

## Supporting Information

**Cation regulation achieves symmetry breaking: from centrosymmetric  
 $M_2Cs_2B_{10}O_{17}$  (  $M = Na, K$  ) to noncentrosymmetric  $Na_3CsB_{10}O_{17}$**

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## Experimental Section

### Synthesis.

The raw materials include NaOH (Aladdin Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. 98 %), NaNO<sub>3</sub> (Aladdin Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. 99 %), KNO<sub>3</sub> (Aladdin Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. 99%), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (Aladdin Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. 99.99 %), CsF (Aladdin Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. 98 %), B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (Aladdin Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. 98 %). All reagents were of analytical grade from commercial sources without purification.

The crystals of K<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> were obtained by spontaneous crystallization in an open environment. The raw mixture (KNO<sub>3</sub> : Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> : B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> = 2 : 1 : 5 for K<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>) and (NaNO<sub>3</sub> : Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> : B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> = 2 : 1 : 5 for Na<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>) was thoroughly mixed and placed into a platinum crucible, heated to 750 °C and held for one day, then lowered to 650 °C at a rate of 1 °C/h, and further lowered to room temperature at a rate of 5.5 °C/h. Finally, single crystals of K<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> were obtained. Polycrystalline samples of K<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> were obtained by stoichiometric ratio. The raw mixture (KNO<sub>3</sub> : Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> : B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> = 2 : 1 : 5 for K<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>) and (NaNO<sub>3</sub> : Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> : B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> = 2 : 1 : 5 for Na<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>) were completely mixed. The thoroughly mixed raw materials were put into a platinum crucible, using the YR-SYL-K model miniature intelligent temperature-controlled laboratory furnace, heated at a rate of 1°C/min to 700°C, and held for 80h to obtain polycrystalline samples, which were confirmed by powder XRD measurement, as depicted in Fig. S8 a and b.

The precursor CsB<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F was first obtained through the solid-state method using CsF and B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in a ratio of 1 : 2. Then, NaOH, CsB<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F, and B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were thoroughly mixed in a ratio of 2.5 : 0.5 : 3, placed into a platinum crucible, using the YR-SYL-K model miniature intelligent temperature-controlled laboratory furnace, heated at a rate of 1°C/min to 750°C and held for one day, then lowered to 600 °C at a rate of 1.5 °C/h, and further lowered to room temperature at a rate of 5.5 °C/h. Finally, single crystals of Na<sub>3</sub>CsB<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> were obtained. The polycrystalline sample of Na<sub>3</sub>CsB<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> was prepared by thoroughly mixing NaOH, CsB<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F, and B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in a ratio of 3 : 1 : 3, then placing it into a platinum crucible. The crucible was heated to 750 °C and held for 48 hours, after which it was cooled to 600 °C at a rate of 1 °C/h, and then to room temperature at a rate of 5 °C/h, finally the polycrystalline sample was obtained, which was confirmed by powder XRD measurement, as depicted in Fig. S8 c.

### Powder X-ray diffraction.

The powder XRD patterns of K<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> and Na<sub>3</sub>CsB<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> were carried out using a Bruker D2 PHASER X-ray diffractometer equipped with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 1.5418 Å). The 2 $\theta$  range was 5-70°, the fixed counting time and scan step width were 1 s/step and 0.02°, respectively.

### Structural Determination.

The structural data were collected at 296 K and 170 K using a Bruker SMART APEX II CCD diffractometer with Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å). The SAINT-Plus and SADABS programs were used for the collection and integration of diffraction data, as well as for the indexing of reflections or digital absorption corrections, respectively. The analysis and refinement of the crystal structure data were carried out using the SHELXTL and Olex software packages, the positions of heavy atoms and hydrogen atoms were determined through direct methods or difference Fourier synthesis in the SHELXTL program.<sup>1-3</sup> Subsequently, all atomic coordinates and anisotropic displacement parameters were refined using the full matrix least squares

method until convergence was achieved. The PLATON program was utilized to verify whether the crystal structure has a higher symmetry space group, and the rationality and completeness of the CIF format structure file were evaluated through the online network of the International Union of Crystallography (<http://checkcif.iucr.org/>) to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the crystal structure data.<sup>4</sup> Relevant atomic coordinates, equivalent isotropic displacement parameters, and selected interatomic distances and angles are listed in Tables S1-S4 of the SI.

#### **UV-vis-NIR Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy.**

The optical diffuse reflectance spectra of  $\text{K}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  and  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  were measured by a Shimadzu SolidSpec-3700 DUV spectrophotometer in the wavelength range of 190-2600 nm at room temperature.

#### **IR Spectroscopy.**

The IR spectra of  $\text{K}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  and  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  were inspected by Shimadzu IR Affinity-1 Fourier transform IR spectrometer over 500-4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . During the measurement, the sample was mixed thoroughly and pressed into discs with dried KBr (1 mg of the sample and 100 mg of KBr).

#### **Birefringence measurements.**

The refractive index difference of  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  and  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  were characterized using the polarizing microscope equipped (ZEISS Axio Scope. A1) with Berek compensator with a wavelength of 546 nm. The birefringence was obtained by the equation,  $R = |N_g - N_p| \times d = \Delta n \times d$ , where  $R$ ,  $N_g$ ,  $N_p$ ,  $d$ , and  $\Delta n$  are corresponding to optical path difference, refractive index of fast light, refractive index of slow light, thickness of crystal, and birefringence, respectively.<sup>5</sup>

#### **Elemental Analysis.**

A field-emission scanning electron microscope (SEM, SUPRA 55 VP) equipped with an energy dispersive X-ray spectroscope (BRUKER X-flash-Sdd-5010) was used to acquire the EDS data, as depicted in Fig. S9.

#### **Computational Methods.**

The CASTEP package was used to calculate electronic structure, linear and nonlinear optical properties of  $\text{K}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  and  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ .<sup>6</sup> In the functional, the same setting as in the structural optimization, the plane wave interception, is used. The breaking energy is 750 eV, and the grid density at k points is set to  $5 \times 5 \times 3$ . In the pseudopotential selection, the modulo conservation pseudopotential is selected, and the valence electron configurations involved are as follows: Na-2p<sup>6</sup> 3s<sup>1</sup>, K-3p<sup>6</sup> 4s<sup>1</sup>, Cs-5p<sup>6</sup> 6s<sup>1</sup>, B-2s<sup>2</sup> 2p<sup>1</sup>, O-2s<sup>2</sup> 2p<sup>4</sup>. The phonon dispersion curve is calculated using the finite displacement method to determine the dynamic stability of the structure, and the default values in the CASTEP code are used for other calculation parameters and convergence criteria. To achieve the convergence of the optical properties, the number of empty bands is set to three times the number of valence bands. In addition, in order to balance the computational efficiency and accuracy of the optical properties under high-density k-point grids, HSE06 hybrid functional and PBEO functional calculations in PWmat were used to obtain more accurate bandgap values ( $E_g^{\text{HSE06}}$ ,  $E_g^{\text{PBEO}}$ ), which were corrected by scissor operators the calculated refractive index and SHG coefficient.<sup>7,8</sup> The scissor operator is set to the difference between the bandgap calculated by HSE06 and the GGA method. The scissor operators for  $\text{K}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  and  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  are 1.42, 1.50, and 1.39 eV, respectively.

We conducted multiple single-crystal data collections and analyses on the  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  crystal, revealing Cs positional disorder within the compound. The Cs1A occupancy fluctuates within the range of 0.8–0.9, with the Cs1B occupancy fluctuating between 0.1 and 0.2. Due to limitations in our computational model, and for computational convenience, all theoretical calculations for  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  were based on removing Cs1B and setting the Cs1A occupancy to 1. The results were obtained after optimising the structure. The reliability of these theoretical calculations was subsequently validated experimentally. Calculations yield a maximum second-harmonic generation coefficient for  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  of  $d_{15} = 0.083 \text{ pm/V}$ , approximately  $0.21 \times \text{KDP}$ . The polycrystalline powder sample exhibits faint green light under laser irradiation; however, owing to operational sensitivity and operator variability, no discernible second-harmonic generation signal was observed during testing with 1064 nm and 532 nm lasers.

**Table S1. Crystallographic data for K<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> and Na<sub>3</sub>CsB<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>.**

| Empirical formula                                                              | K <sub>2</sub> Cs <sub>2</sub> B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub>  | Na <sub>2</sub> Cs <sub>2</sub> B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> | Na <sub>3</sub> CsB <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub>               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Formula weight                                                                 | 724.12                                                          | 691.90                                                          | 581.98                                                          |
| Temperature/K                                                                  | 296                                                             | 296                                                             | 170                                                             |
| Crystal system                                                                 | Monoclinic                                                      | Monoclinic                                                      | Monoclinic                                                      |
| Space group                                                                    | <i>C2/c</i>                                                     | <i>C2/c</i>                                                     | <i>Pc</i>                                                       |
| <i>a</i> /Å                                                                    | 22.6022(11)                                                     | 21.723(9)                                                       | 11.3848(5)                                                      |
| <i>b</i> /Å                                                                    | 6.5992(2)                                                       | 6.566(3)                                                        | 6.4819(3)                                                       |
| <i>c</i> /Å                                                                    | 11.2991(6)                                                      | 11.082(5)                                                       | 11.3125(5)                                                      |
| $\beta$ /°                                                                     | 103.460(2)                                                      | 105.557(17)                                                     | 113.466(2)                                                      |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                                                          | 1639.04(13)                                                     | 1522.6(12)                                                      | 765.77(6)                                                       |
| <i>Z</i>                                                                       | 4                                                               | 4                                                               | 2                                                               |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /cm <sup>3</sup>                                          | 2.934                                                           | 3.018                                                           | 2.524                                                           |
| $\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>                                                        | 5.047                                                           | 4.942                                                           | 2.598                                                           |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                                                 | 1336.0                                                          | 1272.0                                                          | 548.0                                                           |
| Radiation                                                                      | MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)                             |                                                                 |                                                                 |
| 2 $\theta$ range for data collection/°                                         | 6.446 to 52.728                                                 | 3.892 to 54.966                                                 | 6.286 to 55.814                                                 |
| Index ranges                                                                   | -28 $\leq h \leq$ 28, -8 $\leq k \leq$ 8, -14 $\leq l \leq$ 14  | -27 $\leq h \leq$ 28, -8 $\leq k \leq$ 8, -14 $\leq l \leq$ 14  | -14 $\leq h \leq$ 14, -8 $\leq k \leq$ 8, -14 $\leq l \leq$ 14  |
| Reflections collected                                                          | 24985                                                           | 14648                                                           | 20890                                                           |
| Independent reflections                                                        | 1682 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0686]                                 | 1737 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0644]                                 | 3639 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0590]                                 |
| Data/restraints/parameters                                                     | 1682 / 0 / 141                                                  | 1737/0/141                                                      | 3639/2/291                                                      |
| Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                                       | 1.094                                                           | 1.062                                                           | 1.181                                                           |
| Final <i>R</i> indexes [ <i>I</i> $\geq$ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>a</sup> | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0264, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0757 | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0298, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0676 | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0351, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0801 |
| Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data] <sup>a</sup>                                 | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0294, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0772 | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0342, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0697 | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0363, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0809 |
| Largest diff. peak/hole (e/Å <sup>3</sup> )                                    | 1.20/-0.94                                                      | 0.84/-0.88                                                      | 0.92/-0.81                                                      |
| Flack parameter                                                                | /                                                               | /                                                               | 0.49(2)                                                         |
| Hooft                                                                          | /                                                               | /                                                               | -0.017(6)                                                       |

