

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### Predicted hot superconductivity in LaSc<sub>2</sub>H<sub>24</sub> under pressure

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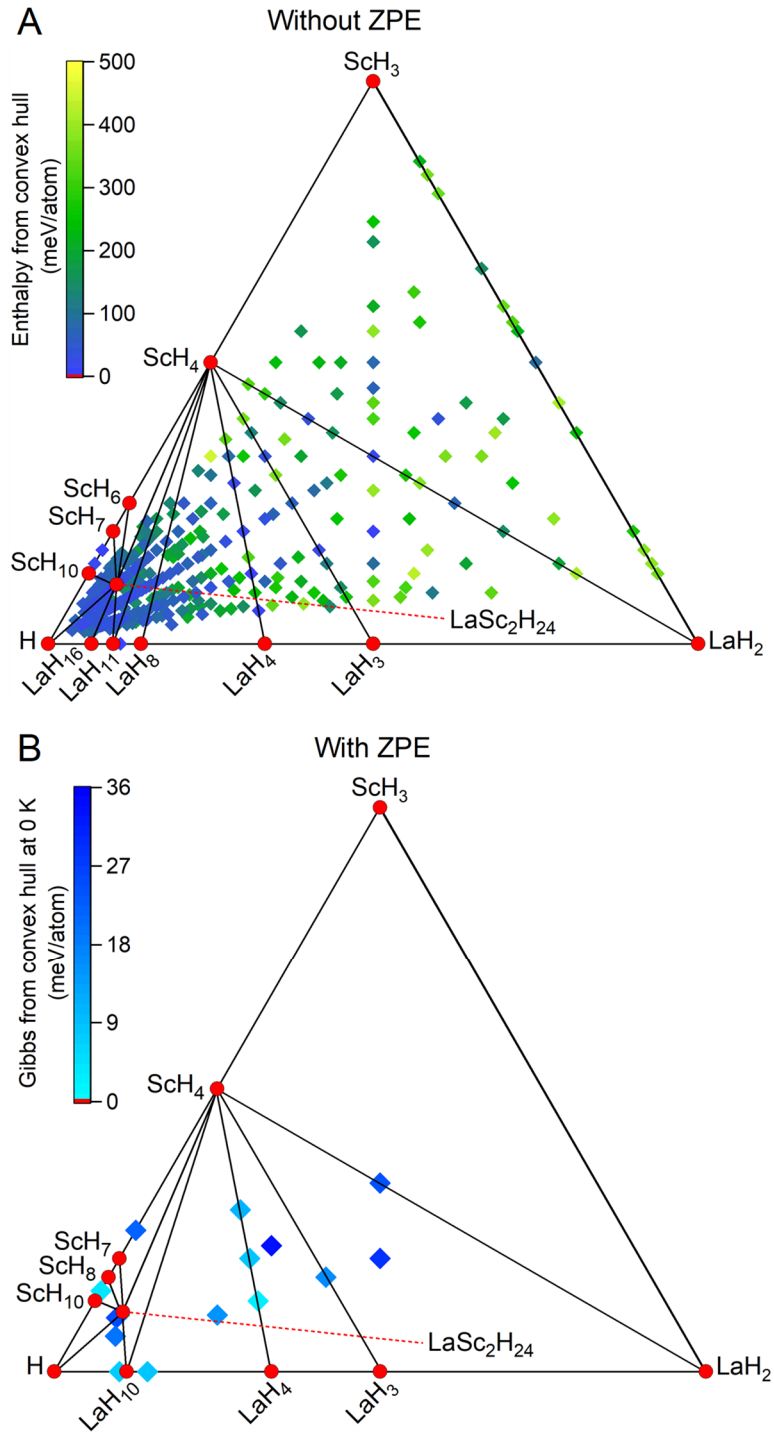
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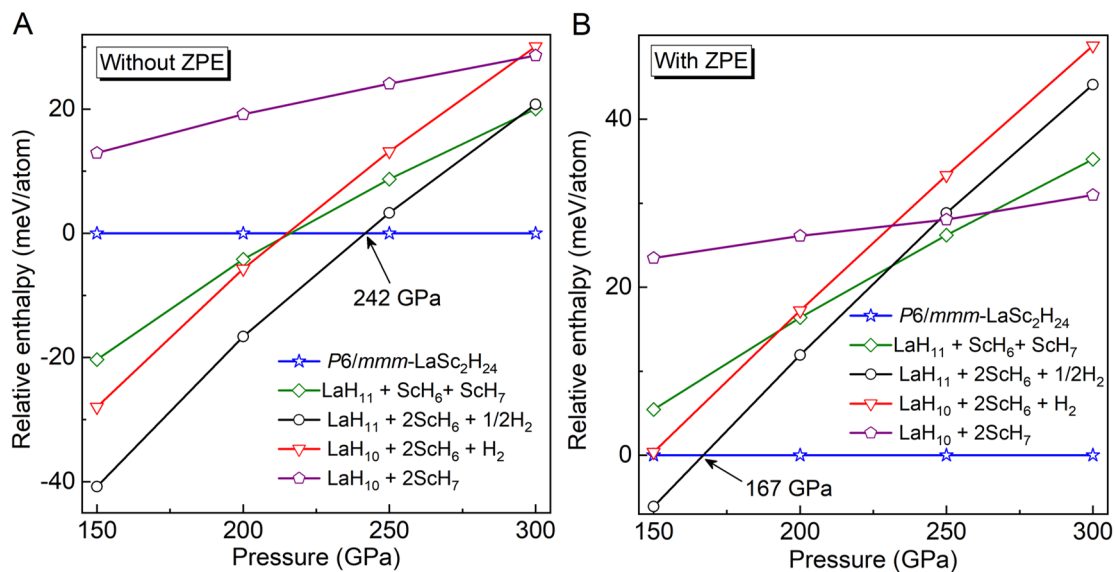
