

## Supporting Information:

# First-Principles Investigation of the Phase Diagram and Superconducting Properties of the Sc-Mg-H System under High Pressure

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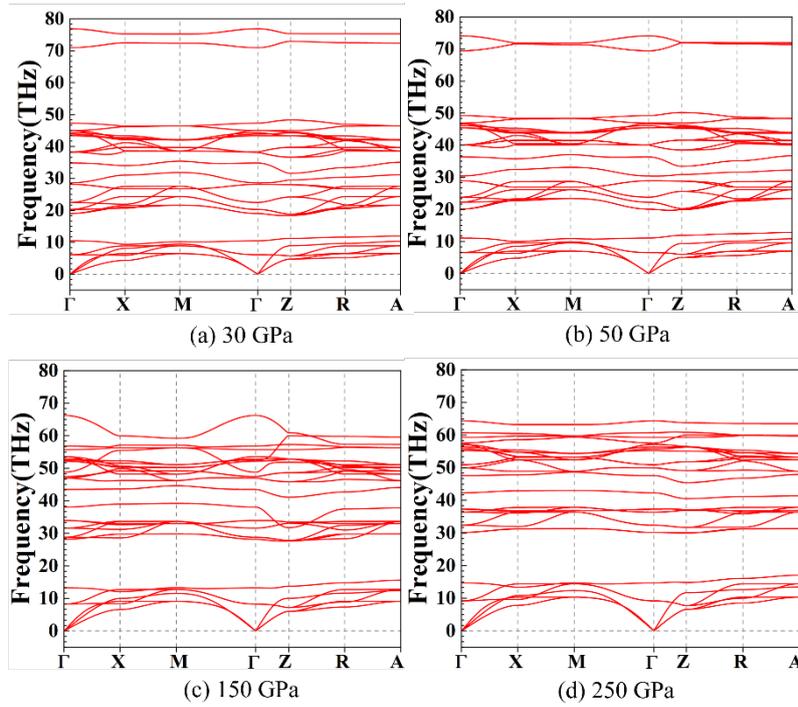
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**Table S1.** Crystallographic data of the newly predicted structures of ternary Sc-Mg-H compounds under high pressure (P, in GPa). The unit of lattice parameters (*a*, *b*, and *c*) is given in Å.

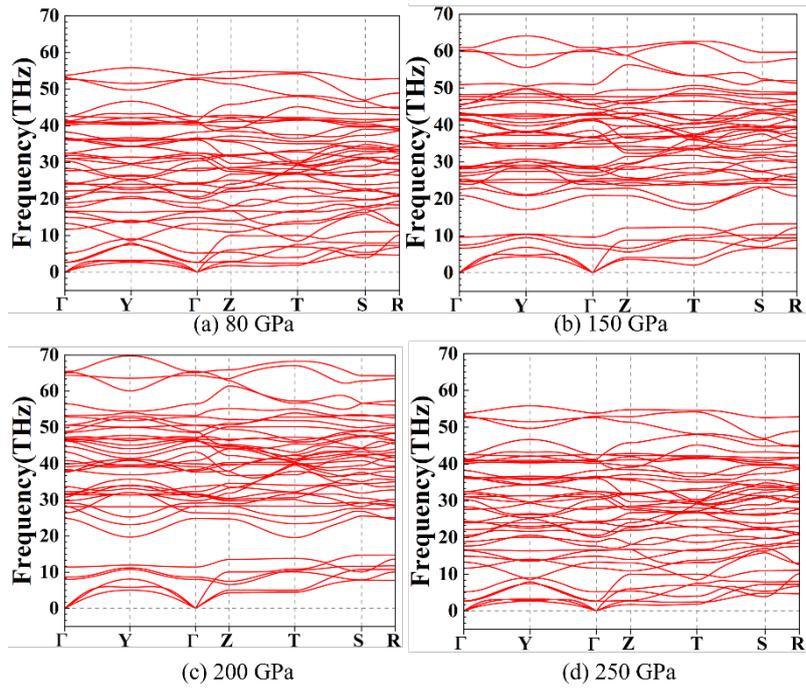
Compound	Space group	P (GPa)	Lattice parameters (Å, °)	Atomic coordinates (fractional)			
				Atoms	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
ScMgH <sub>6</sub>	<i>P4/mmm</i>	100	<i>a</i> = <i>b</i> = 2.8422 <i>c</i> = 4.08845 $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90$	Sc(1b)	0.0000	0.0000	0.5000
				Mg(1c)	0.5000	0.5000	0.0000
				H(4i)	0.0000	0.5000	0.2379
				H(1a)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				H(1d)	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000
ScMgH <sub>8</sub>	<i>P4/mmm</i>	80	<i>a</i> = 5.08074 <i>b</i> = 3.45602 <i>c</i> = 4.92299 $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90$	Sc(1a)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				Mg(1d)	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000
				H(4i)	0.0000	0.5000	0.2586
				H(2g)	0.0000	0.0000	0.4070
				H(2h)	0.5000	0.5000	0.0956
ScMgH <sub>12</sub>	<i>Cmmm</i>	100	<i>a</i> = <i>b</i> = 3.07238 <i>c</i> = 4.92299 $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90$	Sc(1d)	0.0000	0.0000	0.5000
				Mg(1b)	0.5000	0.0000	0.0000
				H(4o)	0.3818	0.0000	0.3743
				H(4m)	0.2500	0.2500	0.2253
				H(4o)	0.1276	0.0000	0.1304
Sc <sub>2</sub> MgH <sub>18</sub>	<i>P<math>\bar{3}</math>m1</i>	150	<i>a</i> = <i>b</i> = 4.8195 <i>c</i> = 2.92736 $\alpha = \beta = 90$ $\gamma = 120$	Sc(2d)	0.3333	0.6667	0.6587
				Mg(1a)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				H(12j)	0.9170	0.5882	0.8404
				H(6h)	0.2425	0.0000	0.5000
ScMg <sub>2</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	<i>P<math>\bar{3}</math>m1</i>	200	<i>a</i> = <i>b</i> = 4.6217 <i>c</i> = 2.83856 $\alpha = \beta = 90$ $\gamma = 120$	Sc(1b)	0.0000	0.0000	0.5000
				Mg(2d)	0.3333	0.6667	0.1693
				H(12j)	0.5785	0.9140	0.6703
				H(6g)	0.2617	0.0000	0.0000