<sup>a</sup>*R*<sub>1</sub> =  $\Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$  and *wR*<sub>2</sub> =  $[\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma wF_o^4]^{1/2}$  for *F*<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ (*F*<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup>)

**Table S2. Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) and bond valence sum (BVS)\* calculations for  $\text{K}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  and  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ . U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$  tensor.**

| <b><math>\text{K}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}</math></b> |       |            |            |           |           |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Atoms                                                               | Wyck. | x          | y          | z         | U(eq)     | BVS  |
| K1                                                                  | 8f    | 2286.5(4)  | 5831.8(13) | 6743.0(8) | 18.3(2)   | 1.20 |
| Cs1                                                                 | 8f    | 4455.7(2)  | 1912.6(4)  | 9063.0(3) | 30.02(13) | 0.95 |
| B1                                                                  | 8f    | 4486.9(19) | 6752(6)    | 7666(4)   | 12.1(8)   | 3.06 |
| B2                                                                  | 8f    | 3650.2(19) | 6821(6)    | 8718(4)   | 9.1(7)    | 3.04 |
| B3                                                                  | 8f    | 3553.0(19) | 8479(6)    | 6634(3)   | 9.2(7)    | 3.05 |
| B4                                                                  | 8f    | 3325.7(19) | 5580(6)    | 5153(4)   | 11.2(8)   | 3.04 |
| B5                                                                  | 8f    | 3493.1(19) | 2079(6)    | 5753(4)   | 10.5(8)   | 3.05 |
| O1                                                                  | 4e    | 5000       | 5741(6)    | 7500      | 19.4(8)   | 2.02 |
| O2                                                                  | 8f    | 4278.3(12) | 6295(4)    | 8663(2)   | 15.3(5)   | 2.11 |
| O3                                                                  | 8f    | 4217.7(12) | 8122(4)    | 6822(3)   | 16.6(6)   | 1.93 |
| O4                                                                  | 8f    | 3313.1(11) | 7676(4)    | 7601(2)   | 8.1(5)    | 2.21 |
| O5                                                                  | 8f    | 3257.7(13) | 7549(4)    | 5440(2)   | 13.6(5)   | 2.04 |
| O6                                                                  | 8f    | 3358.4(12) | 5096(4)    | 3999(2)   | 11.5(5)   | 1.96 |
| O7                                                                  | 8f    | 3345.0(15) | 4069(4)    | 6008(2)   | 20.0(6)   | 2.00 |
| O8                                                                  | 8f    | 3680.1(13) | 1688(4)    | 4721(2)   | 13.2(5)   | 2.02 |
| O9                                                                  | 8f    | 3433.7(13) | 684(4)     | 6581(2)   | 12.8(5)   | 2.10 |

| <b><math>\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}</math></b> |       |            |            |            |           |      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------|
| Atoms                                                                | Wyck. | x          | y          | z          | U(eq)     | BVS  |
| Na1                                                                  | 8f    | 2327.5(8)  | 9518(2)    | 6837.9(15) | 21.2(4)   | 1.08 |
| Cs1                                                                  | 8f    | 4417.8(2)  | 13070.7(4) | 9038.6(3)  | 27.18(11) | 0.97 |
| B1                                                                   | 8f    | 3197(2)    | -731(6)    | 4964(4)    | 11.7(8)   | 3.00 |
| B2                                                                   | 8f    | 3339(2)    | 2778(6)    | 5634(4)    | 12.6(8)   | 3.01 |
| B3                                                                   | 8f    | 3448(2)    | 6373(6)    | 6512(4)    | 10.0(8)   | 3.00 |
| B4                                                                   | 8f    | 4451(2)    | 8052(6)    | 7632(4)    | 14.1(8)   | 3.04 |
| B5                                                                   | 8f    | 3547(2)    | 8219(6)    | 8592(4)    | 12.5(8)   | 3.04 |
| O1                                                                   | 8f    | 3188.1(14) | -2738(4)   | 5243(2)    | 13.7(6)   | 2.00 |
| O2                                                                   | 8f    | 3259.0(13) | -190(4)    | 3811(2)    | 12.7(5)   | 2.02 |
| O3                                                                   | 8f    | 3169.4(15) | 771(4)     | 5833(2)    | 18.7(6)   | 2.01 |

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|----|----|------------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| O4 | 8f | 3561.2(14) | 3228(4) | 4634(2) | 16.4(6) | 1.99 |
| O5 | 8f | 3292.8(13) | 4177(4) | 6502(2) | 13.5(5) | 2.02 |
| O6 | 8f | 4163.1(14) | 6608(4) | 6799(3) | 16.8(6) | 1.92 |
| O7 | 8f | 3189.6(12) | 7324(4) | 7441(2) | 10.7(5) | 2.13 |
| O8 | 8f | 4221.0(13) | 8657(4) | 8599(3) | 16.8(6) | 2.04 |
| O9 | 4e | 5000       | 9001(6) | 7500    | 22.9(9) | 2.00 |

| Na <sub>3</sub> CsB <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> |       |           |            |           |           |      |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Atoms                                             | Wyck. | x         | y          | z         | U(eq)     | BVS  |
| Na1                                               | 2a    | 1468(3)   | 5887(5)    | 1674(3)   | 21.1(6)   | 1.02 |
| Na2                                               | 2a    | 627(3)    | 9(5)       | 2596(3)   | 16.6(5)   | 1.37 |
| Na3                                               | 2a    | 9337(6)   | 6080(5)    | 8312(4)   | 60.8(16)  | 1.04 |
| Cs1A                                              | 2a    | 5125.9(6) | -3326.7(8) | 2958.0(6) | 24.84(15) | 0.65 |
| Cs1B                                              | 2a    | 6244(6)   | 3406(7)    | 2298(5)   | 71(2)     | 0.64 |
| B1                                                | 2a    | 9149(7)   | 10670(11)  | 4844(6)   | 11.5(13)  | 3.04 |
| B2                                                | 2a    | 8717(7)   | 7145(11)   | 5199(7)   | 12.9(14)  | 3.04 |
| B3                                                | 2a    | 8502(7)   | 1767(12)   | 7995(7)   | 13.9(13)  | 3.04 |
| B4                                                | 2a    | 8674(7)   | 3515(11)   | 6041(7)   | 12.5(14)  | 3.06 |
| B5                                                | 2a    | 6753(7)   | 1648(12)   | 5867(7)   | 14.6(14)  | 3.06 |
| B6                                                | 2a    | 4505(7)   | 1640(12)   | 4262(7)   | 16.4(14)  | 3.05 |
| B7                                                | 2a    | 2589(7)   | 3507(11)   | 4130(7)   | 13.3(13)  | 3.05 |
| B8                                                | 2a    | 2713(7)   | 1785(10)   | 2164(7)   | 12.0(13)  | 3.04 |
| B9                                                | 2a    | 2106(7)   | 692(11)    | 5355(7)   | 12.7(14)  | 2.99 |
| B10                                               | 2a    | 2514(8)   | -2861(12)  | 4962(7)   | 12.4(14)  | 3.04 |
| O1                                                | 2a    | 9373(4)   | 12652(7)   | 5268(4)   | 12.0(9)   | 2.12 |
| O2                                                | 2a    | 9185(4)   | 10153(7)   | 3692(4)   | 11.5(9)   | 2.08 |
| O3                                                | 2a    | 8949(5)   | 9193(7)    | 5621(4)   | 16.0(10)  | 2.13 |
| O4                                                | 2a    | 8400(5)   | 6722(8)    | 3943(4)   | 17.8(11)  | 2.18 |
| O5                                                | 2a    | 8887(5)   | 5747(7)    | 6139(4)   | 15.8(9)   | 2.08 |
| O6                                                | 2a    | 7316(5)   | 3011(7)    | 5358(5)   | 13.7(9)   | 2.03 |
| O7                                                | 2a    | 9229(4)   | 2696(7)    | 7341(4)   | 11.0(8)   | 2.07 |
| O8                                                | 2a    | 7221(4)   | 1152(7)    | 7139(4)   | 16.3(10)  | 2.11 |
| O9                                                | 2a    | 5634(5)   | 693(7)     | 5055(5)   | 19.9(9)   | 2.04 |
| O10                                               | 2a    | 3999(4)   | 1127(7)    | 2996(4)   | 14.7(9)   | 2.07 |

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|-----|----|---------|----------|---------|----------|------|
| O11 | 2a | 3956(5) | 3029(7)  | 4783(5) | 16.9(9)  | 1.93 |
| O12 | 2a | 2006(4) | 2687(7)  | 2836(4) | 11.1(9)  | 1.86 |
| O13 | 2a | 1907(5) | 2700(7)  | 4920(4) | 15.1(10) | 1.90 |
| O14 | 2a | 2017(4) | 122(7)   | 6460(4) | 13.7(9)  | 2.04 |
| O15 | 2a | 2315(4) | -784(7)  | 4563(4) | 13.6(9)  | 2.07 |
| O16 | 2a | 2757(5) | -3323(7) | 6196(5) | 15.4(9)  | 2.08 |
| O17 | 2a | 2405(5) | -4220(7) | 4022(4) | 15.6(9)  | 2.01 |

(BVS)\*: The bond valence sums were calculated using the formula  $V_i = \sum S_{ij} = \sum \exp[(r_0 - r_{ij}) / B]$ , where  $S_{ij}$  is the bond valence associated with bond length  $r_{ij}$ , and  $r_0$  and  $B$  (usually 0.37) are empirically determined parameters.

