

# New Materials For and Challenges in Lithium Ion Battery Research

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# *Basic* Research Needs: Electrical Energy Storage

## Grand challenges?

1. Identify the most efficient mechanism(s) for electrical energy storage
2. Find an ideal material combination that will cycle infinitely without capacity loss, for use over a wide range of temperatures.

easy to fabricate, cheap to produce, safe, environmentally friendly, etc.

3. Identify radically different methods or approaches for electrical energy storage ... to couple with new/different sources of energy?

New methods of producing electricity may require new battery designs

Control of the local dynamic and structural behavior of materials on the femtosecond-to-years timescale is necessary in order to develop tailor-made energy storage systems with novel properties

# INTRODUCTION

How do rechargeable lithium ion batteries (LIBs) work?

Where will they be used and what is the potential short and long term impact?

What are some of the technological requirements for 21<sup>st</sup> century devices and current problems?

## MATERIALS

What are the issues?

Where are the frontiers?

What fundamental scientific breakthroughs required to achieve the materials goals?

Where are the critical information gaps?

### New Electrode Materials

New Diagnostic/Characterization Approaches

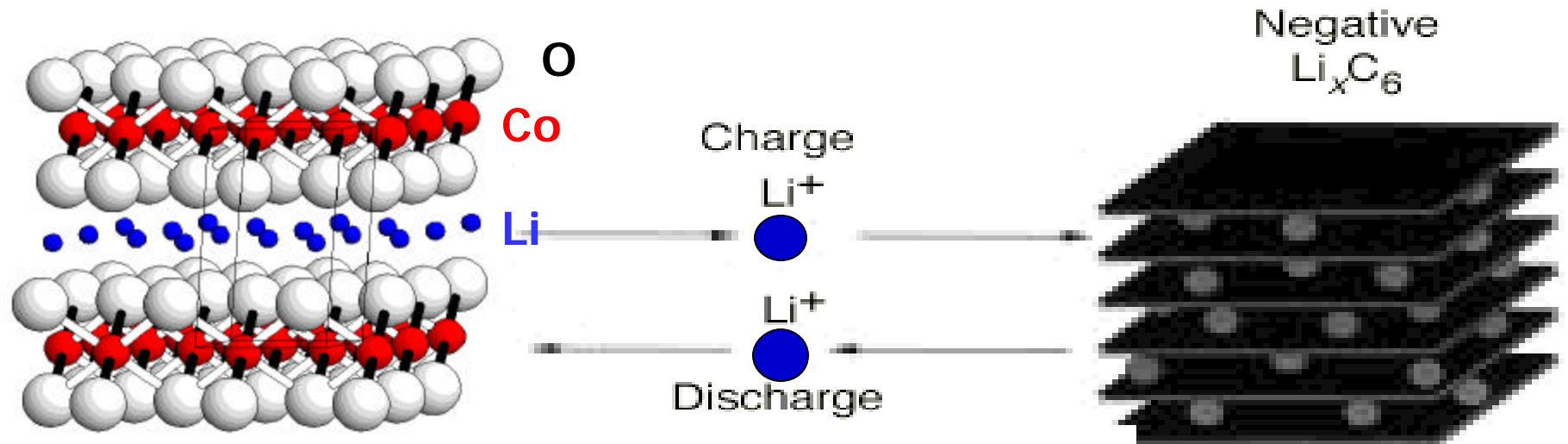
Applications to Layered Materials

MANY OF THESE MATERIALS EXHIBIT A RANGE OF FASCINATING PHYSICAL PHENOMENA – OF BASIC FUNDAMENTAL INTEREST...

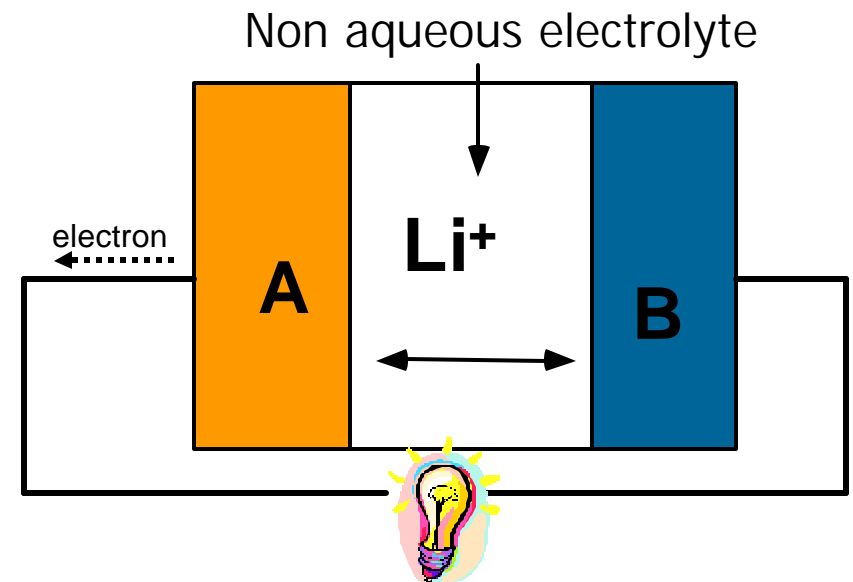
Metal-insulator transitions, charge-ordering, co-operative Jahn-Teller distortions ..

WHICH DIRECTLY IMPACT BATTERY PERFORMANCE

The big advance in this field came with the development of the SONY "Rocking-Chair" battery in 1990

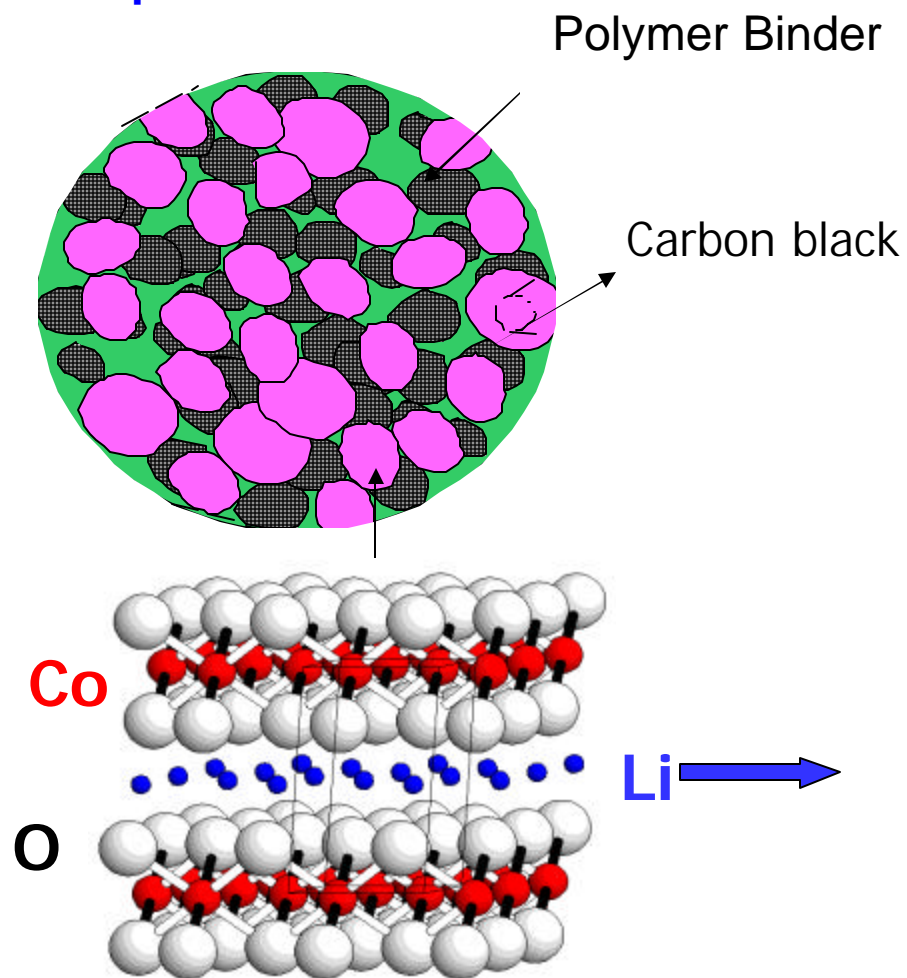


- Lithium shuttles backwards between two layered compounds
- **Very high voltage (4 V; cf Ni/Cd @ 1.35 V)**
- $\text{LiCoO}_2$ , J. Goodenough (1980)
- 2ndary host material, Murphy et al., and Scrosati et al. ('78 and '80)



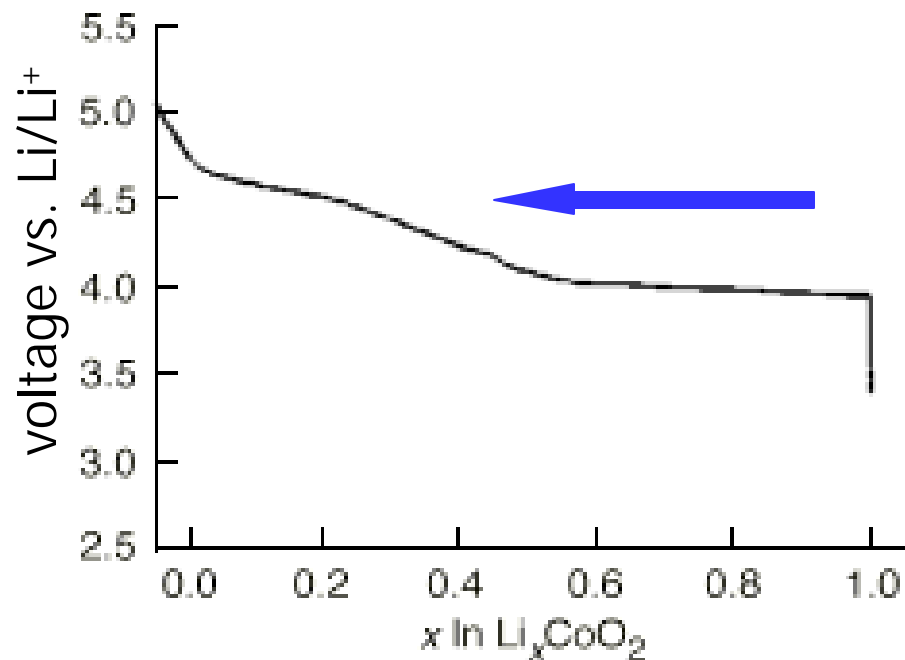
# Solid state chemistry at the cathode end...

