

Persistence of the $R\bar{3}m$ Phase in Powder GeTe at High Pressure and High Temperature

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Fig. S1 X-ray diffraction patterns of GeTe plotted against pressure in the first experimental run with silicone oil as the pressure transmitting medium. The inset shows the relationships of the FWHM of peaks a—e versus pressure for GeTe.

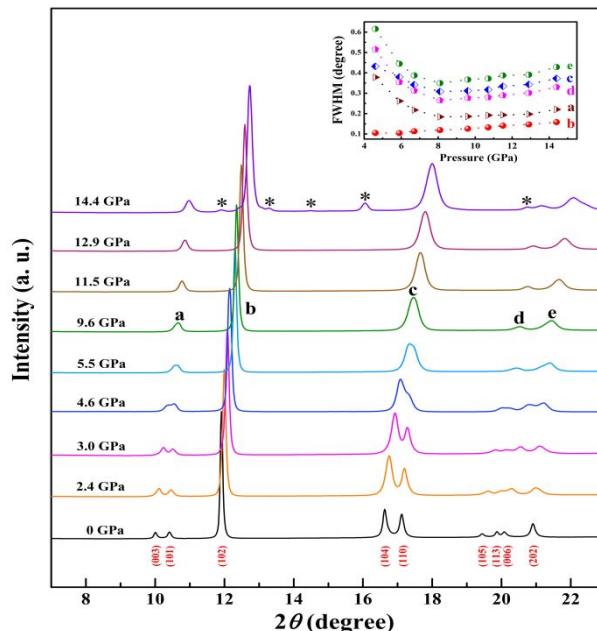


Fig. S2 Typical Rietveld refinement results of α -GeTe under ambient conditions. The

black open circles and red solid line represent the experimental and simulated data, respectively, and the blue solid lines at the bottom are the residual intensities. The solid short vertical bars indicate the peak positions.

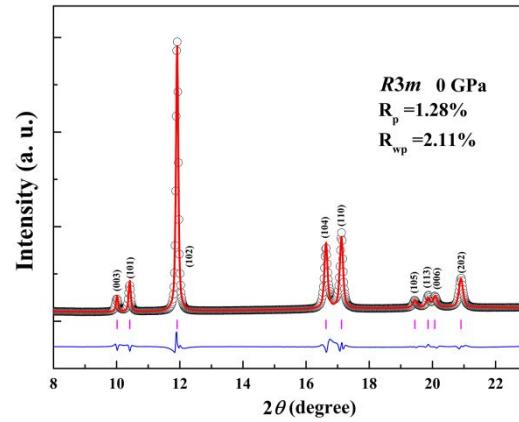


Fig. S3 (a) Calculated total energy versus volume for the $R3m$ and B1 phases of GeTe, the inset shows the total energy of the two structures in the volume range 45 – 50 \AA^3 . (b) Enthalpy difference (relative to $R3m$ phase) of two structures as functions of pressure in GeTe. The total energy and enthalpies are given per formula unit.

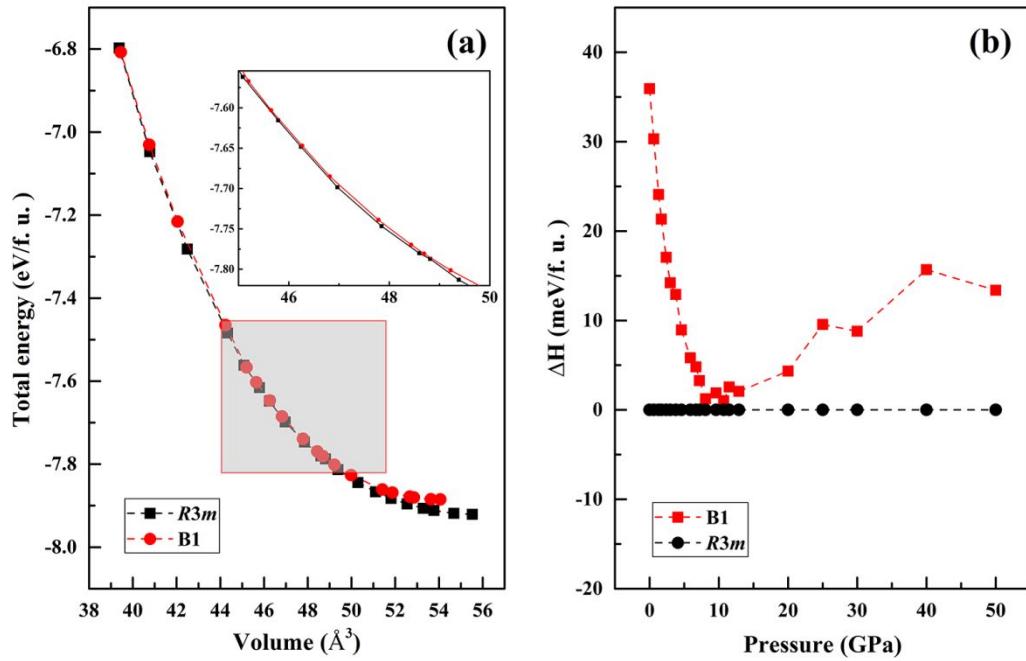


Table S1 The full unit cell results versus pressure for the $R3m$ phase of GeTe in the first experimental run with Ne as the pressure transmitting medium.

