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## Conformation-Determined Emission Enhancement of Phenothiazine Derivatives under High Pressure

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## 1. Previous works

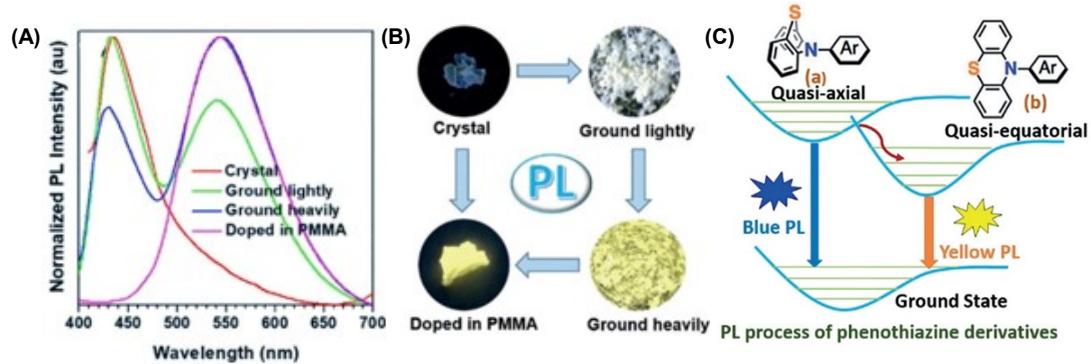


Figure S1. Normalized fluorescence spectra of PTZ-DP-F in crystal state and ground state (A) and corresponding photographs (B); (C) The scheme for PL process of phenothiazine.

## 2. High-pressure fluorescence experiments of PTZ-DP-F crystal

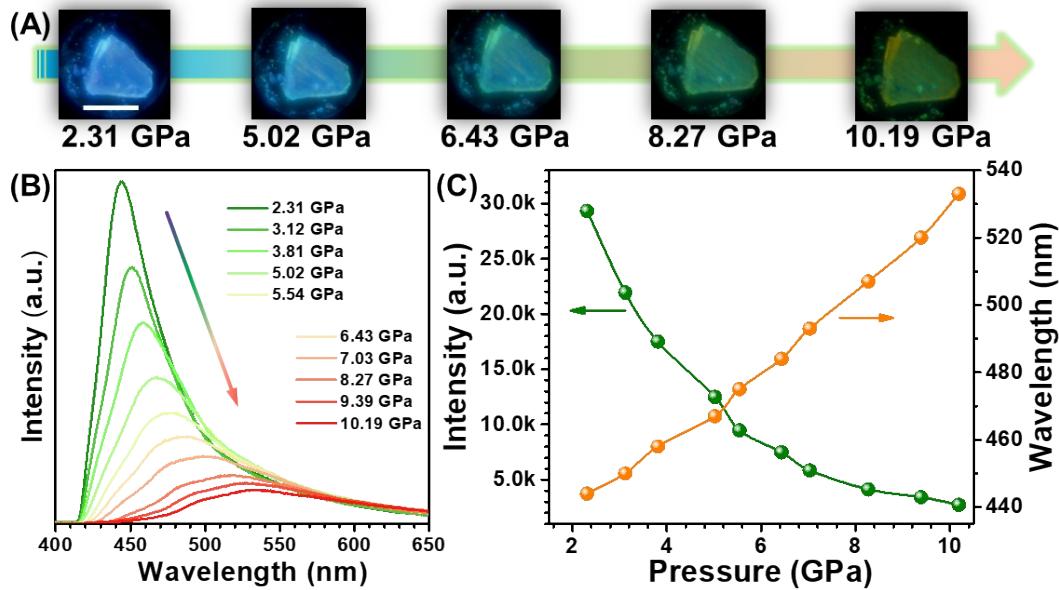


Figure S2. (A) The fluorescence images of PTZ-DP-F crystal at different pressure values (the scale is 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ); (B) The high-pressure fluorescence spectra in the range of pressure from 2.31 GPa to 10.19 GPa ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=365$  nm); (C) The corresponding changes of intensity (green) and wavelength (orange) vs pressure.