## Positive Electrode Composite structure



$\text{Co}^{3+}$  is oxidized to  $\text{Co}^{4+}$  on Li removal (deintercalation)

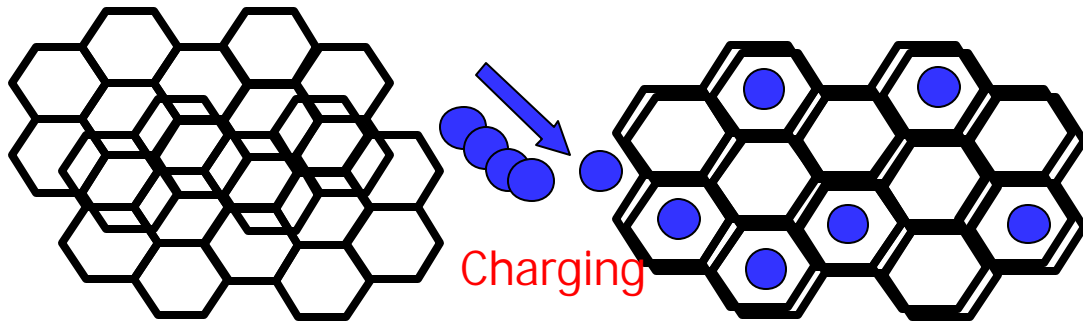
I.e., during charging



Ohzuku *et al.* J. Electrochem Soc. 140, 1862, '93

# At the negative (anode) end..

- Graphite anode forms an intercalation compound  $\text{Li}_x\text{C}$



Requirements for rechargeable batteries:

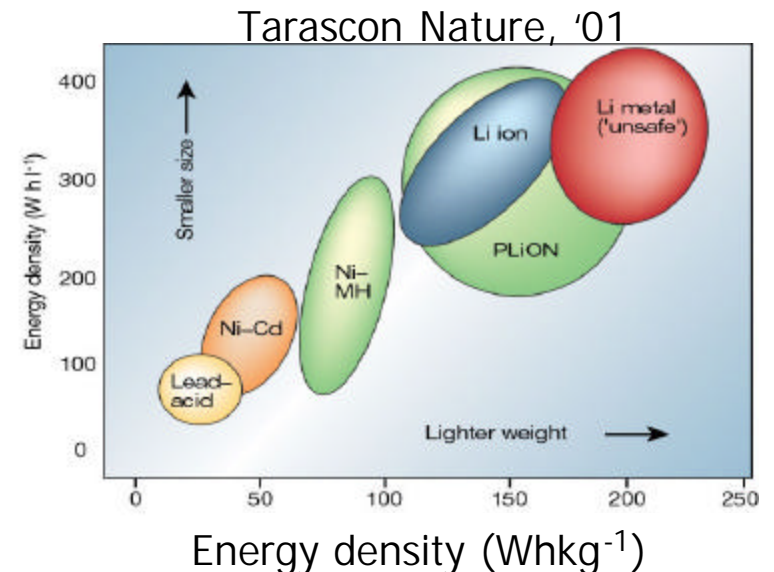
*Reversible* electrode chemistry

Large difference in the couples of the two 1/2 cells => **High voltages**

Light materials => **High energy densities**

**Conducting anode and cathode** (current can be removed) => **high power densities**

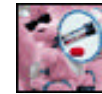
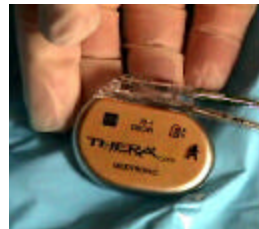
	Energy density;	Cycle Life;	Voltage
SONY Cell	<b>90 Wh/kg</b>	500-1000	4V
Pb acid	30	250-500	2V
Ni/Cd	30-35	300-700	1.3V
Ni metal hydride	50	300-600	1.2V



# Recent Advances in Portable Technologies and the Proposed Solutions to the Impending Energy Crisis Require Energy Storage Systems: The Various Applications Have Very Different Power Requirements

◆ Portable Electronics (Cell phones, laptops, PDA, digital cameras)

◆ Medical Devices



**Low Power  
(high energy)**

◆ Portable tools

◆ Back-up power (UPS)

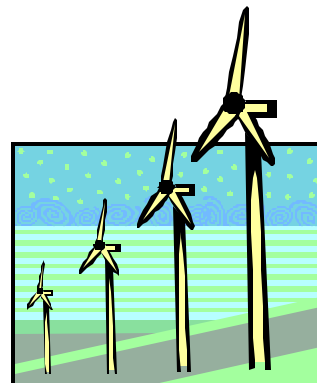
◆ Power Storage for Renewable Energy



◆ EVs and HEVs

◆ Electric bikes/scooters

◆ “Industrial” EV, forklifts  
golf carts



**High Power**



# How will energy storage make impact ?

## US Carbon Dioxide Emissions (EIA BAU)

(Millions of tonnes - Carbon)

Slide courtesy G. Ceder

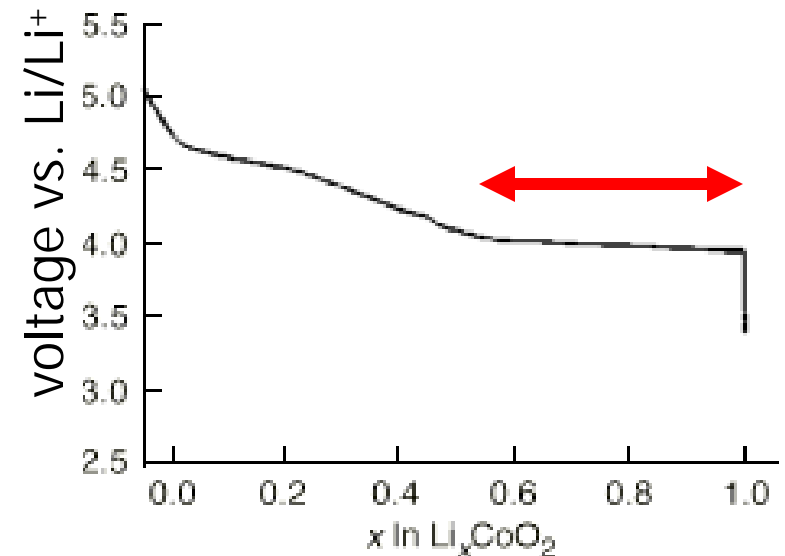
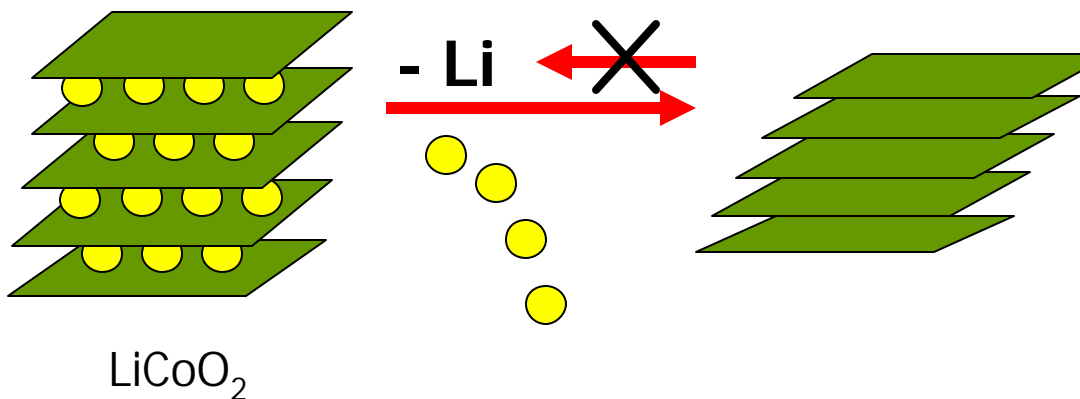
	RESIDENTIAL+ COMMERCIAL		INDUSTRIAL		TRANSPORTATION		TOTAL	
	2005	2025	2005	2025	2005	2025	2005	2025
Petroleum	43	48	119	142	526		933	
Natural Gas					10	14	252	313
Coal	3	3	55	47	0	0	58	49
Electricity	458	675	182	223	4	6	644	904
<b>TOTAL</b>	624	875	478	562	541	763	1643	2199
		1.7%/yr		0.8%/yr		1.7%/yr		1.5%/yr

526 + 458 + 182 = 1166 = 71% of all US CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



# Why is more research needed? Some Major Disadvantages of the $\text{LiCoO}_2$ Battery

- **COST:** Co is toxic and expensive
- **MATERIALS RESOURCES:** Not sufficient Co globally to meet perceived demands for rechargeables
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- **II. POWER (rate):** V. slow to charge and discharge (low power) - not suitable for E.V.s, H.E.V.s or other high power applications
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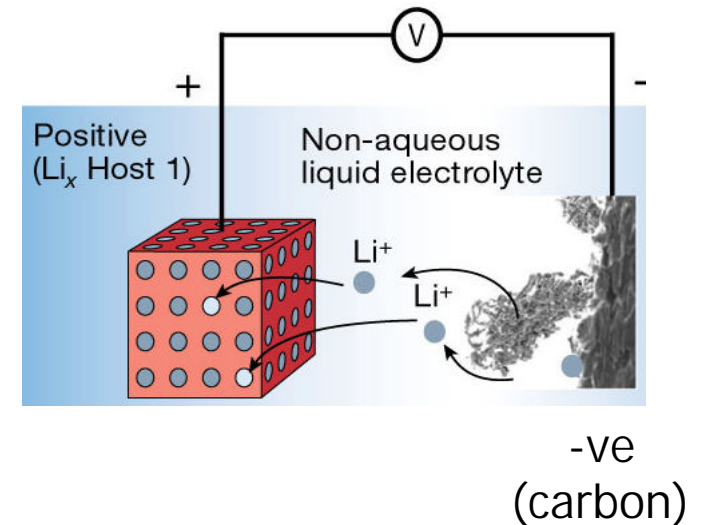
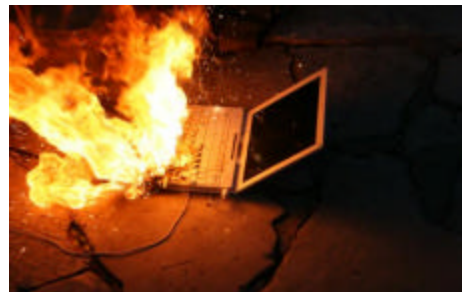


