

Supporting Information

Stable Solid-State Potassium Metal Batteries Enabled by a $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot 2\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3$ Complex Electrolyte

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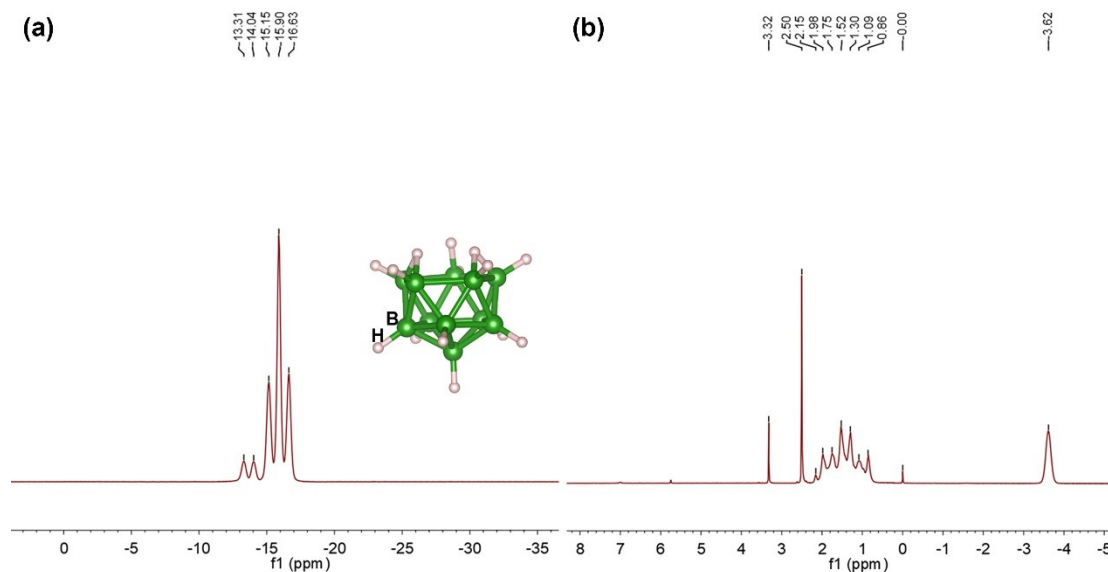


Fig. S1 (a) ^{11}B NMR and (b) ^1H NMR spectra of $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}$ in DMSO-d_6 .

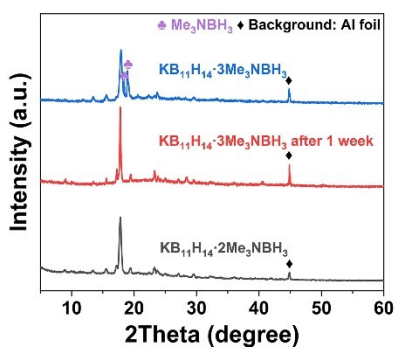


Fig. S2 XRD pattern of the $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot 3\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3$ sample after standing one week at room temperature compared to those of the $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot n\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3$ ($n = 2$ and 3) samples.

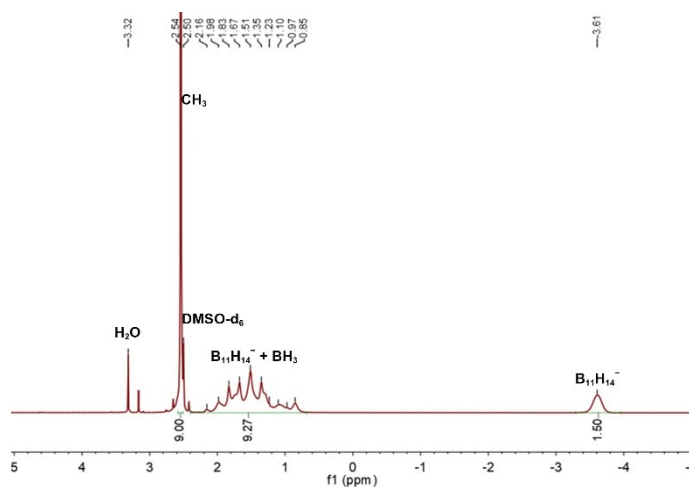


Fig. S3 ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot 2\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3$ in DMSO-d_6 .

