

# The Supporting Materials

## A Combinatory Ferroelectric Compound Bridging Simple ABO<sub>3</sub> and A-site-Ordered Quadruple Perovskite

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### Supplementary Methods

The magnetic susceptibility was measured by using a vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM) of a Quantum Design MPMS system. The electrical transport properties are studied using a Quantum Design Physical Properties Measurement System (PPMS) by standard four-probe method. The thermal stability of the sample was measured by thermogravimetry analysis from room temperature to 1473 K at a heating rate of 10 K min<sup>-1</sup>, using a LABSYS EVO TGA system. Diffuse-reflectance spectra were measured at room temperature using a UV-Vis-NIR spectrophotometer. The morphology and particle size were investigated by Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) using a field emission scanning microscope (model Hitachi S-4800)

First principles calculation was performed by using the Vienna ab initio simulation package (VASP)<sup>1,2</sup>, which implements the density functional theory with generalized gradient approximation (GGA)<sup>3</sup> of Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) type to exchange-correlation functional. Electronic band structure was calculate with plane wave cutoff of 700 eV and a 7×7×7 Monkhorst-Pack k-point mesh. The phonon band structure were calculated by using the density functional perturbation theory (DFPT) performed with the VASP and PHONOPY package<sup>4</sup>. A 2×2×2 supercell of 160 atoms was used here. We also checked the phonon band result using the ALAMODE package<sup>5</sup>, which gave a same result. All these calculations were done after a careful optimization with the given symmetry until the residual Hellmann-Feynman forces became smaller than 10<sup>-4</sup> eV Å<sup>-1</sup>.

**Table S1 | Refined structure parameters of PHTO based on SXRD data collected at 300 K.**

	SXRD
a(Å)	7.7234(9)
Z	2
Formula weight	1192.56
Cacl. Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	8.5958(9)
V(Å <sup>3</sup> )	460.72(5)
O <sub>y</sub>	0.7069(2)
O <sub>z</sub>	0.2181(0)
<i>U</i> <sub>iso</sub> (Pb)( Å <sup>2</sup> )	0.011(4)
<i>U</i> <sub>iso</sub> (Hg)( Å <sup>2</sup> )	0.009(7)
<i>U</i> <sub>iso</sub> (Ti)( Å <sup>2</sup> )	0.004(0)
<i>U</i> <sub>iso</sub> (O)( Å <sup>2</sup> )	0.003(2)
Pb-O(×12)( Å)	2.821(6)
Hg-O(×4)( Å)	2.322(1)
Hg-O(×4)( Å)	2.700(8)
Ti-O(×6)( Å)	1.974(7)
∠Ti-O-Ti (°)	155.80(1)
BVS(Pb)	1.76
BVS(Hg)	2.11
BVS(Ti)	3.90
R <sub>wp</sub> (%)	8.47
R <sub>p</sub> (%)	6.79

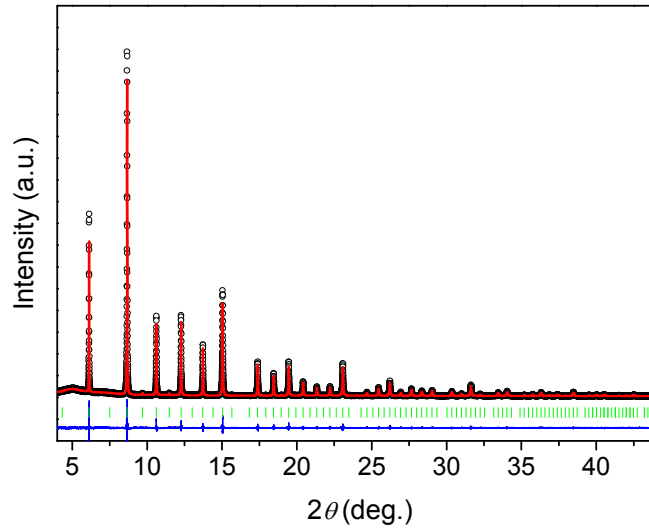
<sup>a</sup> The BVS values ( $V_i$ ) were calculated using the formula  $V_i = \sum_j S_{ij}$ , and  $S_{ij} = \exp[(r_0 - r_{ij})/0.37]$ . In PHTO,  $r_0 = 2.112$  for Pb, 1.972 for Hg and 1.815 for Ti. For the A-site Pb, 12-coordinated oxygen atoms were used. For the A'-site Hg, 8-coordinated oxygen atoms were used. For the B-site Ti, 6-coordinated oxygen atoms were used. <sup>b</sup>Space group: *Im*-3; Atomic sites: Pb *2a* (0, 0, 0), Hg *6b* (0, 0.5, 0.5), Ti *8c* (0.25, 0.25, 0.25), O *24g* (0, *y*, *z*).

