

## Supplementary Materials for

### Superconductivity in $\text{Ca}_3\text{H}_2$ electrider at moderate pressure

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Table S1. The atomic Wyckoff positions for  $P63/mmc$   $\text{Ca}_3\text{H}_2$  at different pressures

| Pressure<br>(GPa) | Atom | Site | x    | y    | z    |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 0                 | Ca1  | 2c   | 0.67 | 0.33 | 0.75 |
|                   | Ca2  | 4f   | 0.33 | 0.67 | 0.91 |
|                   | H1   | 4f   | 0.67 | 0.33 | 0.63 |
| 6.8               | Ca1  | 2c   | 0.67 | 0.33 | 0.75 |
|                   | Ca2  | 4f   | 0.33 | 0.67 | 0.91 |
|                   | H1   | 4f   | 0.67 | 0.33 | 0.63 |
| 10                | Ca1  | 2c   | 0.67 | 0.33 | 0.75 |
|                   | Ca2  | 4f   | 0.33 | 0.67 | 0.91 |
|                   | H1   | 4f   | 0.67 | 0.33 | 0.63 |
| 14                | Ca1  | 2c   | 0.67 | 0.33 | 0.75 |
|                   | Ca2  | 4f   | 0.33 | 0.67 | 0.91 |
|                   | H1   | 4f   | 0.67 | 0.33 | 0.62 |
| 19.5              | Ca1  | 2c   | 0.67 | 0.33 | 0.75 |
|                   | Ca2  | 4f   | 0.33 | 0.67 | 0.92 |
|                   | H1   | 4f   | 0.67 | 0.33 | 0.62 |

Table S2.  $T_c$  and dimension of reported electrides at selected pressures

| Compounds                                      | Dimension | Pressures (GPa)   | $T_c$ (K) | Reference |
|--|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>I-43d</i> C12A7:e <sup>-</sup>              | 0D        | ambient condition | 0.4       | 1         |
| <i>Cmcm</i> Al <sub>5</sub> Si                 | 0D        | 15                | 0.15      | 2         |
| <i>Pnma</i> Ca <sub>2</sub> S                  | 0D        | 50                | 0.26      | 3         |
| <i>C2/m</i> Li <sub>9</sub> Te                 | 0D        | 50                | 4.01      | 4         |
| <i>C2/m</i> Li <sub>10</sub> Se                | 0D        | 50                | 16        | 5         |
| <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/m</i> Ca <sub>3</sub> S      | 0D        | 60                | 7.04      | 3         |
| <i>R-3m</i> Li <sub>6</sub> C                  | 0D        | 80                | 10        | 6         |
| <i>C2/m</i> Li <sub>10</sub> Te                | 0D        | 100               | 4         | 4         |
| <i>I4/mmm</i> YXe <sub>2</sub>                 | 0D        | 100               | 0.3       | 7         |
| <i>Pbam</i> YXe                                | 0D        | 150               | 3.9       | 7         |
| <i>I4/mcm</i> Y <sub>3</sub> Xe                | 0D        | 150               | 6.5       | 7         |
| <i>C2/m</i> Li <sub>6</sub> Al                 | 0D        | 150               | 29        | 8         |
| <i>P6/mmm</i> AsLi <sub>7</sub>                | 0D        | 150               | 38.4      | 9         |
| <i>Fm-3m</i> Li <sub>8</sub> Au                | 0D        | 250               | 73.1      | 10        |
| <i>Immm</i> Li <sub>5</sub> S                  | 0D        | 500               | 8.6       | 11        |
| <i>P63/mcm</i> Zr <sub>5</sub> Sb <sub>3</sub> | 1D        | ambient condition | 2.3       | 12        |
| <i>P63/mcm</i> Nb <sub>5</sub> Ir <sub>3</sub> | 1D        | ambient condition | 9.4       | 13        |
| <i>P63/mmc</i> Y <sub>3</sub> Si               | 1D        | 50                | 14.49     | 14        |
| <i>P63/mmc</i> Ca <sub>3</sub> Si              | 1D        | 100               | 17.6      | 15        |
| <i>R-3m</i> Y <sub>2</sub> C                   | 2D        | ambient condition | 0.9       | 16        |
| <i>R-3m</i> Ba <sub>2</sub> N                  | 2D        | ambient condition | 3.4       | 17        |
| <i>P63/mmc</i> Ca <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub>  | 2D        | 19.5              | 8.4       | This work |
| <i>P6/mmm</i> Li <sub>5</sub> Si               | 2D        | 100               | 7.2       | 18        |
| <i>P-1</i> Li <sub>11</sub> P <sub>2</sub>     | 2D        | 200               | 4.63      | 19        |
| <i>C2/c</i> Li <sub>5</sub> P                  | 2D        | 200               | 2.61      | 19        |
| <i>C2/c</i> Li <sub>8</sub> P                  | 2D        | 200               | 7.15      | 19        |
| <i>P6/mmm</i> Li <sub>5</sub> C                | 2D        | 210               | 48.3      | 20        |
| <i>C2/c</i> Li <sub>6</sub> P                  | 2D        | 270               | 39.3      | 19        |
| <i>C2/m</i> Li <sub>15</sub> P <sub>2</sub>    | 2D        | 300               | 18.5      | 19        |

