

Electronic Supplementary Information

Catalyzed Eutectic LiBH₄-KBH₄ System Nanoconfined at Low Temperature for Superior Hydrogen Storage Reversibility

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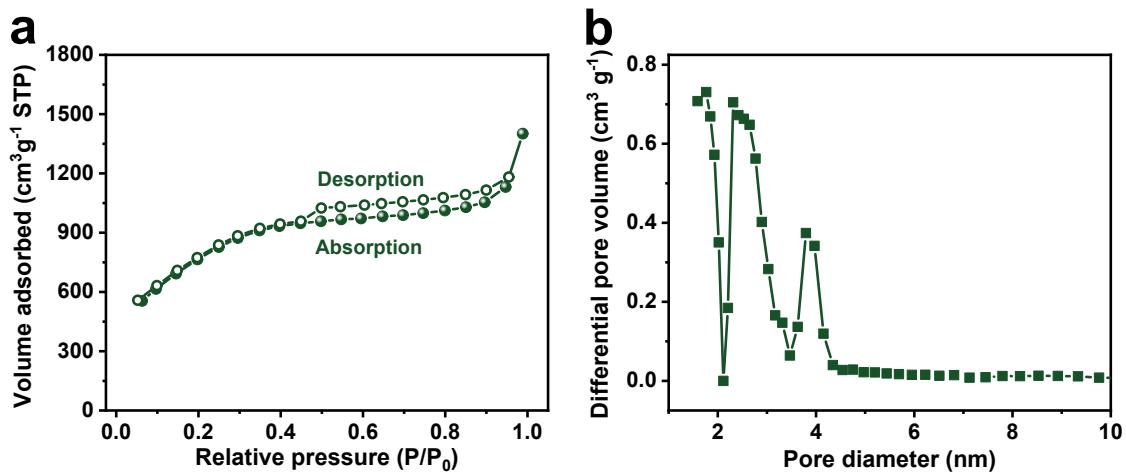


Fig. S1. (a) N₂ sorption isotherms and (b) pore size distributions of the porous carbon scaffold.

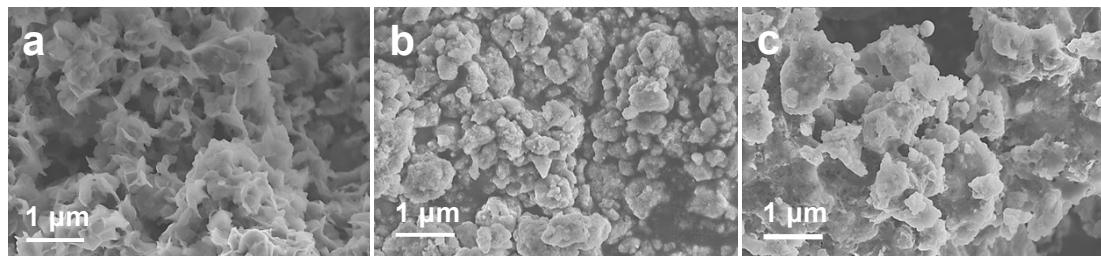


Fig. S2. SEM images of (a) the as-milled pristine LiBH₄, (b) Li/KBH₄ and (c) Li/KBH₄+0.1NiCp₂.

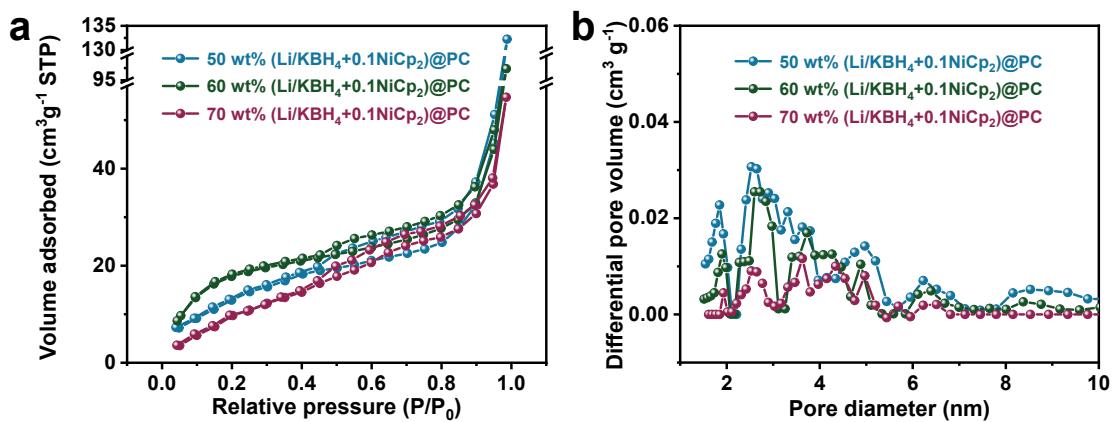


Fig. S3. (a) N₂ sorption isotherms and (b) pore size distributions of the confined systems with different loadings of Li/KBH₄+0.1NiCp₂.

