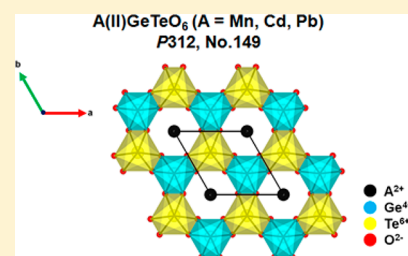


A(II)GeTeO₆ (A = Mn, Cd, Pb): Non-Centrosymmetric Layered Tellurates with PbSb₂O₆-Related StructureSun Woo Kim,[†] Zheng Deng,[‡] Shuang Yu,[‡] Haricharan Padmanabhan,[§] Weiguo Zhang,^{||} Venkatraman Gopalan,[§] Changqing Jin,[‡] and Martha Greenblatt^{*,†}[†]Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Rutgers, 610 Taylor Road, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854, United States[‡]Beijing National Laboratory for Condensed Matter Physics, Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing 100190, China[§]Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802, United States^{||}Department of Chemistry, University of Houston, 112 Fleming Building, Houston, Texas 77204, United States

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ABSTRACT: A(II)GeTeO₆ (A = Mn, Cd, Pb), new non-centrosymmetric (NCS) honeycomb-layered tellurates, were synthesized and characterized. A(II)GeTeO₆ (A = Mn, Cd, Pb) crystallize in trigonal space group *P*312 (No. 149) of edge-sharing Ge⁴⁺O₆ and Te⁶⁺O₆ octahedra, which form honeycomb-like-layers in the *ab*-plane with A(II) (A = Mn, Cd, Pb) cations located between the layers. Their crystal structures are PbSb₂O₆-related, and the ordering of Ge⁴⁺ and Te⁶⁺ in octahedral environment breaks the inversion symmetry of the parent PbSb₂O₆ structure. The size of A(II) cation in six coordination is an important factor to stabilize PbSb₂O₆-based structure. Temperature-dependent optical second harmonic generation measurements on A(II)GeTeO₆ confirmed non-centrosymmetric character in the entire scanned temperature range (0 to 600 °C). The materials exhibit a powder SHG efficiency of ~0.37 and ~0.21 times of KH₂PO₄ for PbGeTeO₆ and CdGeTeO₆, respectively. Magnetic measurements of MnGeTeO₆ indicate anti-ferromagnetic order at *T*_N ≈ 9.4 K with Weiss temperature of −22.47 K.



■ INTRODUCTION

Non-centrosymmetric (NCS) oxide materials have been studied extensively due to their important physical properties including ferroelectricity, piezoelectricity, pyroelectricity, multiferroicity, magnetoelectricity, and second harmonic generation (SHG).^{1–5} Designing new NCS oxide materials with optimal characteristic is still challenging, and several approaches to break inversion symmetry have been investigated experimentally and theoretically; for example: (1) the combination of second-order Jahn–Teller (SOJT) d⁰ cations (Ti⁴⁺, Nb⁵⁺, W⁶⁺, etc.) and lone-pair cations (Bi³⁺, Se⁴⁺, Te⁴⁺, etc.), which present asymmetric coordination environment and induce inversion symmetry breaking^{6–9} and (2) oxygen octahedral rotation in layered perovskites (Ruddlesden–Popper or Dion–Jacobson phases), which recently have been confirmed experimentally.^{10,11}

The PbSb₂O₆-type materials (general formula, ABB'O₆) exhibit a layered honeycomb structure (centrosymmetric (CS) space group, *P*31*m*, No. 162) with edge-sharing B/B'O₆ octahedra separated by A(II) cations (AO₆ octahedra).¹² Interesting magnetic behavior such as high anti-ferromagnetic (AFM) transition temperature was observed in magnetic cation-substituted PbSb₂O₆-related phases, for example, A(II)-As₂O₆ (A = Mn, Co, Ni, Pd)^{13–16} and SrRu₂O₆.^{17,18} Previously, we demonstrated that chemical modification of PbSb₂O₆-type structures by B/B' cation ordering or rearrangement lead to

