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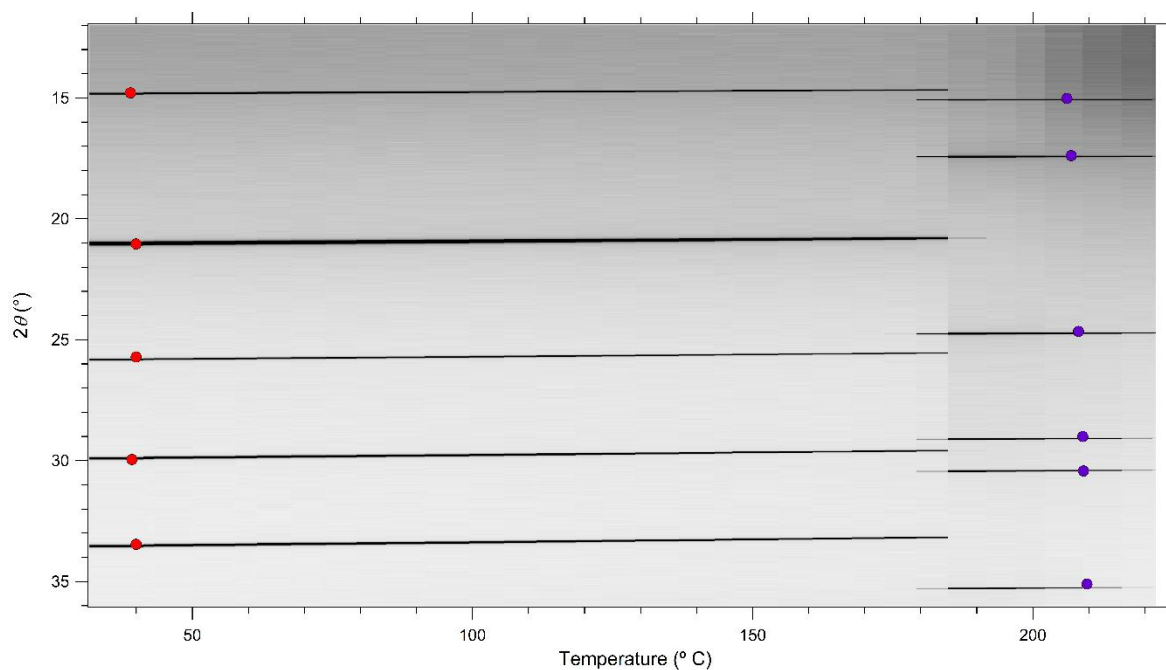
**Ammonium chloride-metal hydride based reaction cycle for vehicular applications**

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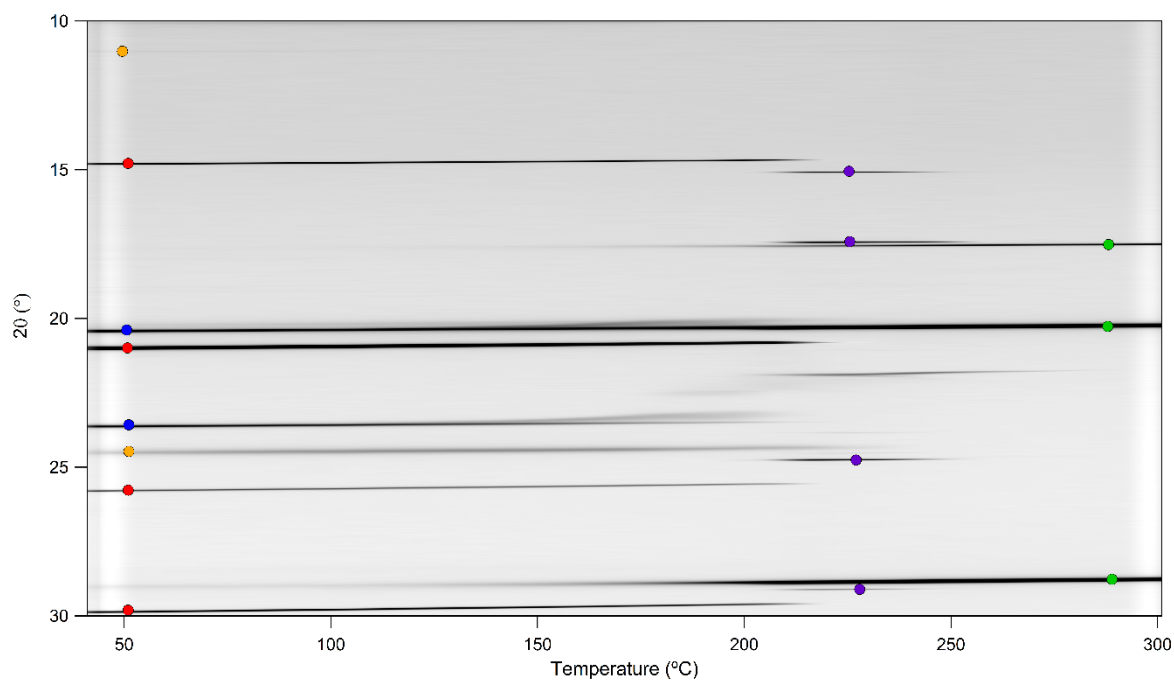
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**Table S1.** Predicted reaction pathways and calculated standard enthalpy of reaction for each of the systems studied.

