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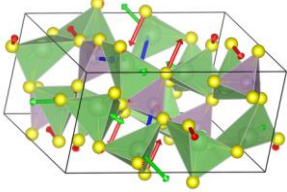
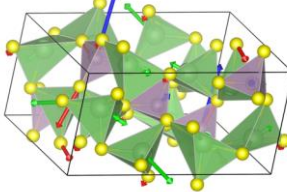
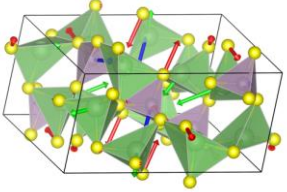
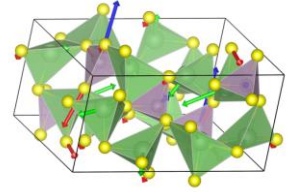
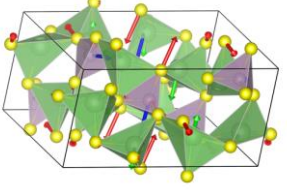
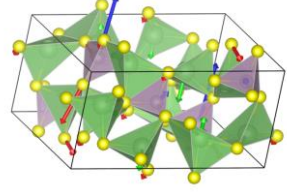
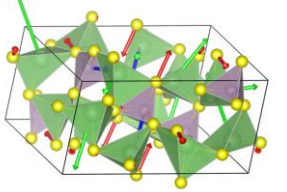
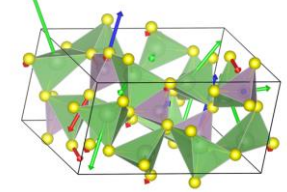
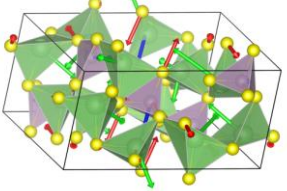
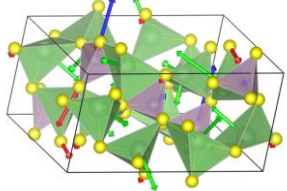
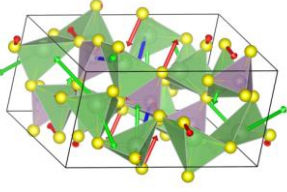
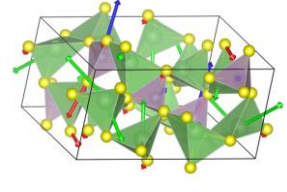
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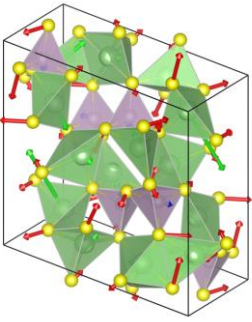
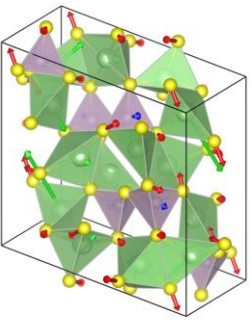
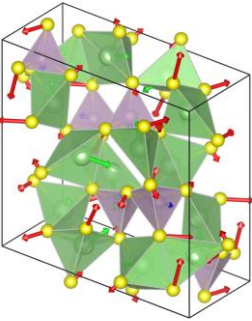
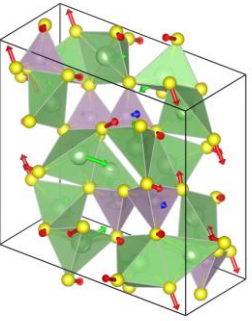
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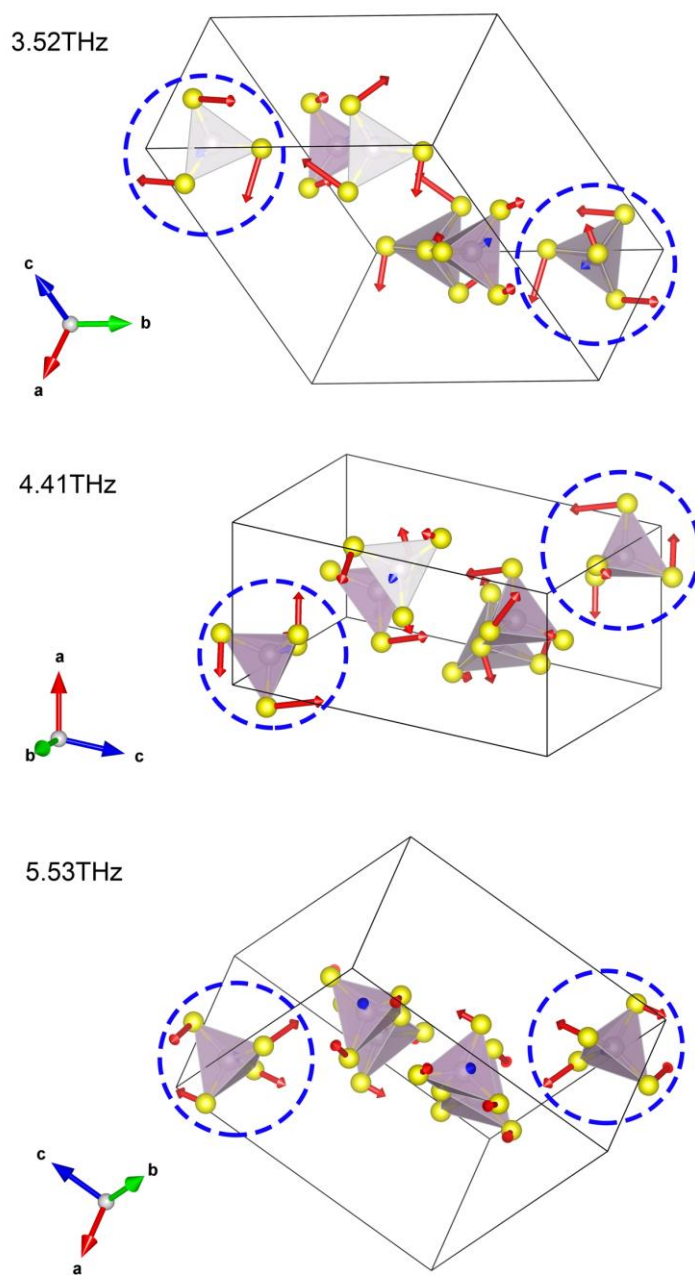
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**Table S1.** The vibrational structures of the anharmonic coupling modes between the medium-low frequency Li modes and the high-frequency polyanion modes with relatively high coupling strengths ( $> 0.1$  meV/atom) of  $\text{Li}_7\text{P}_3\text{S}_{11}$ . The high-frequency polyanion modes are the stretching modes. The length of arrow donates the vibrational amplitude.

