

ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Formation of solid solution between $[\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_4][\text{BF}_4]$ and $[\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_4][\text{PF}_6]$ in the crystal and plastic crystal phases

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Table S1 Crystallographic data and refinement results for [N₂₂₂₂][BF₄]_{0.504}[PF₆]_{0.496} and [N₂₂₂₂][PF₆]

	[N ₂₂₂₂][BF ₄] _{0.504} [PF ₆] _{0.496}	[N ₂₂₂₂][PF ₆]
Formula	C ₈ H ₂₀ B _{0.504} F _{4.992} NP _{0.496}	C ₈ H ₂₀ F ₆ NP
Fw	245.90	404.39
crystal size, mm	0.40×0.40×0.60	0.10×0.30×0.40
<i>T</i> /K	223	298
crystal system	tetragonal	monoclinic
space group	<i>I</i> −4	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	9.324(2)	13.290(2)
<i>b</i> /Å	—	6.862(1)
<i>c</i> /Å	7.137(2)	13.353(2)
<i>β</i> /deg	—	92.855(5)
<i>V</i> /Å ³	620.5(2)	1217.5(3)
<i>Z</i>	2	4
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.317	1.501
$2\theta_{\text{max}}/\text{deg}$	49.98	57.62
Data completeness	0.993	—
F(000)	260	—
μ/mm^{-1}	1.317	—
$\lambda/\text{Å}$	0.71073	0.71073
<i>T</i> _{min} / <i>T</i> _{max}	0.5291/1.000	—
No. reflns collected, unique	4770, 540	—
No. reflns in refinement	4770	—
No. parameters, restraints	50,24	—
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0223	—
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>F</i> _o) ^a	0.0649	—
<i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>F</i> _o ²) ^b	0.1880	—
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.159	—
Largest difference peak, hole / e Å ^{−3}	0.244, −0.181	—
CCDC No.	1517064	—

^a $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ for $I > 2\sigma(I)$. ^b $wR_2 = \{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$ for $I > 2\sigma(I)$.

Table S2 Experimental and calculated XRD data and indices for the [N₂₂₂₂][BF₄]-[N₂₂₂₂][PF₆] binary system.

[N ₂₂₂₂][BF ₄] (Phase I, 373 K)							
	<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obs.} / Å	<i>d</i> _{calc.} / Å	2 <i>θ</i> _{obs.} / deg.	2 <i>θ</i> _{calc.} / deg.
	1	1	1	6.276	6.300	14.11	14.06
	2	0	0	5.477	5.457	16.18	16.24
	2	2	0	3.863	3.860	23.02	23.04
	3	1	1	3.292	3.293	27.08	27.08
	2	2	2	3.151	3.153	28.32	28.31

Cubic, *a* = 10.929(8), *V* = 1305.5(18)

[N ₂₂₂₂][BF ₄]:[N ₂₂₂₂][PF ₆] = 9:1 (Phase I, 373 K)						
<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obs.} / Å	<i>d</i> _{calc.} / Å	2 <i>θ</i> _{obs.} / deg.	2 <i>θ</i> _{calc.} / deg.
1	1	1	6.311	6.326	14.03	14.00
2	0	0	5.490	5.479	16.14	16.18
2	2	0	3.876	3.874	22.94	22.96
3	1	1	3.304	3.304	26.98	26.99
2	2	2	3.162	3.163	28.22	28.21

Cubic, *a* = 10.959(5), *V* = 1316.2(11)

[N ₂₂₂₂][BF ₄]:[N ₂₂₂₂][PF ₆] = 8:2 (Phase I, 373 K)						
<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obs.} / Å	<i>d</i> _{calc.} / Å	2 <i>θ</i> _{obs.} / deg.	2 <i>θ</i> _{calc.} / deg.
1	1	1	6.348	6.356	13.95	13.93
2	0	0	5.508	5.502	16.09	16.11
2	2	0	3.888	3.887	22.87	22.88
3	1	1	3.313	3.314	26.91	26.90
2	2	2	3.172	3.172	28.13	28.13

Cubic, *a* = 10.971(2), *V* = 1320.4(6)

[N ₂₂₂₂][BF ₄]:[N ₂₂₂₂][PF ₆] = 7:3 (Phase I, 373 K)							
	<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obs.} / Å	<i>d</i> _{calc.} / Å	2 <i>θ</i> _{obs.} / deg.	2 <i>θ</i> _{calc.} / deg.
	1	1	1	6.3966	6.3990	13.84	13.84
	2	0	0	5.5378	5.5367	16.00	16.01
	2	2	0	3.9097	3.9084	22.74	22.75
	3	1	1	3.3309	3.3311	26.76	26.76
	2	2	2	3.1884	3.1888	27.98	27.98
Cubic, <i>a</i> = 11.0109(11), <i>V</i> = 1335.0(2)							

[N ₂₂₂₂][BF ₄]:[N ₂₂₂₂][PF ₆] = 6:4 (Phase I, 373 K)							
<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obs.} / Å	<i>d</i> _{calc.} / Å	2 <i>θ</i> _{obs.} / deg.	2 <i>θ</i> _{calc.} / deg.	
1	1	1	6.3966	6.3998	13.84	13.84	
2	0	0	5.5447	5.5414	15.98	15.99	
2	2	0	3.9165	3.9170	22.70	22.70	
3	1	1	3.3407	3.3400	26.68	26.69	
2	2	2	3.1973	3.1978	27.90	27.90	
Cubic, <i>a</i> = 11.0701(15), <i>V</i> = 1356.6(3)							

[N ₂₂₂₂][BF ₄]:[N ₂₂₂₂][PF ₆] = 5:5 (Phase I, 373 K)							
	<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obs.} / Å	<i>d</i> _{calc.} / Å	2 <i>θ</i> _{obs.} / deg.	2 <i>θ</i> _{calc.} / deg.
	1	1	1	6.434	6.427	13.76	13.78
	2	0	0	5.558	5.564	15.94	15.93
	2	2	0	3.930	3.930	22.62	22.62
	3	1	1	3.351	3.351	26.60	26.60
	2	2	2	3.209	3.208	27.80	27.81
Cubic, <i>a</i> = 11.094(2), <i>V</i> = 1365.3(4)							

[N ₂₂₂₂][BF ₄]:[N ₂₂₂₂][PF ₆] = 4:6 (Phase I, 373 K)							
	<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obs.} / Å	<i>d</i> _{calc.} / Å	2 <i>θ</i> _{obs.} / deg.	2 <i>θ</i> _{calc.} / deg.
	1	1	1	6.4616	6.4618	13.70	13.70
	2	0	0	5.5933	5.5931	15.84	15.85
	2	2	0	3.9508	3.9509	22.50	22.50
	3	1	1	3.3679	3.3681	26.46	26.46
	2	2	2	3.2245	3.2244	27.66	27.67
Cubic, <i>a</i> = 11.1481(2), <i>V</i> = 1385.48(4)							

[N ₂₂₂₂][BF ₄]:[N ₂₂₂₂][PF ₆] = 3:7 (Phase I, 373 K)							
	<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obs.} / Å	<i>d</i> _{calc.} / Å	2 <i>θ</i> _{obs.} / deg.	2 <i>θ</i> _{calc.} / deg.
	1	1	1	6.4616	6.4599	13.70	13.71
	2	0	0	5.5933	5.5952	15.84	15.84
	2	2	0	3.9578	3.9574	22.46	22.47
	3	1	1	3.3754	3.3752	26.40	26.41
	2	2	2	3.2314	3.2316	27.60	27.60
Cubic, <i>a</i> = 11.2001(8), <i>V</i> = 1404.97(17)							

[N ₂₂₂₂][BF ₄]:[N ₂₂₂₂][PF ₆] = 2:8 (Phase I, 373 K)						
<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obs.} / Å	<i>d</i> _{calc.} / Å	2 <i>θ</i> _{obs.} / deg.	2 <i>θ</i> _{calc.} / deg.
1	1	1	6.518	6.517	13.58	13.59
2	0	0	5.636	5.640	15.72	15.71
2	2	0	3.986	3.982	22.30	22.32
3	1	1	3.396	3.395	26.24	26.25
2	2	2	3.248	3.250	27.46	27.45

Cubic, *a* = 11.227(3), *V* = 1415.2(7)

[N ₂₂₂₂][BF ₄]:[N ₂₂₂₂][PF ₆] = 1:9 (Phase I, 373 K)						
<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obs.} / Å	<i>d</i> _{calc.} / Å	2 <i>θ</i> _{obs.} / deg.	2 <i>θ</i> _{calc.} / deg.
1	1	1	6.5376	6.5368	13.54	13.55
2	0	0	5.6572	5.6589	15.66	15.66
2	2	0	4.0000	3.9986	22.22	22.23
3	1	1	3.4084	3.4091	26.14	26.14
2	2	2	3.2639	3.2638	27.32	27.33
Cubic, <i>a</i> = 11.2907(12), <i>V</i> = 1439.3(2)						

[N ₂₂₂₂][PF ₆] (Phase I, 373 K)							
	<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> _{obs.} / Å	<i>d</i> _{calc.} / Å	2 <i>θ</i> _{obs.} / deg.	2 <i>θ</i> _{calc.} / deg.
	1	1	1	6.5472	6.5491	13.52	13.52
	2	0	0	5.6716	5.6700	15.62	15.63
	2	2	0	4.0071	4.0070	22.18	22.19
	3	1	1	3.4161	3.4164	26.08	26.08
	2	2	2	3.2709	3.2708	27.26	27.27
Cubic, <i>a</i> = 11.3179(7), <i>V</i> = 1449.78(16)							

Table S2 Raman data for $\nu_s(\text{NC}_4)$ in $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]$.

Temperature / K	Conformation	Raman shift	FWHM
$[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]$ (Transition point: 340 K)			
373	<i>TT</i>	671.8	3.1
348	<i>TT</i>	672.0	3.1
333	<i>TG</i>	660.9	3.2
313	<i>TG</i>	661.3	3.0
298	<i>TG</i>	661.6	3.0

Lorentz function: $f(x) = h / \{1 + (x-u)^2/w^2\} + b$

h = peak intensity, u = peak position, w = full width at half maximum, b = background

Table S3 Raman data for $\nu_s(\text{NC}_4)$ in $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4] - [\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 5:5$.

Temperature / K	Conformation	Raman shift	FWHM
$[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4] - [\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 5:5$ (Transition point: 323 K)			
373	<i>TT</i>	671.1	2.7
348	<i>TT</i>	671.6	2.8
333	<i>TT</i>	671.8	3.0
313	<i>TG / TT</i>	659.7 / 672.0	3.6 / 2.5
298	<i>TG</i>	659.9	2.8

Lorentz function: $f(x) = h / \{1 + (x-u)^2/w^2\} + b$

h = peak intensity, u = peak position, w = full width at half maximum, b = background

Table S4 Raman data for $\nu_s(\text{NC}_4)$ in $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6]$.

Temperature / K	Conformation	Raman shift	FWHM
$[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6]$ (Transition point: 345 K)			
373	<i>TT</i>	671.5	3.2
348	<i>TT</i>	671.8	3.0
333	<i>TG</i>	659.7	3.3
313	<i>TG</i>	660.0	3.2
298	<i>TG</i>	660.0	3.1

Lorentz function: $f(x) = h / \{1 + (x-u)^2/w^2\} + b$

h = peak intensity, u = peak position, w = full width at half maximum, b = background

Table S5 Raman data for $\nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$ in $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]$.