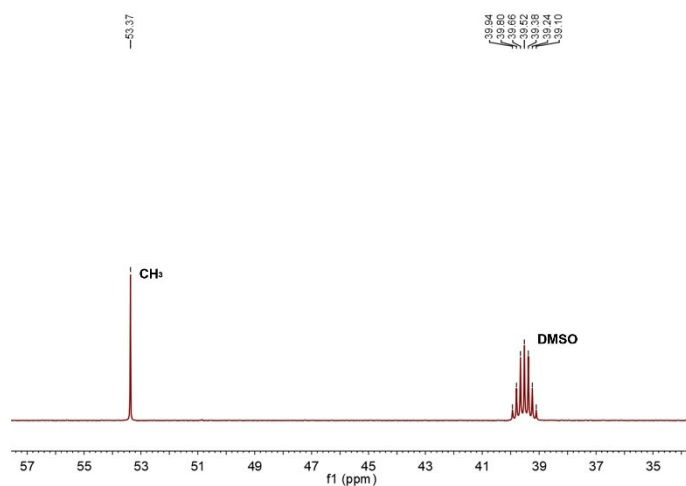


Fig. S4 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot 2\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3$ in DMSO-d_6 .

Table S1. Crystallographic data for $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot 2\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3$ and $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}$.

	$\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot 2\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3$	$\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}$ ^[1]
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$	P
T (°C)	25	25
a (Å)	7.0592	7.1950
b (Å)	20.1141	7.0462
c (Å)	12.4673	19.4087
α (°)	90.000	90.719
β (°)	106.645	94.045
γ (°)	90.000	89.971
V (Å³)	1696.06	981.44

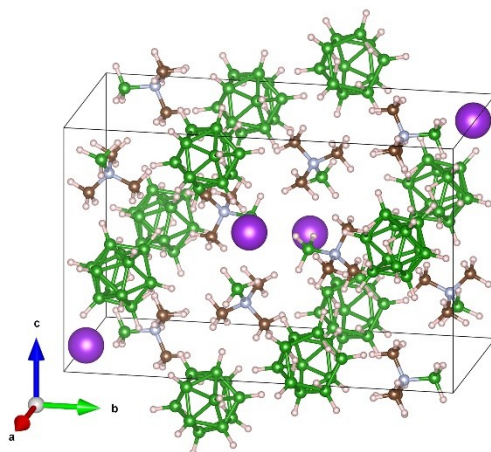


Fig. S5 Crystal structure of the $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot 2\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3$ complex after the structure optimizations using the VASP package. Color scheme: K (purple), B (green), C (brown), N(white), and H (pink).