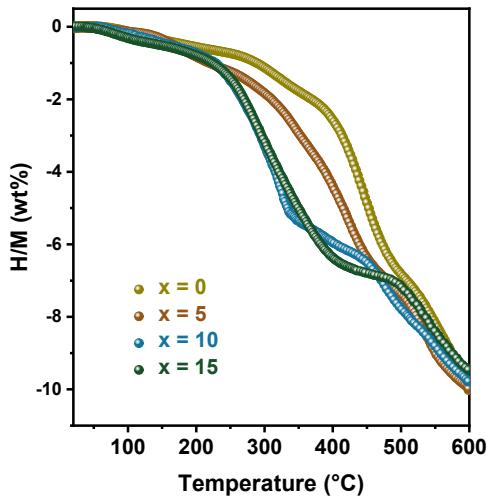


Fig. S4. Dehydrogenation curves of the $\text{Li}/\text{KBH}_4 + x \text{ wt\% NiCp}_2$ systems with $x = 0, 5, 10$ and 15.

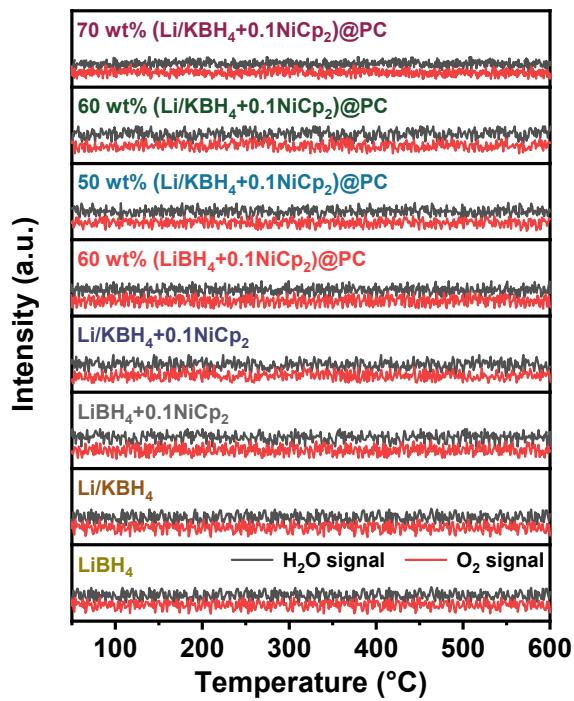


Fig. S5. H_2O and O_2 signals of TPD-MS curves of the confined systems loaded with ($\text{Li}/\text{KBH}_4 + 0.1\text{NiCp}_2$), with 60 wt% ($\text{LiBH}_4 + 0.1\text{NiCp}_2$) and the as-milled systems of $\text{Li}/\text{KBH}_4 + 0.1\text{NiCp}_2$, $\text{LiBH}_4 + 0.1\text{NiCp}_2$, Li/KBH_4 as well as the pristine LiBH_4 .

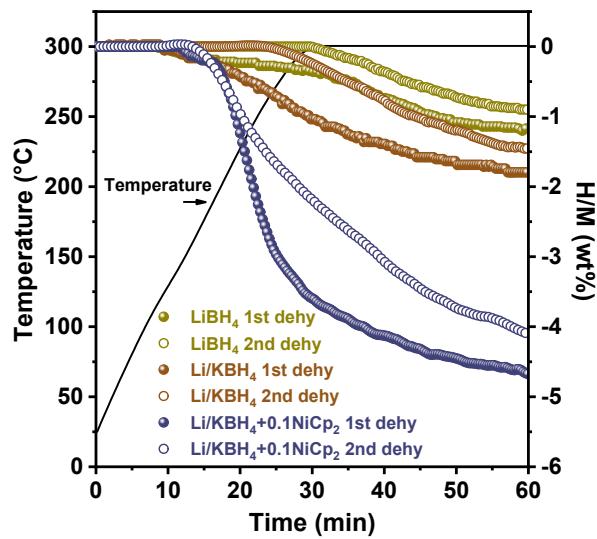


Fig. S6. Isothermal dehydrogenation curves of the as-milled pristine LiBH₄, Li/KBH₄ and Li/KBH₄+0.1NiCp₂ at a cyclic regime of dehydrogenation at 300 °C for 60 min in static vacuum and hydrogenation at 400 °C/10 MPa H₂ pressure for 120 min.