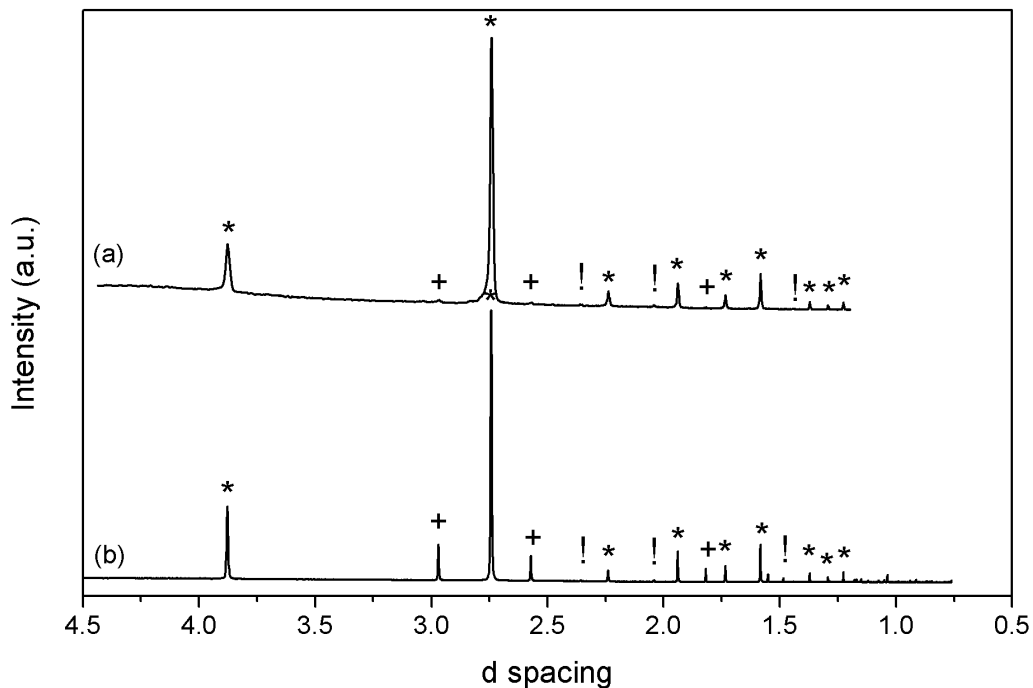
Sample Reaction Path	Calculated $\Delta H^\circ$ at 25°C/mol $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ of reaction (kJ/mol)	Theoretical reaction weight loss (%)		
		$\text{H}_2$	$\text{NH}_3$	Total
$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_{(s)} + \text{NaH}_{(s)} \rightarrow \text{NaCl}_{(s)} + \text{H}_{2(g)} + \text{NH}_{3(g)}$	-86.1	2.6	21.9	24.6
$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_{(s)} + \text{NaH}_{(s)} + \text{PdCl}_{2(s)} \rightarrow \text{NaCl}_{(s)} + \text{H}_{2(g)} + \text{NH}_{3(g)} + \text{PdCl}_{2(s)}$ (1mol% / 10 mol %)	-86.1	2.6/2.1	21.7/17.9	24.3/20.0
$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_{(s)} + \text{NaNH}_{2(s)} \rightarrow \text{NaCl}_{(s)} + 2\text{NH}_{3(g)}$	-64.6	0.0	36.8	36.8
