

Supporting Information

Syntheses, Structures and Properties of Alkali and Alkaline Earth Metal Diamond-like Compounds $\text{Li}_2\text{MgMSe}_4$ (M = Ge, Sn)

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* The calculated details for the contribution of each PDOS on the band gaps in $\text{Li}_2\text{MgSnSe}_4$, $\text{Li}_2\text{MgGeSe}_4$.

The contribution of each PDOS on the band gaps was calculated from the following formula:

$$\%_{\text{contribution}} = \frac{S_{\text{PDOS}}}{S_{\text{TDOS}}} \quad (\text{S1})$$

Here, $\%_{\text{contribution}}$ is the contribution of each PDOS, $S_{\text{PDOS}}/S_{\text{TDOS}}$ is the integral of each PDOS/TDOS at near the Fermi level.

Table S1. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters of $\text{Li}_2\text{MgSnSe}_4$. $U(\text{eq})$ is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
Sn(1)	0	3280.6 (13)	9172 (15)	15.6 (3)
Mg(1)	2440 (6)	8297 (9)	9320 (50)	17 (4)
Li(1)	2440 (6)	8297 (9)	9320 (50)	17 (4)
Li(2)	0	6540 (30)	4000 (200)	16 (14)
Se(1)	0	6574 (2)	7943 (3)	19.1 (4)
Se(2)	0	3211 (2)	12929 (3)	18.5 (5)
Se(3)	2467.9 (13)	1665.7 (16)	7982.1 (19)	18.4 (4)

Table S2. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) of $\text{Li}_2\text{MgSnSe}_4$.

Atom	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{23}	U_{13}	U_{12}
Sn(1)	17.8 (5)	17.1 (5)	11.9 (7)	0.5 (8)	0	0
Mg(1)	24 (4)	22 (4)	6 (11)	3 (5)	4 (5)	-3 (2)
Li(1)	24 (4)	22 (4)	6 (11)	3 (5)	4 (5)	-3 (2)
Li(2)	27 (13)	13 (12)	10 (40)	0 (20)	0	0
Se(1)	20.6 (8)	17.9 (8)	18.6 (11)	3.6 (13)	0	0
Se(2)	18.0 (8)	23.5 (8)	14.1 (12)	2.5 (18)	0	0
Se(3)	19.8 (6)	21.1 (6)	14.5 (10)	-0.8 (10)	3.1 (6)	2.0 (4)

Table S3. Symmetry, selected bond lengths and angles of crystal data and structural refinements of $\text{Li}_2\text{MgSnSe}_4$.

Sn(1)-Se(1)	2.505 (5)	Se(1)-Sn(1)-Se(2)	110.4 (3)
Sn(1)-Se(2)	2.528 (11)	Se(1)-Sn(1)-Se(3)	109.3 (2)
Sn(1)-Se(3)#1	2.507 (4)	Se(1)-Sn(1)-Se(3)#1	109.3 (2)
Sn(1)-Se(3)	2.507 (4)	Se(3)-Sn(1)-Se(2)	108.1 (2)
Li(1)-Se(1)	2.567 (14)	Se(3)#1-Sn(1)-Se(2)	108.1 (2)
Li(1)-Se(2)#2	2.583 (13)	Se(3)#1-Sn(1)-Se(3)	111.6 (3)
Li(1)-Se(3)#3	2.47 (3)	Se(1)-Li(1)-Se(2)#2	109.4 (8)
Li(1)-Se(3)#4	2.581 (14)	Se(1)-Li(1)-Se(3)#3	109.5 (8)
Li(2)-Se(1)	2.65 (16)	Se(3)#4-Li(1)-Se(1)	113.0 (7)
Li(2)-Se(2)#5	2.50 (4)	Se(3)#3-Li(1)-Se(2)#2	105.0 (7)
Li(2)-Se(3)#2	2.58 (5)	Se(3)#4-Li(1)-Se(2)#2	109.9 (7)
Li(2)-Se(3)#6	2.58 (5)	Se(3)#4-Li(1)-Se(3)#3	109.7 (7)
		Se(2)#5-Li(2)-Se(1)	107 (4)
		Se(2)#5-Li(2)-Se(3)#2	114 (3)
		Se(2)#5-Li(2)-Se(3)#6	114 (3)
		Se(3)#2-Li(2)-Se(1)	105 (3)
		Se(3)#6-Li(2)-Se(1)	105 (3)
		Se(3)#2-Li(2)-Se(3)#6	111 (3)

