

Supporting Information

Atomic Hydrogen Production from Semi-Clathrate Hydrates

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Experimental Section

Deionized water with ultrahigh purity was supplied from Merck (Germany) and the TBABh, TBAB, TBAF, TBAOH, THF, Me₄NOH and D₂O were supplied by SIGMA-ALDRICH Inc. H₂ and N₂ gas with a purity of 99.995mol% was supplied by Special Gas (Korea). Solutions of proper mole-composition of TBABh, TBAB, TBAF, TBAOH, THF, Me₄NOH were frozen at 210K for at least 24 hour and were then ground to a fine power (~200μm) in liquid nitrogen. For TBABh solution, NaOH (molar ratio of OH⁻/BH₄⁻ = 0.05) was added to prevent premature hydrolysis reaction. The grounded powders were pressurized by H₂ or N₂ at 210K for at least 1 week. The formed hydrate samples were stored in liquid nitrogen and gamma-ray irradiated as 30 kGy (15 kGy per 1hr) by a ⁶⁰Co γ-ray source at KAERI in Jeongup, Korea.

The polycrystalline samples were measured at 77K by an X-band ESR spectrometer (JEOL FA200) at a modulation of 100 kHz using a modulation width of 0.5 mT, a microwave power of 1 mW and a sweep time of 4 minutes. 5 grams of each sample was carefully transferred to a quartz tube placed in a liquid nitrogen environment. This low-temperature condition was maintained during ESR experiments. The XRD patterns were obtained using Rigaku D/max-IIIc diffractometer with CuKα as a light source (λ=1.5406) at a generator voltage of 40 kV and a generator current of 300 mA. Low temperature stage attached to XRD kept the working temperature to 93K and step scan mode of 0.01°/3s was applied.

The equilibrium pressure and temperature were determined by checking the routine PT trajectory, which consisted of hydrate formation and dissociation stages. The cooling rate was 0.5 K/h and the heating rate was 0.2 K/h. A 4-wire type PT-100Ω (±0.05% full-scale accuracy) and a PMP4070 device from Druck Inc. were used as temperature and pressure sensing device. The direct-release experiments were conducted at 293K and were repeated three times for reliability.

