

Electronic Supplementary Information

A trade-off between migration and association energies for hydride-ion conductivity in the SrLiH₃–CaLiH₃–NaLiH₂ system

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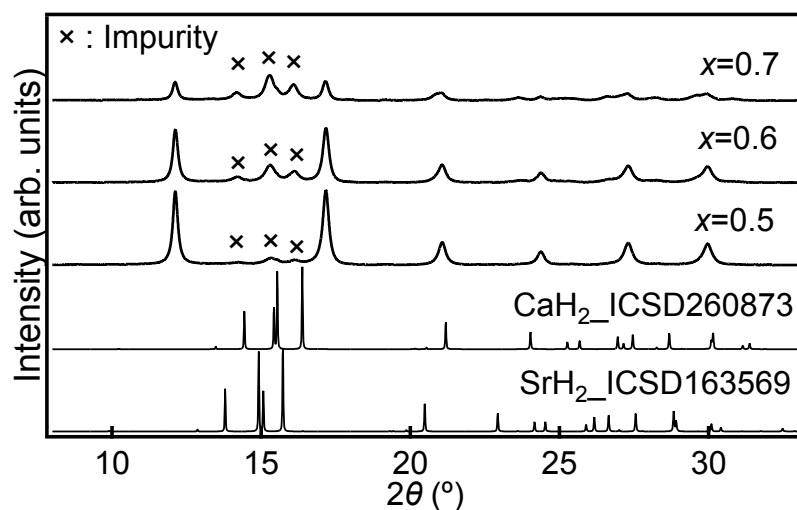


Figure S1. Impurities of $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{LiH}_3$ ($0.5 \leq x \leq 0.7$).

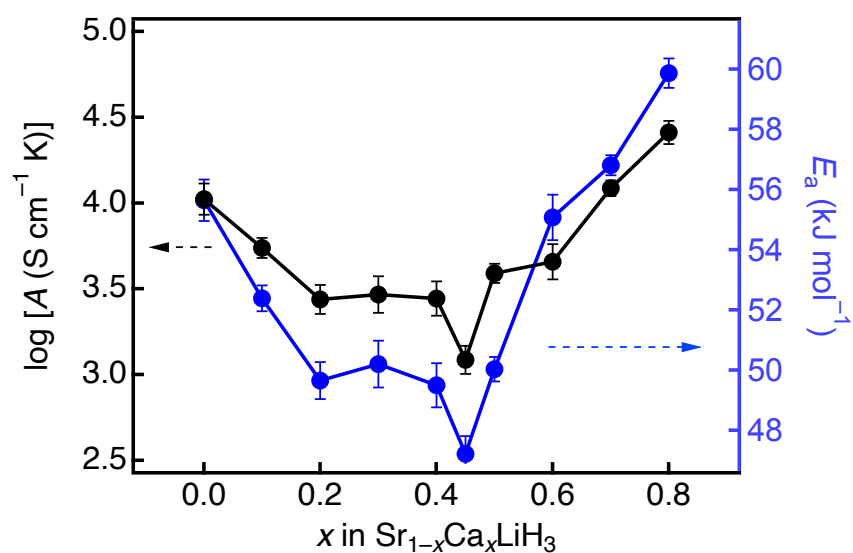


Figure S2. The pre-exponential factor and activation energy versus Ca amount in $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{LiH}_3$.

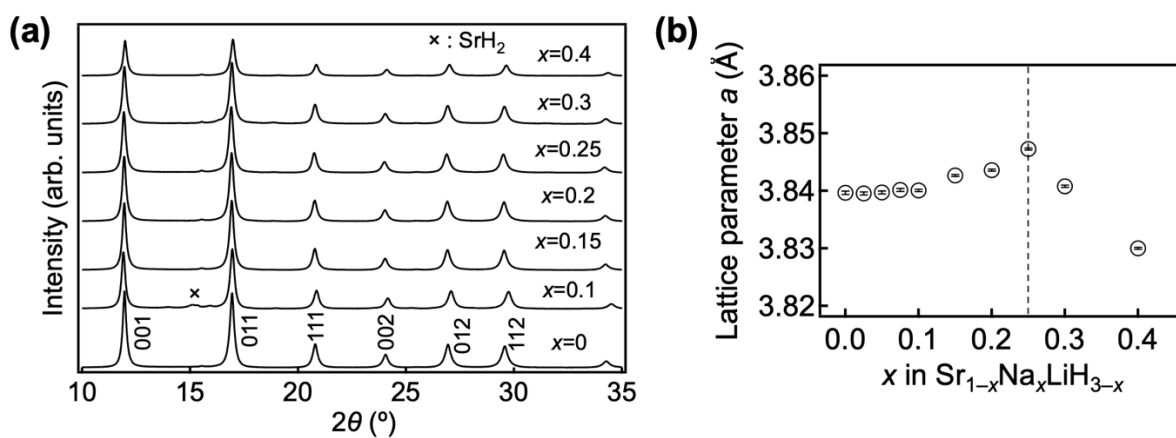


Figure S3. (a) Synchrotron XRD patterns and (b) lattice parameters of $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Na}_x\text{LiH}_{3-x}$ ($0 \leq x \leq 0.4$) samples ball milled for 12 hours.

