

OVERVIEW OF STATE-OF-THE-ART IN HYDRIDES

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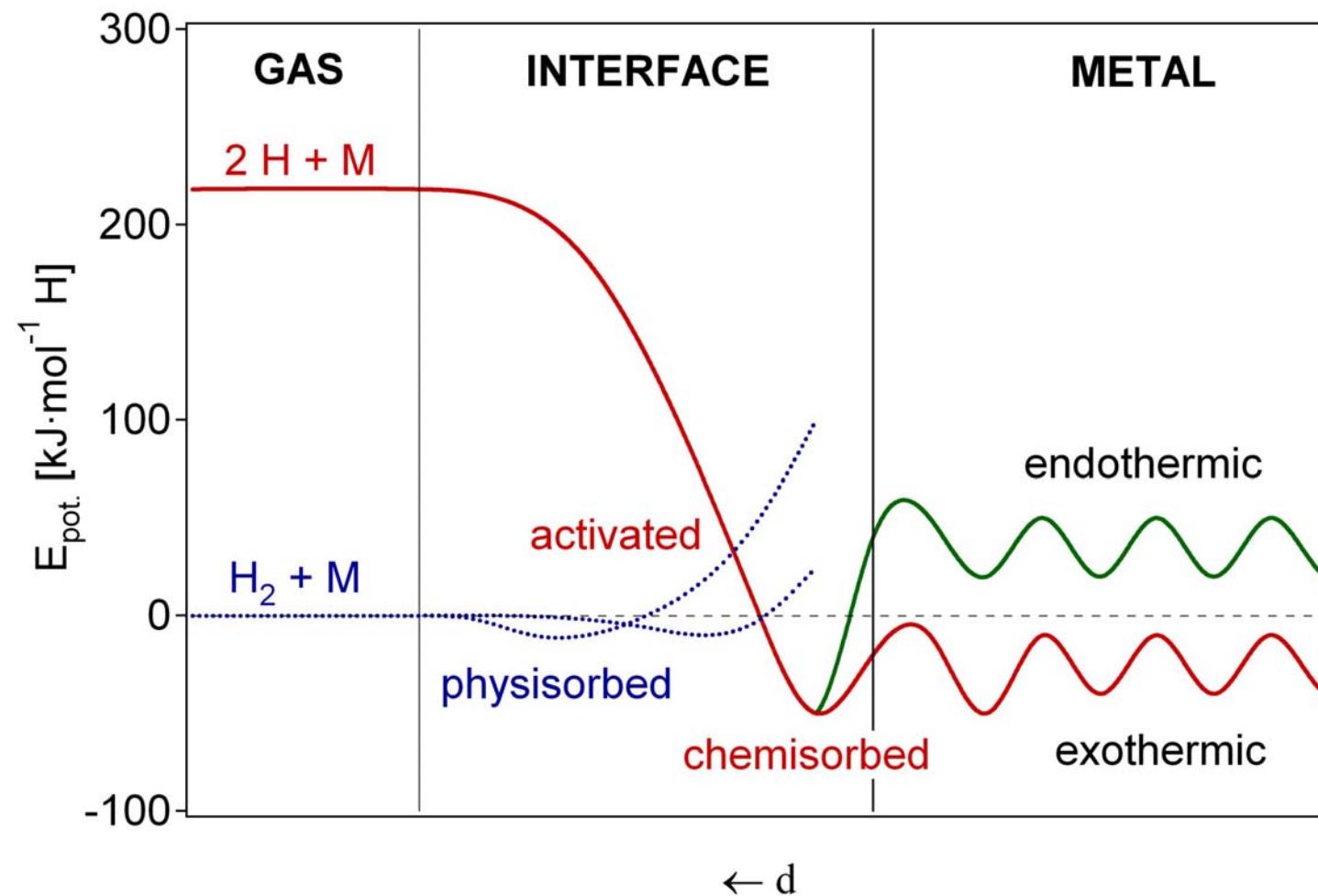
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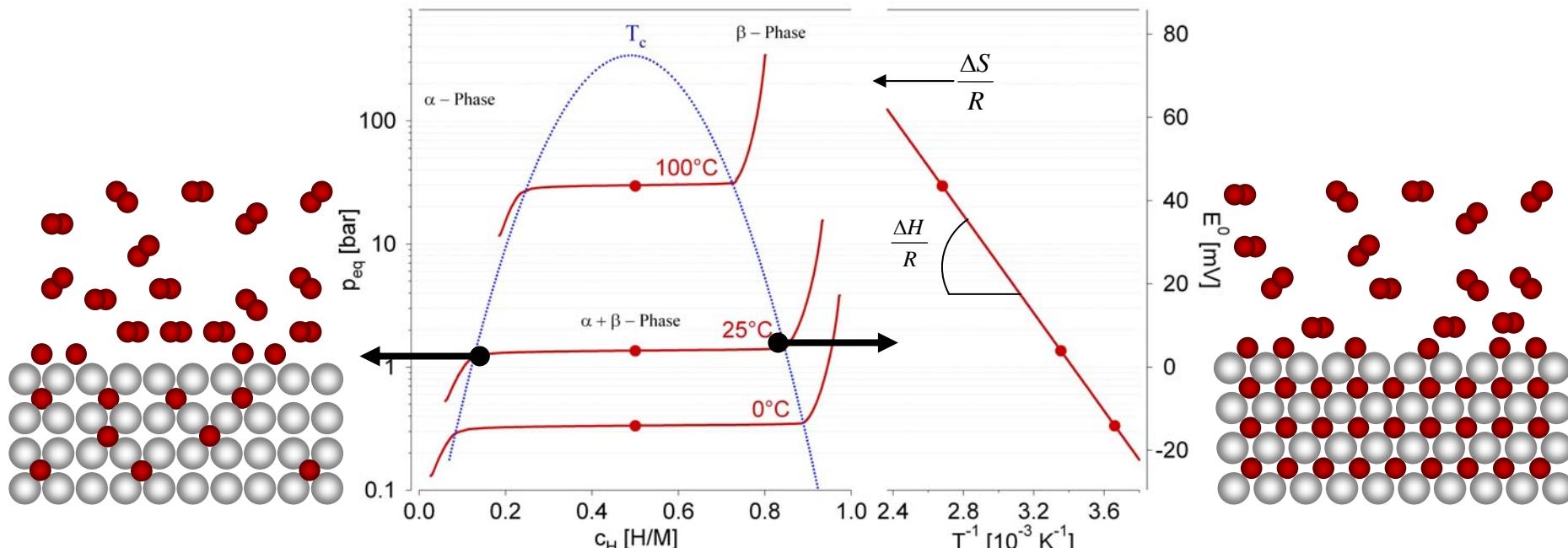
LENNARD-JONES POTENTIAL



Ref.: J. E. Lennard-Jones, Trans. Faraday Soc. 28 (1932), pp. 333.

L. Schlapbach, Chapter 1, L. Schlapbach (Ed.) in Intermetallic Compounds I, Springer Series Topics in Applied Physics, Vol. 63, Springer-Verlag, 1988, p. 10.

HYDROGEN ABSORPTION IN METALS



α -Phase: Solid Solution

$\cancel{\text{MH}_x}$ ($0 < x < 0.1$)
 $\cancel{\text{H} \leftrightarrow \text{H}}$, $\Delta V/V = k \cdot c_H$

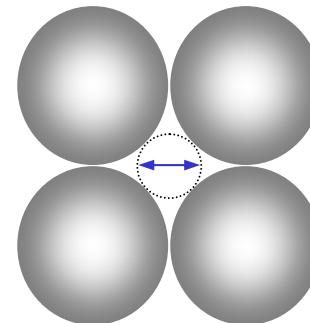
β -Phase: Hydride Phase

MH_x $x = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
 $\text{H} \leftrightarrow \text{H}$

EMPIRICAL MODELS: GEOMETRY

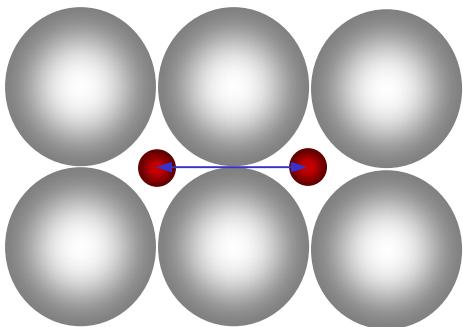
1) Size of interstitial site:

$$r > 0.37 \text{ \AA}$$



Westlake criterion

Ref.: D. G. Westlake, J. Less-Common Metals 91 (1983), pp.275-292



2) Distance between hydrogen atoms:

$$d > 2.1 \text{ \AA}$$

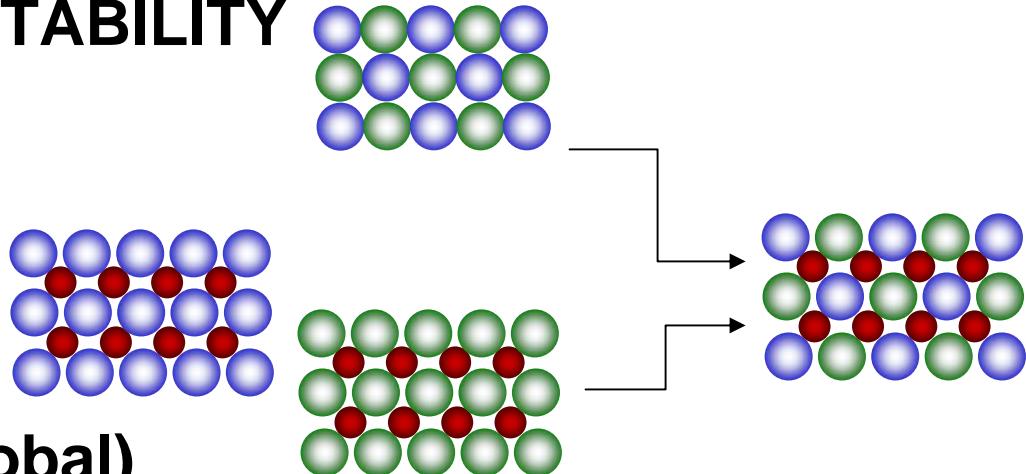
Ref.: A. C. Switendick, Z. Phys. Chem. N.F. 117 (1979), pp. 89

$$\rho_V < 245 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

Number of hydrogen atoms:

Number of interstitial sites for which 1) and 2) applies.

EMPIRICAL MODELS: STABILITY

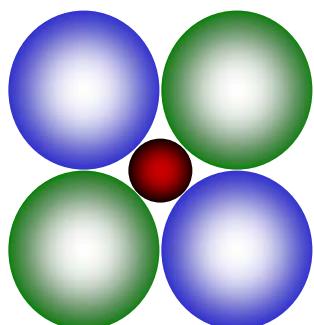


1) Reversed stability (global)

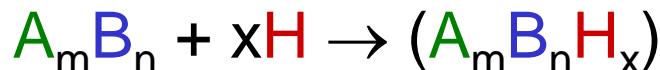
$$\Delta H(AB_nH_{2m}) = \Delta H(AH_m) + \Delta H(B_nH_m) - (1-F) \cdot \Delta H(AB_n)$$

Miedema Model

Ref.: H.H. Van Mal, K.H.J. Buschow and A.R. Miedema, J. Less-Common Met. 35 (1974), pp. 65



2) Imaginary binary hydrides (local)



interstitial site

$$\Delta H([A_a B_b]H) = \Delta H(A_m H_{x \cdot a/(a+b)}) + \Delta H(B_n H_{x \cdot b/(a+b)})$$

binary hydrides

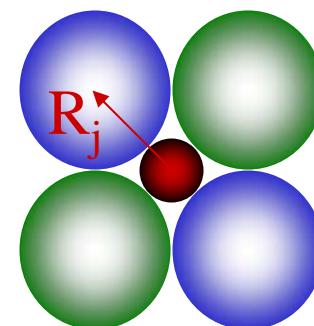
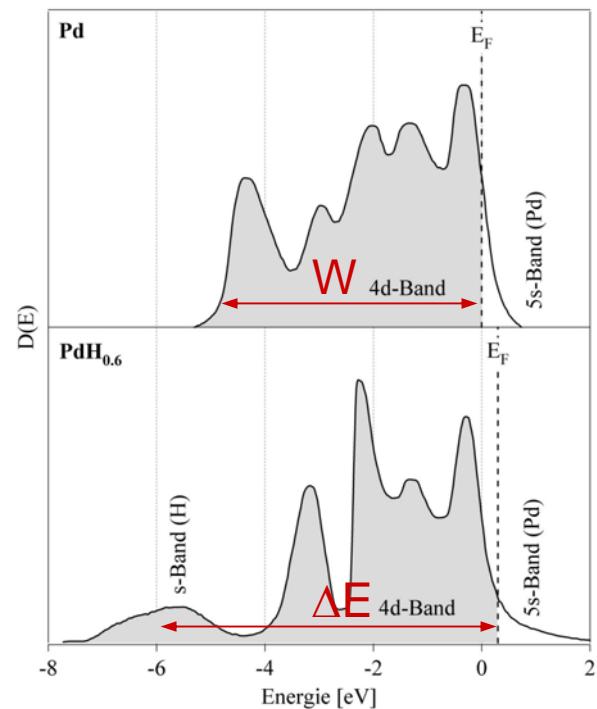
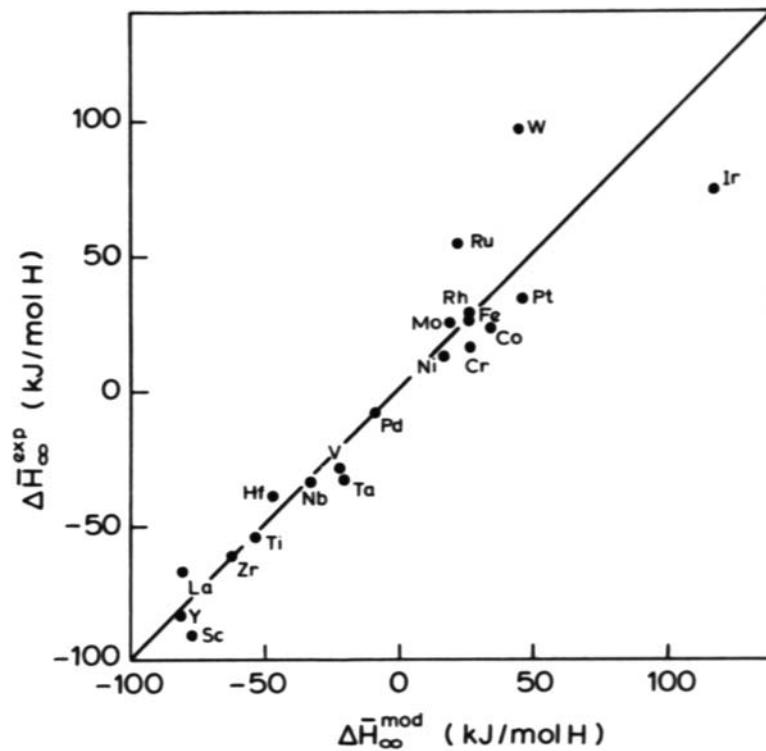
SEMI-EMPIRICAL MODEL FOR THE STABILITY

