

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# **$A_2BiI_5O_{15}$ ( $A=K^+$ or $Rb^+$ ): Two New Promising Nonlinear Optical Materials Containing $[I_3O_9]^{3-}$ Bridging Anionic Group †**

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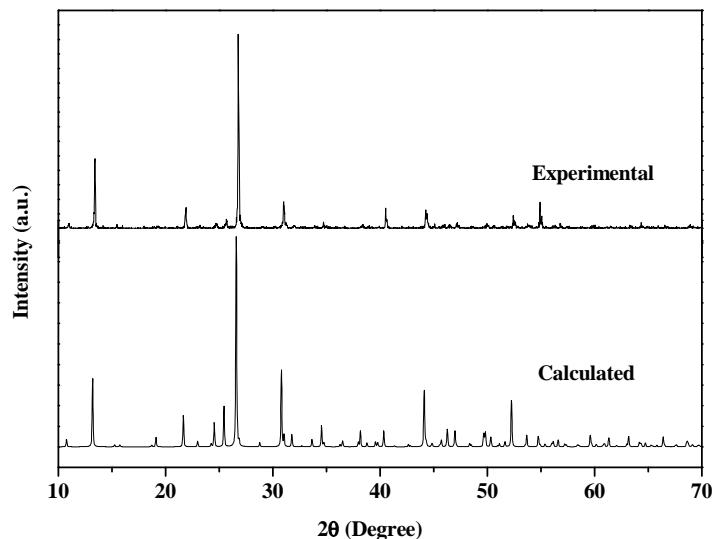
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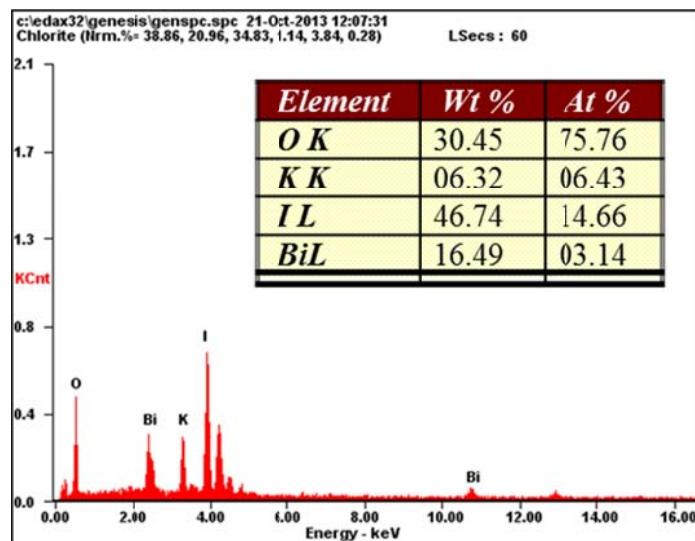