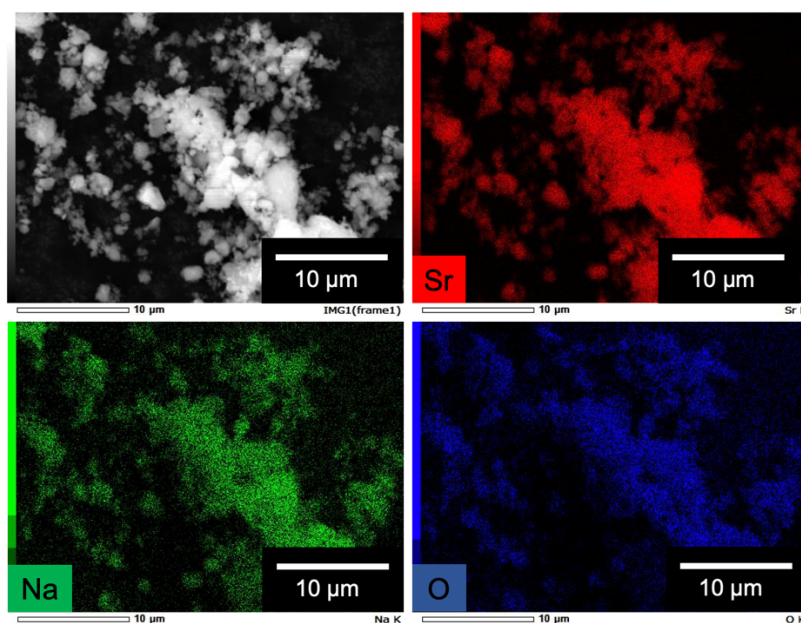


Figure S4. SEM image and EDX mapping of $\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$.

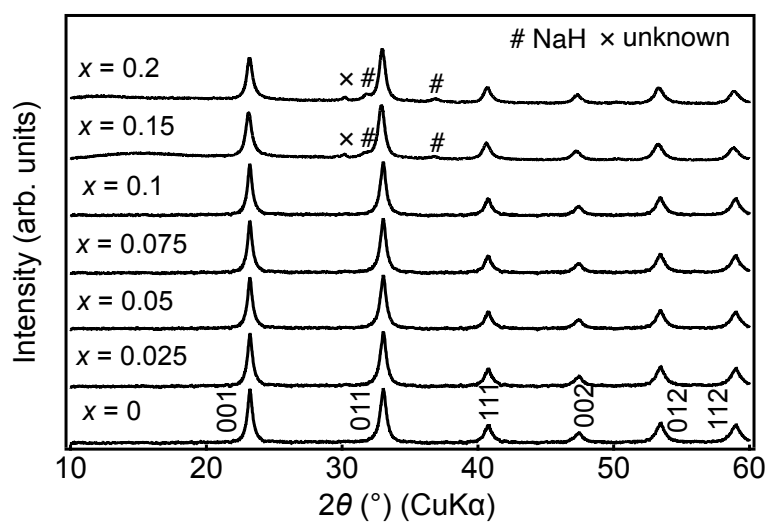


Figure S5. XRD patterns of $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Na}_x\text{LiH}_{3-x}$ samples ball milled for 3 hours. The results for $0 \leq x \leq 0.1$ were cited from the previous study.¹