$2\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_{(s)} + \text{MgH}_{2(s)} \rightarrow \text{MgCl}_{2(s)} + 2\text{H}_{2(g)} + 2\text{NH}_{3(g)}$	-15.7	3.0	25.6	28.6
$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_{(s)} + \text{LiH}_{(s)} \rightarrow \text{LiCl}_{(s)} + \text{H}_{2(g)} + \text{NH}_{3(g)}$	-49.1	3.3	27.7	31.0
$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_{(s)} + \text{LiNH}_{2(s)} \rightarrow \text{LiCl}_{(s)} + \text{H}_{2(g)} + \text{NH}_{3(g)}$	-6.1	0.0	44.5	44.5
$2\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_{(s)} + \text{CaH}_{2(s)} \rightarrow \text{CaCl}_{2(s)} + 2\text{H}_{2(g)} + 2\text{NH}_{3(g)}$	-40.6	2.7	22.8	25.5



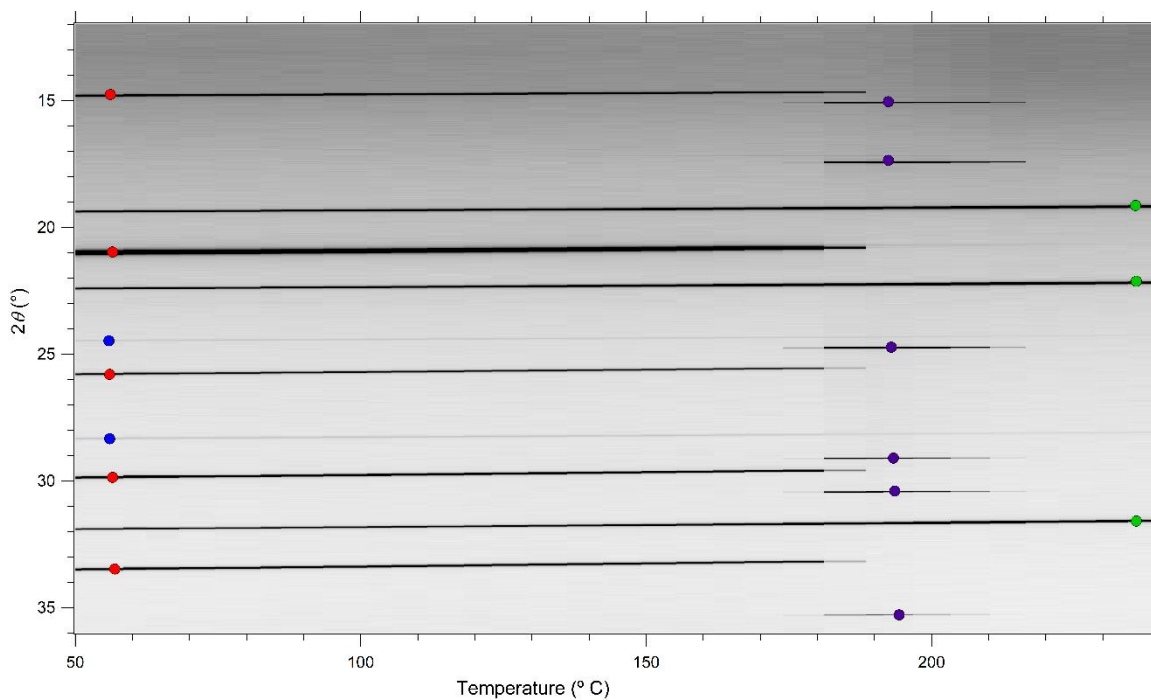
**Fig. S1.** In situ SR-XRD data for NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. ● LT-NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and ● HT-NH<sub>4</sub>Cl.  $\Delta T/t = 5$  °C/min.  $\lambda = 1.0003896(1)$  Å.



