

## ***Supporting Information (SI)***

# **Hg<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)F: A mercury nitrate oxyfluoride with unprecedented [(Hg<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F)<sup>+</sup>]<sub>∞</sub> cationic framework and excellent optical anisotropy**

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Bond Length(Å)			
Hg(1)–O(1) <sup>1</sup>	2.121(5)	Hg(2)–O(1) <sup>5</sup>	2.067(4)
Hg(1)–O(1)	2.121(5)	Hg(2) <sup>3</sup> –O(1)	2.067(4)
Hg(1)–F(1)	2.383(5)	Hg(1) <sup>6</sup> –F(1)	2.328(6)
Hg(1)–F(1) <sup>4</sup>	2.328(6)	N(1)–O(2)	1.253(11)
Hg(1) <sup>1</sup> –O(1)	2.121(5)	N(1)–O(3)	1.249(10)
Hg(1) <sup>1</sup> –F(1)	2.383(5)	N(1)–O(4)	1.254(9)
Bond Angles (deg)			
O(1) <sup>1</sup> –Hg(1)–O(1)	177.7(2)	F(1) <sup>4</sup> –Hg(1)–F(1)	133.47(13)
F(1) <sup>4</sup> –Hg(1)–O(1)	90.46(12)	O(1)–Hg(2)–O(1) <sup>5</sup>	169.52
F(1)–Hg(1)–O(1)	88.90(11)	O(2)–N(1)–O(4)	119.6(11)
F(1)–Hg(1)–O(1) <sup>1</sup>	88.90(11)	O(3)–N(1)–O(2)	120.2(12)
F(1) <sup>4</sup> –Hg(1)–O(1) <sup>1</sup>	90.46(12)	O(3)–N(1)–O(4)	120.1(12)

<sup>1</sup>+X,1/2-Y,+Z; <sup>2</sup>1/2-X,-1/2+Y,1/2+Z; <sup>3</sup>1/2-X,1-Y,1/2+Z; <sup>4</sup>1/2+X,+Y,3/2-Z; <sup>5</sup>1/2-X,1-Y,-1/2+Z; <sup>6</sup>-1/2+X,+Y,3/2-z

**Table S2.** Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for N Hg<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)F.  $U_{\text{eq}}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

atom	Wyckoff site	x	y	z	$U_{\text{eq}}^{\text{a}}/\text{\AA}^2$
Hg(1)	4c	3676.6(4)	2500	6318.7(4)	10.51(12)
Hg(2)	8d	2701.8(4)	5096.5(2)	3832.9(3)	12.48(11)
O(1)	8d	3659(6)	4430(4)	6378(5)	10.9(10)
F(1)	4c	1745(7)	2500	9015(8)	19.6(13)
N(1)	8d	4557(10)	2488(12)	11280(9)	15.2(16)
O(2)	8d	4793(16)	1372(9)	11020(18)	28(3)
O(3)	8d	5201(16)	3243(11)	10139(15)	29(3)
O(4)	8d	3588(13)	2839(8)	12629(12)	29(3)