breaking of the inversion symmetry. We observed two different NCS crystal structures: (1) B/B' cation ordered with octahedral environment (e.g., SrGeTeO₆, *P*312, No. 149)¹⁹ and (2) B/B' cations randomly distributed with trigonal prismatic environment (e.g., SrMnTeO₆ and PbMnTeO₆, *P*62*m*, No. 189).^{20,21} In addition, from the superstructure of PbSb₂O₆-related materials (general formula, A(III)BB'O₆), we were able to observe two different CS crystal structures depending on the degree of B/B' cation ordering: (1) B/B' cations are partially ordered with octahedral environment (e.g., BiCrTeO₆ and BiFeTeO₆, *P*31*c*, No. 163)^{22,23} and (2) B/B' cations fully ordered with distorted octahedral environment (e.g., BiMnTeO₆, *P*2₁/*c*, No. 14).²³ These findings suggest that a variety of compositional modifications in PbSb₂O₆-related materials are possible, which would help to design new NCS oxide material with optimal characteristics.

In the present study, we explored new compositional modifications of PbSb₂O₆-related phases to find new NCS materials with interesting and useful physical properties, and we report the successful synthesis and characterization of new NCS layered honeycomb tellurates, A(II)GeTeO₆ (A = Mn, Cd, Pb).

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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Reagents. MnCO_3 (Aldrich, 99.995%), CdO (Alfa Aesar, 99.998%), PbCO_3 (Aldrich, 99.99+%), GeO_2 (Alfa Aesar, 99.999%), and $\text{H}_2\text{TeO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Alfa Aesar, 99+%) were used without any further purification. Amorphous TeO_3 was prepared by heating $\text{H}_2\text{TeO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at 400 °C for 12 h in air.²⁴

Synthesis. Polycrystalline A(II)GeTeO_6 ($\text{A} = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$) were prepared by a conventional solid-state reaction. For the synthesis of MnGeTeO_6 , stoichiometric amounts of MnGeO_3 (0.2634 g, 1.5 mmol) and TeO_3 (0.2634 g, 1.5 mmol) were ground and pressed into a pellet. The pellet was placed in an alumina crucible and treated for 12 h at 700 °C in air, then reground into fine powder, pressed into a pellet again, and heated to 700 °C for 12 h, then cooled to room temperature (the heating and cooling rate was 200 °C/h, respectively). MnGeO_3 was prepared with stoichiometric amounts of MnCO_3 and GeO_2 at 1150 °C for 12 h in air. A(II)GeTeO_6 ($\text{A} = \text{Cd, Pb}$), was synthesized from stoichiometric amounts of CdO (0.1926 g, 1.5 mmol) or PbCO_3 (0.4008 g, 1.5 mmol), GeO_2 (0.1569 g, 1.5 mmol), and TeO_3 (0.2634 g, 1.5 mmol) by identical treatments as the Mn analogue. The final products, orange MnGeTeO_6 , ivory CdGeTeO_6 , and white PbGeTeO_6 polycrystalline powders were obtained. The purity of all materials was confirmed by powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD).

Powder X-ray Diffraction and Rietveld Refinement. A(II)-GeTeO_6 ($\text{A} = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$) were characterized by PXRD (Bruker-AXS D8-Advanced diffractometer with $\text{Cu K}\alpha$, $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$, 40 kV, 40 mA, step scan 10–100°/0.02°/10.5 s) for purity and phase identification. Diffraction data analysis and Rietveld refinement were performed with the TOPAS²⁵ and GSAS-EXPGUI software package.²⁶ The structural refinements for A(II)GeTeO_6 ($\text{A} = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$) were performed on PXRD data based on the SrGeTeO_6 structural model (P312, No. 149). The A atoms ($\text{A} = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$) are located at 1a (0, 0, 0), Ge atoms are at 1f (2/3, 1/3, 1/2), Te atoms are at 1d (1/3, 2/3, 1/2), and O atoms are at 6l (x, y, z) positions in P312. The Rietveld refinement plots of PXRD data for MnGeTeO_6 are shown in Figure 1, and for

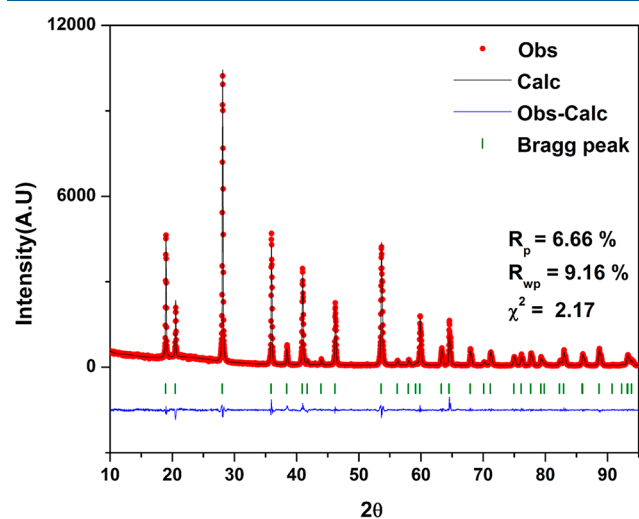


Figure 1. Rietveld refinement plots from PXRD data for MnGeTeO_6 .

