

Supporting information

**Strain-engineering enables reversible semiconductor-metal transition of
skutterudite IrAs_3**

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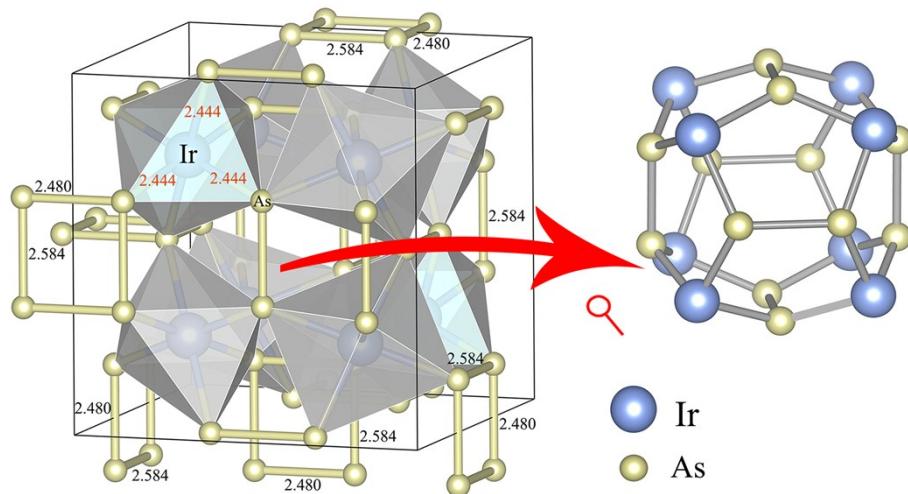


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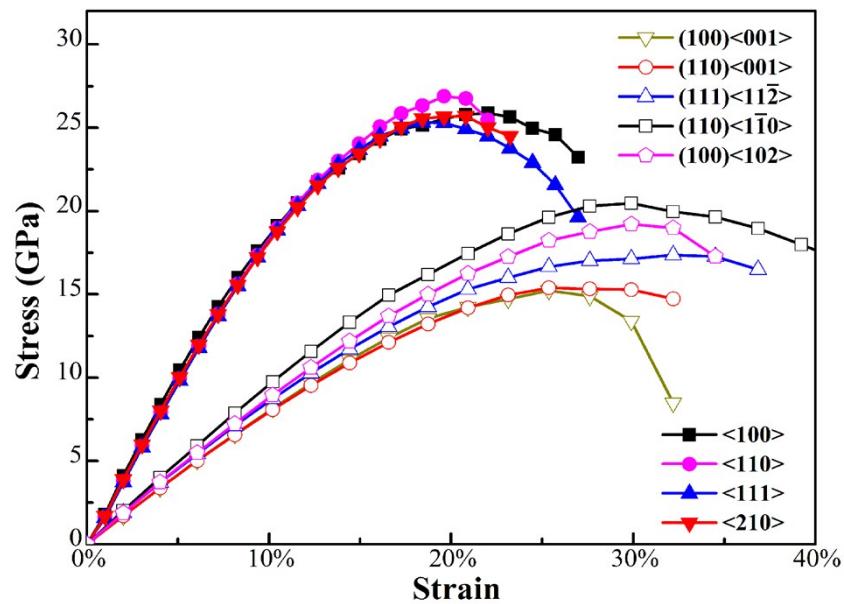