Temperature / K	Mode	Raman shift	FWHM
$[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]$ (Transition point: 340 K)			
373	$\nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$	762.4	1.5
348	$\nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$	762.5	1.4
333	$\nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$	764.4	1.3
313	$\nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$	764.6	1.2
298	$\nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$	764.7	1.4

Lorentz function: $f(x) = h / \{1 + (x-u)^2/w^2\} + b$

h = peak intensity, u = peak position, w = full width at half maximum, b = background

Table S6 Raman data for $\nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$ and $\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-)$ in the $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]$ - $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6]$ = 5:5.

Temperature / K	Mode	Raman shift	FWHM
$[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4] - [\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6]$ = 5:5 (Transition point: 323 K)			
373	$\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-) / \nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$	739.2 / 761.7	1.9 / 1.4
348	$\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-) / \nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$	739.6 / 762.0	1.8 / 1.4
333	$\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-) / \nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$	739.7 / 762.0	1.8 / 1.4
313	$\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-) / \nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$	741.0 / 762.5	2.2 / 1.4
298	$\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-) / \nu_1(\text{BF}_4^-)$	742.7 / 763.3	1.7 / 1.3

Lorentz function: $f(x) = h / \{1 + (x-u)^2/w^2\} + b$

h = peak intensity, u = peak position, w = full width at half maximum, b = background

Table S7 Raman data for $\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-)$ in $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6]$.

Temperature / K	Mode	Raman shift	FWHM
$[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6]$ (Transition point: 345 K)			
373	$\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-)$	739.8	1.9
348	$\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-)$	740.0	1.9
333	$\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-)$	741.1	1.7
313	$\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-)$	741.5	1.7
298	$\nu_1(\text{PF}_6^-)$	741.5	1.7

Lorentz function: $f(x) = h / \{1 + (x-u)^2/w^2\} + b$

h = peak intensity, u = peak position, w = full width at half maximum, b = background

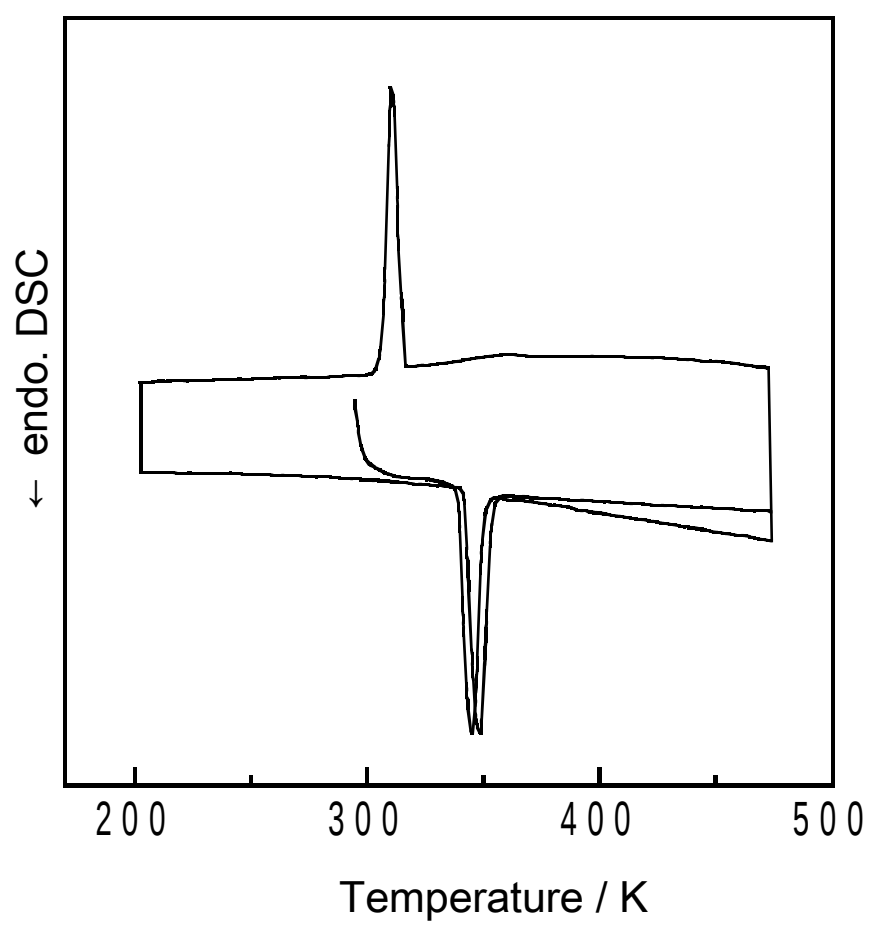


Fig. S1 Differential scanning calorimetric curve for $[N_{2222}][BF_4]$. Scan rate: 5 K min^{-1}

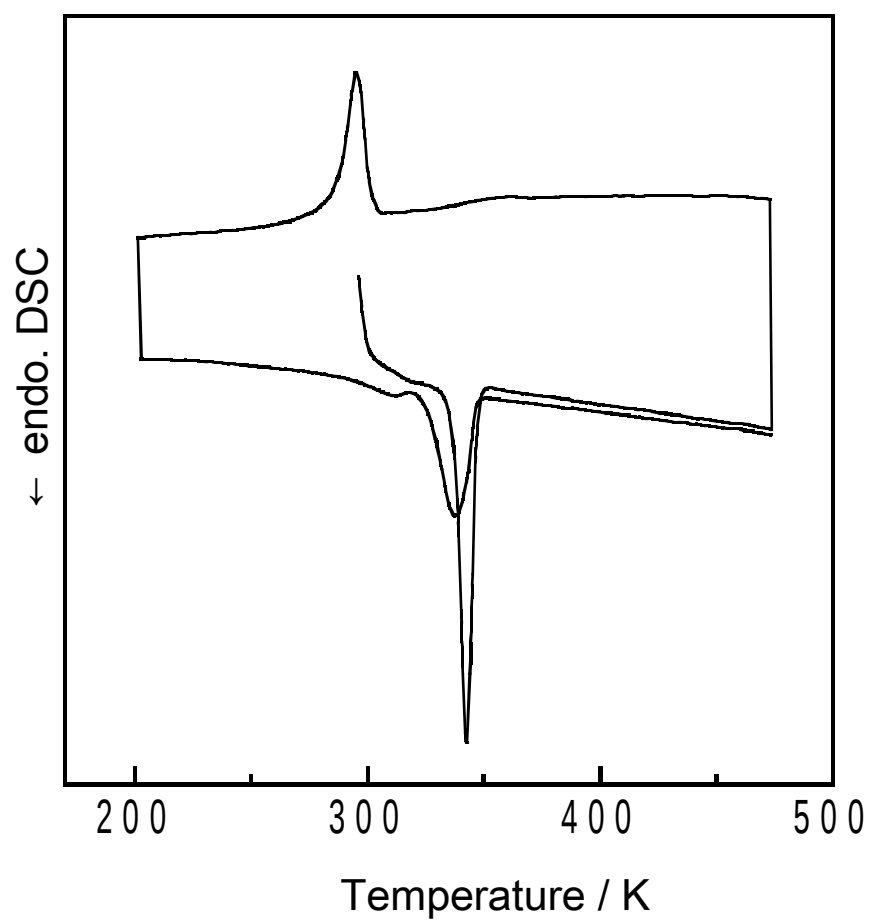


Fig. S2 Differential scanning calorimetric curve for $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4] - [\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 9:1$. Scan rate: 5 K min^{-1}

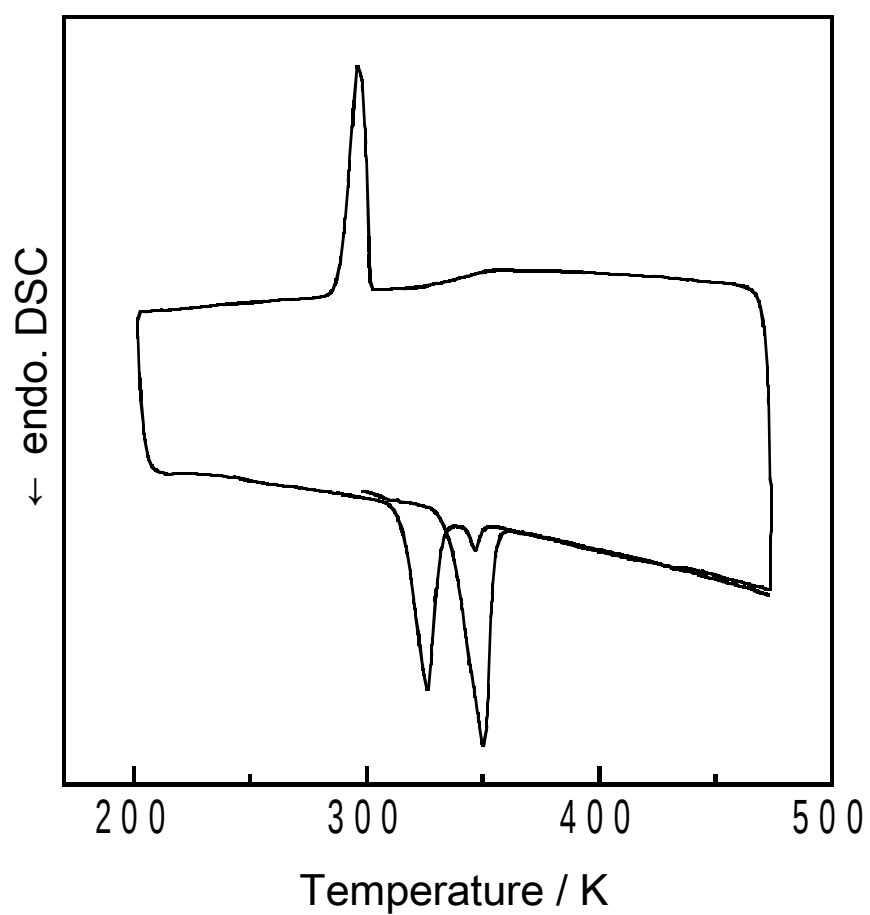


Fig. S3 Differential scanning calorimetric curve for $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4] - [\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 8:2$. Scan rate: 5 K min^{-1}

