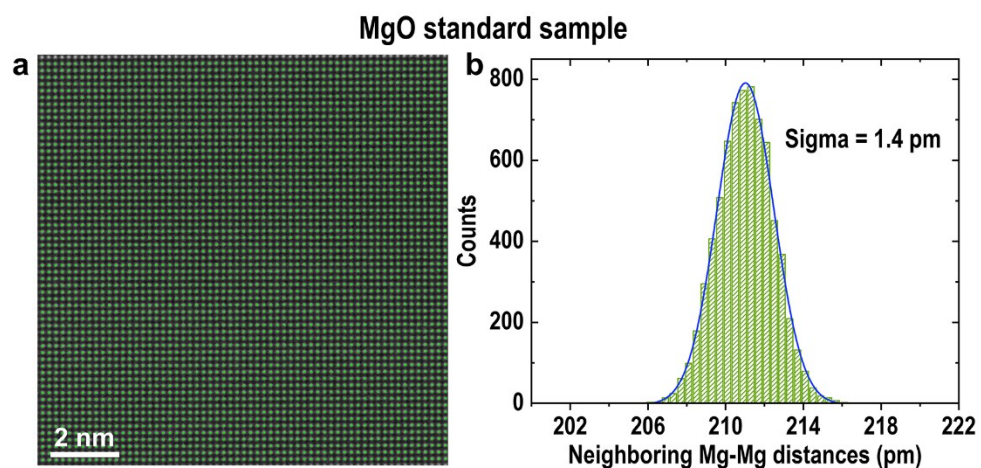
**Fig. S3** EDS-SEM elemental maps of Er, Tb, Gd, Yb and Dy for pyrochlore type  $(\text{Yb,Tb,Gd,Dy,Er})_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  HEO.



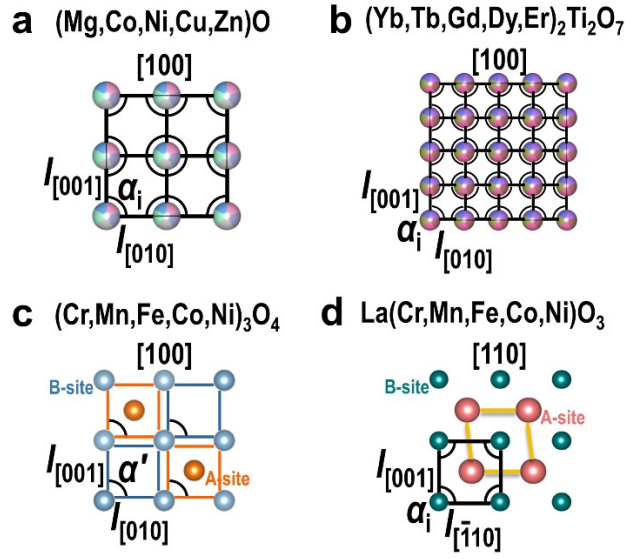
**Fig. S4** EDS-SEM elemental maps of Cr, Mn, Fe, Co and Ni for spinel type  $(\text{Cr,Mn,Fe,Co,Ni})_3\text{O}_4$  HEO.



**Fig. S5** EDS-SEM elemental maps of Cr, Mn, Fe, Co and Ni for perovskite type  $\text{La}(\text{Cr,Mn,Fe,Co,Ni})\text{O}_3$  HEO.



**Fig. S6** Precision of atomic position fits estimated from the MgO standard sample. **(a)** The positions of atomic columns obtained by 2D Gaussian fits. **(b)** Histogram of distances between neighboring Mg atomic columns. The Gaussian fits for this histogram show Sigma (precision) is 1.4 pm.