The Local Band-Structure Model

$$\Delta \bar{H}_{\infty} = a \cdot \Delta E \cdot \sqrt{W} \cdot \sum_j R_j^{-4} + b$$

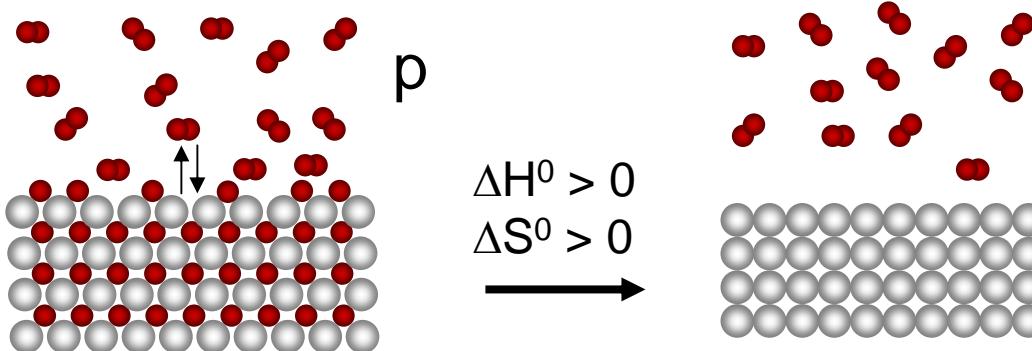
$$a = 18.6 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \text{H} \text{\AA}^4 \text{eV}^{-3/2}$$

$$b = -90 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \text{H}$$



Ref.: R. Griessen, Phys. Rev. B **38** (1988), pp.3690-3698

THERMODYNAMICS OF HYDRIDES



Equilibrium $\Delta G = 0$

$$\Delta G = 0 = \Delta G^0 + R \cdot T \cdot \ln\left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right)$$

$$\Delta G^0 = -R \cdot T \cdot \ln\left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right) = \Delta H^0 - T \cdot \Delta S^0$$

Van't Hoff equation

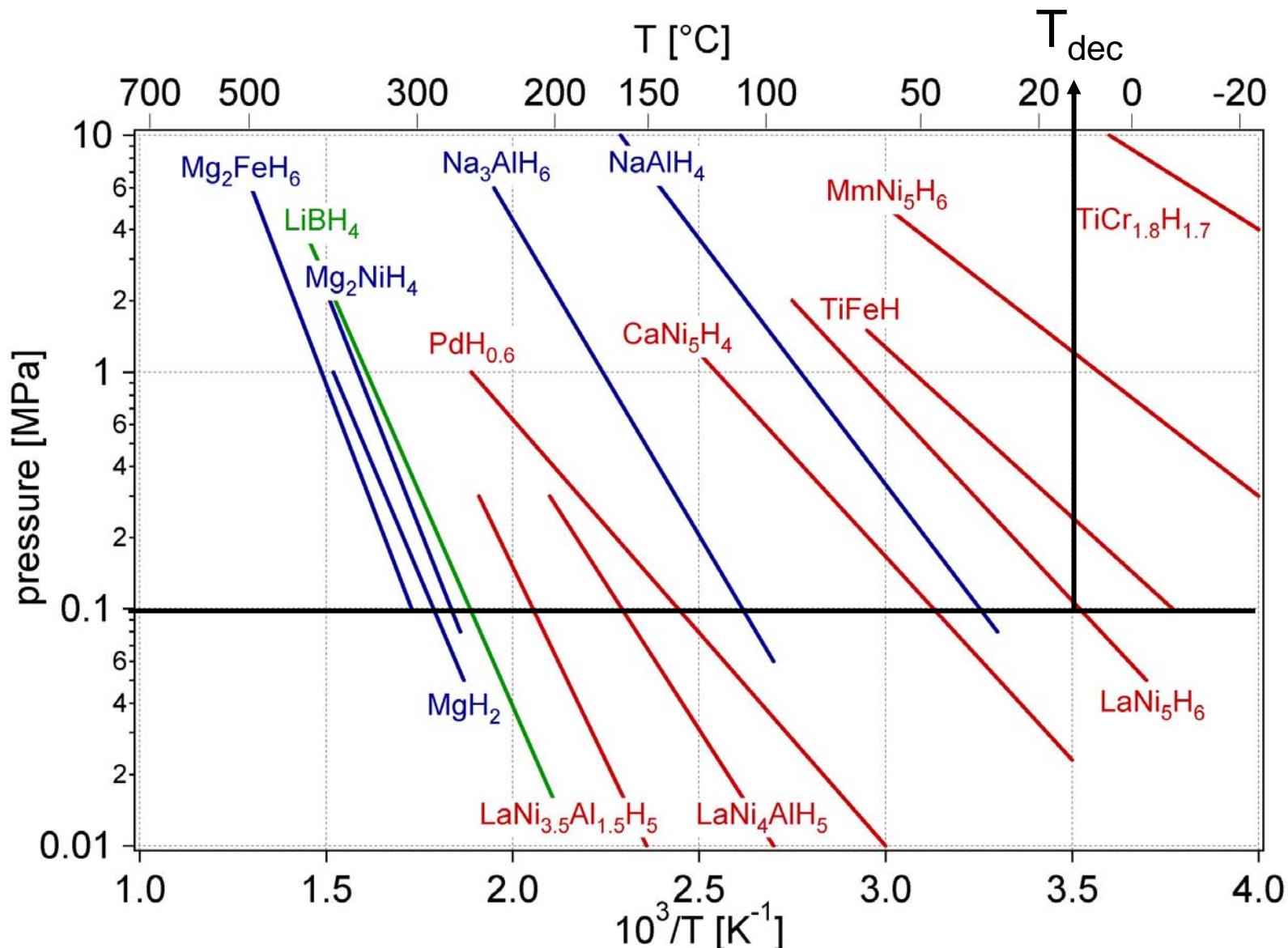
$$\ln\left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right) = -\frac{\Delta H^0}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T} + \frac{\Delta S^0}{R}$$

for $p = p_0$

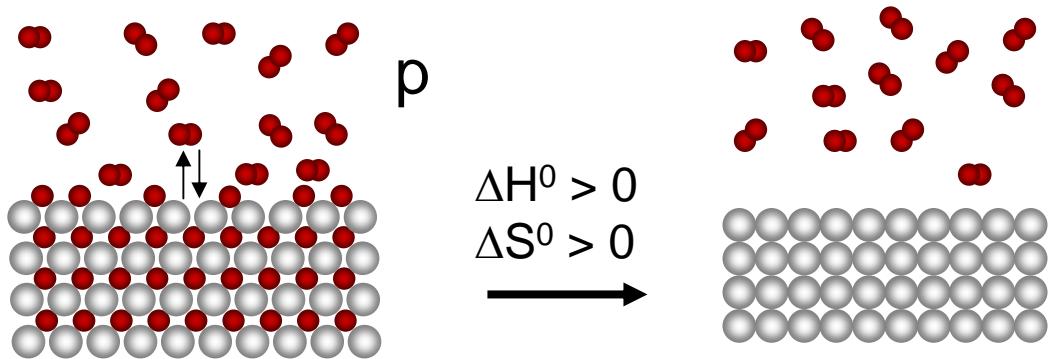
$$T_{dec} = \frac{\Delta H^0}{\Delta S^0}$$

decomposition temperature

STABILITY OF HYDRIDES: VAN'T HOFF PLOT



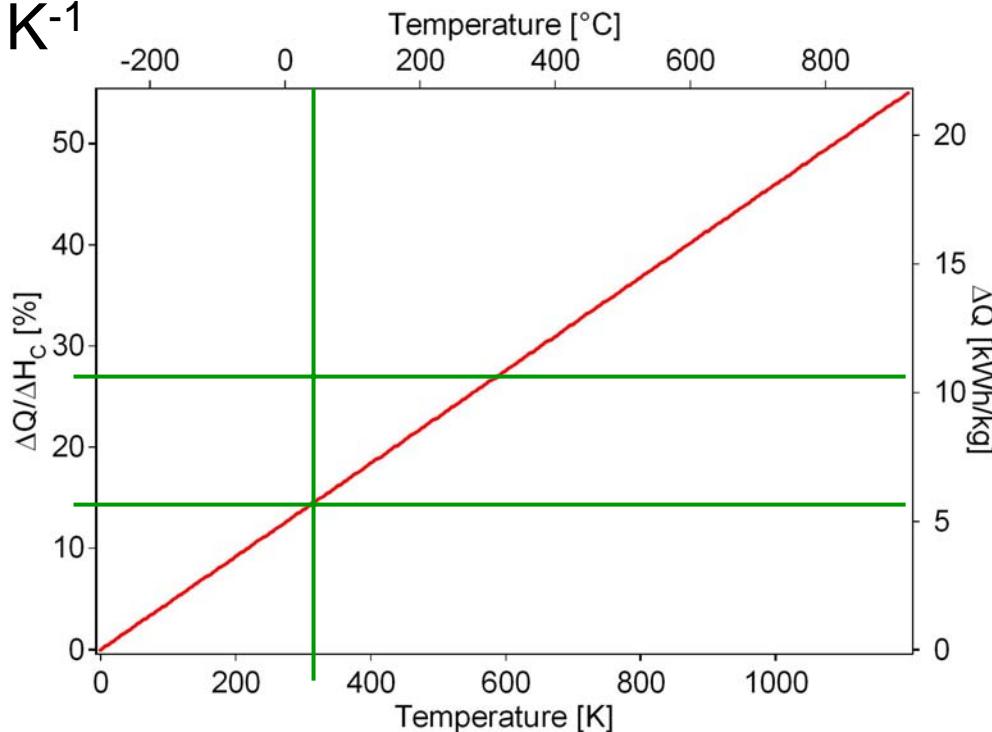
THERMODYNAMICS OF HYDRIDES



$$\Delta S^0 \approx S^0(H_2) = 130.2 \text{ J mol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta Q = \Delta S^0 \cdot T$$

$$\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta H_V} = \frac{\Delta S^0}{\Delta H_V} \cdot T = 4.6 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot T$$



HYDRIDES

Metal hydrides

MgH_2 , AlH_3

XAIH_4 , XBH_4

$-\text{NH}_2$, $=\text{NH}$

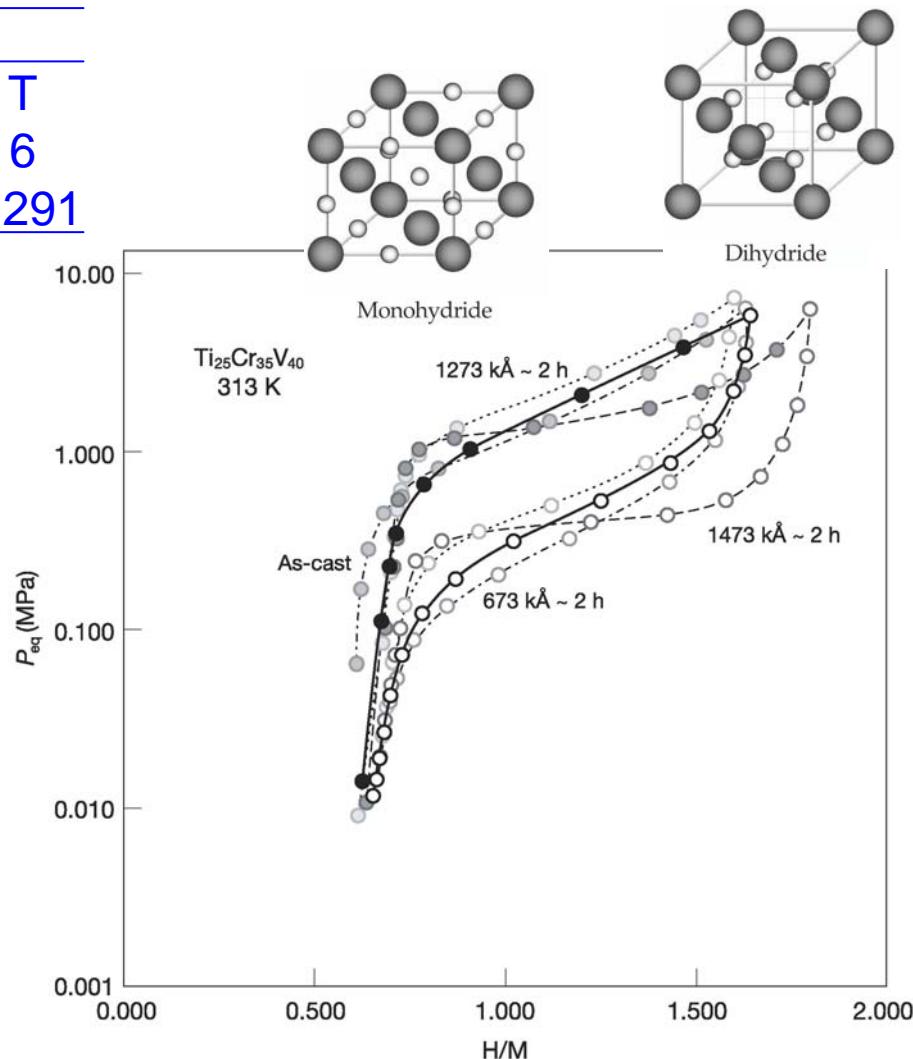
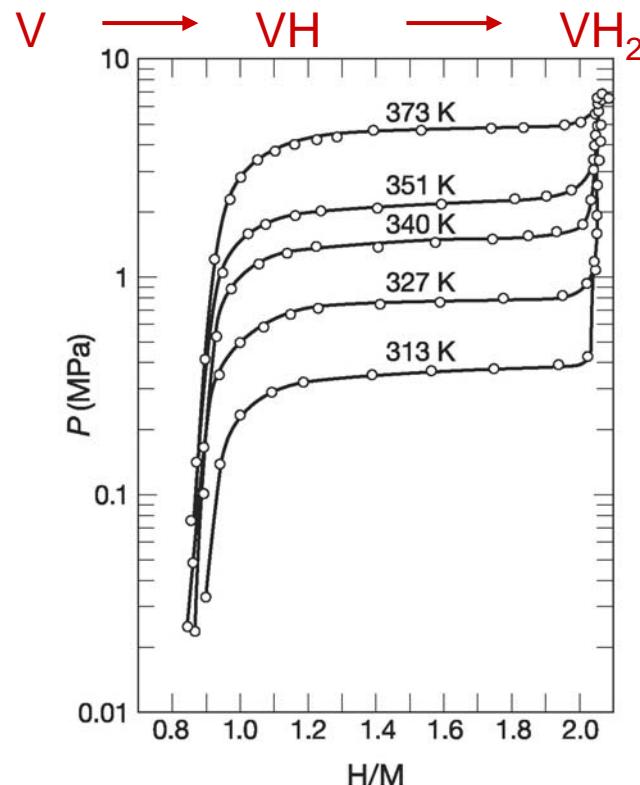
$\text{H}^{\delta+}$ and $\text{H}^{\delta-}$