**Table S2.** Calculated elastic constants  $C_{ij}$  and bulk ( $B$ ), shear ( $G$ ), Young's ( $Y$ ) moduli and Poisson's ratio ( $\sigma$ ) of the stable phase of Sc–Mg–H systems selected pressures.

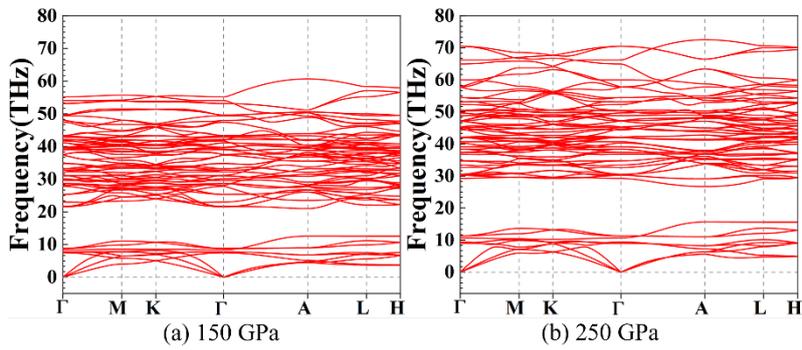
	ScMgH <sub>8</sub> 100 GPa	ScMgH <sub>12</sub> 100 GPa	Sc <sub>2</sub> MgH <sub>18</sub> 260 GPa	ScMg <sub>2</sub> H <sub>18</sub> 150 GPa
$C_{11}$	578.64	524.41	3718.84	768.73
$C_{12}$	70.80	225.22	401.58	383.00
$C_{13}$	209.90	206.63	531.24	309.61
$C_{14}$	0.00	0.00	-33.85	12.73
$C_{22}$	0.00	450.25	0.00	0.00
$C_{23}$	0.00	216.35	0.00	0.00
$C_{33}$	594.05	516.22	671.28	0.00
$C_{44}$	161.16	126.93	261.94	201.52
$C_{55}$	0.00	133.43	0.00	0.00
$C_{66}$	71.64	153.65	158.63	192.86
$B$	300.95	309.20	557.46	478.91
$G$	150.05	138.27	154.33	205.17
$B/G$	2.01	2.24	3.61	2.33
$Y$	386.01	361.00	423.88	538.60
$\sigma$	0.29	0.31	0.37	0.31



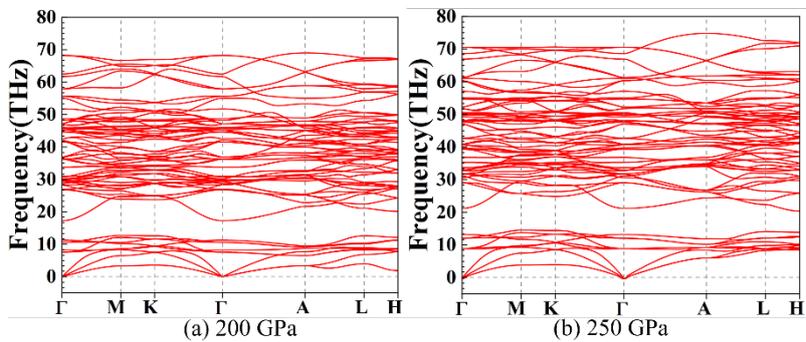
**Fig. S1.** Pressure-dependent phonons and electron-phonon coupling spectra for ScMgH<sub>8</sub>.



