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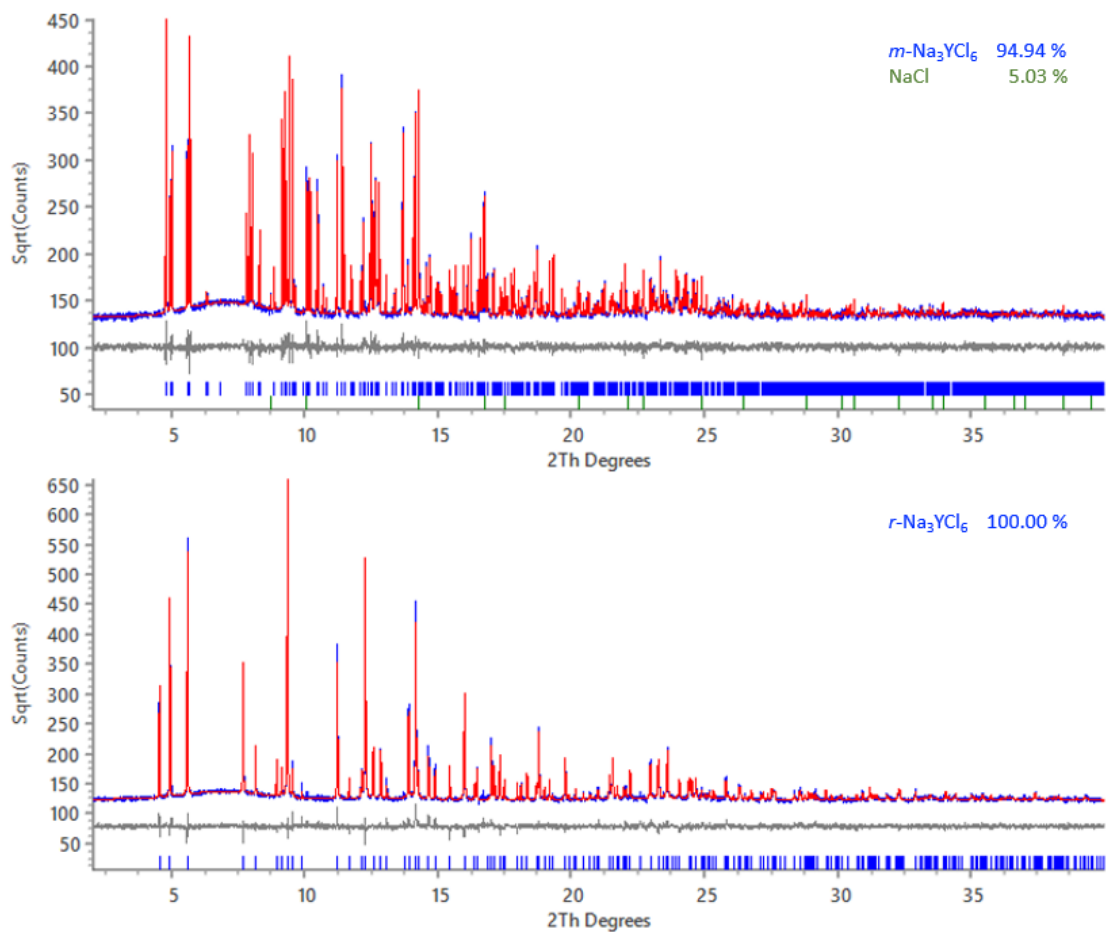


Figure S1 Rietveld refinement profiles of *m*- and *r*-Na₃YCl₆ acquired by synchrotron XRD with the wavelength of 0.496480 Å.

Table S1 Crystallographic data of Na₃YCl₆ determined by SXRD.