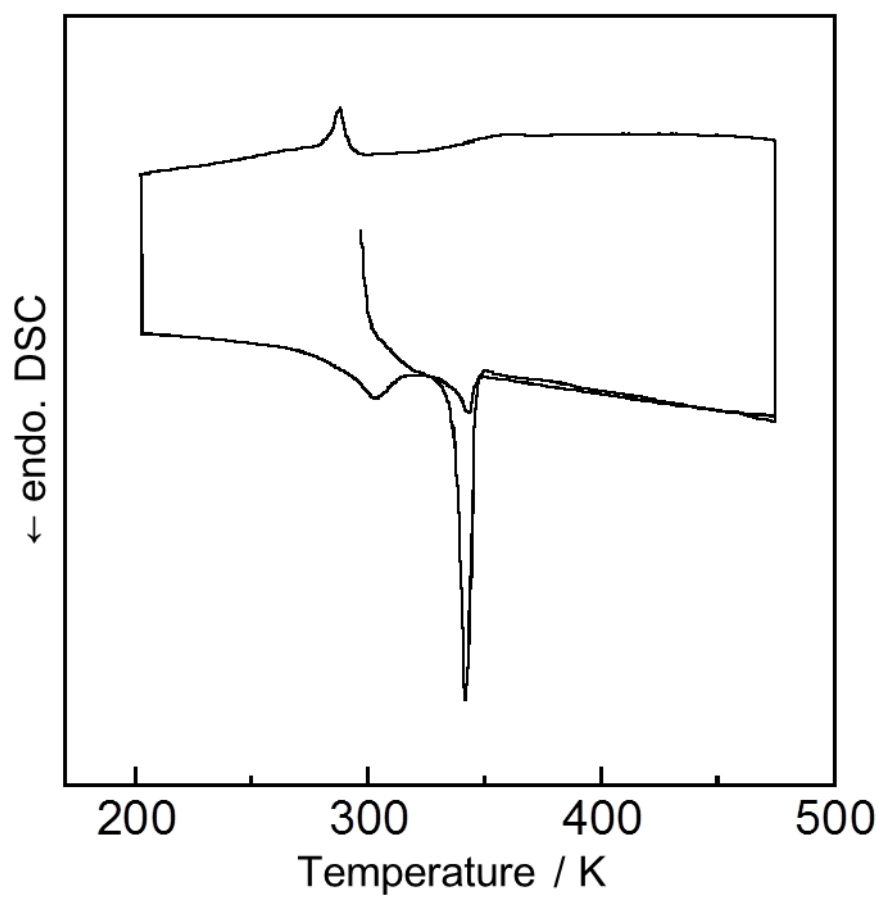


Fig. S4 Differential scanning calorimetric curve for $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4] - [\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 7:3$. Scan rate: 5 K min^{-1}

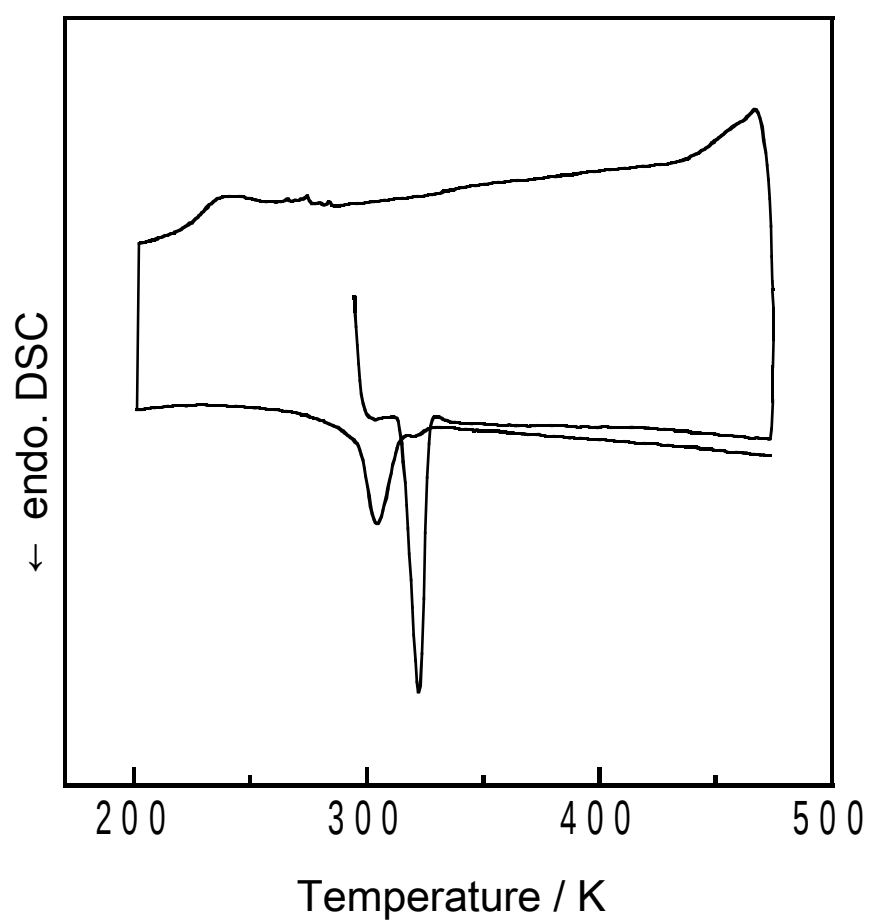


Fig. S5 Differential scanning calorimetric curve for $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4] - [\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 6:4$. Scan rate: 5 K min^{-1}

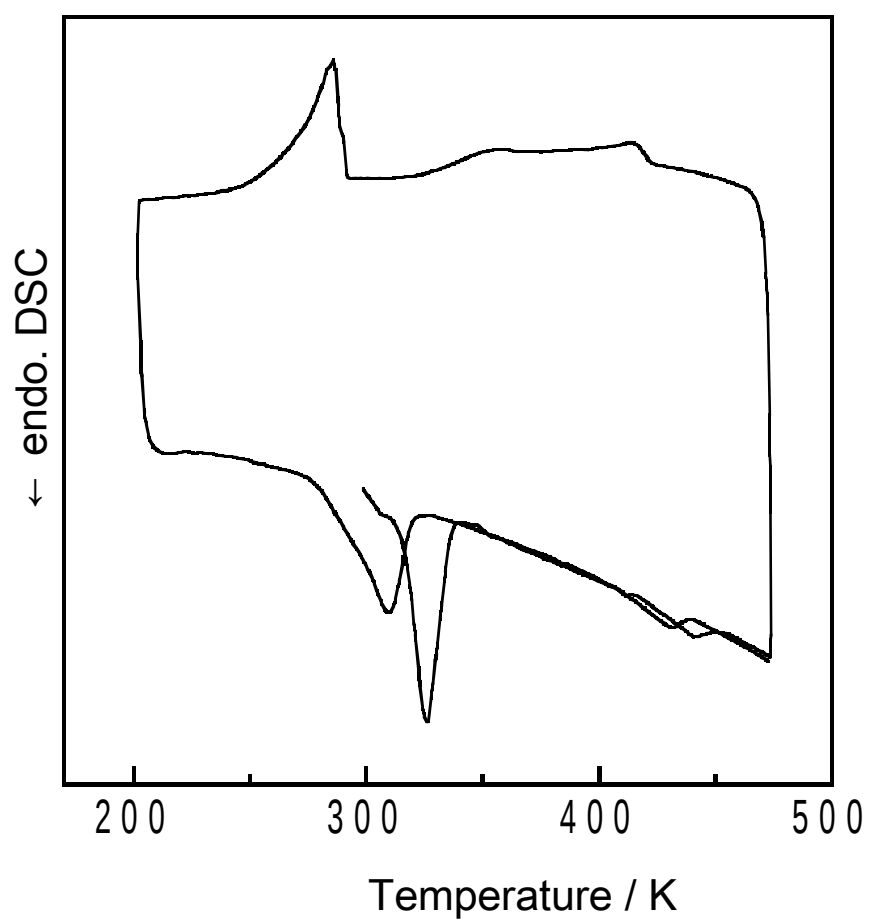


Fig. S6 Differential scanning calorimetric curve for $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4] - [\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 5:5$. Scan rate: 5 K min^{-1}

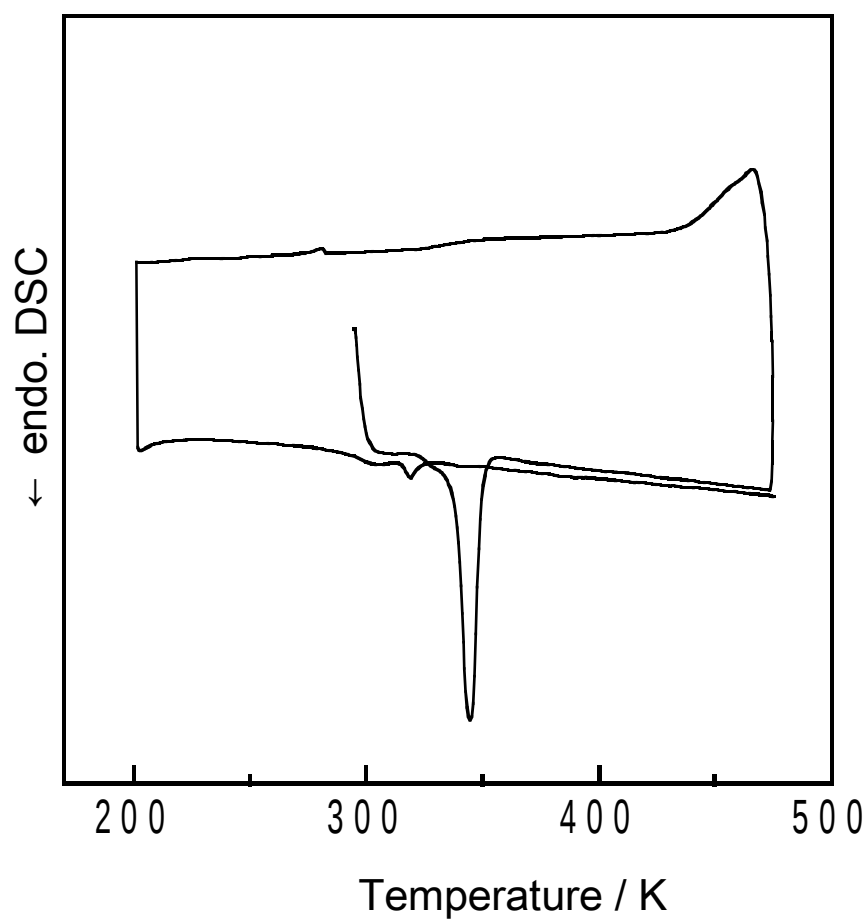


Fig. S7 Differential scanning calorimetric curve for $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4] - [\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 4:6$. Scan rate: 5 K min^{-1}

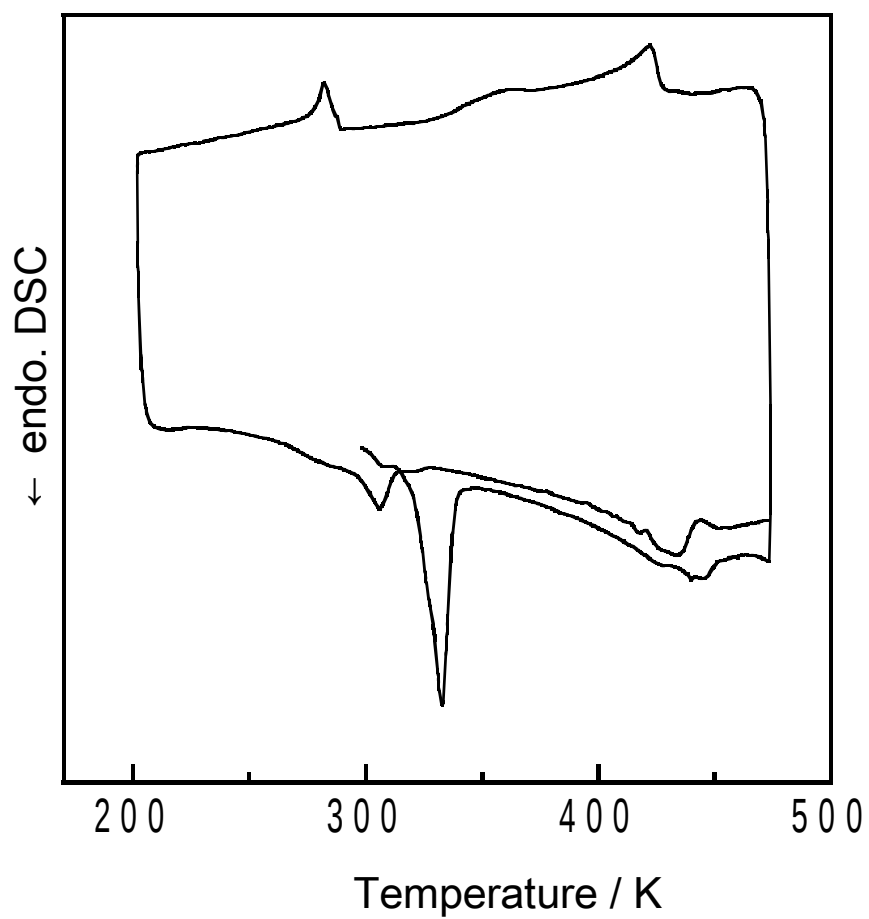


Fig. S8 Differential scanning calorimetric curve for $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4] - [\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 3:7$. Scan rate: 5 K min^{-1} . The endothermic peak around 440 K is considered as artifact.