	$\text{PS}_4$ polyanion (17.17 THz)	$\text{PS}_4$ polyanion (18.15 THz)
Li ion (1.61 THz)		
Li ion (2.12 THz)		
Li ion (4.09 THz)		
Li ion (5.74 THz)		
Li ion (6.38 THz)		
Li ion (9.75 THz)		

**Table S2.** The vibrational structures of the anharmonic coupling modes between the high-frequency Li modes and the low-frequency polyanion modes with relatively high coupling strengths ( $> 0.1$  meV/atom) of  $\text{Li}_7\text{P}_3\text{S}_{11}$ . The two low-frequency polyanion modes are the rotational modes. The length of arrow donates the vibrational amplitude.

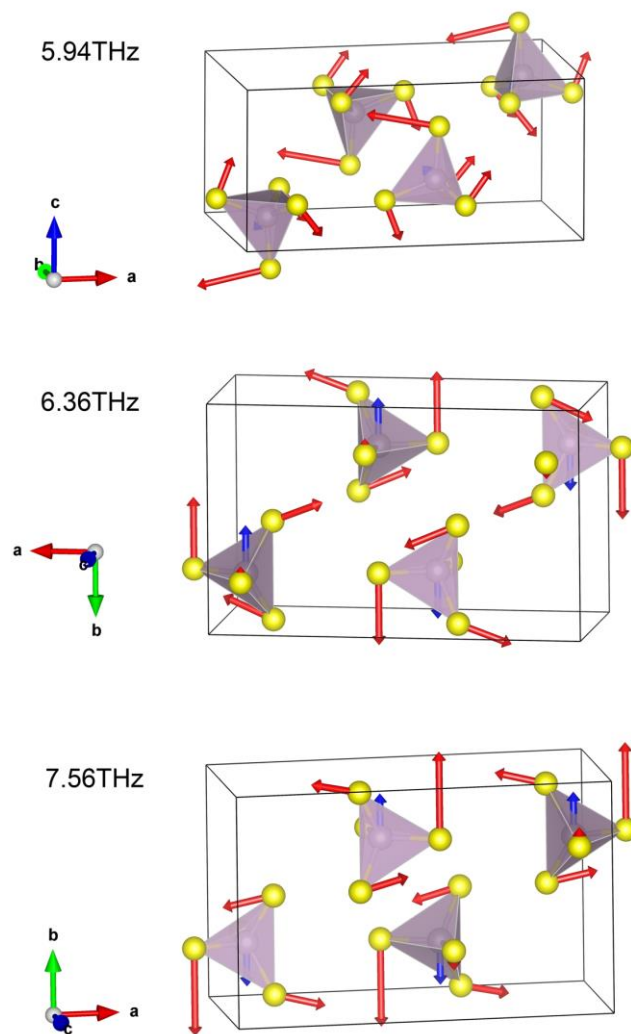
	$\text{PS}_4$ polyanion (4.41 THz)	$\text{PS}_4$ polyanion (5.53 THz)
Li ion (12.09 THz)		
Li ion (13.59 THz)		