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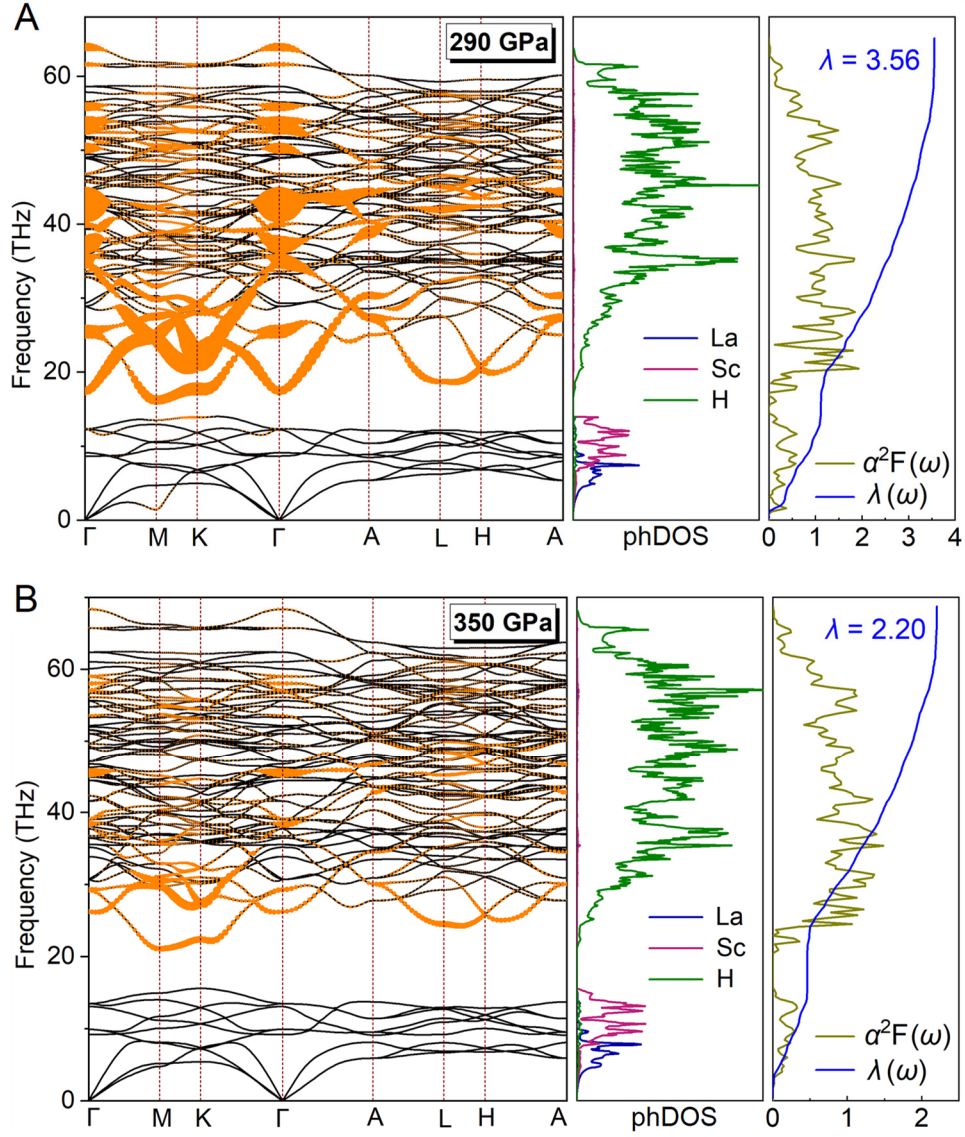
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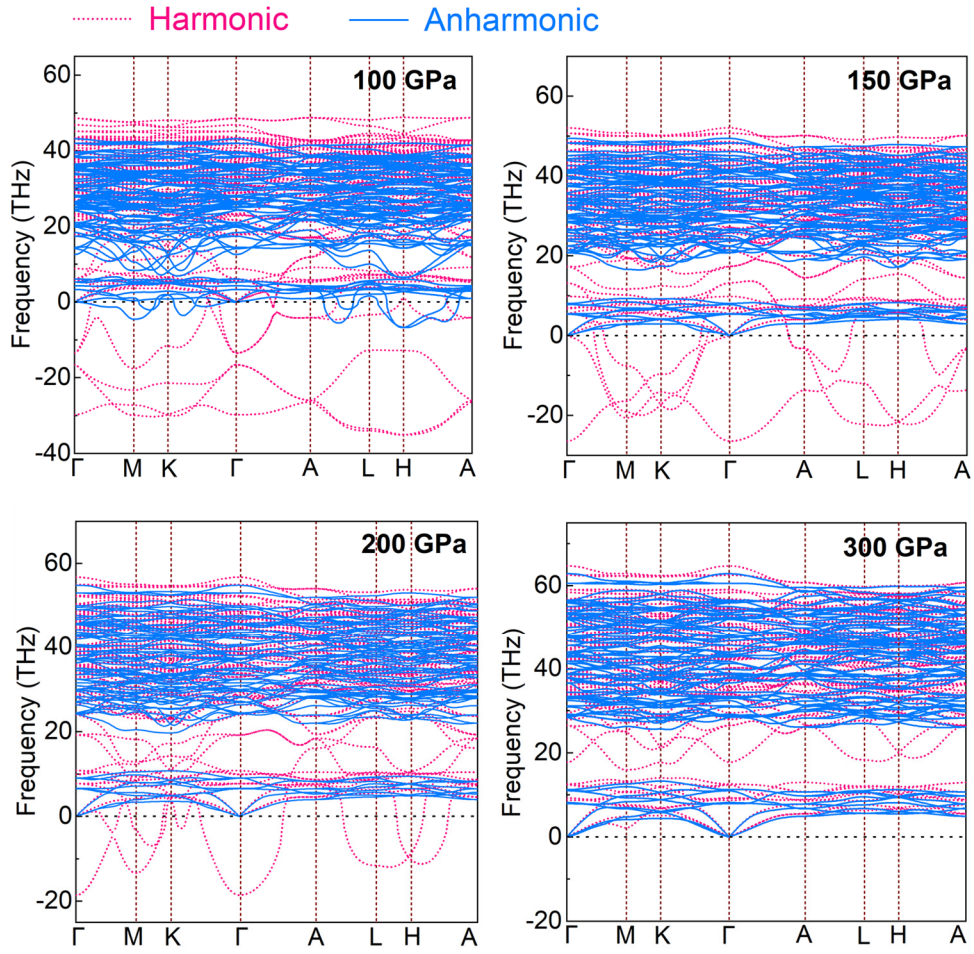
**Fig. S1.** For clarity, we replotted the ternary phase diagram of La-Sc-H system with LaH<sub>2</sub>, ScH<sub>3</sub>, and H as corners (A) without and (B) with inclusion of considering zero-point energy (ZPE) within the harmonic approximation at 300 GPa. Red solid circles and colored squares indicate thermodynamically stable and unstable phases, respectively.