#1 $-x, y, z$ #2 $1/2 - x, 1 - y, -1/2 + z$ #3 $+x, 1 + y, z$ #4 $1/2 - x, 1 - y, 1/2 + z$.
 #5 $+x, y, -1 + z$ #6 $-1/2 + x, 1 - y, -1/2 + z$ #7 $-1/2 + x, 1 - y, 1/2 + z$.
 #8 $+x, y, 1 + z$ #9 $+x, -1 + y, z$.

Table S4. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters of $\text{Li}_2\text{MgGeSe}_4$. $U(\text{eq})$ is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

Atom	x	y	z	$U(\text{eq})$
Ge(1)	10000	1762.4 (8)	6416.9 (9)	6.43 (11)
Mg(1)	7419 (3)	3215 (4)	1428 (6)	10.5 (4)
Li(1)	7419 (3)	3215 (4)	1428 (6)	10.5 (4)
Li(2)	5000	1560 (20)	6570 (30)	21 (3)
Se(1)	10000	1840.6 (8)	2871.6 (8)	7.69 (12)
Se(2)	7654.8 (5)	3290.6 (5)	7573.3 (5)	8.93 (9)
Se(3)	10000	-1378.9 (8)	7628.3 (11)	8.60 (10)

Table S5. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) of $\text{Li}_2\text{MgGeSe}_4$.

Atom	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{23}	U_{13}	U_{12}
Ge(1)	7.3 (2)	5.7 (2)	6.3 (2)	0.14 (16)	0	0
Mg(1)	9.7 (11)	10.7 (11)	11.0 (11)	-0.5 (8)	0.7 (10)	0.9 (8)
Li(1)	9.7 (11)	10.7 (11)	11.0 (11)	-0.5 (8)	0.7 (10)	0.9 (8)
Li(2)	17 (6)	27 (7)	20 (7)	12 (5)	0	0
Se(1)	6.00 (18)	11.0 (2)	6.1 (3)	0.52 (17)	0	0
Se(2)	9.23 (14)	7.99 (15)	9.6 (2)	-0.58 (17)	2.09 (16)	0.98 (10)
Se(3)	9.95 (18)	5.92 (19)	9.9 (2)	0.9 (3)	0	0

Table S6. Symmetry, selected bond lengths and angles of crystal data and structural refinements of $\text{Li}_2\text{MgGeSe}_4$.

Ge(1)-Se(1)	2.3446 (7)	Se(1)-Ge(1)-Se(2)#1	108.35 (2)
Ge(1)-Se(2)	2.3487 (5)	Se(1)-Ge(1)-Se(2)	108.35 (2)
Ge(1)-Se(2)#1	2.3487 (5)	Se(2)#1-Ge(1)-Se(2)	111.86 (3)
Ge(1)-Se(3)	2.3422 (9)	Se(3)-Ge(1)-Se(1)	111.34 (3)
Li(1)#1-Se(1)	2.534 (3)	Se(3)-Ge(1)-Se(2)	108.49 (2)
Li(2)#4-Se(1)	2.533 (14)	Se(3)-Ge(1)-Se(2)#1	108.49 (2)
Li(1)#7-Se(2)	2.564 (3)	Se(1)-Mg(1)-Se(2)#2	105.77 (12)
Li(1)#8-Se(2)	2.557 (4)	Se(1)-Mg(1)-Se(2)#3	108.58 (11)
Li(1)#9-Se(3)	2.512 (3)	Se(2)#3-Mg(1)-Se(2)#2	106.03 (11)
Li(1)#5-Se(3)	2.512 (3)	Se(3)#4-Mg(1)-Se(1)	111.20 (12)
Li(2)#5-Se(3)	2.610 (18)	Se(3)#4-Mg(1)-Se(2)#2	112.13 (11)
Li(2)-Se(1)#5	2.533 (14)	Se(3)#4-Mg(1)-Se(2)#3	112.74 (12)
Li(2)-Se(2)	2.600 (9)	Se(1)#5-Li(2)-Se(2)	110.6 (4)
Li(2)-Se(2)#6	2.600 (9)	Se(1)#5-Li(2)-Se(2)#6	110.6 (4)
Li(2)-Se(3)#4	2.610 (18)	Se(1)#5-Li(2)-Se(3)#4	107.0 (6)
		Se(2)-Li(2)-Se(2)#6	115.8 (6)
		Se(2)#6-Li(2)-Se(3)#4	106.1 (4)
		Se(2)-Li(2)-Se(3)#4	106.1 (4)