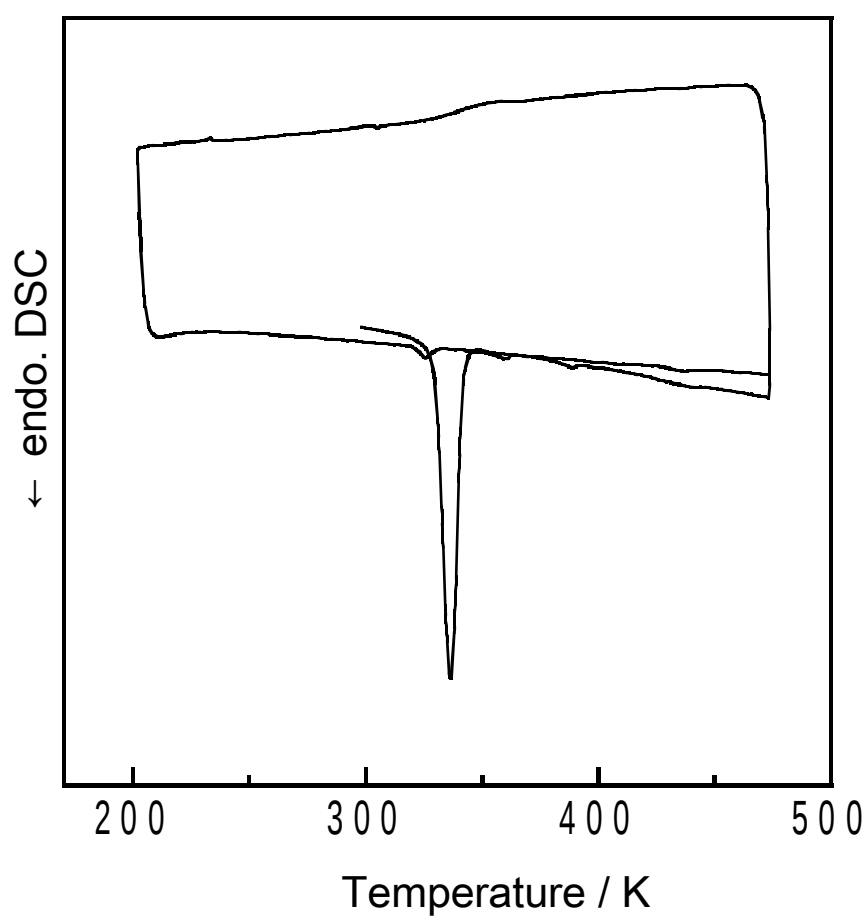


Fig. S9 Differential scanning calorimetric curve for $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4] - [\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 2:8$. Scan rate: 5 K min^{-1}

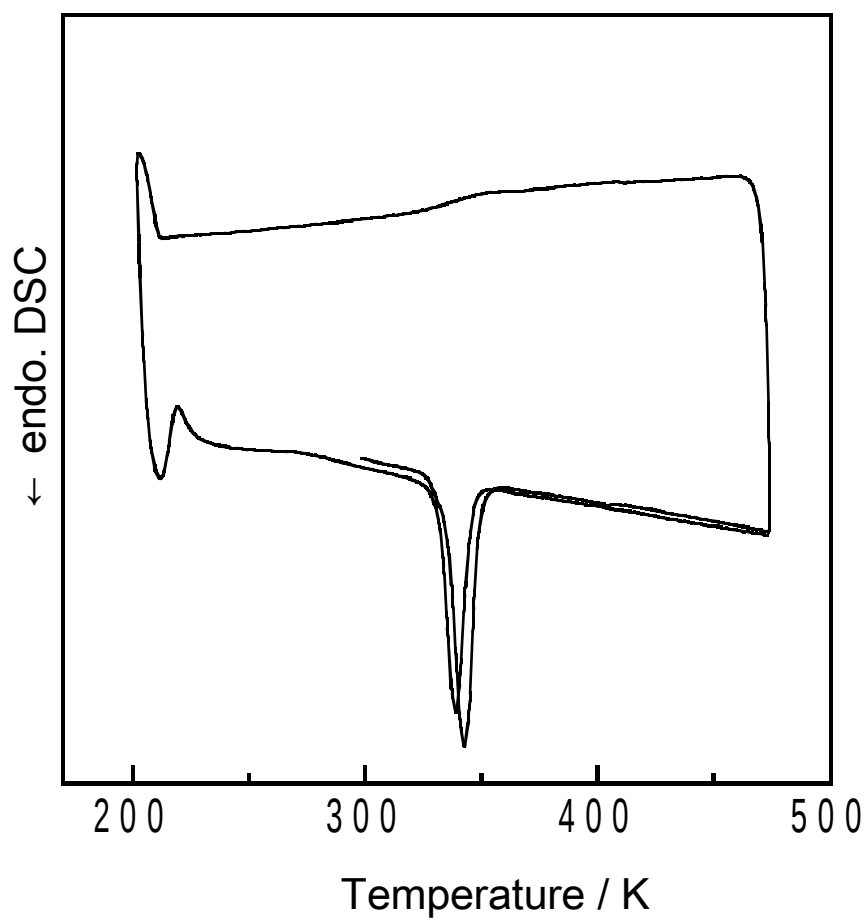


Fig. S10 Differential scanning calorimetric curve for [N₂₂₂₂][BF₄] – [N₂₂₂₂][PF₆] = 1:9. Scan rate: 5 K min⁻¹

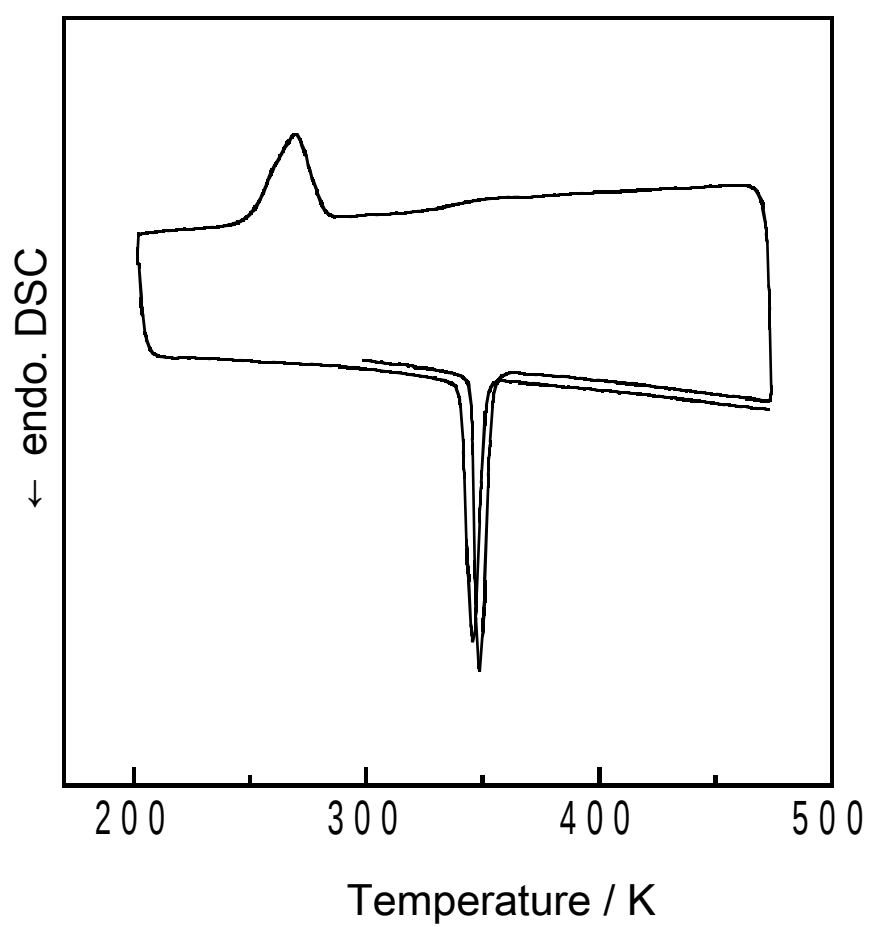


Fig. S11 Differential scanning calorimetric curve for $[N_{2222}][PF_6]$. Scan rate: 5 K min^{-1}

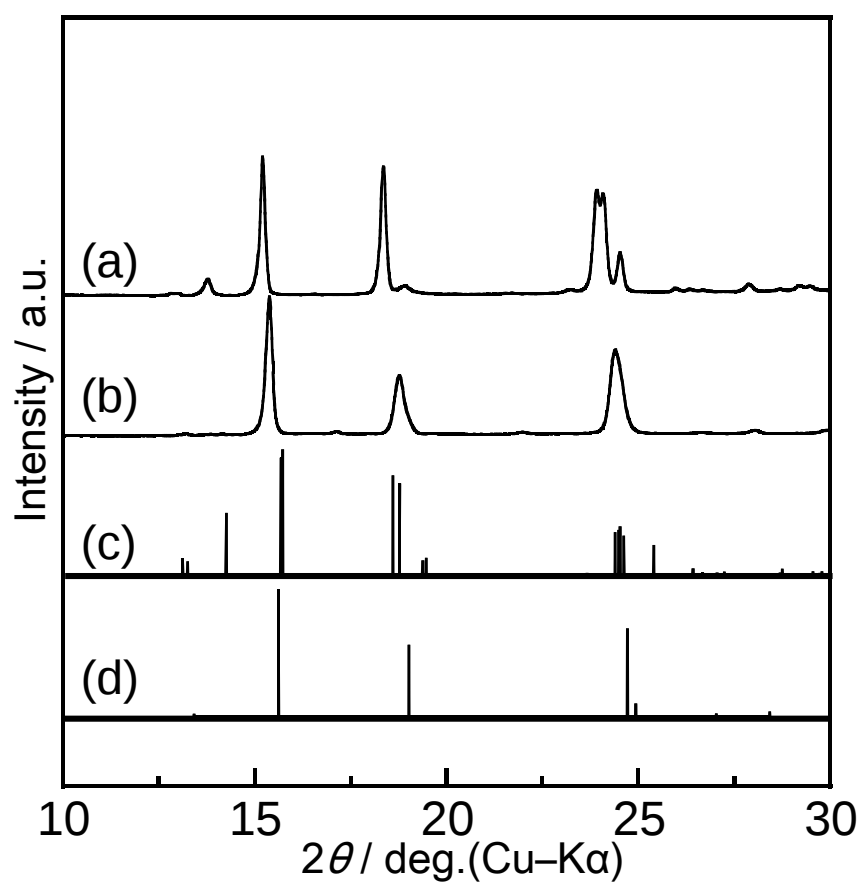


Fig. S12 X-ray diffraction patterns of (a) $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6]$ obtained 298 K, (b) $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]:[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 5:5$ obtained at 298 K, (c) $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6]$ simulated from the crystal structure determined at 220 K,¹ and (d) simulated $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]_{0.504}[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6]_{0.496}$ simulated from the crystal structure determined at 223 K. The pattern (b) is well reproduced by the pattern (d) by considering the lattice expansion from 223 K to 298 K.