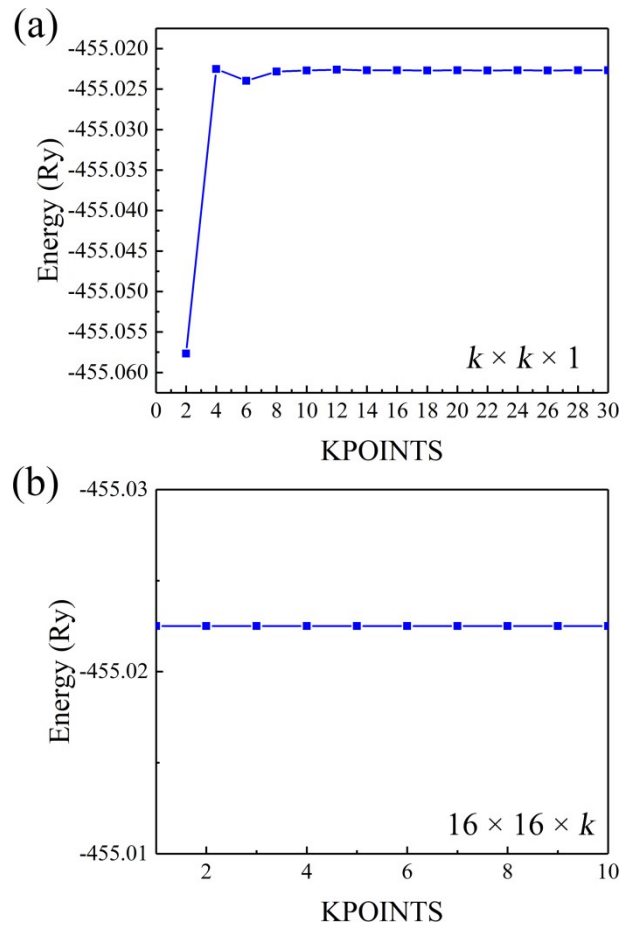


Fig. S1. The  $k$ -point test results for (a)  $c$  and (b)  $a/b$  directions.

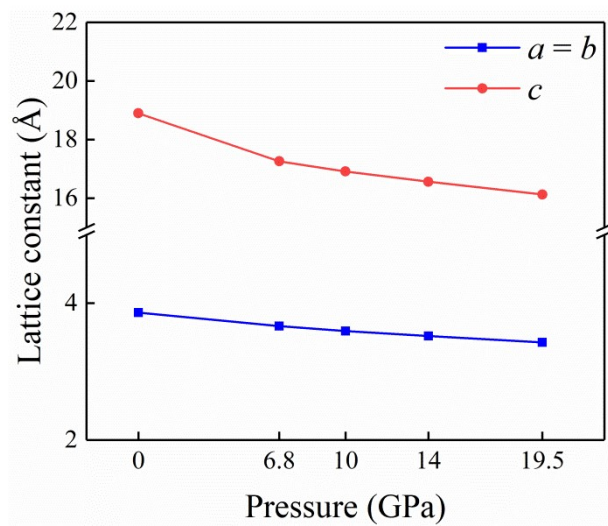


Fig. S2. The lattice constants of  $\text{Ca}_3\text{H}_2$  at different pressures.