#1 $2-x, +y, +z$ #2 $3/2-x, 1-y, -1/2+z$ #3 $+x, +y, -1+z$ #4 $3/2-x, -y, -1/2+z$.#5 $3/2-x, -y, 1/2+z$ #6 $1-x, 1+y, +z$ #7 $+x, +y, +z$.#8 $3/2-x, 1-y, 1/2+z$ #9 $1/2+x, -y, 1/2+z$.**Table S7.** Atomic parameters of $\text{Li}_2\text{MgSnSe}_4$ and $\text{Li}_2\text{MgGeSe}_4$.

$\text{Li}_2\text{MgSnSe}_4$			$\text{Li}_2\text{MgGeSe}_4$		
Atom	Wyckoff Site	S.O.F.	Atom	Wyckoff Site	S.O.F.
Sn(1)	2a		Ge(1)	2a	
Mg(1)	4b	0.5	Mg(1)	4b	0.5
Li(1)	4b	0.5	Li(1)	4b	0.5
Li(2)	2a		Li(2)	2a	
Se(1)	2a		Se(1)	2a	
Se(2)	2a		Se(2)	4b	
Se(3)	4b		Se(3)	2a	

Table S8. The refined structural parameters of $\text{Li}_2\text{MgSnSe}_4$.

$\text{Li}_2\text{MgSnSe}_4$	
<i>a</i>	8.402 Å
<i>b</i>	7.181 Å
<i>c</i>	6.728 Å
$\alpha = \beta = \gamma$	90 °
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	405.932 Å ³
<i>Rwp</i> (%)	10.29 %
<i>Rp</i> (%)	7.47 %
χ^2	11.70

Table S9. The crystallographic data of $\text{Li}_2\text{MgMSe}_4$ (M = Sn, Ge).

Li₂MgSnSe₄					
<i>Pmn</i>2₁ (No.31)					
Cell parameters					
<i>a</i> (Å)	<i>b</i> (Å)	<i>c</i> (Å)	<i>α</i> (°)	<i>β</i> (°)	<i>γ</i> (°)
8.402	7.181	6.728	90	90	90
Fractional coordinates					
Atoms	x	y	z		
Li	0.00000	0.65400	0.40000		
Li(0.5)/Mg(0.5)	0.24400	0.82970	0.93200		
Sn	0.00000	0.32806	0.91720		
Se1	0.00000	0.65740	0.79430		
Se2	0.00000	0.32110	1.29290		
Se3	0.24679	0.16657	0.79821		
Li₂MgGeSe₄					
<i>Pmn</i>2₁ (No.31)					
Cell parameters					
<i>a</i> (Å)	<i>b</i> (Å)	<i>c</i> (Å)	<i>α</i> (°)	<i>β</i> (°)	<i>γ</i> (°)
8.296	7.007	6.612	90	90	90
Fractional coordinates					
Atoms	x	y	z		
Li	0.50000	0.15600	0.65700		
Li(0.5)/Mg(0.5)	0.74190	0.32150	0.14280		
Ge	1.00000	0.17624	0.64169		
Se1	1.00000	0.18406	0.28716		
Se2	0.76548	0.32906	0.75733		
Se3	1.00000	−0.13789	0.76283		