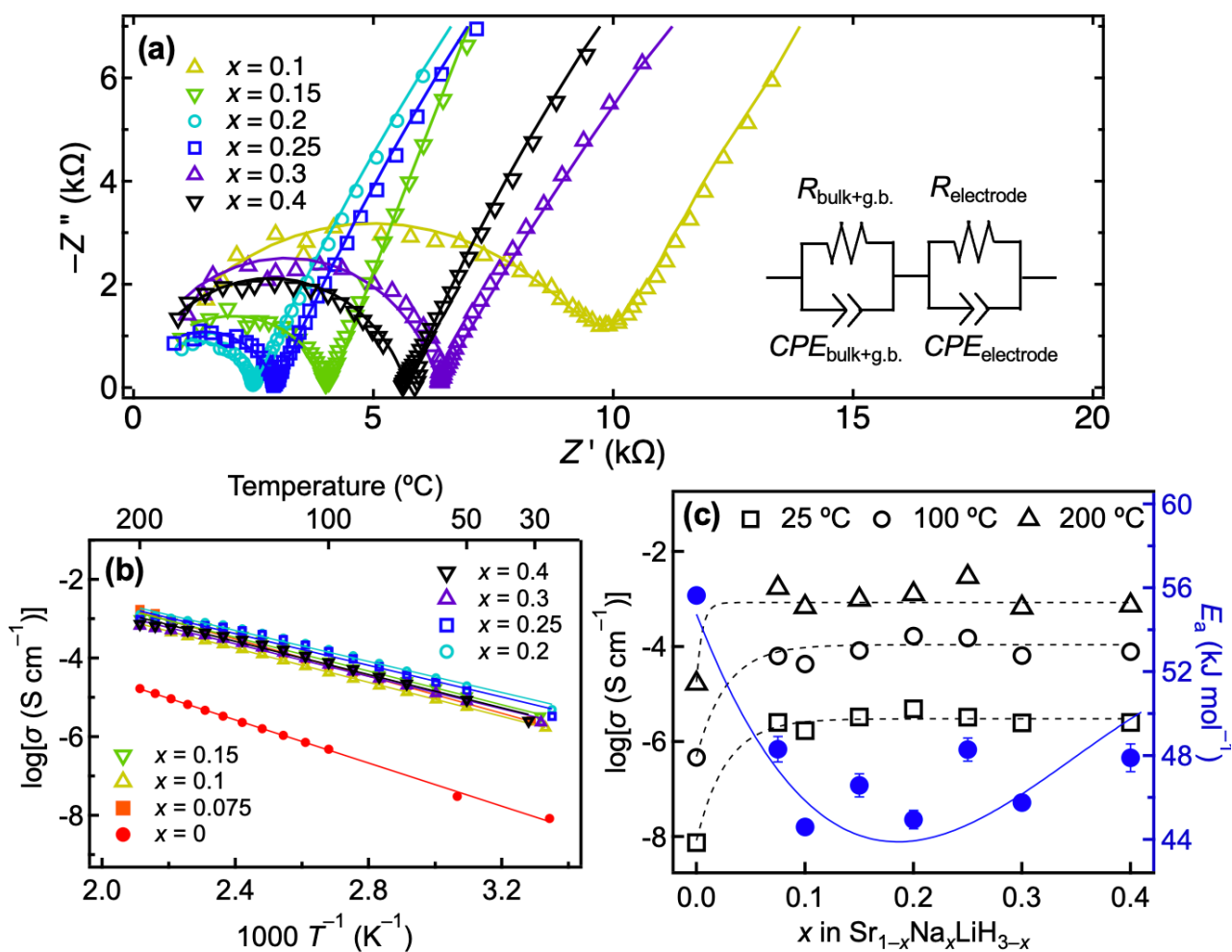


Figure S6. (a) Nyquist plots of $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Na}_x\text{LiH}_{3-x}$ ($0.1 \leq x \leq 0.4$) at 100 °C. The inset shows the equivalent circuit used for fitting. (b) Arrhenius plots of the total ionic conductivity for $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Na}_x\text{LiH}_{3-x}$ ($0.1 \leq x \leq 0.4$) samples. (c) Ionic conductivity and activation energy versus nominal Na amount in $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Na}_x\text{LiH}_{3-x}$. The activation energy is shown as blue circles against the right axis.

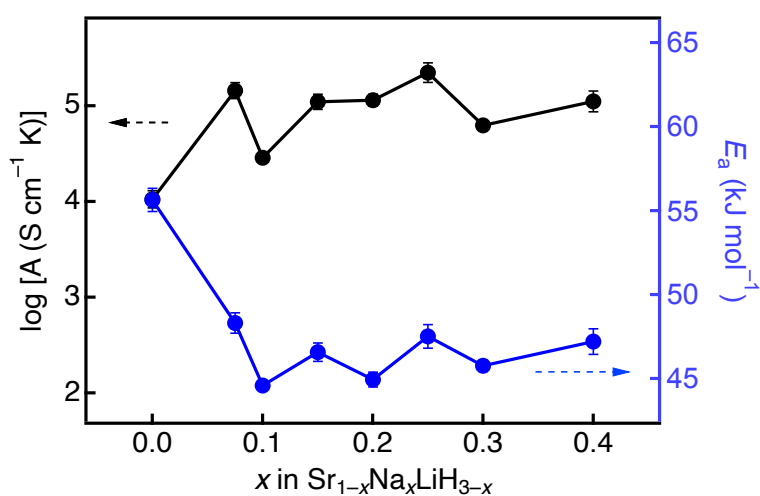


Figure S7. The pre-exponential factor and activation energy versus Na amount in $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Na}_x\text{LiH}_{3-x}$.

