

Supplementary material

Table S1 The standard Gibbs energies of formation ( $\Delta_f G_m^\circ$ ) for BN(cr)<sup>27</sup>, CrN(cr)<sup>27</sup>, and TiN(cr)<sup>27</sup> related to the B–N bond along the phase boundary between NH<sub>3</sub>(cr) and the B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(gl)–B(OH)<sub>3</sub>(gl) glass matrix (GM).

Substance	$\Delta_f G_m^\circ / (\text{kJ (mol of compd.)}^{-1})$
BN(cr) <sup>27, *1</sup>	-228.501
CrN(cr) <sup>27</sup>	-92.703
TiN(cr) <sup>27</sup>	-309.155

\*<sup>1</sup>Hexagonal

The  $C_{p,m}^\circ$  values for the solid state cubic NH<sub>3</sub>(cr) were evaluated by the recently developed formulas:<sup>32-34, 46,47</sup> a semi-empirical power law function composed of the electronic and lattice vibration terms at  $0 < T < 5-6$  K; an empirical power law temperature function at  $5-6 < T < 40 - 50$  K; the Debye-Einstein (DE) at  $40 - 50 < T < 300$  K, expressed as

$$C_{p,m}^\circ = \gamma T + \sum_{j=3,5,7,9} A_j T^j \quad 0 < T < 5 - 6 \text{ K} \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$C_{p,m}^\circ = \sum_{j=0}^6 B_j T^j \quad 5 - 6 \text{ K} < T < 40 - 50 \text{ K} \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$C_{p,m}^\circ = 3R \left\{ mD\left(\frac{\Theta_D}{T}\right) + nE\left(\frac{\Theta_{E1}}{T}\right) + lE\left(\frac{\Theta_{E2}}{T}\right) \right\} \quad 40 - 50 \text{ K} < T < 300 \text{ K} \quad (\text{S3})$$

where, for NH<sub>3</sub>(cr), the fitting functions were divided in three temperature ranges: at 0.5 – 5.20 K; 5.20 – 41.36 K; 41.36 – 300 K, as shown in Tables S1-S3. At 0 – 5.20 K (eq.(S1)),  $\gamma$  is the coefficient of the electronic term contributing to  $C_{p,m}^\circ$ .<sup>31-36</sup> For insulating substances, it results from vacancies<sup>32</sup>  $A_i$  are the coefficients for the lattice vibration term contributing to  $C_{p,m}^\circ$ .<sup>29-34</sup> At 5.20 – 41.36 K (eq.(S2)),  $B_i$  are the adjustable coefficients for providing sufficient overlap to the measured  $C_{p,m}^\circ$  data and for connecting smoothly near the inflection points around 5.02 K and

41.36 K. At 41.36 – 300 K (eq.(S3)),  $\left(\frac{\Theta_D}{T}\right)$ ,  $\left(\frac{\Theta_{E_1}}{T}\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{\Theta_{E_2}}{T}\right)$  are Debye and Einstein functions;

$\Theta_D$ ,  $\Theta_{E_1}$  and  $\Theta_{E_2}$  are the Debye and Einstein temperatures used for adjustable parameter;  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $l$  are the adjustable parameters and the sum of  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $l$  should be approximately closed to the number of atoms in the formula unit.<sup>33-36</sup> Tables S1-S3 shows the adjustable parameters. Six digits numbers for  $\Theta_D$ ,  $\Theta_{E_1}$ ,  $\Theta_{E_2}$ ,  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $l$  are necessary to reproduce the experimental  $C_{p,m}^\circ$  data as five digits numbers.

The  $C_{p,m}^\circ$  data at 298.15 K of metal elements are about 25 (J K<sup>-1</sup> (mol of atoms)<sup>-1</sup>) following the Dulong-Petit law, and the Debye and Einstein functions are the theories<sup>(29)</sup> to satisfy the Dulong-Petit law. However, the compounds composed of non-metallic element do not follow the Dulong-Petit law, and their  $C_{p,m}^\circ$  data are empirically half values, e.g. the  $C_{p,m}^\circ$  data at 298.15 K of B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(cr) and B(OH)<sub>3</sub> are 62.761 (J K<sup>-1</sup> (mol of compd.)<sup>-1</sup>), i.e. , 12.552 (J K<sup>-1</sup> (mol of atoms)<sup>-1</sup>), and 86.060 (J K<sup>-1</sup> (mol of compd.)<sup>-1</sup>), i.e. , 12.294 (J K<sup>-1</sup> (mol of atoms)<sup>-1</sup>), respectively. Therefore, the  $C_{p,m}^\circ$  data for NH<sub>3</sub>(cr) were adopted as the half values calculated from the parameters summarized in Table S2.

Table S2 Parameters for the fitting functions used to fits the  $C_{p,m}^\circ$  data for the solid state cubic NH<sub>3</sub>(cr) from Eqs.S1-S3. The notation E  $\pm kl$  indicates the power of 10.

Temp. range: 0.5 – 5.20 K	Coefficient
$\gamma$ (J K <sup>-2</sup> (mol of compd.) <sup>-1</sup> )	8.07997E-08
$A_3$ (J K <sup>-4</sup> (mol of compd.) <sup>-1</sup> )	1.98334E-03
$A_5$ (J K <sup>-6</sup> (mol of compd.) <sup>-1</sup> )	2.67852E-08
$A_7$ (J K <sup>-8</sup> (mol of compd.) <sup>-1</sup> )	-3.48652E-09
$A_9$ (J K <sup>-10</sup> (mol of compd.) <sup>-1</sup> )	1.93042E-10
$A_{11}$ (J K <sup>-12</sup> (mol of compd.) <sup>-1</sup> )	-3.81599E-12
Temp. range: 5.20 – 44.29 K	Coefficient
$B_0$ (J K <sup>-1</sup> (mol of comd.) <sup>-1</sup> )	-2.49757E-01
$B_1$ (J K <sup>-2</sup> (mol of comd.) <sup>-1</sup> )	2.18229E-01
$B_2$ (J K <sup>-3</sup> (mol of comd.) <sup>-1</sup> )	-6.30746E-02

$B_3/(\text{J K}^{-4} (\text{mol of comd.})^{-1})$	9.77004E-03
$B_4/(\text{J K}^{-5} (\text{mol of comd.})^{-1})$	-4.12224E-04
$B_5/(\text{J K}^{-6} (\text{mol of comd.})^{-1})$	7.37473E-06
$B_6/(\text{J K}^{-7} (\text{mol of comd.})^{-1})$	-4.92858E-08
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Temp. range: 44.29 – 300 K	Coefficient
$\Theta_D/\text{K}$	1.10961.E+02
$m$	6.20324E-01
$\Theta_{E1}/\text{K}$	5.32855E+03
$n$	1.37968E+00
$\Theta_{E2}/\text{K}$	1.31707E+02
$l$	2.00000E+00
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