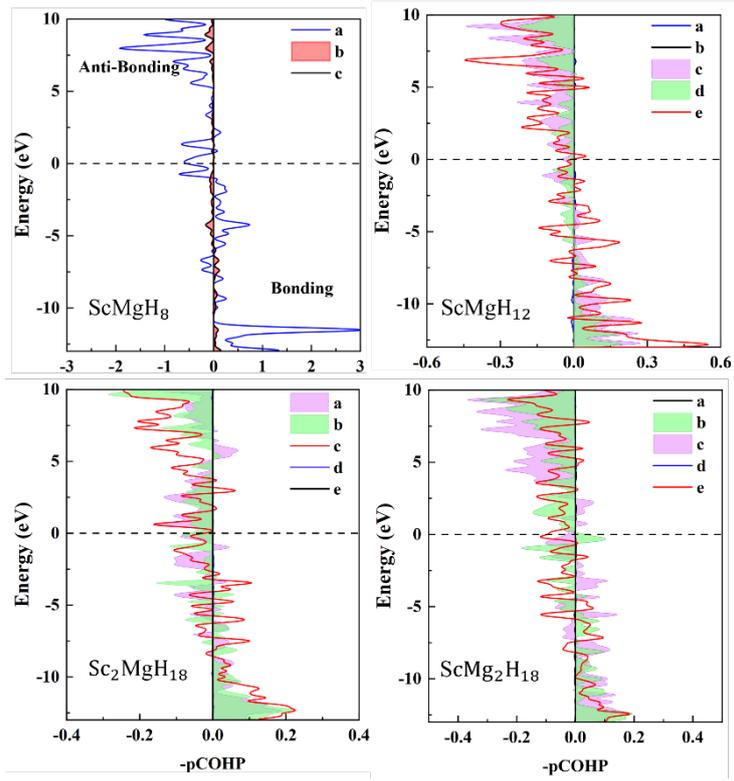
**Fig. S2.** Pressure-dependent phonons and electron-phonon coupling spectra for ScMgH<sub>12</sub>.



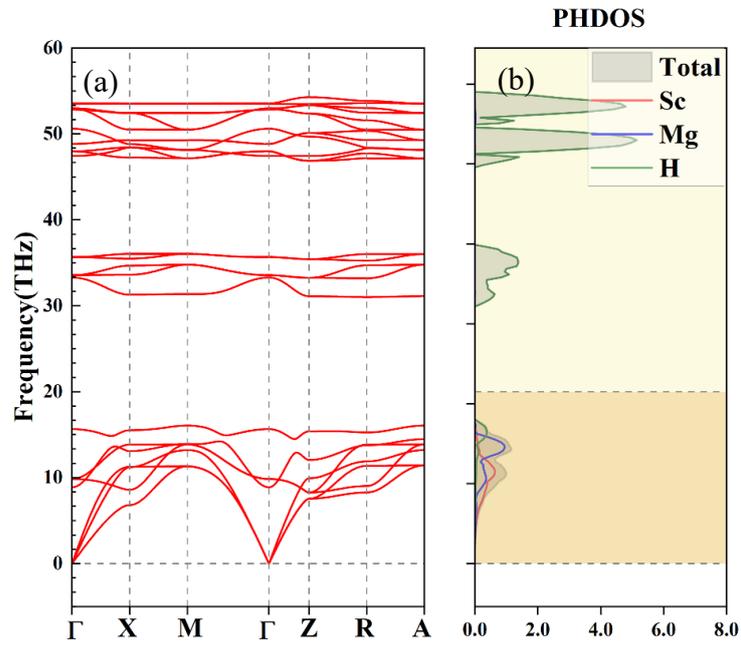
**Fig. S3.** Pressure-dependent phonons and electron-phonon coupling spectra for Sc<sub>2</sub>MgH<sub>18</sub>.