Fig. S1

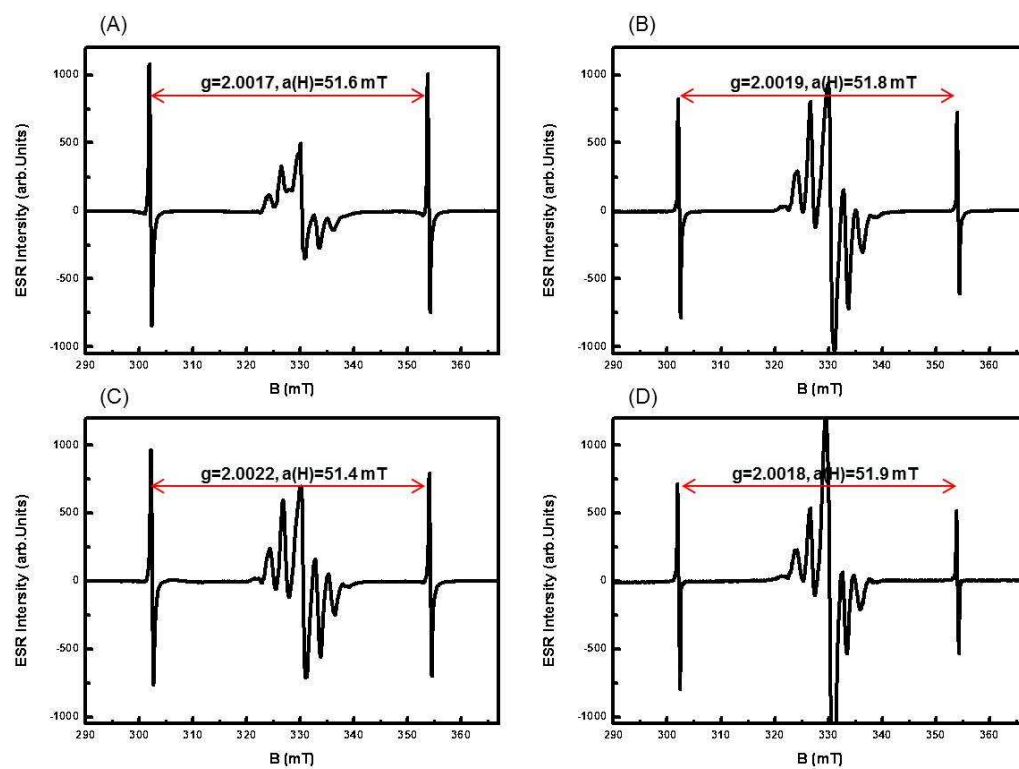


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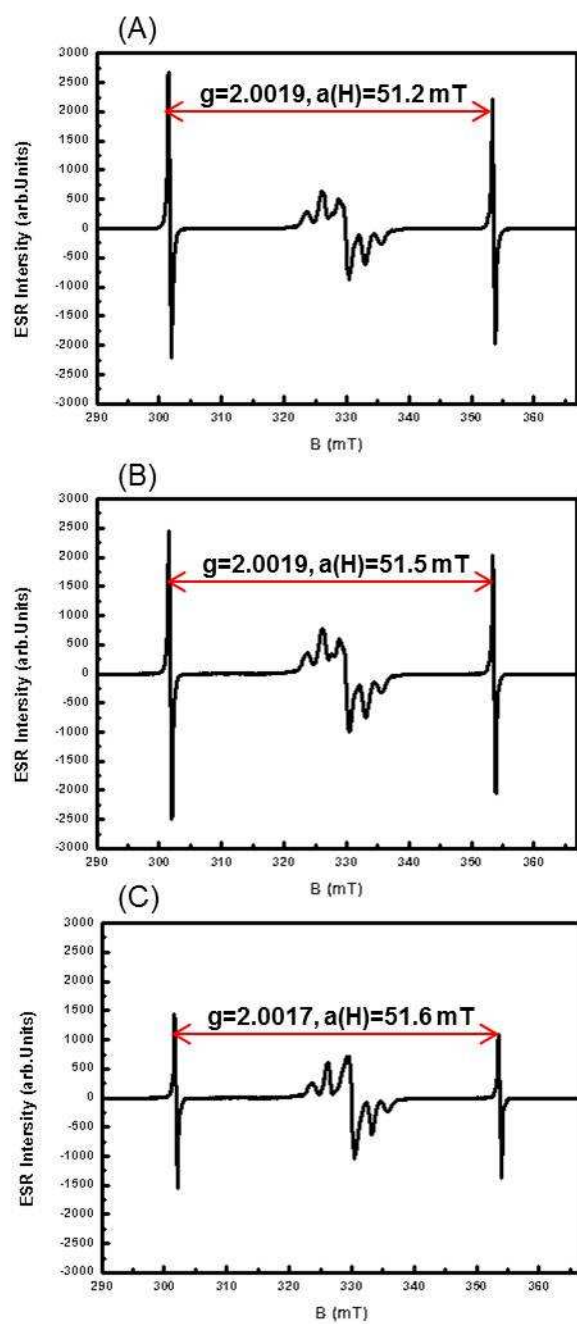