	<i>m</i> -Na ₃ YCl ₆ (exp)	<i>r</i> -Na ₃ YCl ₆ (exp)	<i>m</i> -Na ₃ YCl ₆ ICSD#59886	<i>r</i> -Na ₃ YCl ₆ ICSD#300258
<i>a</i> (Å)	6.86436(5)	6.96849(5)	6.8558(9)	6.973(1)
<i>b</i> (Å)	7.26180(5)	= <i>a</i>	7.2550(10)	= <i>a</i>
<i>c</i> (Å)	10.15659 (10)	18.67687(18)	10.1444(13)	18.684(4)
α (°)	90	90	90	90
β (°)	90.8249 (5)	90	90.869(3)	90
γ (°)	90	120	90	120
Lattice volume / Na ₃ YCl ₆ unit (Å ³)	253.12	261.81	252.26	262.25

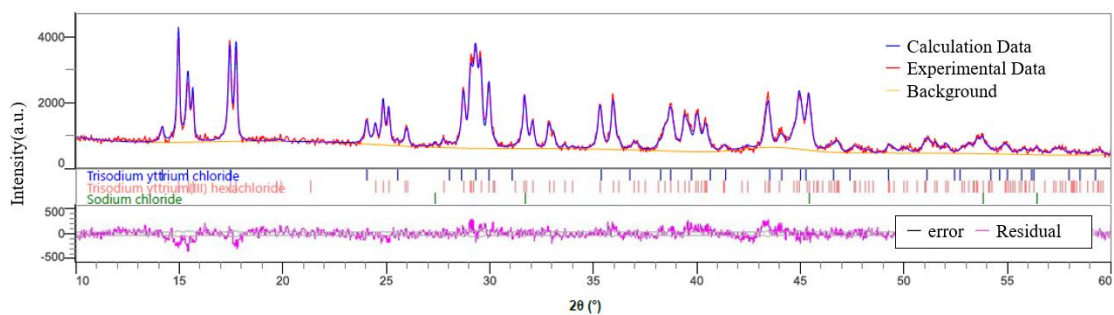


Figure S2 Rietveld profile of $m\text{-Na}_3\text{YCl}_6$ pellet after applying the anisotropic pressure of 0.3 GPa: $R_{\text{wp}}=7.57\%$, $R_p=6.00\%$.

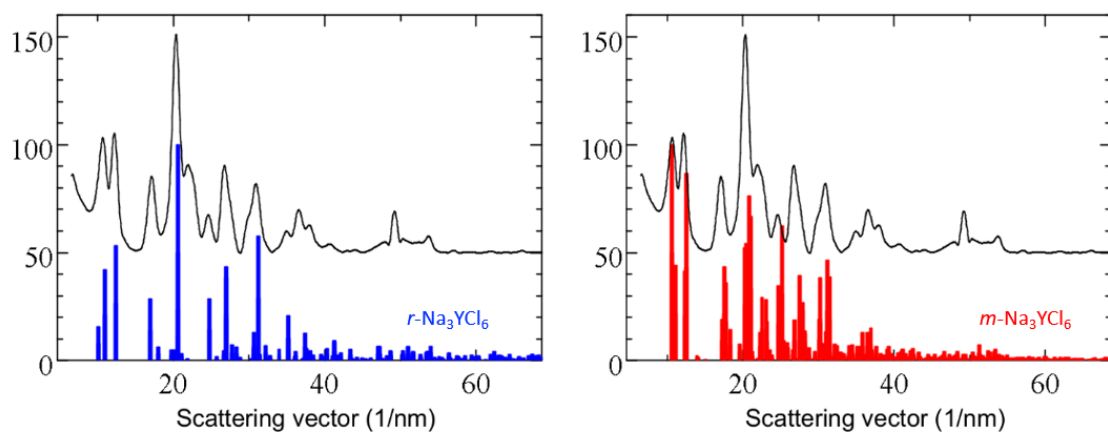


Figure S3: Integrated electron diffraction of mechanically stimulated Na_3YCl_6 .