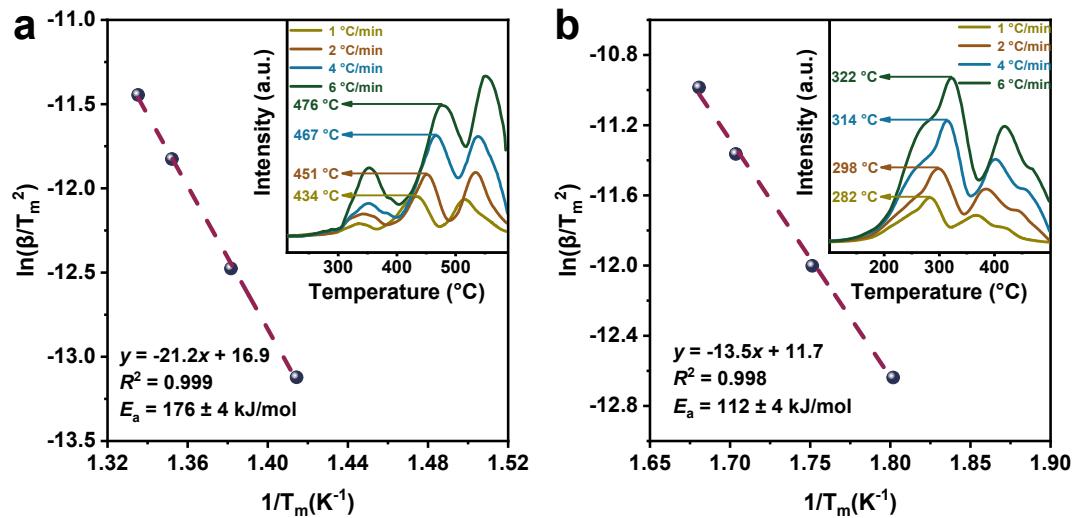


Fig. S7. The Kissinger's plots of the (a) Li/KBH₄ and (b) Li/KBH₄+0.1NiCp₂ systems. The insets are their TPD-MS curves measured at different heating rates.

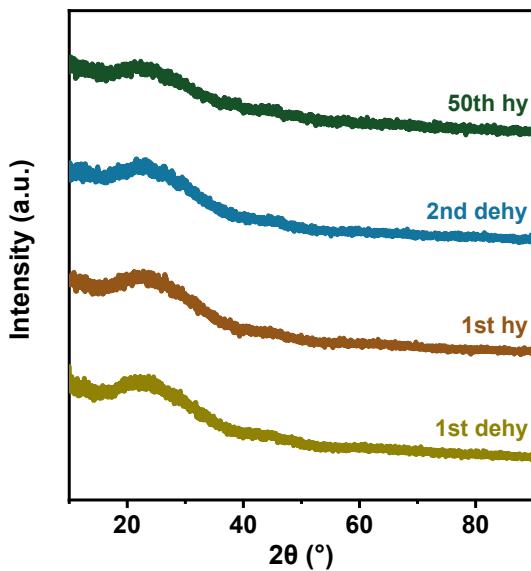


Fig. S8. XRD patterns the confined system with 60 wt% ($\text{Li}/\text{KBH}_4+0.1\text{NiCp}_2$) at different dehydrogenation (dehy) and hydrogenation (hy) states.

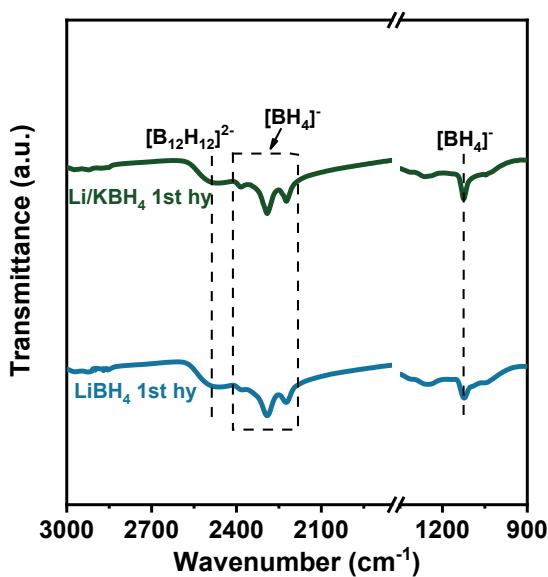


Fig. S9. FTIR spectra of the Li/KBH_4 and LiBH_4 at their initial hydrogenation (hy) states.

Table S1. The cyclic dehydrogenation capacities of the confined system with 60 wt% (Li/KBH₄+0.1NiCp₂).

Cycle number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Capacity (wt%)	7.00	6.70	6.68	6.67	6.67	6.67	6.66	6.66	6.66	6.65
Cycle number	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Capacity (wt%)	6.65	6.66	6.65	6.64	6.64	6.64	6.65	6.64	6.63	6.63
Cycle number	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Capacity (wt%)	6.64	6.65	6.65	6.64	6.64	6.64	6.63	6.63	6.63	6.63
Cycle number	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
Capacity (wt%)	6.64	6.64	6.64	6.63	6.63	6.63	6.64	6.65	6.65	6.64
Cycle number	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Capacity (wt%)	6.64	6.64	6.63	6.62	6.62	6.63	6.63	6.62	6.62	6.62