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While the cation chemistry in many materials has been extensively studied, in the field of mixed anion compounds a lot remains to be discovered yet. Especially mixed-anionic hydrides are receiving a lot of attention at the moment, because the partial substitution can significantly change the physical and chemical properties [1]. Due to the low scattering power of hydride, the combined use of neutron and X-ray diffraction is essential for a complete structural characterization.

Beside the use of these tools, also the use of local probes can be helpful. For instance, rare earth metal ions showing 5d-4f transitions can show very sensitive differences in the polarizabilities in the local environment. Recently, a number of new mixed-anionic hydrides and complex hydrides has been discovered. Here, mixed hydride halides and borohydrides are studied. Furthermore, the first representative of a novel class of materials, the borate hydride Sr5(BO3)3H:Eu2+ is presented. The successful incorporation of hydride in the later compound was shown using a number of independent methods, including neutron powder diffraction, 1H solid state MAS NMR, vibrational spectroscopy and quantum chemical calculations.

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