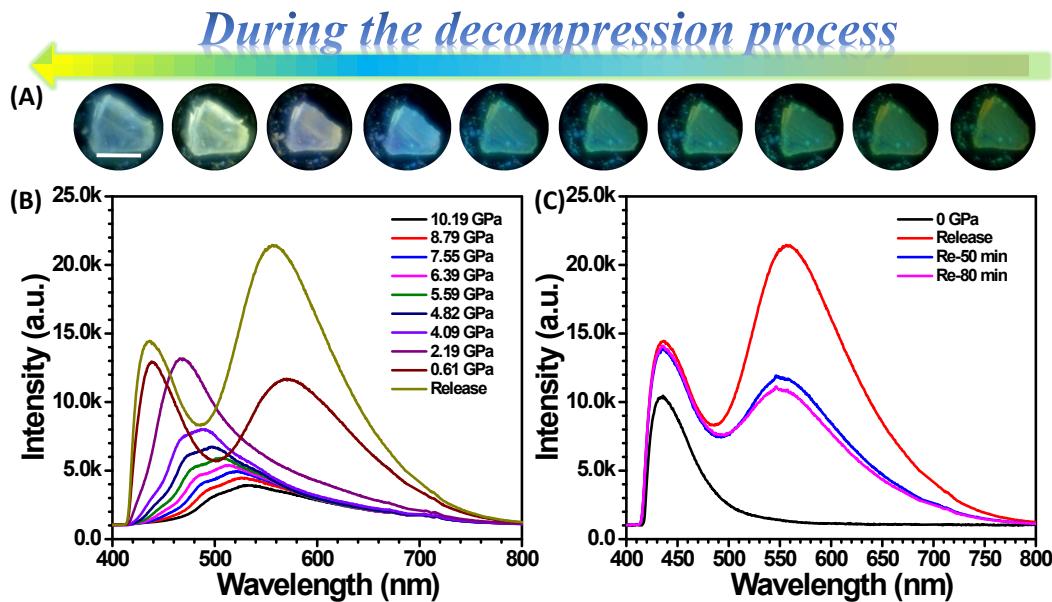


Figure S3. The fluorescence photos (A) and spectra (B) of PTZ-DP-F crystal upon decompression process (the scale is 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ); (C) Comparison of pressure-released and initial spectra and the obtained spectral stability.

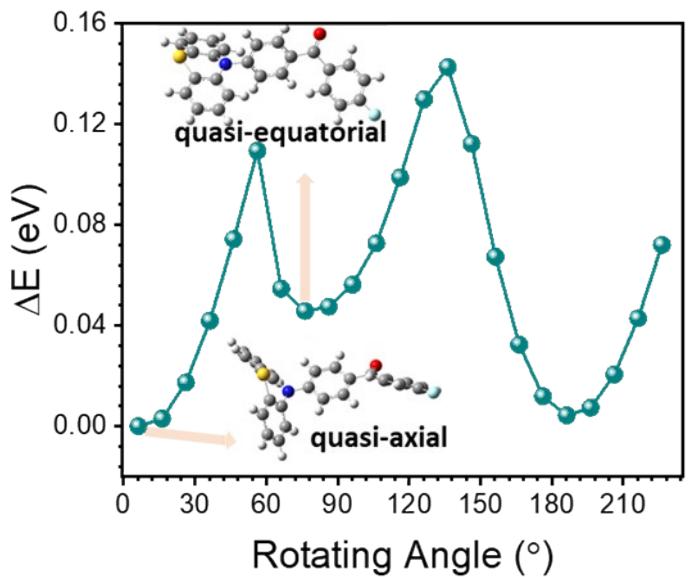


Figure S4. The potential surface scanning of PTZ-DP-F.