Material	H_2 [mass%]	T_{dec} [°C] 1 bar
LaNi_5H_6	1.49	15
$\text{TiMn}_{1.5}\text{H}_{2.5}$	1.76	
FeTiH_2	1.86	-10
ZrH_2	2.16	
$\text{TiCr}_{1.8}\text{H}_{3.5}$	2.43	
Mg_2NiH_4	3.62	300
VH_2	3.81	-10,
TiH_2	3.98	780
NaH	4.20	430
CaH_2	4.79	1000
$\text{Li}_2\text{NH} + \text{LiH}$	5.50	600
$\text{LiNH}_2 + \text{LiH}$	6.50	300
NaAlH_4	7.46	30, 120
MgH_2	7.66	320
AlH_3	10.07	<RT
LiAlH_4	10.62	-93
NaBH_4	10.66	620
LiH	12.86	900
$\text{Al}(\text{BH}_4)_3$	16.90	<100
NH_3	17.75	-32
LiBH_4	18.51	230

BODY CENTERED CUBIC SOLID SOLUTION ALLOYS

BCC Alloys: Ti-V-Mn, Ti-V-Cr, Ti-V-Cr-Mn, and Ti-Cr-(Mo, Ru)

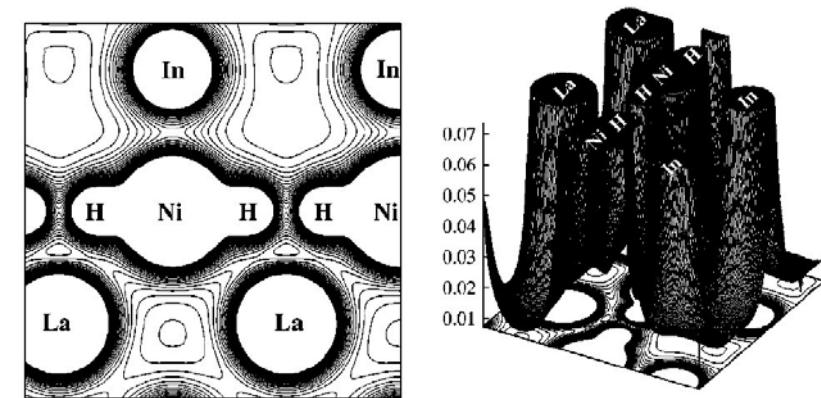
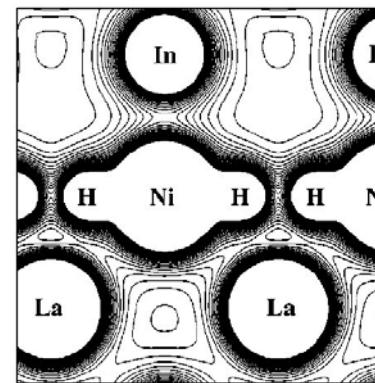
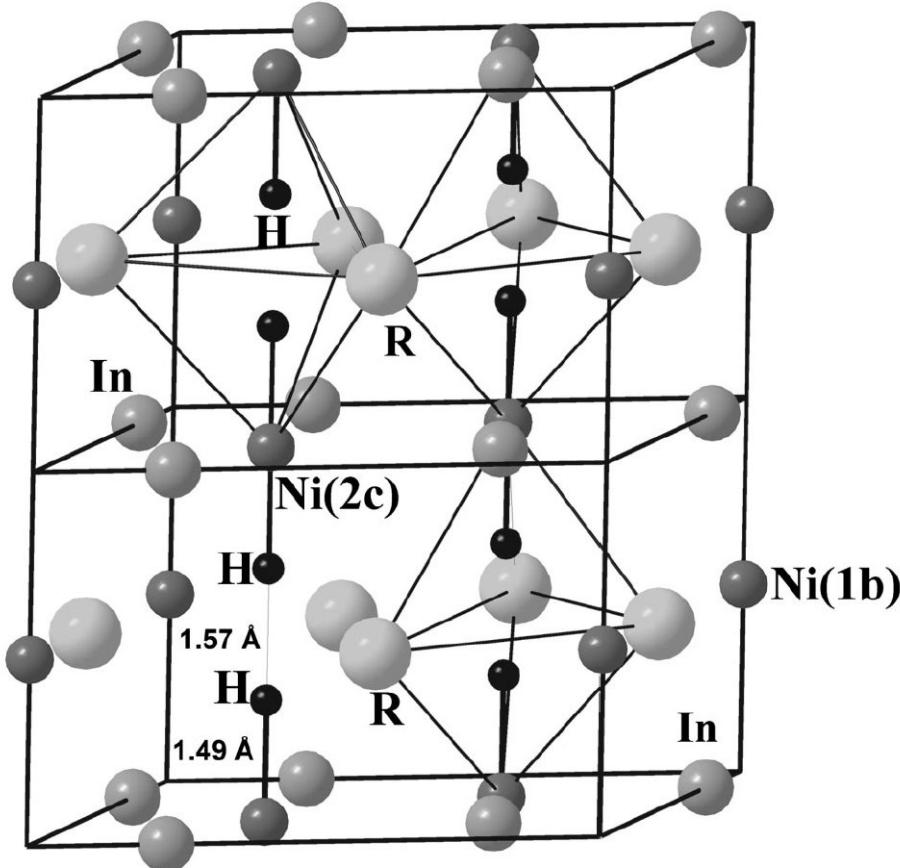
Structure	fcc & hcp		bcc	
Site	O	T	O	T
Number	1	2	3	6
Size	0.414	0.255	0.155	0.291



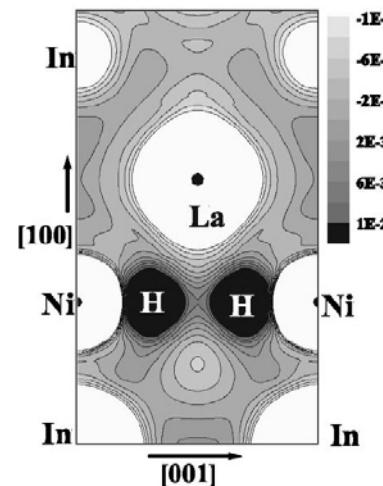
Ref.: E. Akiba and M. Okada, "Metallic Hydrides III: Body-Centered-Cubic Solid-Solution Alloys", MRS BULLETIN/SEPTEMBER 2002 699-703

METAL HYDRIDES WITH SHORT H-H SEPARATIONS

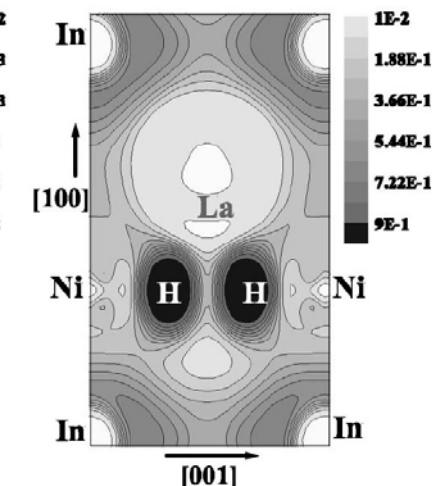
$RT\text{InH}_{1.333}$ ($R = \text{La, Ce, Pr, or Nd}$; $T = \text{Ni, Pd, or Pt}$)



charge transfer

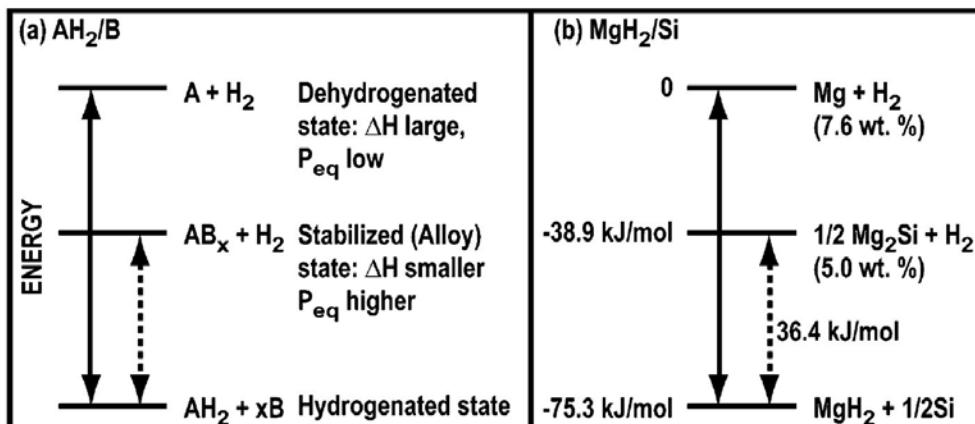
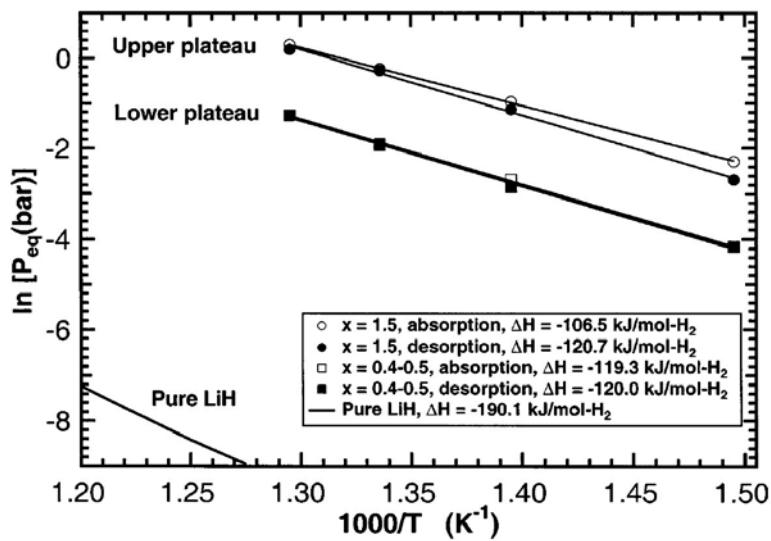
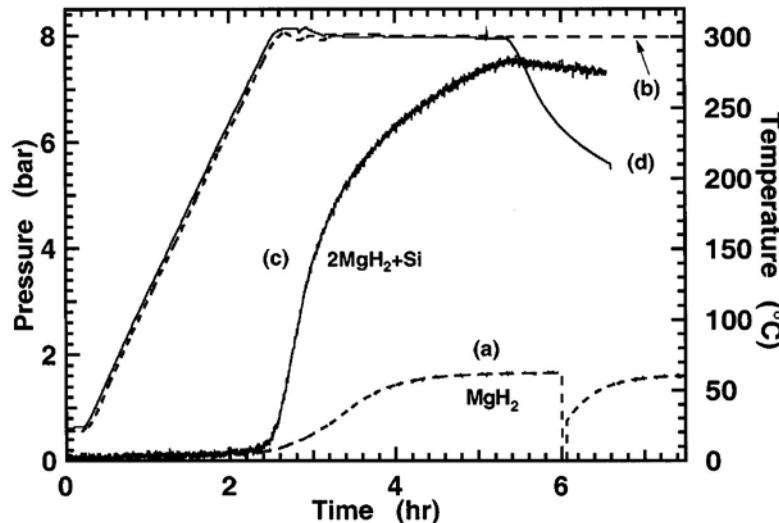
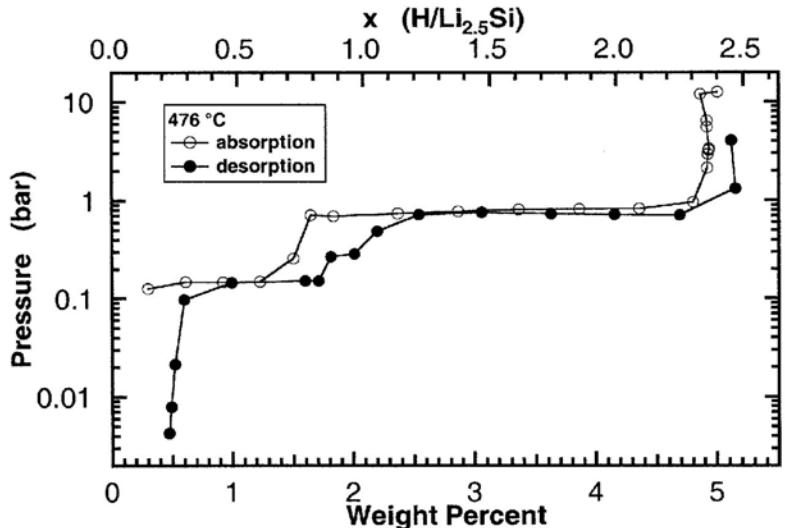