**Table S3.** The reported inorganic nitrate halides. (“—” means no concrete data)

	Compounds	Space group	Dimension	Birefringence
1	$\text{Cs}_2\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2\text{Br}_2$	$I4_1/\text{amd}$	1D	0.147@546 nm
2	$\text{PbCdF}(\text{SeO}_3)(\text{NO}_3)$	$Pca2_1$	2D	0.055@1064nm
3	$\text{Pb}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{F}_2$	$Amm2$	3D	0.230@1064nm
4	$\text{CsHgNO}_3\text{Cl}_2$	$P6_3/\text{mmc}$	2D	0.145@546 nm
5	$\text{Rb}_2\text{SbF}_3(\text{NO}_3)_2$	$P2_1$	3D	0.06@1064nm
6	$\text{RbSnF}_2\text{NO}_3$	$C2/m$	3D	0.05@1064nm
7	$(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{SbF}_3(\text{NO}_3)_3$	$P2_1$	0D	0.098@546nm
8	$(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{SbF}_4(\text{NO}_3)_2$	$Pnma$	0D	0.164@546nm
9	$\text{Na}_3\text{Rb}_6(\text{CO}_3)_3(\text{NO}_3)_2\text{Cl}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$	$P6_3/\text{mcm}$	3D	0.14 @ 546 nm
10	$\text{Cs}_2\text{PbCl}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$	$I4_1/\text{amd}$	2D	—
11	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SiF}_6\cdot\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$	$P6_3/\text{mmc}$	0D	—
12	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Sn}_2\text{F}_4(\text{NO}_3)_2$	$C2$	0D	—
13	$[(\text{(NH}_3)_5\text{Co})_2\text{O}_2](\text{NO}_3)_2\text{Cl}_3\cdot2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$Pnnm$	0D	—
14	$\text{Ag}_2\text{ClNO}_3$	$Pnma$	3D	—
15	$\text{Ag}_2\text{INO}_3$	$P2_12_12_1$	3D	—
16	$\text{CaClNO}_3\cdot2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$Pbca$	2D	—
17	$\text{HgINO}_3$	$Pnma$	2D	—
18	$\text{K}_2\text{SbF}_3(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot\text{KNO}_3$	$Cmc2_1$	3D	—
19	$\text{NaSbF}_3\text{NO}_3\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$Pbca$	2D	—
20	$\text{Pb}_3\text{F}_5\text{NO}_3$	$P\bar{1}$	2D	—
21	$\text{Rb}_3\text{CoCl}_4\text{NO}_3$	$Pnma$	3D	—
22	$\text{Cs}_3\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_6(\text{NO}_3)_3$	$C2/c$	3D	—
23	$\text{K}_3\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_7(\text{NO}_3)_2$	$C2/c$	3D	—
24	$\text{K}_4\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_6(\text{NO}_3)_3$	$Pbcn$	3D	—
25	$\text{Rb}_4\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_6(\text{NO}_3)_4$	$P2_1$	3D	—
26	$\text{RbTeF}_4(\text{NO}_3)$	$P1$	3D	—
27	$\text{RbTeF}_4(\text{NO}_3)$	$P\bar{1}$	3D	—
28	$\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}(\text{NO}_3)$	$Pna2_1$	0D	—
29	$\text{KBiCl}_3(\text{NO}_3)$	$P2_1/c$	3D	—
30	$\text{Ag}_3\text{I}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	$P2_12_12_1$	3D	—
31	$\text{Ag}_2\text{HgI}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$Pbam$	3D	—