**Fig. S7** Quantification methods of aspect ratios and inner angle variations from 90° for all quadrangle units in HAADF images of the four types of HEOs. Side lengths and inner angles for a quadrangle unit in (a) rock-salt type (Mg,Co,Ni,Cu,Zn)O and (b) pyrochlore type (Yb,Tb,Gd,Dy,Er)<sub>2</sub>Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> HEOs. The aspect ratio for a quadrangle unit

$$\frac{l_{[001]}^{left} + l_{[001]}^{right}}{l_{[010]}^{up} + l_{[010]}^{down}}$$

is calculated based on  $l_{[010]}^{up} + l_{[010]}^{down}$ . (c) Side lengths and inner angles for a quadrangle unit in the spinel type (Cr,Mn,Fe,Co,Ni)<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> HEO. The aspect ratio and inner angle

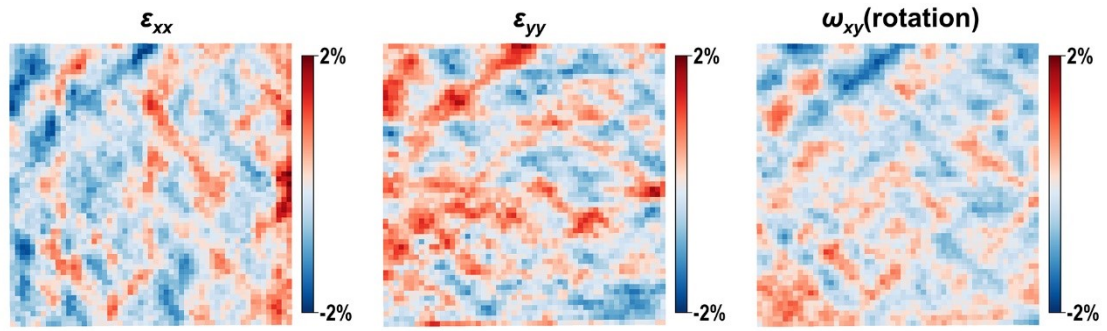
$$\frac{l_{[001]}}{l_{[010]}}$$

deviation parameter from 90° for a quadrangle unit are calculated based on  $\frac{l_{[001]}}{l_{[010]}}$  and  $\alpha = \alpha' - 90$ , respectively. (d) Side lengths and inner angles for a quadrangle unit in the perovskite type La(Cr,Mn,Fe,Co,Ni)O<sub>3</sub>. The aspect ratio and inner angle deviation

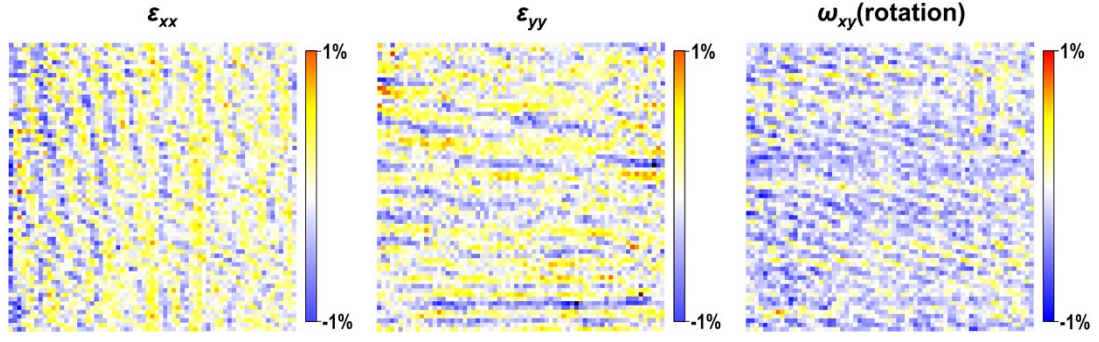
$$\frac{l_{[001]}^{left} + l_{[001]}^{right}}{l_{[110]}^{up} + l_{[110]}^{down}}$$

parameter from 90° for a quadrangle unit are calculated based on  $\frac{l_{[001]}^{left} + l_{[001]}^{right}}{l_{[110]}^{up} + l_{[110]}^{down}}$  and

$$\frac{\sum_i^4 |\alpha_i - 90|}{4}, \text{ respectively.}$$



**Fig. S8** Real-space strain analysis for Fig. 2(a) with uniaxial strain component  $\varepsilon_{xx}$  and  $\varepsilon_{yy}$  and rotation  $\omega_{xy}$  maps for the rock-salt type (Mg,Co,Ni,Cu,Zn)O HEO.



**Fig. S9** Real-space strain analysis for Fig 3(a) with uniaxial strain component  $\epsilon_{xx}$  and  $\epsilon_{yy}$  and rotation  $\omega_{xy}$  maps for pyrochlore type  $(\text{Yb,Tb,Gd,Dy,Er})_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  HEO.