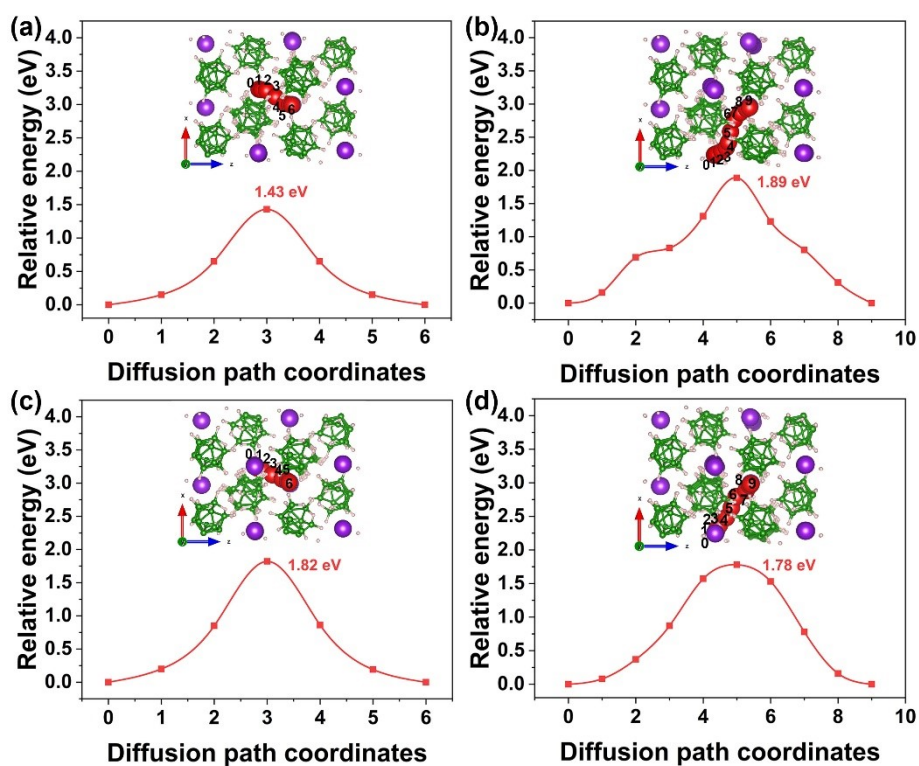


Fig. S6 Energy barriers of K^+ migration by the vacancy diffusion mechanism along other possible migration channels in a $2 \times 2 \times 1$ supercell of $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}$, insets: the migration channels. Color scheme: Framework K (purple), B (green), and H (pink).

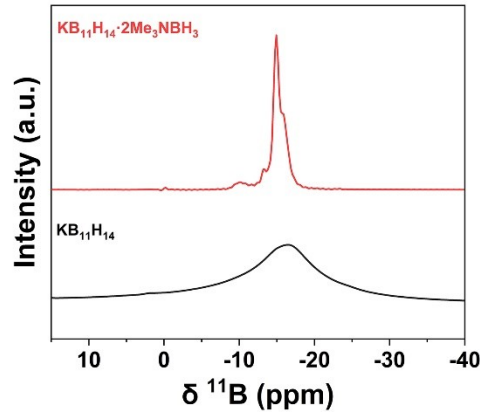


Fig. S7 Solid-state ^{11}B MAS NMR spectra of $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}$ and $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot 2\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3$ at RT.

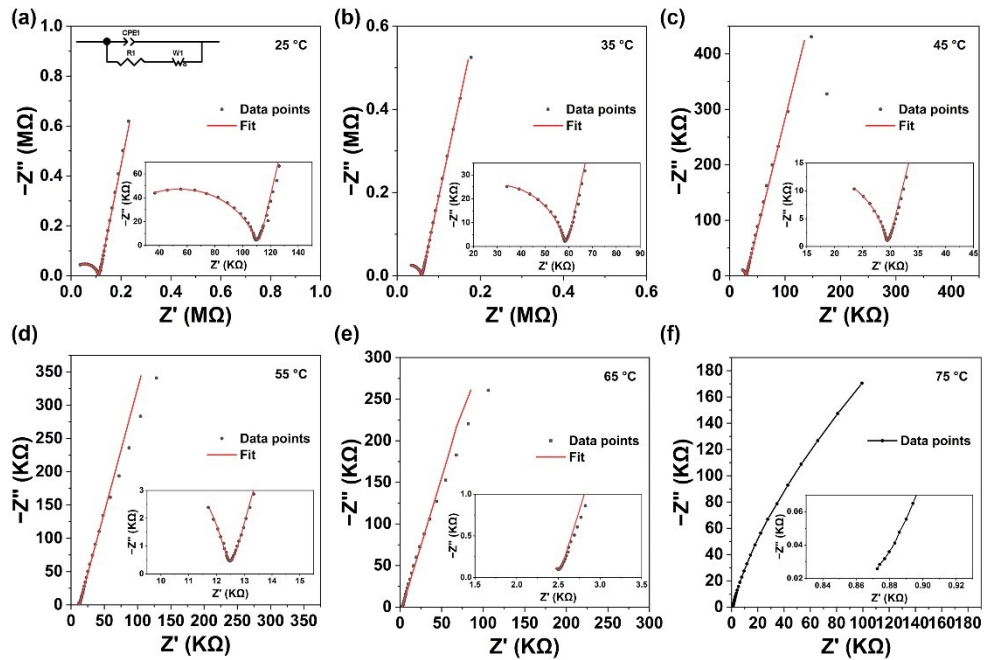


Fig. S8 (a-e) Nyquist plots of $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot 2\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3$ at different temperatures fitted with an equivalent circuit model (inset of a). (f) Nyquist plot at 75 °C, the intercept from Z' -axis was used to determine the value of resistance.

