

Supplementary information for ‘Prediction of Superconductivity in Sandwich XB_4 (X=Li, Be, Zn and Ga) Films’

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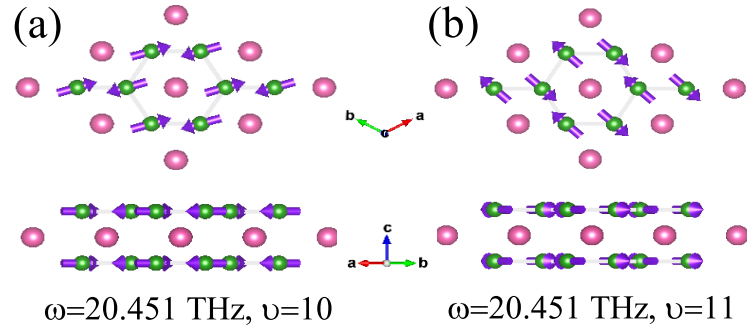


FIG. S1. Schematic diagram of the phonon modes of LiB_4 at the Γ point. ω and ν are the frequency and phonon band index, respectively. The length of the arrows is proportional to the amplitude of vibration. The top is the top view and the bottom is the side view in each subgraph.

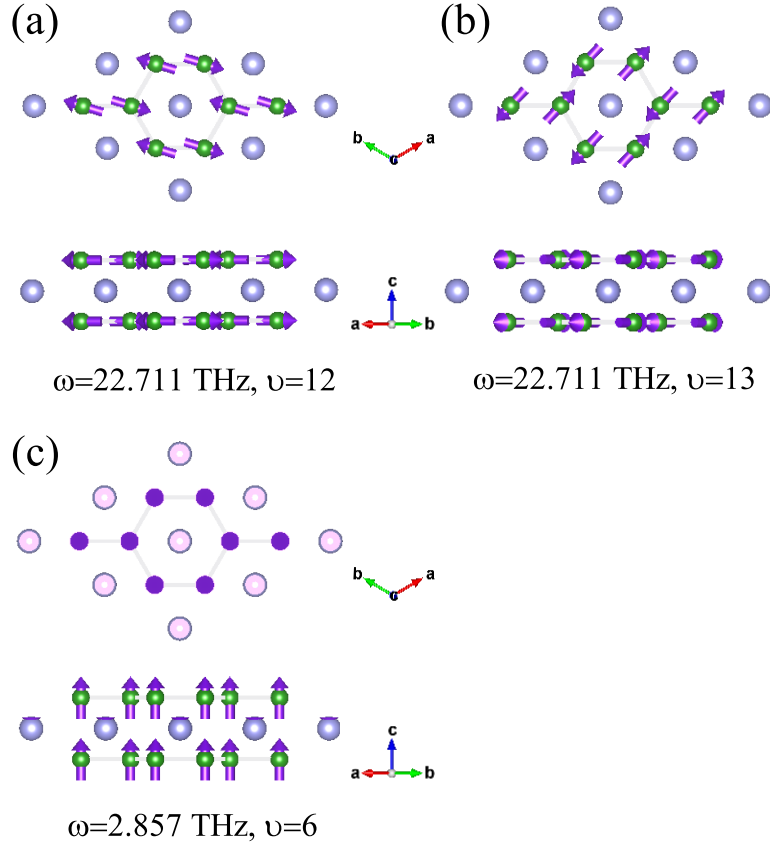


FIG. S2. Schematic diagram of the phonon modes of BeB_4 at the Γ point. ω and ν are the frequency and phonon band index, respectively. The length of the arrows is proportional to the amplitude of vibration. The top is the top view and the bottom is the side view in each subgraph.