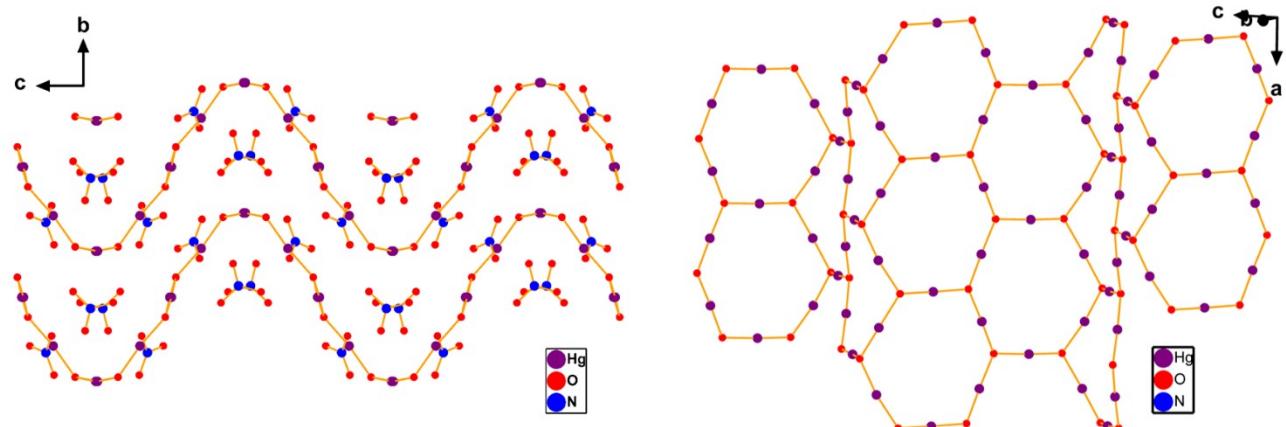
32	$\text{KSbF}_3\text{NO}_3$	<i>Pbca</i>	2D	—
33	$(\text{NH}_4)_2(\text{HF}_2)(\text{NO}_3)$	<i>Pmc2_1</i>	0D	—
34	$\text{K}_3(\text{HF}_2)(\text{NO}_3)_2$	<i>Pbam</i>	0D	—
35	$\text{Rb}_3\text{SbF}_3(\text{NO}_3)_3$	<i>P2_1</i>	3D	—
36	$\text{Cs}_3\text{MI}_4\text{NO}_3$ (M = Zn, Co, Cd)	<i>Pnma</i>	3D	—
37	$\text{K}_3\text{ZnCl}_4\text{NO}_3$	<i>Pnma</i>	3D	—
38	$[(\text{UO}_2)_4\text{F}_{13}][\text{Sr}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8](\text{NO}_3)\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$	<i>P\bar{1}</i>	2D	—
39	$\text{K}_2\text{TeF}_5\text{NO}_3$	<i>P4/nmm</i>	3D	—
40	$\text{K}_2\text{SiF}_6\cdot\text{KNO}_3$	<i>P6_3/mmc</i>	2D	—
41	$\text{Cs}_3 ((\text{Sn}_3\text{F}_6)_2\text{H}) (\text{NO}_3)_4$	<i>P\bar{1}</i>	2D	—
42	$\text{Cu}_{36.6}\text{Cl}_{6.7}(\text{NO}_3)_{2.6}(\text{OH})_{63.9}\cdot 2.1\text{H}_2\text{O}$	<i>P6_3/mmc</i>	3D	—
43	$(\text{OsNO} (\text{NH}_3)_4 \text{NO}_3) \text{Cl}_2 \cdot 0.5(\text{H}_2\text{O})$	<i>C2/c</i>	0D	—
44	$[\text{Rb}_2\text{Cd}(\text{Cl})(\text{NO}_3)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$	<i>Pbca</i>	3D	—
45	$\text{Ag}_2\text{BrNO}_3$	<i>Pnma</i>	3D	—
46	$\text{BrNO}_3$	<i>P2_12_12_1</i>	0D	—