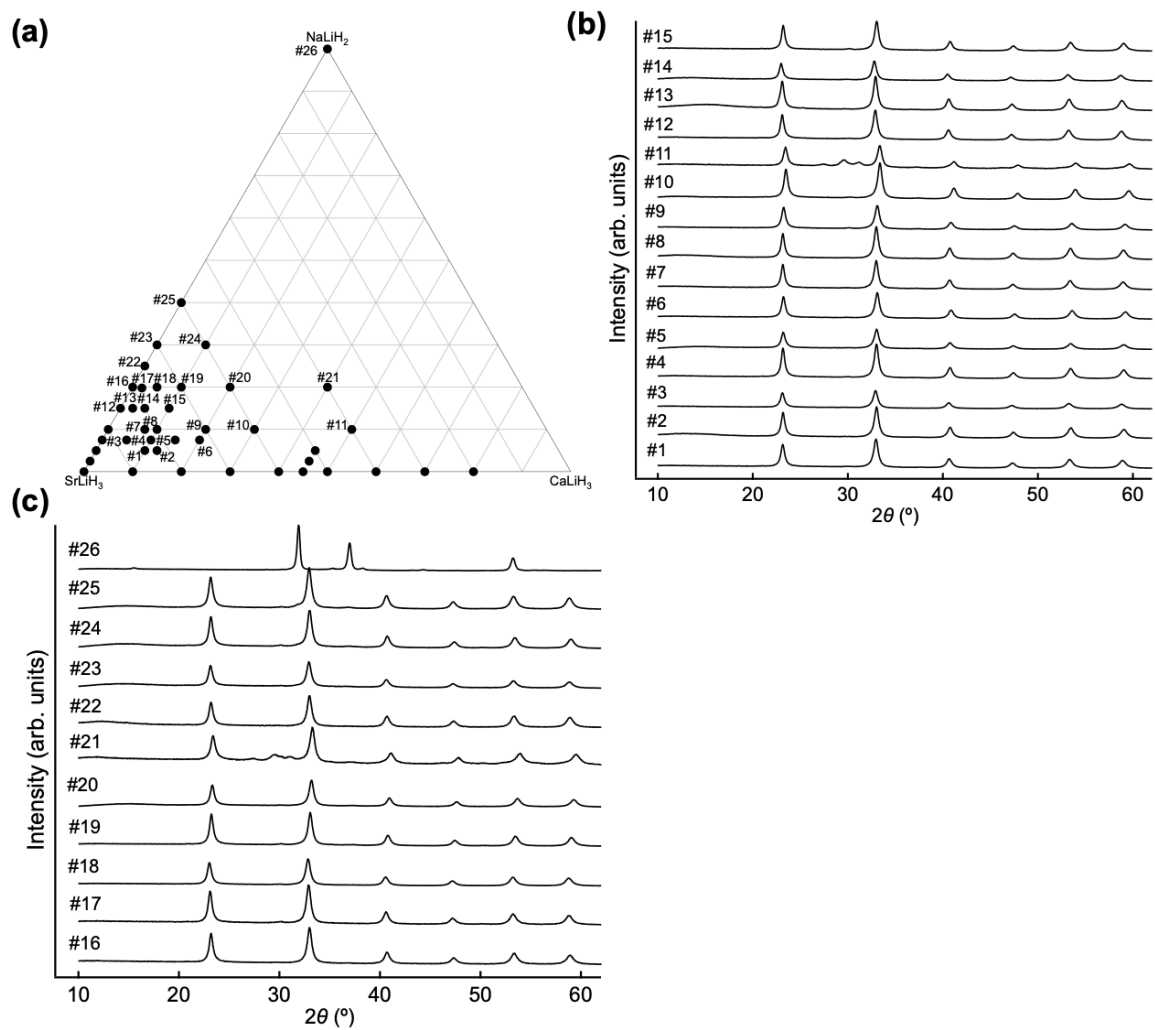


Figure S8. (a) Synthesised compositions are indicated by the black points in the SrLiH_3 - CaLiH_3 - NaLiH_2 pseudo-ternary diagram. The XRD patterns of the samples (b) No. 1–15 and (c) No. 16–26.