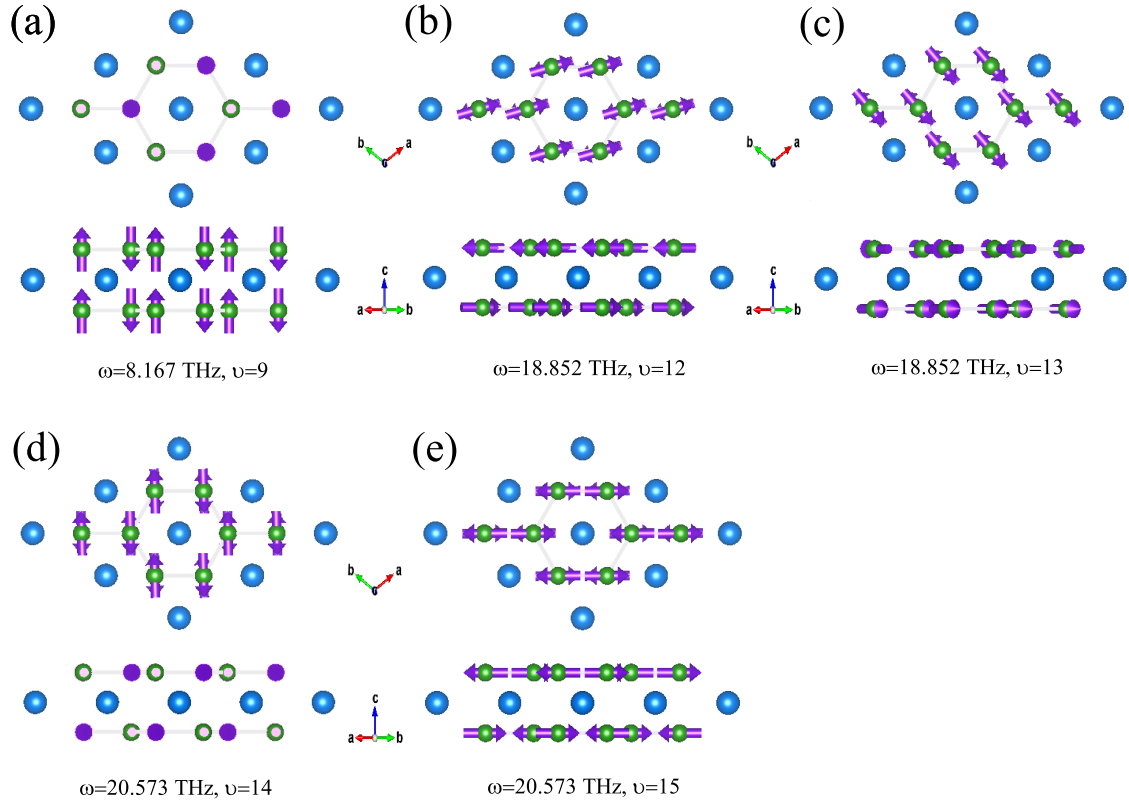


FIG. S3. Schematic diagram of the phonon modes of ZnB_4 at the Γ point. ω and ν are the frequency and phonon band index, respectively. The length of the arrows is proportional to the amplitude of vibration. The top is the top view and the bottom is the side view in each subgraph.