electron density



Ref.: P. Vajeeston et al. Phys. Rev. B 67 (2003), 014101

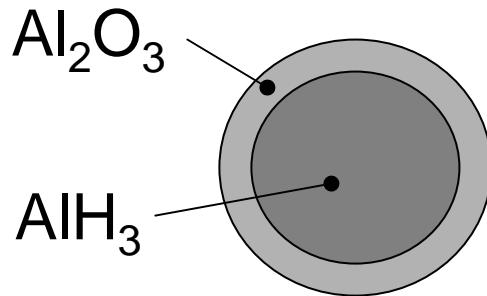
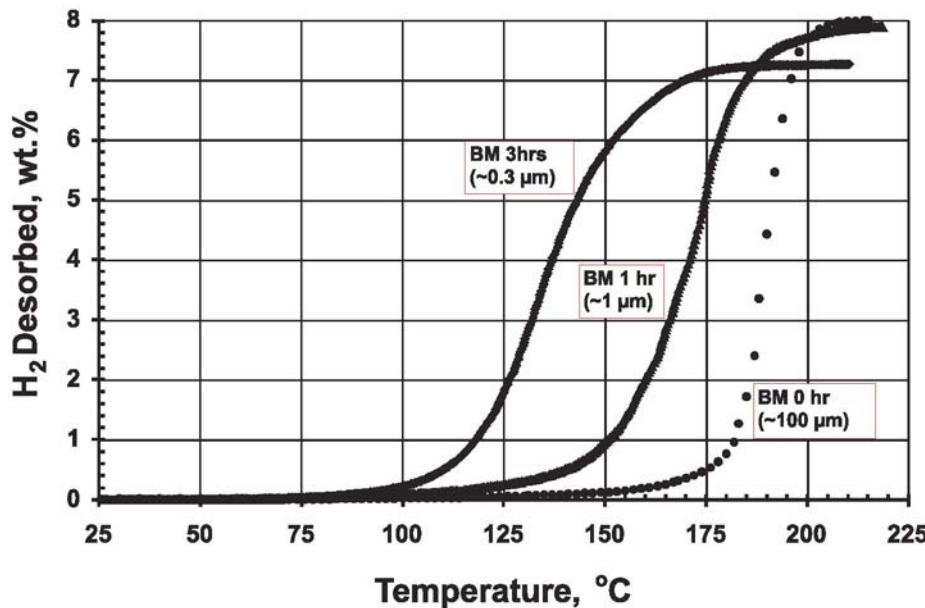
DESTABILISATION OF MgH₂



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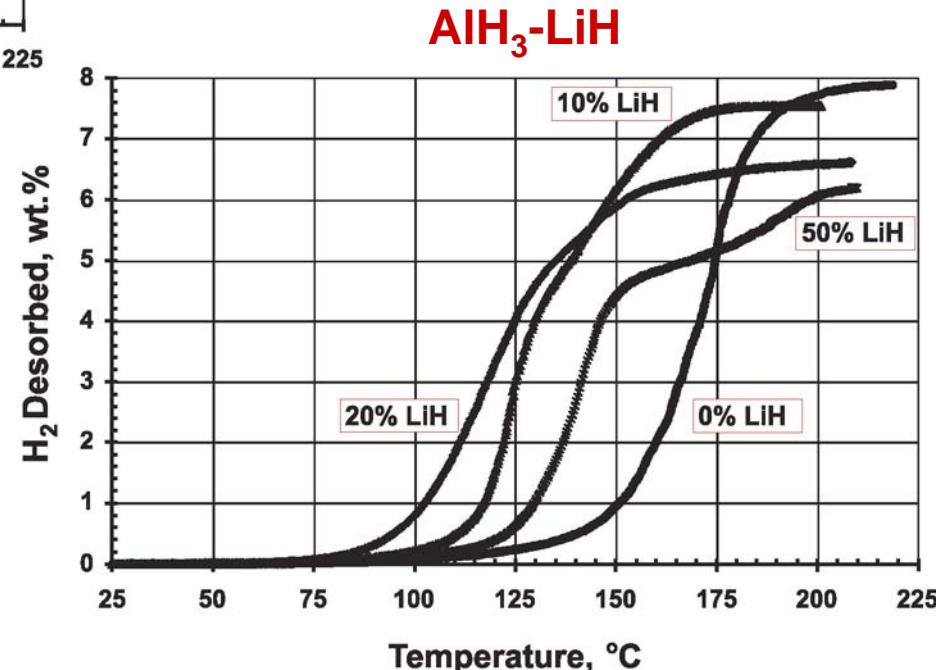
THERMAL DECOMPOSITION OF AIH₃

Particle size



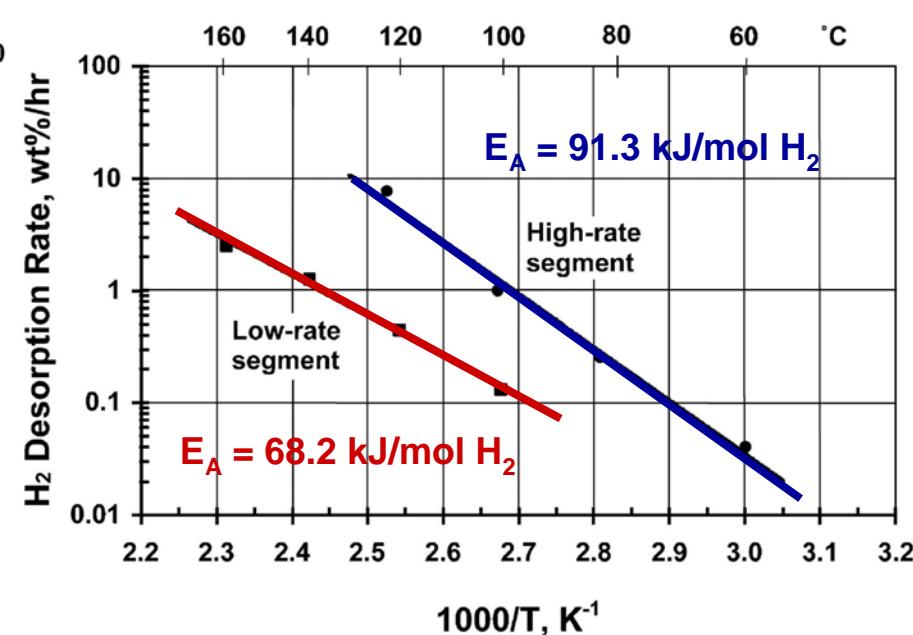
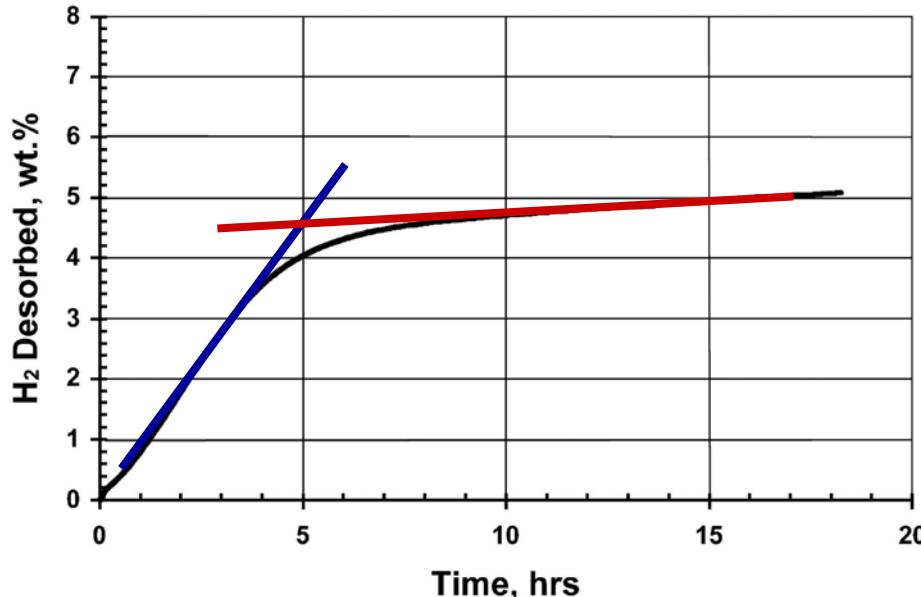
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$$\rho_m = 10.1 \text{ mass\%}$$
$$\rho_V = 149 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$
$$\Delta H = 7.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \text{ H}_2$$



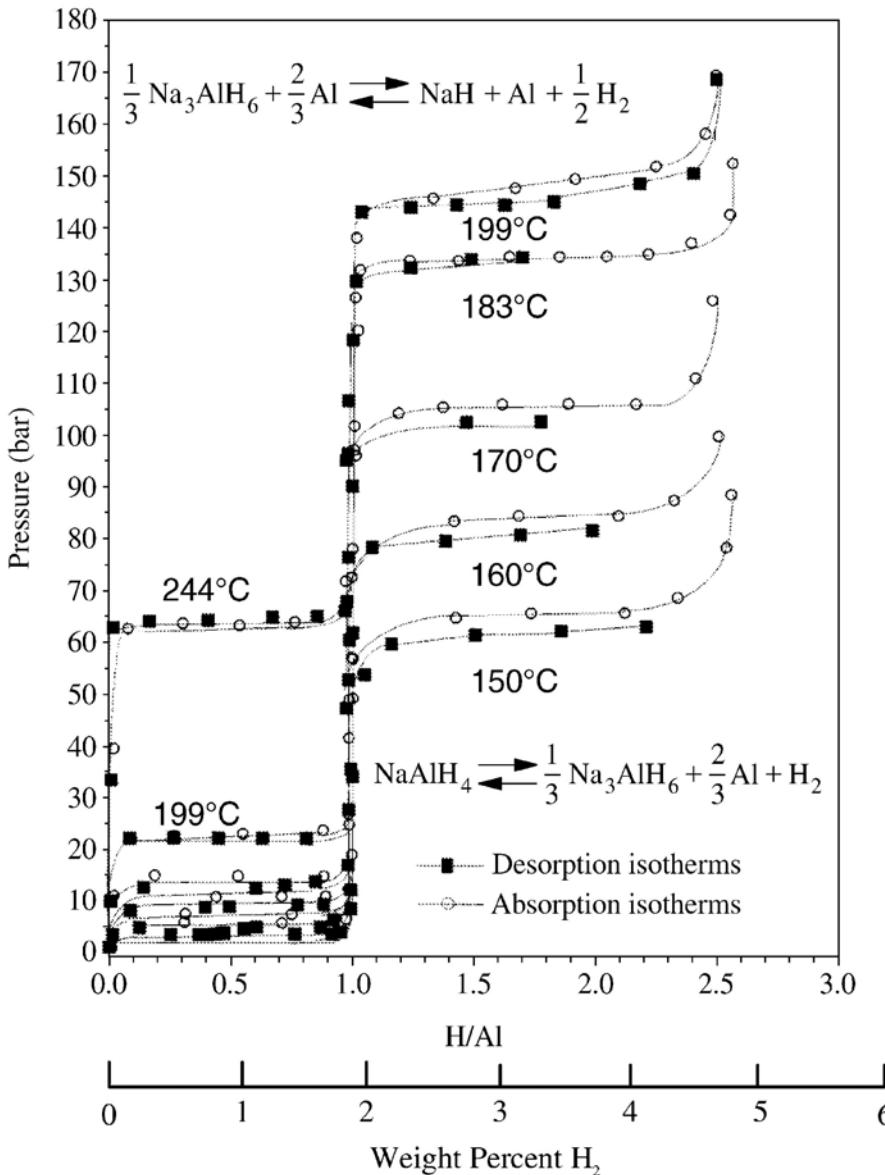
THERMAL DECOMPOSITION OF 80mol%AlH₃-20mol%LiH