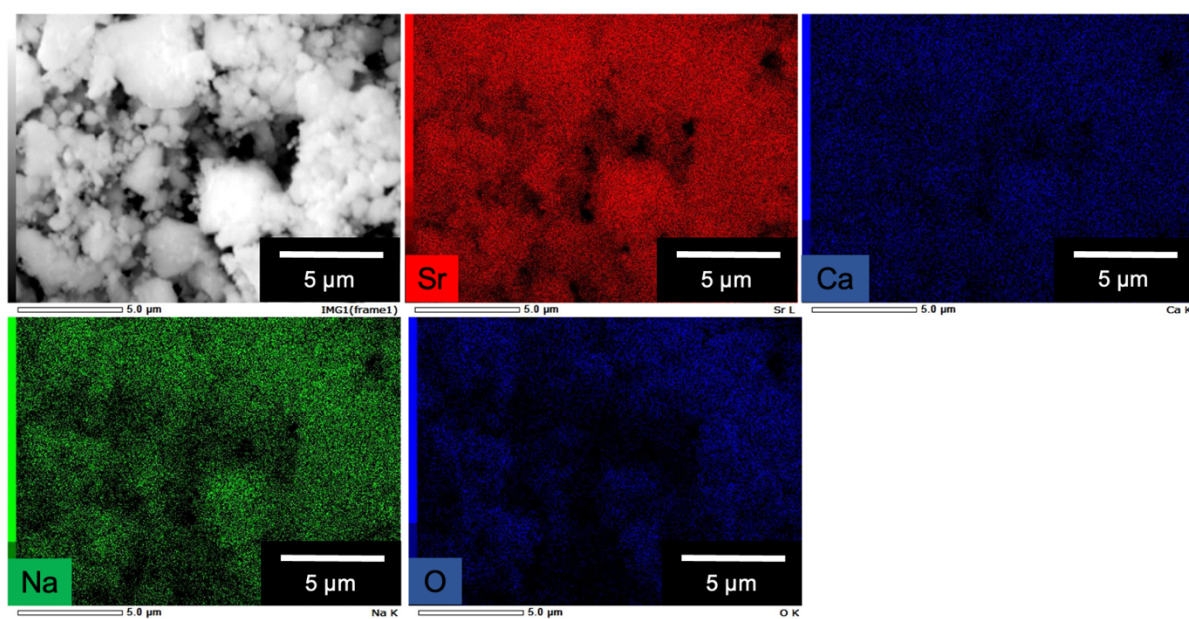


Figure S9. SEM image and EDX mapping of $\text{Sr}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.1}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$.

Table S1. Several perovskite-type hydride-ion conductors showing high performance in the SrLiH₃–CaLiH₃–NaLiH₂ pseudo-ternary system and their ionic conductivities and activation energies.

composition	$\sigma_{\text{r.t.}}$ [S cm ⁻¹]	$\sigma_{100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}}$ [S cm ⁻¹]	E_a [kJ mol ⁻¹]
Sr_{0.8}Na_{0.2}LiH_{2.8}	5.1×10^{-6}	1.7×10^{-4}	45.0
Sr_{0.7}Ca_{0.1}Na_{0.2}LiH_{2.8}	4.2×10^{-6}	4.6×10^{-5}	45.1
Sr_{0.75}Ca_{0.1}Na_{0.15}LiH_{2.85}	3.7×10^{-6}	1.2×10^{-4}	47.0
Sr_{0.78}Ca_{0.02}Na_{0.2}LiH_{2.8}	3.7×10^{-6}	1.1×10^{-4}	43.8
Sr_{0.825}Ca_{0.075}Na_{0.1}LiH_{2.9}	3.5×10^{-6}	1.1×10^{-4}	45.5
Sr_{0.925}Na_{0.075}LiH_{2.925}	1.9×10^{-6}	6.4×10^{-5}	46.3
Sr_{0.825}Ca_{0.025}Na_{0.15}LiH_{2.85}	7.0×10^{-7}	1.7×10^{-5}	41.8
Sr_{0.725}Ca_{0.2}Na_{0.075}LiH_{2.925}	3.4×10^{-7}	3.2×10^{-5}	43.8

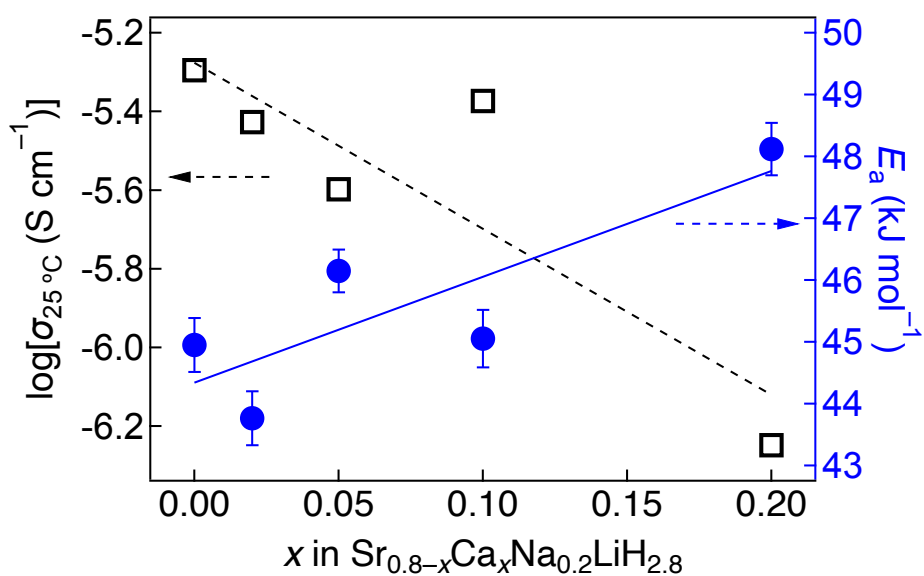


Figure S10. Plot of ionic conductivity at 25 °C and activation energy versus Ca dopant amount in Sr_{0.8-x}Ca_xNa_{0.2}LiH_{2.8}.