| P (GPa) | a | $\sigma(a)$ | c | $\sigma(c)$ | V | $\sigma(V)$ | $u(Te)$ | $u(Ge)$ | σ |
|-----------|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|----------|
| 2.2 | 4.14976 | 2.48E-4 | 10.31585 | 9.09E-4 | 153.844 | 0.073 | 0.24174 | 0.76163 | 3.64E-04 |
| 3.5 | 4.11931 | 3.74E-4 | 10.18314 | 0.00197 | 149.645 | 0.034 | 0.23322 | 0.76074 | 3.25E-04 |
| 4.9 | 4.08695 | 3.59E-4 | 10.06457 | 0.00193 | 145.588 | 0.049 | 0.23237 | 0.75952 | 2.59E-04 |
| 7.1 | 4.04371 | 3.32E-4 | 9.95594 | 0.00175 | 140.985 | 0.145 | 0.23075 | 0.75894 | 3.67E-04 |
| 10.1 | 4.00049 | 3.06E-4 | 9.85082 | 0.0016 | 136.530 | 0.097 | 0.23044 | 0.75711 | 4.32E-04 |
| 13.4 | 3.96094 | 2.82E-4 | 9.73832 | 0.0015 | 132.316 | 0.083 | 0.23107 | 0.75601 | 3.75E-04 |

Table S2 The full unit cell results versus pressure for the $R3m$ phase of GeTe in the second experimental run with silicone oil as the pressure transmitting medium.

| P (GPa) | a | $\sigma(a)$ | c | $\sigma(c)$ | V | $\sigma(V)$ | $u(Te)$ | $u(Ge)$ | σ |
|-----------|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|----------|
| 0.0 | 4.16661 | 3.13E-04 | 10.66107 | 0.00132 | 160.287 | 0.043 | 0.76613 | 0.23815 | 3.14E-04 |
| 0.6 | 4.16157 | 3.18E-04 | 10.63065 | 0.00151 | 159.442 | 0.064 | 0.76541 | 0.23752 | 4.27E-04 |
| 1.3 | 4.15305 | 7.03E-04 | 10.5819 | 0.00187 | 158.063 | 0.069 | 0.76468 | 0.23725 | 4.99E-04 |
| 1.7 | 4.14309 | 0.0011 | 10.51931 | 0.00281 | 156.375 | 0.105 | 0.76343 | 0.23699 | 4.27E-04 |
| 2.4 | 4.13612 | 0.00113 | 10.4611 | 0.00283 | 154.896 | 0.107 | 0.7631 | 0.2369 | 5.33E-04 |
| 3.0 | 4.12784 | 0.00157 | 10.40012 | 0.00415 | 153.467 | 0.053 | 0.7627 | 0.23674 | 5.25E-04 |
| 3.8 | 4.12057 | 5.18E-04 | 10.31984 | 1.90E-04 | 151.746 | 0.01 | 0.76137 | 0.23611 | 4.47E-04 |
| 4.6 | 4.10848 | 3.52E-04 | 10.28015 | 0.00145 | 150.277 | 0.054 | 0.76103 | 0.23548 | 3.04E-04 |
| 5.5 | 4.09809 | 6.32E-04 | 10.18819 | 0.00202 | 148.18 | 0.077 | 0.7585 | 0.23443 | 2.94E-04 |
| 6.7 | 4.09136 | 0.0015 | 10.16078 | 0.00274 | 147.324 | 0.051 | 0.75791 | 0.22996 | 4.62E-04 |
| 7.2 | 4.08113 | 0.00178 | 10.11018 | 0.00174 | 145.831 | 0.069 | 0.75629 | 0.22995 | 3.88E-04 |
| 8.1 | 4.05952 | 0.0086 | 10.01508 | 0.00253 | 142.934 | 0.072 | 0.74798 | 0.22996 | 6.97E-04 |
| 9.6 | 4.03749 | 0.00484 | 9.95981 | 0.00986 | 140.606 | 0.079 | 0.74749 | 0.22952 | 5.47E-04 |
| 10.7 | 4.02197 | 0.00674 | 9.92527 | 0.01329 | 139.042 | 0.065 | 0.74795 | 0.22958 | 3.34E-04 |
| 11.5 | 4.00686 | 0.00432 | 9.88563 | 0.01227 | 137.449 | 0.039 | 0.74734 | 0.22959 | 7.09E-04 |
| 12.9 | 3.98892 | 0.00412 | 9.83628 | 0.01839 | 135.541 | 0.087 | 0.74669 | 0.23001 | 5.28E-04 |