Isothermal desorption 100°C

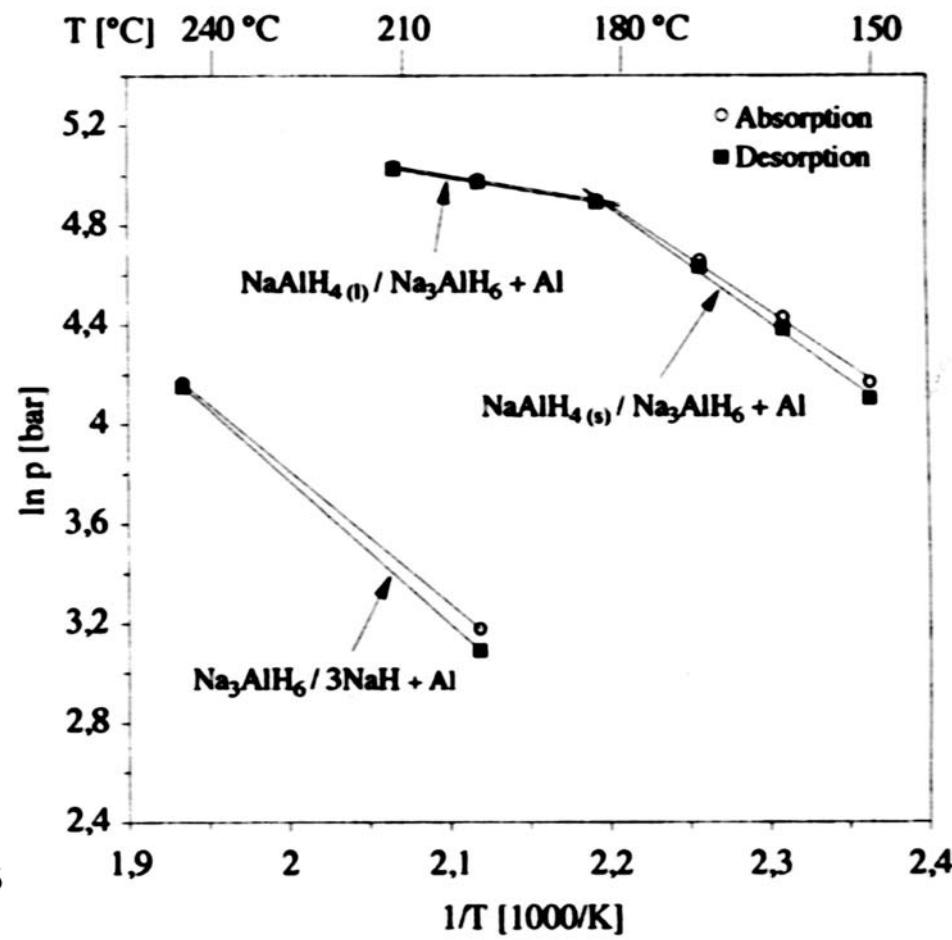


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STABILITY OF NaAlH₄

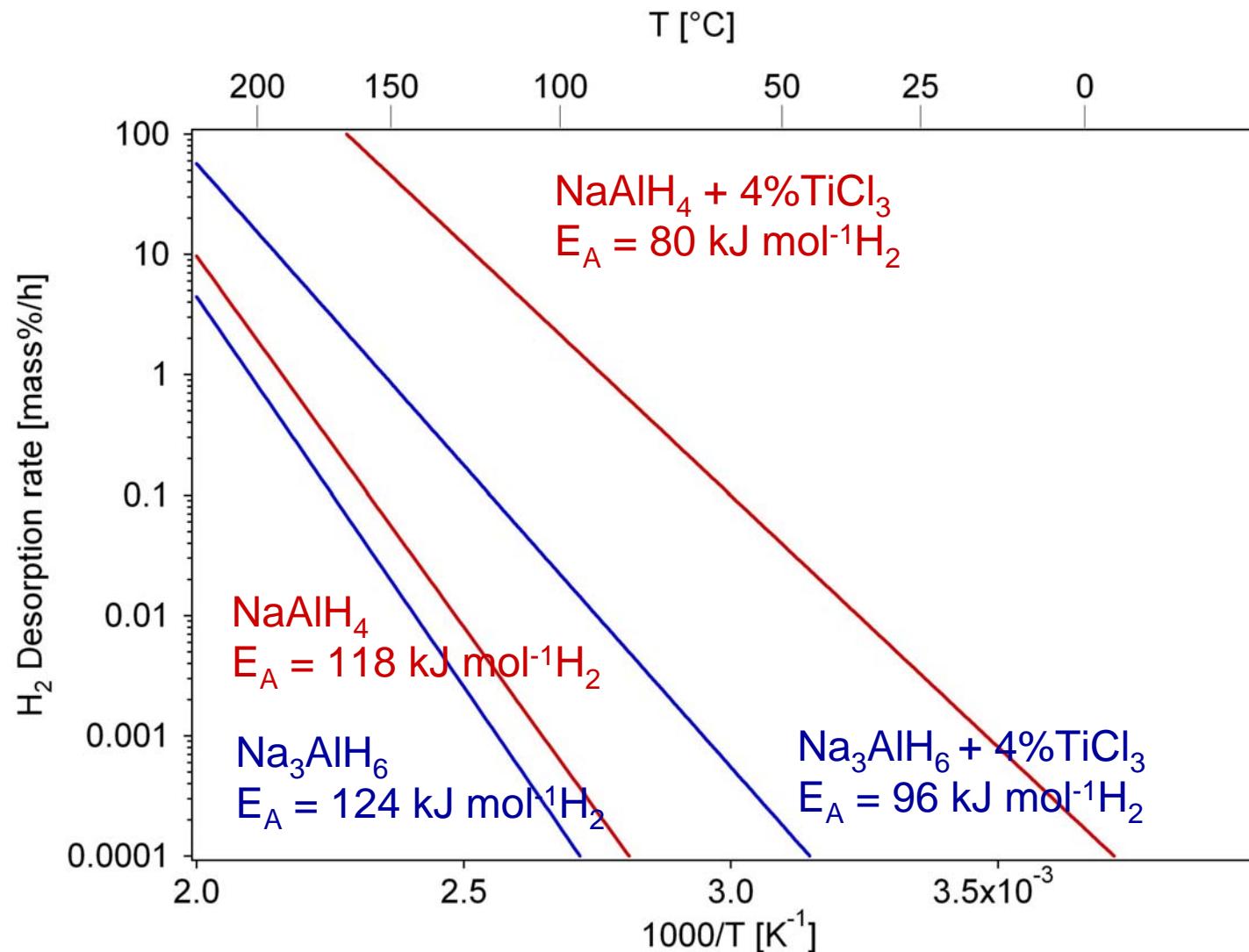


$$-\ln\left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right) = \frac{\Delta H^0}{R \cdot T} - \frac{\Delta S^0}{R}$$



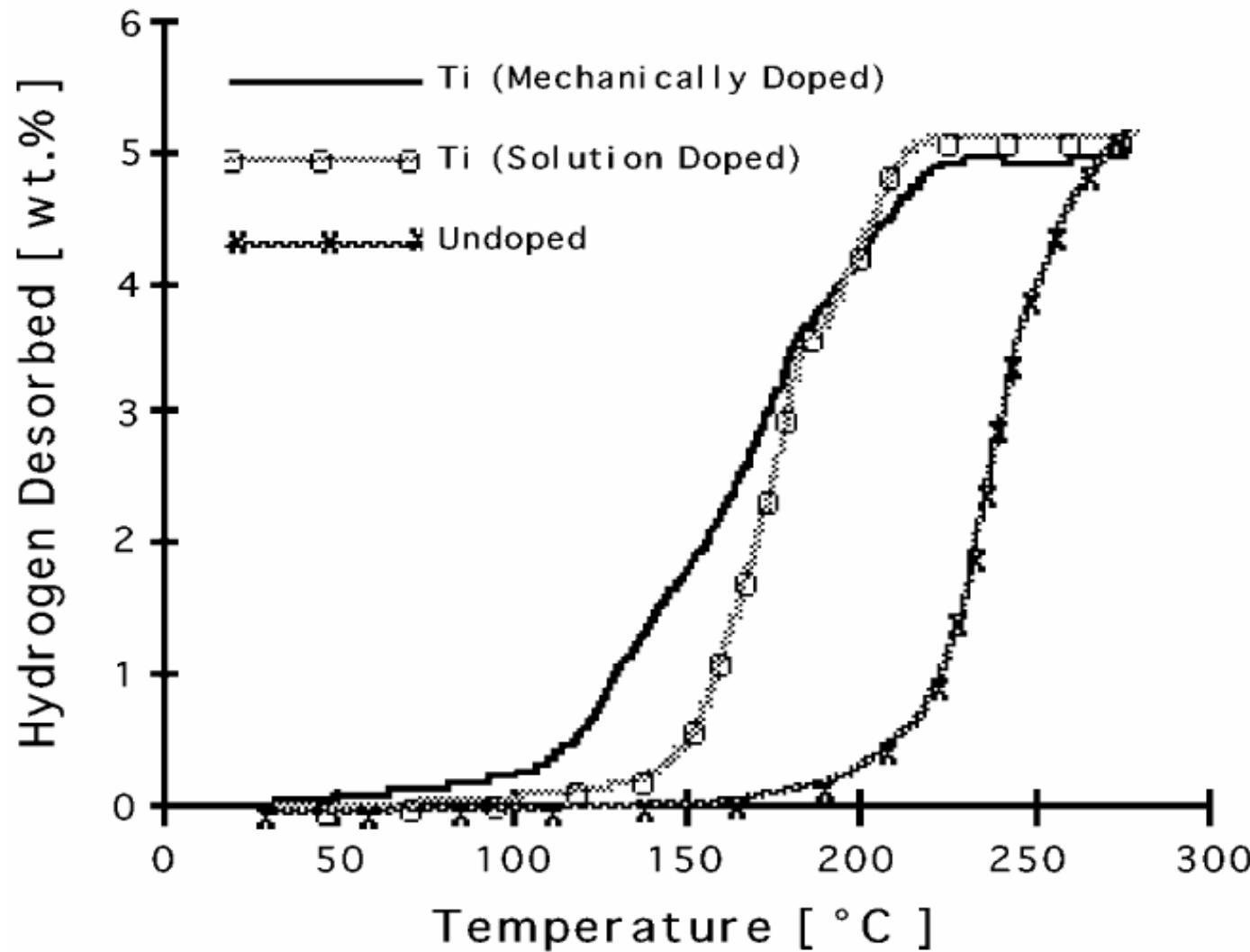
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ARRHENIUS PLOT OF NaAlH₄



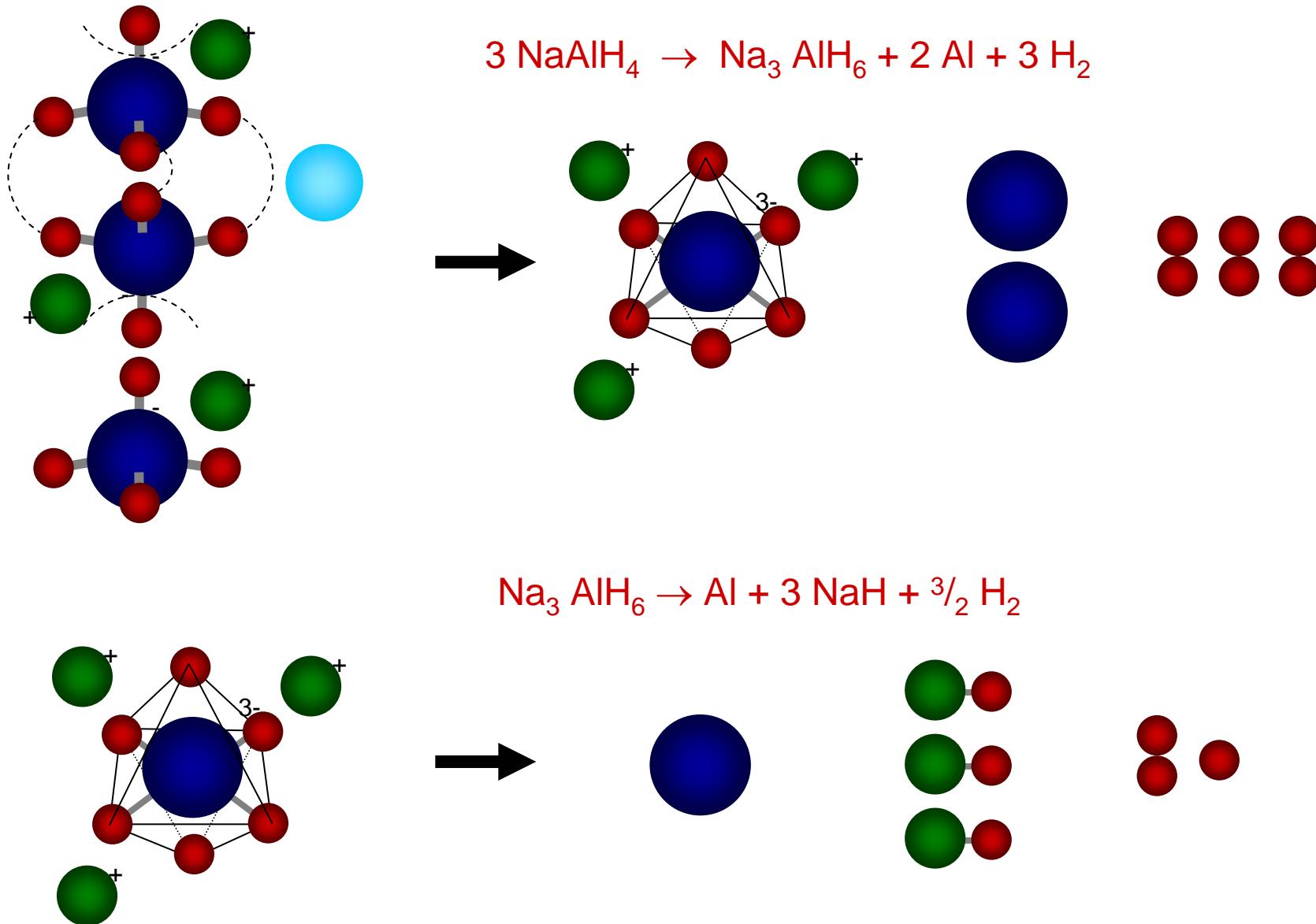
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Mechanically Doped NaAlH₄