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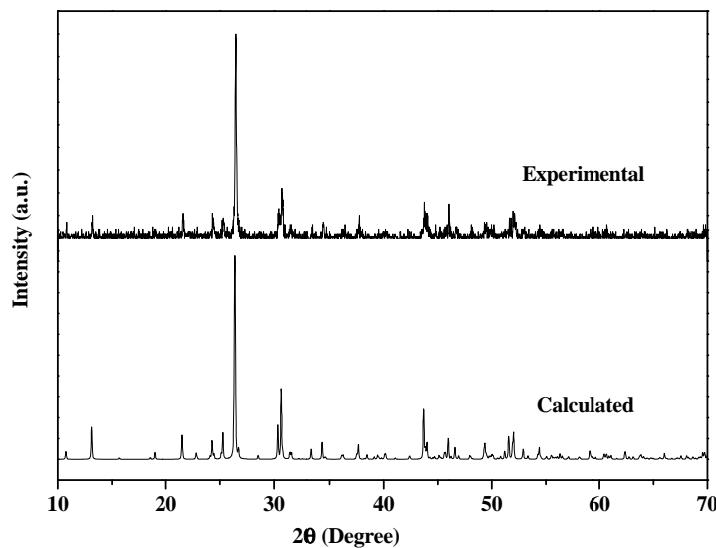
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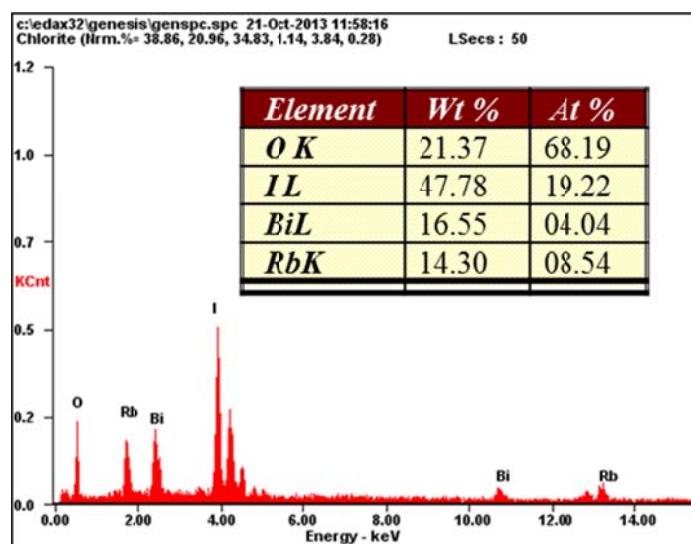
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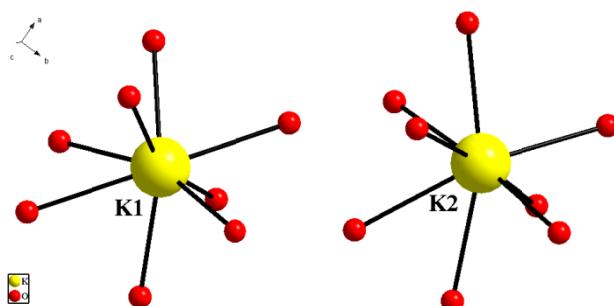
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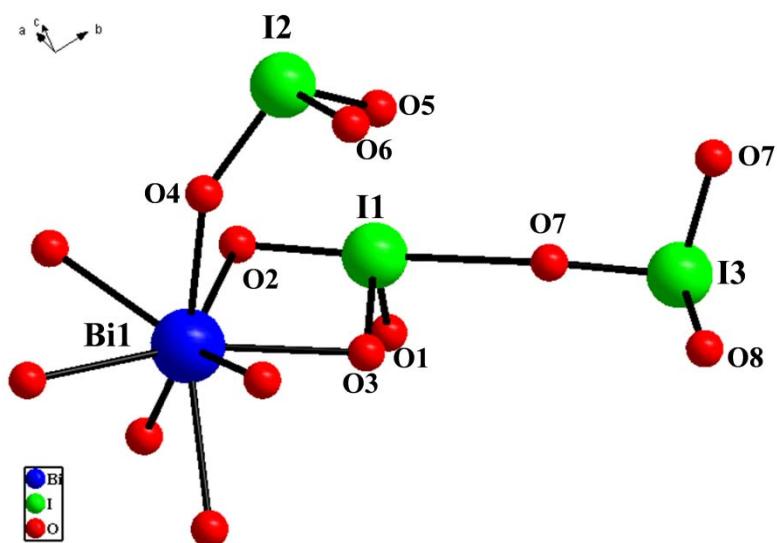
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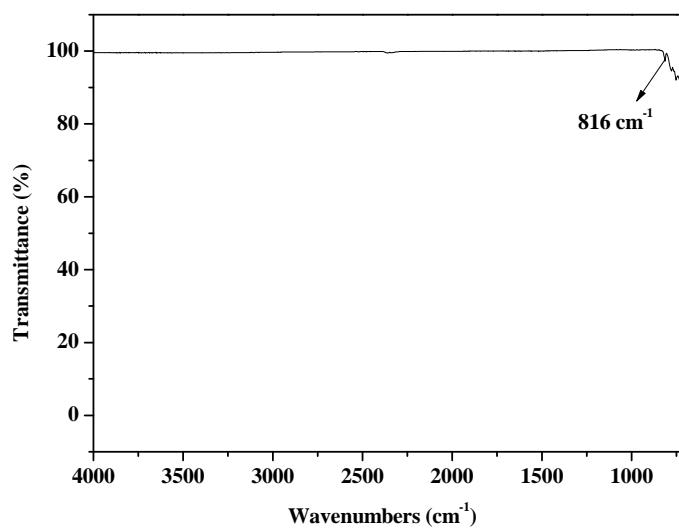