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J. -M. Tarascon, Nature '01

# Improving battery performance will be driven by:

- New materials
- Understanding how the systems function and why they fail
  - characterization (diagnostics)

## Energy density

Need to increase the amount of charge stored per unit of material

## Power (rate)

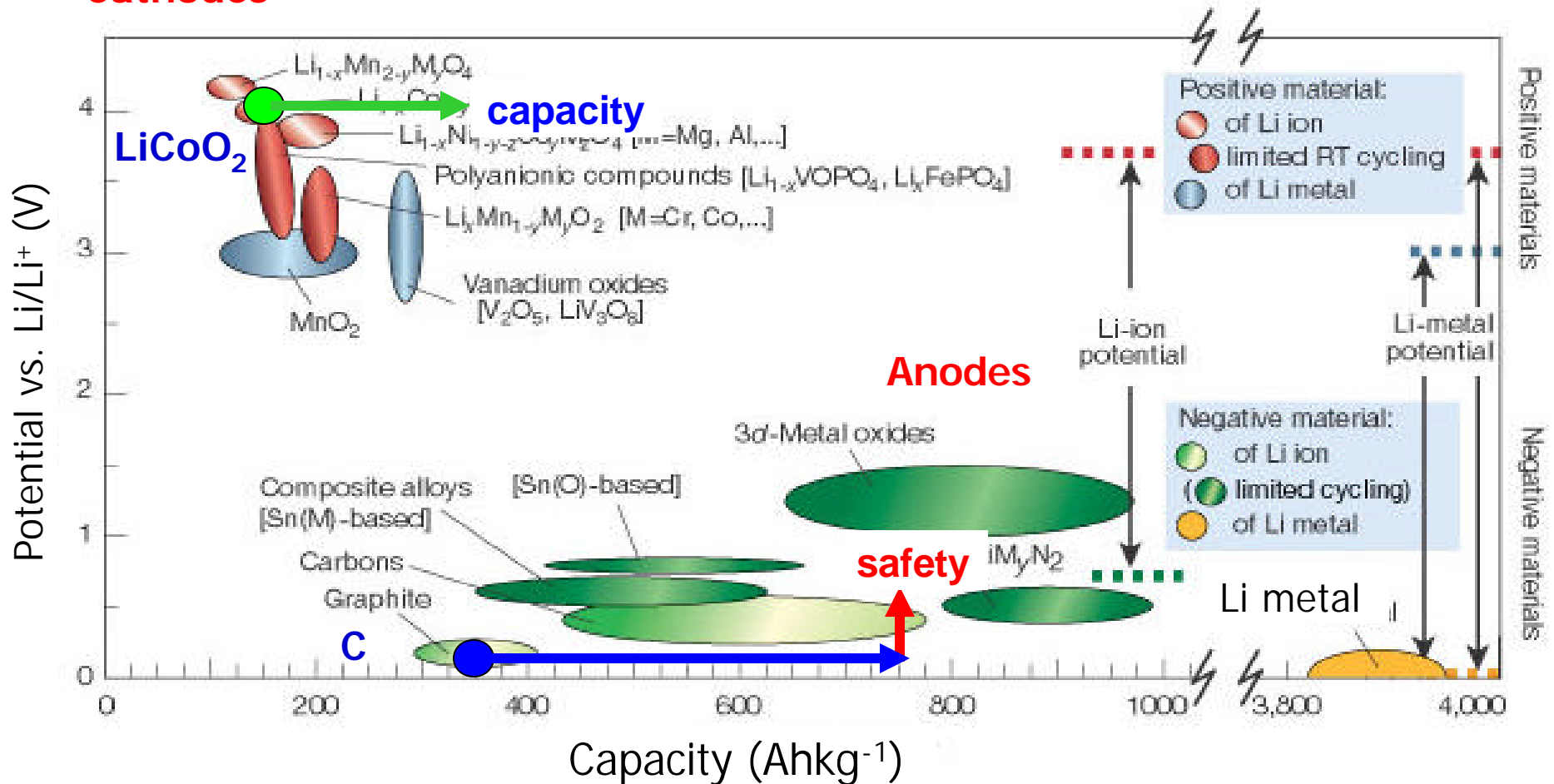
Need to increase Li<sup>+</sup> diffusion (and electronic conductivity)

Engineering of cell design

# ENERGY DENSITY

## New Materials: Voltage vs. Capacity - Status in 2001

### Cathodes

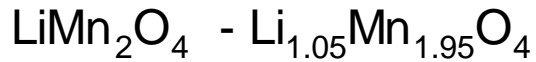


A "few" illustrative examples

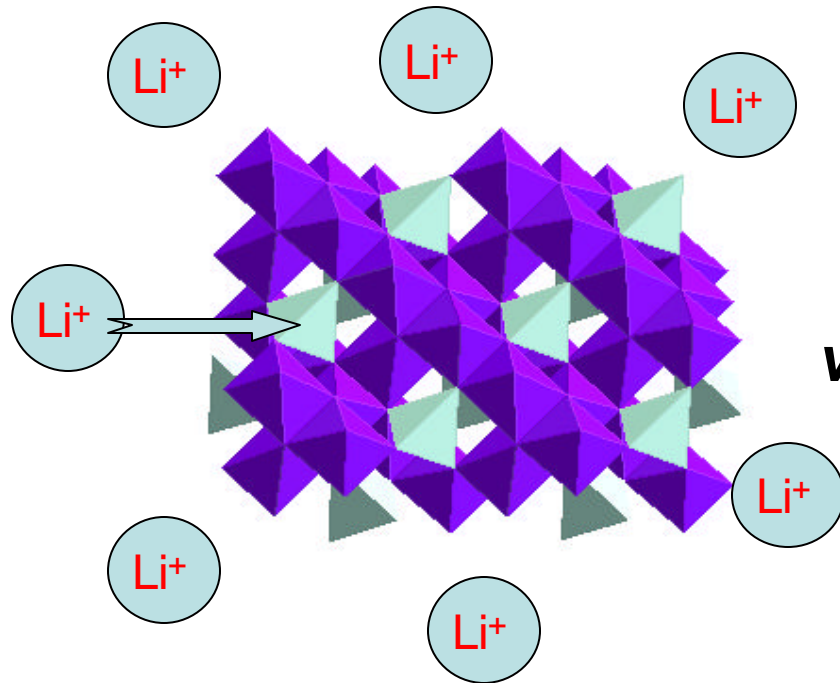
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# Pushing Back the Frontiers

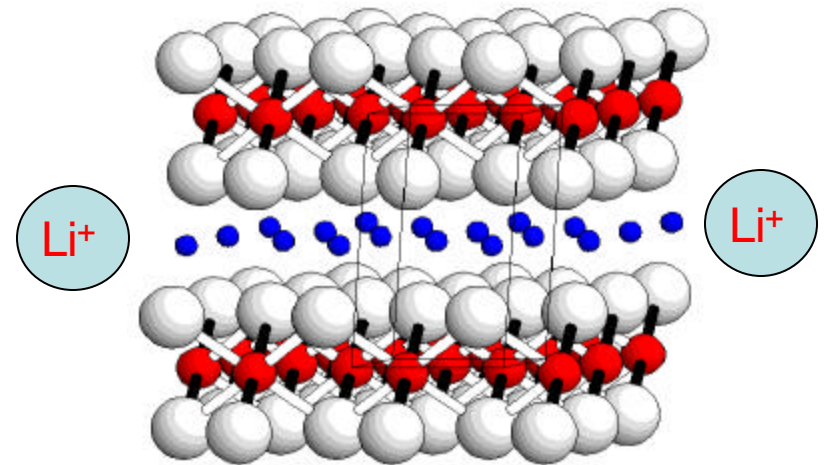
## 1. Spinel: Moving to 3-Dimensional Structures



Thackeray, Goodenough



V.S.



- Li insertion and diffusion can occur in 3D
- Smaller (anisotropic) volume changes in cycling
- Manganese Spinel  $\text{LiMn}_2\text{O}_4 \rightarrow \text{MnO}_2 + \text{Li}$  4V 120 mAhg<sup>-1</sup>
- Cheap, Good electronic conductivity - high power
- but low capacity (cannot reduce to  $< \text{Mn}^{3.5+}$ , due to JT distortion) and problems with  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  dissolution

