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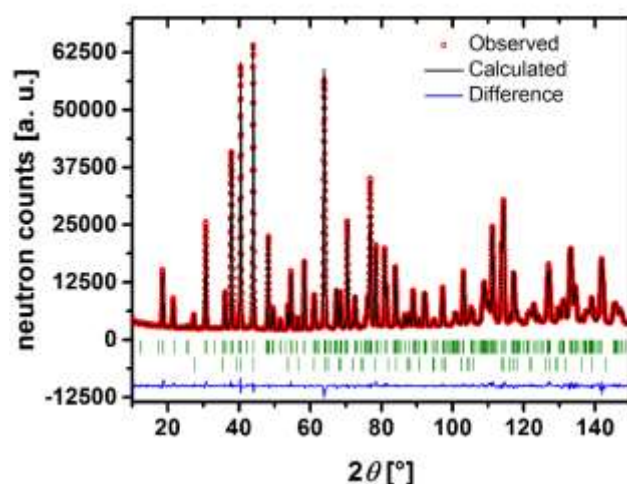
### Lanthanide luminescence as a local probe in mixed anionic hydrides – A case study on $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -doped $\text{RbMgH}_x\text{F}_{3-x}$ and $\text{KMgH}_x\text{F}_{3-x}$

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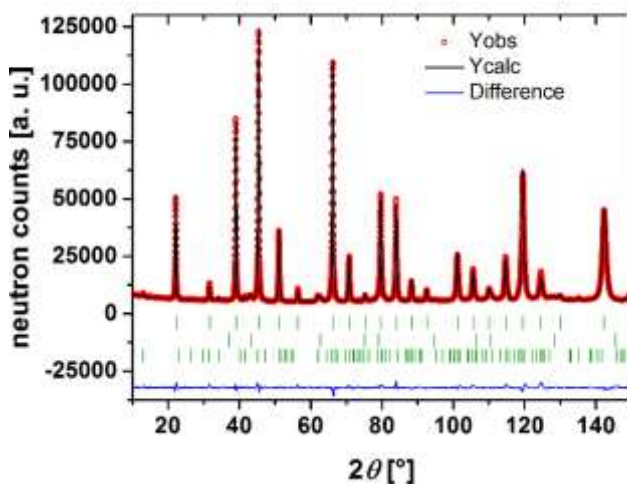
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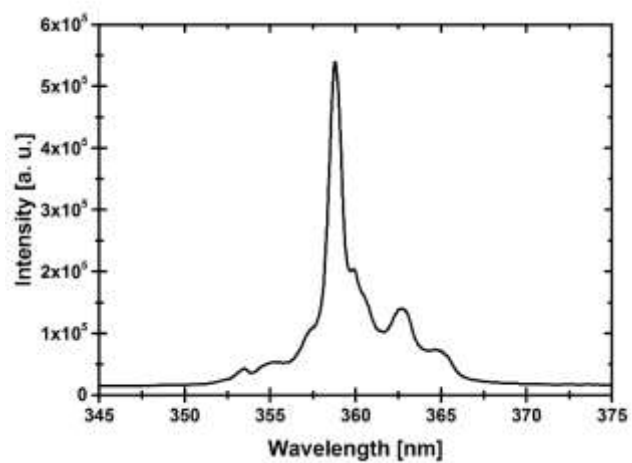
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**Figure S1.** Rietveld refinement of the crystal structure of  $\text{RbMgD}_{0.5}\text{F}_{2.5}$  from neutron diffraction data recorded at RT. Bragg markers from top to bottom  $\text{RbMgD}_{0.5}\text{F}_{2.5}$  (95.1(3) wt-%) and  $\text{MgF}_2$  (4.9(1) wt-%).



**Figure S2.** Rietveld refinement of the crystal structure of  $\text{KMgD}_2\text{F}$  from neutron diffraction data recorded at RT. Bragg markers from top to bottom  $\text{KMgD}_2\text{F}$  (83.6(2) wt-%),  $\text{MgO}$  (13.9(1) wt-%) and  $\text{K}_2\text{MgF}_{4-x}\text{H}_x$  (2.5(1) wt-%).



**Figure S3.** Higher resolution luminescence emission spectrum of RbMgF<sub>3</sub>:Eu<sup>2+</sup> (0.5 at-%) at RT, excitation at 254 nm.