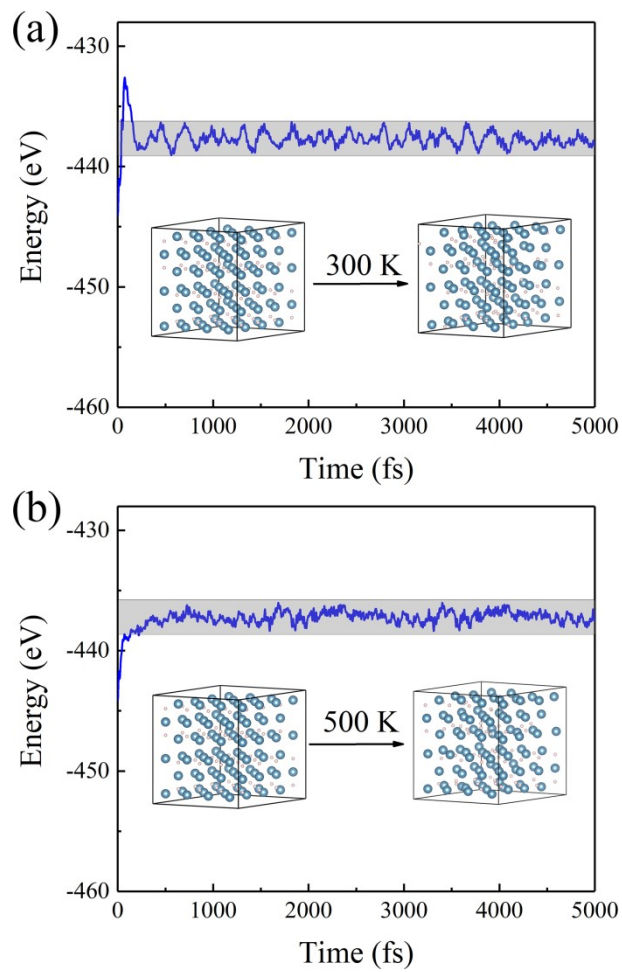


Fig. S3. Free energy evolution for  $\text{Ca}_3\text{H}_2$  at (a) 300 K and (b) 500 K in ab initio molecules dynamic simulations under ambient condition.