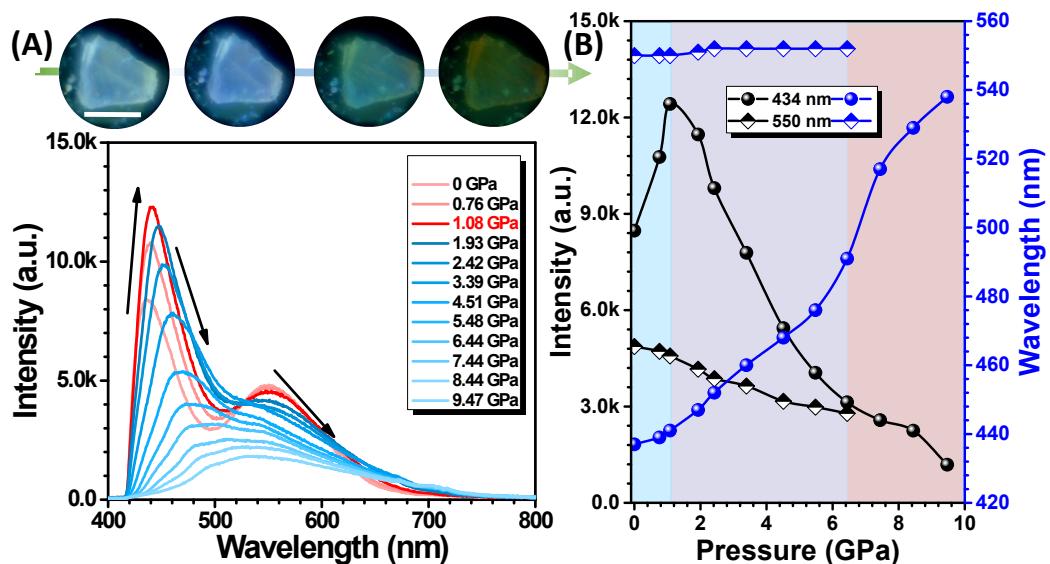


Figure S5. Secondary pressurization process of PTZ-DP-F crystal: (A) Fluorescence spectra and corresponding photographs (the scale is 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ); (B) The pressure-dependent changes of fluorescence intensity and wavelength.

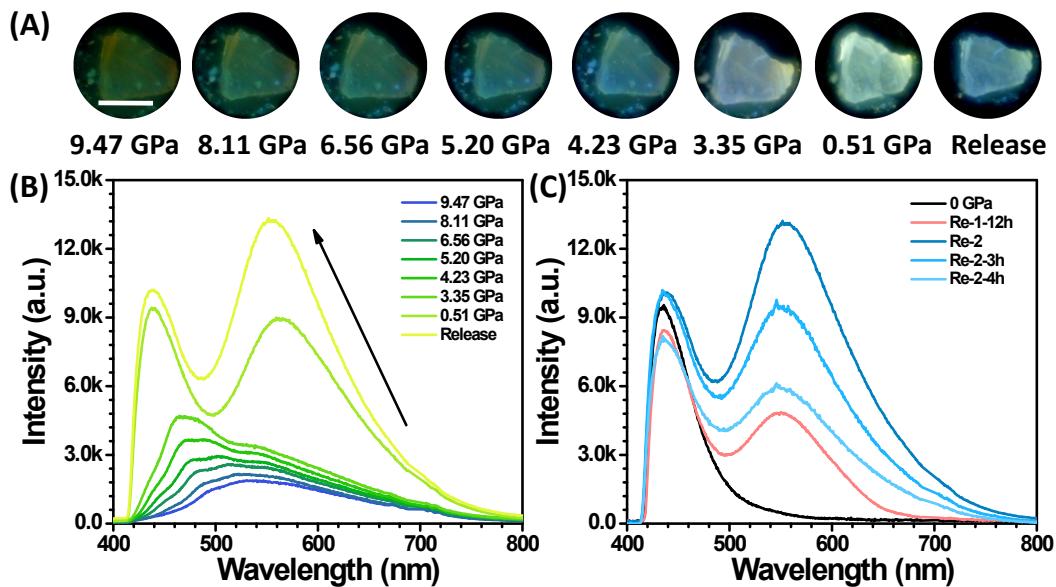


Figure S6. Secondary depressurization process of PTZ-DP-F crystal. Fluorescence spectra (A) and corresponding photographs (B) (the scale is 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ); (C) Comparison of pressure-released and initial spectra and the obtained spectral stability.

### 3. Crystal parameters and analysis

Table S1. Data summary for the obtained PTZ-DP-F crystal.