**Table S3. Selected bond distances (Å) for K<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>Cs<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub> and Na<sub>3</sub>CsB<sub>10</sub>O<sub>17</sub>.**

| K <sub>2</sub> Cs <sub>2</sub> B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> |                 |          |      |                 |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------|-----------------|----------|
| Atom                                                           | Atom            | Length/Å | Atom | Atom            | Length/Å |
| K1                                                             | O4 <sup>1</sup> | 2.682(3) | B1   | O2              | 1.353(5) |
| K1                                                             | O4              | 2.600(3) | B1   | O3              | 1.351(5) |
| K1                                                             | O5 <sup>2</sup> | 2.706(3) | B2   | O2              | 1.476(5) |
| K1                                                             | O6 <sup>2</sup> | 3.079(3) | B2   | O4              | 1.429(4) |
| K1                                                             | O7              | 2.948(3) | B2   | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 1.494(4) |
| K1                                                             | O8 <sup>4</sup> | 2.931(3) | B2   | O8 <sup>3</sup> | 1.491(4) |
| K1                                                             | O9 <sup>5</sup> | 2.771(3) | B3   | O3              | 1.486(5) |
| Cs1                                                            | O1              | 3.468(3) | B3   | O4              | 1.430(5) |
| Cs1                                                            | O2 <sup>6</sup> | 3.573(3) | B3   | O5              | 1.492(4) |
| Cs1                                                            | O2              | 2.940(3) | B3   | O9 <sup>9</sup> | 1.478(4) |
| Cs1                                                            | O3 <sup>3</sup> | 3.285(3) | B4   | O5              | 1.357(5) |
| Cs1                                                            | O3 <sup>7</sup> | 3.510(3) | B4   | O6              | 1.362(5) |
| Cs1                                                            | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 3.441(3) | B4   | O7              | 1.381(5) |
| Cs1                                                            | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 3.158(3) | B5   | O7              | 1.401(5) |
| Cs1                                                            | O8 <sup>8</sup> | 3.143(3) | B5   | O8              | 1.354(5) |
| Cs1                                                            | O9              | 3.293(3) | B5   | O9              | 1.342(5) |
| B1                                                             | O1              | 1.388(5) |      |                 |          |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 1/2-X,-1/2+Y,3/2-Z;    #2 1/2-X,3/2-Y,1-Z;    #3 +X,1-Y,1/2+Z;    #4 1/2-X,1/2-Y,1-Z;  
#5 1/2-X,1/2+Y,3/2-Z;    #6 1-X,1-Y,2-Z;    #7 +X,-1+Y,+Z;    #8 +X,-Y,1/2+Z;  
#9 +X,1+Y,+Z

| Na <sub>2</sub> Cs <sub>2</sub> B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> |                 |          |      |                 |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------|-----------------|----------|
| Atom                                                            | Atom            | Length/Å | Atom | Atom            | Length/Å |
| Na1                                                             | O1 <sup>4</sup> | 2.559(3) | B1   | O2              | 1.367(5) |
| Na1                                                             | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 2.588(3) | B1   | O3              | 1.392(5) |
| Na1                                                             | O3 <sup>3</sup> | 2.521(3) | B2   | O3              | 1.401(5) |
| Na1                                                             | O4 <sup>6</sup> | 2.625(3) | B2   | O4              | 1.355(5) |
| Na1                                                             | O5 <sup>2</sup> | 2.565(3) | B2   | O5              | 1.352(5) |
| Na1                                                             | O7 <sup>2</sup> | 2.403(3) | B3   | O1 <sup>3</sup> | 1.488(5) |
| Na1                                                             | O7              | 2.315(3) | B3   | O5              | 1.480(5) |
| Cs1                                                             | O1 <sup>5</sup> | 3.298(3) | B3   | O6              | 1.507(5) |

|     |                 |          |    |                 |          |
|-----|-----------------|----------|----|-----------------|----------|
| Cs1 | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 3.104(3) | B3 | O7              | 1.440(5) |
| Cs1 | O4 <sup>7</sup> | 3.235(3) | B4 | O6              | 1.353(5) |
| Cs1 | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 3.273(3) | B4 | O8              | 1.357(5) |
| Cs1 | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 3.335(3) | B4 | O9              | 1.389(5) |
| Cs1 | O6 <sup>7</sup> | 3.258(3) | B5 | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 1.485(5) |
| Cs1 | O8              | 2.951(3) | B5 | O4 <sup>5</sup> | 1.490(5) |
| Cs1 | O8 <sup>8</sup> | 3.568(3) | B5 | O7              | 1.430(5) |
| Cs1 | O9              | 3.578(3) | B5 | O8              | 1.489(5) |
| B1  | O1              | 1.355(5) |    |                 |          |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 1/2-X,-1/2+Y,3/2-Z      #2 1/2-X,1/2+Y,3/2-Z      #3 +X,1+Y,+Z      #4 1/2-X,1/2-Y,1-Z  
#5 +X,1-Y,1/2+Z      #6 1/2-X,3/2-Y,1-Z      #7 +X,2-Y,1/2+Z      #8 1-X,2-Y,2-Z

| Na <sub>3</sub> CsB <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> |                  |          |      |                  |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------|------|------------------|----------|
| Atom                                              | Atom             | Length/Å | Atom | Atom             | Length/Å |
| Na1                                               | O1 <sup>4</sup>  | 2.468(5) | Cs1B | O5 <sup>3</sup>  | 3.770(7) |
| Na1                                               | O12              | 2.401(5) | B1   | O1               | 1.359(8) |
| Na1                                               | O13 <sup>3</sup> | 2.411(5) | B1   | O2               | 1.362(8) |
| Na1                                               | O14 <sup>3</sup> | 2.695(6) | B1   | O3               | 1.379(8) |
| Na1                                               | O16 <sup>5</sup> | 2.416(6) | B2   | O3               | 1.400(8) |
| Na1                                               | O17 <sup>1</sup> | 2.438(6) | B2   | O4               | 1.347(8) |
| Na2                                               | O2 <sup>7</sup>  | 2.422(6) | B2   | O5               | 1.351(8) |
| Na2                                               | O3 <sup>2</sup>  | 2.347(5) | B3   | O2 <sup>8</sup>  | 1.512(8) |
| Na2                                               | O7 <sup>6</sup>  | 2.308(5) | B3   | O4 <sup>8</sup>  | 1.491(9) |
| Na2                                               | O12              | 2.283(5) | B3   | O7               | 1.443(8) |
| Na2                                               | O14 <sup>5</sup> | 2.404(5) | B3   | O8               | 1.449(8) |
| Na2                                               | O15              | 2.346(5) | B4   | O1 <sup>11</sup> | 1.505(8) |
| Na3                                               | O1 <sup>9</sup>  | 2.346(5) | B4   | O5               | 1.463(8) |
| Na3                                               | O2 <sup>9</sup>  | 2.497(6) | B4   | O6               | 1.463(9) |
| Na3                                               | O4 <sup>8</sup>  | 2.356(6) | B4   | O7               | 1.450(8) |
| Na3                                               | O5               | 2.313(6) | B5   | O6               | 1.349(9) |
| Na3                                               | O7               | 2.434(6) | B5   | O8               | 1.359(8) |
| Cs1A                                              | O4 <sup>11</sup> | 3.440(5) | B5   | O9               | 1.385(9) |
| Cs1A                                              | O6 <sup>11</sup> | 3.719(5) | B6   | O9               | 1.384(9) |

|      |                   |          |     |                  |          |
|------|-------------------|----------|-----|------------------|----------|
| Cs1A | O8 <sup>5</sup>   | 3.209(5) | B6  | O10              | 1.355(9) |
| Cs1A | O9                | 3.415(5) | B6  | O11              | 1.356(9) |
| Cs1A | O10               | 3.166(5) | B7  | O11              | 1.466(9) |
| Cs1A | O11 <sup>11</sup> | 3.715(5) | B7  | O12              | 1.447(8) |
| Cs1A | O11 <sup>5</sup>  | 3.302(5) | B7  | O13              | 1.493(8) |
| Cs1A | O16 <sup>12</sup> | 3.418(5) | B7  | O17 <sup>1</sup> | 1.486(8) |
| Cs1A | O17               | 3.788(5) | B8  | O10              | 1.454(8) |
| Cs1A | O10 <sup>11</sup> | 3.823(5) | B8  | O12              | 1.433(8) |
| Cs1B | O4                | 3.236(7) | B8  | O14 <sup>5</sup> | 1.513(8) |
| Cs1B | O6                | 3.190(7) | B8  | O16 <sup>5</sup> | 1.496(8) |
| Cs1B | O6 <sup>3</sup>   | 3.719(7) | B9  | O13              | 1.378(9) |
| Cs1B | O8 <sup>3</sup>   | 3.724(6) | B9  | O14              | 1.346(9) |
| Cs1B | O8 <sup>5</sup>   | 3.187(7) | B9  | O15              | 1.395(8) |
| Cs1B | O9 <sup>5</sup>   | 3.546(7) | B10 | O15              | 1.409(9) |
| Cs1B | O10               | 3.308(7) | B10 | O16              | 1.345(8) |
| Cs1B | O16 <sup>5</sup>  | 3.658(8) | B10 | O17              | 1.348(9) |
| Cs1B | O2 <sup>11</sup>  | 3.734(8) |     |                  |          |

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

|                  |                     |                   |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| #1 +X,1+Y,+Z;    | #2 -1+X,1-Y,-1/2+Z; | #3 +X,1-Y,-1/2+Z; | #4 -1+X,2-Y,-1/2+Z; |
| #5+X,-Y,-1/2+Z;  | #6 -1+X,-Y,-1/2+Z;  | #7 -1+X,-1+Y,+Z;  | #8 +X,1-Y,1/2+Z;    |
| #9 +X,2-Y,1/2+Z; | #10 1+X,1-Y,1/2+Z;  | # 11+X,-1+Y,+Z;   | #12 +X,-1-Y,-1/2+Z  |