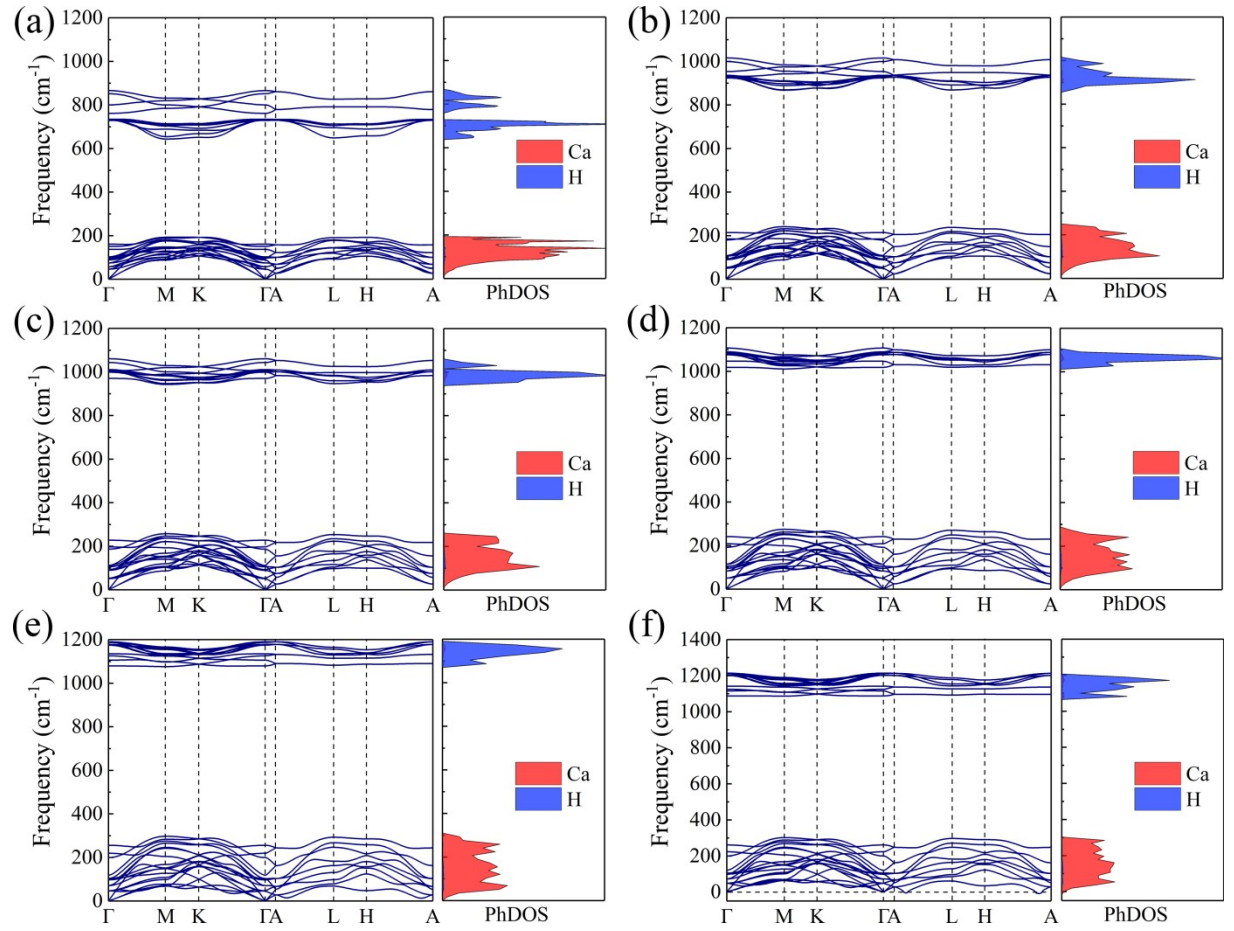


Fig. S4. Phonon dispersions and the phonon DOS for  $\text{Ca}_3\text{H}_2$  (a) under ambient condition and at (b) 6.8 GPa, (c) 10 GPa, (d) 14 GPa, (e) 19.5 GPa, and (f) 20 GPa, respectively.

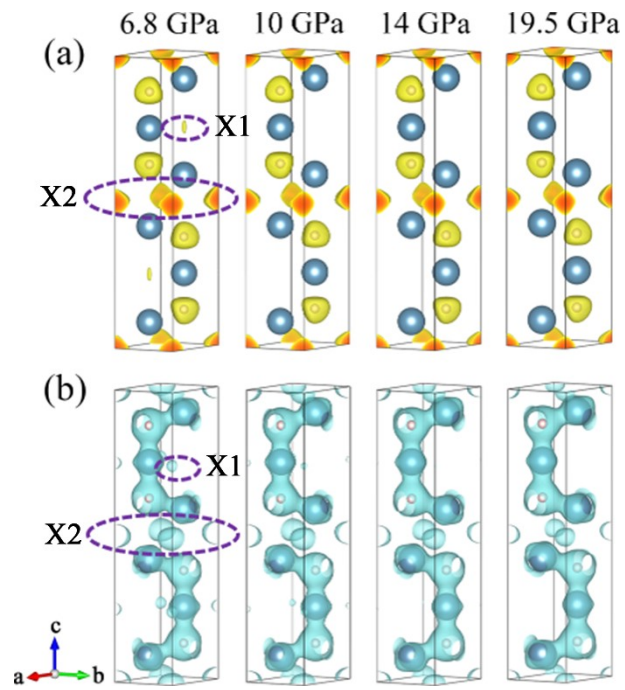


Fig. S5. (a) The ELF with an isosurface value of 0.75 and (b) ESDP with an isosurface value of -0.1 V for  $\text{Ca}_3\text{H}_2$  at different pressures. X1, and X2 denote the different anionic electrons.