**Table S1.** Refined lattice parameters and atomic parameters for RbMgD<sub>3-x</sub>F<sub>x</sub>. Lattice parameters from high-resolution neutron data; atomic parameters and occupancy parameters from simultaneous refinement of X-ray and neutron data.

| RbMgD <sub>3</sub>                                              |      |            |     |           |                                    |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------|-----|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| a = 5.9097(4) Å, c = 14.3315(11) Å, V = 433.5(5) Å <sup>3</sup> |      |            |     |           |                                    |                            |
| Atom                                                            | Site | x          | y   | z         | B <sub>iso</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> ) | s.o.f.                     |
| Rb1                                                             | 4f   | 1/3        | 2/3 | 0.0964(6) | 0.872(17)                          | 1                          |
| Rb2                                                             | 2b   | 0          | 0   | 1/4       | 0.679(26)                          | 1                          |
| Mg1                                                             | 4f   | 1/3        | 2/3 | 0.6536(7) | 0.441(16)                          | 1                          |
| Mg2                                                             | 2a   | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0.646(30)                          | 1                          |
| D1                                                              | 12k  | 0.1662(16) | 2x  | 0.5800(4) | 1.561(9)                           | 1                          |
| D2                                                              | 6h   | 0.5238(16) | 2x  | 1/4       | 1.471(16)                          | 1                          |
| RbMgD <sub>2</sub> F                                            |      |            |     |           |                                    |                            |
| a = 5.8879(5) Å, c = 14.3067(13) Å, V = 429.5(5) Å <sup>3</sup> |      |            |     |           |                                    |                            |
| Atom                                                            | Site | x          | y   | z         | B <sub>iso</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> ) | s.o.f.                     |
| Rb1                                                             | 4f   | 1/3        | 2/3 | 0.0964(5) | 0.918(17)                          | 1                          |
| Rb2                                                             | 2b   | 0          | 0   | 1/4       | 0.984(24)                          | 1                          |
| Mg1                                                             | 4f   | 1/3        | 2/3 | 0.6534(7) | 0.662(17)                          | 1                          |
| Mg2                                                             | 2a   | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0.649(26)                          | 1                          |
| D1/F1                                                           | 12k  | 0.1655(15) | 2x  | 0.5799(3) | 1.395(12)                          | 0.60(12) D /<br>0.40(12) F |
| D2/F2                                                           | 6h   | 0.5234(14) | 2x  | 1/4       | 1.354(18)                          | 0.72(16) D /<br>0.28(16) F |
| RbMgDF <sub>2</sub>                                             |      |            |     |           |                                    |                            |
| a = 5.8582(4) Å, c = 14.2571(10) Å, V = 423.7(5) Å <sup>3</sup> |      |            |     |           |                                    |                            |
| Atom                                                            | Site | x          | y   | z         | B <sub>iso</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> ) | s.o.f.                     |
| Rb1                                                             | 4f   | 1/3        | 2/3 | 0.0974(5) | 0.638(14)                          | 1                          |
| Rb2                                                             | 2b   | 0          | 0   | 1/4       | 0.709(23)                          | 1                          |
| Mg1                                                             | 4f   | 1/3        | 2/3 | 0.6532(7) | 0.390(15)                          | 1                          |
| Mg2                                                             | 2a   | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0.399(24)                          | 1                          |
| D1/F1                                                           | 12k  | 0.1660(13) | 2x  | 0.5797(3) | 0.877(10)                          | 0.20(14) D /<br>0.80(17) F |
| D2/F2                                                           | 6h   | 0.5218(14) | 2x  | 1/4       | 0.855(17)                          | 0.45(3) D /<br>0.55(3) F   |
| RbMgD <sub>0.5</sub> F <sub>2.5</sub>                           |      |            |     |           |                                    |                            |
| a = 5.8492(4) Å, c = 14.2397(12) Å, V = 421.9(5) Å <sup>3</sup> |      |            |     |           |                                    |                            |
| Atom                                                            | Site | x          | y   | z         | B <sub>iso</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> ) | s.o.f.                     |
| Rb1                                                             | 4f   | 1/3        | 2/3 | 0.0979(4) | 0.505(14)                          | 1                          |
| Rb2                                                             | 2b   | 0          | 0   | 1/4       | 0.625(2)                           | 1                          |
| Mg1                                                             | 4f   | 1/3        | 2/3 | 0.6528(6) | 0.287(14)                          | 1                          |
| Mg2                                                             | 2a   | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0.233(2)                           | 1                          |
| D1/F1                                                           | 12k  | 0.1663(13) | 2x  | 0.5797(3) | 0.746(8)                           | 0.10(10) D /<br>0.90(10) F |
| D2/F2                                                           | 6h   | 0.5212(13) | 2x  | 1/4       | 0.575(15)                          | 0.10(14) D /<br>0.90(14) F |
| RbMgF <sub>3</sub>                                              |      |            |     |           |                                    |                            |
| a = 5.8421(3) Å, c = 14.2206(9) Å, V = 420.3(4) Å <sup>3</sup>  |      |            |     |           |                                    |                            |
| Atom                                                            | Site | x          | y   | z         | B <sub>iso</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> ) | s.o.f.                     |
| Rb1                                                             | 4f   | 1/3        | 2/3 | 0.0987(5) | 0.597(16)                          | 1                          |
| Rb2                                                             | 2b   | 0          | 0   | 1/4       | 0.700(26)                          | 1                          |
| Mg1                                                             | 4f   | 1/3        | 2/3 | 0.6526(7) | 0.381(17)                          | 1                          |
| Mg2                                                             | 2a   | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0.309(27)                          | 1                          |
| F1                                                              | 12k  | 0.1663(14) | 2x  | 0.5796(4) | 0.737(9)                           | 1                          |
| F2                                                              | 6h   | 0.5207(16) | 2x  | 1/4       | 0.602(14)                          | 1                          |