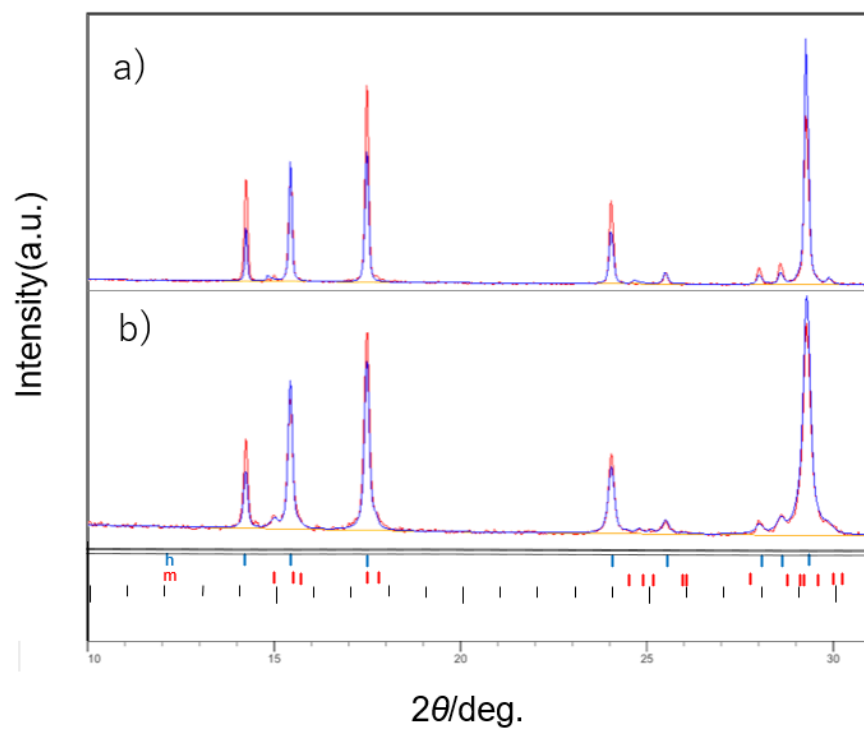


Figure S4 Phase transformation of $r\text{-Na}_3\text{YCl}_6$ triggered by mechanical stimulation. XRD patterns of $r\text{-Na}_3\text{YCl}_6$ (a) before mechanical stimulation, (b) after applying anisotropic pressure of 0.3 GPa.

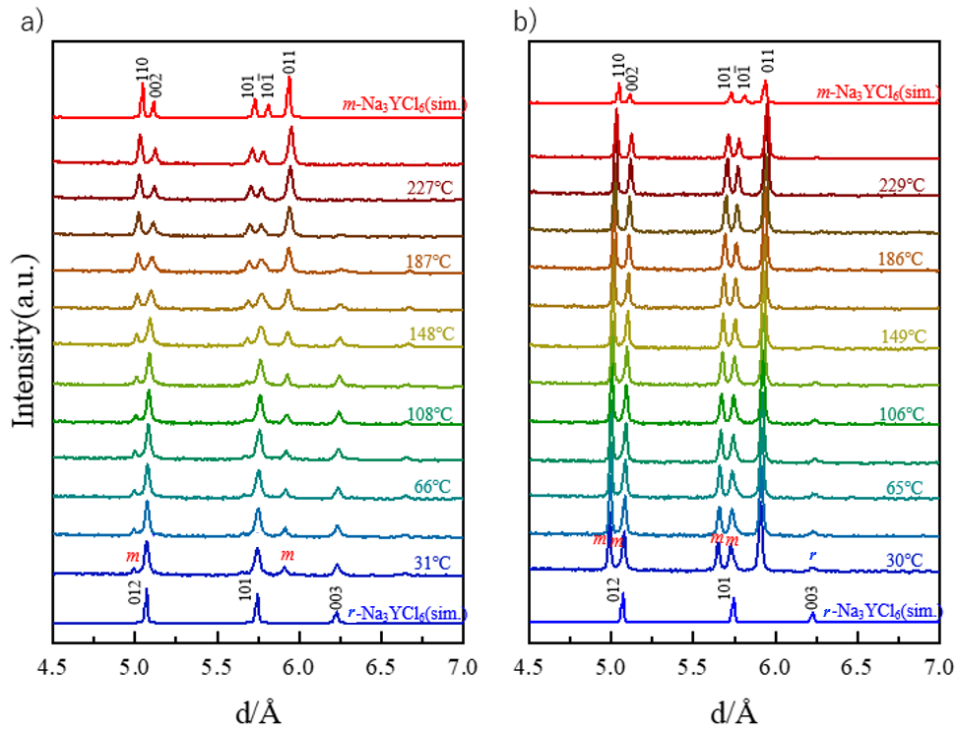


Figure S5 In-situ XRD patterns of $r\text{-Na}_3\text{YCl}_6$ at various temperatures upon heating.

a) as-synthesized $r\text{-Na}_3\text{YCl}_6$. b) $r\text{-Na}_3\text{YCl}_6$ formed by uniaxial pressurization.