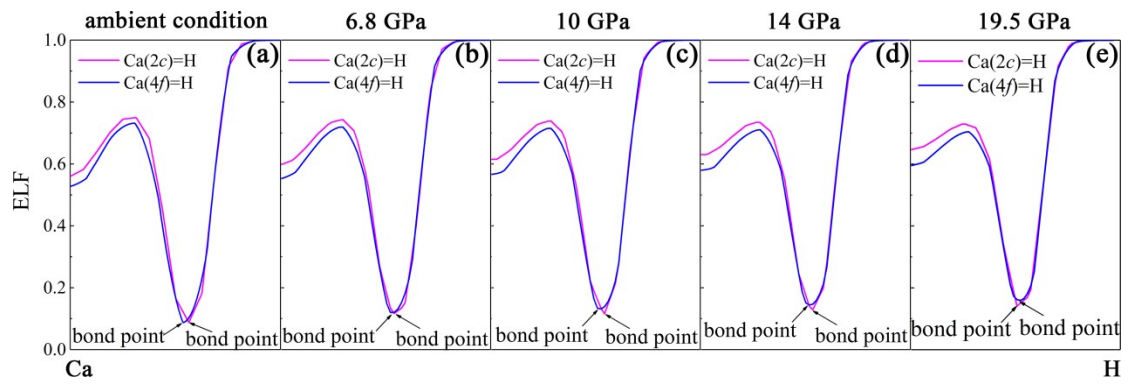


Fig. S6. The ELF 2D line profiles and bond points of the Ca–H bonds in  $\text{Ca}_3\text{H}_2$  under different pressures.

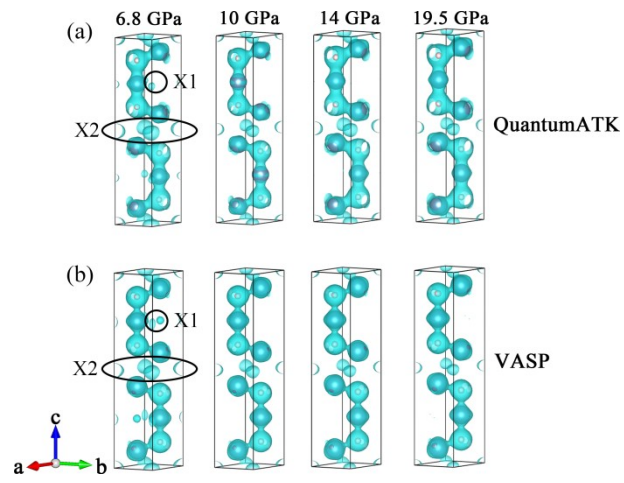


Fig. S7. The ESDP obtained separately from (a) QuantumATK and (b) (added as Fig. S4 in revised manuscript) VASP calculations.

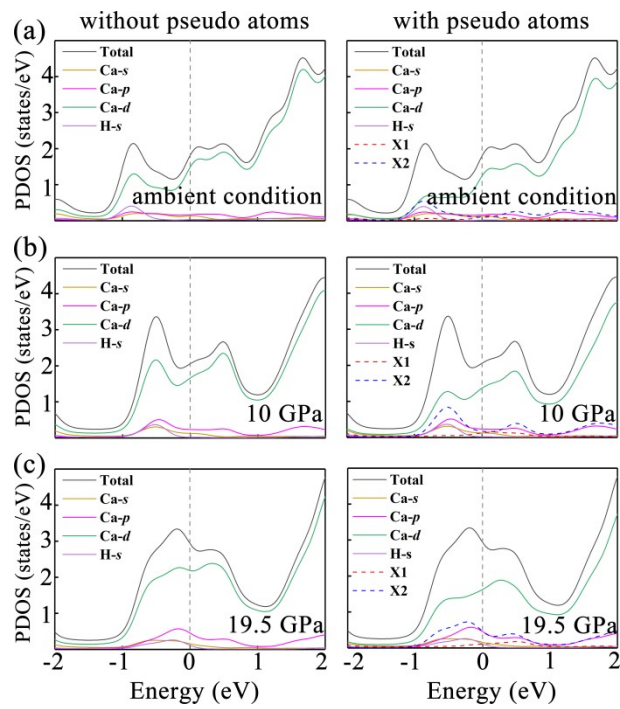


Fig. S8. The DOS with and without pseudo atoms under selected pressures.

