

Supplementary information for Prediction of radon-silica systems in the Earth's mantle

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We tested the standard PBE functional and PBE with DFT-D3 dispersion correction, as shown in Figure S1. We calculated the electronic density of states for the *Fd-3m* and *P4₁* structures, as shown in Figure S2. The Rn-*p*

electrons mainly contribute to states around the Fermi level. The PBE functional underestimates the band gaps of semiconductors and insulators. Therefore, we used a hybrid functional with dispersion corrections to calculate the electronic band structure, resulting in a more accurate band gap, as shown in Figure S3. Detailed elastic constants and stiffness tensor C_{ij} are presented in Table S1 and S2.

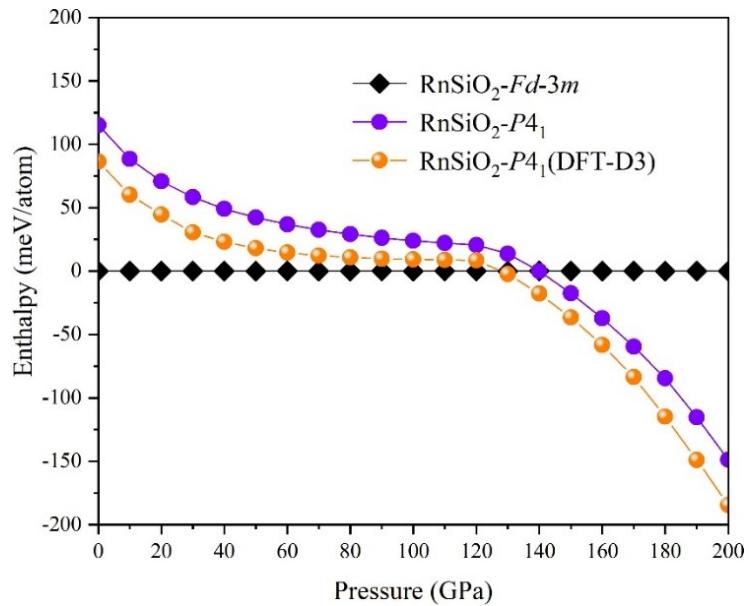


Figure S1. The dispersion corrected relative enthalpy of the *Fd-3m* and *P4*₁ phases.

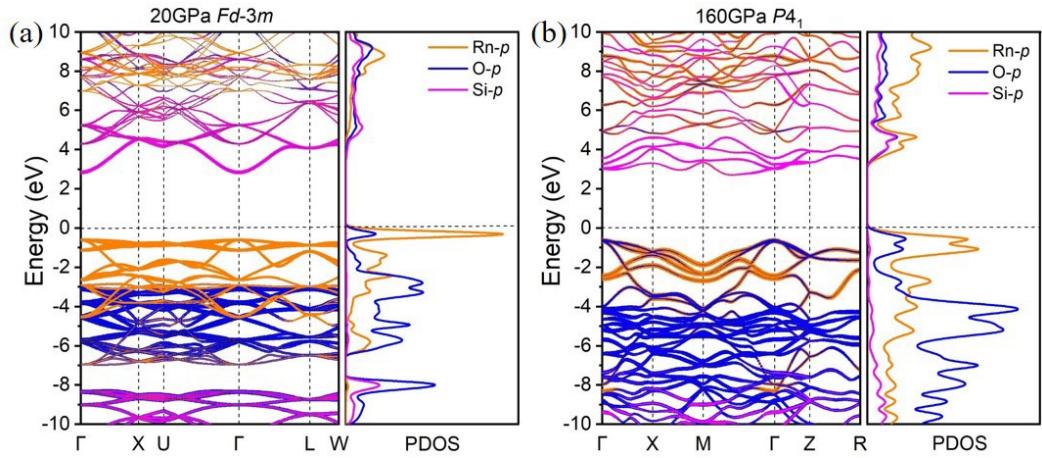


Figure S2. Electronic band structure and corresponding PDOS for (a) the $Fd\text{-}3m$ phase at 20 GPa, and (b) the $P4_1$ phase at 160 GPa. The Rn- p , O- p , and Si- p electrons are drawn in orange, blue, and pink, respectively.

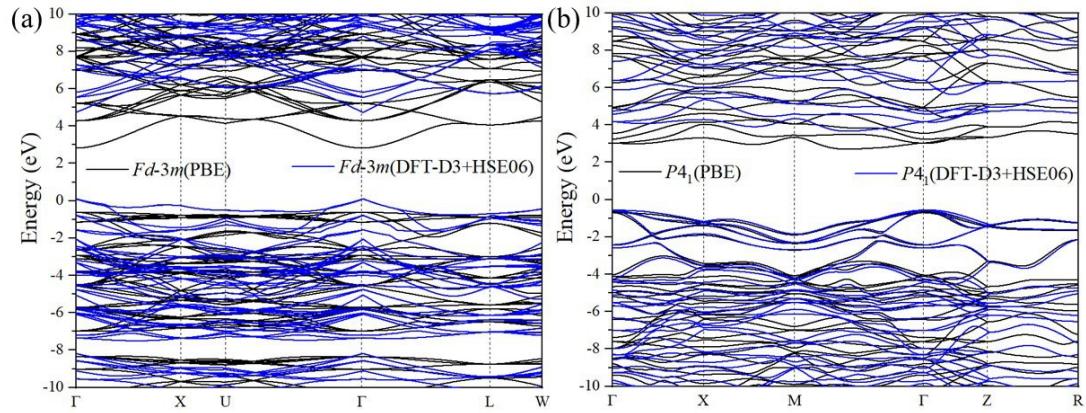


Figure S3. Calculated phonon band structures of (a) the $Fd\text{-}3m$ phase with PBE and DFT-D3+HSE06 at 20 GPa, and (b) the $P4_1$ phase with PBE and DFT-D3+HSE06 at 160 GPa.

Table S1. Three independent elastic constants and stiffness tensor C_{ij} of the $Fd-3m$ phase.

| Elastic Constants: | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| C11 | C12 | C12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C12 | C11 | C12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C12 | C12 | C11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | C44 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C44 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C44 |
| Stiffness Tensor C_{ij} (in GPa): | | | | | |
| 305.530 | 142.815 | 142.815 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 142.815 | 305.530 | 142.815 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 142.815 | 142.815 | 305.530 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 104.363 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 104.363 | 0.000 |
| 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 104.363 |

Table S2. Seven independent elastic constants and stiffness tensor C_{ij} of the $P4_1$ phase.

| Elastic Constants: | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| C11 | C12 | C13 | 0 | 0 | C16 |
| C12 | C11 | C13 | 0 | 0 | -C16 |
| C13 | C13 | C33 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | C44 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C44 | 0 |
| C16 | -C16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C66 |
| Stiffness Tensor C_{ij} (in GPa): | | | | | |
| 540.643 | 186.429 | 338.811 | 0.000 | 0.000 | -19.991 |
| 186.429 | 540.643 | 338.811 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 19.991 |
| 338.811 | 338.811 | 552.326 | 0.000 | 0.000 | -0.000 |
| 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 226.154 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 226.154 | 0.000 |
| -19.991 | 19.991 | -0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 128.937 |