**Fig. S4.** Pressure-dependent phonons and electron-phonon coupling spectra for ScMg<sub>2</sub>H<sub>18</sub>.



**Fig. S5** The -pCOHP for pairs of H...H of (a) ScMgH<sub>8</sub>, (b) ScMgH<sub>12</sub>, (c) Sc<sub>2</sub>MgH<sub>18</sub>, and (d) ScMg<sub>2</sub>H<sub>18</sub>.



**Fig. S6.** (a) Phonons and (b) PHDOS for ScMgH<sub>6</sub> at 100 GPa.

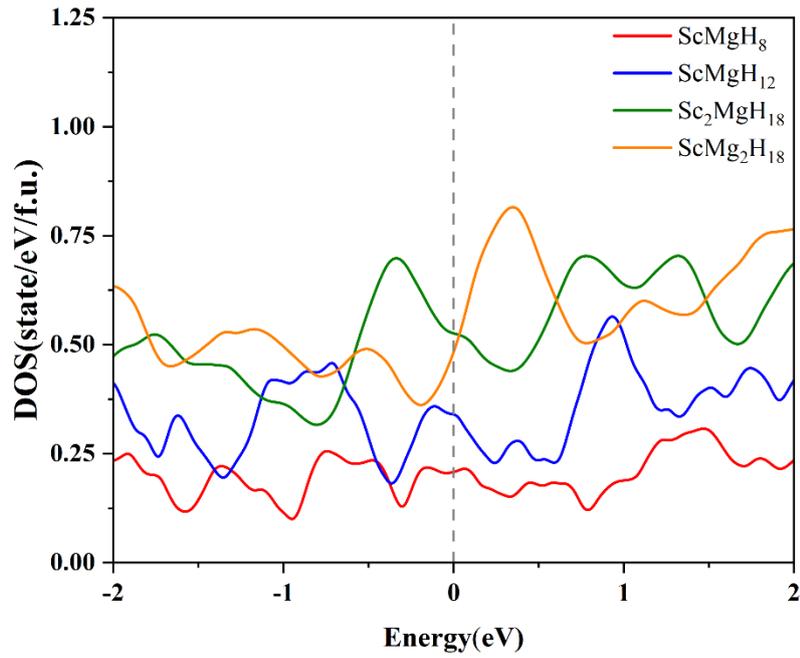


Fig. S7. Partial DOS of H atoms in ScMgH<sub>8</sub>, ScMgH<sub>12</sub>, Sc<sub>2</sub>MgH<sub>18</sub>, and ScMg<sub>2</sub>H<sub>18</sub>.

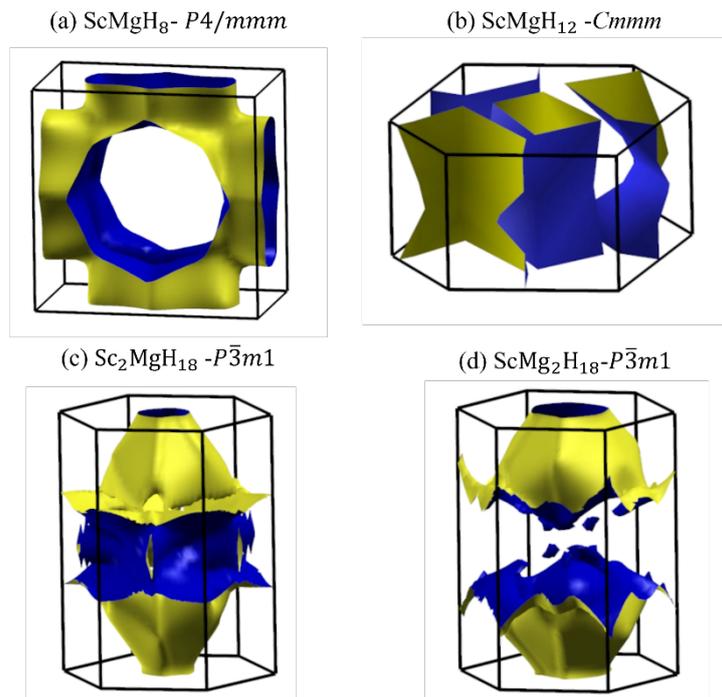


Figure S8. The Fermi surface of (a) ScMgH<sub>8</sub>-*P4/mmm* at 80 GPa, (b) ScMgH<sub>12</sub>-*Cmmm* at 100 GPa, (c) Sc<sub>2</sub>MgH<sub>18</sub>-*P $\bar{3}m1$*  at 150 GPa, and (d) ScMg<sub>2</sub>H<sub>18</sub>-*P $\bar{3}m1$*  at 200 GPa.