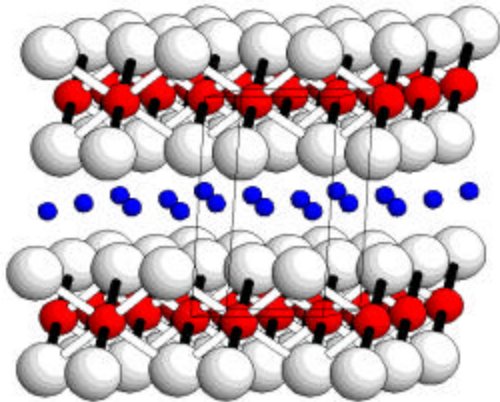


•Commercialized in applications where cost is critical

•Zero-strain anode  $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$

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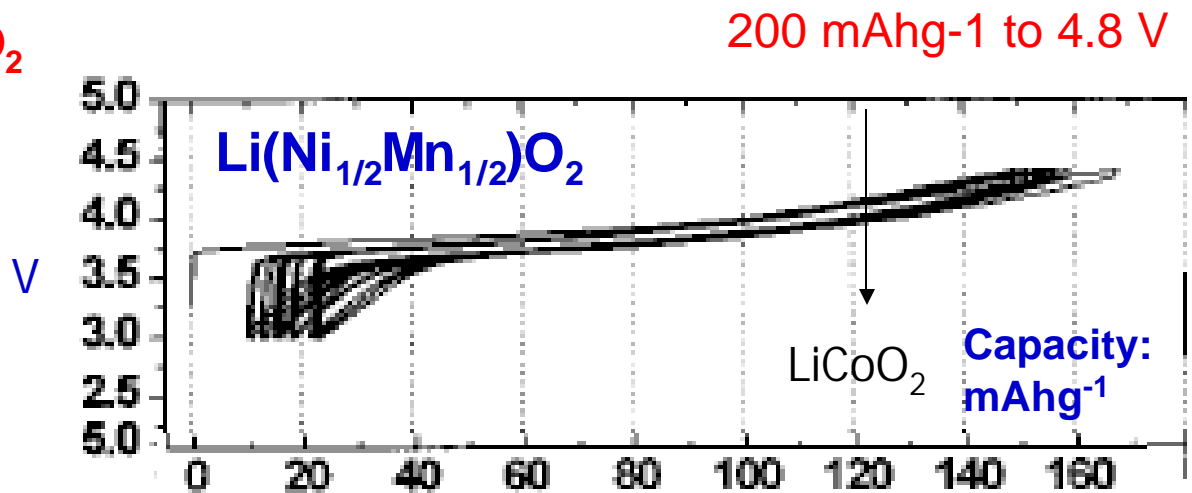
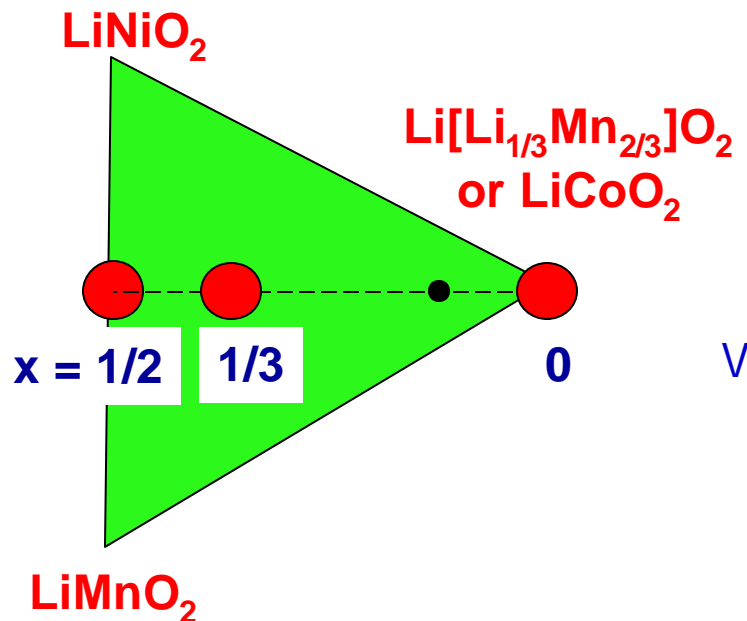
## 2. Improving Capacity in Layered Materials



Layered cathode materials have been discovered, where the oxidation/reduction processes involve multiple-electron redox processes

$\text{Ni}^{2+}$ - $\text{Ni}^{4+}$  (Ohzuku & Makimura, *Chem. Lett.* '01; Lu, MacNeil, & Dahn, *Electrochem. Solid St. Lett.*, '01)

$\text{Cr}^{3+}$  -  $\text{Cr}^{6+}$   $\text{Li}[\text{Li}_{0.2}\text{Mn}_{0.4}\text{Cr}_{0.4}]\text{O}_2$  (Ammundsen, '01)



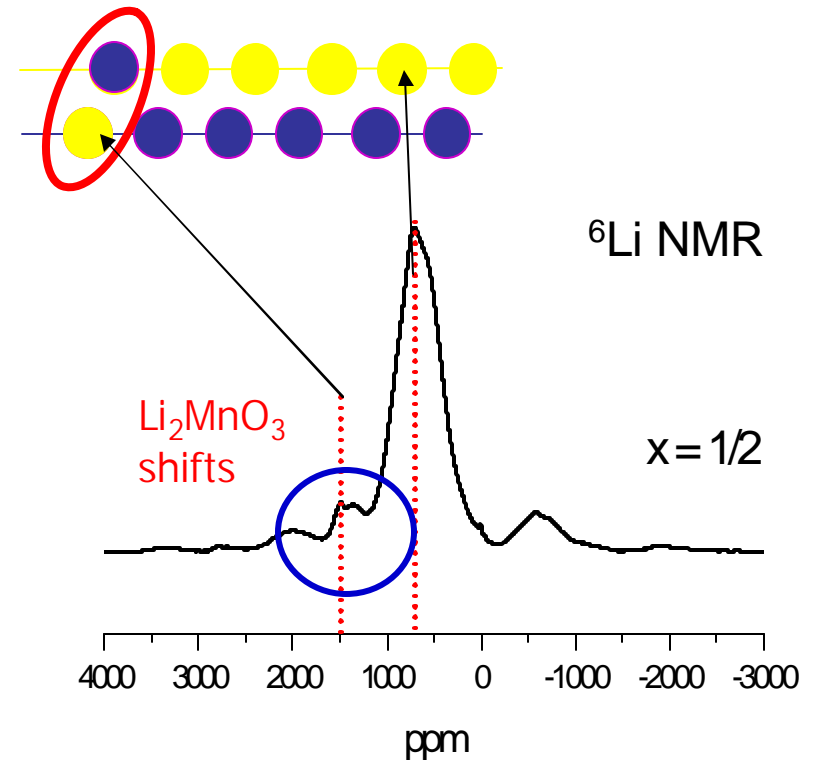
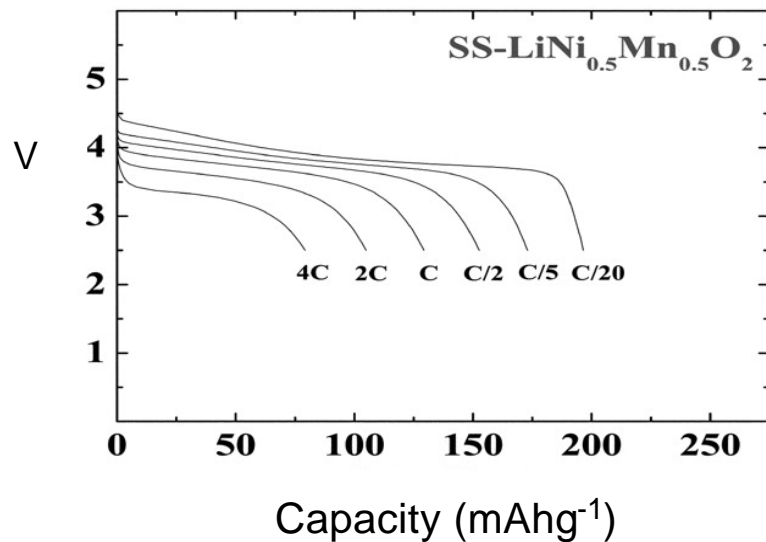
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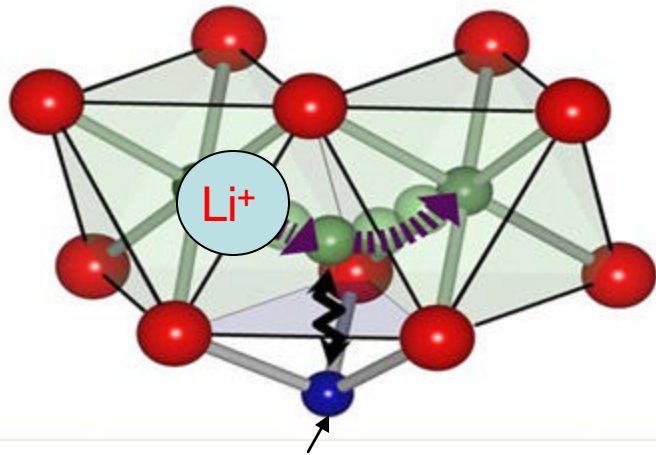
$\text{Li}[\text{Co}_{1/3}\text{Ni}_{1/3}\text{Mn}_{1/3}]\text{O}_2$ : Improved safety of charged phases (Dahn et al.)

$\text{Li}[\text{Ni}_{1/2}\text{Mn}_{1/2}]\text{O}_2$ : Problem with  $\text{Li}^+/\text{Ni}^{2+}$  exchange

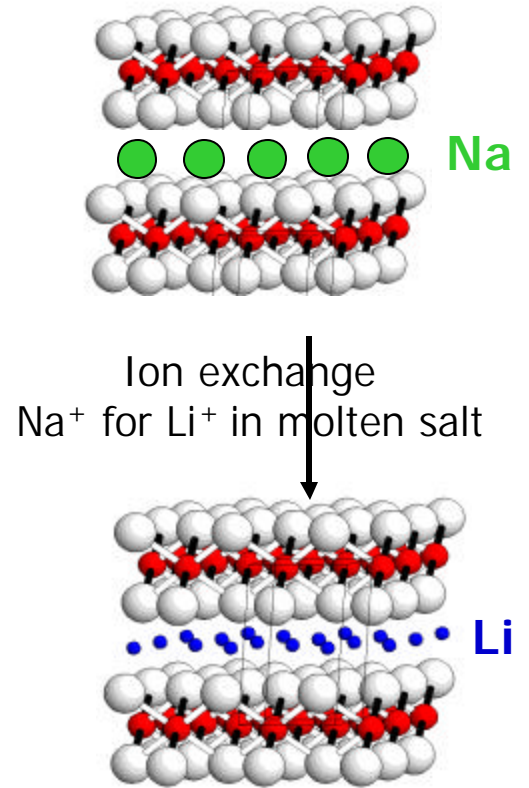
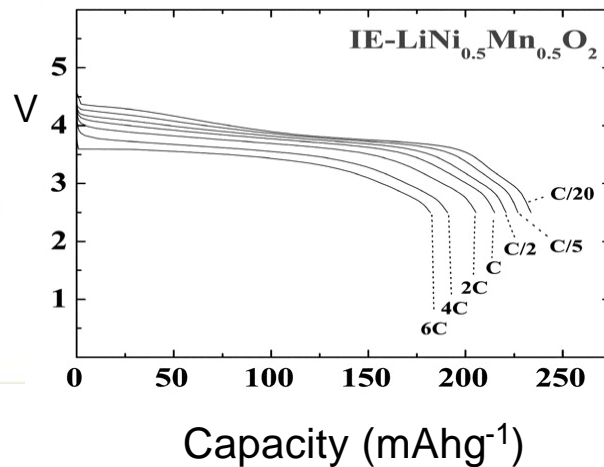