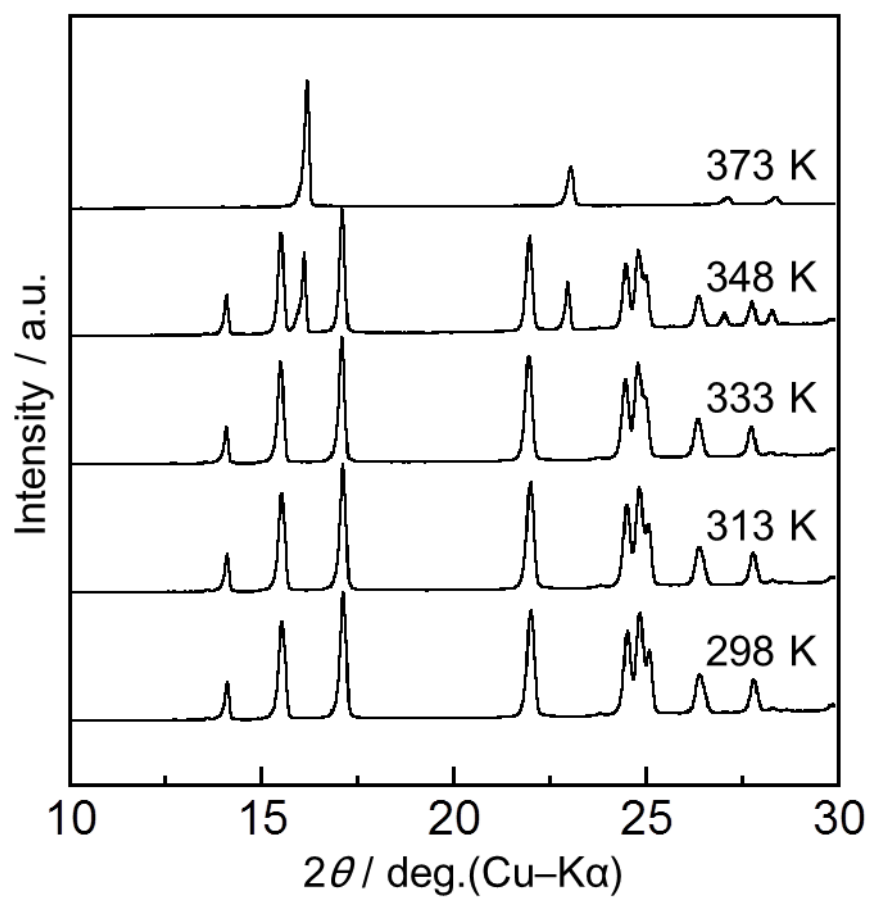


Fig. S13 Powder XRD patterns of $[N_{2222}][BF_4]$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

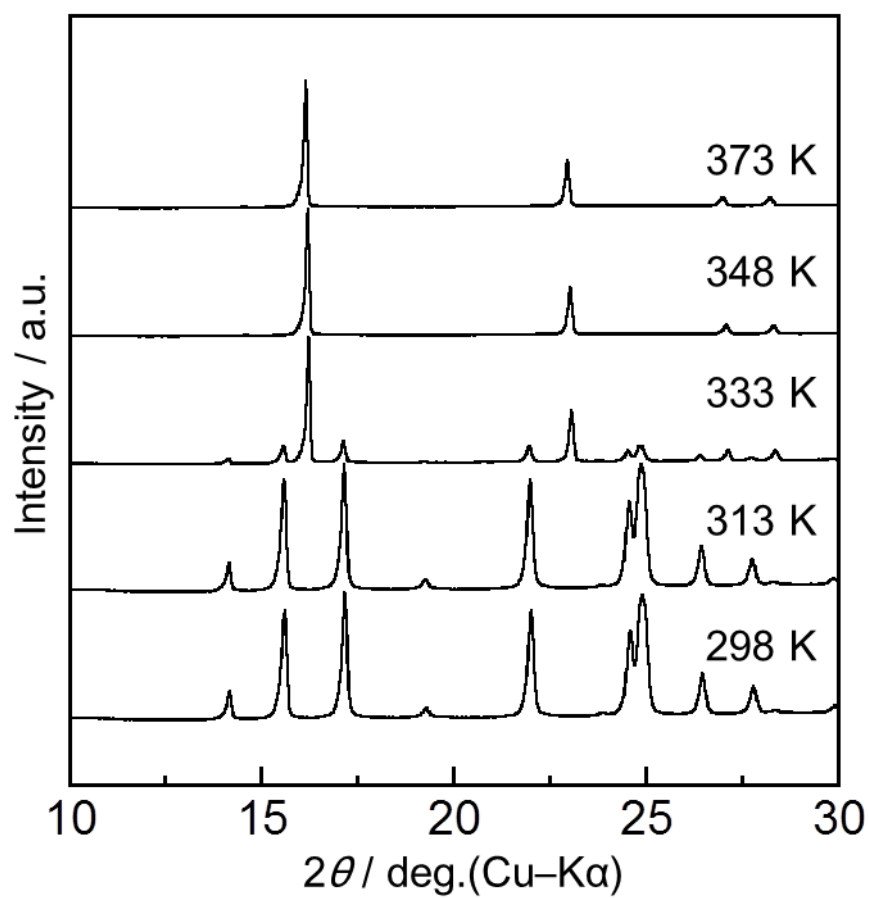


Fig. S14 Powder XRD patterns of $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]:[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 9:1$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

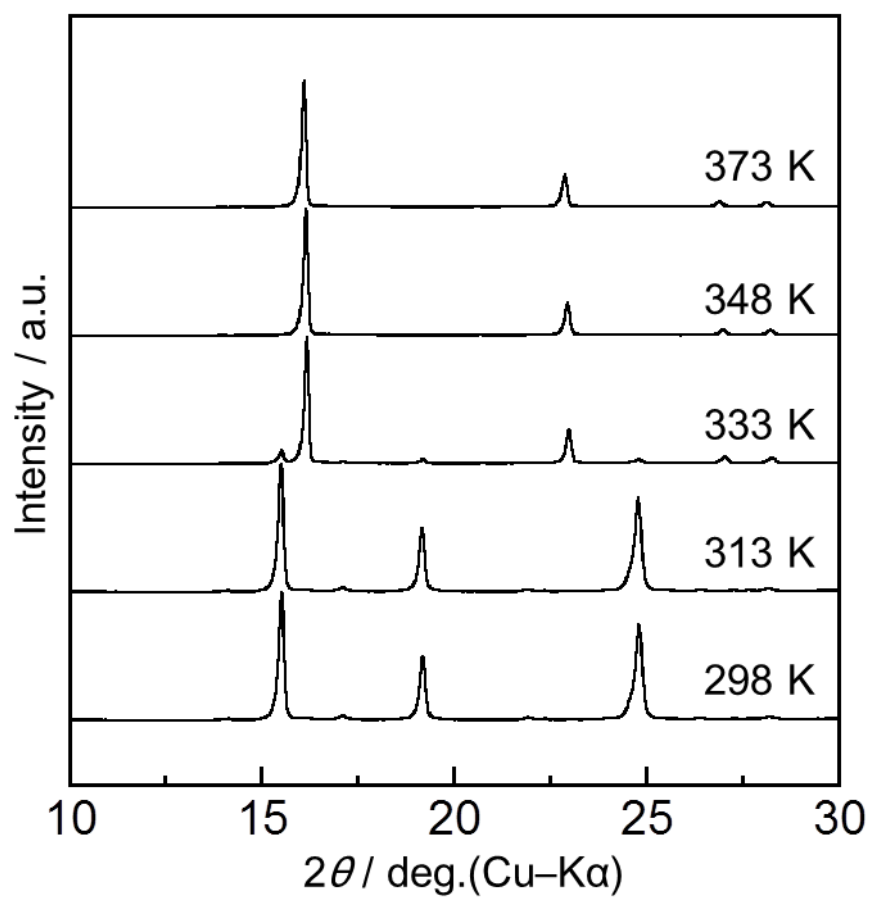


Fig. S15 Powder XRD patterns of $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]:[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 8:2$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

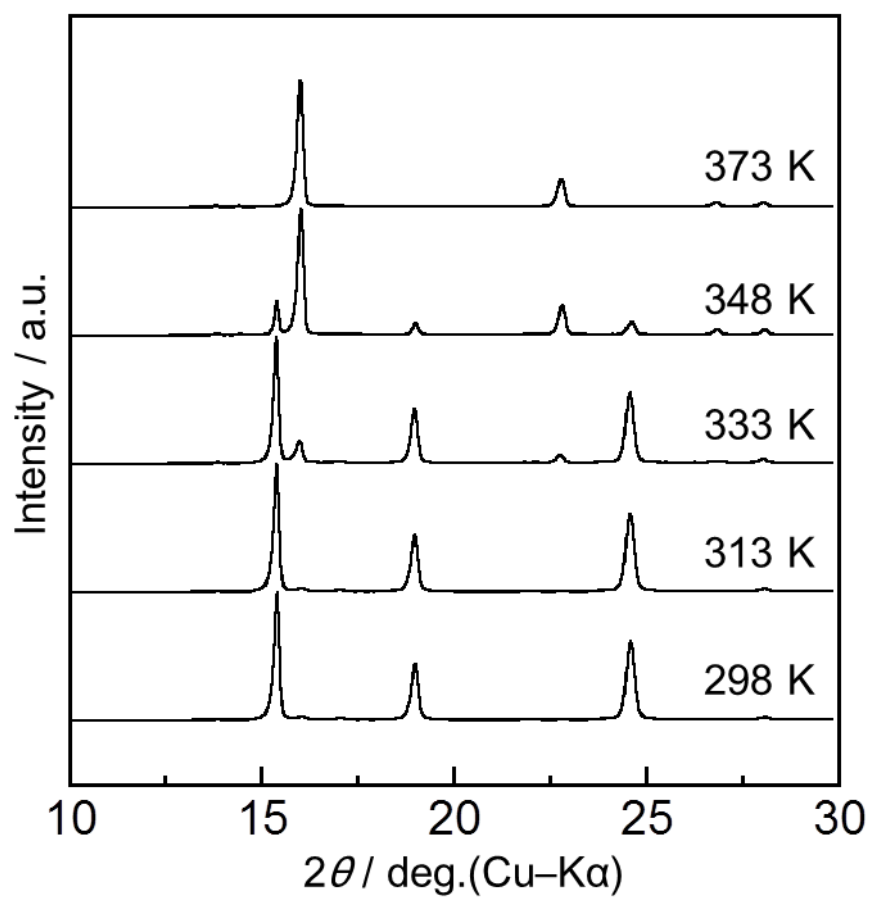


Fig. S16 Powder XRD patterns of $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]:[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 7:3$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