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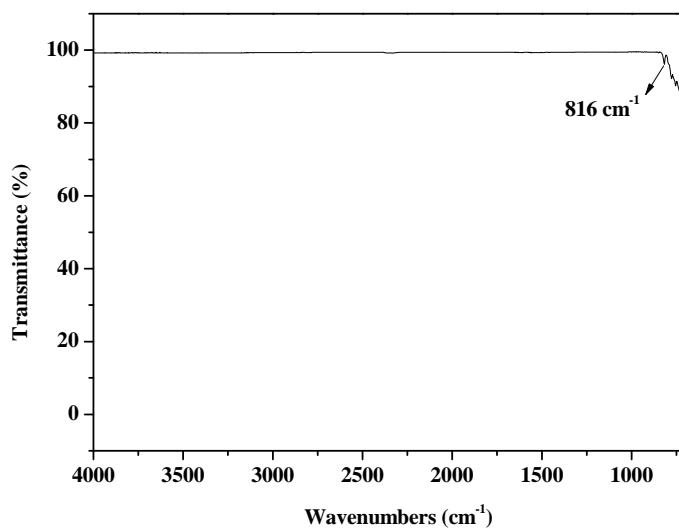
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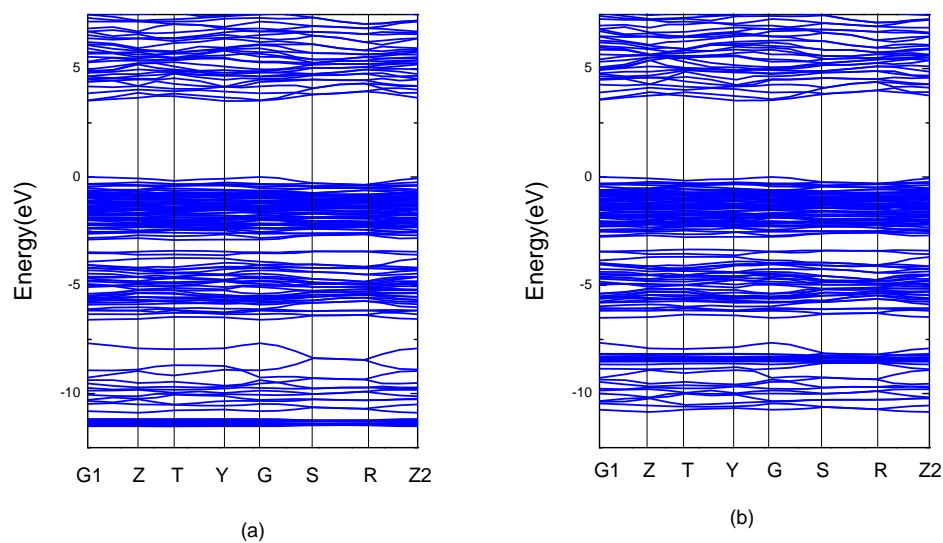
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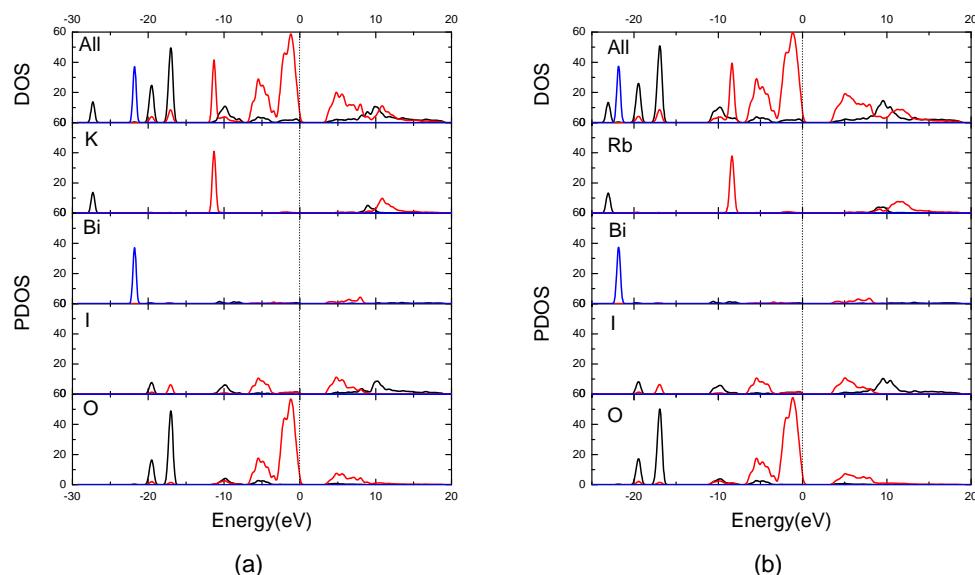