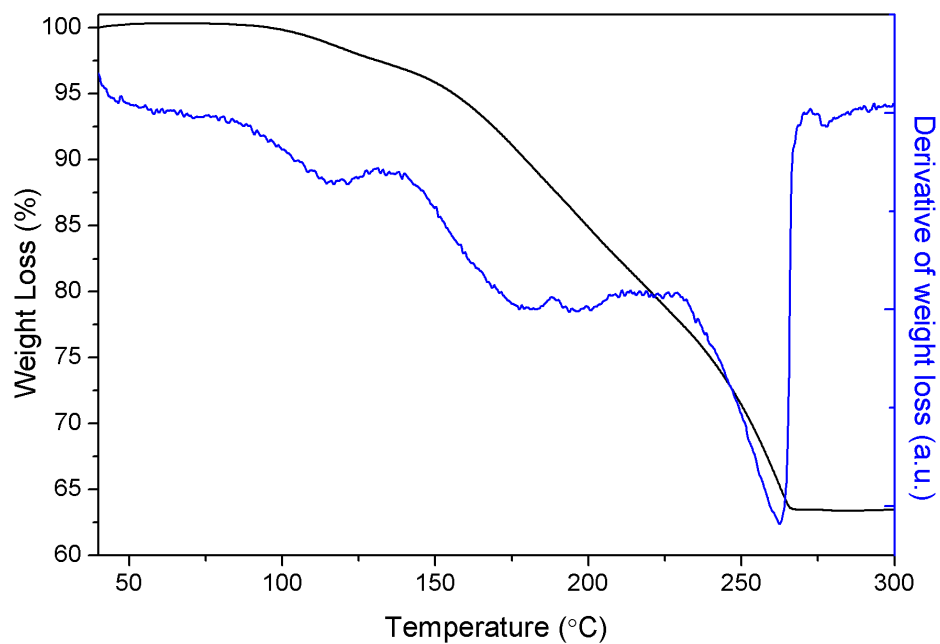
**Fig. S2.** In situ SR-XRD data for NH<sub>4</sub>Cl + NaH. ● LT-NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, ● NaH, ● NaOH, ● NaCl and ● HT-NH<sub>4</sub>Cl.  $\Delta T/t = 5$  °C/min.  $\lambda = 1.0003896(1)$  Å.



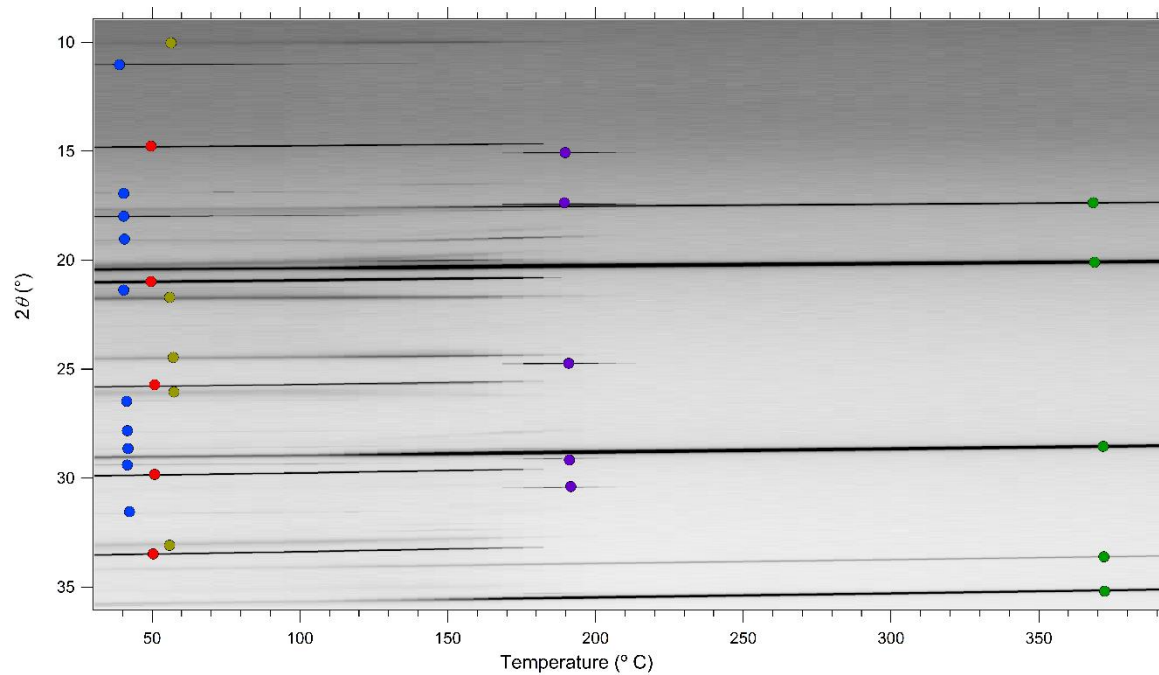
**Fig. S3.** XRD data for  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{LiH}$  collected at room temperature. (a) Data collected directly after ball milling on Bruker AXS D8 Advance Discover XRD System ( $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$ ), (b) data collected 8 months after ball milling using Synchrotron radiation ( $\lambda = 1.0003896(1) \text{ \AA}$ ). \* =  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , ! =  $\text{LiH}$ , + =  $\text{LiCl}$ .