**Figure S1.** The low-frequency rotational modes (3.52, 4.41 and 5.53THz) of  $\text{PS}_4$  polyanion in  $\text{Li}_7\text{P}_3\text{S}_{11}$  unit cell. The Li ions are hidden to highlight the polyanion, and the red arrows donate the direction of polyanion rotation. The length of arrow donates the vibrational amplitude. For a better visualization, the rotational modes are highlighted by the blue dashed circles.

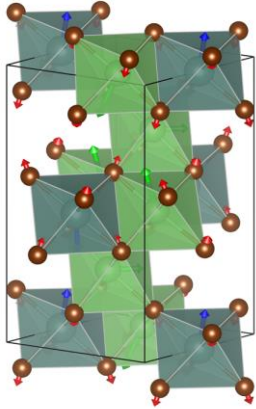
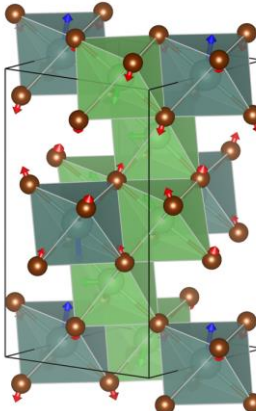
**Table S3.** The vibrational structures of the anharmonic coupling modes between the medium-low frequency Li modes and the high-frequency polyanion modes with relatively high coupling strengths ( $> 0.1$  meV/atom) of  $\text{Li}_3\text{PS}_4$ . The high-frequency polyanion modes are the stretching and flexing modes. The length of arrow donates the vibrational amplitude.

	PS <sub>4</sub> polyanion (18.51 THz)	PS <sub>4</sub> polyanion (19.55 THz)	PS <sub>4</sub> polyanion (19.99 THz)
Li ion (4.39 THz)			
Li ion (5.94 THz)			
Li ion (6.54 THz)			
Li ion (9.58 THz)			
Li ion (10.21 THz)			
Li ion (11.06 THz)			
Li ion (11.31 THz)			



**Figure S2.** The low-frequency rotational modes (5.94, 6.36 and 7.56THz) of  $\text{PS}_4$  polyanion in  $\text{Li}_3\text{PS}_4$  unit cell. The Li ions are hidden to highlight the polyanion, and the red arrows donate the direction of polyanion rotation. The length of arrow donates the vibrational amplitude.