**Table S4. Selected angles (deg) for  $K_2Cs_2B_{10}O_{17}$ ,  $Na_2Cs_2B_{10}O_{17}$  and  $Na_3CsB_{10}O_{17}$ .**

| $K_2Cs_2B_{10}O_{17}$ |      |                 |           |                 |      |                 |           |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-----------|
| Atom                  | Atom | Atom            | Angle/°   | Atom            | Atom | Atom            | Angle/°   |
| O4                    | K1   | O4 <sup>1</sup> | 136.48(6) | O5 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O3 <sup>7</sup> | 113.27(6) |
| O4                    | K1   | O5 <sup>2</sup> | 109.39(8) | O6 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O1              | 84.41(6)  |
| O4 <sup>1</sup>       | K1   | O5 <sup>2</sup> | 114.00(8) | O6 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O2 <sup>6</sup> | 107.64(6) |
| O4                    | K1   | O6 <sup>2</sup> | 91.03(8)  | O6 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O3 <sup>3</sup> | 74.04(7)  |
| O4 <sup>1</sup>       | K1   | O6 <sup>2</sup> | 121.03(8) | O6 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O3 <sup>7</sup> | 116.18(6) |
| O4 <sup>1</sup>       | K1   | O7              | 105.47(8) | O6 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 41.34(6)  |
| O4                    | K1   | O7              | 65.00(8)  | O6 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O9              | 75.09(6)  |
| O4 <sup>1</sup>       | K1   | O8 <sup>4</sup> | 50.00(7)  | O8 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O1              | 162.69(5) |
| O4                    | K1   | O8 <sup>4</sup> | 163.61(8) | O8 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O2 <sup>6</sup> | 118.53(6) |
| O4                    | K1   | O9 <sup>5</sup> | 112.14(8) | O8 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O3 <sup>3</sup> | 63.04(7)  |
| O4 <sup>1</sup>       | K1   | O9 <sup>5</sup> | 50.86(7)  | O8 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O3 <sup>7</sup> | 68.39(6)  |
| O5 <sup>2</sup>       | K1   | O6 <sup>2</sup> | 47.27(7)  | O8 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 55.26(6)  |
| O5 <sup>2</sup>       | K1   | O7              | 97.21(8)  | O8 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 89.98(7)  |
| O5 <sup>2</sup>       | K1   | O8 <sup>4</sup> | 65.71(8)  | O8 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O9              | 72.30(7)  |
| O5 <sup>2</sup>       | K1   | O9 <sup>5</sup> | 114.95(9) | O9              | Cs1  | O1              | 90.42(5)  |
| O7                    | K1   | O6 <sup>2</sup> | 129.16(7) | O9              | Cs1  | O2 <sup>6</sup> | 168.41(6) |
| O8 <sup>4</sup>       | K1   | O6 <sup>2</sup> | 95.63(7)  | O9              | Cs1  | O3 <sup>7</sup> | 41.49(6)  |
| O8 <sup>4</sup>       | K1   | O7              | 99.45(8)  | O9              | Cs1  | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 86.59(6)  |
| O9 <sup>5</sup>       | K1   | O6 <sup>2</sup> | 84.29(7)  | O2              | B1   | O1              | 118.0(3)  |
| O9 <sup>5</sup>       | K1   | O7              | 145.37(8) | O3              | B1   | O1              | 118.7(3)  |
| O9 <sup>5</sup>       | K1   | O8 <sup>4</sup> | 83.48(8)  | O3              | B1   | O2              | 123.3(4)  |
| O1                    | Cs1  | O2 <sup>6</sup> | 78.78(5)  | O2              | B2   | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 106.6(3)  |
| O1                    | Cs1  | O3 <sup>7</sup> | 99.49(6)  | O2              | B2   | O8 <sup>3</sup> | 108.2(3)  |
| O2                    | Cs1  | O1              | 42.01(7)  | O4              | B2   | O2              | 112.1(3)  |
| O2                    | Cs1  | O2 <sup>6</sup> | 80.95(7)  | O4              | B2   | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 110.5(3)  |
| O2                    | Cs1  | O3 <sup>3</sup> | 96.08(7)  | O4              | B2   | O8 <sup>3</sup> | 109.3(3)  |
| O2                    | Cs1  | O3 <sup>7</sup> | 126.70(7) | O8 <sup>3</sup> | B2   | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 110.0(3)  |
| O2                    | Cs1  | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 82.78(7)  | O3              | B3   | O5              | 106.8(3)  |
| O2                    | Cs1  | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 45.82(7)  | O4              | B3   | O3              | 112.5(3)  |
| O2                    | Cs1  | O8 <sup>8</sup> | 135.74(7) | O4              | B3   | O5              | 111.7(3)  |
| O2                    | Cs1  | O9              | 93.89(7)  | O4              | B3   | O9 <sup>9</sup> | 107.3(3)  |
| O3 <sup>3</sup>       | Cs1  | O1              | 130.11(6) | O9 <sup>9</sup> | B3   | O3              | 109.3(3)  |
| O3 <sup>7</sup>       | Cs1  | O2 <sup>6</sup> | 135.82(6) | O9 <sup>9</sup> | B3   | O5              | 109.2(3)  |
| O3 <sup>3</sup>       | Cs1  | O2 <sup>6</sup> | 66.45(6)  | O5              | B4   | O6              | 119.2(3)  |
| O3 <sup>3</sup>       | Cs1  | O3 <sup>7</sup> | 130.40(5) | O5              | B4   | O7              | 120.8(3)  |
| O3 <sup>3</sup>       | Cs1  | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 41.56(6)  | O6              | B4   | O7              | 120.0(3)  |
| O3 <sup>3</sup>       | Cs1  | O9              | 124.70(7) | O8              | B5   | O7              | 119.6(3)  |

|                 |     |                 |           |    |    |    |          |
|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|----|----|----|----------|
| O5 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1 | O1              | 124.38(6) | O9 | B5 | O7 | 115.6(3) |
| O5 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1 | O2 <sup>6</sup> | 102.92(6) | O9 | B5 | O8 | 124.8(3) |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 1/2-X,-1/2+Y,3/2-Z;    #2 1/2-X,3/2-Y,1-Z;    #3 +X,1-Y,1/2+Z;    #4 1/2-X,1/2-Y,1-Z;  
 #5 1/2-X,1/2+Y,3/2-Z;    #6 1-X,1-Y,2-Z;    #7 +X,-1+Y,+Z;    #8 +X,-Y,1/2+Z;  
 #9 +X,1+Y,+Z;    #10 +X,1-Y,-1/2+Z;    #11 1-X,+Y,3/2-Z;    #12 +X,-Y,-1/2+Z

| Na <sub>2</sub> Cs <sub>2</sub> B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> |      |                 |            |                 |      |                 |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------------|
| Atom                                                            | Atom | Atom            | Angle/°    | Atom            | Atom | Atom            | Angle/°    |
| O1 <sup>4</sup>                                                 | Na1  | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 153.26(11) | O5 <sup>1</sup> | Na1  | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 81.43(10)  |
| O1 <sup>4</sup>                                                 | Na1  | O4 <sup>6</sup> | 68.06(10)  | O5 <sup>1</sup> | Na1  | O4 <sup>6</sup> | 93.14(10)  |
| O1 <sup>4</sup>                                                 | Na1  | O5 <sup>1</sup> | 114.78(11) | O7              | Na1  | O1 <sup>4</sup> | 95.77(11)  |
| O1                                                              | B1   | O2              | 118.5(3)   | O7 <sup>1</sup> | Na1  | O1 <sup>4</sup> | 121.27(11) |
| O1                                                              | B1   | O3              | 121.7(3)   | O7              | B3   | O6              | 112.5(3)   |
| O2                                                              | B1   | O3              | 119.7(3)   | O6              | B4   | O8              | 122.9(4)   |
| O4                                                              | B2   | O3              | 120.0(3)   | O6              | B4   | O9              | 119.7(3)   |
| O5                                                              | B2   | O3              | 117.0(3)   | O8              | B4   | O9              | 117.4(4)   |
| O5                                                              | B2   | O4              | 123.0(3)   | O7              | Na1  | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 58.23(9)   |
| O2 <sup>5</sup>                                                 | Na1  | O4 <sup>6</sup> | 135.00(10) | O7 <sup>1</sup> | Na1  | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 85.27(10)  |
| O3 <sup>3</sup>                                                 | Na1  | O1 <sup>4</sup> | 86.86(10)  | O7              | Na1  | O3 <sup>3</sup> | 72.77(10)  |
| O3 <sup>3</sup>                                                 | Na1  | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 79.75(10)  | O7 <sup>1</sup> | Na1  | O3 <sup>3</sup> | 110.85(11) |
| O3 <sup>3</sup>                                                 | Na1  | O4 <sup>6</sup> | 92.36(11)  | O7              | Na1  | O4 <sup>6</sup> | 159.00(11) |
| O3 <sup>3</sup>                                                 | Na1  | O5 <sup>1</sup> | 158.16(11) | O7 <sup>1</sup> | Na1  | O4 <sup>6</sup> | 56.16(9)   |
| O1 <sup>3</sup>                                                 | B3   | O6              | 105.6(3)   | O7 <sup>1</sup> | Na1  | O5 <sup>1</sup> | 56.36(9)   |
| O5                                                              | B3   | O1 <sup>3</sup> | 110.3(3)   | O7              | Na1  | O5 <sup>1</sup> | 106.19(11) |
| O5                                                              | B3   | O6              | 108.8(3)   | O7              | Na1  | O7 <sup>1</sup> | 142.67(9)  |
| O7                                                              | B3   | O1 <sup>3</sup> | 112.5(3)   | O1 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1  | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 110.88(7)  |
| O7                                                              | B3   | O5              | 107.2(3)   | O1 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1  | O8 <sup>7</sup> | 106.49(7)  |
| O2 <sup>5</sup>                                                 | B5   | O4 <sup>5</sup> | 110.5(3)   | O4 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O9              | 162.64(5)  |
| O2 <sup>5</sup>                                                 | B5   | O8              | 106.7(3)   | O5 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O1 <sup>5</sup> | 82.12(7)   |
| O7                                                              | B5   | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 110.6(3)   | O5 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 43.11(7)   |
| O7                                                              | B5   | O4 <sup>5</sup> | 108.8(3)   | O5 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O8 <sup>7</sup> | 168.95(6)  |
| O7                                                              | B5   | O8              | 112.5(3)   | O5 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O9              | 91.97(5)   |
| O8                                                              | B5   | O4 <sup>5</sup> | 107.7(3)   | O6 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O1 <sup>5</sup> | 42.65(7)   |
| O1 <sup>5</sup>                                                 | Cs1  | O9              | 124.86(6)  | O6 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 121.08(7)  |
| O2 <sup>5</sup>                                                 | Cs1  | O1 <sup>5</sup> | 42.72(6)   | O6 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 128.13(5)  |
| O2 <sup>5</sup>                                                 | Cs1  | O4 <sup>8</sup> | 88.63(8)   | O6 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O8 <sup>7</sup> | 134.98(7)  |
| O2 <sup>5</sup>                                                 | Cs1  | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 70.31(7)   | O6 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O8 <sup>7</sup> | 69.37(7)   |
| O2 <sup>5</sup>                                                 | Cs1  | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 113.26(7)  | O6 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1  | O9              | 100.06(7)  |
| O2 <sup>5</sup>                                                 | Cs1  | O6 <sup>8</sup> | 77.15(7)   | O6 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1  | O9              | 131.80(6)  |

|                 |     |                 |           |                 |     |                 |           |
|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|
| O2 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1 | O8 <sup>7</sup> | 111.11(7) | O8              | Cs1 | O1 <sup>5</sup> | 84.53(7)  |
| O2 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1 | O9              | 83.62(6)  | O8              | Cs1 | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 46.35(7)  |
| O4 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1 | O1 <sup>5</sup> | 52.73(7)  | O8              | Cs1 | O4 <sup>8</sup> | 134.89(8) |
| O4 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1 | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 70.77(7)  | O8              | Cs1 | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 91.96(7)  |
| O4 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1 | O6 <sup>8</sup> | 60.53(7)  | O8              | Cs1 | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 124.97(7) |
| O4 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1 | O6 <sup>3</sup> | 68.83(7)  | O8              | Cs1 | O6 <sup>8</sup> | 99.51(7)  |
| O4 <sup>8</sup> | Cs1 | O8 <sup>7</sup> | 119.87(7) | O8              | Cs1 | O8 <sup>7</sup> | 82.18(7)  |
| O8              | Cs1 | O9              | 40.71(7)  | O8 <sup>7</sup> | Cs1 | O9              | 77.47(5)  |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