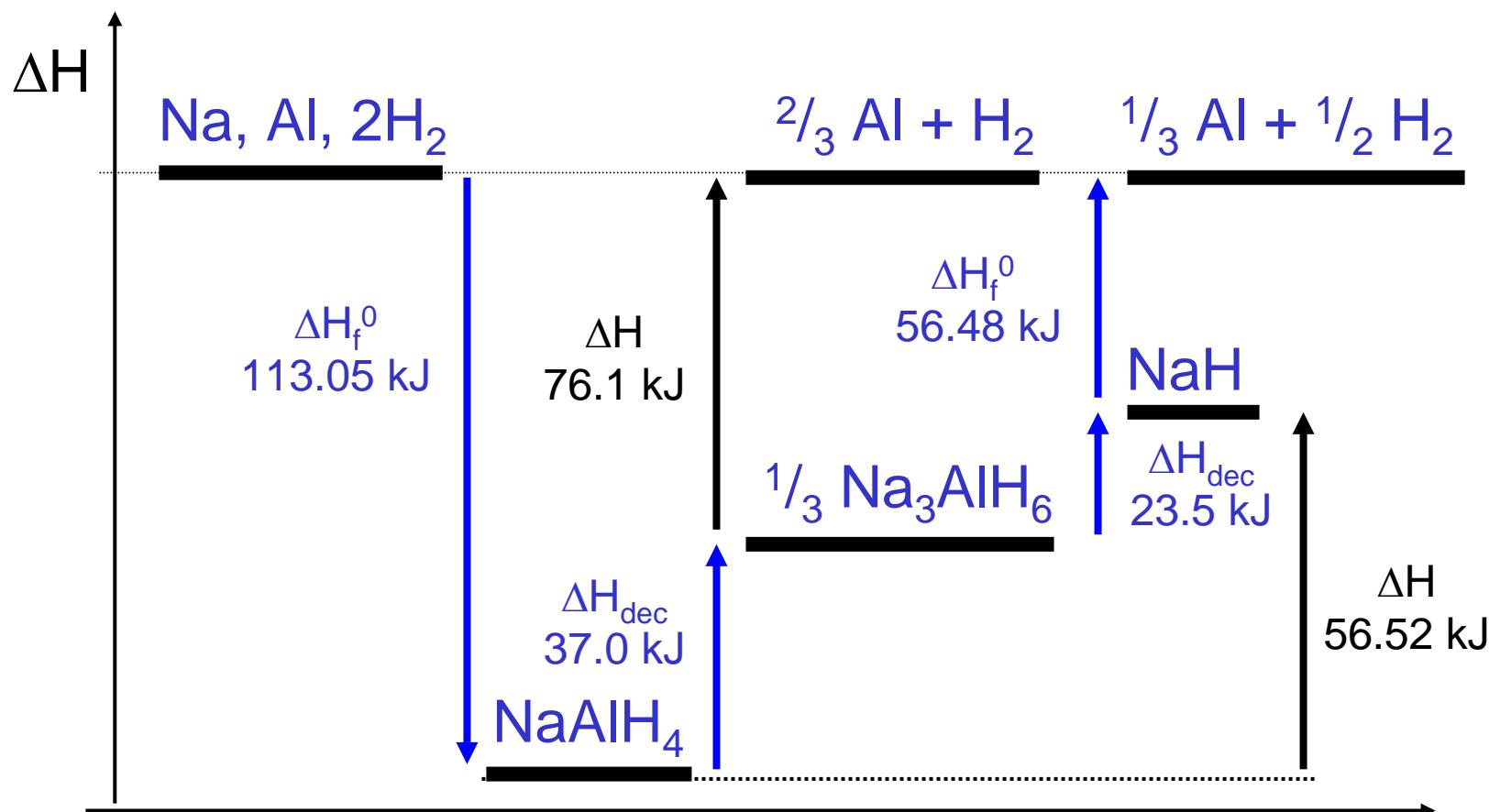


Ref.: R.A. Zidan, S. Takara, A.G. Hee, and C.M. Jensen, J. Alloys and Compounds 285 (1999), pp. 119.
C.M. Jensen and R.A. Zidan, U.S. Patent 6,471,935 (2002).

MECHANISM OF THE THERMAL DECOMPOSITION (NaAlH_4)

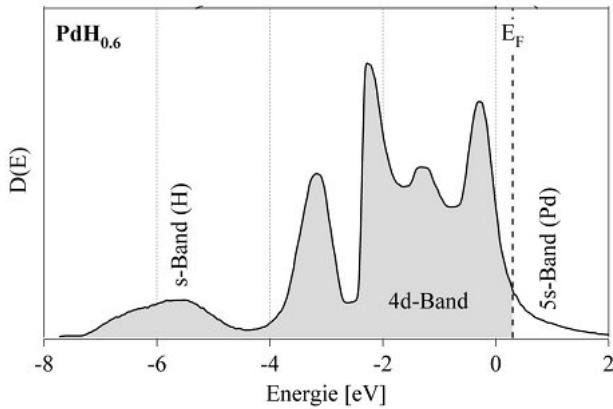
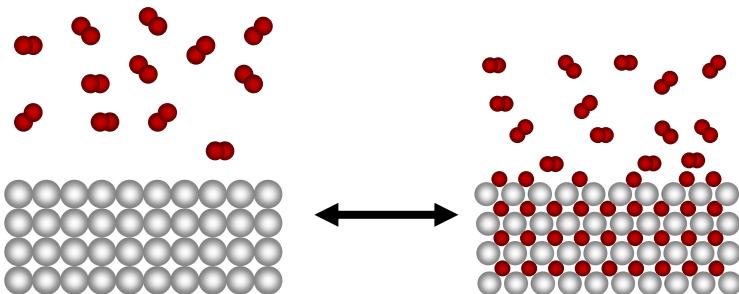


ENERGY LEVELS OF NaAlH₄



Ref.: Smith and Bass, J. Chem. Eng. Data 8 (1963), pp. 342;
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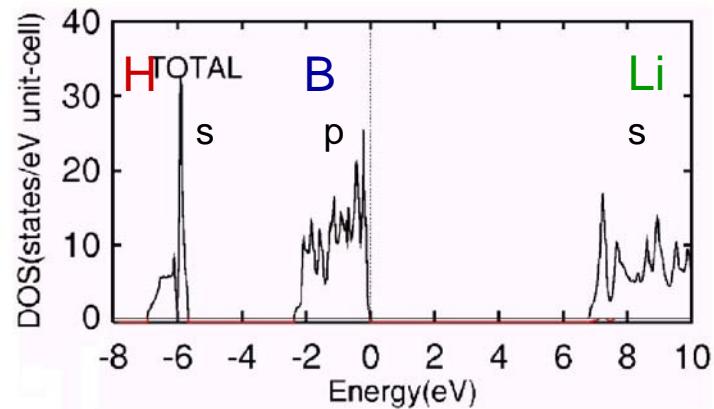
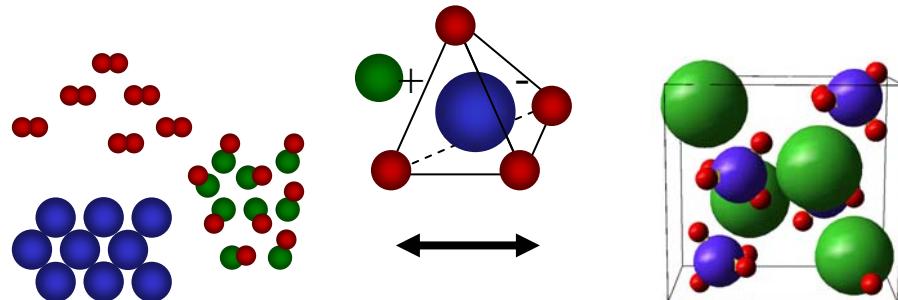
METAL HYDRIDES



$$\Delta G = 0 = \Delta G^0 + R \cdot T \cdot \ln\left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right)$$

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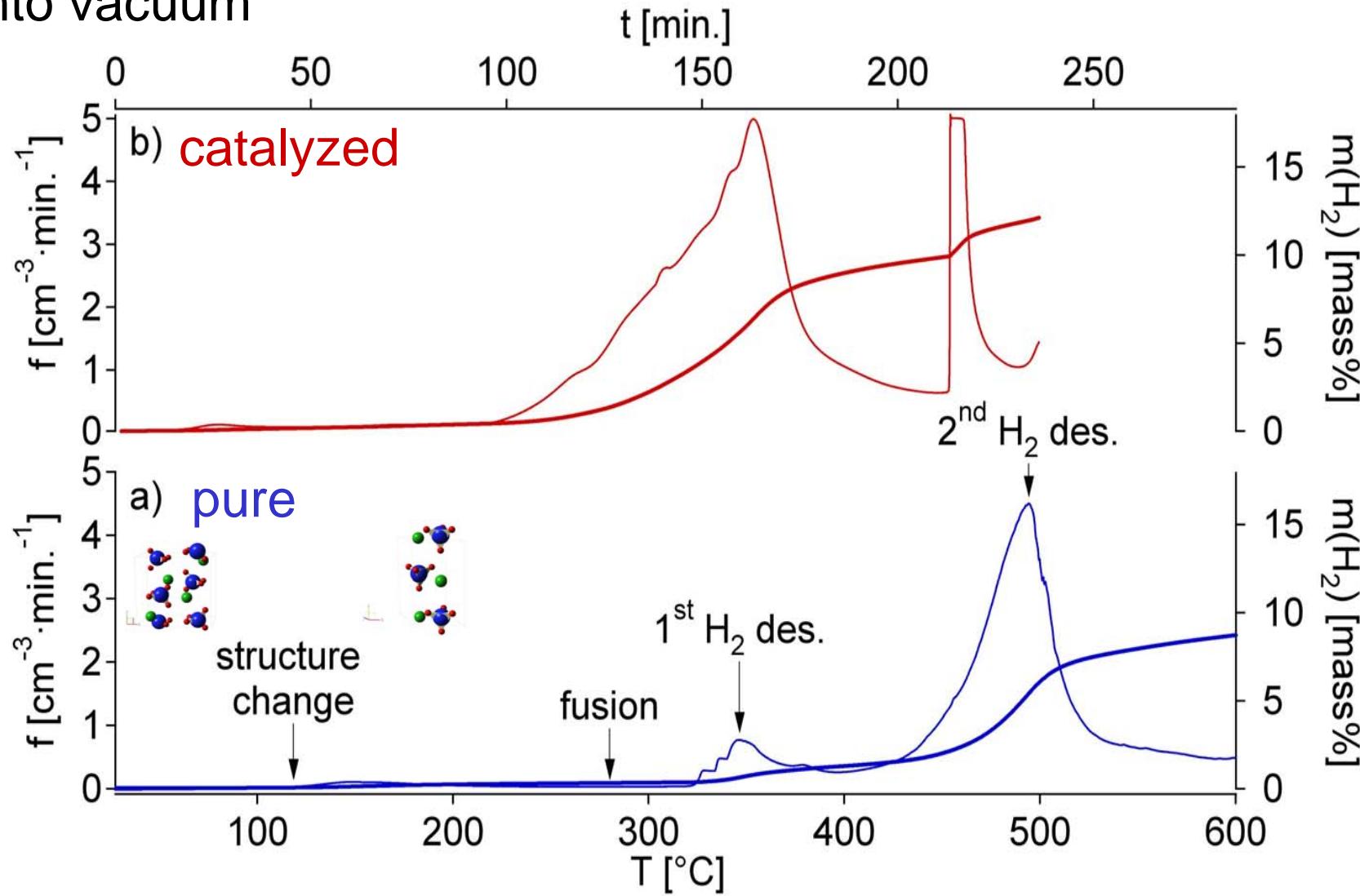
COMPLEX HYDRIDES