**Table S2 | Refined structure parameters of PHTO based on SXRD data collected at 90 K.**

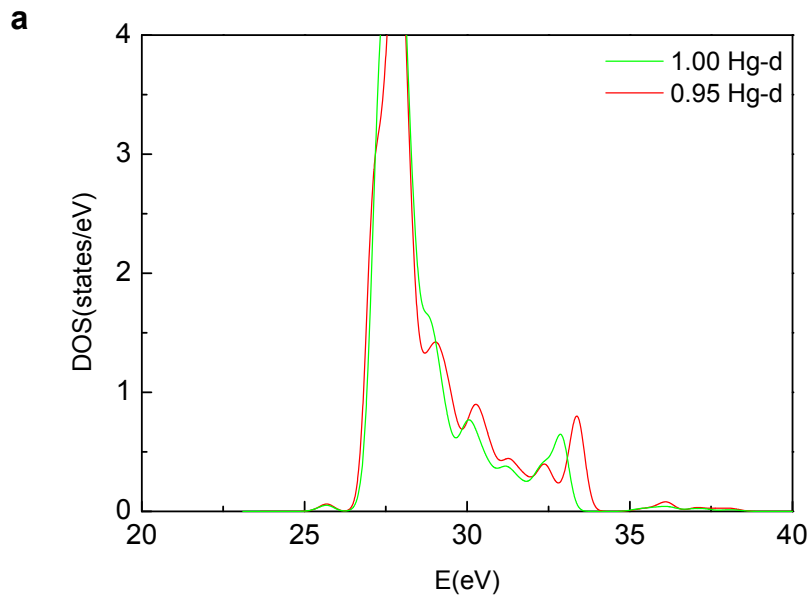
Crystallographic data for PbHg <sub>3</sub> Ti <sub>4</sub> O <sub>12</sub> based on SXRD at 90 K					
Atom	Wyck	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}$ (Å <sup>2</sup> )
Pb	2a	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.008(9)
Hg1	2b	0.5	0	0.5	0.007(1)
Hg2	2a	0.5	0.5	0	0.005(1)
Hg3	2b	0.5	0	0	0.005(4)
Ti	8e	0.2319(7)	0.2547(5)	0.2295(1)	0.016(2)
O1	4c	0.2125(1)	0	0.2707(9)	0.002(4)
O2	8e	0.2872(7)	0.1966(5)	-0.0179(9)	0.010(4)
O3	4d	0	0.3061(7)	0.2208(8)	0.005(1)
O4	4c	-0.1982(8)	0	-0.2835(1)	0.005(0)
O5	4d	0	-0.2942(1)	-0.2414(7)	0.001(7)
<b>Bond length (Å)</b>				<b>Bond angle(°)</b>	
Pb-O1: 2.657(1)	Ti-O1: 1.993(9)	Hg1-O1: 2.842(1)	∠Ti-O1-Ti : 159.67(0)		
Pb-O2: 2.696(1)	Ti-O2: 2.004(2)	Hg1-O3: 2.263(5)	∠Ti-O2-Ti : 150.81(7)		
Pb-O3: 2.908(2)	Ti-O3: 1.841(7)	Hg1-O5: 2.443(7)	∠Ti-O3-Ti : 154.80(5)		
Pb-O4: 2.669(8)	Ti-O4: 1.967(7)	Hg2-O1: 2.411(4)	∠Ti-O4-Ti : 147.56(0)		
Pb-O5: 2.931(9)	Ti-O5: 2.122(5)	Hg2-O4: 2.267(1)	∠Ti-O5-Ti : 156.15(6)		
		Hg3-O2: 2.243(0)			
		Hg3-O3: 2.617(4)			
		Hg3-O5: 2.545(1)			