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## 3. Improving Ionic Conductivity in Layered Materials



activated state for Li motion is close to TM site



•Lead to high rate  $\text{Li}(\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{0.5})\text{O}_2^*$

Transition metal	Co <sup>4+</sup>	Ni <sup>4+</sup>	Mn <sup>4+</sup>	Ni <sup>3+</sup>	Co <sup>3+</sup>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Ni <sup>2+</sup>
Activation barrier (meV)	490	490	340	310	310	270	210 

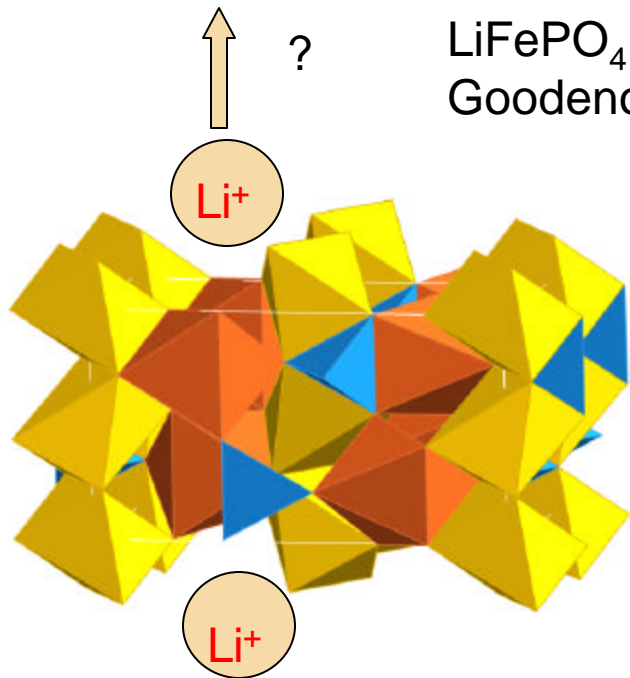
Kang and Ceder., Phys. Rev. '06

\*Kang, Meng, Breger, Grey, Ceder, Science 2006

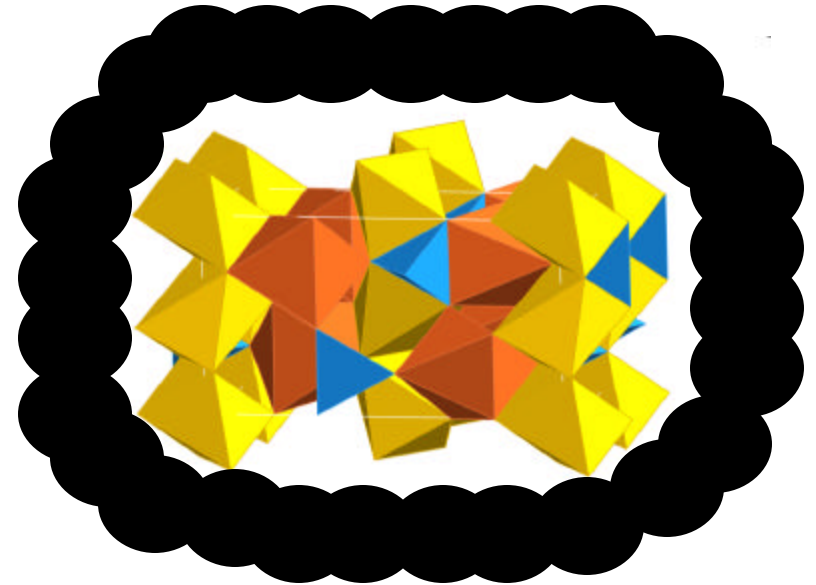


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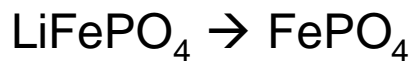
## 4. $\text{LiFePO}_4$ : Extracting Li From Insulating Materials



Cheap  
Safe  
3.4 V



Apply carbon coating  
(M. Armand)



2-phase reaction  
between 2 insulators

Make nano-materials to reduce  
diffusion length  
Dope?

What other insulators can be made  
electrochemically active?

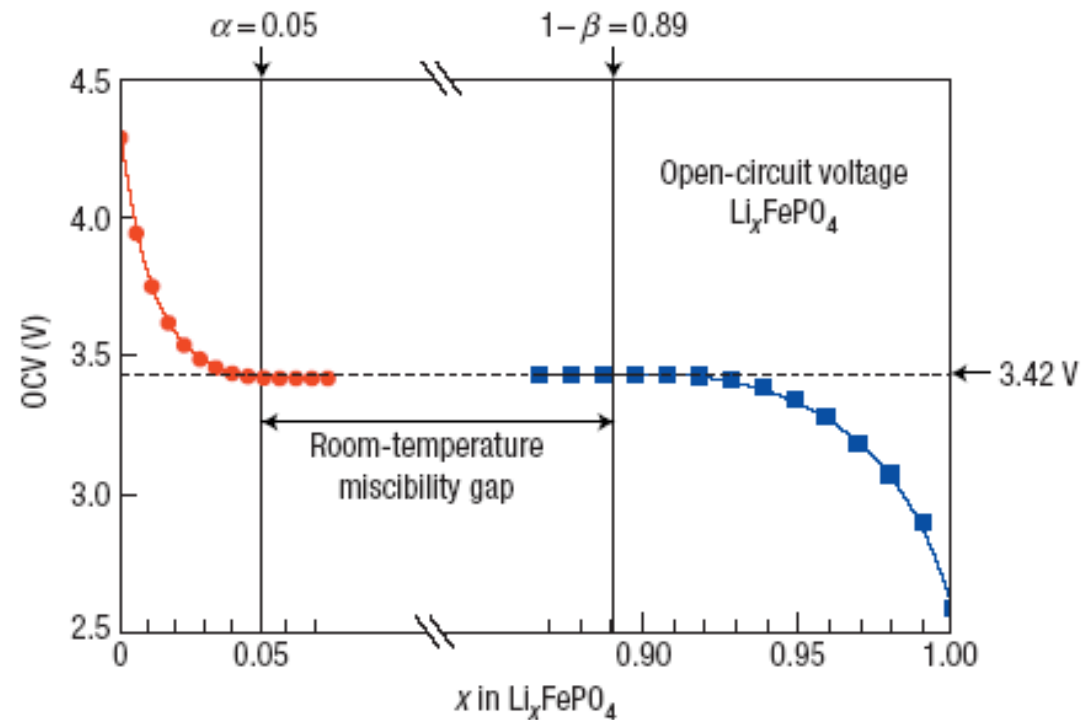
$\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$  (olivine)

Fluorides

Why does  $\text{LiMnPO}_4$  fail?

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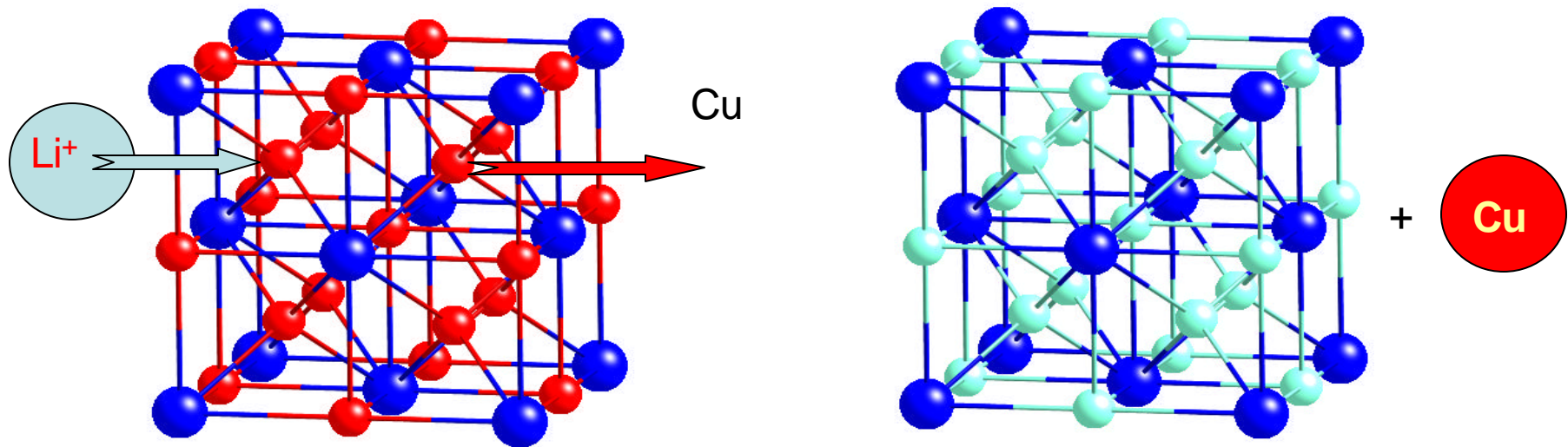
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A. Yamada et al, *Nature Materials*, **5** (2006) 357

# Pushing Back the Frontiers: 5. Moving Beyond Intercalation Chemistry

Intermetallic



## A. Extrusion:



“In<sup>3+</sup>” reduced to In<sup>0</sup>

Thackeray, Dahn



High capacities  
Cost of materials?