**Table S4.** The birefringence of some Hg-based compounds.

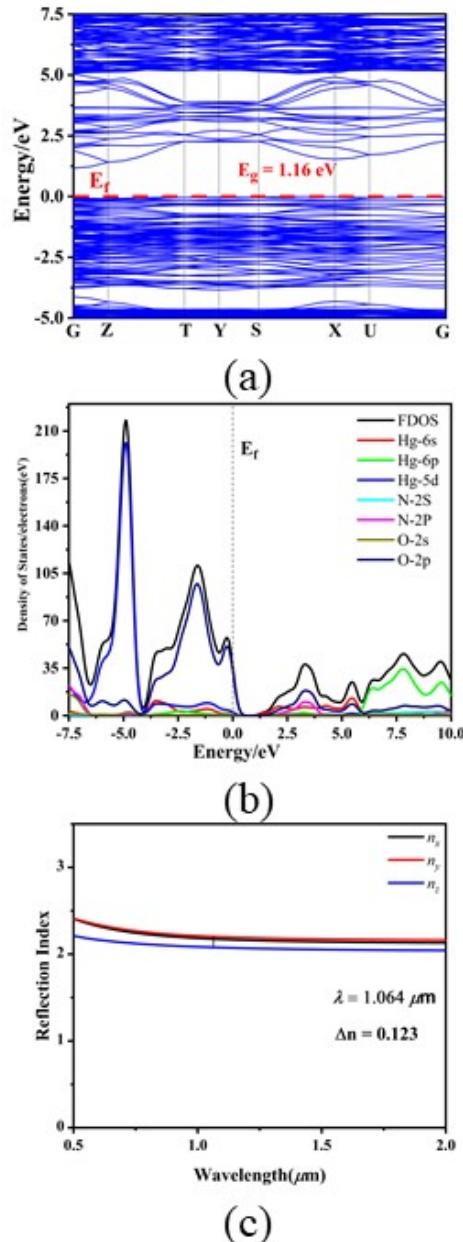
Compounds <sup>□</sup>	Space group <sup>□</sup>	Hg polyhedra <sup>□</sup>	Birefringence <sup>□</sup>
Ba <sub>2</sub> HgTe <sub>5</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>Pnma</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgTe <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.643@2090 nm <sup>□</sup>
HgB <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgS <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.52@1064nm <sup>□</sup>
HgS <sup>□</sup>	<i>P3<sub>2</sub>1</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgS <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.29@2100nm <sup>□</sup>
BaHgGeSe <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>Ama2</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgSe <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.27@2090 nm <sup>□</sup>
EuHgGeS <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>Ama2</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgS <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.25@2090 nm <sup>□</sup>
Cs <sub>2</sub> HgI <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub></i> <sup>□</sup>	HgCl <sub>2</sub> I <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.198@1064nm <sup>□</sup>
Hg <sub>3</sub> (Te <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> )(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>□</sup>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/m</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgO <sub>5</sub> ,HgO <sub>7</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.166@1064nm <sup>□</sup>
BaHgSe <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>Pmc2<sub>1</sub></i> <sup>□</sup>	HgSe <sub>3</sub> , HgSe <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.1473@2090 nm <sup>□</sup>
CsHgNO <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>P6<sub>3</sub>/mmc</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgO <sub>6</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.145@546 nm <sup>□</sup>
CsHgClSO <sub>4</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>□</sup>	<i>Pmmn</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgO <sub>5</sub> Cl <sup>□</sup>	0.12@546 nm <sup>□</sup>
Hg <sub>3</sub> (SeO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>□</sup>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub></i> <sup>□</sup>	HgO <sub>5</sub> ,HgO <sub>7</sub> ,HgO <sub>8</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.118@546 nm <sup>□</sup>
CuHgPS <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>Pna2<sub>1</sub></i> <sup>□</sup>	HgS <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.11@2090 nm <sup>□</sup>
AgHgPS <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>Pn</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgS <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.11@2090 nm <sup>□</sup>
Hg <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>P3<sub>2</sub>1</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgO <sub>6</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.10@546 nm <sup>□</sup>
HgTeO <sub>2</sub> F(OH) <sup>□</sup>	<i>Pca2<sub>1</sub></i> <sup>□</sup>	HgO <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.09@1064 nm <sup>□</sup>
BaHgS <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>Pmc2<sub>1</sub></i> <sup>□</sup>	HgS <sub>4</sub> , HgS <sub>2</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.07@2090 nm <sup>□</sup>
LiHgPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>P4̄21m</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgO <sub>6</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.068@1064 nm <sup>□</sup>
Hg <sub>3</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>8</sub> <sup>□</sup>	<i>Aba2</i> <sup>□</sup>	HgS <sub>4</sub> <sup>□</sup>	0.05@2090 nm <sup>□</sup>

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**Figure S1.** The crystal structure of  $\text{Hg}_3\text{O}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$ .