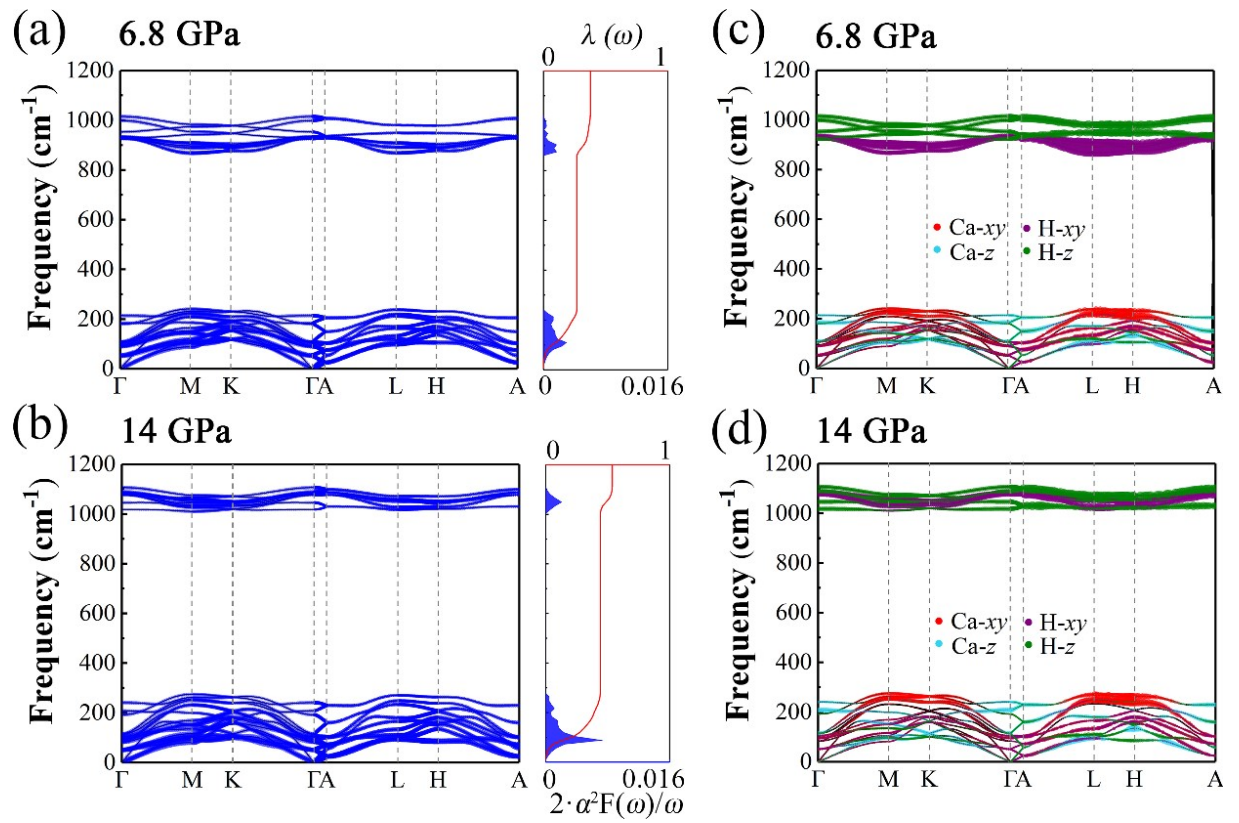


Fig. S9. Phonon dispersions weighted by the magnitude of the EPC, the mode-resolved Eliashberg spectral function  $2 \cdot \alpha^2 F(\omega)/\omega$ , and the frequency-dependent electron-phonon coupling parameters  $\lambda(\omega)$  for  $\text{Ca}_3\text{H}_2$  at (a) 6.8 GPa, and (b) 14 GPa.

The sizes of blue dots are proportional to the phonon linewidth  $\gamma_{\text{qv}}$ . Phonon dispersions weighted by the vibrational modes of different atoms for  $\text{Ca}_3\text{H}_2$  at (c) 6.8 GPa and (d) 14 GPa.