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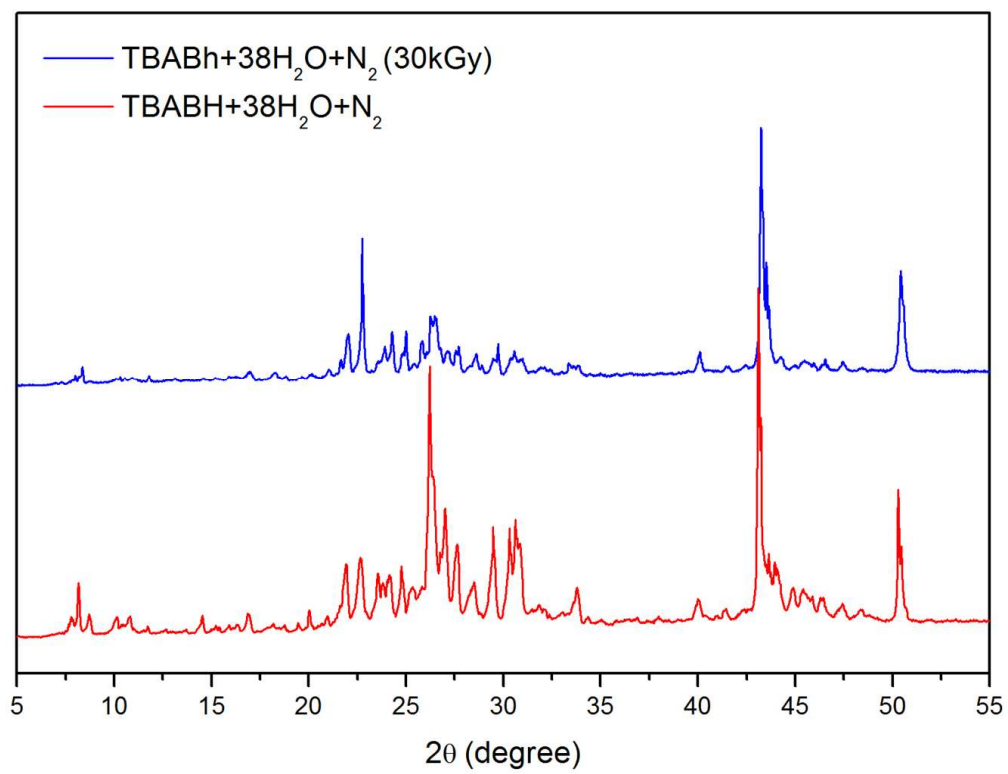


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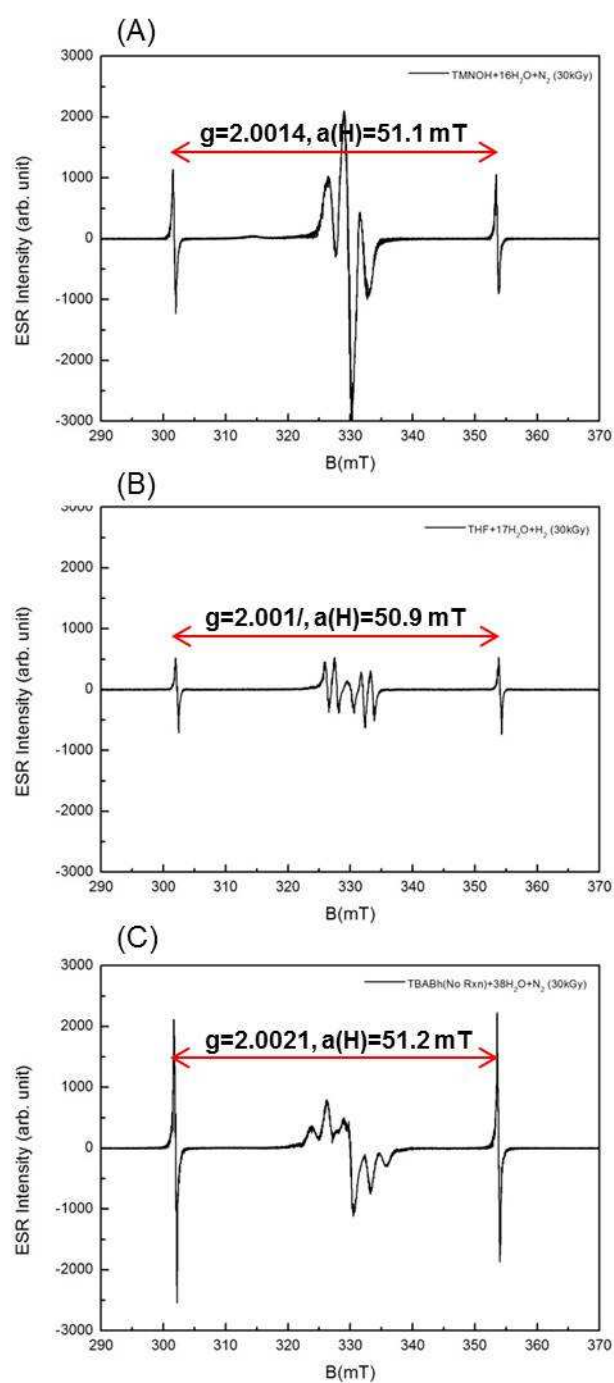