|                      |                       |                   |                    |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| #1 1/2-X,1/2+Y,3/2-Z | #2 1/2-X,-1/2+Y,3/2-Z | #3 +X,1+Y,+Z      | #4 1/2-X,1/2-Y,1-Z |
| #5 +X,1-Y,1/2+Z      | #6 1/2-X,3/2-Y,1-Z    | #7 1-X,2-Y,2-Z    | #8 +X,2-Y,1/2+Z    |
| #9 +X,-1+Y,+Z        | #10 +X,1-Y,-1/2+Z     | #11 +X,2-Y,-1/2+Z | #12 1-X,+Y,3/2-Z   |

| Na <sub>3</sub> CsB <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> |      |                  |            |                  |      |                  |            |
|---------------------------------------------------|------|------------------|------------|------------------|------|------------------|------------|
| Atom                                              | Atom | Atom             | Angle/°    | Atom             | Atom | Atom             | Angle/°    |
| O1 <sup>4</sup>                                   | Na1  | O14 <sup>3</sup> | 76.88(17)  | O9 <sup>5</sup>  | Cs1B | O16 <sup>5</sup> | 82.43(15)  |
| O12                                               | Na1  | O13 <sup>3</sup> | 133.4(2)   | O10              | Cs1B | O2 <sup>12</sup> | 107.15(17) |
| O12                                               | Na1  | O14 <sup>3</sup> | 149.4(2)   | O10              | Cs1B | O6 <sup>3</sup>  | 152.4(2)   |
| O12                                               | Na1  | O16 <sup>5</sup> | 58.86(17)  | O10              | Cs1B | O8 <sup>3</sup>  | 135.1(2)   |
| O13 <sup>3</sup>                                  | Na1  | O14 <sup>3</sup> | 55.25(16)  | O10              | Cs1B | O9 <sup>5</sup>  | 83.47(15)  |
| O13 <sup>3</sup>                                  | Na1  | O16 <sup>5</sup> | 74.57(17)  | O10              | Cs1B | O16 <sup>5</sup> | 40.34(13)  |
| O16 <sup>5</sup>                                  | Na1  | O14 <sup>3</sup> | 117.19(19) | O16 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O2 <sup>12</sup> | 143.58(16) |
| O7 <sup>6</sup>                                   | Na2  | O2 <sup>7</sup>  | 61.22(16)  | O16 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O6 <sup>3</sup>  | 112.03(18) |
| O7 <sup>6</sup>                                   | Na2  | O14 <sup>5</sup> | 118.3(2)   | O16 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O8 <sup>3</sup>  | 107.59(18) |
| O7 <sup>6</sup>                                   | Na2  | O15              | 102.47(19) | O1               | B1   | O2               | 119.8(6)   |
| O12                                               | Na2  | O2 <sup>7</sup>  | 118.9(2)   | O1               | B1   | O3               | 119.2(5)   |
| O12                                               | Na2  | O7 <sup>6</sup>  | 179.7(2)   | O2               | B1   | O3               | 121.0(6)   |
| O12                                               | Na2  | O14 <sup>5</sup> | 61.51(17)  | O4               | B2   | O3               | 119.2(6)   |
| O12                                               | Na2  | O15              | 77.83(18)  | O4               | B2   | O5               | 126.0(6)   |
| O14 <sup>5</sup>                                  | Na2  | O2 <sup>7</sup>  | 178.7(2)   | O5               | B2   | O3               | 114.8(6)   |
| O15                                               | Na2  | O2 <sup>7</sup>  | 89.37(18)  | O4 <sup>10</sup> | B3   | O2 <sup>10</sup> | 109.7(5)   |
| O15                                               | Na2  | O14 <sup>5</sup> | 91.97(18)  | O7               | B3   | O2 <sup>10</sup> | 109.3(5)   |
| O5                                                | Na3  | O7               | 59.08(17)  | O7               | B3   | O4 <sup>10</sup> | 108.6(5)   |
| O8 <sup>5</sup>                                   | Cs1A | O9               | 85.74(12)  | O7               | B3   | O8               | 113.7(5)   |
| O8 <sup>5</sup>                                   | Cs1A | O11 <sup>5</sup> | 71.60(12)  | O8               | B3   | O2 <sup>10</sup> | 107.1(5)   |
| O10                                               | Cs1A | O8 <sup>5</sup>  | 87.43(12)  | O8               | B3   | O4 <sup>10</sup> | 108.4(6)   |
| O10                                               | Cs1A | O9               | 41.60(11)  | O5               | B4   | O1 <sup>12</sup> | 107.5(5)   |
| O10                                               | Cs1A | O11 <sup>5</sup> | 88.36(11)  | O5               | B4   | O6               | 111.7(5)   |
| O11 <sup>5</sup>                                  | Cs1A | O9               | 126.48(12) | O6               | B4   | O1 <sup>12</sup> | 107.6(5)   |

|                 |      |                  |            |                  |     |                  |          |
|-----------------|------|------------------|------------|------------------|-----|------------------|----------|
| O4              | Cs1B | O2 <sup>12</sup> | 77.57(17)  | O7               | B4  | O1 <sup>12</sup> | 109.6(5) |
| O4              | Cs1B | O6 <sup>3</sup>  | 64.71(14)  | O7               | B4  | O5               | 107.0(5) |
| O4              | Cs1B | O8 <sup>3</sup>  | 39.28(12)  | O7               | B4  | O6               | 113.3(5) |
| O4              | Cs1B | O9 <sup>5</sup>  | 142.8(2)   | O6               | B5  | O8               | 123.7(6) |
| O4              | Cs1B | O10              | 129.81(19) | O6               | B5  | O9               | 118.6(6) |
| O4              | Cs1B | O16 <sup>5</sup> | 132.7(2)   | O8               | B5  | O9               | 117.8(6) |
| O6              | Cs1B | O2 <sup>12</sup> | 66.72(16)  | O10              | B6  | O9               | 118.1(7) |
| O6 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1B | O2 <sup>12</sup> | 98.75(17)  | O10              | B6  | O11              | 123.1(6) |
| O6              | Cs1B | O4               | 63.52(15)  | O11              | B6  | O9               | 118.8(6) |
| O6              | Cs1B | O6 <sup>3</sup>  | 128.09(19) | O11              | B7  | O13              | 109.0(5) |
| O6 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1B | O8 <sup>3</sup>  | 37.41(11)  | O11              | B7  | O17 <sup>2</sup> | 109.7(5) |
| O6              | Cs1B | O8 <sup>3</sup>  | 97.81(16)  | O12              | B7  | O11              | 113.5(5) |
| O6              | Cs1B | O9 <sup>5</sup>  | 126.7(2)   | O12              | B7  | O13              | 109.8(5) |
| O6              | Cs1B | O10              | 72.73(15)  | O12              | B7  | O17 <sup>2</sup> | 106.7(5) |
| O6              | Cs1B | O16 <sup>5</sup> | 105.24(17) | O17 <sup>2</sup> | B7  | O13              | 107.9(5) |
| O8 <sup>3</sup> | Cs1B | O2 <sup>12</sup> | 108.69(17) | O10              | B8  | O14 <sup>5</sup> | 106.4(5) |
| O8 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O2 <sup>12</sup> | 39.27(13)  | O10              | B8  | O16 <sup>5</sup> | 110.5(5) |
| O8 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O4               | 116.5(2)   | O12              | B8  | O10              | 114.2(5) |
| O8 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O6 <sup>3</sup>  | 109.98(18) | O12              | B8  | O14 <sup>5</sup> | 109.0(5) |
| O8 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O6               | 89.73(19)  | O12              | B8  | O16 <sup>5</sup> | 107.8(5) |
| O8 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O8 <sup>3</sup>  | 139.2(2)   | O16 <sup>5</sup> | B8  | O14 <sup>5</sup> | 108.8(5) |
| O8 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O9 <sup>5</sup>  | 40.40(12)  | O13              | B9  | O15              | 117.7(6) |
| O8 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O10              | 85.39(16)  | O14              | B9  | O13              | 121.9(6) |
| O8 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O16 <sup>5</sup> | 108.85(16) | O14              | B9  | O15              | 120.3(6) |
| O9 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O2 <sup>12</sup> | 76.49(15)  | O16              | B10 | O15              | 119.1(6) |
| O9 <sup>5</sup> | Cs1B | O6 <sup>3</sup>  | 93.59(16)  | O16              | B10 | O17              | 126.1(7) |
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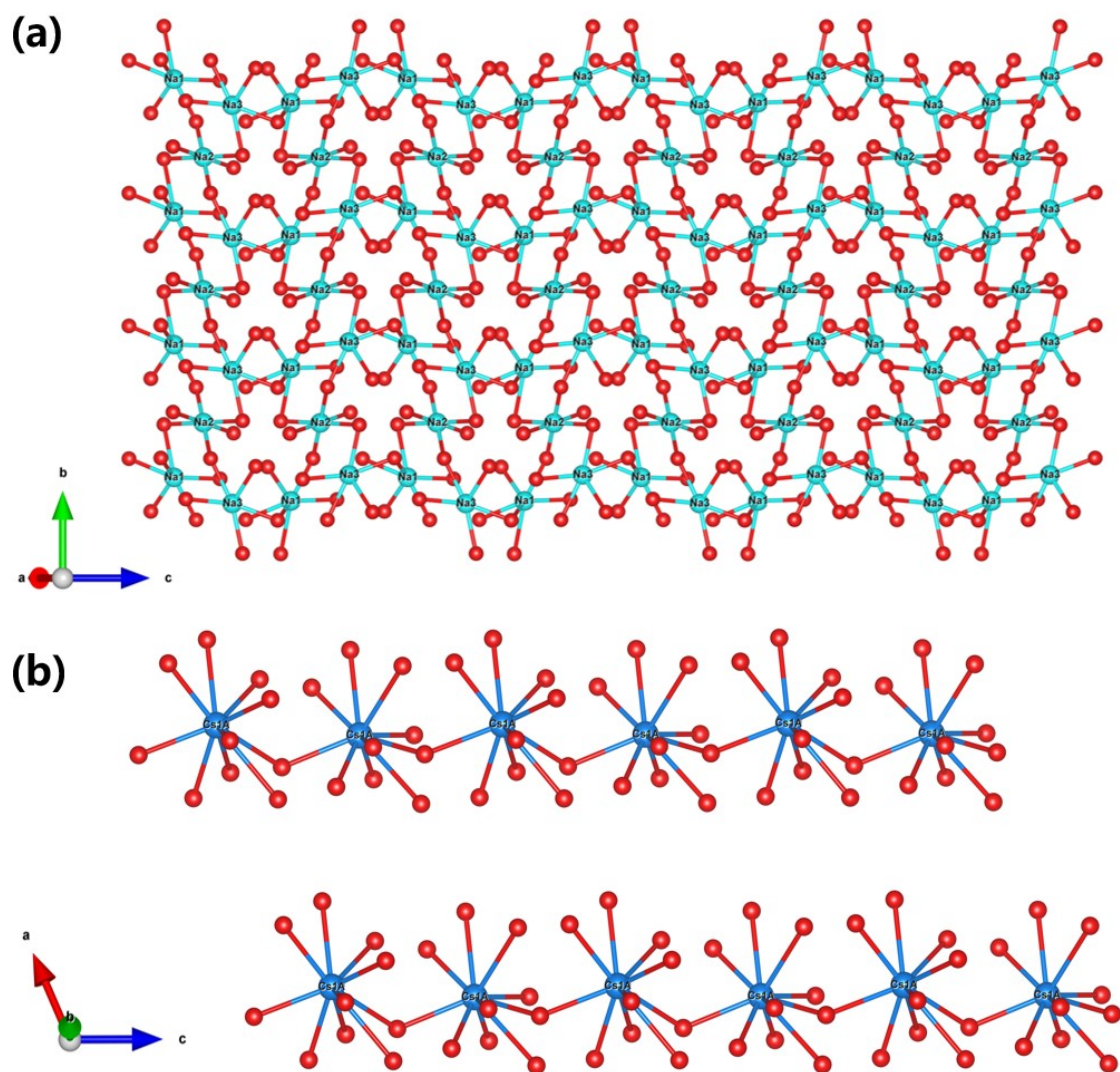
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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