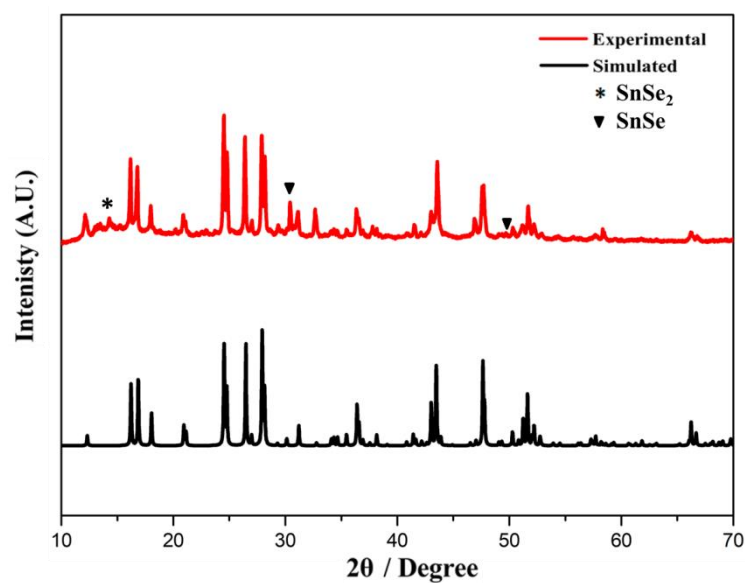


Figure S1. Experimental and calculated PXRD patterns of $\text{Li}_2\text{MgSnSe}_4$.

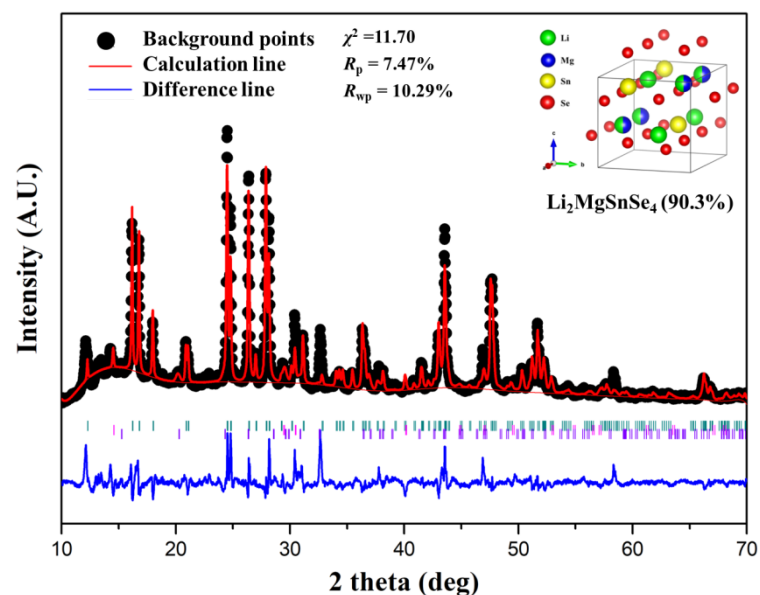


Figure S2. The PXRD Rietveld refinement of the obtained $\text{Li}_2\text{MgSnSe}_4$ samples.

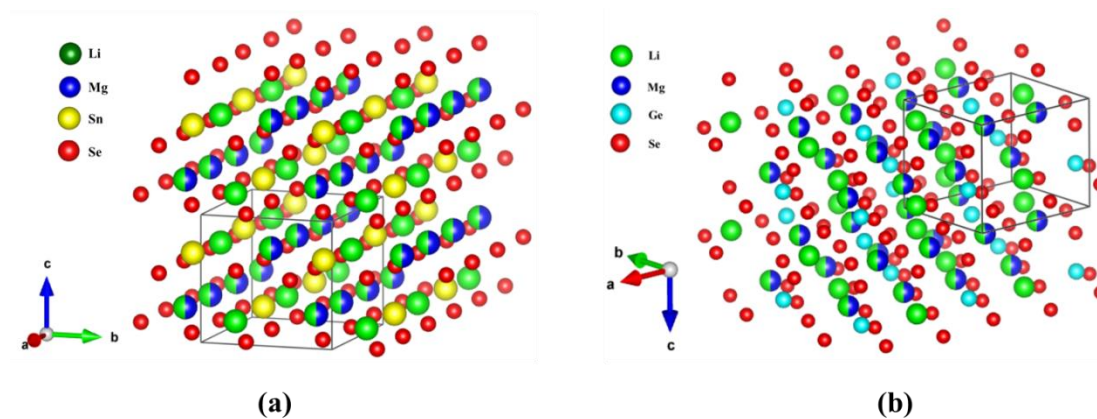


Figure S3. The atomic models of (a) $\text{Li}_2\text{MgSnSe}_4$ and (b) $\text{Li}_2\text{MgGeSe}_4$.