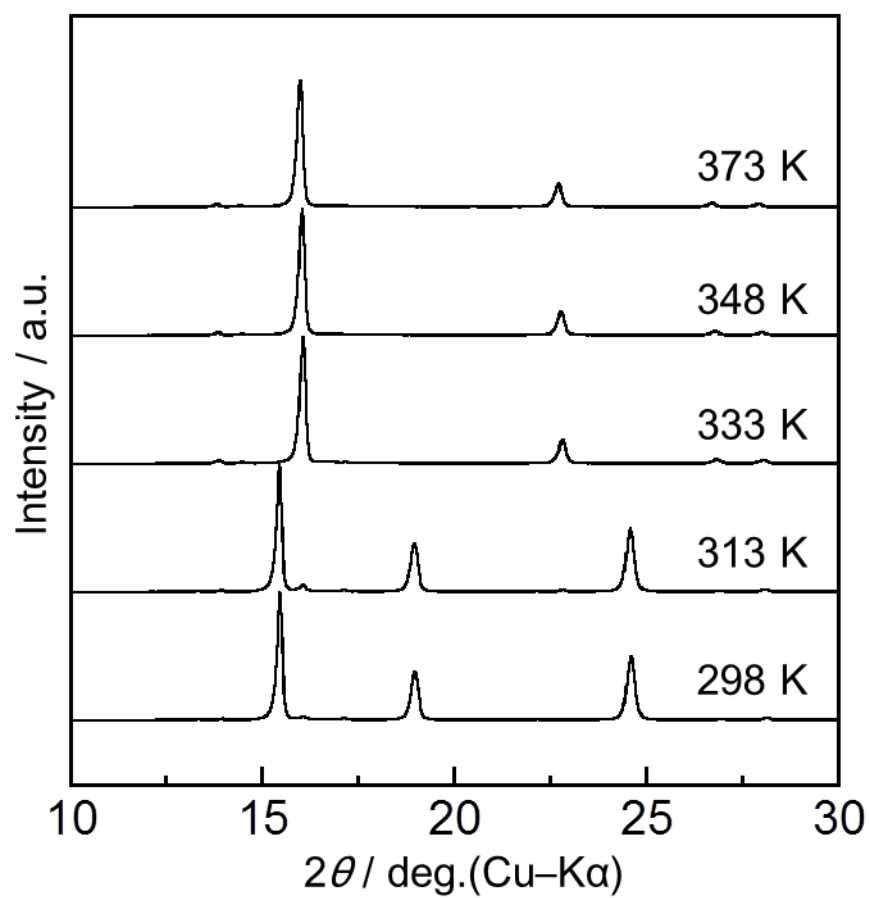


Fig. S17 Powder XRD patterns of $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]:[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 6:4$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

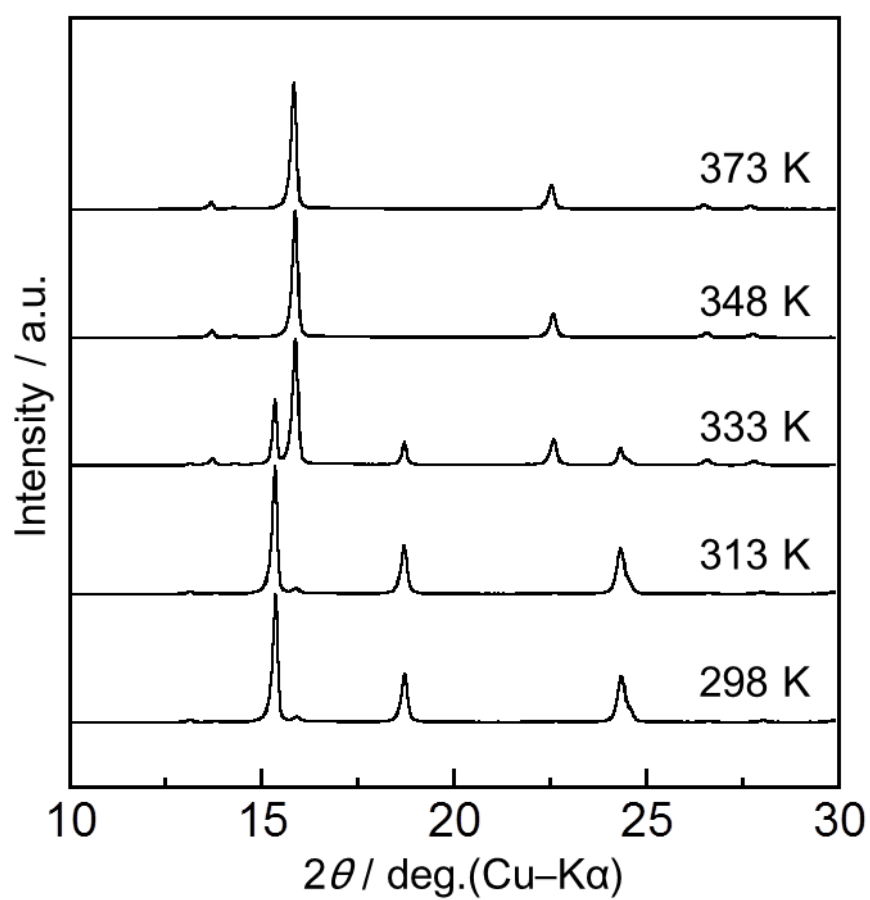


Fig. S18 Powder XRD patterns of $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]:[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 4:6$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

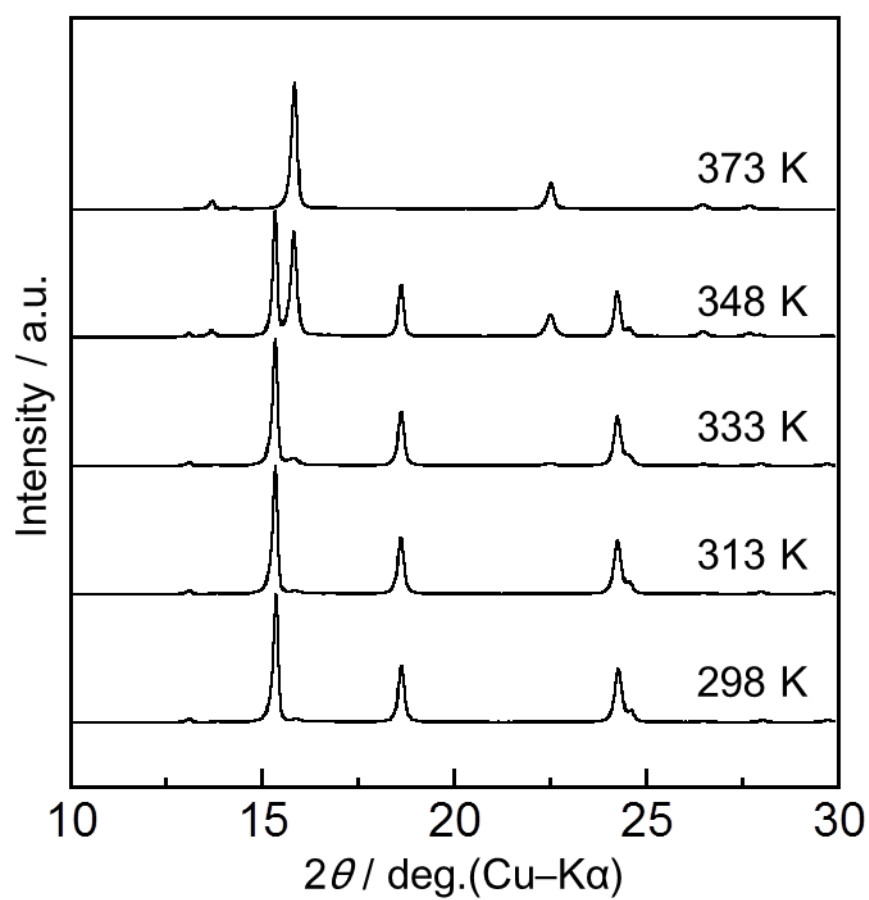


Fig. S19 Powder XRD patterns of $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]:[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 3:7$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

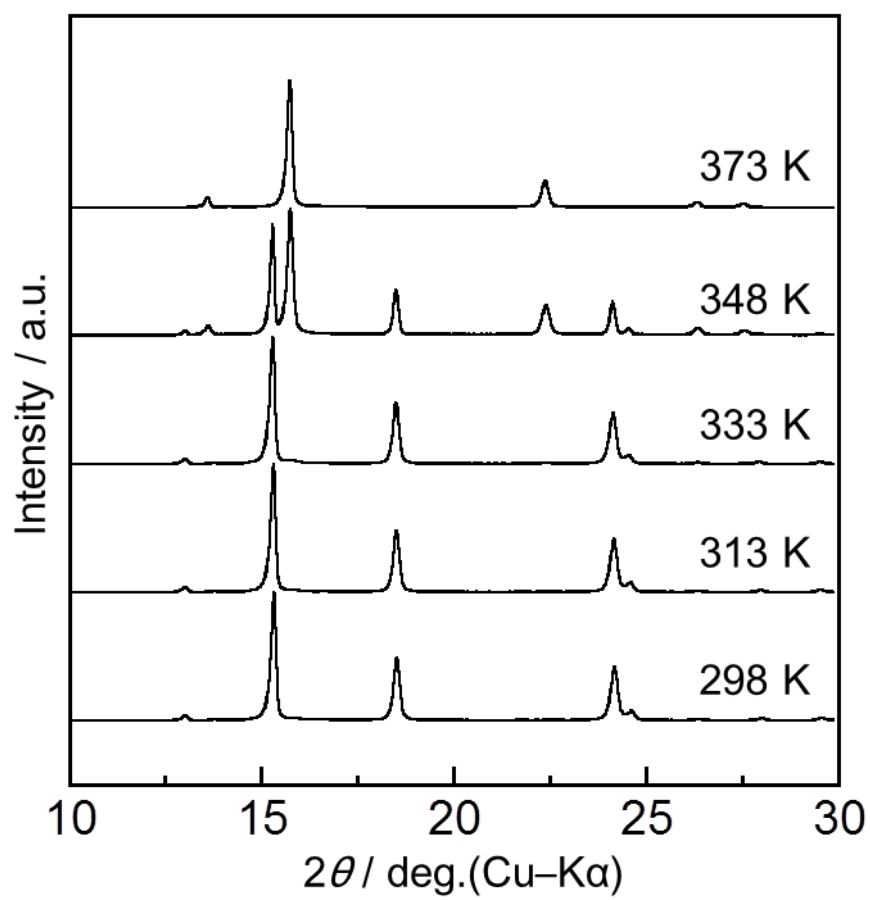


Fig. S20 Powder XRD patterns of $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]:[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 2:8$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