|                     |                      |                    |                     |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| #1 -1+X,1-Y,-1/2+Z; | #2 +X,1+Y,+Z;        | #3 +X,1-Y,-1/2+Z;  | #4 -1+X,2-Y,-1/2+Z; |
| #5 +X,-Y,-1/2+Z;    | # 6 -1+X,-Y,-1/2+Z;  | #7 -1+X,-1+Y,+Z;   | # 8 1+X,1-Y,1/2+Z;  |
| #9 1+X,+Y,1+Z;      | #10 +X,-Y,1/2+Z;     | #11 +X,2-Y,1/2+Z;  | #12 +X,1-Y,1/2+Z;   |
| #13 +X,-1+Y,+Z;     | # 14 +X,-1-Y,-1/2+Z; | #15 +X,-2+Y,+Z;    | #16 +X,2+Y,+Z;      |
| #17 +X,2-Y,-1/2+Z;  | #18 1+X,-Y,1/2+Z;    | #19 +X,-1-Y,1/2+Z; | #20 1+X,2-Y,1/2+Z;  |
| #21 1+X,1+Y,+Z      |                      |                    |                     |

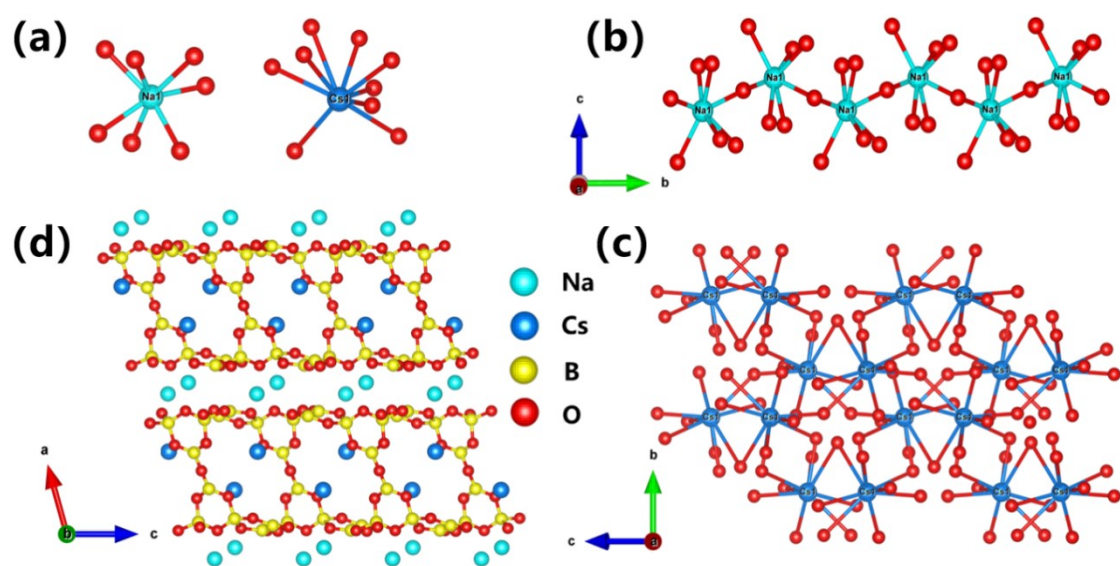
**Table S5. 2D layered borates with [B<sub>5</sub>O<sub>11</sub>] FBB.**

| Compounds                                                                                          | Space groups            | B-O configuration | Symmetry            | Reference |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Na <sub>3</sub> CsB <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub>                                                  | <i>Pc</i>               | 2D double layer   | Non-centrosymmetric | this work |
| K <sub>2</sub> Cs <sub>2</sub> B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub>                                     | <i>C2/c</i>             | 2D double layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 9         |
| Na <sub>2</sub> Cs <sub>2</sub> B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub>                                    | <i>C2/c</i>             | 2D double layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 9         |
| Ba <sub>3</sub> B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> Br <sub>2</sub>                                    | <i>C2/c</i>             | 2D double layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 10        |
| Na <sub>2</sub> B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> en                                 | <i>C2/c</i>             | 2D double layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 11        |
| Rb <sub>5</sub> Ba <sub>2</sub> (B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>17</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (BO <sub>2</sub> ) | <i>p</i> $\bar{1}$      | 2D double layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 12        |
| Rb <sub>4</sub> Ba <sub>2.5</sub> B <sub>20</sub> O <sub>34</sub> Cl                               | <i>p</i> $\bar{1}$      | 2D double layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 13        |
| Rb <sub>4</sub> Ba <sub>2.5</sub> B <sub>20</sub> O <sub>34</sub> Br                               | <i>p</i> $\bar{1}$      | 2D double layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 13        |
| Rb <sub>2</sub> Ba <sub>4</sub> B <sub>20</sub> O <sub>34</sub> Br <sub>2</sub>                    | <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/m</i> | 2D double layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 13        |
| KBaB <sub>5</sub> O <sub>9</sub> - I                                                               | <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> | 2D single layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 13        |
| KBaB <sub>5</sub> O <sub>9</sub> - II                                                              | <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> | 2D single layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 14        |
| NaPbB <sub>5</sub> O <sub>9</sub>                                                                  | <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> | 2D single layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 15        |
| NaCaB <sub>5</sub> O <sub>9</sub>                                                                  | <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> | 2D single layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 16        |
| NaSrB <sub>5</sub> O <sub>9</sub>                                                                  | <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> | 2D single layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 17        |
| NaBaB <sub>5</sub> O <sub>9</sub>                                                                  | <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> | 2D single layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 14        |
| SbB <sub>5</sub> O <sub>9</sub>                                                                    | <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> | 2D single layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 18        |
| Ca <sub>3</sub> V <sub>2</sub> B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>23</sub>                                     | <i>p</i> $\bar{1}$      | 2D single layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 19        |
| Sr <sub>3</sub> V <sub>2</sub> B <sub>10</sub> O <sub>23</sub>                                     | <i>p</i> $\bar{1}$      | 2D single layer   | Centrosymmetric     | 19        |



**Fig. S1 (a) 2D Na-O-Na layer in  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  ; (b) 1D  $^{1-}[\text{CsO}_9]_{\infty}$  chains in  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ .**

The Cs1 site is not required; two possible sites exist, Cs1A and Cs1B. The probability of Cs1 appearing at the Cs1B site is only 0.17. In the main text and Supplementary Information, for the sake of simplicity in illustration, we have omitted Cs1B. Coordination diagrams and structural diagrams are depicted solely for the Cs1A site. Descriptions of the structure in the main text are also based on Cs occupying the Cs1A site.



**Fig. S2** (a) Coordination environment of cations Na and Cs; (b) 1D  $^1[\text{NaO}_6]_\infty$  chains composed by  $[\text{NaO}_7]$  polyhedra; (c) 2D Cs-O-Cs layer composed by  $[\text{CsO}_9]$  polyhedra in  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ .

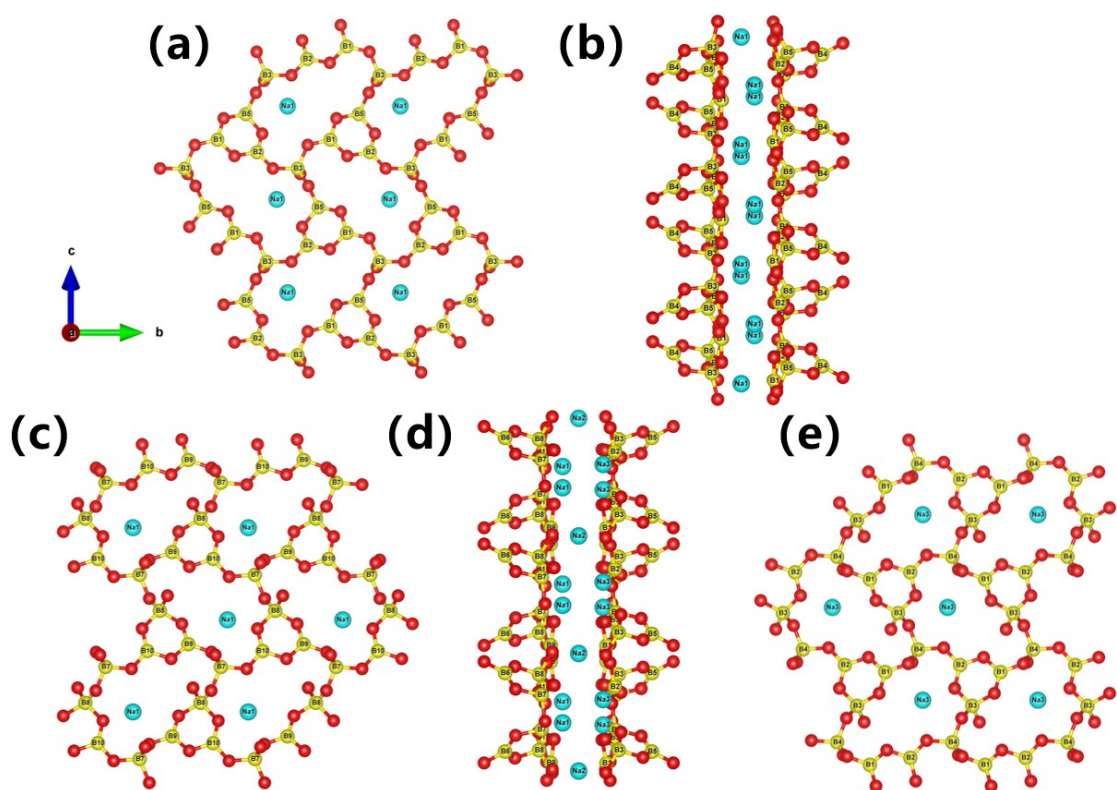


Fig. S3 (a) The 18-membered ring of  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ ; (b) Interlayer distribution of  $\text{Na}^+$  in  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ ; (c) (e) The 18-membered ring of  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ ; (d) Interlayer distribution of  $\text{Na}^+$  in  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ ;