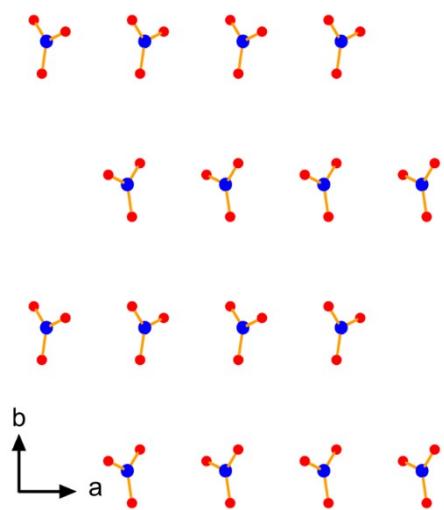


**Figure S2.** Theoretical calculations of  $\text{Hg}_3\text{O}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$ .

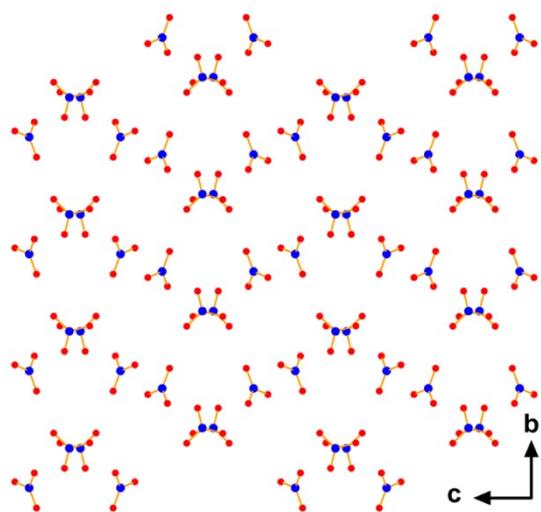


(a) Calculated band gap; (b) Density of states (DOS). the fermi level is set at 0 eV; and (c) Calculated refractive index dispersion curves of  $\text{Hg}_3\text{O}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$ .

**Figure S3.** The arrangement of  $\text{NO}_3$  groups in  $\text{Hg}_3\text{O}_2(\text{NO}_3)\text{F}$  (a) and  $\text{Hg}_3\text{O}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (b).

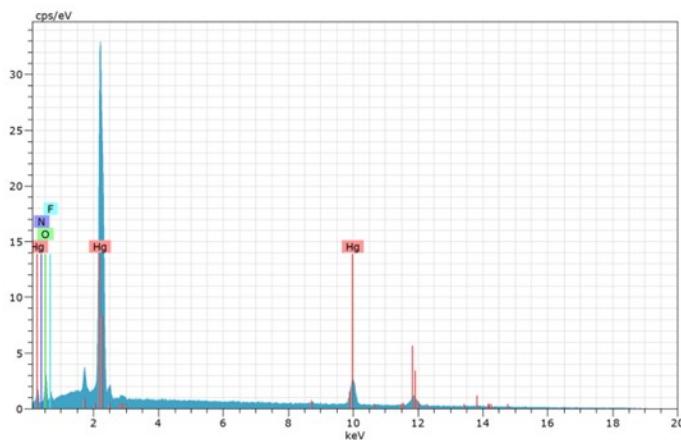


(a)



(b)

**Figure S4.** EDS images and results of  $\text{Hg}_3\text{O}_2(\text{NO}_3)\text{F}$ .



The molar ratio of Hg : O : N : F from the EDS results.

Compound	Molar ratio
1	Hg : O : N : F      29.89 : 49.93 : 10.05 : 10.13 = 2.97 : 4.97 : 1 : 1
2	Hg : O : N : F      29.97 : 50.10 : 9.93 : 10 = 3.01 : 5.04 : 1 : 1
3	Hg : O : N : F      30.08 : 49.94 : 9.89 : 10.09 = 3.04 : 5.04 : 1 : 1.02

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