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## 3. Theoretical Computations.

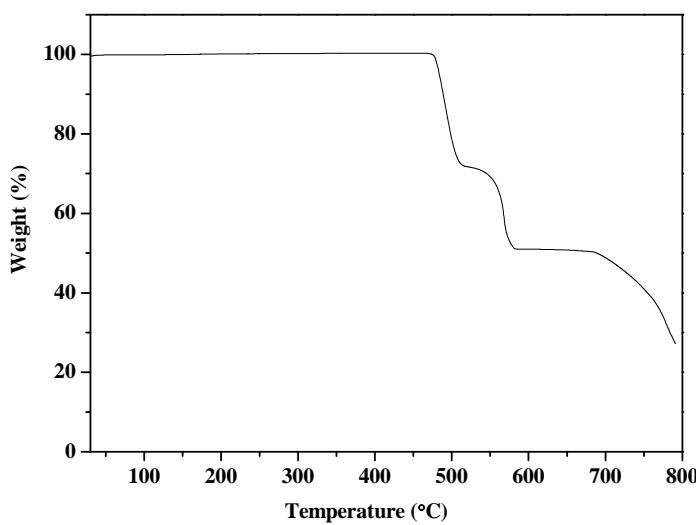


**Figure S9.** Electronic band structure of  $\text{K}_2\text{BiI}_5\text{O}_{15}$  (a) and  $\text{Rb}_2\text{BiI}_5\text{O}_{15}$  (b) crystals along the lines of high symmetry points in the Brillouin zone.

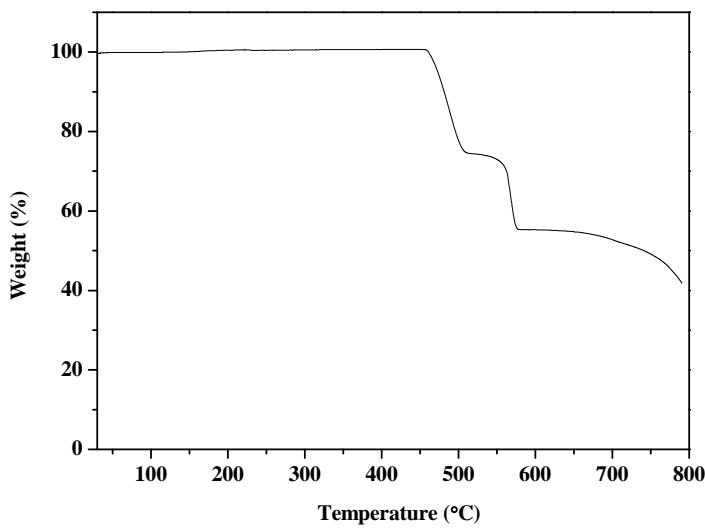


**Figure S10.** DOS and PDOS plots of  $\text{K}_2\text{BiI}_5\text{O}_{15}$  (a) and  $\text{Rb}_2\text{BiI}_5\text{O}_{15}$  (b). The *s*, *p* and *d* orbitals are represented by black, red and blue curves, respectively. The VB maximum is indicated by the dotted straight line.

#### 4. Thermal properties of $\text{K}_2\text{BiI}_5\text{O}_{15}$ and $\text{Rb}_2\text{BiI}_5\text{O}_{15}$



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**Table S1.** Selected Bond Distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for  $\text{K}_2\text{BiI}_5\text{O}_{15}$ .