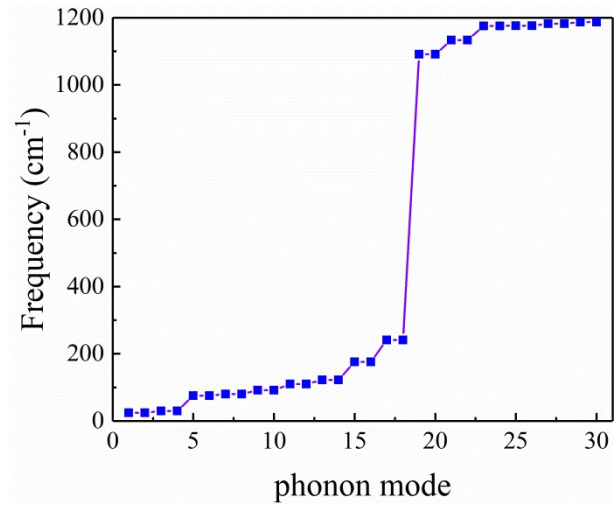


Fig. S10. The single  $q$ -point phonon test results.

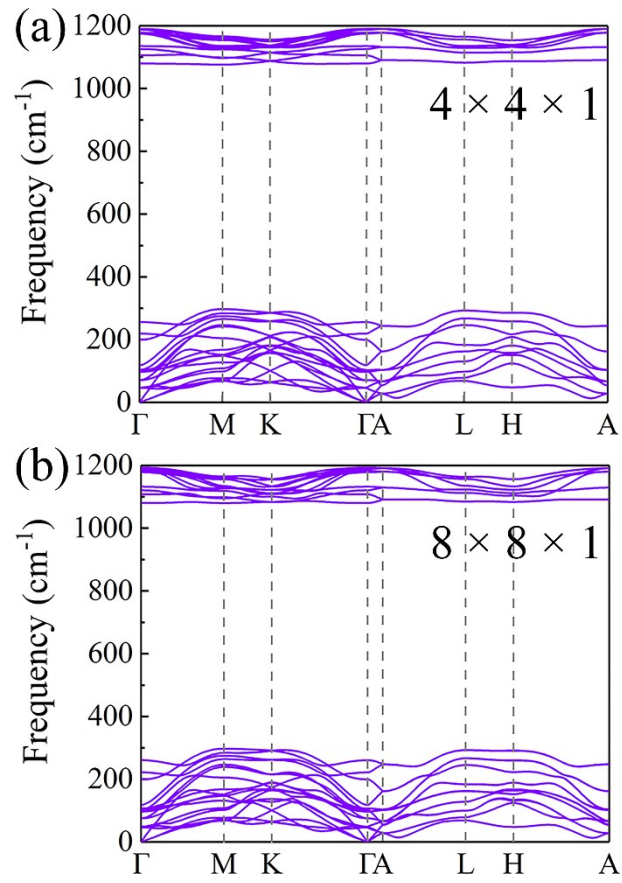


Fig. S11. Phonon dispersion comparison of  $\text{Ca}_3\text{H}_2$  at different  $q$ -points of (a)  $4 \times 4 \times 1$ , and (b)  $8 \times 8 \times 1$  under 19.5 GPa.

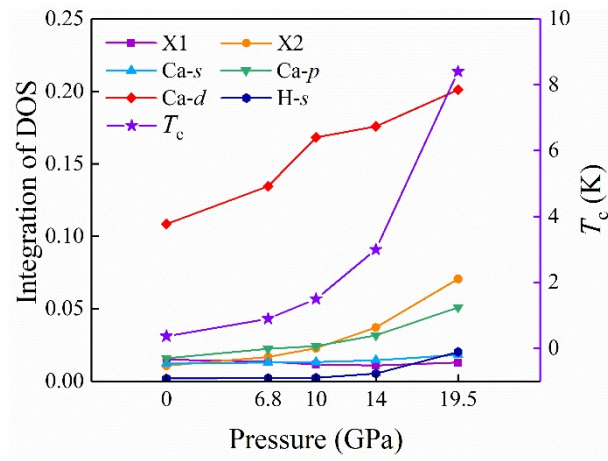


Fig. S12. Integration of density of states for interstitial anion electrons.

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