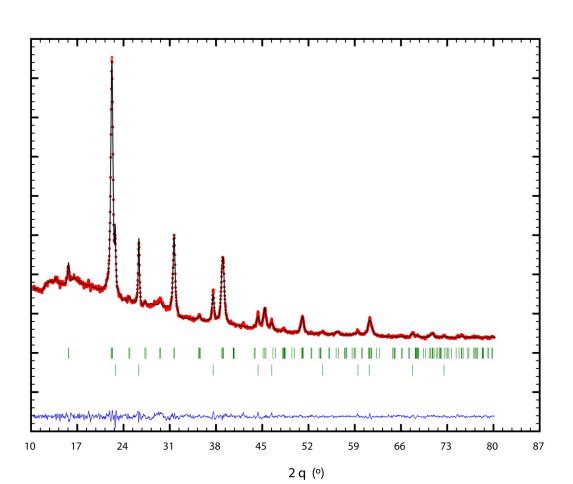
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## Flux-assisted single crystal growth and heteroepitaxy of perovskite-type mixed-metal borohydrides

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## **Supplementary Information**



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**Supplementary Fig. 1** Rietveld plot for ball milled sample LiBH<sub>4</sub>-Ca(BH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-KBH<sub>4</sub>, measured at room temperature. *hkl* ticks, from top to bottom: KCa(BH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, KBH<sub>4</sub>. The quantitative analysis yield 76 mol% KCa(BH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and 24 mol% KBH<sub>4</sub>. The Gaussian profile parameters were refined per phase and one additional mixing parameter for KCa(BH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> to allow for Lorentzian lineshape.



**Supplementary Fig. 2** Pellet composed of 50 vol% solvent (left half) and 50 vol% sample KCa(BH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (right). From left to right, top to bottom: 298 K, 423 K, 473 K, 493 K, 503 K, 513 K, 523 K, 543 K, 553 K, 573 K.

## Sample preparation for flux-melting

Three different compositional mixtures eutectic mixture :  $KCa(BH_4)_3$  were prepared, to investigate the effect of volume and molar excess on the melting behaviour.

Molar ratio 1:1, excess sample volume of KCa(BH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>:

The sample decomposed at 593 K. This means that the melting point of KCa(BH4)3 was lowered due to the eutectic with resepct to 618 K, but decomposition still present. No single crystals were found in the molar mixture 1:1, also not at the final operating temperature of 513 K.

Molar ratio 8.6:1.4, same sample volumes:

Two pellets used, to study influence of solvent on the sample (Fig. 1 and Supplementary Fig. 2). Single crystals found at synthesis attempts at 513 K.

Molar ratio 9:1, excess sample volume of eutectic mixture: Single crystals found at experiments run at 513 K.