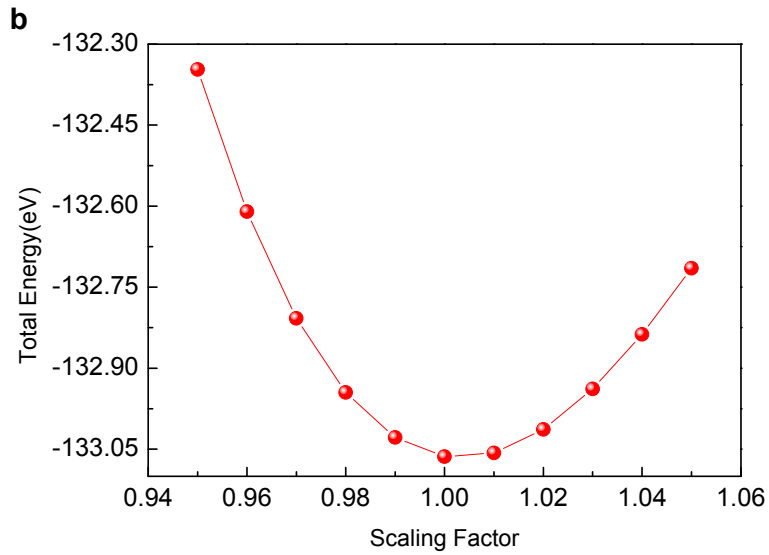
Space group: *Imm2* (No. 44)  $a = 7.7483(9)$  Å,  $b = 7.7042(4)$  Å,  $c = 7.7014(2)$  Å;  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$ ;

$V = 459.740$  Å<sup>3</sup>;  $Z = 2$ ;  $R_p = 5.34\%$ ,  $R_{wp} = 6.95\%$ .

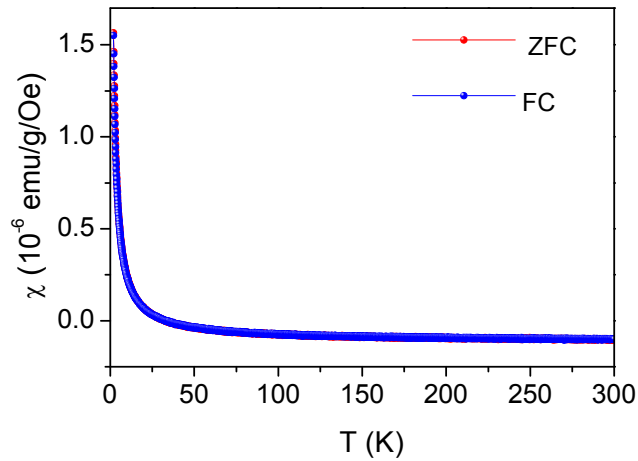


**Fig. S1** Rietveld refinements of SXR D patterns for at 300 K PHTO. Observed (crosses), calculated (red), difference (blue) and Bragg reflections (green) are shown in the figure, respectively. The ticks indicate the allowed Bragg reflections with space group  $Im-3$ .