A(II)GeTeO_6 ($\text{A} = \text{Cd, Pb}$) they are in the Supporting Information, Figure S1, respectively. Crystallographic data, unit-cell parameters, atomic coordinates, and atomic displacement parameters are summarized in Table 1 and Table 2, respectively.

Second Harmonic Generation (SHG). Temperature dependence of optical SHG by A(II)GeTeO_6 ($\text{A} = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$) was obtained by measurements on polycrystalline pressed pellets in reflection geometry at normal incidence, with an $800 \pm 20 \text{ nm}$ fundamental input generated by a Ti:sapphire laser (Spectra-Physics, 80 fs pulses, 2 kHz frequency). The SHG signal was detected with a photomultiplier tube (Hamamatsu H7926). The samples were heated and cooled at a rate

Table 1. Crystallographic Data of A(II)GeTeO_6 ($\text{A} = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$)

source	laboratory X-ray
chemical formula	MnGeTeO_6 , CdGeTeO_6 , PbGeTeO_6
formula weight (g/mol)	351.15 (MnGeTeO_6) 408.62 (CdGeTeO_6) 503.41 (PbGeTeO_6)
temperature (K)	296
wavelength	$\text{Cu K}\alpha$, $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$
crystal system	trigonal
space group	P312 (No. 149)
unit cell dimensions	$a = b = 4.99889(2) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 4.68369(7) \text{ \AA}$ (MnGeTeO_6) $a = b = 5.03599(1) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 4.84595(4) \text{ \AA}$ (CdGeTeO_6) $a = b = 5.08939(1) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 5.44883(4) \text{ \AA}$ (PbGeTeO_6) $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 120^\circ$
volume (\AA^3)	101.360(1) (MnGeTeO_6) 106.434(1) (CdGeTeO_6) 122.227(1) (PbGeTeO_6)
Z	1
density (calculated) (g/cm^3)	5.753 (MnGeTeO_6) 6.375 (CdGeTeO_6) 6.839 (PbGeTeO_6)
χ^2 , R_p , R_{wp}	2.17, 6.66, 9.16 (MnGeTeO_6) 2.25, 6.84, 8.99 (CdGeTeO_6) 1.98, 5.55, 7.72 (PbGeTeO_6)

Table 2. Atomic Coordinates and Atomic Displacement Parameters for A(II)GeTeO_6 ($\text{A} = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$)

MnGeTeO ₆					
atom	Wyck	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{iso} (Å ²)
Mn(1)	1a	0	0	0	0.0011(3)
Ge(1)	1f	2/3	1/3	1/2	0.0016(9)
Te(1)	1d	1/3	2/3	1/2	0.0021(1)
O(1)	6l	0.3641(5)	0.0140(9)	0.2668(3)	0.0014(1)
CdGeTeO ₆					
atom	Wyck	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{iso} (Å ²)
Cd(1)	1a	0	0	0	0.0028(5)
Ge(1)	1f	2/3	1/3	1/2	0.0018(2)
Te(1)	1d	1/3	2/3	1/2	0.0045(4)
O(1)	6l	0.3770(2)	0.0156(3)	0.2754(4)	0.0082(2)
PbGeTeO ₆					
atom	Wyck	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{iso} (Å ²)
Pb(1)	1a	0	0	0	0.0023(7)
Ge(1)	1f	2/3	1/3	1/2	0.0018(6)
Te(1)	1d	1/3	2/3	1/2	0.0018(3)
O(1)	6l	0.3848(1)	0.0154(1)	0.2985(1)	0.0029(2)

of 10.0 °C/min on a home-built heating stage. Powder SHG measurements, to quantify the SHG relative to the reference polycrystalline KH_2PO_4 (KDP), were also performed for A(II)-GeTeO_6 ($\text{A} = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$) at room temperature, on a modified Kurtz-NLO system²⁷ with a pulsed Nd:YAG laser of wavelength 1064 nm. A detailed description of the equipment and methodology has been reported elsewhere.²⁸ As powder SHG efficiency has been shown to be strongly dependent on particle size, the polycrystalline samples were ground and sieved into distinct particle size ranges (<20, 20–45, 45–63, 63–75, 75–90, >90 μm). The reference crystalline KDP was also ground and sieved into the same particle size ranges, to make relevant

comparisons with the unknown SHG materials. No index matching fluid was used in any of the experiments.