$$T_{dec}(p = p_0) = \frac{\Delta H^0}{\Delta S^0}$$

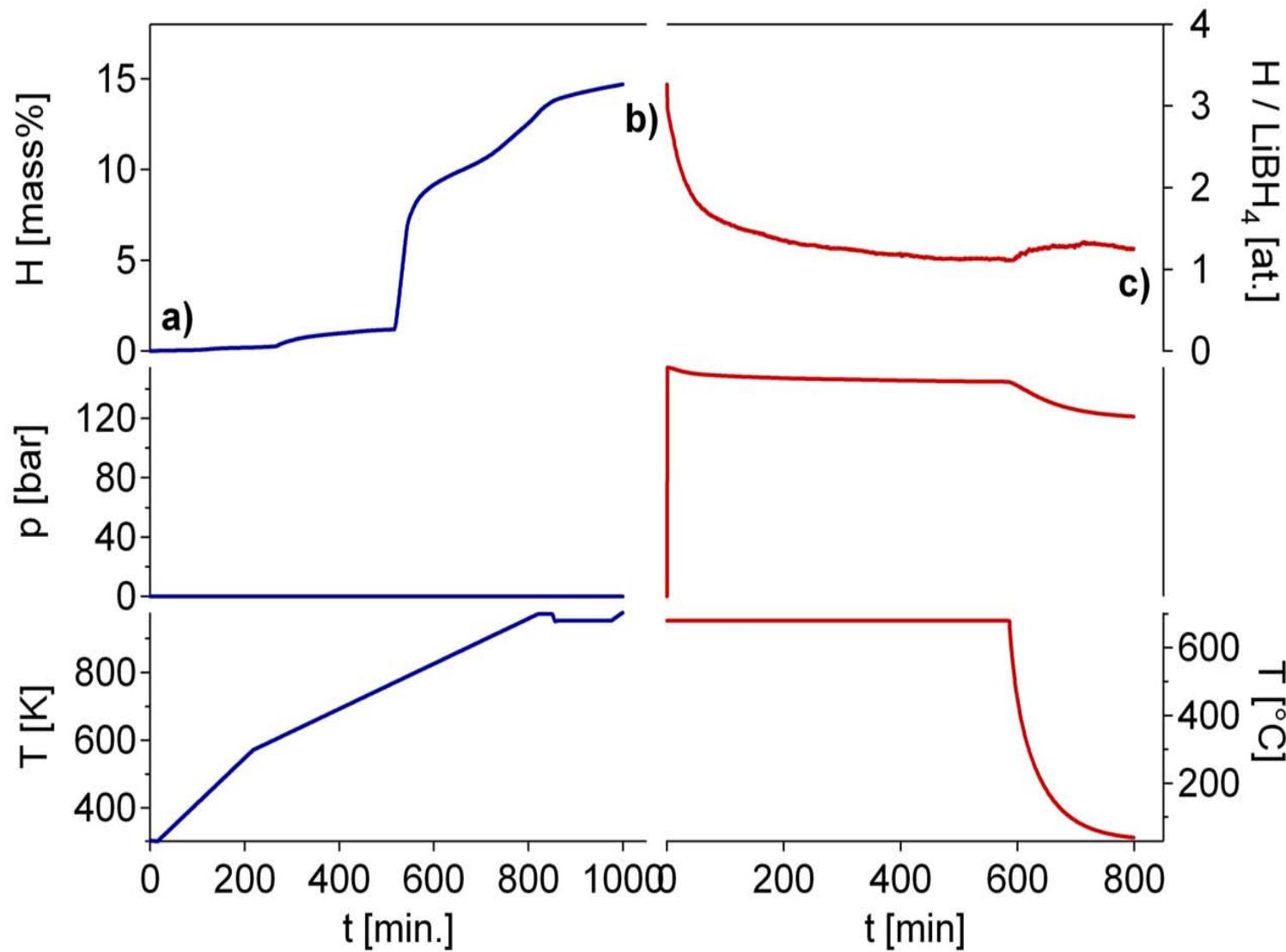
THERMAL H₂ DESORPTION FROM LiBH₄

into vacuum

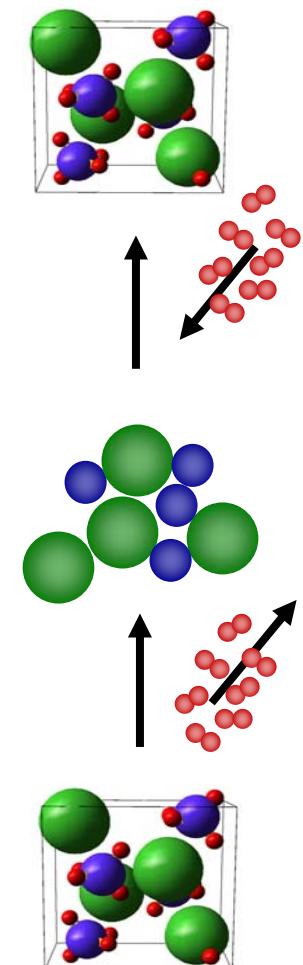
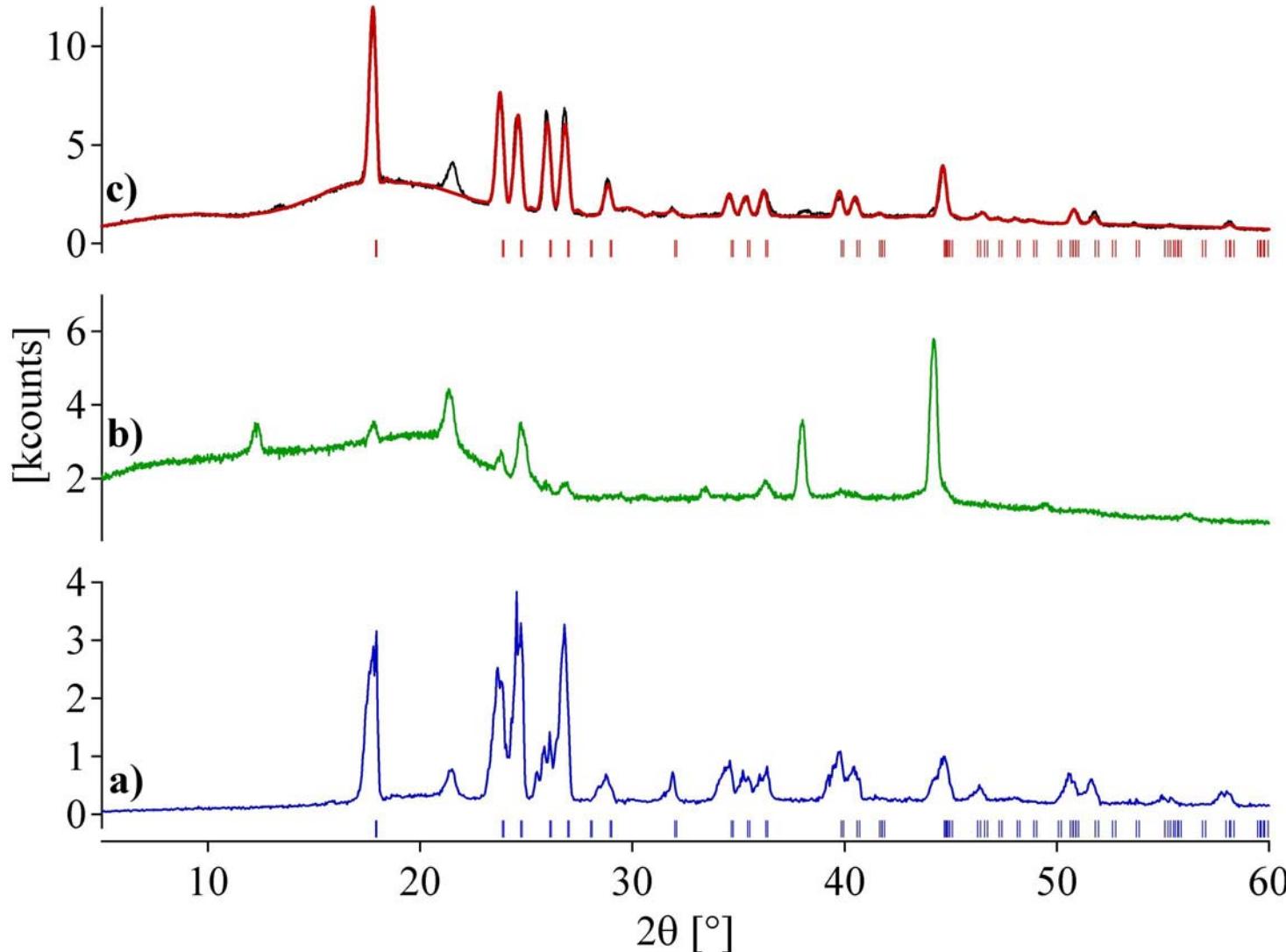


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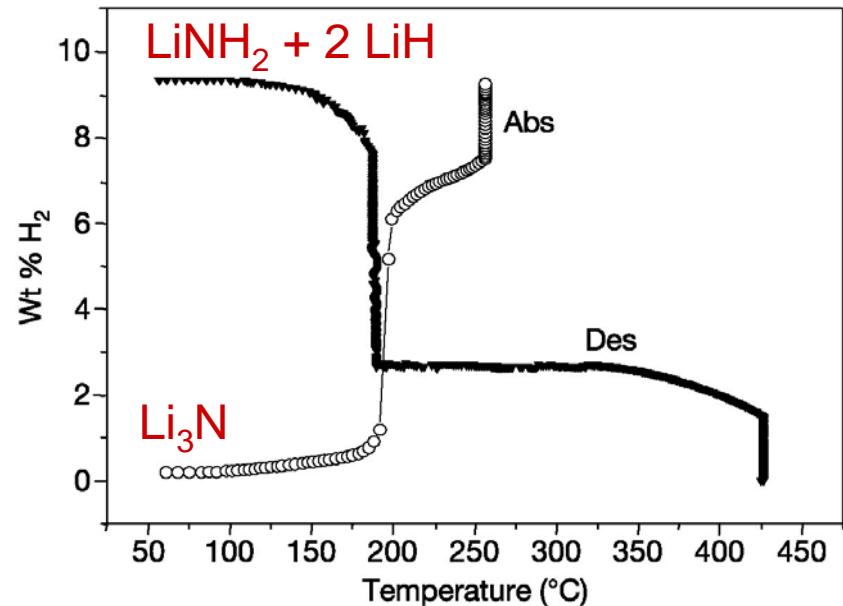
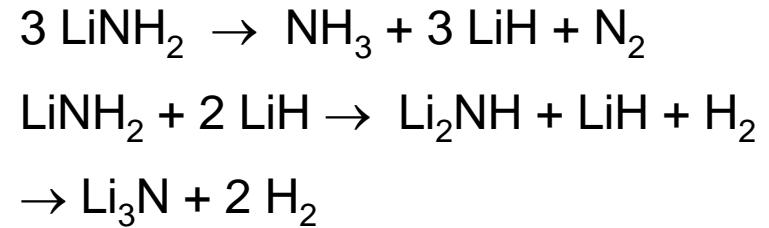
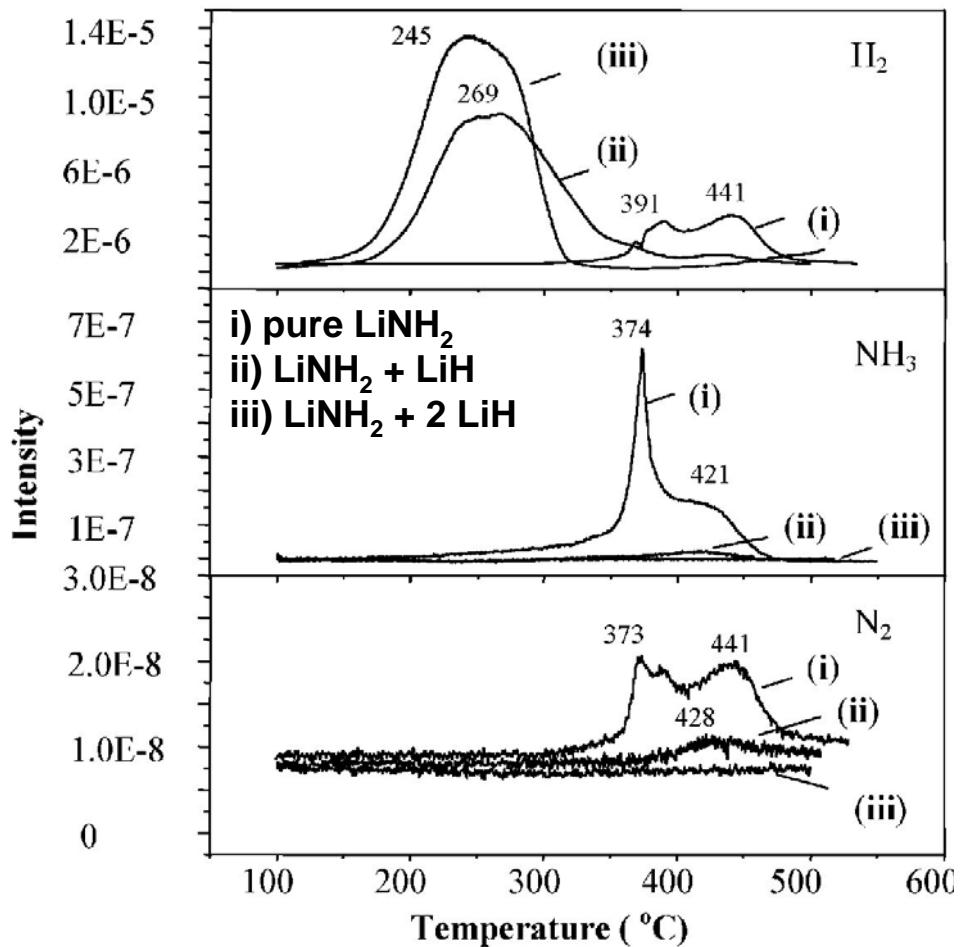
REVERSIBILITY OF H₂ SORPTION FROM LiBH₄



REVERSIBILITY OF LiBH₄



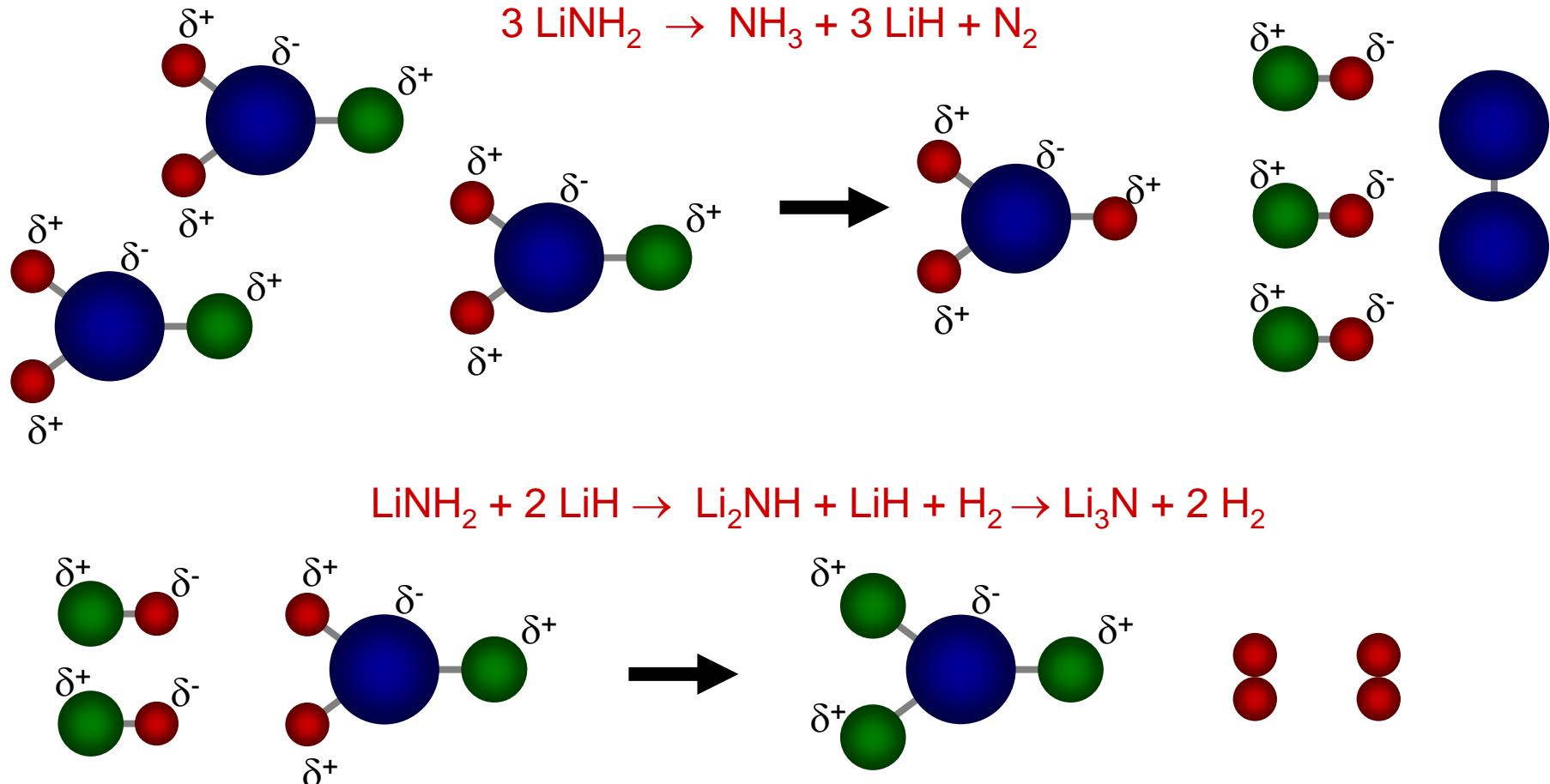
AMIDES (LiNH_2)