Fig. S5 (This figure is newly inserted in the revision. Here, we don't provide the full range data set, but this can show the general PT equilibrium trend.)

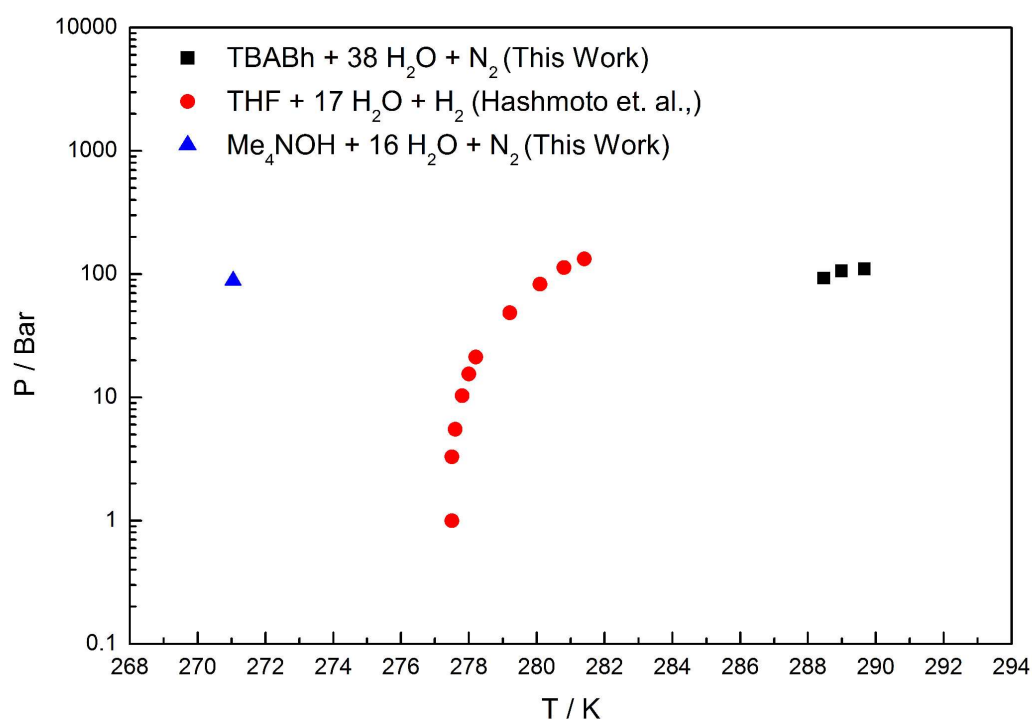


Table S1.

NIGM type	Dose of γ -ray (kGy)	Released amount (ml/g)
N ₂	0 (before the irradiation)	24.52 \pm 0.24
	30	24.86 \pm 0.81
H ₂	0 (before the irradiation)	19.47 \pm 0.21
	30	19.27 \pm 0.24