Magnetic Measurements. The magnetic measurements for MnGeTeO_6 were performed with a commercial Quantum Design SQUID VSM Magnetometer. The direct-current (dc) magnetic susceptibility data were collected between $2 \leq T \leq 300$ K under an applied magnetic field of 1000 Oe. Isothermal magnetization curves were obtained for magnetic fields: $-7 \text{ T} \leq H \leq 7 \text{ T}$ at $T = 2$ and 300 K.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis. Previously, Woodward et al. reported synthesis and crystal structure of A(II)GeTeO_6 ($A = \text{Sr, Ba}$).¹⁹ The crystal structure of SrGeTeO_6 exhibits PbSb_2O_6 -related structure with $P312$ space group, No. 149. In contrast, the crystal structure of BaGeTeO_6 (space group, $P312$, No. 149) shows doubling of c -axis with different coordination environment of cations; thus, it is not isostructural with SrGeTeO_6 .¹⁹ The difference of the two crystal structures can be attributed to the size of A cation in six coordination environment (Sr^{2+} : 1.18 Å vs. Ba^{2+} : 1.35 Å), and this result suggests that the size of $A(\text{II})$ cations may also play an important factor to stabilize the PbSb_2O_6 -type structure. In the present study, we tried to substitute various divalent A cations (3d–4d transition metals and others) into the PbSb_2O_6 structure with $P312$ space group (see Supporting Information). A(II)GeTeO_6 ($A = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$) were successfully prepared, and the experimental results indicated that the effective octahedral size of $A(\text{II})$ cation should be larger than 0.8 Å to stabilize the PbSb_2O_6 -based structure (Mn^{2+} : 0.83 Å, Cd^{2+} : 0.95 Å, and Pb^{2+} : 1.19 Å).

Structure. A(II)GeTeO_6 exhibit a two-dimensional crystal structure (space group (SG): $P312$, No. 149) consisting of edge-sharing Ge(1)O_6 and Te(1)O_6 octahedra, which form honeycomb-like layer in the ab -plane with A^{2+} cations (AO_6 octahedra) located between the layers (see Figure 2).

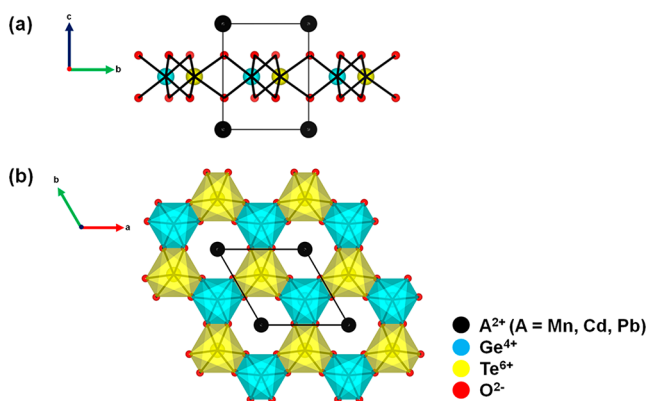


Figure 2. Crystal structure of the A(II)GeTeO_6 ($A = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$): (a) ball-and-stick diagram in the bc planes and (b) polyhedral representation in the ab planes.

Compared to the parent PbSb_2O_6 structure ($P\bar{3}1m$, No. 162), the cation ordering of Ge^{4+} and Te^{6+} in the octahedral environment induces a lower crystal symmetry and breaks the inversion symmetry to form an NCS structure (see Figure 3). The origin of such ordering could be attributed to the Coulombic repulsion of $\text{Ge}^{4+}/\text{Te}^{6+}$ and their off centering in the edge-sharing octahedra.