Enabling chemistry

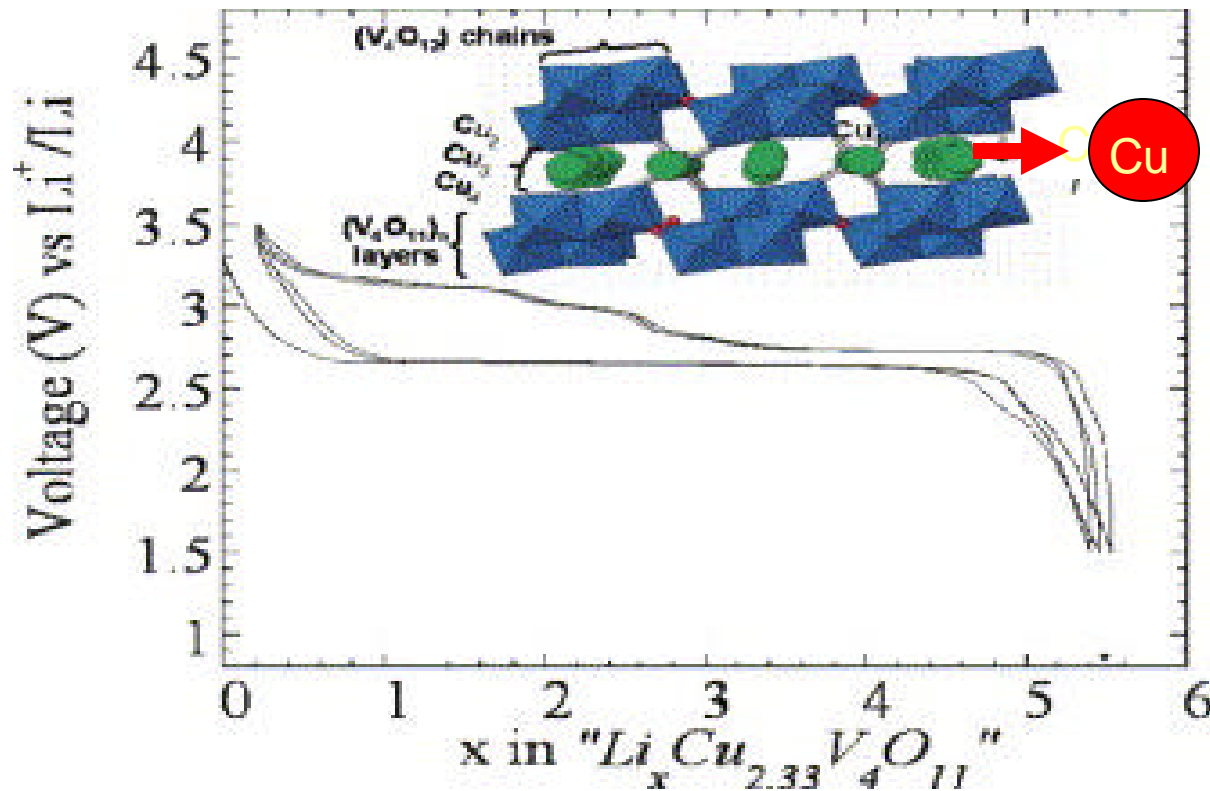


Reversibility?



# Pushing Back the Frontiers:

## 6. Combining Insertion With Extrusion



Host reduced and metal extruded  
=> Higher capacities?

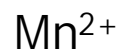
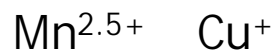
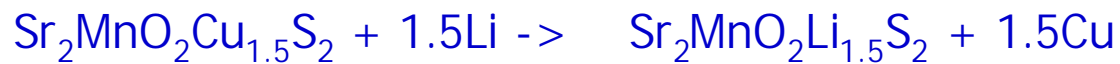
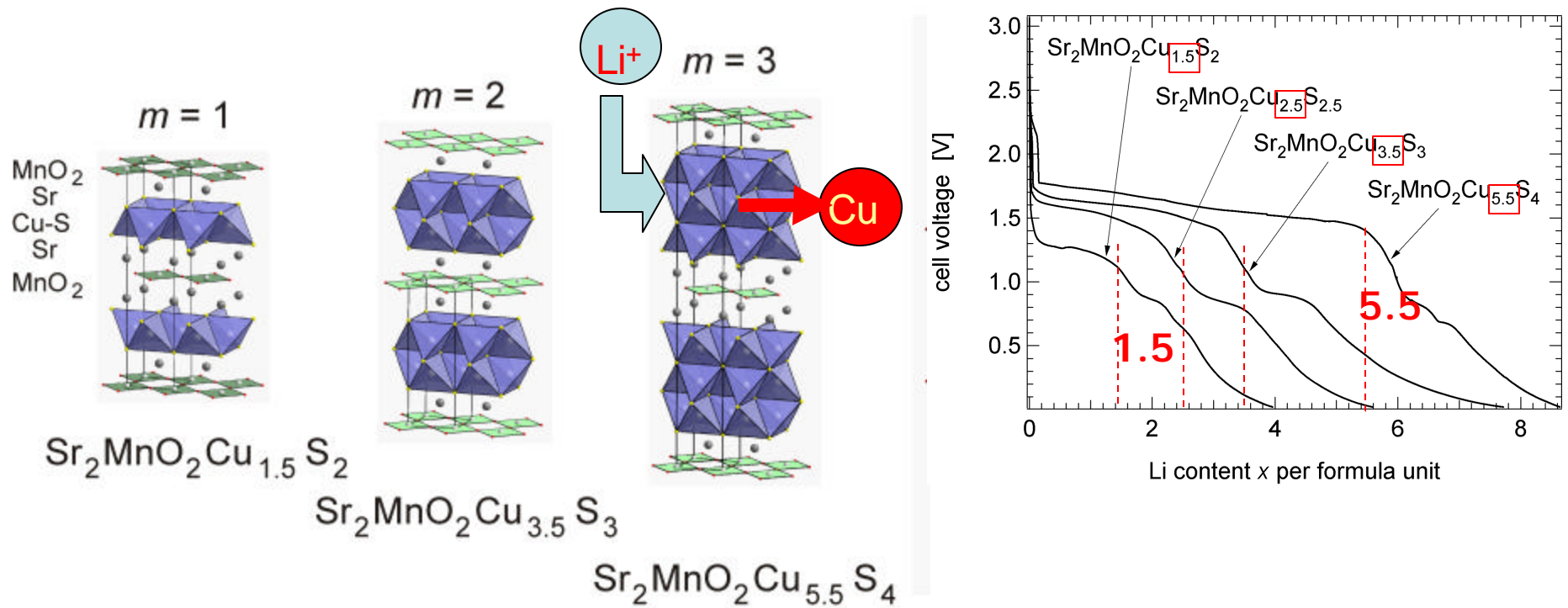


**Reversibility?**

Morcrette and Tarascon

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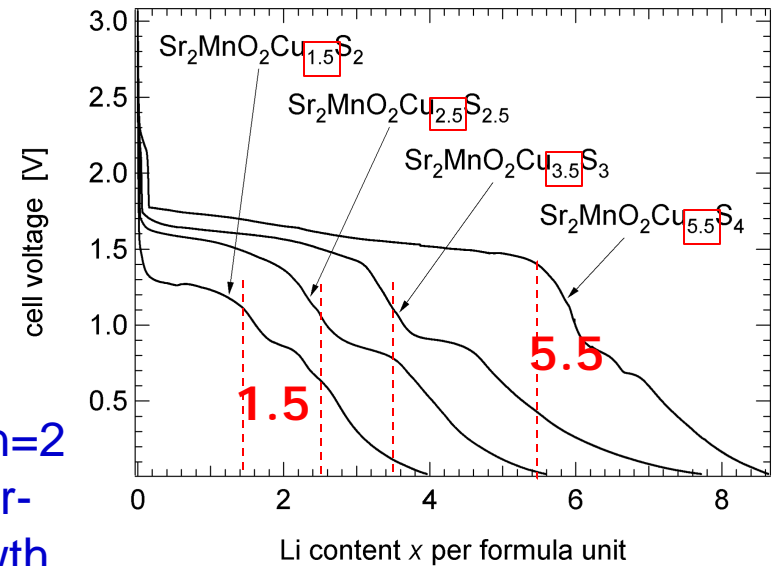
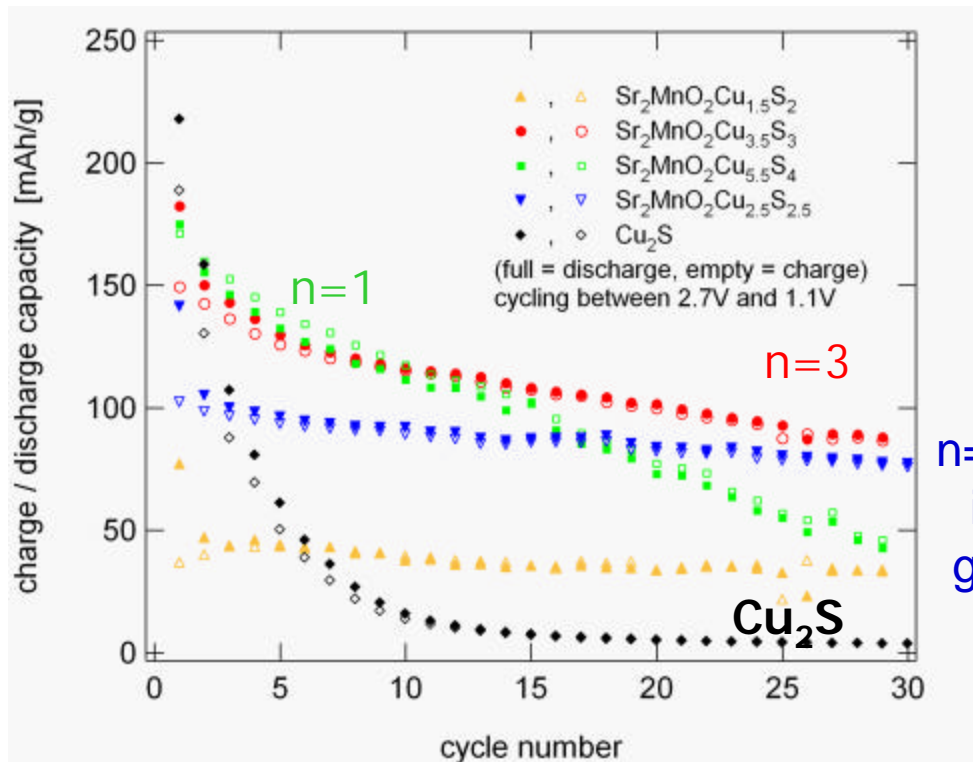
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The materials cycle well in *c.f.* to  $\text{Cu}_2\text{S}$

