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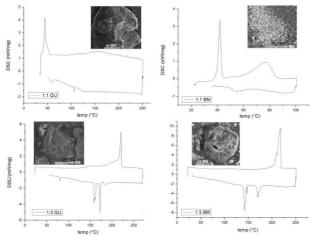
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# Synthesis Approach Influence on Morphology and Conductivity in $(LiBH_4)_{1-x}(LiNH_2)_x$

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The motivation of this talk is to understand the relationship between Lithium diffusion in grain boundary and conductivity of LiBH<sub>4</sub>-LiNH<sub>2</sub> ionic conductors. For the combinations of LiNH<sub>2</sub> with other compounds in phase diagram, it seems that grain boundary area and grain size play an important role in conductivity. Studied material is combination of  $(LiNH_2)_x(LiBH_4)_{1-x}$ , where x = 0.50 (Li<sub>2</sub>BH<sub>4</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>) and 0.75 (Li<sub>4</sub>BH<sub>4</sub>(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>) synthesized by different methods (QU-quenching and BM-ball milling), so that they will have different grain sizes. Theoretically, QU has greatest grain size so lowest grain boundary and BM has lowest grain size with largest grain boundary.



and TEM characterization SEM measurements are perform in order to have some overview conclusions about grain size as well as XRD patterns to calculate grain size by Bragg's law. System will investigated by the electrochemical study (voltammogram with different scan rates) for each sample to have information about diffusion of Li<sup>+</sup>. Furthermore, conductivity measurements of the materials will be executed for comparison.

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