Supplementary Information

Pressure-driven band gap engineering in ion-conducting

semiconductor silver orthophosphate

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Fig. S1 Elements analysis (EDX) of commercial Ag₃PO₄ powder before compression.



Fig. S2 (a-d) Photographs of the Ag_3PO_4 powder under increasing pressure by diamond anvil cell (500 μ m of culets). (e and f) SEM images of the sample before and after compression.



Fig. S3 Pressure-dependent slope of the absorption edge derived from the absorption spectra.



Fig. S4 Tauc plot of the absorbance data and the indirect/direct band gap value of Ag₃PO₄ under pressure.



Fig. S5 (a) Selected Raman spectra of Ag_3PO_4 as a function of pressure at room temperature. (b) and (c) Pressure-dependent Raman shift and the full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the prominent peaks at Fig. S5(a), respectively. (d) Raman spectra of the Ag_3PO_4 sample under compression around the phase transition. (e) and (f) The pressure dependence of the frequency and FWHM of the Raman mode derived from Fig. S5(d), respectively.



Fig. S6 Comparison between the synchrotron XRD spectra of the pristine sample (at 1 atm) and quenched sample after compression and decompression. (X-ray wavelength is 0.6199 Å)

Refined structural information of Ag₃PO₄ at 9.7 GPa

Title	Ag_3PO_4
Crystal system	Trigonal
Space group	R3c, 161
a = b (Å)	7.67490
<i>c</i> (Å)	11.56120
$\alpha = \beta$	90°
γ	120°
$V(Å^3)$	589.76502

Table S1. Refined lattice data for Ag₃PO₄ at 9.7 GPa.

Table S2. Refined atomic positions and anisotropic displacement parameters for Ag₃PO₄ at 9.7 GPa.

Atom	x	У	Ζ	Wyckoff site	$U(\text{\AA}^2)$
Ag	0.68788	0.10834	-0.40531	18b	0.260
01	0.20838	0.10491	-0.05453	18b	0.035
Р	0.66667	0.33333	0.32800	6a	0.192
O4	0.66667	0.33333	-0.56327	6a	0.014

Calculated structural information of Ag_3PO_4 at 10.0 GPa

Title	Ag_3PO_4
Crystal system	Trigonal
Space group	<i>R</i> 3c, 161
a = b (Å)	7.65190
<i>c</i> (Å)	11.72010
$\alpha = \beta$	90°
γ	120°
$V(Å^3)$	594.29286

Table S3. Predicted lattice data for Ag_3PO_4 at 10.0 GPa.

Table S4. Predicted atomic positions and anisotropic displacement parameters for Ag₃PO₄ at 10.0 GPa.

Atom	x	У	Ζ	Wyckoff site	$U(\text{\AA}^2)$
Ag	0.68447	0.11574	-0.40249	18b	0.013
01	0.21663	0.06749	-0.05270	18b	0.013
Р	0.66667	0.33333	0.32565	6a	0.013
O4	0.66667	0.33333	-0.54339	6a	0.013



Fig. S7 Theoretical XRD patterns of Ag_3PO_4 under different pressure derived from the predicted crystal structures. (X-ray wavelength is 0.6199 Å)



Fig. S8 Calculated volume-pressure plot (left) and energy-volume plot (right) of Ag₃PO₄.



Fig. S9 Partial charge density of VBM and CBM bands for Ag₃PO₄. Grey spheres: Ag atoms; red spheres: O atoms; purple spheres: P atoms.



Fig. S10 Total and partial density of states (DOS) of the cubic (0 GPa) and trigonal (44 GPa) Ag₃PO₄.