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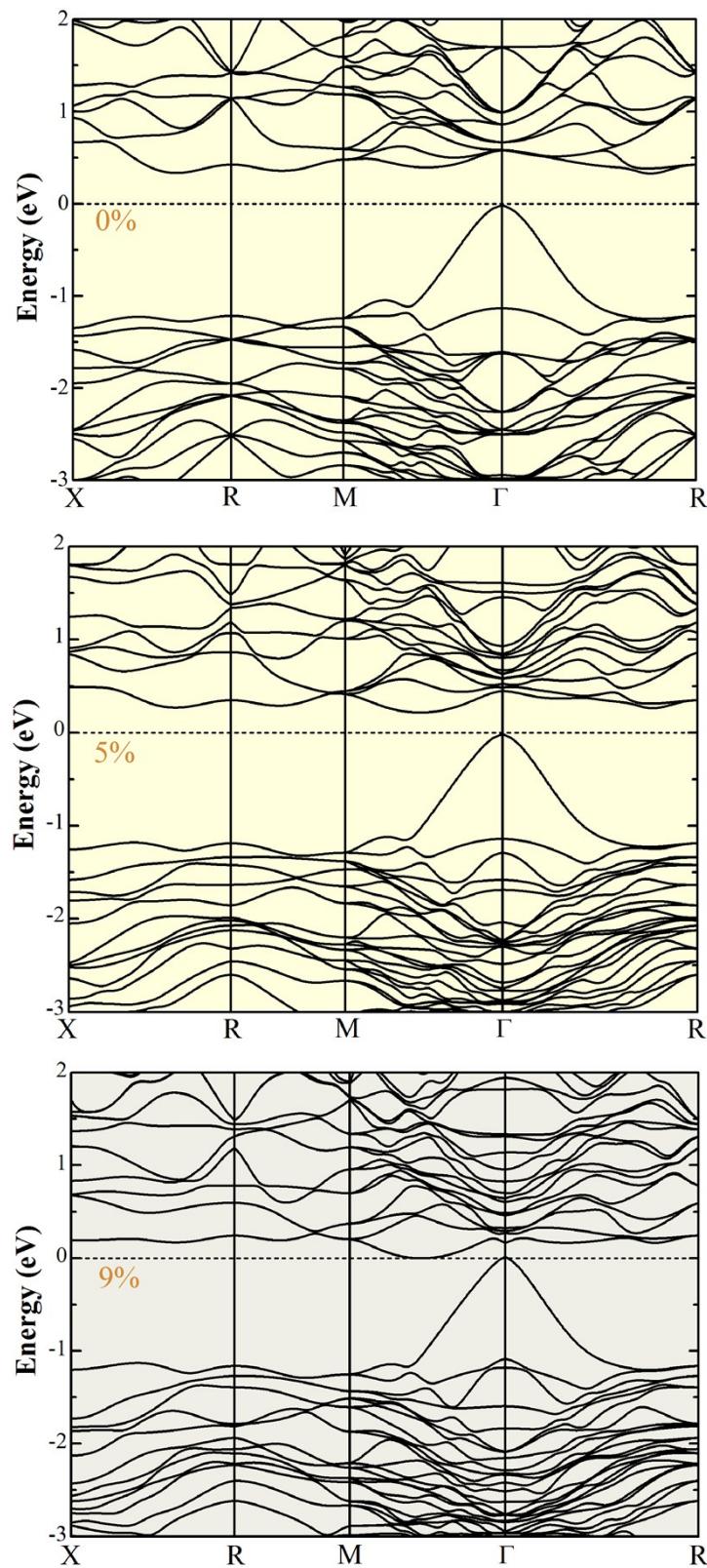


Fig. S3 Electronic band structures of IrAs_3 at 0%, 5% and ~9% tensile strain. The fermi level has been set to the energy zero.