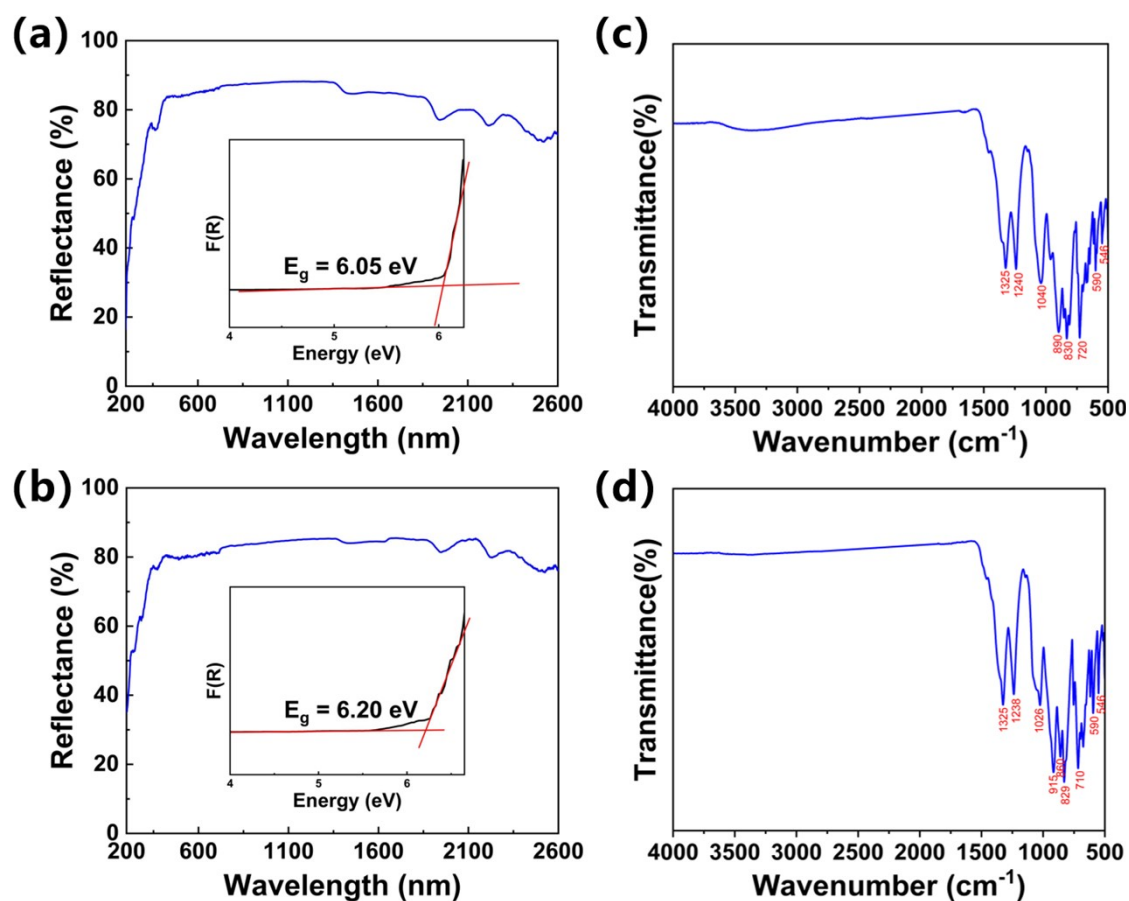


Fig. S4 (a) (c) The diffuse reflectance spectra, experimental bandgap and IR spectra for  $\text{K}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ ; (b) (d) The diffuse reflectance spectra, experimental bandgap and IR spectra for  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ .

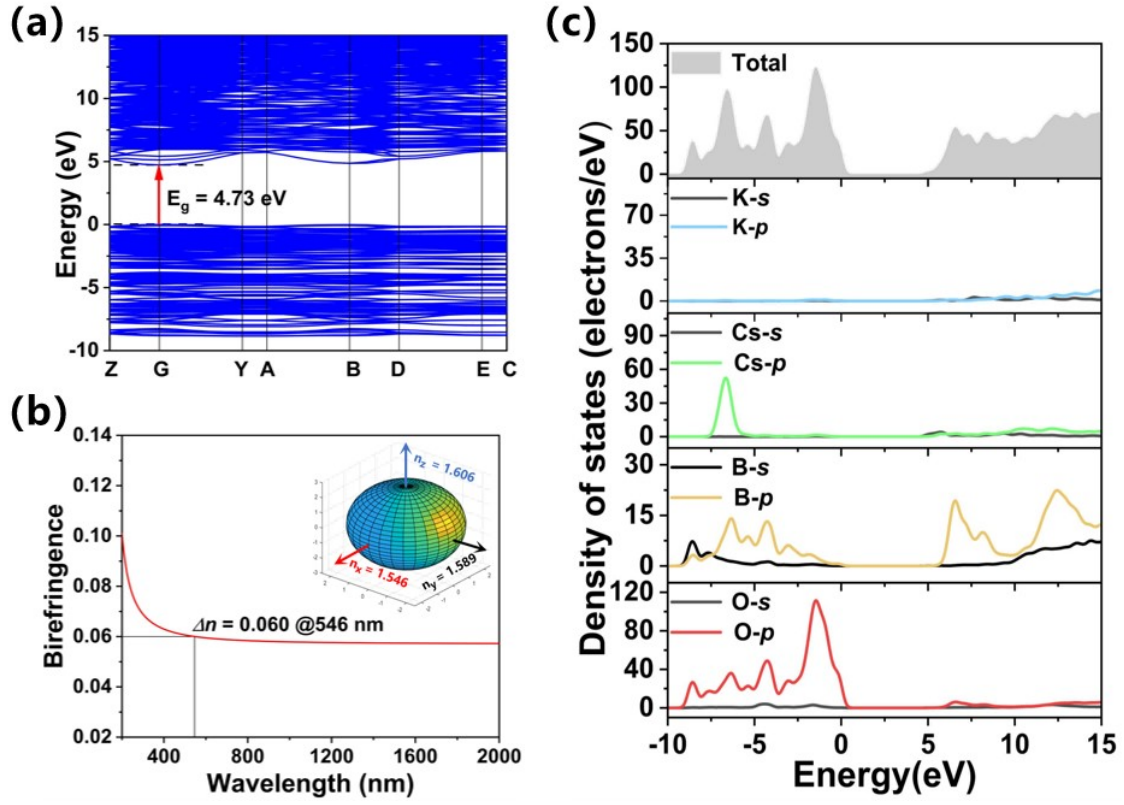


Fig. S5 (a) Electronic band structure using GGA method, (b) calculated birefringence and (c) partial and total density of states of  $K_2Cs_2B_{10}O_{17}$ .

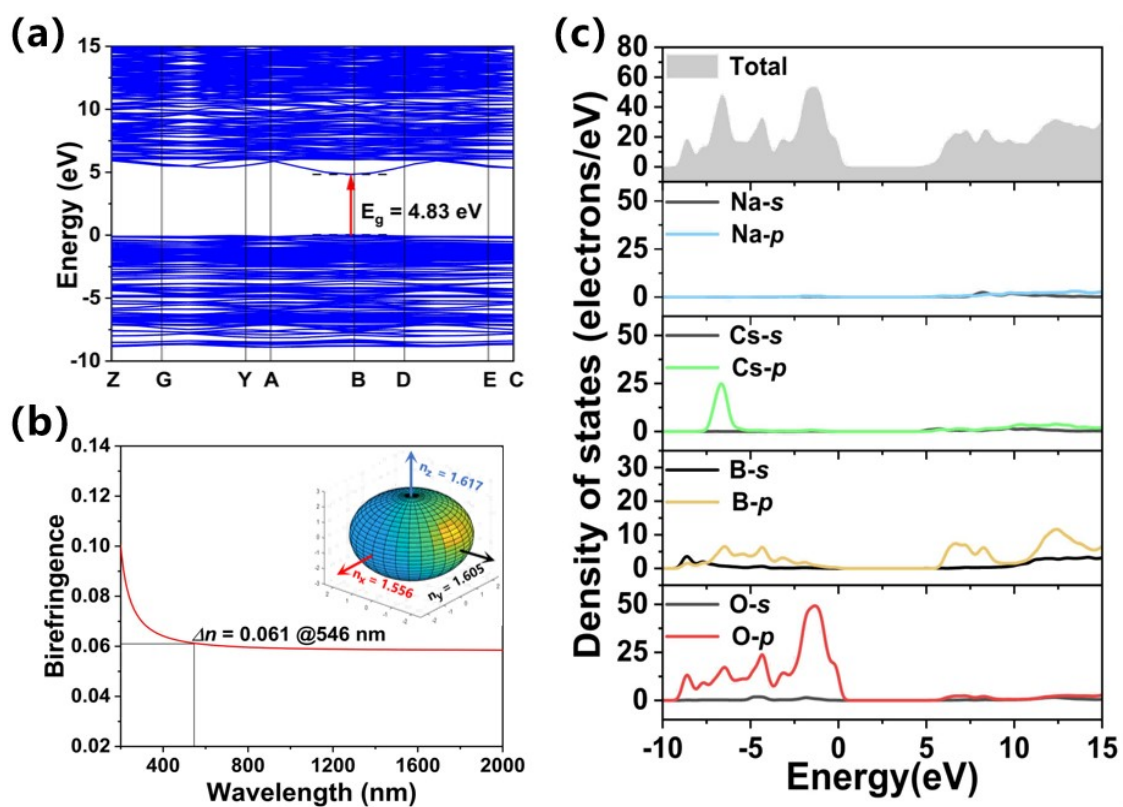
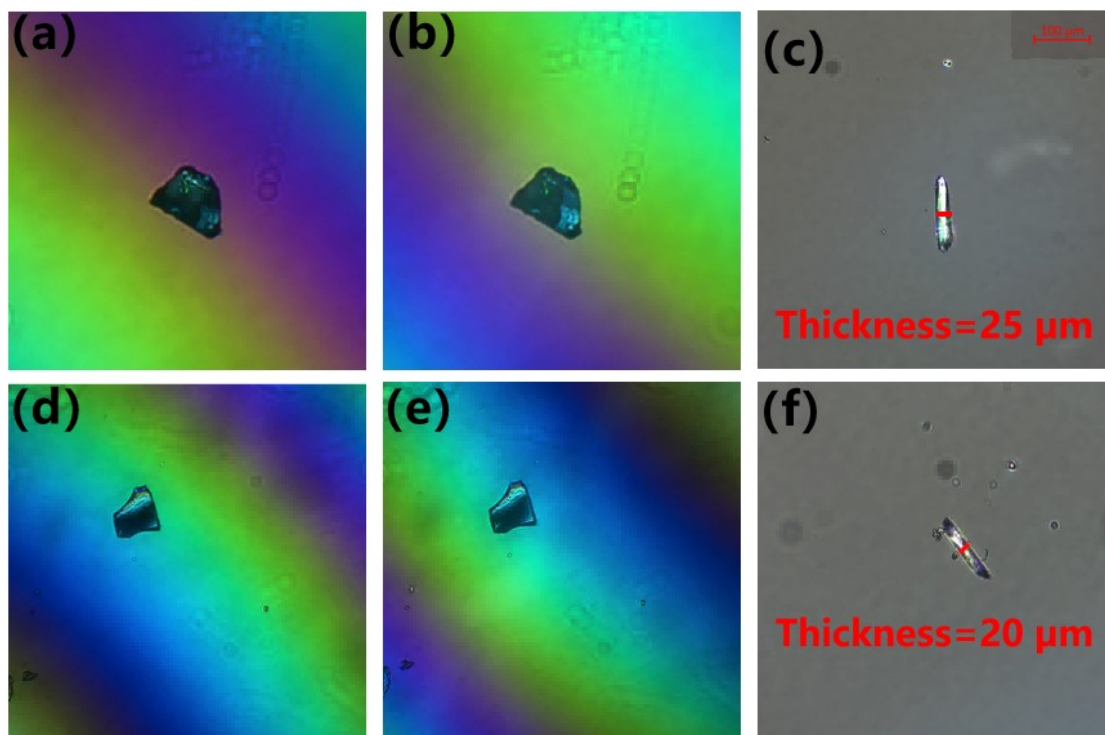


Fig. S6 (a) Electronic band structure using GGA method, (b) calculated birefringence and (c) partial and total density of states of  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ .