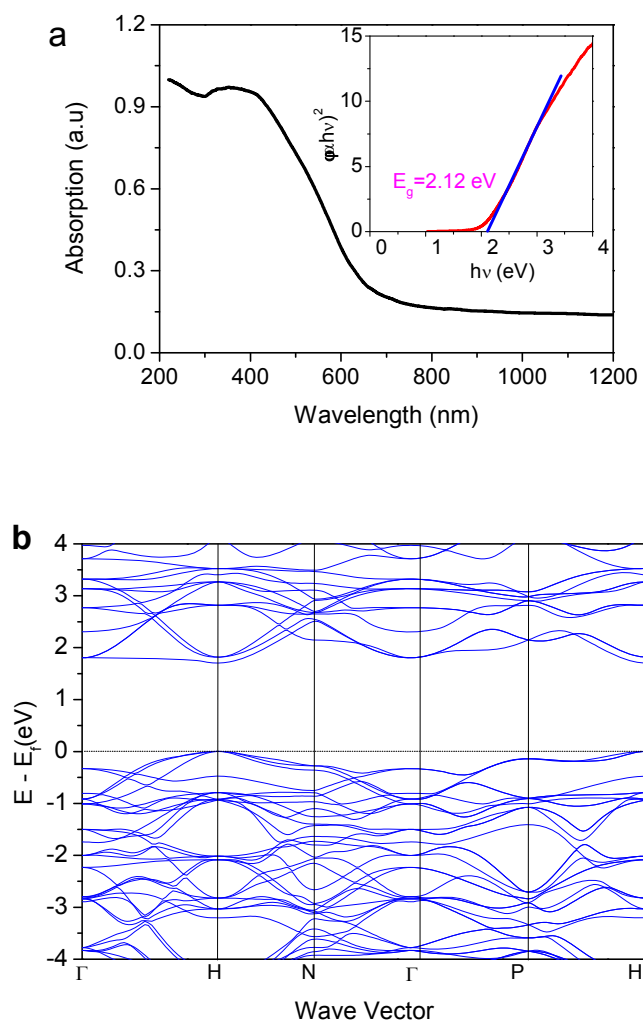




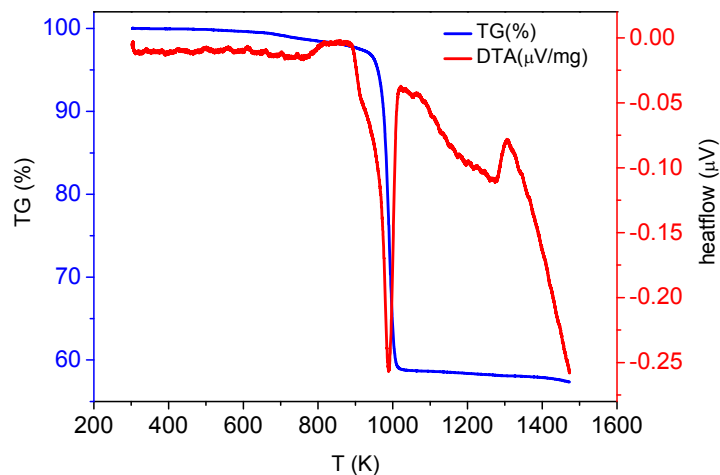
**Fig. S2 a**, The density of states projected on the  $d$  orbitals of a single Hg atom. Systems with smaller Hg-O scaling factor have higher  $d^{10}$  energy level. The energy is aligned with respect to the Ti  $3p$  states so that the energy positions can be directly compared. **b**, The total energy of PHTO system as a function of the Hg-O bond length. The shorter bond of Hg-O is scaling factor times the original bond length.



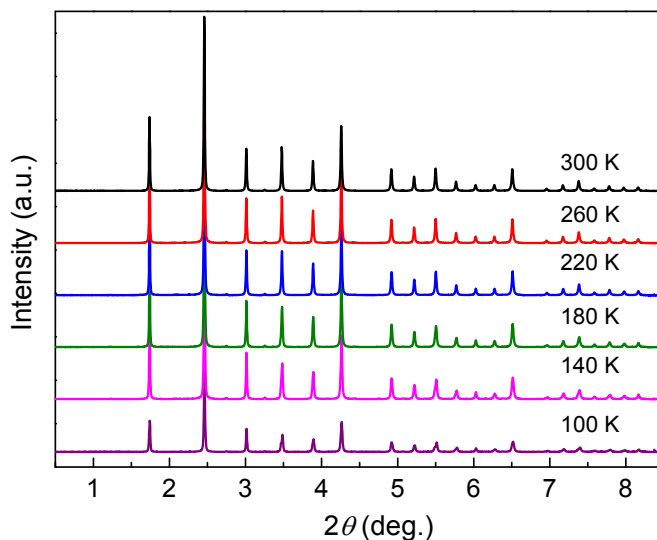
**Fig. S3** Temperature dependent magnetic susceptibility  $\chi$  for PHTO with external magnetic field of 0.1 T.