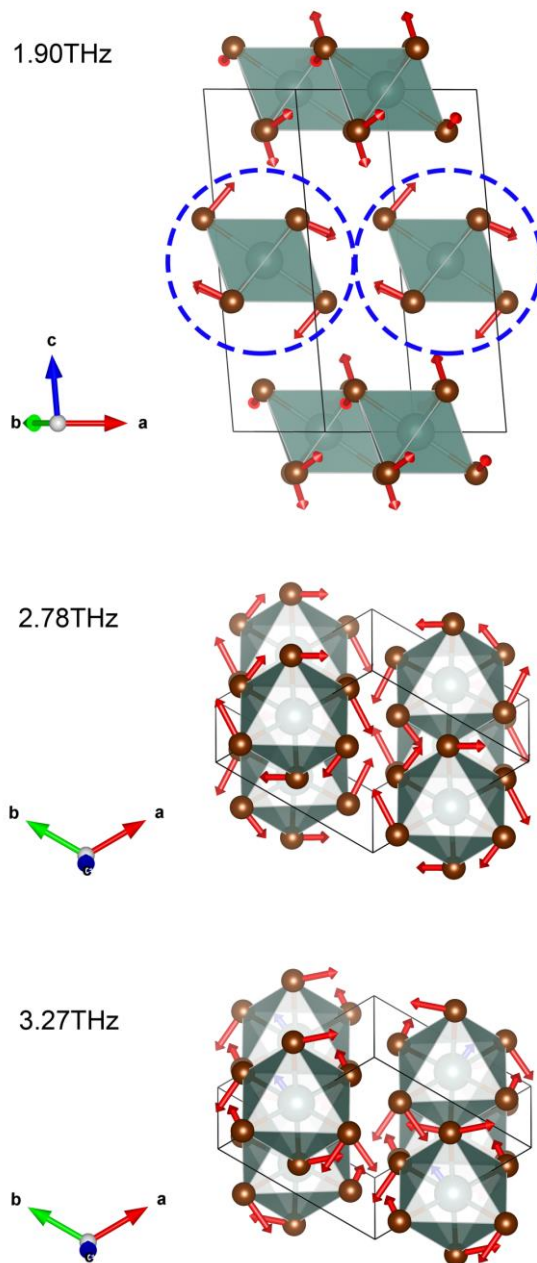
**Table S4.** The vibrational structures of the anharmonic coupling modes between the low-frequency Li modes and the high-frequency polyanion modes with relatively high coupling strengths ( $> 0.15$  meV/atom) of  $\text{Li}_3\text{YBr}_6$ . The high-frequency polyanion modes are the stretching and flexing modes. The length of arrow donates the vibrational amplitude.

	YBr <sub>6</sub> polyanion (9.23 THz)
Li ion (1.90 THz)	
Li ion (1.64 THz)	

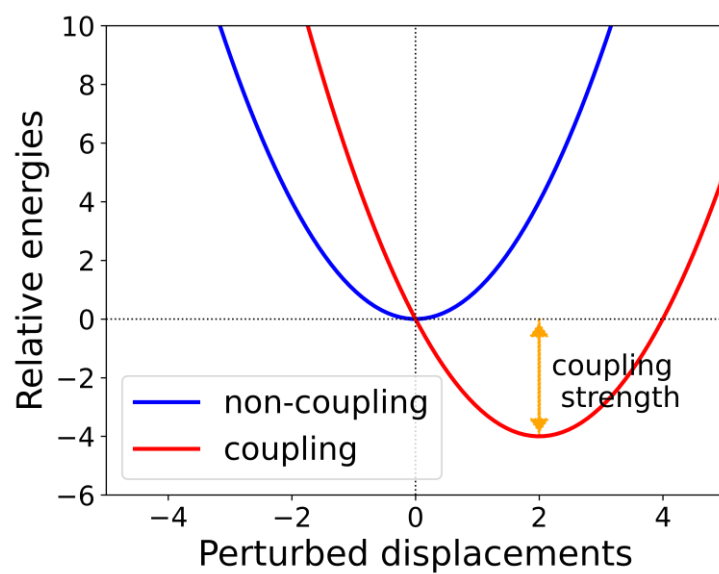


**Table S5.** The vibrational structures of the anharmonic coupling modes between the high-frequency Li modes and the low-frequency polyanion modes with relatively high coupling strengths ( $> 0.15$  meV/atom) of  $\text{Li}_3\text{YBr}_6$ . The low-frequency polyanion modes are the rotational modes. The length of arrow donates the vibrational amplitude.

	YBr <sub>6</sub> polyanion (1.90 THz)
Li ion (4.62 THz)	
Li ion (9.23 THz)	



**Figure S3.** The low-frequency rotational modes (1.90, 2.78 and 3.27 THz) of  $\text{YBr}_6$  polyanion in  $\text{Li}_3\text{YBr}_6$  unit cell. The Li ions are hidden to highlight the polyanion, and the red arrows donate the direction of polyanion rotation. The length of arrow donates the vibrational amplitude. For a better visualization, the rotational modes are highlighted by the blue dashed circles.



**Figure S4.** Schematic diagram of energy potentials of the cation-polyanion phonons with the frozen polyanion mode and different perturbed Li amplitude, where the anharmonic coupling strength is also labelled.