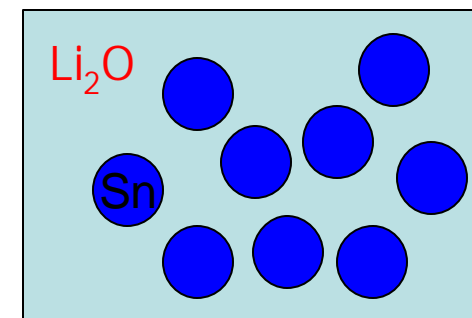
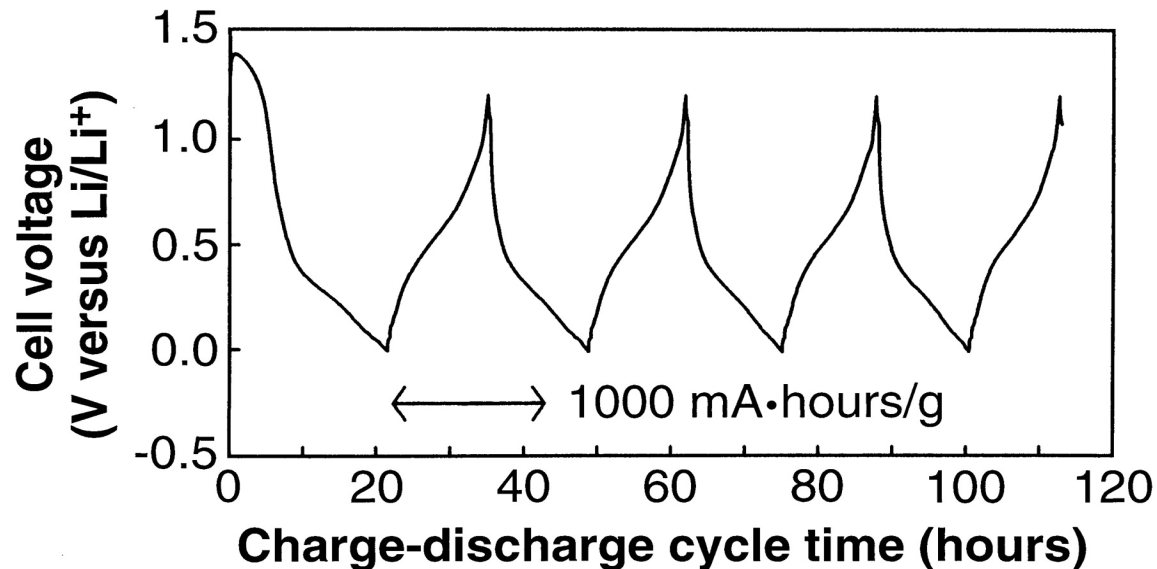
Relatively inert layers help to stabilize electrodes  
Rapid  $\text{Li}^+$  mobility in sulfide layers

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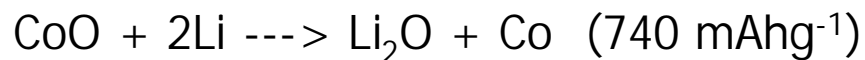
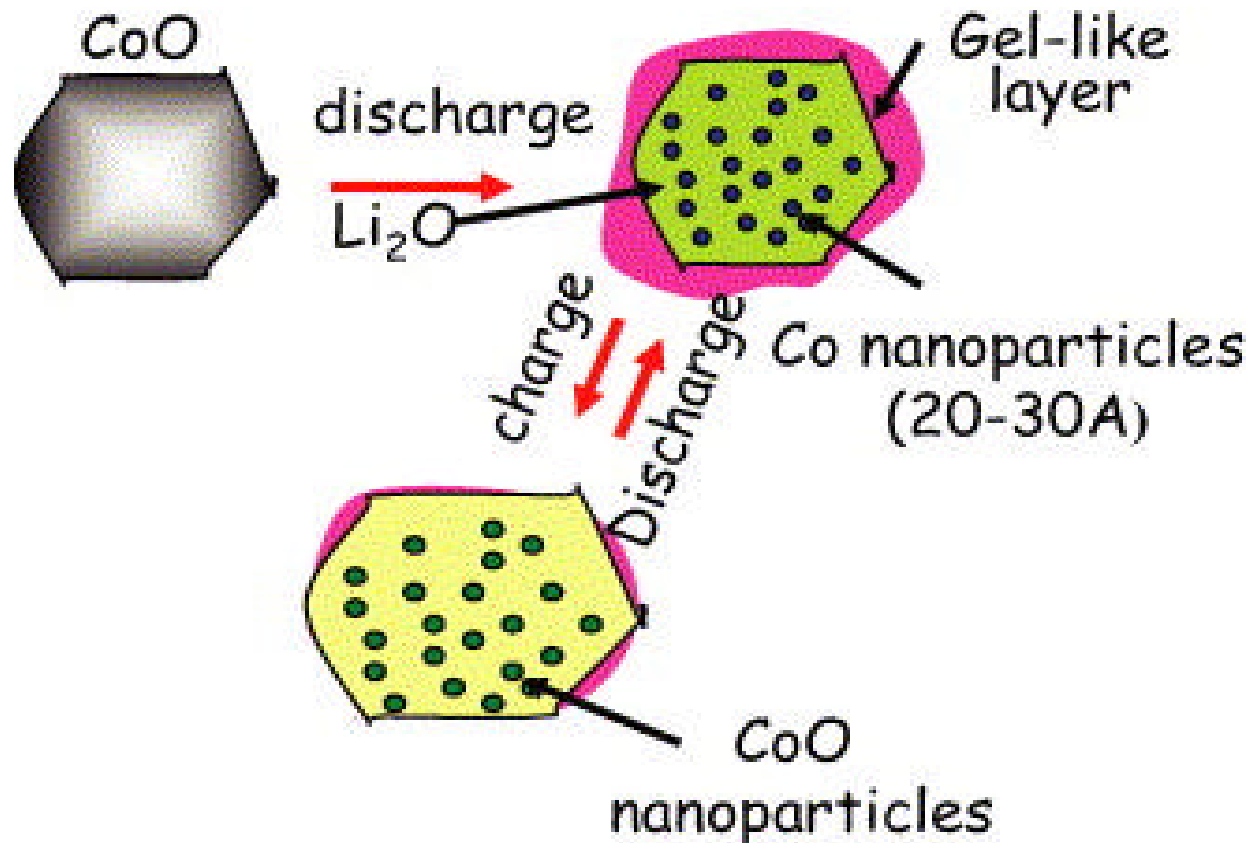
## 7. Multiple Electron Processes: Nanoparticles and Composites

- Metals and alloys show v. high capacities (e.g, Si = 4000 mAhg<sup>-1</sup>) but suffer from extremely large volume expansions
- => use a composite (of nano particles/domains) to absorb stresses during cycling
- **Tin-Based Amorphous Oxides (TCO):**  $\text{Sn}_{1.0}\text{B}_{0.56}\text{P}_{0.4}\text{Al}_{0.4}\text{O}_{3.6}$  (T. Kubota, A. Matsufuji, Y. Maekawa, T. Miyasaka, *Science*, 1997)



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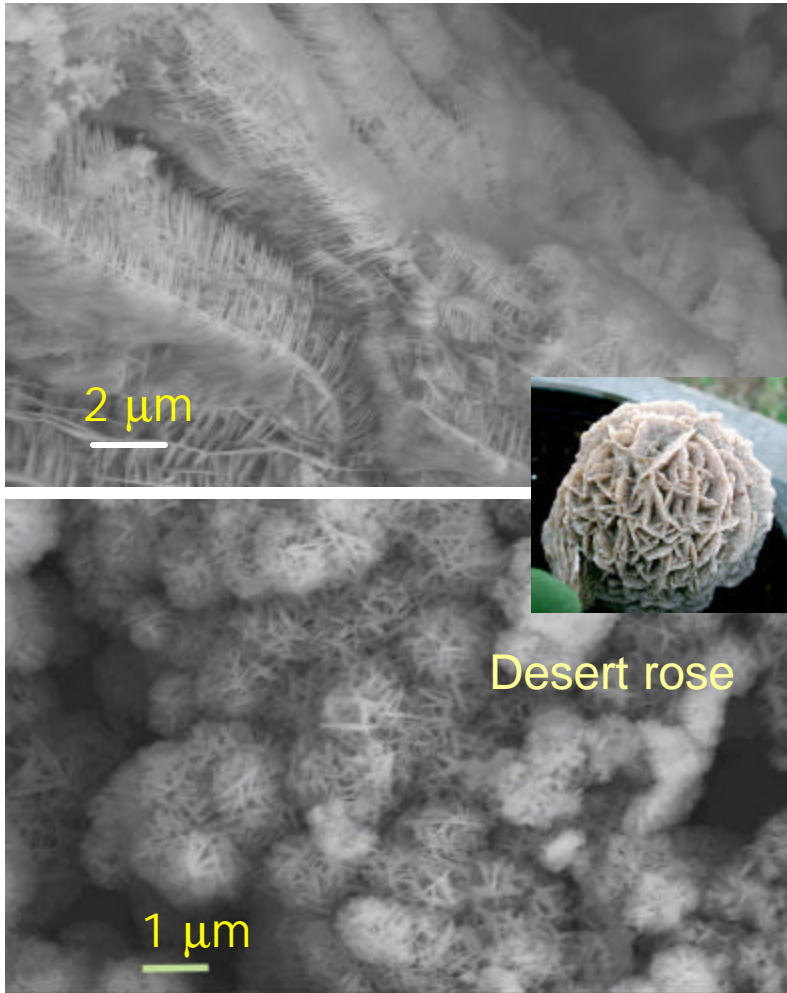