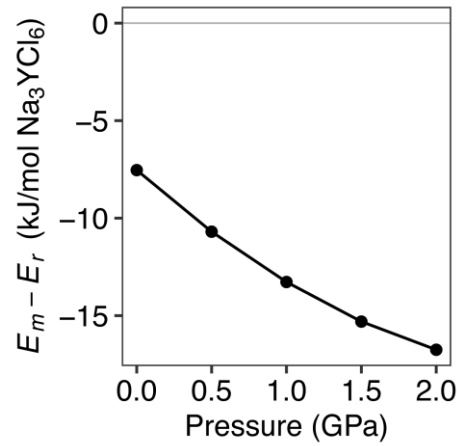


Figure S6 Variation of the energy difference ($E_m - E_r$) between m -phase and r -phase as a function of pressure. Pressures were applied under isotropic conditions.

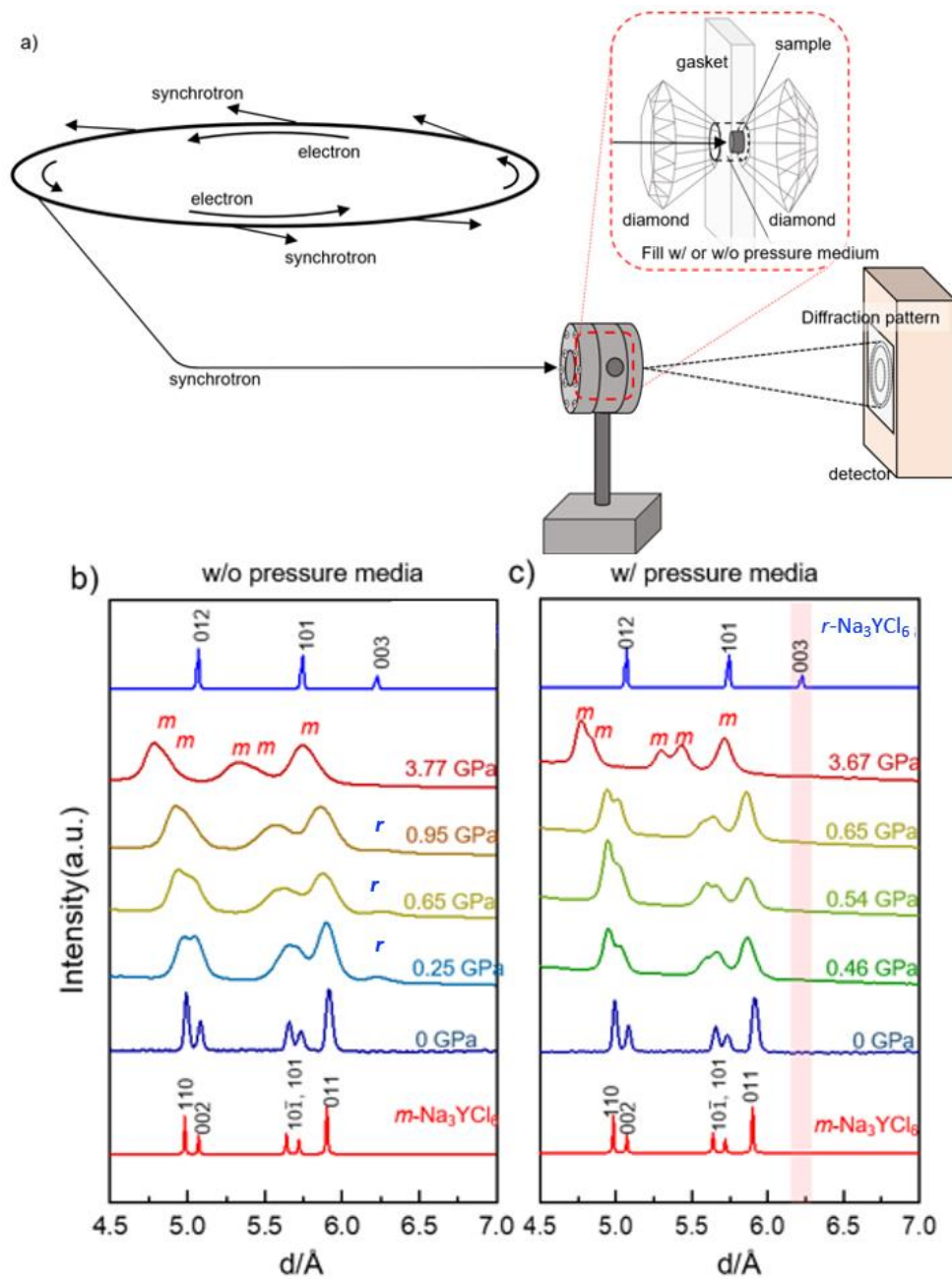


Figure S7 Pressure-dependent phase transformation of $m\text{-Na}_3\text{YCl}_6$. a) Schematic of the setting of in-situ XRD measurement. b) In-situ XRD pattern during anisotropic pressurization. (w/o pressure medium.) c) In-situ XRD pattern during isostatic pressurization. (w/ pressure medium.)

Table S2: Crystallographic data of Na₃YCl₆ structures optimized by PFP.

	<i>m</i> -Na ₃ YCl ₆	<i>r</i> -1-Na ₃ YCl ₆	<i>r</i> -2-Na ₃ YCl ₆