As the size of $A(\text{II})$ cation increases (Mn^{2+} : 0.83 Å, Cd^{2+} : 0.95 Å, Pb^{2+} : 1.19 Å), the ratio of c/a in A(II)GeTeO_6 also increases (0.9369 for MnGeTeO_6 , 0.9623 for CdGeTeO_6 ,

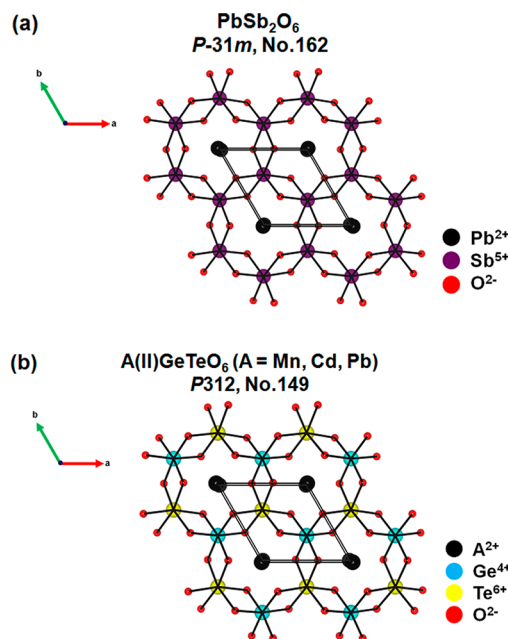


Figure 3. Comparison of ball-and-stick diagram for PbSb_2O_6 -related materials: (a) PbSb_2O_6 in the bc -plane¹² and (b) A(II)GeTeO_6 ($A = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$) in the bc -plane (this work).

1.0706 for PbGeTeO_6). The $\text{Ge(1)}-\text{O(1)}$ bond distances in A(II)GeTeO_6 range between 1.8809(1) and 1.9008(1) Å, and the $\text{Te(1)}-\text{O(1)}$ bond distances range between 1.9835(1) and 1.9913(1) Å. The bond angles of $\text{Ge(1)}-\text{O(1)}-\text{Te(1)}$ range between $95.6920(6)^\circ$ and $98.5564(4)^\circ$; the bond angles of $\text{Mn(1)}-\text{O(1)}-\text{Ge(1)}$ and $\text{Mn(1)}-\text{O(1)}-\text{Te(1)}$ in MnGeTeO_6 are $131.1152(3)^\circ$ and $125.9436(3)^\circ$, respectively. The bond distances of $\text{A(1)}-\text{O(1)}$ in the AO_6 octahedra are 2.1799(2) Å for MnGeTeO_6 , 2.2898(1) Å for CdGeTeO_6 , and 2.5172(1) Å for PbGeTeO_6 with six equivalent distances, respectively. It is noteworthy that six equivalent distances of $\text{Pb}-\text{O}$ in PbGeTeO_6 indicate that the Pb^{2+} cation is nonstereo active, as it was also observed in other Pb^{2+} -containing layered oxides.^{12,21} Selected bond distances and angles for A(II)GeTeO_6 are summarized in the Table 3. Bond valence sum calculations^{29,30} resulted in values of 2.09, 2.12, 1.94, 3.97–4.19, and 5.77–5.89 for Mn^{2+} , Cd^{2+} , Pb^{2+} , Ge^{4+} , and Te^{6+} , respectively (see Table 3).

Second Harmonic Generation (SHG). The SHG intensity as a function of temperature for A(II)GeTeO_6 ($A = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$) is shown in Figure 4. Finite SHG intensity was observed over the entire measured temperature range, confirming that A(II)GeTeO_6 are NCS. The samples were not heated above 600 °C in the SHG experiment, as a thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) for A(II)GeTeO_6 ($A = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$) at 1000 °C in air indicated the decomposition of the compounds (see Supporting Information, Figures S3 and S4).