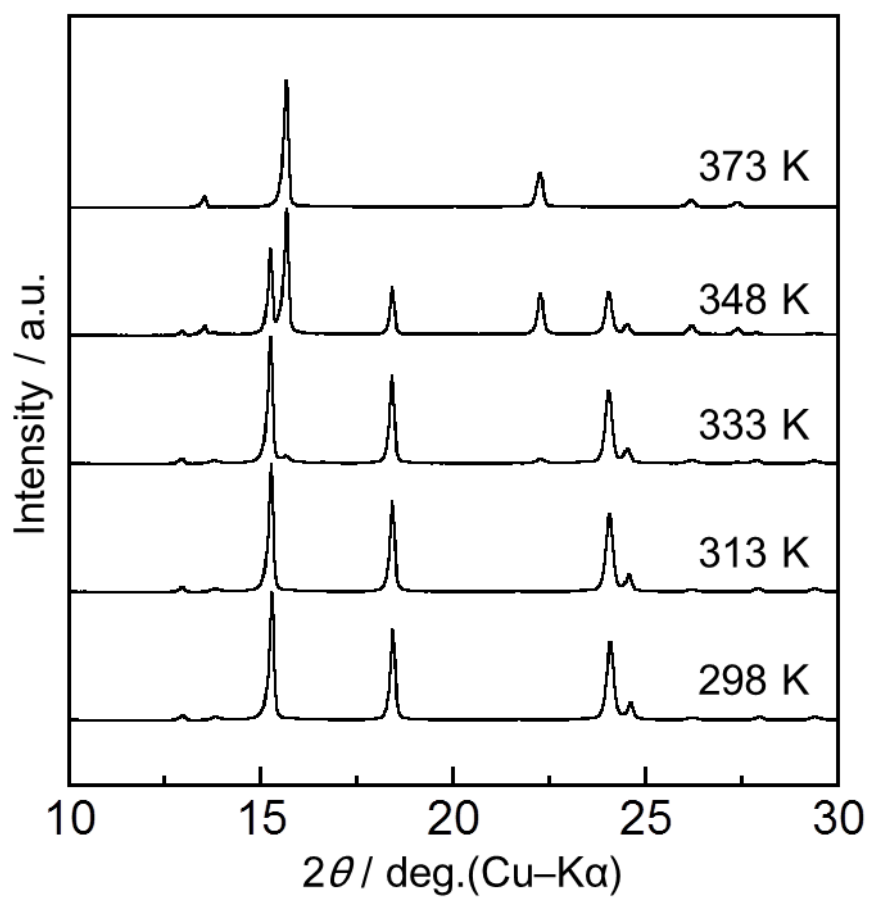


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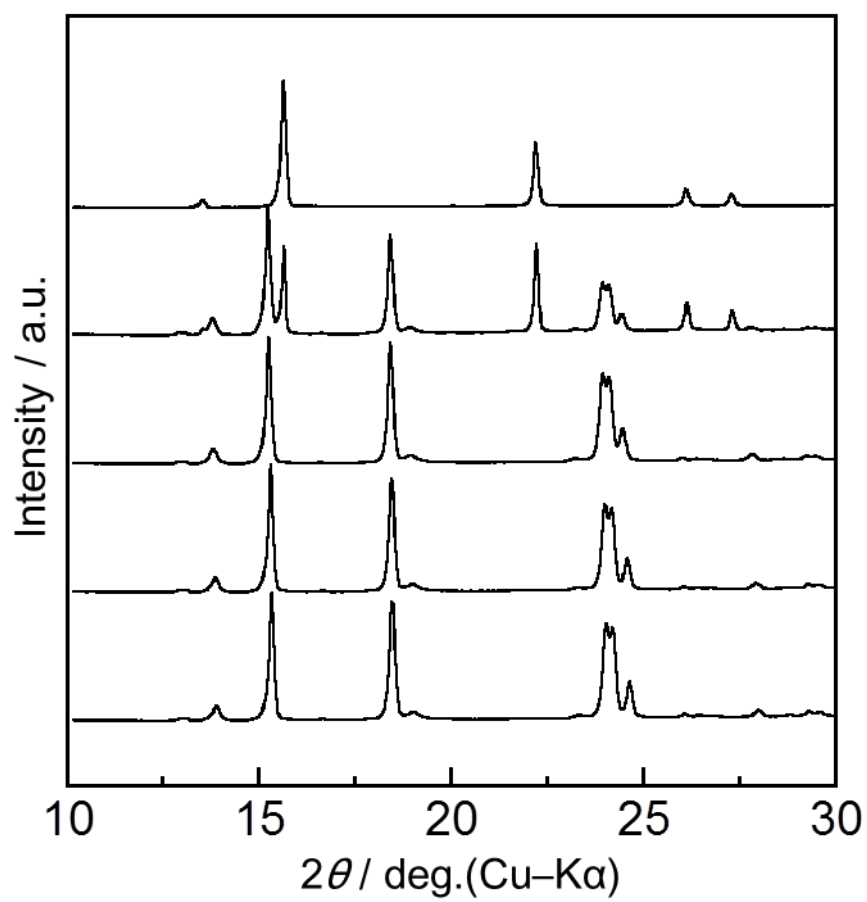


Fig. S22 Powder XRD patterns of $[N_{2222}][PF_6]$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

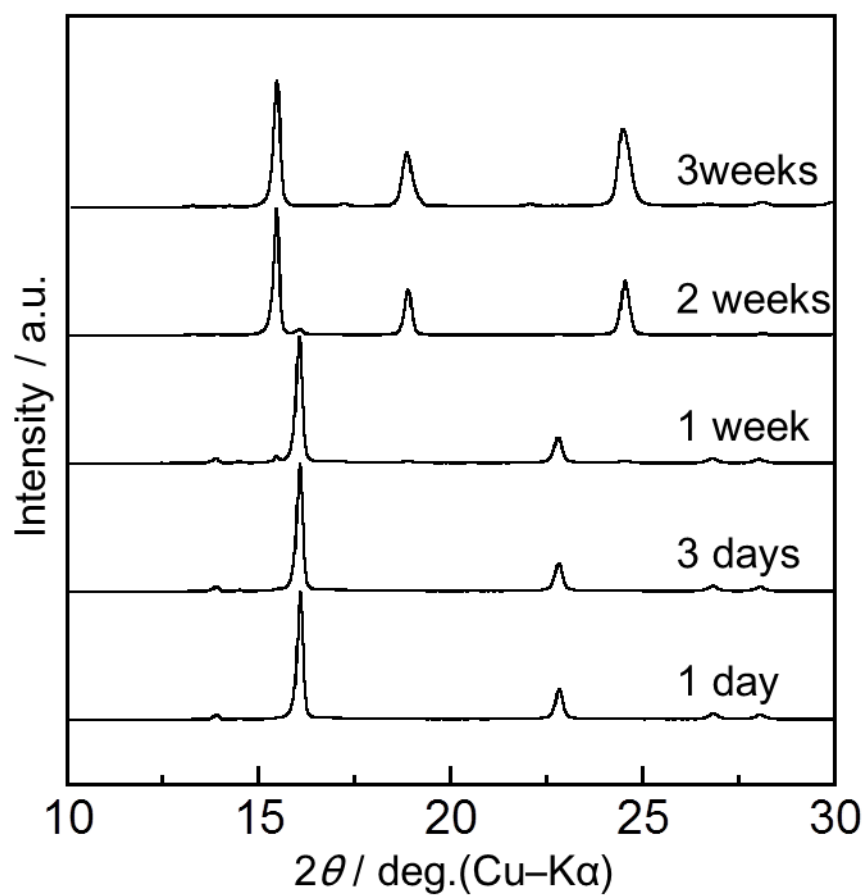


Fig. S23 Powder XRD patterns of $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]:[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 5:5$ at 298 K measured 1 day, 3 days, 1 week, 2 weeks, and 3 weeks after heat treatment at 473 K.

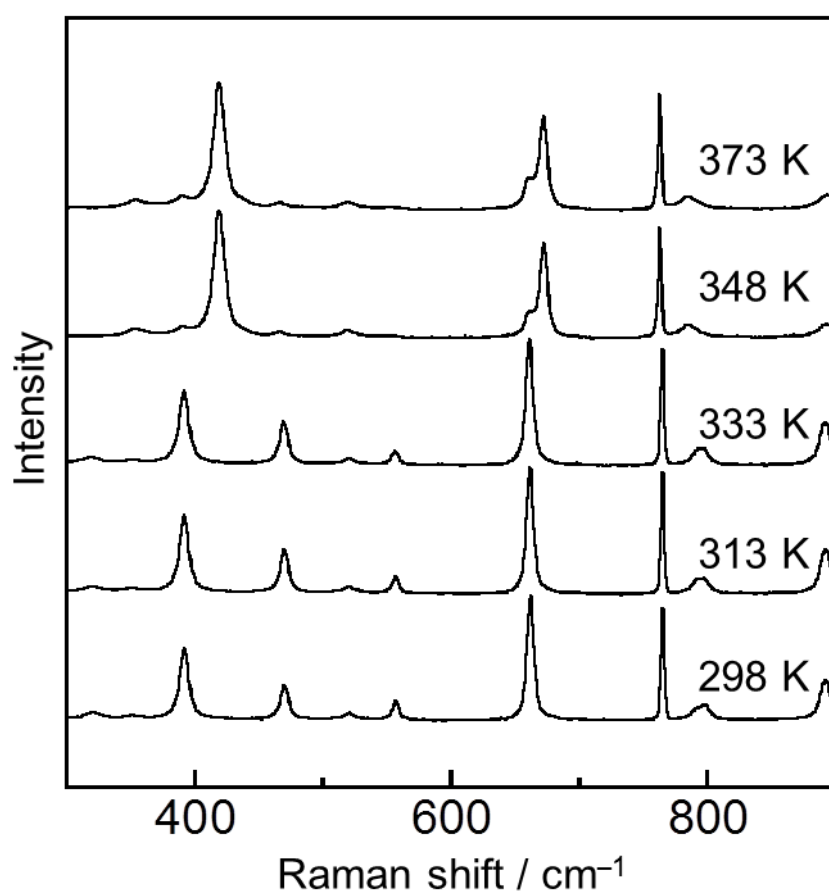


Fig. S24 Raman spectra for $[N_{222}][BF_4]$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

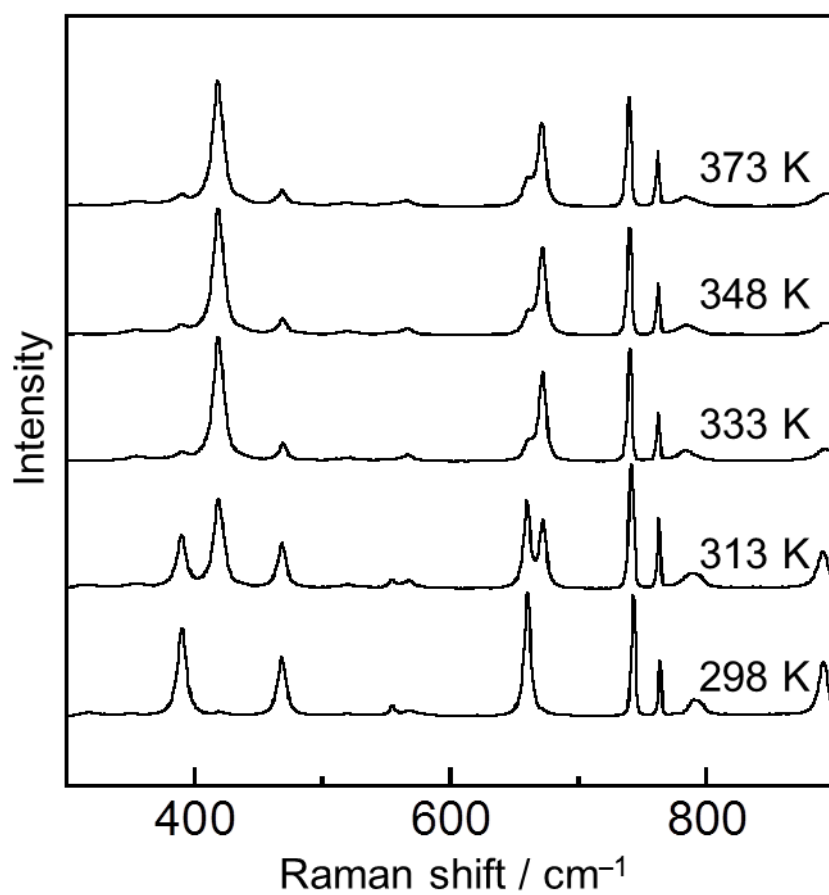


Fig. S25 Raman spectra for $[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{BF}_4]:[\text{N}_{2222}][\text{PF}_6] = 5:5$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