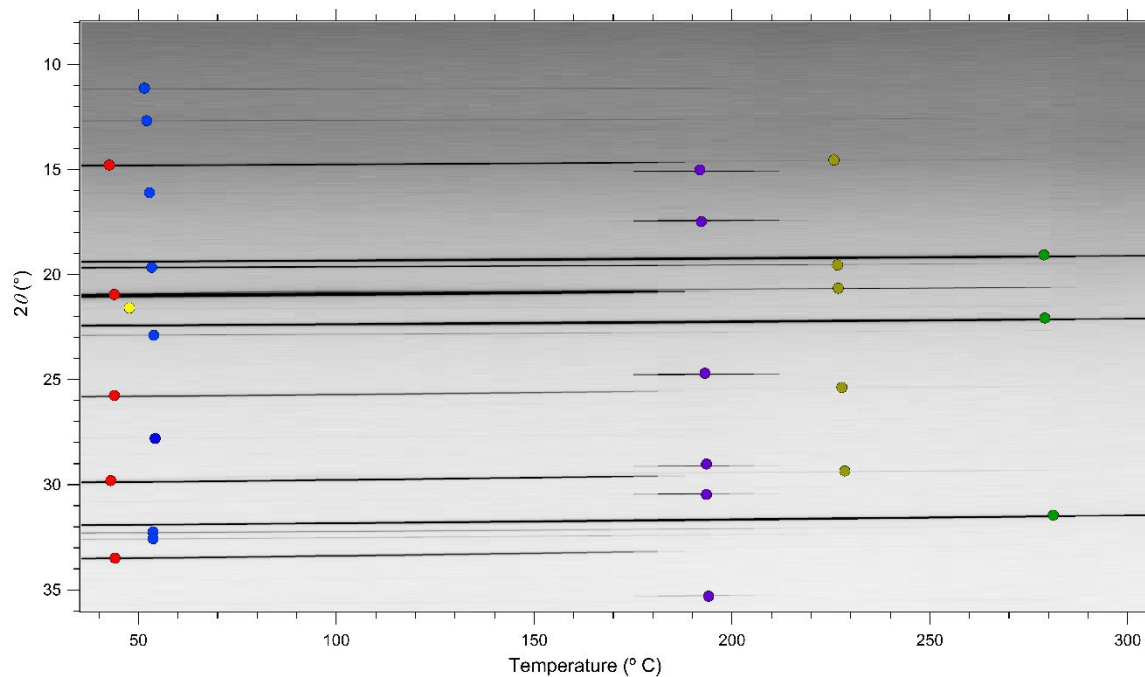
**Fig. S4.** In situ SR-XRD data for  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{LiH}$ . ● LT- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , ● LiH, ● LiCl and ● HT- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ .  $\Delta T/t = 5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ .  $\lambda = 1.0003896(1) \text{ \AA}$ .