PTZ-DP-F	
Sum formula	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>16</sub> F <sub>1</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S
Formula wt	397.45
T, K	293 K
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub>
a, Å	10.8986(3)
b, Å	7.9946(3)
c, Å	11.2402(3)
α, deg	90
β, deg	99.171(3)
γ, deg	90
Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>	966.84(5)
Z	2
Density, Mg / m <sup>3</sup>	1.365
μ(M <sub>0</sub> K α), mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.697
R(reflections)	0.0282(2517)
wR2(reflections)	0.0735(2588)
Goodness of fit	1.38/0.75
CCDC	1855064

The diagram illustrates the crystal structure of PTZ-DP-F. It shows two molecules in a staggered conformation. Red dashed lines represent C-H···O interactions between the phenyl ring of one molecule and the carbonyl oxygen of the other. Blue dashed lines represent C-H···π interactions between the phenyl ring of one molecule and the π system of the other. A central circle highlights the crystal parameters: Sum formula (C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>1</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S), Formula wt (397.45), T, K (293 K), Space group (P 2<sub>1</sub>), and unit cell dimensions (a = 10.8986(3) Å, b = 7.9946(3) Å, c = 11.2402(3) Å, α = 90°, β = 99.171(3)°, γ = 90°). Below the main structure, specific intermolecular distances are listed: C-H···O (2.468 Å) and C-H···π (2.892 Å).

Figure S7. The stacking modes of PTZ in crystal and analysis of intermolecular interactions: H···O (red line) and C···π (blue dash) interactions. The figure shows the crystal structure of PTZ-DP-F with highlighted intermolecular interactions and crystal parameters. The stacking mode is shown with molecules stacked along the c-axis. The intermolecular distances are: C-H···O (2.468 Å) and C-H···π (2.892 Å).

#### 4. High-pressure fluorescence experiments of ground PTZ-DP-F powder

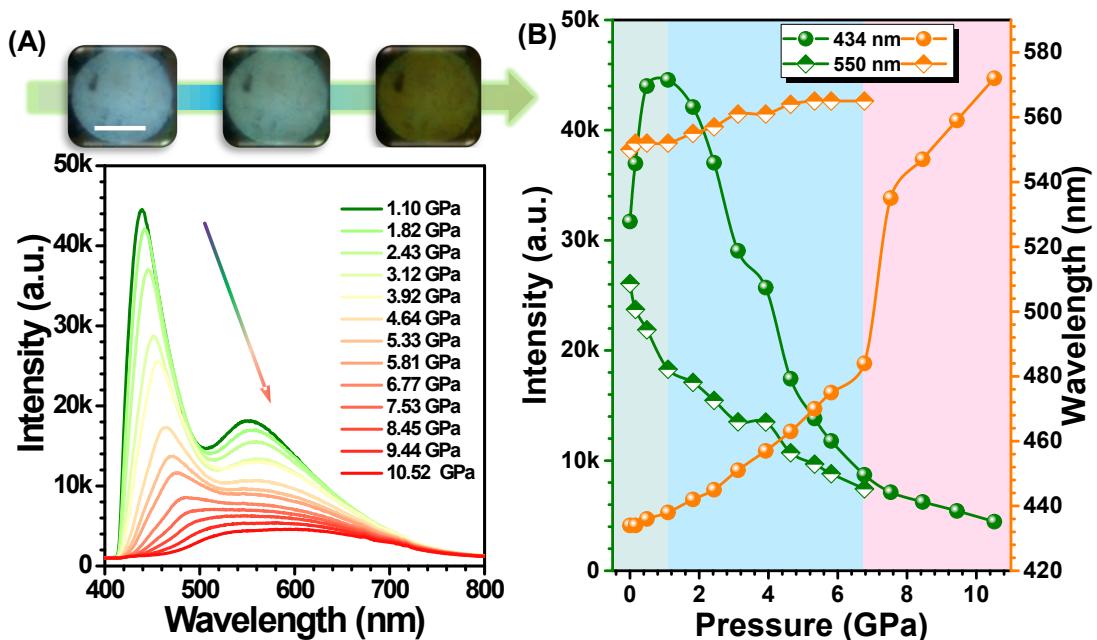


Figure S8. (A) The fluorescence spectra of ground PTZ-DP-F powder upon compression ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=365$  nm) in the range of 1.10-10.52 GPa with corresponding images (the scale is 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ); (B) The corresponding pressure dependence of the fluorescence intensity and wavelength.