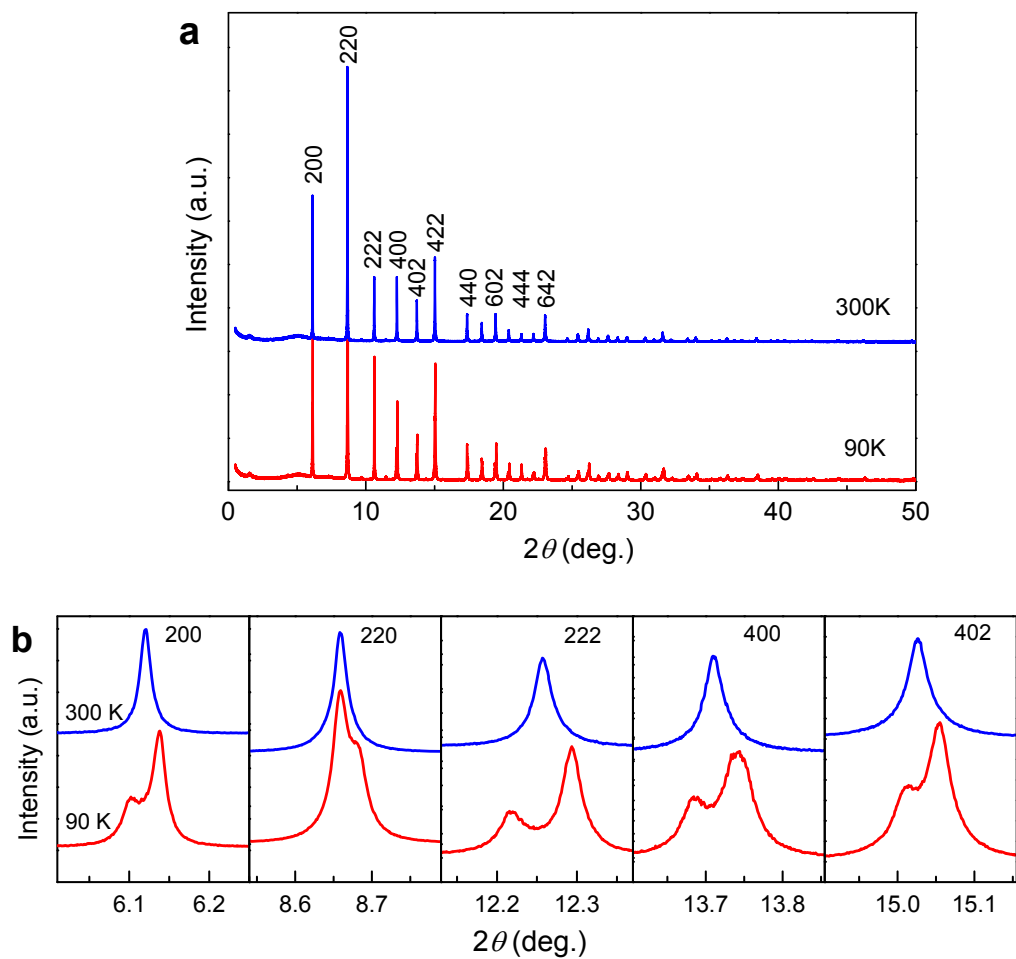
**Fig. S4** **a**, UV-Vis-NIR diffuse reflectance spectrum of PHTO measured at room temperature. **b**, First-principle calculation of PHTO band structures.



**Fig. S5** Thermogravimetry analysis of PHTO. The TGA measurement results show that the sample decomposed at about 973 K, losing about 40% of its mass. The residual products were  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{PbO}$ , so the decomposition reaction was  $\text{PbHg}_3\text{Ti}_4\text{O}_{12} \rightarrow \text{PbO} + 3\text{HgO} + 4\text{TiO}_2$ . The observed weight loss agrees well with the  $\text{HgO}$ , which evaporates into the air at high temperature.