<i>a</i> (Å)	6.934	7.114	7.029
<i>b</i> (Å)	7.332	7.114	7.029
<i>c</i> (Å)	10.352	18.94	19.701
α (°)	90.00	90.00	90.00
β (°)	90.69	90.00	90.00
γ (°)	90.00	120.00	120.00
Lattice volume / Na ₃ YCl ₆ unit (Å ³)	263.1	276.7	281.0

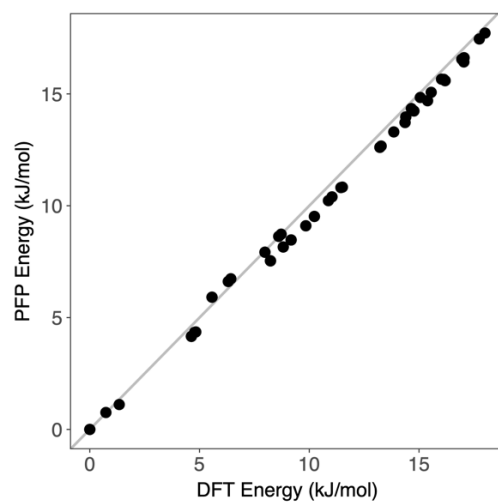


Figure S8 The correlation between the relative energy computed by PFP and the relative energy computed by DFT for images that were observed in G-SSNEB without any pressure, as well as under isotropic and anisotropic pressures of 0.5 GPa. The root mean squared error was 0.52 kJ/mol (Na_3YCl_6), the mean absolute error was 0.47 kJ/mol (Na_3YCl_6), and the R^2 value was 0.996.