**Fig. S2.** (A) The enthalpy comparison between  $\text{LaSc}_2\text{H}_{24}$  and selected decomposition routes under different pressure without considering zero-point energy (ZPE), in which the enthalpy of  $\text{LaSc}_2\text{H}_{24}$  at each pressure is set to zero. (B) Calculated relative enthalpies as a function of pressure with considering ZPE at the anharmonic level by using the stochastic self-consistent harmonic approximation (SSCHA) approach.



**Fig. S3.** Harmonic phonon spectra, where orange solid circles show the phonon linewidth with a radius proportional to its strength (left), projected phonon density of states (phDOS) (middle), Eliashberg spectral function  $\alpha^2F(\omega)$ , and the electron-phonon integral  $\lambda(\omega)$  (right) of LaSc<sub>2</sub>H<sub>24</sub> at (A) 290 GPa and (B) 350 GPa.



**Fig. S4.** Phonon spectra of  $\text{LaSc}_2\text{H}_{24}$  at different pressures both at the harmonic and anharmonic levels. The area under the black dotted line marks the region with imaginary phonon frequencies, which are depicted as negative frequencies.

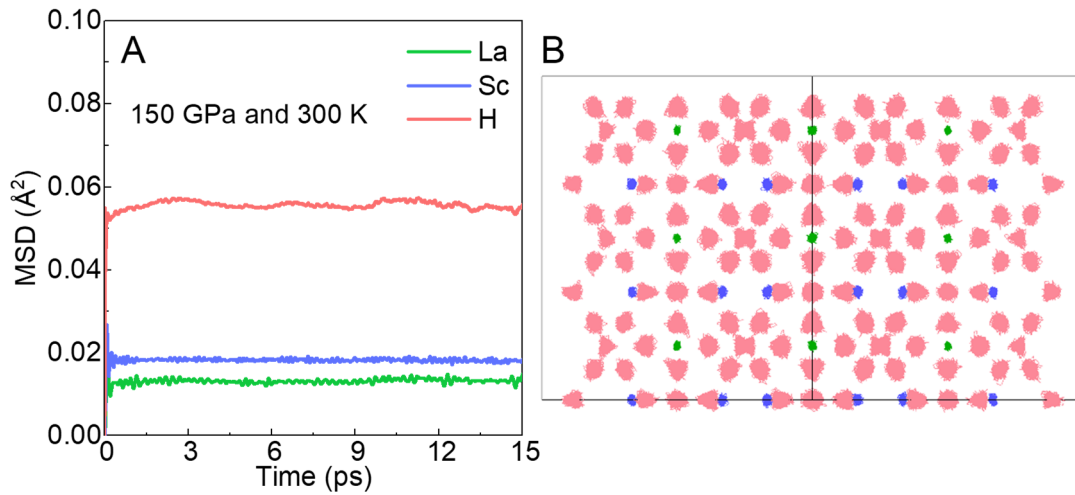


Fig. S5. (A) The mean square displacements (MSDs) from ab initio molecular dynamics (AIMD) simulations for the La, Sc and H atoms in  $\text{LaSc}_2\text{H}_{24}$  at 150 GPa and 300 K. (B) The projection of atomic trajectories along the [110] direction in  $\text{LaSc}_2\text{H}_{24}$  from the last 15 ps, in which green, blue and pink symbols represent the atomic trajectories of La, Sc and H atoms, respectively.

As shown in Fig. S5, the oscillations of the La, Sc and H atoms with respect to their equilibrium positions indicate that  $\text{LaSc}_2\text{H}_{24}$  is stable at 150 GPa and 300 K, hence it maintains a solid phase without any change. Accordingly, our calculated results show that the stability of our predicted structure is robust.