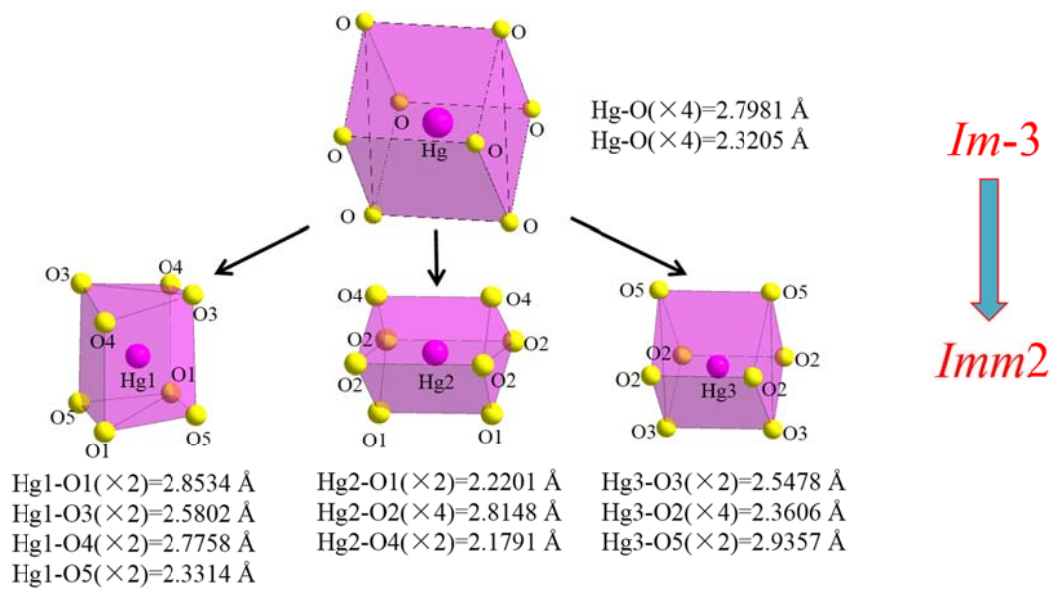


**Fig. S6** Temperature dependence of SXRD patterns of PHTO obtained from 300 K to 100 K.

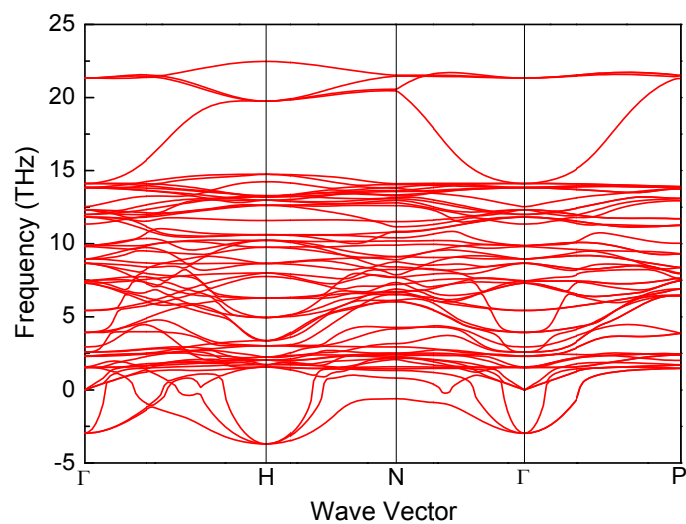


**Fig. S7 a**, SXR D patterns of PHTO obtained at 300 K and 90 K. **b**, Some characteristic diffraction peaks collected at 300 K and 90 K.

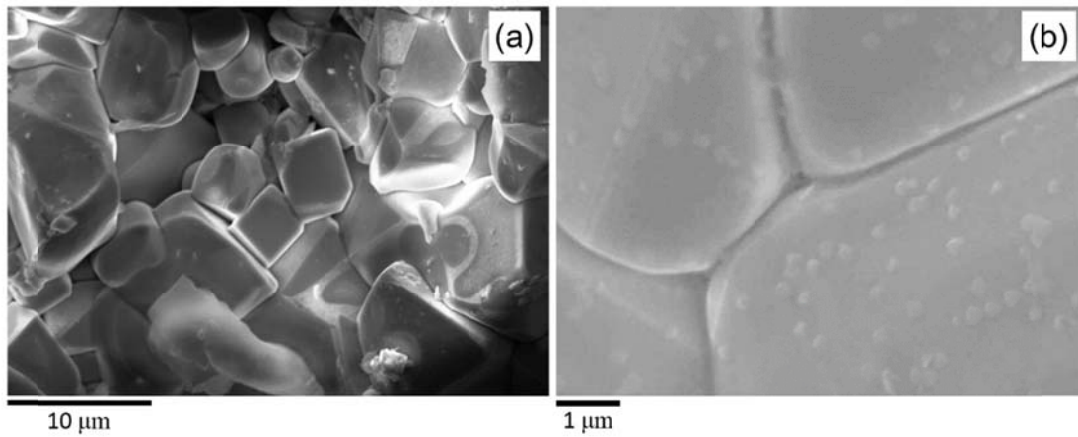




**Fig. S8** Schematic illustration for the changing of  $\text{HgO}_8$  hexahedron before and after phase transition



**Fig. S9** The phonon band calculated by using the DFPT method.



**Fig. S10** SEM micrographs of **a**, the fracture surface and **b**, grain boundaries for polycrystalline sample of PHTO.

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