**Table S2:** Refined lattice parameters for  $\text{RbMgF}_{3-x}\text{D(H)}_x$  are used in Fig. 3.

| x   | RbMgF <sub>3-x</sub> D <sub>x</sub> (neutron data) |             |                     | RbMgF <sub>3-x</sub> H <sub>x</sub> (X-ray data) |            |                     |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
|     | a [Å]                                              | c [Å]       | V [Å <sup>3</sup> ] | a [Å]                                            | c [Å]      | V [Å <sup>3</sup> ] |
| 0   | 5.8421(3)                                          | 14.2206(9)  | 420.3(4)            | 5.8375(2)                                        | 14.2108(9) | 419.4(2)            |
| 0.5 | 5.8492(4)                                          | 14.2397(12) | 421.9(5)            | -                                                | -          | -                   |
| 1   | 5.8582(4)                                          | 14.2571(10) | 423.7(5)            | 5.8580(2)                                        | 14.2605(9) | 423.8(2)            |
| 2   | 5.8879(5)                                          | 14.3067(13) | 429.5(6)            | 5.8959(1)                                        | 14.3274(7) | 431.3(7)            |
| 3   | 5.9097(4)                                          | 14.3315(11) | 433.5(5)            | 5.9215(1)                                        | 14.3627(9) | 436.1(9)            |

**Table S3:** Refined lattice parameters for  $\text{KMgH}_x\text{F}_{3-x}$  are used in Fig. 5.

| x | KMgH <sub>x</sub> F <sub>3-x</sub> (X-ray data) |                     |
|---|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|   | a [Å]                                           | V [Å <sup>3</sup> ] |
| 0 | 3.9854(1)                                       | 63.3                |
| 1 | 3.9948(1)                                       | 63.8                |
| 2 | 4.0137(1)                                       | 64.7                |
| 3 | 4.0252(1)                                       | 65.2                |

**Table S4.** Refined lattice parameters and atomic parameters for  $\text{KMgD}_2\text{F}$ . Lattice parameters from high-resolution neutron data; atomic parameters and occupancy parameters from simultaneous refinement of X-ray and neutron data.

| KMgD <sub>2</sub> F |      | a = 4.0078(3) Å, V = 64.4(9) Å <sup>3</sup> |     |     |                                    |                       |
|---------------------|------|---------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Atom                | Site | x                                           | y   | z   | B <sub>iso</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> ) | s.o.f.                |
| K1                  | 1b   | 1/2                                         | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0.290(7)                           | 1                     |
| Mg1                 | 1a   | 0                                           | 0   | 0   | 0.013(2)                           | 1                     |
| D1/F1               | 3d   | 1/2                                         | 0   | 0   | 1.080(14)                          | 0.64(8) D / 0.36(8) F |