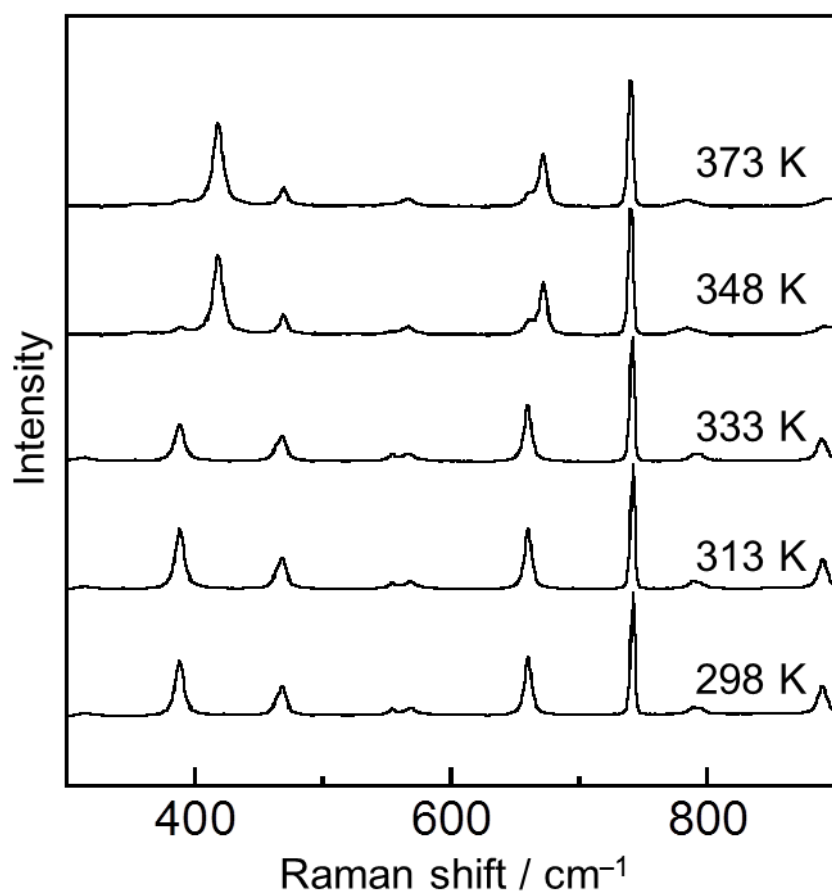


Fig. S26 Raman spectra for $[N_{2222}][PF_6]$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

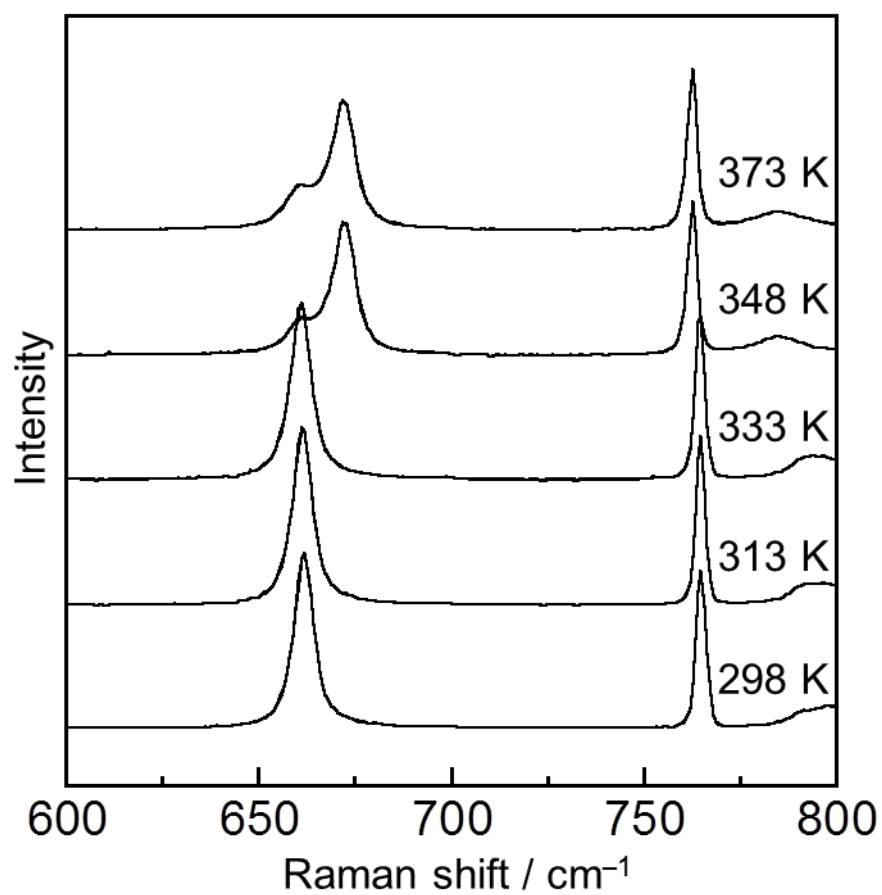


Fig. S27 Raman spectra in the range of 600–800 cm^{-1} for $[N_{2222}][BF_4]$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

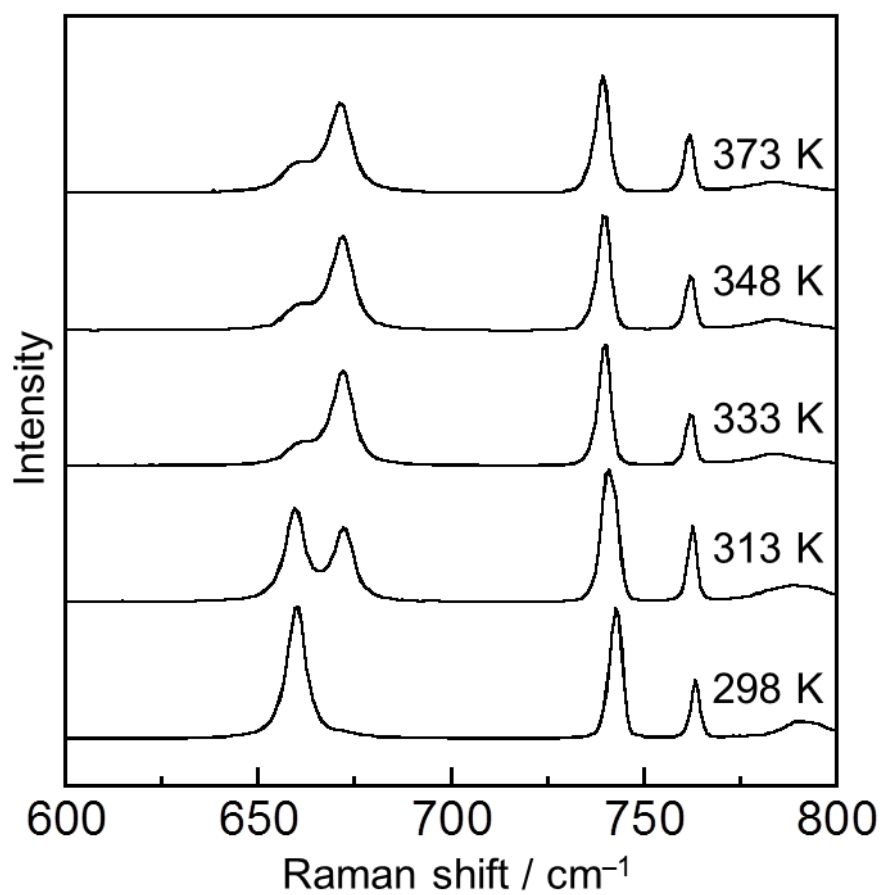


Fig. S28 Raman spectra in the range of 600 – 800 cm⁻¹ for [N₂₂₂₂][BF₄]:[N₂₂₂₂][PF₆] = 5:5 at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

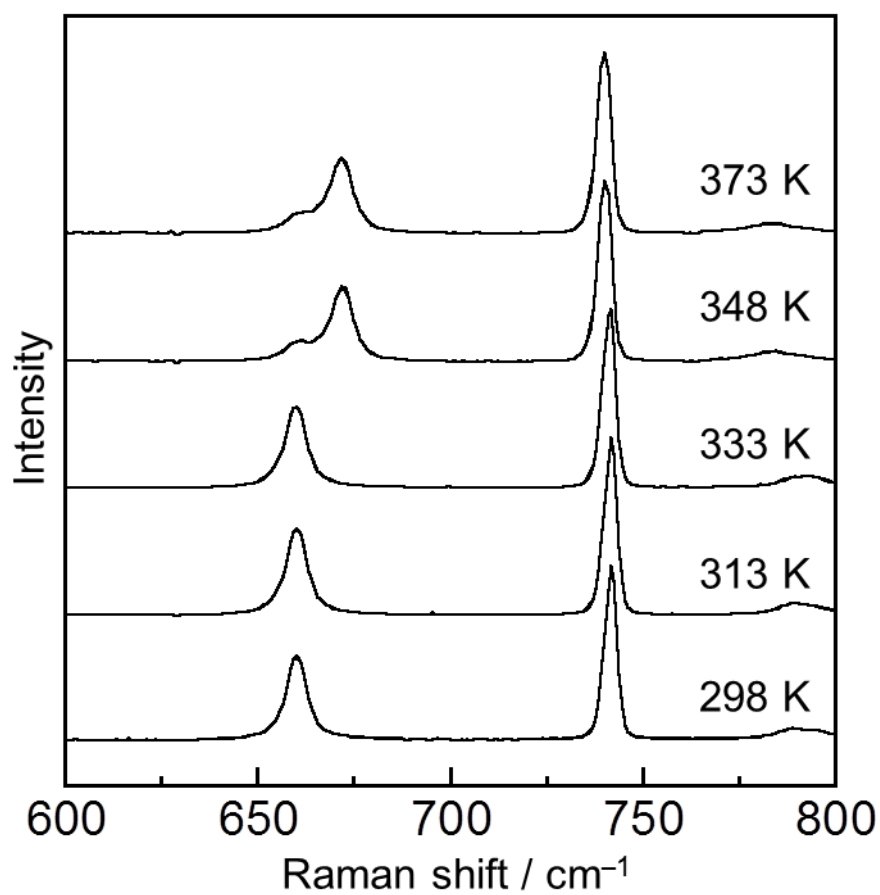


Fig. S29 Raman spectra in the range of 600–800 cm^{-1} for $[N_{2222}][PF_6]$ at 298 K, 313 K, 333 K, 348 K, and 373 K.

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