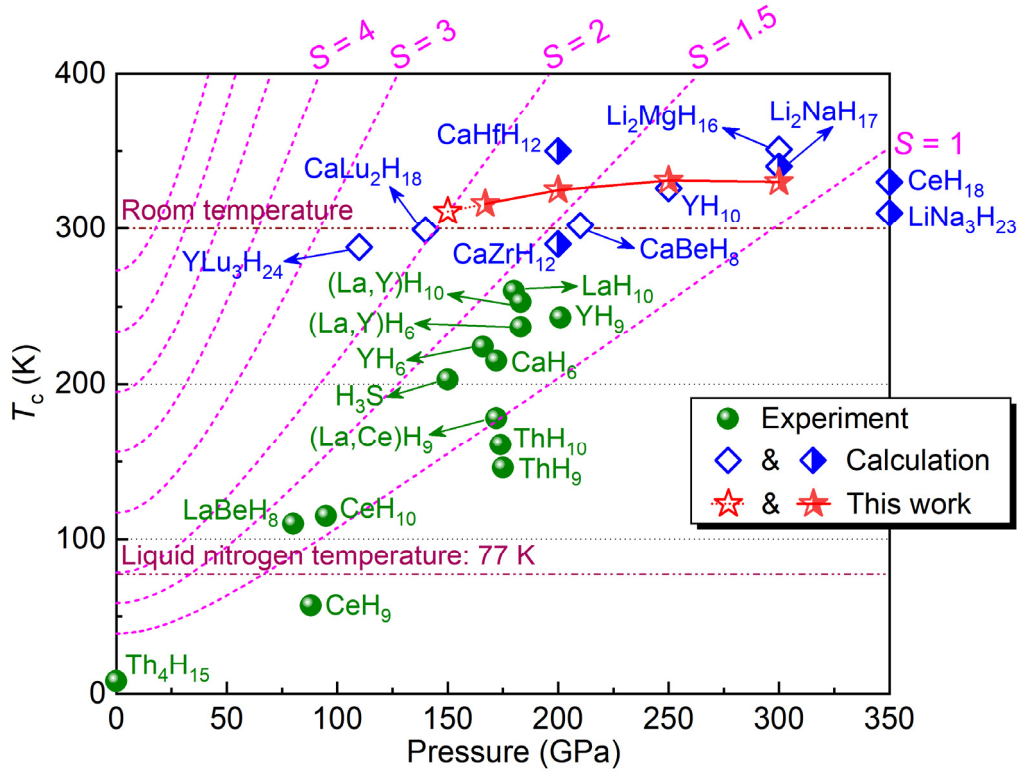


Fig. S6. Pressure dependence of  $T_c$  values for typical superconductors. The green filled circles represent the  $T_c$  values of well-known superconductors from experiments (1-17). The blue half-filled (unfilled) rhombuses represent the  $T_c$  values of the predicted thermodynamically stable (metastable) hydrides (18-25). The red half-filled (unfilled) stars mark the  $T_c$  values (with  $\mu^*$  of 0.1) of the thermodynamically stable (metastable)  $\text{LaSc}_2\text{H}_{24}$  by considering anharmonic effects within a pressure range of 150-300 GPa. The carmine dashed lines are plotted according to the figure of merit  $S = (T_c / \sqrt{P^2 + T_{c,MgB_2}^2})$  used to evaluate the significance of a particular superconductor (26).

**Table S1.** The calculated crystal structural parameters of thermodynamically stable La-Sc and La-Sc-H compounds at 300 GPa.

Compound	Space group	Lattice Parameters (Å, degree)	Atomic coordinates (fractional)			
			Atoms	X	Y	Z
LaSc <sub>2</sub>	<i>Fddd</i>	$a = 4.248$	La (8b)	0.000	0.000	0.500
		$b = 6.845$	Sc (16f)	0.000	0.843	0.000
		$c = 7.682$				
		$\alpha = 90$				
		$\beta = 90$				
		$\gamma = 90$				
LaSc <sub>2</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	<i>P6/mmm</i>	$a = 4.712$	La (1b)	0.000	0.000	0.500
		$b = 4.712$	Sc (2c)	0.333	0.667	0.000
		$c = 3.236$	H (6m)	0.759	0.519	0.500
		$\alpha = 90$	H (6j)	0.762	0.000	0.000
		$\beta = 90$	H (12n)	0.614	0.000	0.289
		$\gamma = 120$				



**Table S2.** Calculated structural parameters and H-H bond lengths of the  $P6/mmm$ - $\text{LaSc}_2\text{H}_{24}$  within the harmonic and anharmonic approximation at different pressures.

Calculation	Pressure (GPa)	Lattice Parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ )		H-H distance ( $\text{\AA}$ )
		$a = b$	$c$	
Harmonic	290	4.751	3.229	1.068-1.209
	300	4.735	3.216	1.076-1.204
	350	4.659	3.157	1.053-1.183
Anharmonic	150	5.084	3.528	1.156-1.307
	167	5.033	3.490	1.147-1.293
	200	4.943	3.425	1.133-1.268
	250	4.831	3.341	1.113-1.237
	300	4.741	3.271	1.096-1.212

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