# Facile Preparation of $\beta$ -/ $\gamma$ -MgH<sub>2</sub> Nanocomposites under Mild

## Conditions and Pathways to Rapid Dehydrogenation.

### Supplementary Information

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atom	site	x	у	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ $ imes$ 100 / Å <sup>2</sup>
Mg(1)	4 <i>c</i>	0	0.3483(11)	1⁄4	7.6(5)
H(1)	8 <i>d</i>	0.7710	0.6085	0.4199	3.8

### Table S1(a) Refined atomic parameters of $\gamma$ -MgH<sub>2</sub> phase

<sup>a</sup> Space group *Pbcn*, *a* =4.4399(10) Å, *b* = 5.4090(13) Å, *c* = 4.8804(5) Å

#### Table S1(b) Refined atomic parameters of **B**-MgH<sub>2</sub> Phase

atom	site	X	У	Ζ	$U_{\rm iso}$ $ imes$ 100 / Å <sup>2</sup>
Mg(1)	2 <i>a</i>	0	0	0	1.79(6)
H(1)	4 <i>f</i>	0.3168	0.3168	0	3.4

<sup>a</sup> Space group *P4*<sub>2</sub>/m n m, *a* = 4.5111(3) Å, *c* = 3.0162(6) Å

Table S1(c	) Refined atomic	parameter o	f Mg Phase

atom	site	X	У	Ζ	$U_{\rm iso}$ × 100 / Å <sup>2</sup>
Mg(1)	2 <i>c</i>	1/3	2/3	1/4	8.1

<sup>a</sup> Space group *P6*<sub>3</sub>/m m c, *a* = 3.2073(6) Å, *c* = 5.2005(17) Å



**Fig. S1** PXD patterns of  $\beta$ -/ $\gamma$ -MgH<sub>2</sub> prepared under different conditions: (a) ball milled for 1 h with LiCl added and washed with THF; (b) ball milled for 4 h with LiCl added and washed with THF; (c) ball milled for 6 h with LiCl added and washed with THF; (d) ball milled for 2 h and washed with THF; (e) ball milled for 4 h and washed with THF; (f) ball milled for 2 h with LiCl added; (g) ball milled for 4 h with LiCl added.