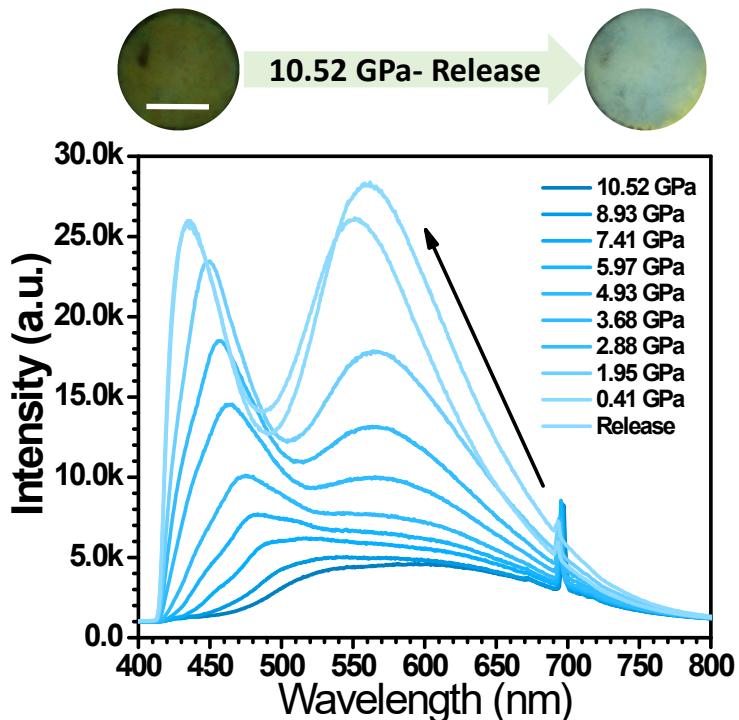


Figure S9. The decompression process of ground PTZ-DP-F powder.

## 5. Theoretical calculations

Table S2. The theoretical crystal parameters at different pressure values.

Stress	a/Å	b/Å	c/Å	$\alpha/^\circ$	$\beta/^\circ$	$\gamma/^\circ$	Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )
<b>Exp. Data</b>	10.898	7.9946	11.2402	90	99.171	90	966.84
<b>0 GPa</b>	11.8337	<b>9.6170</b>	11.5956	90	103.1430	90	<b>1285.06</b>
<b>1.0 GPa</b>	11.0219	<b>8.3077</b>	11.0656	90	98.9221	90	<b>1000.99</b>
<b>2.0 GPa</b>	10.9124	<b>7.6078</b>	10.9972	90	98.5922	90	<b>902.730</b>
<b>3.0 GPa</b>	10.7545	<b>7.3444</b>	10.9183	90	98.1774	90	<b>853.62</b>
<b>4.0 GPa</b>	10.7108	7.1456	10.8481	90	98.3134	90	821.54
<b>5.0 GPa</b>	10.6643	6.9719	10.7873	90	98.1514	90	793.93
<b>6.0 GPa</b>	10.5985	6.8647	10.7179	90	97.8911	90	772.40
<b>7.0 GPa</b>	10.5672	6.7306	10.6753	90	97.8135	90	752.22
<b>8.0 GPa</b>	10.5940	6.6209	10.5750	90	98.3882	90	734.08
<b>9.0 GPa</b>	10.5684	6.5363	10.5439	90	98.3649	90	720.60
<b>10.0 GPa</b>	10.5304	6.4632	10.5002	90	98.2423	90	707.27