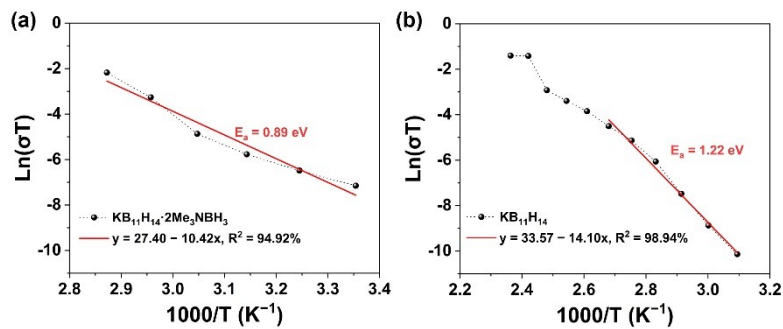


Fig. S9 The activation energies for K^+ diffusion in (a) $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot 2\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3$ and (b) $\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}$.

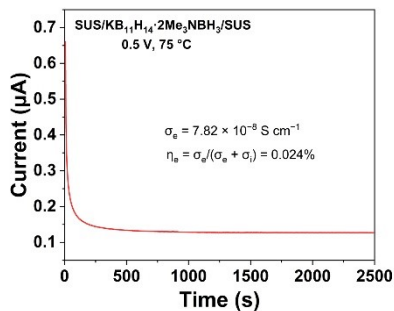


Fig. S10 CA curve of a SUS/KB₁₁H₁₄·2Me₃NBH₃/SUS cell under a voltage of 0.5 V at 75 °C.

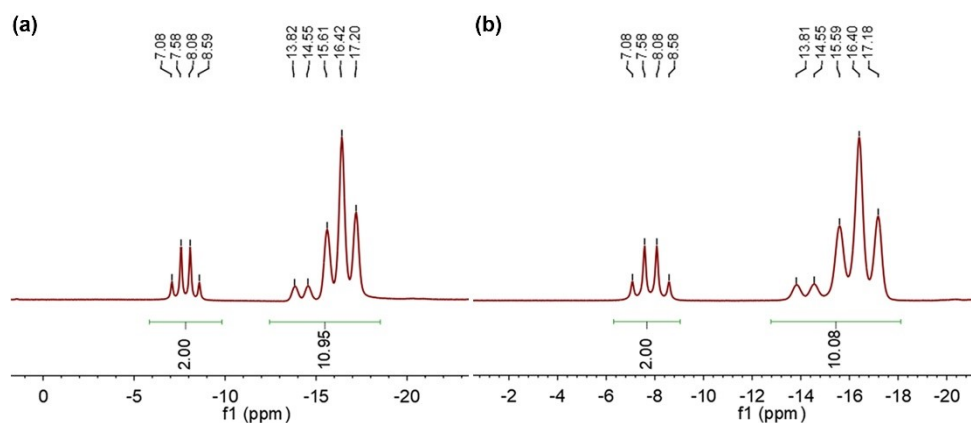


Fig. S11 ¹¹B NMR spectra of the KB₁₁H₁₄·2Me₃NBH₃ electrolytes after the LSV measurements within the potential windows of OCV to (a) 3.5 V and (b) 4 V at 45 °C.

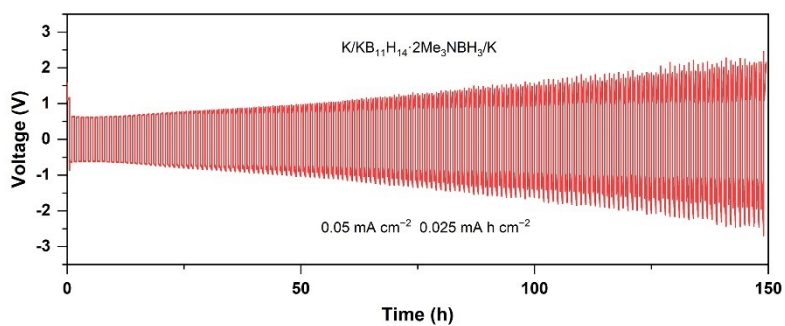


Fig. S12 Constant current GC curve of a K/KB₁₁H₁₄·2Me₃NBH₃/K cell at a current density of 0.05 mA cm⁻². Temperature: 45 °C.