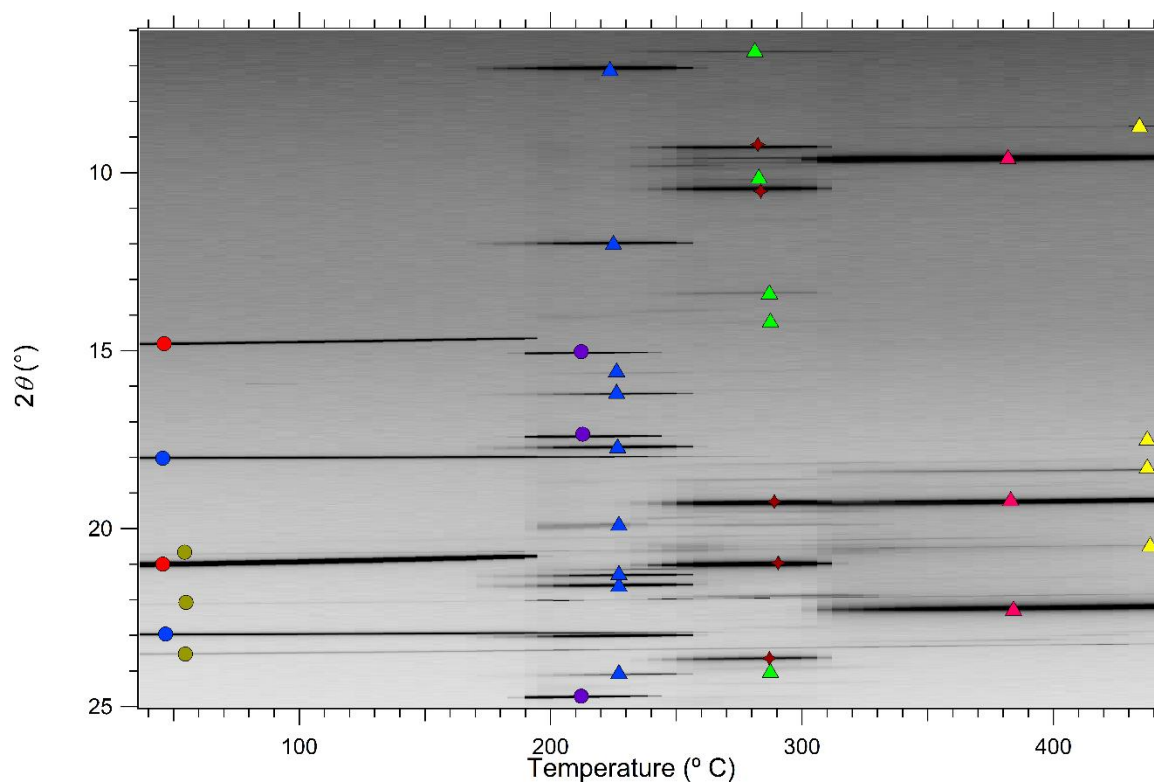
**Fig. S5.** TGA and first derivative of the TGA data for  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{LiH}$ .  $\Delta T/t = 5^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ .



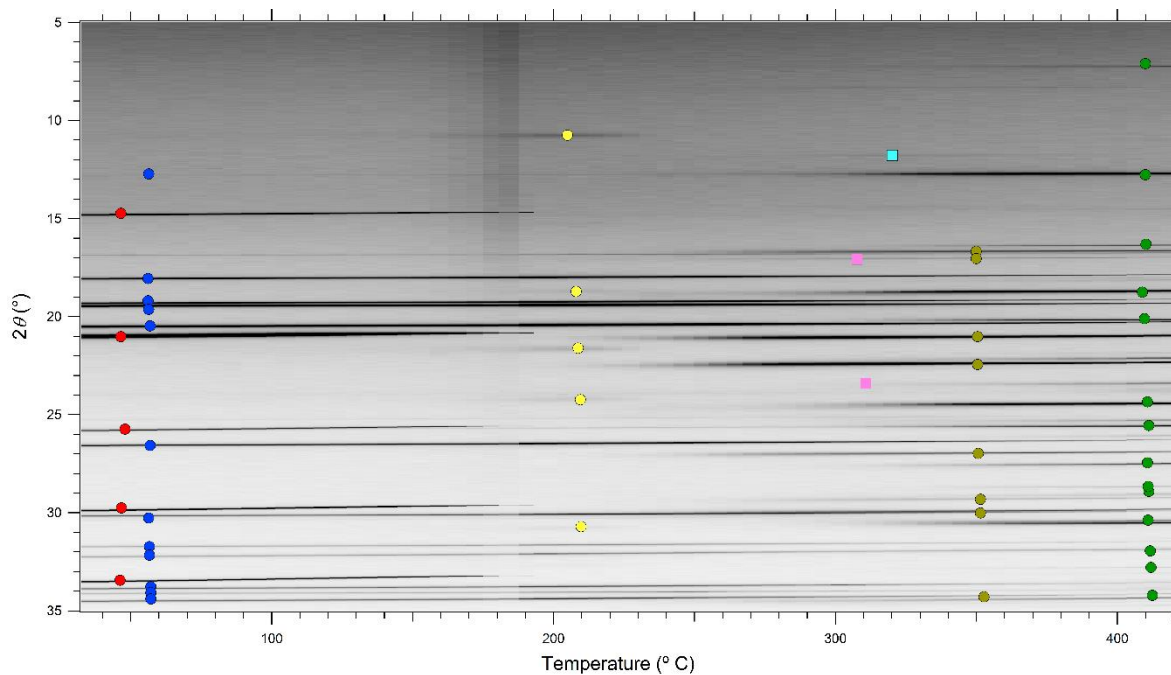
**Fig. S6.** In situ SR-XRD data for  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{NaNH}_2$ . ●  $\text{LT-NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , ●  $\text{NaNH}_2$ , ●  $\text{NaCl}$ , ●  $\text{NaOH}$ , and ●  $\text{HT-NH}_4\text{Cl}$ .  $\Delta T/t = 5^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ .  $\lambda = 1.0003896(1) \text{ \AA}$ .