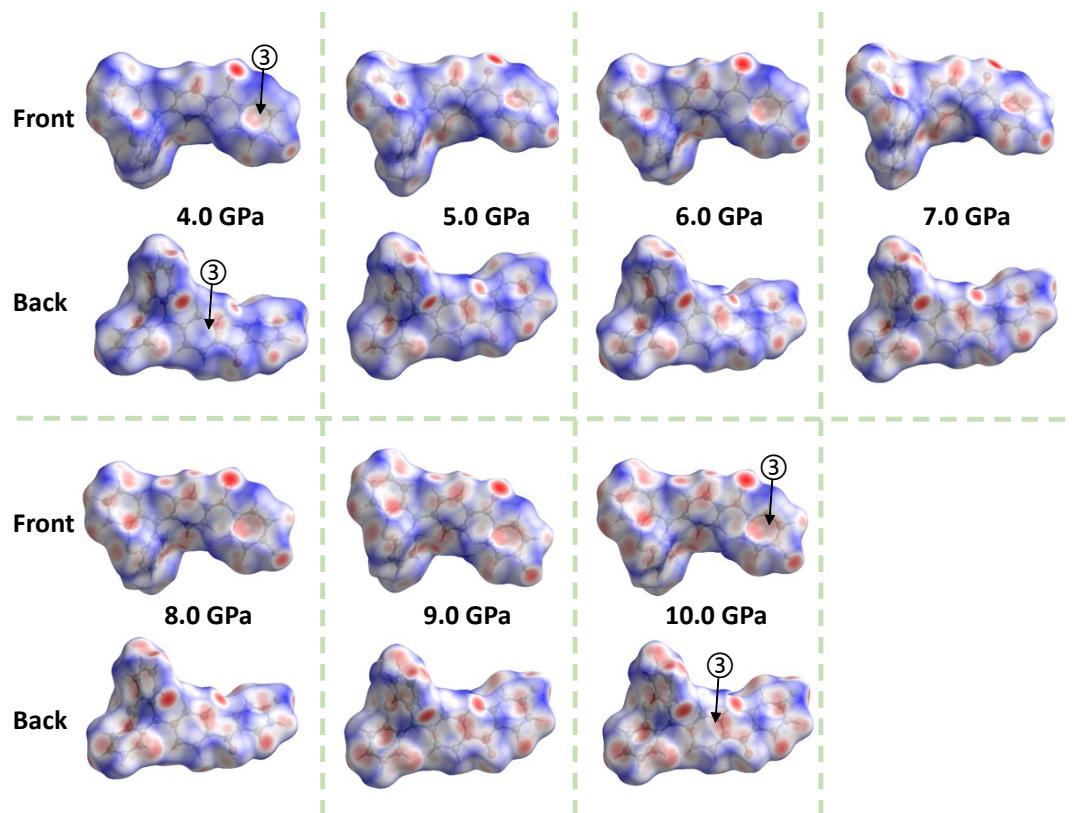


Figure S10. The Hirshfeld Surface for the calculated structure of PTZ-DP-F at 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 and 10.0 GPa mapped with a d-norm distance: ③represents  $\pi \dots \pi$  interactions.