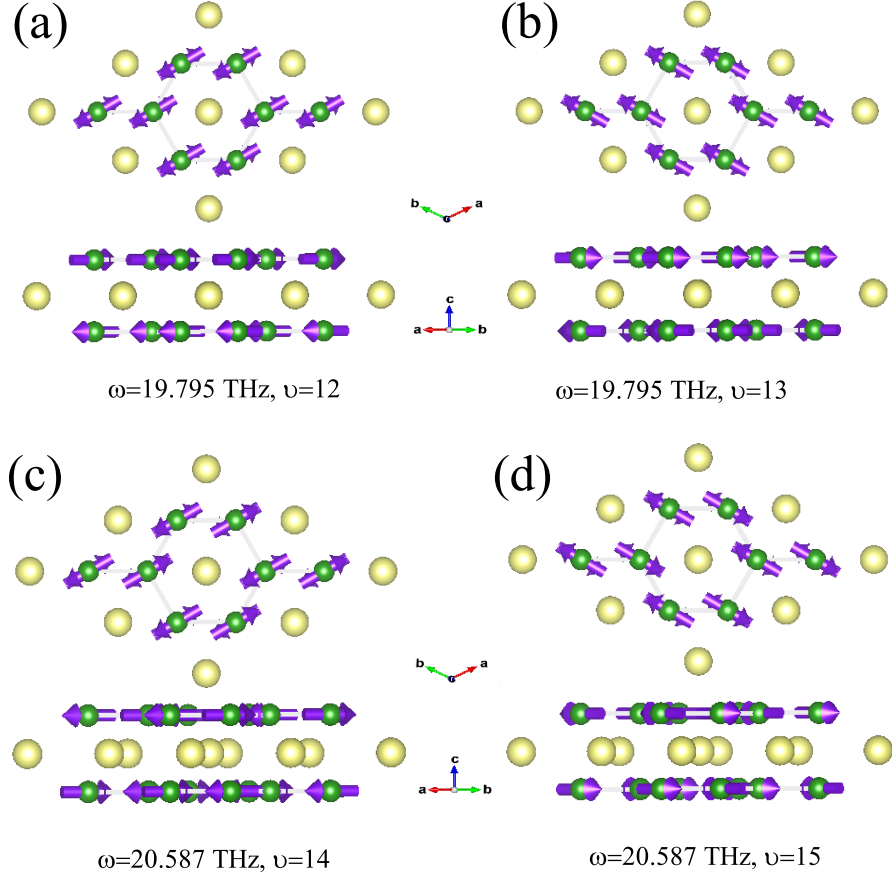


FIG. S4. Schematic diagram of the phonon modes of GaB₄ at the Γ point. ω and ν are the frequency and phonon band index, respectively. The length of the arrows is proportional to the amplitude of vibration. The top is the top view and the bottom is the side view in each subgraph.

TABLE SI. The convergence tests for the k-mesh (ZnB_4). Each test using 96 cores.

k-mesh	λ	$T_c^{\mu^*=0.10}$ (K)	Times (hour)
$18 \times 18 \times 1$	1.23	38.69	15.11
$36 \times 36 \times 1$	1.24	38.77	41.45
$48 \times 48 \times 1$	1.24	38.76	103.64
$60 \times 60 \times 1$	1.24	38.76	184.56

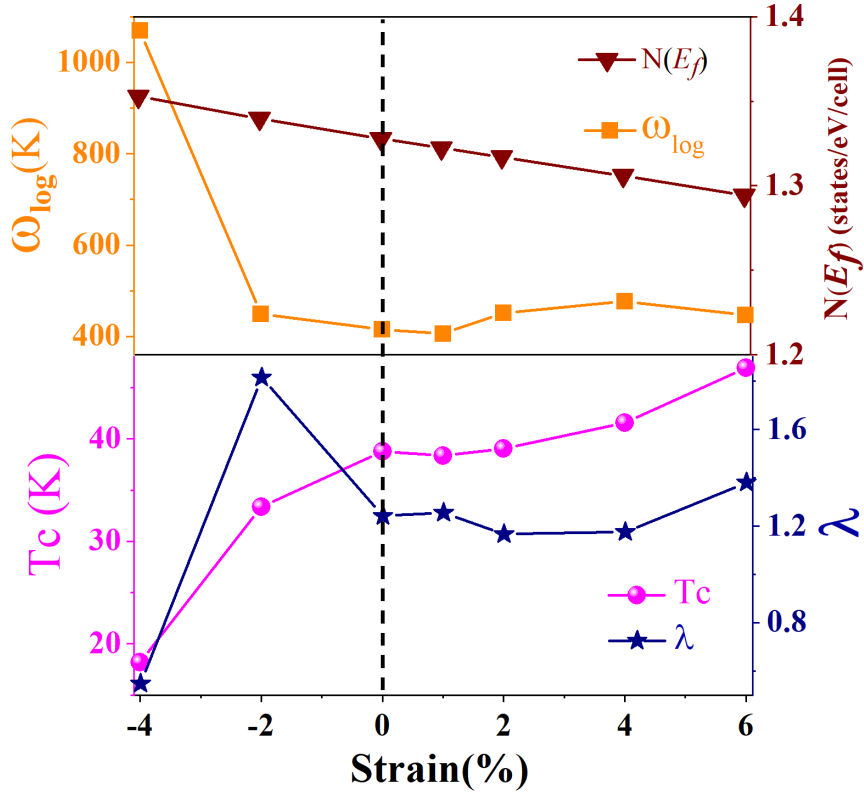


FIG. S5. Superconducting transition temperature T_c (magenta), EPC constant λ (royal), DOS of the FS $N(E_f)$ (wine), and logarithmically averaged phonon frequency ω_{\log} (orange) versus the strain ε for the sandwiched ZnB_4 film.

