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Al-N-Compounds – Possible Materials for Hydrogen Storage

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Aluminum hydride (AlH₃) by itself has already been considered as a hydrogen storage material over 50 years ago based on its high volumetric (148 g H₂ L⁻¹) and gravimetric (10.1 wt.-%) hydrogen density. Based on its low decomposition temperature and light weight, research on AlH₃ confining the impractical re-hydrogenation conditions is still in progress. Attempts to stabilize AlH₃ with a Lewis base, such as an amine, lead to a significant reduction of the thermodynamic hydrogenation barrier of Al. This approach enables the hydrogenation at room temperature and reasonable pressures to generate amine AlH₃ adducts, called amino alanes. The influence of tertiary amines leads to stabilized phases under mild conditions offering promising properties for reversible hydrogenation.

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