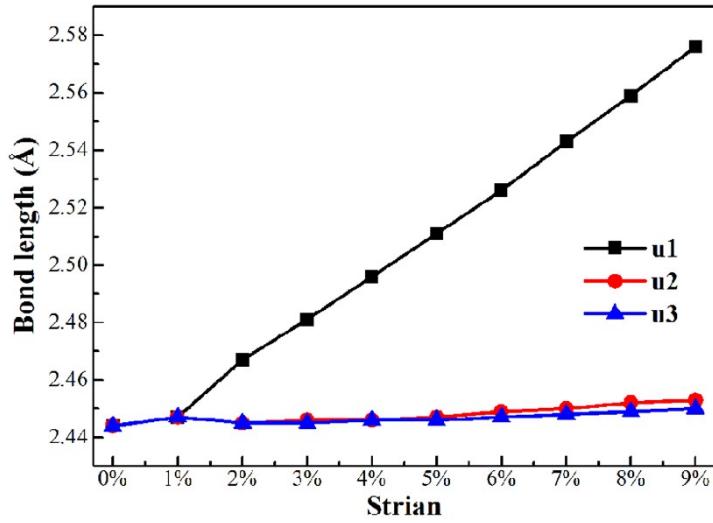


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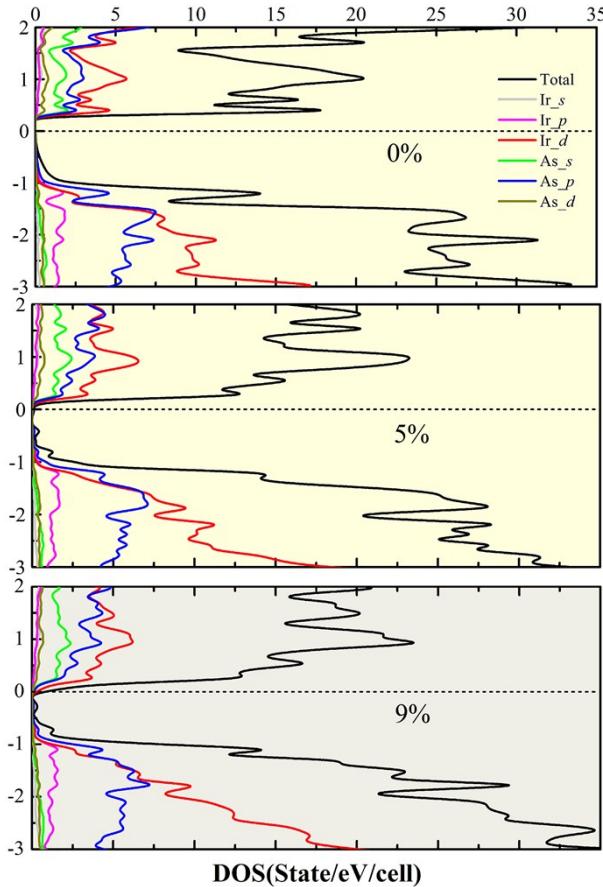


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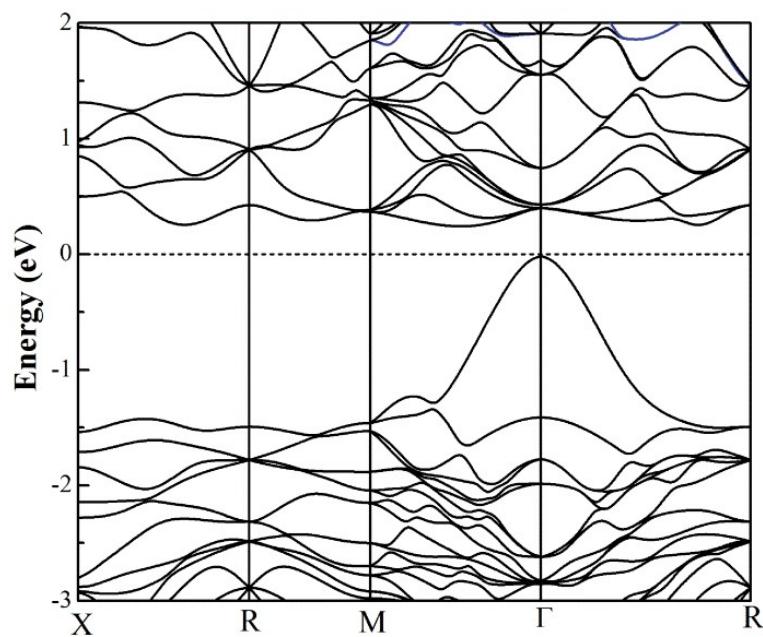


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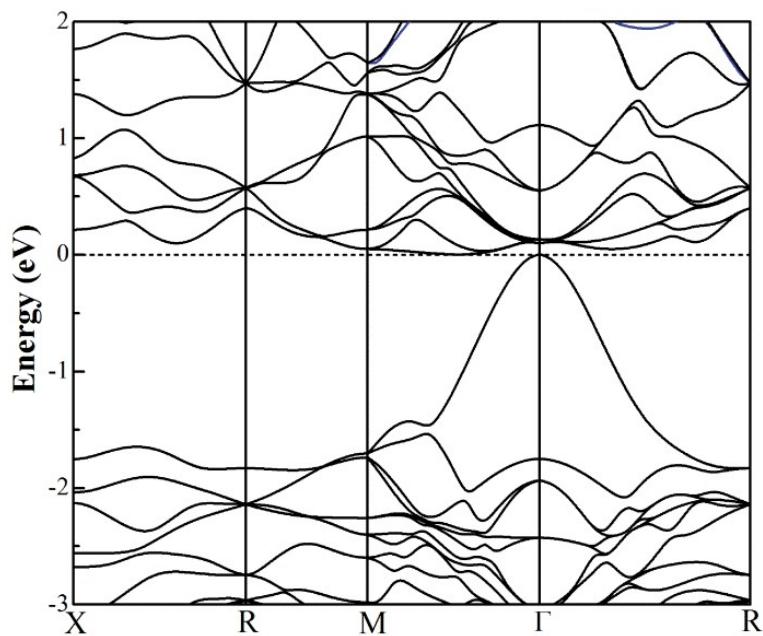


Fig. S7 Electronic band structure of IrAs_3 at 53.5 GPa. The horizontal dashed line indicates the Fermi level.

Structural information of IrAs₃ in this text

IrAs₃

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Ir As

8 24

Direct

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