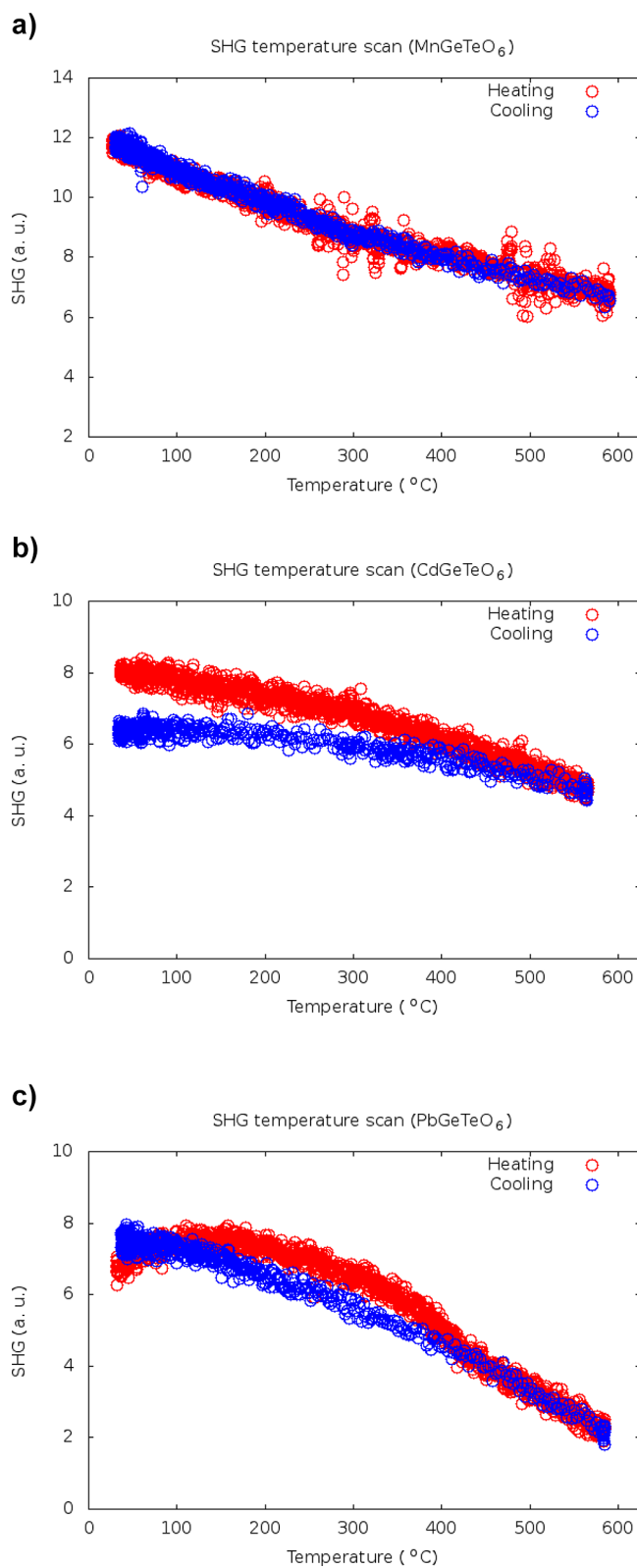
We performed temperature-dependent SHG measurements on A(II)GeTeO_6 ($A = \text{Mn, Cd, Pb}$) to determine possible NCS-to-CS phase transition and to get a better understanding of the origin of NCS character of these materials. The optical SHG intensity gradually decreases with increasing temperature, but no apparent NCS-to-CS phase transition is observed. TG/DTA (DTA = differential thermal analysis) measurements also did not indicate any specific phase transition in any of our materials (see Supporting Information, Figure S3). Since NCS arises from the ordering of Ge^{4+} and Te^{6+} cations in octahedral

Table 3. Selected Bond Distances, Angles, and BVS for A(II)GeTeO₆ (A = Mn, Cd, Pb)

MnGeTeO ₆			
cation	anion	bond length (Å)	BVS
Mn(1)	O(1)	2.1799(2) × 6	2.09 (Mn ²⁺)
Ge(1)	O(1)	1.9008(1) × 6	3.97 (Ge ⁴⁺)
Te(1)	O(1)	1.9913(1) × 6	5.77 (Te ⁶⁺)
		angle (deg)	
Ge(1)–O(1)–Te(1)		95.6920(6)	
Mn(1)–O(1)–Ge(1)		131.1152(3)	
Mn(1)–O(1)–Te(1)		125.1152(3)	
CdGeTeO ₆			
cation	anion	bond length (Å)	BVS
Cd(1)	O(1)	2.2898(1) × 6	2.12 (Cd ²⁺)
Ge(1)	O(1)	1.8809(1) × 6	4.19 (Ge ⁴⁺)
Te(1)	O(1)	1.9835(1) × 6	5.89 (Te ⁶⁺)
		angle (deg)	
Ge(1)–O(1)–Te(1)		97.5529(4)	
Cd(1)–O(1)–Ge(1)		130.0619(2)	
Cd(1)–O(1)–Te(1)		124.5111(2)	
PbGeTeO ₆			
cation	anion	bond length (Å)	BVS
Pb(1)	O(1)	2.5172(1) × 6	1.94 (Pb ²⁺)
Ge(1)	O(1)	1.8865(1) × 6	4.13 (Ge ⁴⁺)
Te(1)	O(1)	1.9894(1) × 6	5.80 (Te ⁶⁺)
		angle (deg)	
Ge(1)–O(1)–Te(1)		98.5564(4)	
Pb(1)–O(1)–Ge(1)		130.4564(2)	
Pb(1)–O(1)–Te(1)		125.1180(2)	