I. SCRIPT FOR T_c CALCULATION

1. Script to calculate electron-phonon coefficients

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cat > elph.in <<eof
phonons of ZnB4
&inputph
tr2_ph=1.0d-14, !!! effect phonon quality
prefix=' ZnB4',
fildvscf='ZnB4dv',
amass(1)=65.409,
amass(2)=10.811,
outdir='./',
fildyn='ZnB4.dyn',
electron_phonon='interpolated',
el_ph_sigma=0.005,
el_ph_nsigma=10,
alpha_mix=0.3,
trans=.true.,
ldisp=.true.,
nq1=9, nq2=9, nq3=1
/
eof
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mpirun -np 96 ph.x < elph.in > elph.out

2. Script to calculate T_c

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cat > tc.in <<eof
30 0.5 1 ! emax (something more than highest phonon mode in THz),
degauss, smearing method
12 ! Number of q-points for which EPC is calculated,
0.000000 0.000000 0.000000 1
0.000000 0.1283001 0.000000 6
0.000000 0.2566001 0.000000 6
0.000000 0.3849002 0.000000 6
0.000000 0.5132002 0.000000 6
0.1111111 0.1924501 0.000000 6
0.1111111 0.3207501 0.000000 12
0.1111111 0.4490502 0.000000 12
0.1111111 0.5773503 0.000000 6
0.2222222 0.3849002 0.000000 6
0.2222222 0.5132002 0.000000 12
0.3333333 0.5773503 0.000000 2
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elph_dir/elph.inp_lambda.2
elph_dir/elph.inp_lambda.3
elph_dir/elph.inp_lambda.4
elph_dir/elph.inp_lambda.5
elph_dir/elph.inp_lambda.6
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elph_dir/elph.inp_lambda.7
elph_dir/elph.inp_lambda.8
elph_dir/elph.inp_lambda.9
elph_dir/elph.inp_lambda.10
elph_dir/elph.inp_lambda.11
elph_dir/elph.inp_lambda.12
0.10          ! \mu the Coloumb coefficient in the modified
              ! Allen-Dynes formula for T_c (via \omega_log)

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eof

lambda.x < elph.in > elph.out

3. Output for T_c calculation

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lambda = 1.683100 ( 1.682938 ) <log w>= 437.273 K N(Ef)=
11.565178 at degauss= 0.005
lambda = 1.318463 ( 1.318304 ) <log w>= 420.748 K N(Ef)=
9.286085 at degauss= 0.010
lambda = 1.254620 ( 1.254468 ) <log w>= 416.215 K N(Ef)=
8.963193 at degauss= 0.015
lambda = 1.241619 ( 1.241492 ) <log w>= 415.578 K N(Ef)=
8.974573 at degauss= 0.020
lambda = 1.234089 ( 1.233998 ) <log w>= 416.056 K N(Ef)=
9.021735 at degauss= 0.025
lambda = 1.228656 ( 1.228600 ) <log w>= 416.901 K N(Ef)=
9.085480 at degauss= 0.030
lambda = 1.226354 ( 1.226326 ) <log w>= 417.733 K N(Ef)=
9.175427 at degauss= 0.035
lambda = 1.226925 ( 1.226919 ) <log w>= 418.260 K N(Ef)=
9.289254 at degauss= 0.040
lambda = 1.228852 ( 1.228868 ) <log w>= 418.361 K N(Ef)=
9.415892 at degauss= 0.045
lambda = 1.230448 ( 1.230489 ) <log w>= 418.016 K N(Ef)=
9.543561 at degauss= 0.050

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lambda	omega_log	T_c
1.68310	437.273	55.214
1.31846	420.748	42.036
1.25462	416.215	39.306
1.24162	415.578	38.768
1.23409	416.056	38.534
1.22866	416.901	38.409
1.22635	417.733	38.399
1.22692	418.260	38.469
1.22885	418.361	38.551
1.23045	418.016	38.579