Bond	Bond distances	Bond	Bond distances
Bi(1)-O(4)#1	2.352(5)	K(1)-O(1)#8	2.734(5)
Bi(1)-O(4)	2.352(5)	K(1)-O(1)	2.817(5)
Bi(1)-O(2)#1	2.399(4)	K(1)-O(1)#9	2.817(5)
Bi(1)-O(2)	2.400(4)	K(1)-O(4)#1	3.040(5)

Bi(1)-O(3)	2.491(4)	K(1)-O(4)#10	3.040(5)
Bi(1)-O(3)#1	2.491(4)	K(1)-O(3)#9	3.127(5)
Bi(1)-O(2)#2	2.549(4)	K(1)-O(3)	3.127(5)
Bi(1)-O(2)#3	2.549(4)	K(2)-O(5)#3	2.839(5)
I(1)-O(1)	1.797(4)	K(2)-O(5)#11	2.839(5)
I(1)-O(3)	1.829(5)	K(2)-O(5)	2.896(6)
I(1)-O(2)	1.865(4)	K(2)-O(5)#7	2.896(6)
I(1)-O(7)	2.457(5)	K(2)-O(6)	3.067(6)
I(2)-O(6)	1.803(5)	K(2)-O(6)#7	3.067(6)
I(2)-O(5)	1.808(4)	K(2)-O(7)	3.108(6)
I(2)-O(4)	1.822(5)	K(2)-O(7)#7	3.108(6)
I(3)-O(7)#7	1.790(5)	O(1)-K(1)#5	2.734(5)
I(3)-O(7)	1.790(5)	O(2)-Bi(1)#5	2.549(4)
I(3)-O(8)	1.815(7)	O(4)-K(1)#4	3.040(5)
K(1)-O(1)#2	2.734(5)	O(5)-K(2)#6	2.839(5)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+1,-y,z      #2 x,-y+0,z-1/2      #3 -x+1,y+0,z-1/2      #4 x+1,y,z  
 #5 x,-y+0,z+1/2      #6 -x+1,-y+1/2,z+1/2      #7 x,-y+1/2,z      #8 -x,y+0,z-1/2  
 #9 -x,-y,z      #10 x-1,y,z      #11 -x+1,-y+1/2,z-1/2

**Table S2.** Selected Bond Distances (Å) for Rb<sub>2</sub>BiI<sub>5</sub>O<sub>15</sub>.

Bond	Bond distances	Bond	Bond distances
Bi(1)-O(2)	2.368(9)	Rb(1)-O(1)#9	2.917(9)
Bi(1)-O(2)#1	2.368(9)	Rb(1)-O(1)	2.917(9)
Bi(1)-O(4)#1	2.371(9)	Rb(1)-O(4)#1	3.050(10)
Bi(1)-O(4)	2.371(9)	Rb(1)-O(4)#10	3.050(10)
Bi(1)-O(3)#1	2.503(8)	Rb(1)-O(3)#9	3.235(9)
Bi(1)-O(3)	2.504(8)	Rb(1)-O(3)	3.235(9)
Bi(1)-O(2)#2	2.631(9)	Rb(1)-O(2)#8	3.589(9)
Bi(1)-O(2)#3	2.631(9)	Rb(1)-O(2)#2	3.589(9)
I(1)-O(1)	1.799(8)	Rb(2)-O(5)#3	2.903(10)
I(1)-O(3)	1.832(10)	Rb(2)-O(5)#11	2.903(10)
I(1)-O(2)	1.865(8)	Rb(2)-O(5)#7	3.019(11)
I(1)-O(7)	2.452(13)	Rb(2)-O(5)	3.019(11)
I(2)-O(6)	1.800(11)	Rb(2)-O(6)#7	3.133(11)
I(2)-O(5)	1.801(8)	Rb(2)-O(6)	3.133(11)
I(2)-O(4)	1.825(9)	Rb(2)-O(7)	3.186(14)

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I(3)-O(7)	1.799(12)	Rb(2)-O(7)#7	3.186(14)
I(3)-O(7)#7	1.799(12)	O(1)-Rb(1)#5	2.822(10)
I(3)-O(8)	1.82(2)	O(2)-Bi(1)#5	2.631(9)
Rb(1)-O(1)#2	2.822(10)	O(4)-Rb(1)#4	3.050(10)
Rb(1)-O(1)#8	2.822(10)	O(5)-Rb(2)#6	2.903(10)

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#9 -x,-y,z     #10 x-1,y,z     #11 -x+1,-y+1/2,z-1/2