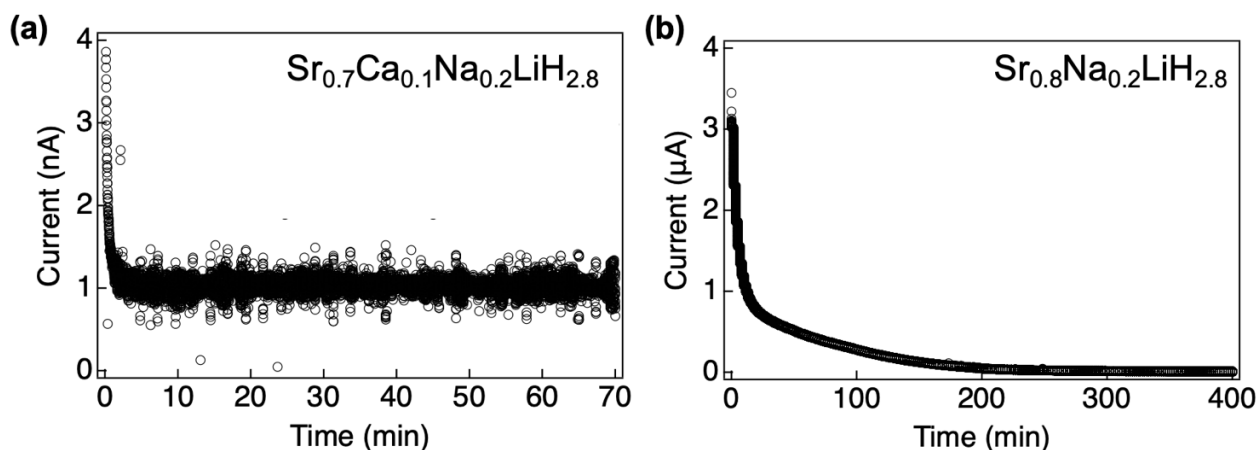


Figure S11. Time variation of the current change at an applied voltage of 50 mV using a Mo|SE|Mo symmetric cell obtained by direct current (DC) measurement at 50 °C; (a) $\text{Sr}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.1}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$ and (b) $\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$.

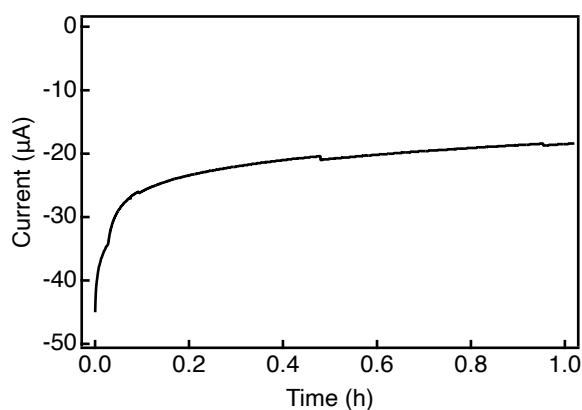


Figure S12. Current vs. Time curve from DC polarization measurements using a $(-)\text{Mo}|\text{Ti}+\text{TiH}_2+\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}+\text{AB}|\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}|\text{TiH}_2+\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}+\text{AB}|\text{Mo}(+)$ cell at 50 °C. The relaxation time was 1 hour. The applied voltage was -0.3 V vs. OCV. The Ti composite electrode or Ti/TiH₂ composite electrode was synthesized under the conditions of 100 rpm for 8 hours with weight ratios of $\text{TiH}_2:\text{SE}:\text{AB} = 20:75:5$ wt.% and $\text{Ti}:\text{TiH}_2:\text{SE}:\text{AB} = 12:8:75:5$ wt.%, respectively.

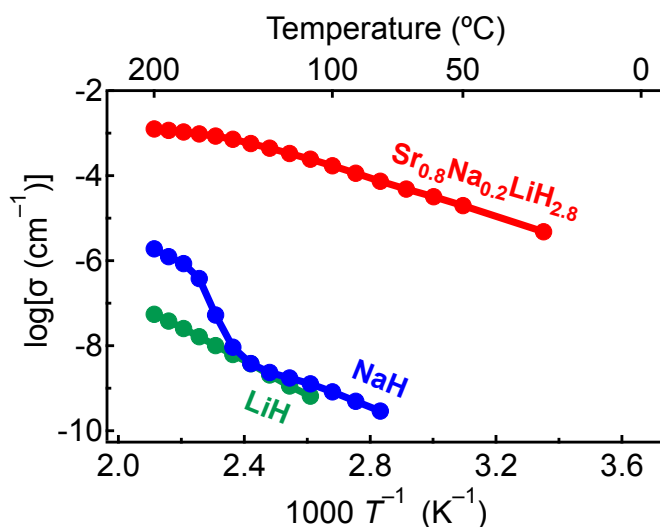


Figure S13. Arrhenius plots of $\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$, LiH, and NaH.