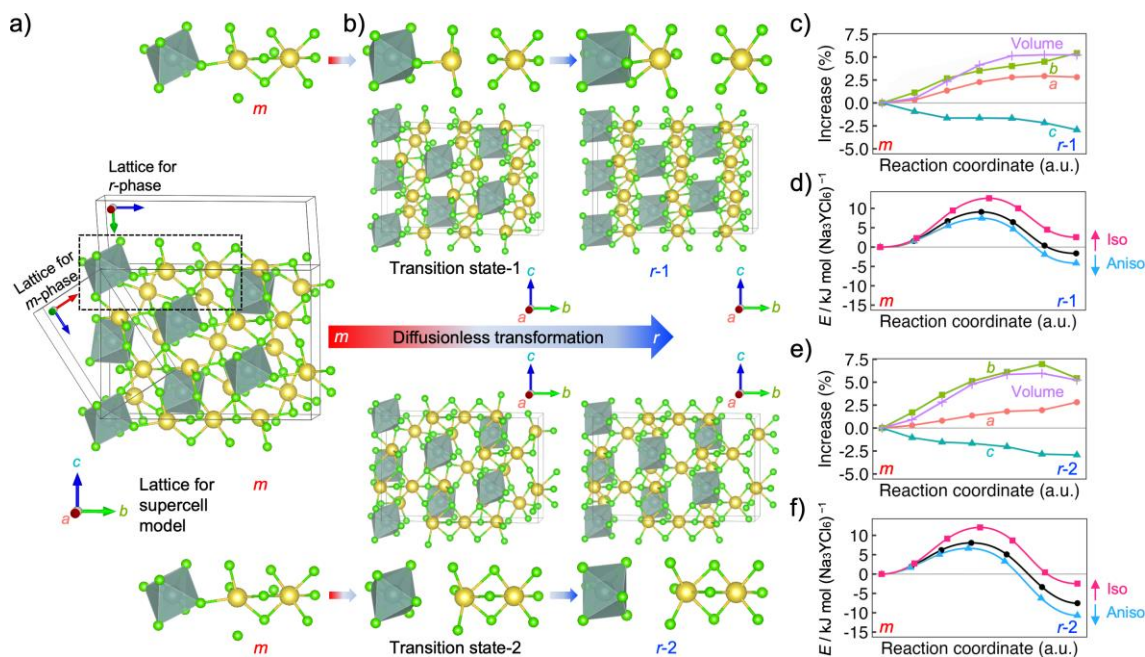


Figure S9 Calculated Martensitic transformation pathways under no pressure, isotropic pressure (0.5 GPa), and anisotropic pressure along the *c*-axis (0.5 GPa). a) The relationships between the *m*-phase, the *r*-phase and the supercell model used for the calculations. Na atoms undergo the *m*-to-*r*-1 transformation by moving along the grey arrows, while they follow the yellow arrows during the *m*-to-*r*-2 transformation. a, b) Diffusionless transformation pathways from the *m*-phase to the *r*-1 phase (top) and from the *m*-phase to the *r*-2 phase (bottom) under no pressure. c, e) The lattice constants and volumes undergo a change during the phase transformation from *m* to *r*-1 (c) and *m* to *r*-2 (e) at zero pressure. As the phase transformation proceeds, the volume and the lattice constants of *a* and *b* increase, while the lattice constant of *c* decreases. d, f) Energy profiles of the phase transformation from the *m*-phase to the *r*-1 phase (d) and from the *m*-phase to the *r*-2 phase (f). Black circles represent the transformation without pressure, while blue triangles and red squares represent the transformation under anisotropic and isotropic pressure, respectively.

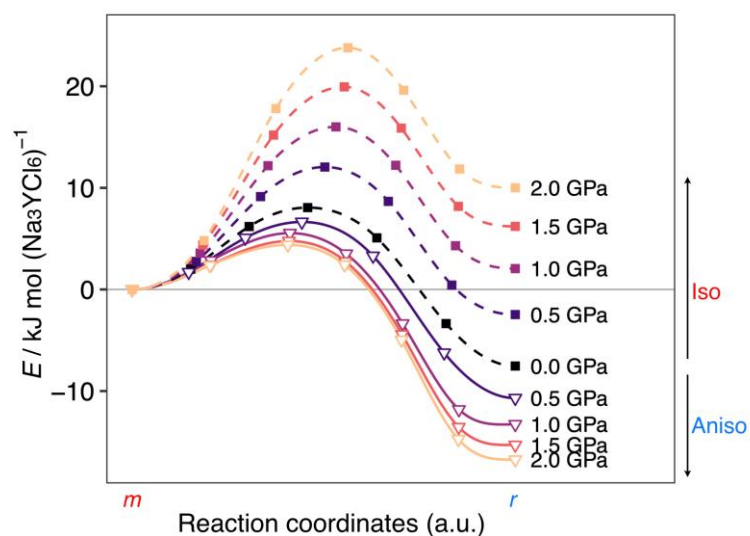


Figure S10 Energy profiles of the phase transformation from the *m*-phase to the *r*-phase under different pressure conditions. Filled squares represent the transformation under isotropic pressure, while blank triangles represent the transformation under anisotropic pressurization. Anisotropic pressurization consistently reduced the activation energy, further stabilizing the *r*-phase, which suggests its effectiveness in promoting the *m*-to-*h* transformation. Conversely, isotropic pressurization appears to inhibit this transformation by increasing the activation energy. Additionally, applying isotropic pressurization alters the phase stability: the *r*-phase becomes more stable under conditions of high isotropic pressurization.