## 6. High-pressure Raman spectra

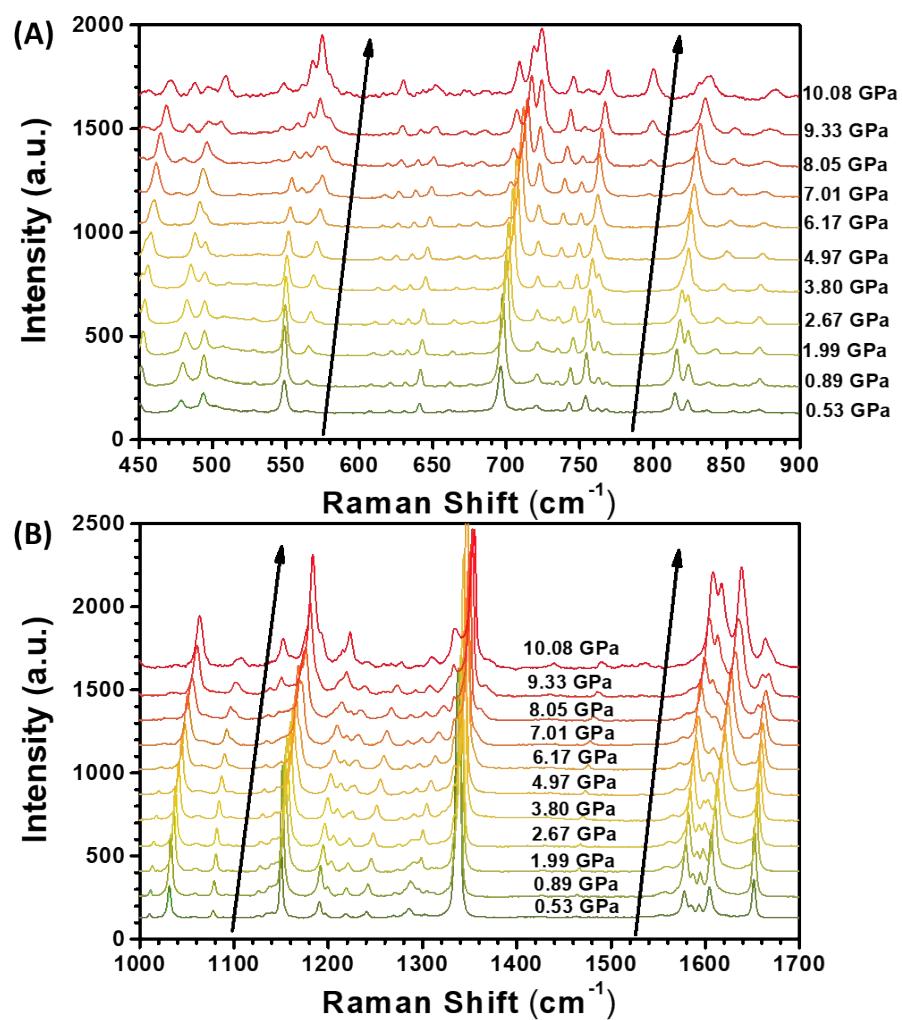


Figure S11. The Raman spectra during the compression process.

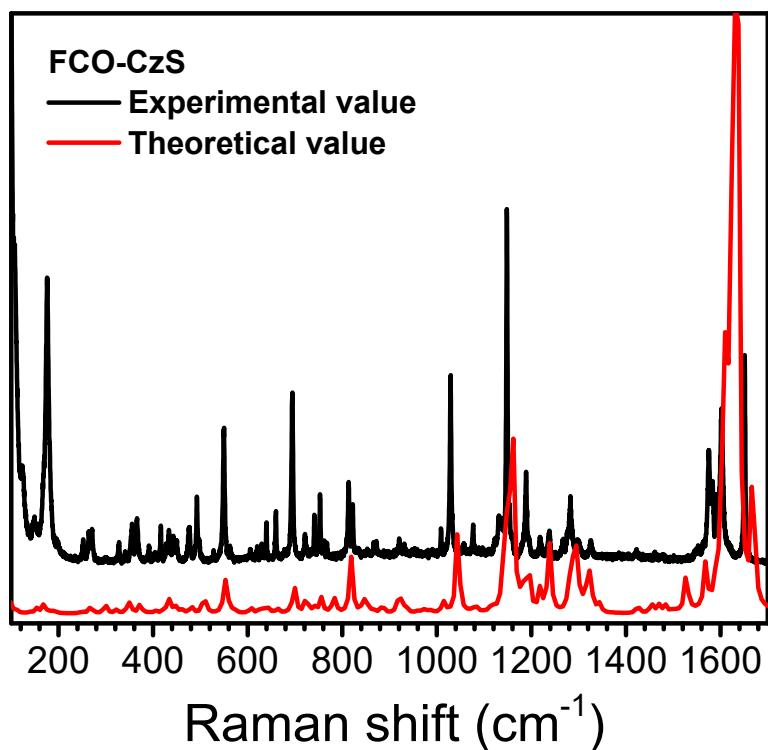


Figure S12. Comparison of experimental and theoretical spectra.

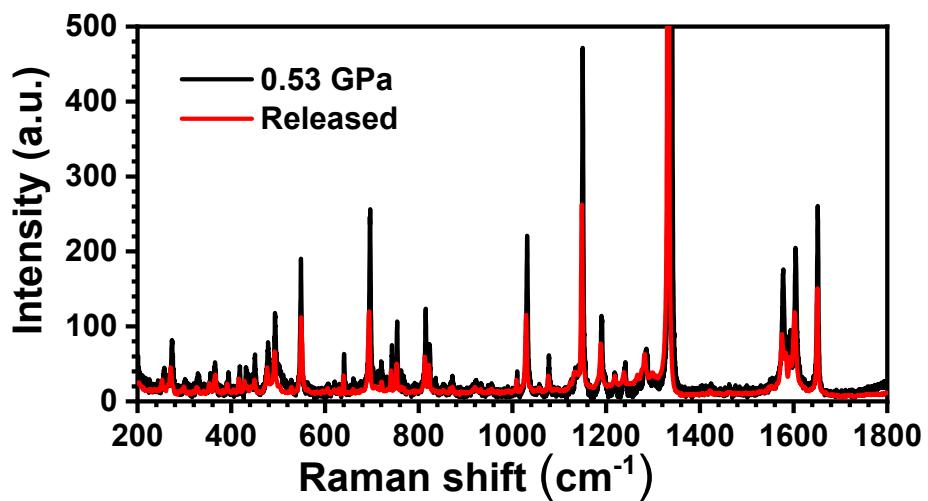


Figure S13. Comparison of pressure-released and initial Raman spectra.