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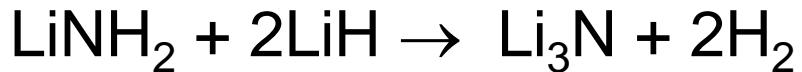
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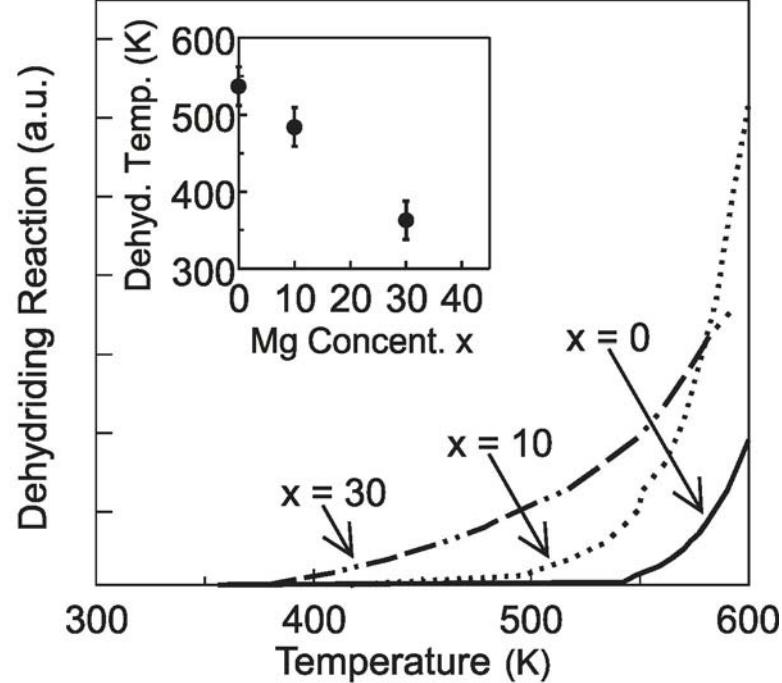
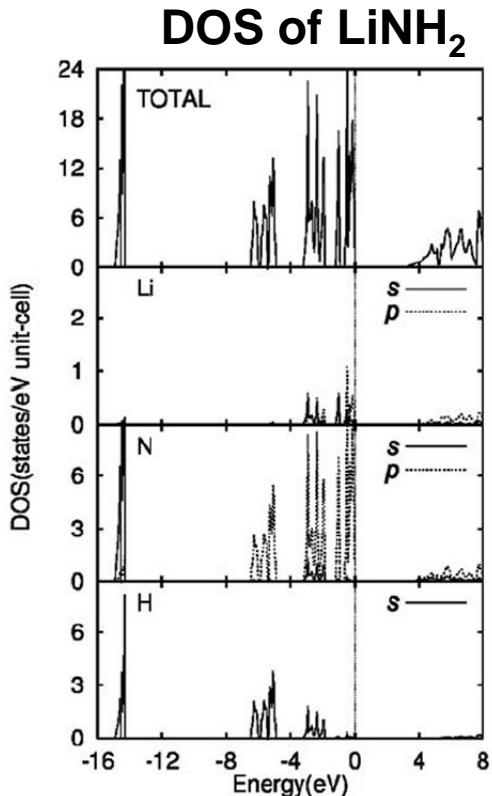
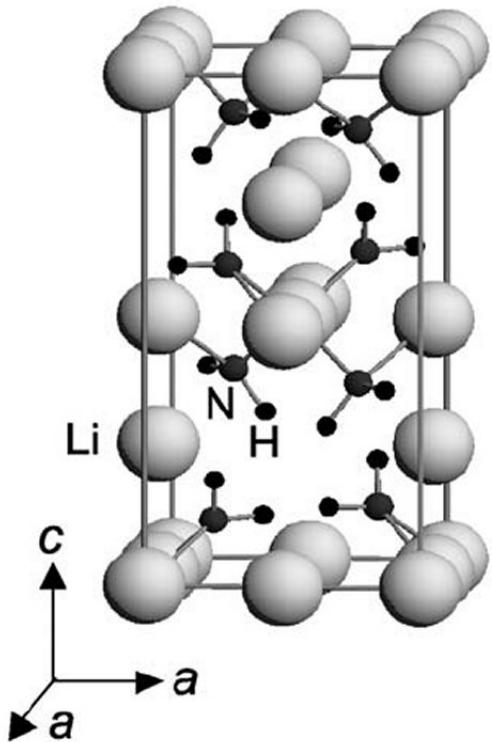


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AMIDES ($\text{Li}_{1-x}\text{Mg}_x\text{NH}_2$)

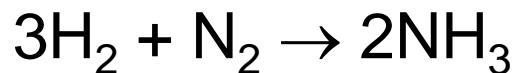
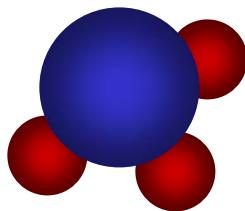


$\text{Li}^+[\text{NH}_2]^-$ destabilization by partial substitution of Li with Mg

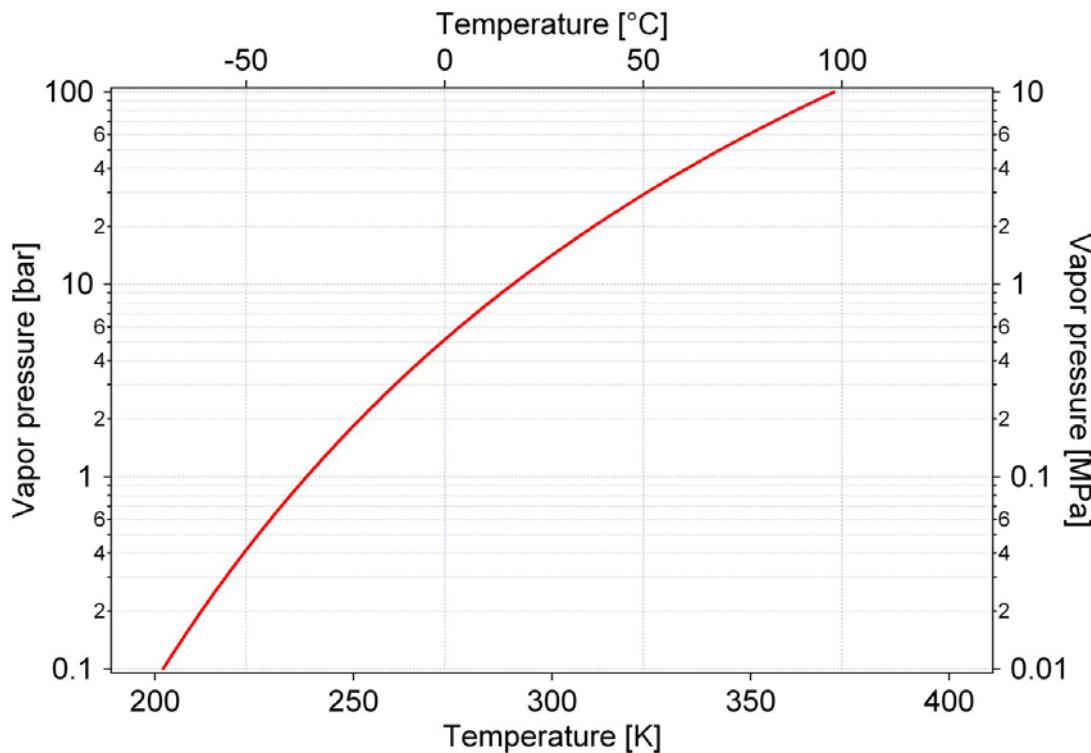


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AMMONIA (NH_3)



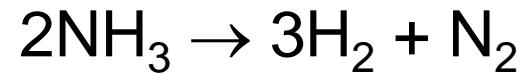
17.6 mass% H_2



$$\Delta H_f = -92.4 \text{ kJ}, S^0 = 384 \text{ J K}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta H_f = -15.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}\text{H}, S^0 = 64 \text{ J K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}\text{H}$$

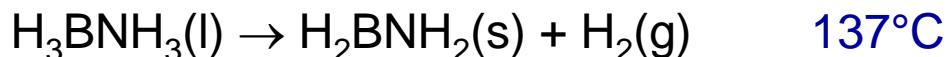
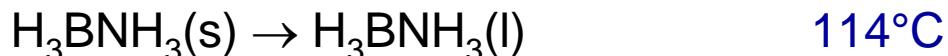
Dissociation of NH_3 at $T > 459^\circ\text{C}$



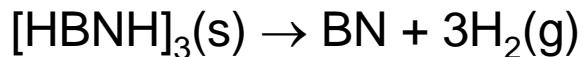
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Ref.: G. Strickland, Int. J. Hydrogen Energy 9:9 (1984), pp. 759-766
http://www.electricauto.com/HighDensity_stor.htm

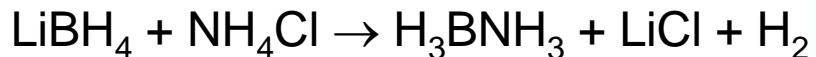
BORAZANE (BH_3NH_3)



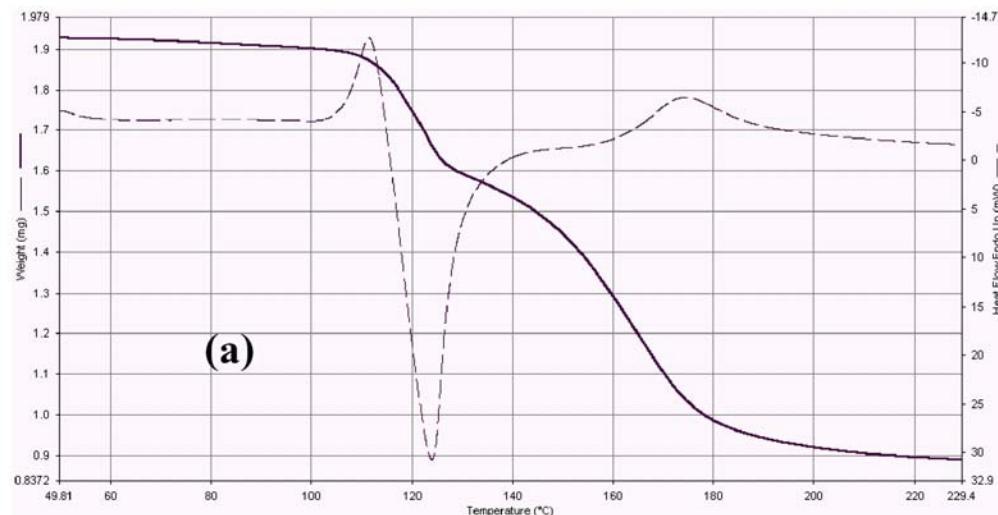
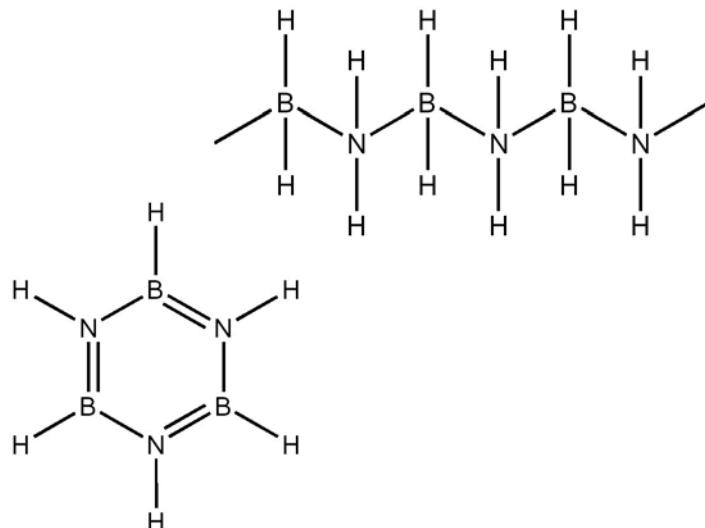
7.4 mass% H_2 , $\Delta H = -21.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$



Reversibility?



$\Delta H_f (\text{H}_3\text{BNH}_3) = -178 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$



Ref.: N. Mohajeri, T. Robertson and A. T-Raissi, FSEC FINAL REPORT FOR TASK III-B, Hydrogen Storage in Amine Borane Complexes (2003)

CONCLUSIONS

- Solid hydrides with gravimetric hydrogen density up to 18 mass% exist
- Volumetric hydrogen density $> 80 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ for all solids
- No relation between gravimetric hydrogen density and decomposition temperature
- Desorption mechanism in complex hydrides?
- Desorption rate sample size dependent (heat transfer)
- Reversibility or synthesis of hydrides?
- Destabilization of complex hydrides?
- Stabilization and catalytic decomposition of unstable hydrides like NH_3 , AlH_3 .
- Reaction of multiphase compounds to complex hydrides?