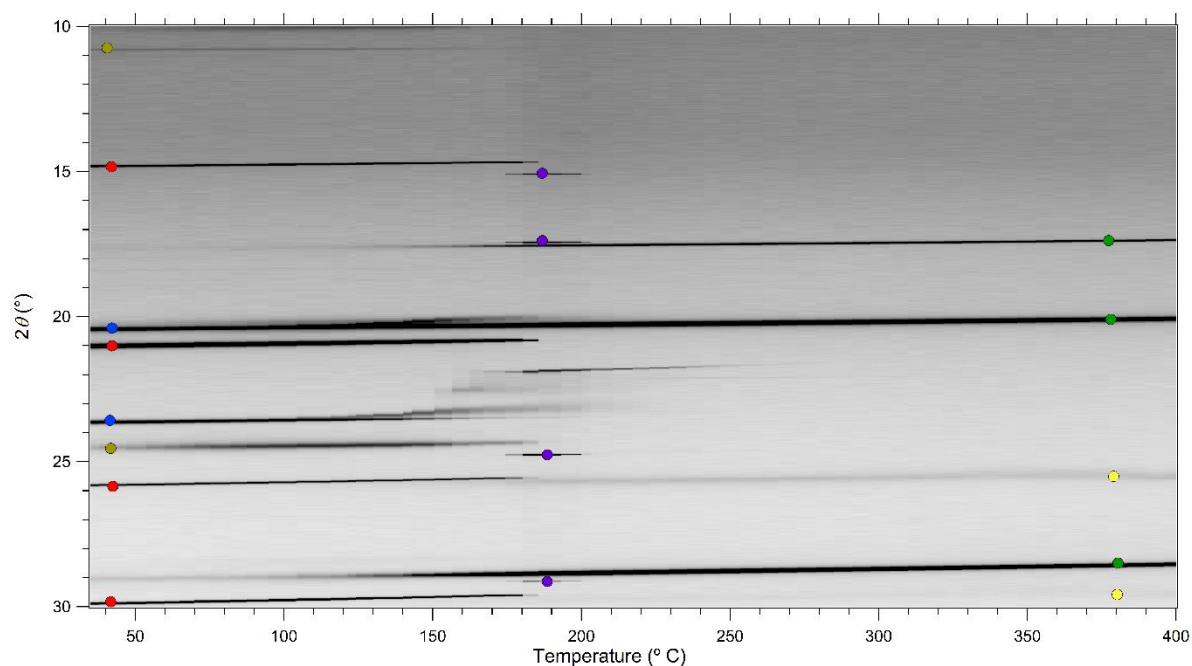
**Fig. S7.** In situ SR-XRD data for  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{LiNH}_2$ . ● LT- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , ●  $\text{LiNH}_2$ , ●  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ , ●  $\text{LiCl}$ , ● HT- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and ● unknown.  $\Delta T/t = 5^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ .  $\lambda = 1.0003896(1) \text{ \AA}$ .



