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Supporting Information

Facile Synthesis of Anhydrous Alkaline Earth Metal Dodecaborate $MB_{12}H_{12}$ (M = Mg, Ca) from $M(BH_4)_2$

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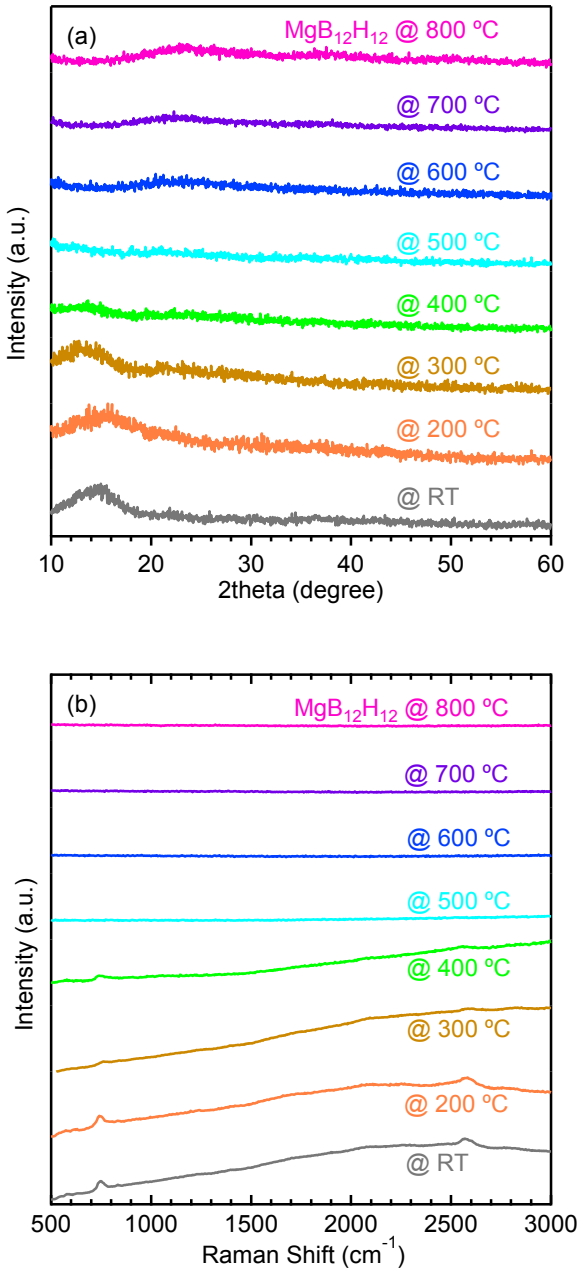


Figure S1. (a) XRD patterns and (b) Raman spectra of $MgB_{12}H_{12}$ at room temperature and heated up to respective temperatures.

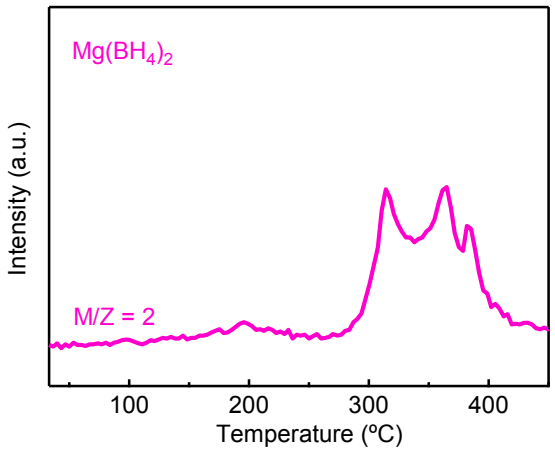
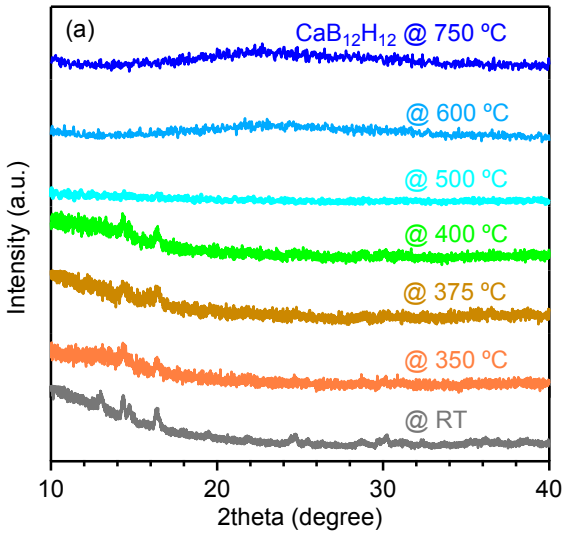


Figure S2. MS spectra of $Mg(BH_4)_2$ (mass numbers 2 represents H_2).



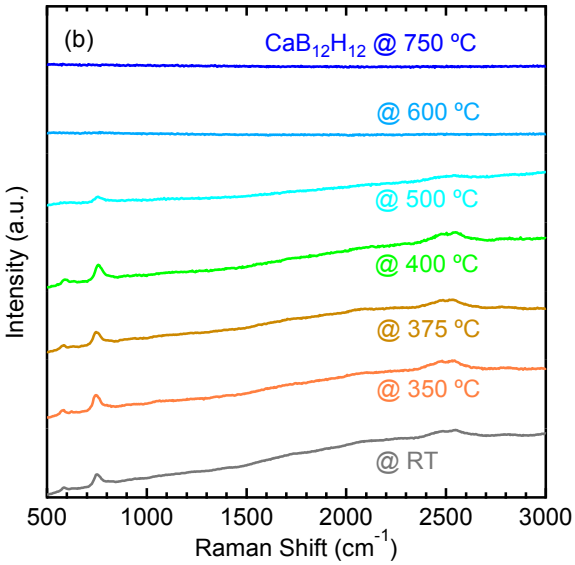


Figure S3. (a) XRD patterns and (b) Raman spectra of $CaB_{12}H_{12}$ at room temperature and heated up to respective temperatures.