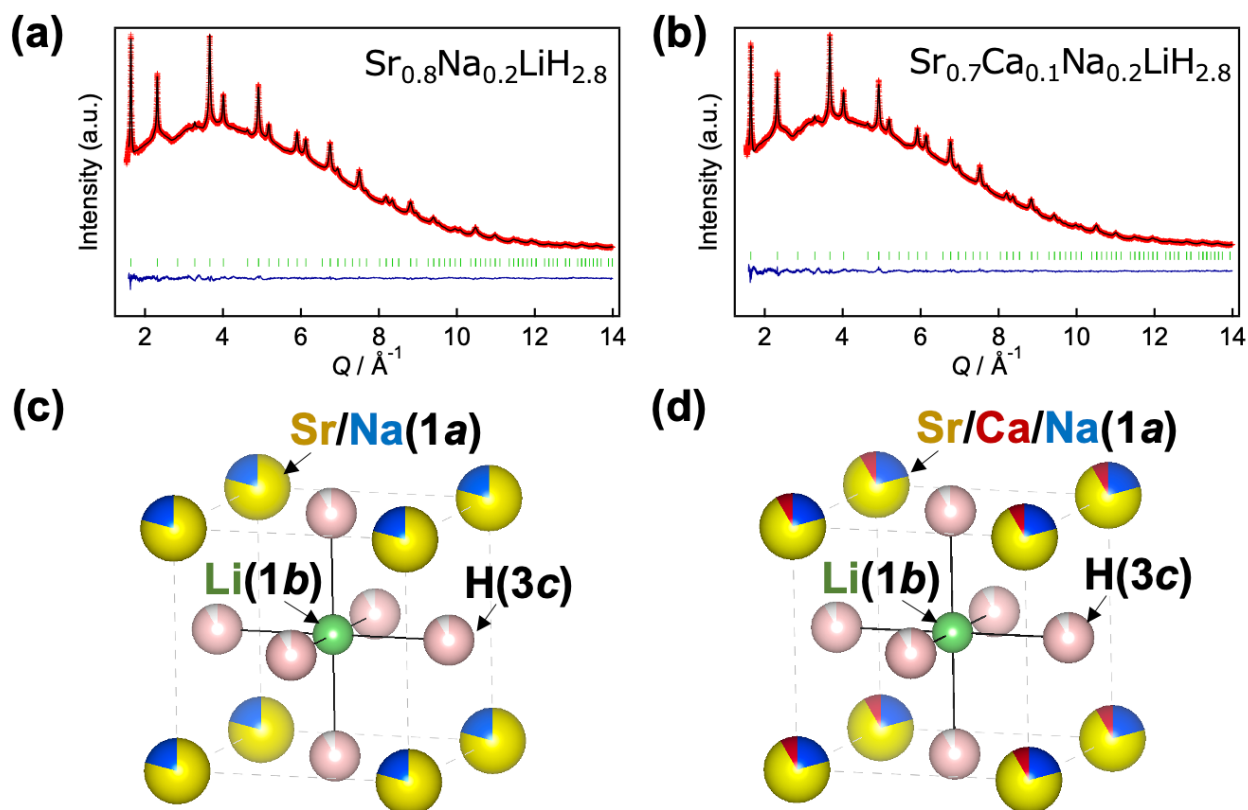


Figure S14. Neutron Rietveld refinement profiles of (a) $\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$ and (b) $\text{Sr}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.1}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$. The refined structure of (c) $\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$ and (d) $\text{Sr}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.1}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$.

Table S2. Rietveld refinement results of Neutron diffraction patterns of (a) $\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$ and (b) $\text{Sr}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.1}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$.

(a) $\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$

Atom	Site	g	x	y	z	$B_{\text{eq}} / \text{\AA}^2$	$B_{11} / \text{\AA}^2$	$B_{22} / \text{\AA}^2$	$B_{33} / \text{\AA}^2$
Sr	1a	0.819(11)	0	0	0	0.38(2)	0.38(2)	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$
Na	1a	$=1-g(\text{Sr})$	0	0	0	0.38(2)	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$
Li	1b	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.84(3)	0.84(3)	$=U_{11}(\text{Li})$	$=U_{11}(\text{Li})$
H	3c	0.930(8)	0.5	0.5	0	2.30(4)	2.46(7)	$=U_{11}(\text{H})$	1.98(5)

Unit cell: Cubic $Pm\bar{3}m$ (221); $a = b = c = 3.83868(3) \text{ \AA}$, $V = 56.5296(13) \text{ \AA}^3$; $R_{\text{wp}} = 0.426\%$, $R_e = 0.19\%$, $R_p = 0.32\%$, $R_B = 1.87\%$, $R_F = 2.22\%$, goodness of fit $S = R_{\text{wp}}/R_e = 2.19$.

(b) $\text{Sr}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.1}\text{Na}_{0.2}\text{LiH}_{2.8}$

Atom	Site	g	x	y	z	$B_{\text{eq}} / \text{\AA}^2$	$B_{11} / \text{\AA}^2$	$B_{22} / \text{\AA}^2$	$B_{33} / \text{\AA}^2$
Sr	1a	0.703(5)	0	0	0	0.47(3)	0.47(3)	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$
Ca	1a	0.106(18)	0	0	0	0.47(3)	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$
Na	1a	0.192(24)	0	0	0	0.47(3)	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$	$=U_{11}(\text{Sr})$
Li	1b	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.85(3)	0.85(3)	$=U_{11}(\text{Li})$	$=U_{11}(\text{Li})$
H	3c	0.936(14)	0.5	0.5	0	2.34(4)	2.88(8)	$=U_{11}(\text{H})$	1.25(6)

Unit cell: Cubic $Pm\bar{3}m$ (221); $a = b = c = 3.82772(3) \text{ \AA}$, $V = 56.0404(13) \text{ \AA}^3$; $R_{\text{wp}} = 0.378\%$, $R_e = 0.20\%$, $R_p = 0.28\%$, $R_B = 1.93\%$, $R_F = 3.67\%$, goodness of fit $S = R_{\text{wp}}/R_e = 1.88$.