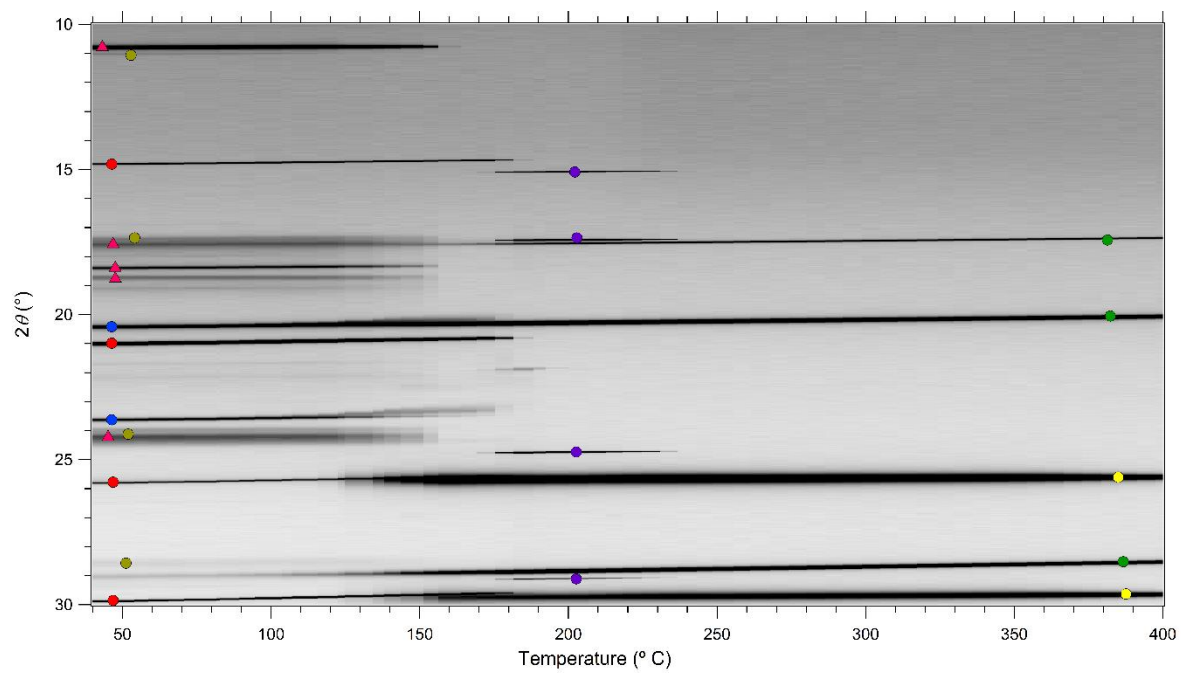
**Fig. S8.** In situ SR-XRD data for  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{MgH}_2$ . ● LT- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , ●  $\text{MgH}_2$ , ●  $\text{Mg}$ , ▲  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{MgCl}_4$ , ● HT- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , ◆ unknown, ▲ unknown, ▲ unknown and ▲  $\text{MgCl}_2$ .  $\Delta T/t = 5^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ .  $\lambda = 1.0003896(1) \text{ \AA}$ .



**Fig. S9.** In situ SR-XRD data for  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{CaH}_2$ . ● LT- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , ●  $\text{CaH}_2$ , ▲  $\text{NH}_4\text{CaCl}_3$ , ■ unknown, ■ unknown, ●  $\text{CaHCl}$  and ●  $\text{CaCl}_2$ .  $\Delta T/t = 5^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ .  $\lambda = 1.0003896(1) \text{ \AA}$ .



**Fig. S10.** In situ SR-XRD data for  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{NaH} + \text{PdCl}_2$  (1 mol%). ● LT- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , ●  $\text{NaH}$ , ●  $\text{NaOH}$ , ●  $\text{NaCl}$ , ●  $\text{Pd}$  and ● HT- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ .  $\Delta T/t = 5^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ .  $\lambda = 1.0003896(1) \text{ \AA}$ .



**Fig. S11.** In situ SR-XRD data for  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{NaH} + \text{PdCl}_2$  (10 mol%). ● LT- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , ● NaH, ● NaOH, ● NaCl, ▲ PdCl<sub>2</sub>, ● Pd and ● HT- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ .  $\Delta T/t = 5$  °C/min.  $\lambda = 1.0003896(1)$  Å.