**Fig. S7 Birefringence measurement of  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  (a, b, c) and  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  (d, e, f) using a polarizing microscope. The view of the crystal achieving extinction at the negative (a, d) and positive (b, e) rotation of the compensator, respectively; the thickness (c, f) of the crystal for measurement. Based on measurements using a Berek compensator, the optical path differences (OPD) for  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  were determined to be 1179.15 nm and 1001.68 nm, respectively.**

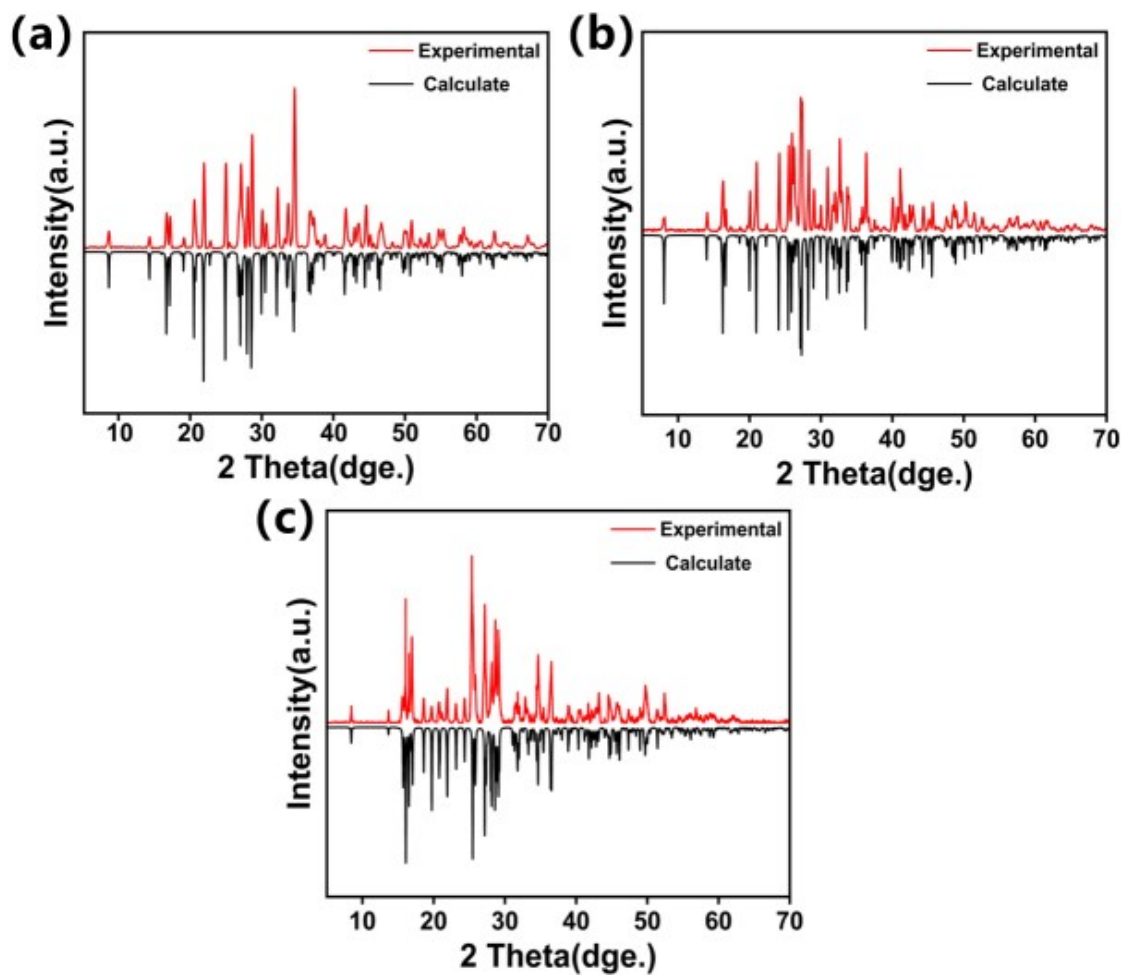
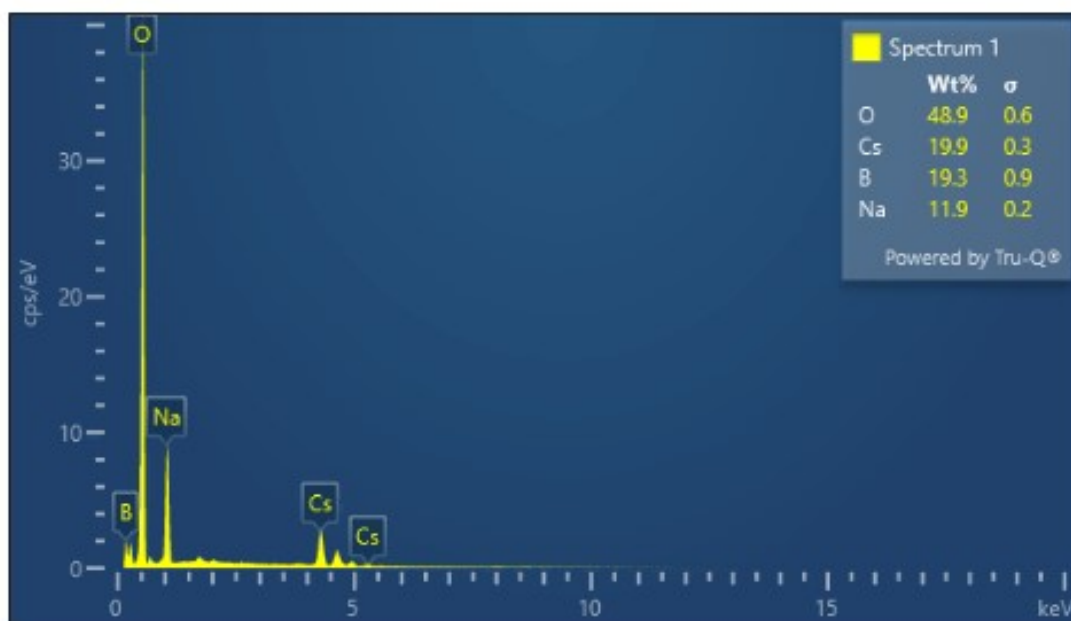
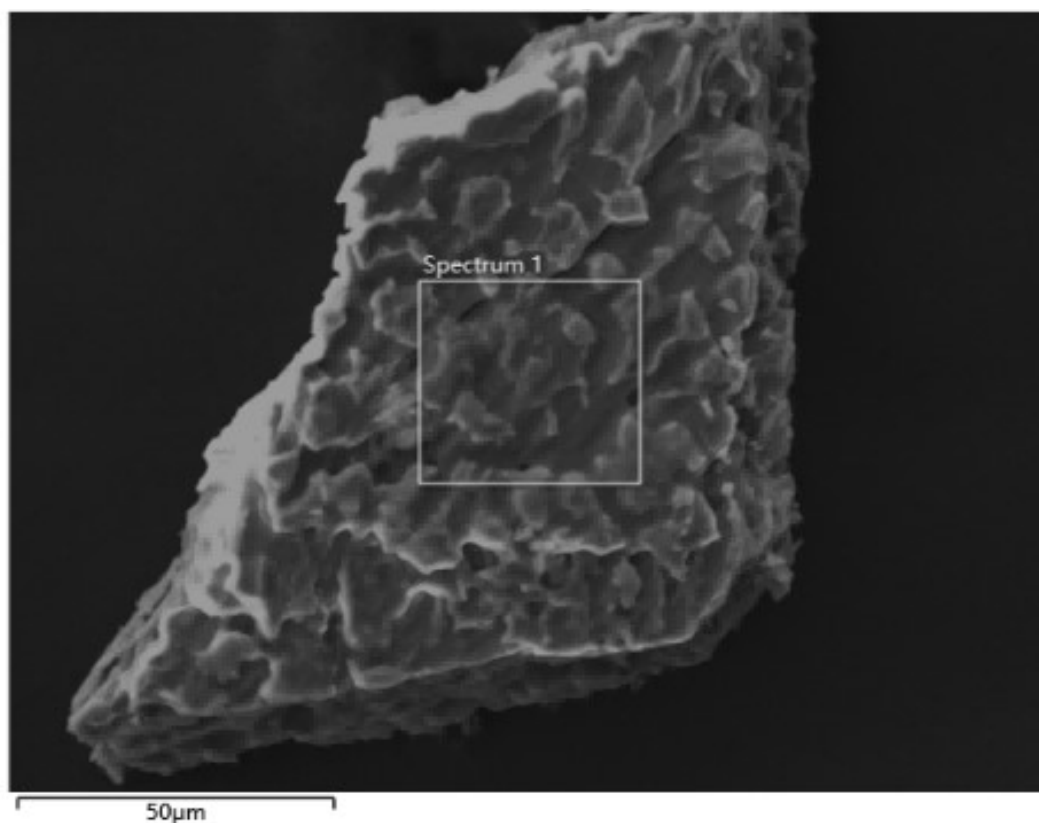


Fig. S8. (a), (b) and (c) Experimental and calculated powder XRD patterns for  $\text{K}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cs}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  and  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ .



**Fig. S9. EDS analysis diagram of  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ .**

The EDS analysis results shown in the figure confirm the presence of constituent elements in  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$ . Although EDS is a semi-quantitative analysis with certain errors in the measured elemental percentages, the atomic percentages of these elements generally align with the expected stoichiometric ratios. This further supports the overall validity of the  $\text{Na}_3\text{CsB}_{10}\text{O}_{17}$  structure.

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