environment, the temperature-dependent SHG indicates that cation ordering improves with lower temperature, thus, the observation that the SHG intensity gradually decreases with increasing temperature. In the case of Cd and especially Pb compounds, there might be a saturation of SHG at low temperatures, which might indicate a long-range ordering temperature, for example, ~300 °C for the Pb compound (Figure 4c); no such saturation temperature is evidenced for the Mn compound. Powder SHG measurement revealed SHG efficiencies of ~0.37 and ~0.21 times that of KDP for PbGeTeO₆ and CdGeTeO₆, respectively (see Figure 5). For MnGeTeO₆, we could not determine the SHG efficiency, due to its dark color, which absorbed the SHG signal.

Magnetic Behavior of MnGeTeO₆. The dc magnetic susceptibility of MnGeTeO₆ was measured under 1000 Oe in the temperature range of 2–300 K and is shown as χ and $1/\chi$ versus T plots in Figures 6 and 7, respectively. MnGeTeO₆ exhibits anti-ferromagnetic behavior with a Néel transition temperature (T_N) at ~9.4 K. No significant divergence between zero field cooling (ZFC) and field cooling (FC) magnetization curves is observed. From the $1/\chi$ versus temperature shown in Figure 7, the susceptibility data were fit to the Curie–Weiss (CW) law, $\chi = C/(T-\theta)$ for $T > 25$ K, where C is the Curie constant, and θ is the Weiss constant: $C = 4.60$ emu K mol⁻¹ and $\theta = -22.47$ K were extracted from the CW fit of the data. On the basis of the CW fit, the effective magnetic moment, $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 6.06 \mu_B/\text{Mn}$ is in good agreement with the theoretical spin only value for Mn²⁺ ($S = 5/2$, $5.92 \mu_B$). The negative Weiss constant indicates AFM interactions, which could arise from supersuper-exchange interactions of second-nearest neighbors Mn²⁺–O²⁻–Ge⁴⁺–O²⁻–Mn²⁺ and Mn²⁺–O²⁻–Te⁶⁺–O²⁻–

**Figure 4.** Temperature dependence of optical SHG intensity for A(II)GeTeO₆ (A = Mn, Cd, Pb) pellets between 0 and 600 °C: (a) MnGeTeO₆, (b) CdGeTeO₆, and (c) PbGeTeO₆.

Mn²⁺.^{31–33} In Figure S5, the isothermal magnetization of MnGeTeO₆ measured at 2 and 300 K as a function of applied field H at both temperatures are almost linear, which indicates that no ferromagnetic interaction is involved.

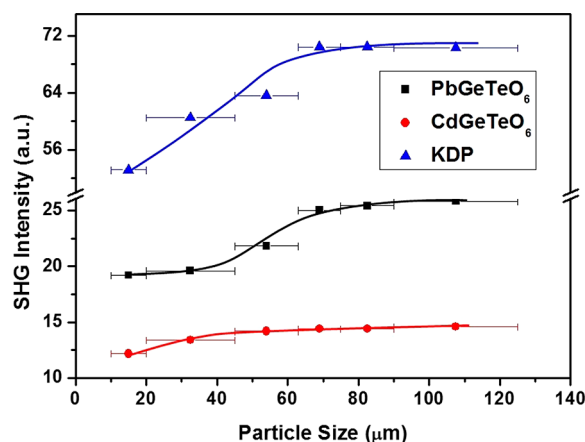


Figure 5. Phase matching, that is, particle size vs SHG intensity data for A(II)GeTeO₆ (A = Cd, Pb). KDP was used as an SHG reference material. The curve is drawn to guide the eye and is not a fit to the data.