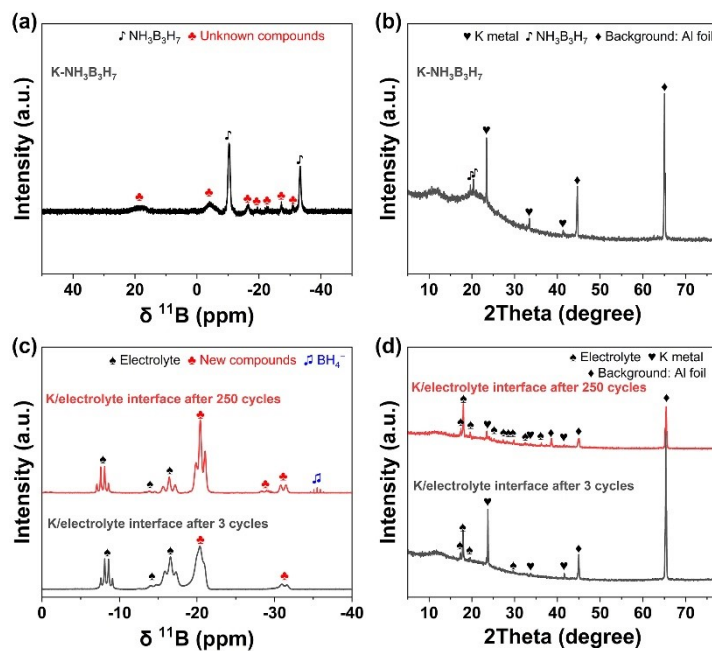


Fig. S13 (a) ^{11}B NMR and (b) XRD spectra of the preformed SEI layer in the $\text{K-NH}_3\text{B}_3\text{H}_7$ electrode. (c) ^{11}B NMR and (d) XRD spectra of the K/electrolyte interfaces in the symmetrical cell with the $\text{K-NH}_3\text{B}_3\text{H}_7$ electrodes after the given cycles.

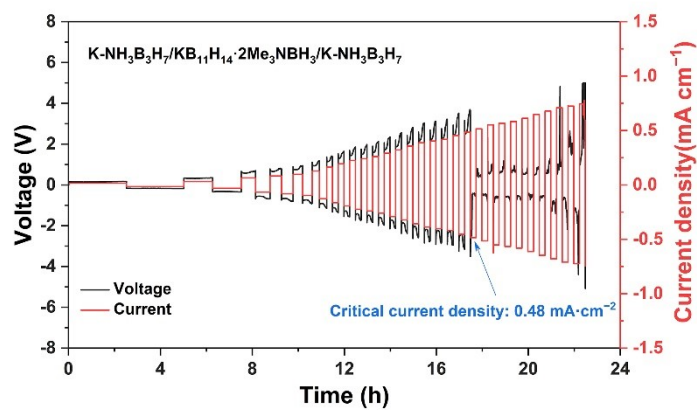


Fig. S14 Stepped current GC curve of the $\text{K-NH}_3\text{B}_3\text{H}_7/\text{KB}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\cdot 2\text{Me}_3\text{NBH}_3/\text{K-NH}_3\text{B}_3\text{H}_7$ cell. Temperature: $45\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

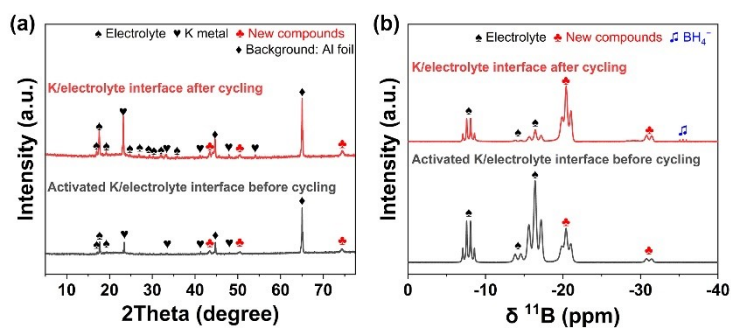


Fig. S15 (a) XRD and (b) ^{11}B NMR spectra of the K/electrolyte interfaces before and after galvanostatic charge/discharge cycling at 0.3 C.

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