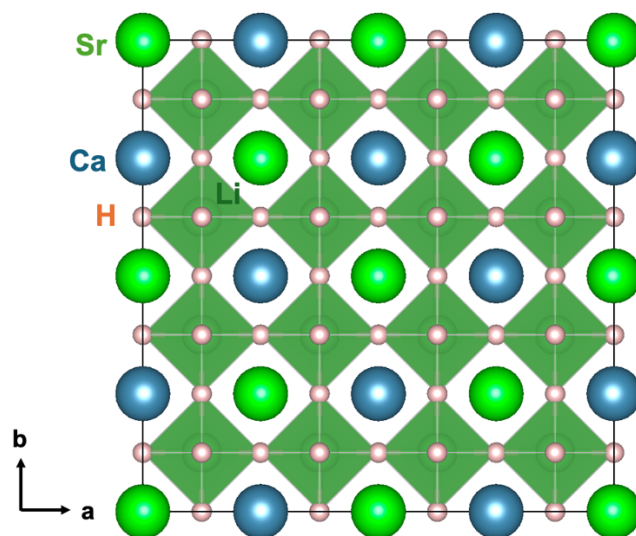


Figure S15. The crystal structure of $\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{LiH}_3$ used in the theoretical calculations.

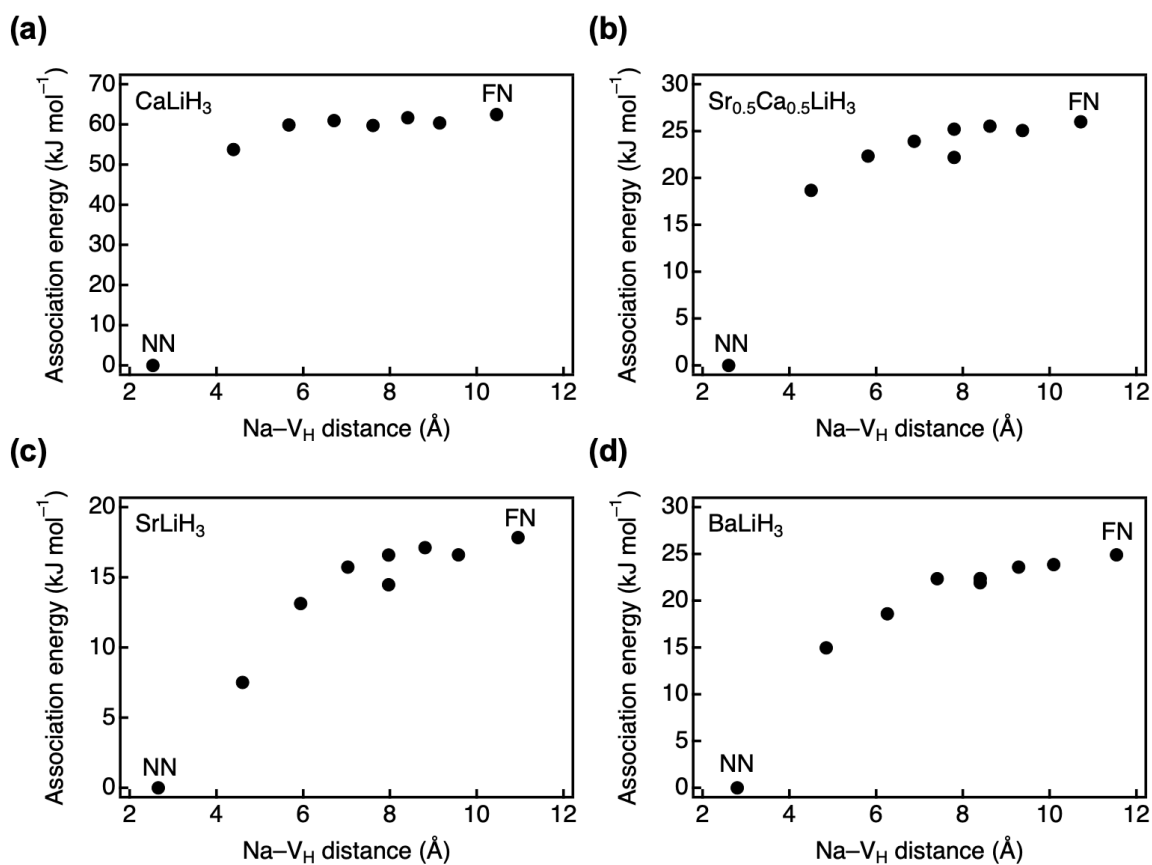


Figure S16. The association energy of (a) CaLiH_3 , (b) $\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{LiH}_3$, (c) SrLiH_3 , and (d) BaLiH_3 .

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