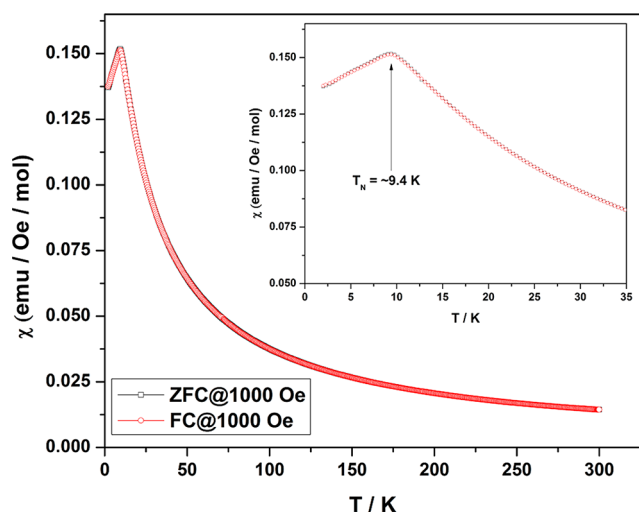


Figure 6. Temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility of MnGeTeO₆ measured in 1000 Oe. (inset) Enlargement of the low-temperature region revealing the ~ 9.4 K Néel temperature.

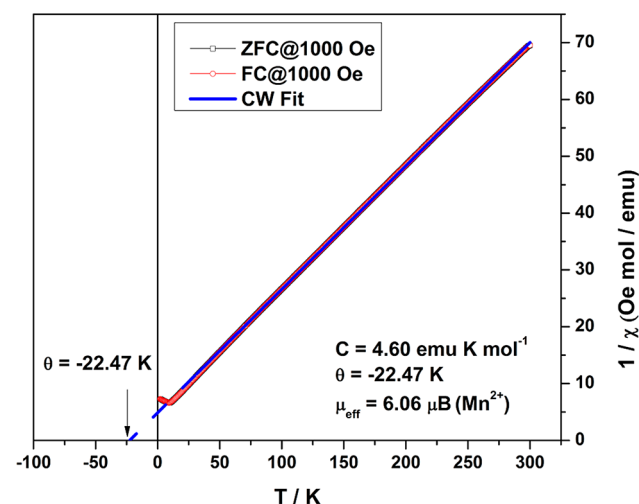


Figure 7. Inverse magnetic susceptibility of MnGeTeO₆ with a Curie–Weiss fit (solid line).

CONCLUSION

New non-centrosymmetric layered honeycomb tellurates A(II)GeTeO₆ (A = Mn, Cd, Pb) were successfully synthesized by a conventional solid-state reaction. A(II)GeTeO₆ exhibit a non-centrosymmetric two-dimensional honeycomb structure of PbSb₂O₆-type, and the ordering of Ge⁴⁺ and Te⁶⁺ in octahedral environment breaks the inversion symmetry. The size of A(II) cation in six coordination is an important factor to stabilize the PbSb₂O₆-based structure, and our experimental results indicate that the size of A cation should be larger than 0.8 Å. Second harmonic generation for A(II)GeTeO₆ confirmed the non-centrosymmetric character, and the materials exhibit relatively weak SHG responses compared to KDP (~ 0.37 and $\sim 0.21 \times$ KDP for PbGeTeO₆ and CdGeTeO₆, respectively). MnGeTeO₆ exhibits anti-ferromagnetic behavior with T_N of ~ 9.4 K with $\theta = -22.47$ K.

We have demonstrated that non-centrosymmetric and magnetic phases may be designed from the centrosymmetric parent PbSb₂O₆ in compositionally modified ABB'O₆-type compounds when the octahedrally coordinated B/B' site cations are ordered. In addition the effective radius (>0.8 Å) of the A cation is also critical to stabilize non-centrosymmetric PbSb₂O₆-type structures. Further examples in these systems are in progress to confirm the correlations between B/B' cation composition and arrangement and non-centrosymmetric property.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

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Rietveld refinement plot of A(II)GeTeO₆ (A = Cd, Pb); trial synthesis of A(II)GeTeO₆ (A = Co, Ni, Cu, Pd) and their experimental PXRD; TG/DTA analysis for A(II)-GeTeO₆ (A = Mn, Cd, Pb) and PXRD after TGA measurement; isothermal magnetization of MnGeTeO₆ at 2 and 300 K as a function of applied field H (PDF)

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