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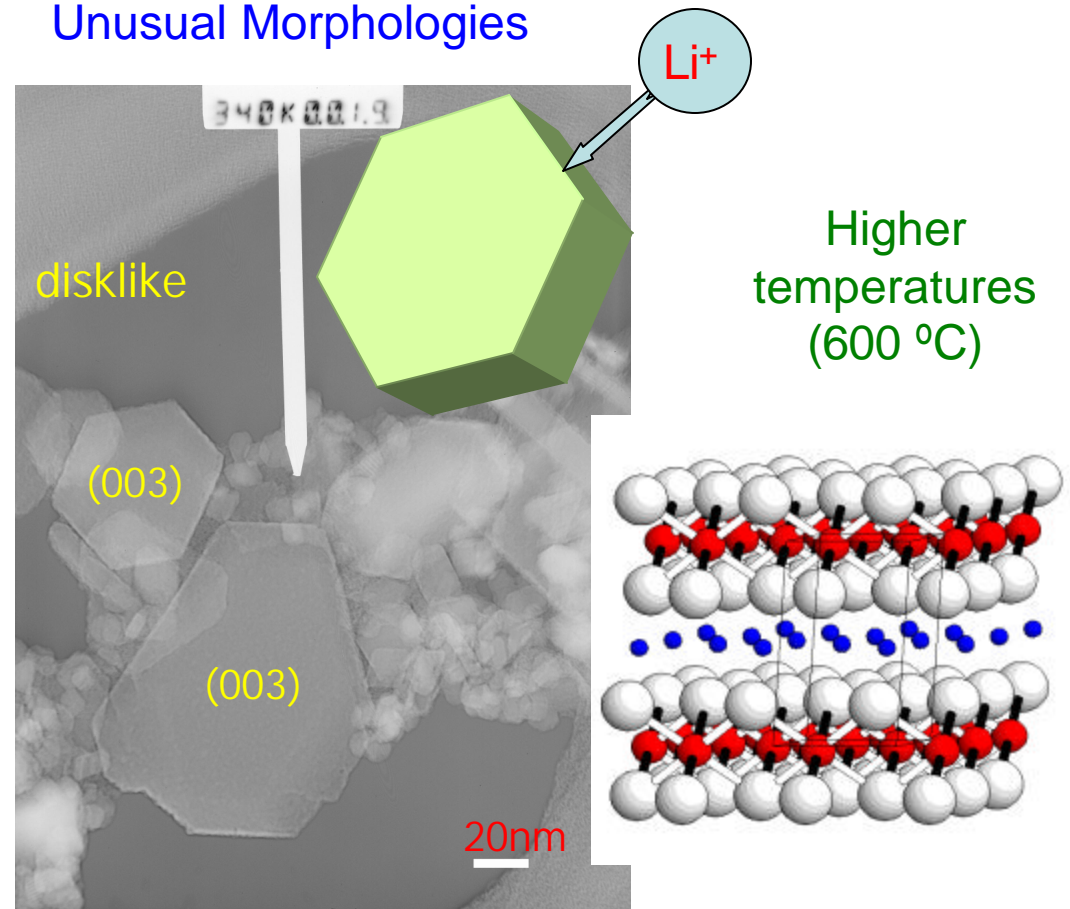


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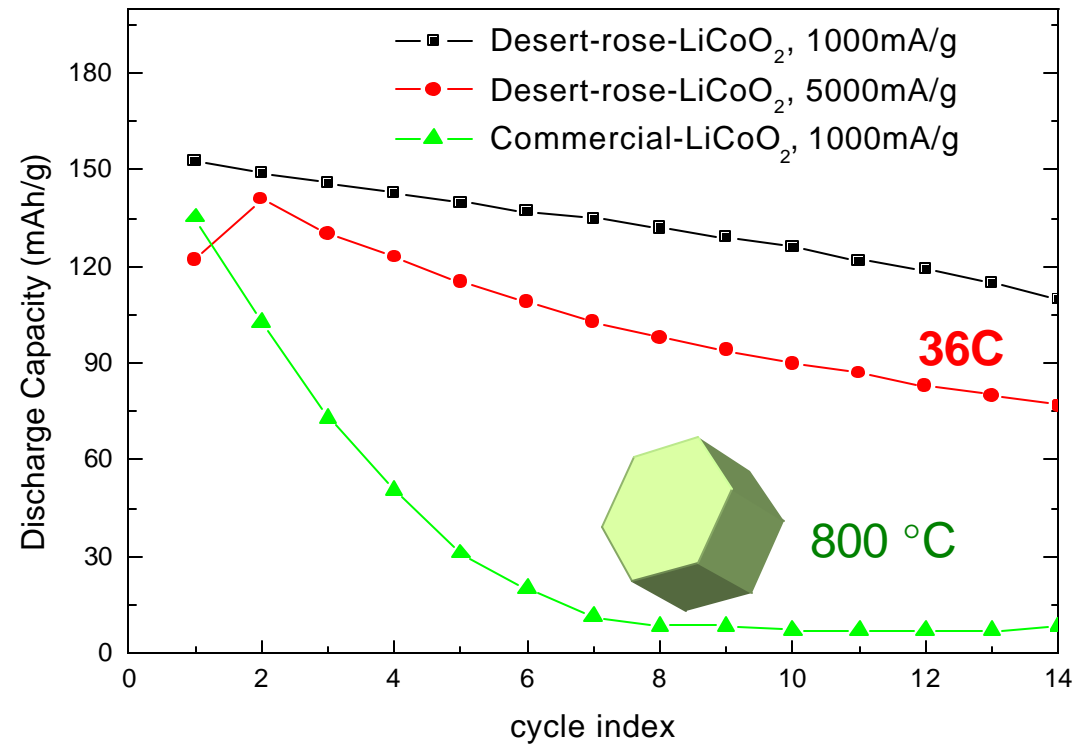
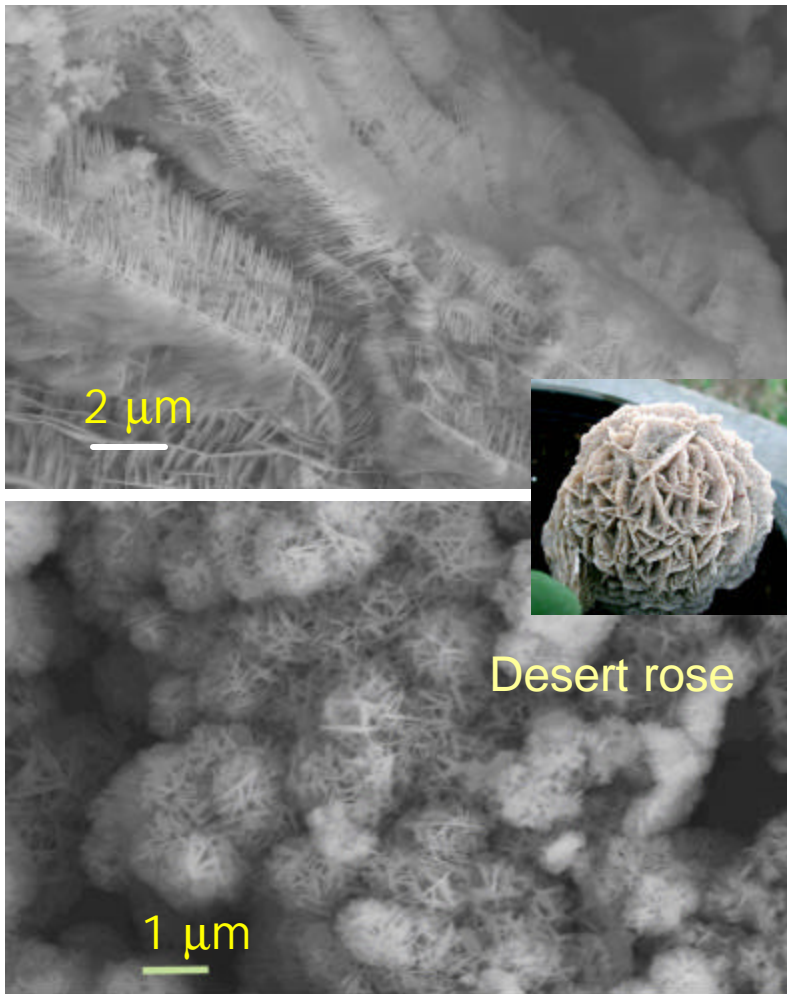


Low Temperature (200  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) Molten Salts and Hydrothermal Reactions: Unusual Morphologies



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Balls (roses) stay intact in electrode:

- Optimize concentration 010 and 100 surfaces for intercalation
- Particles wired together
- But still issue of capacity fade

How do we go from new materials chemistry to an operating battery?

# Improving the materials performance requires a fundamental understanding of how materials function and what structural/electronic properties limit battery performance

1. How do material/cells/batteries function and how and why they (often!) fail

Structures of the materials as they are cycled

Electronic properties and ionic conductivities: How do they change as  $\text{Li}^+$  is removed?

2. Identify, and develop a fundamental understanding of, mechanisms for processes relevant to energy storage. For example,

- How does an ion intercalate into and diffuse through a solid and how does this vary with type of surface, bulk structure, metal vs. ionic solid, morphology..?

(solid solution vs. 2-phase, role of defects, dislocations etc.)

3. Establish *general rules* from these studies to contribute to the materials design process.

- Structure property relationships...

- key material parameters (and their implications for material stability and rate performance).

Identify under what regime the rules or predictions are expected to apply.

4. Challenge the conventional wisdom

- Remove the cartoons (esp. true of nano!)

# Optimizing Battery Function Requires that we understand how many components and processes function individually and synergistically

- **materials**
  - active (electrodes, additives)
  - inactive (separator, current collectors...)
  - electrolyte (solvent, salt, additives)
  - multiple interfaces (electrolyte/cathode, active material/ binder, electrolyte, carbon within active material...)

- **processes**
  - redox mechanism & kinetics
  - self discharge
  - ageing
  - failure mode
  - safety, abuse tests

## ***Characterization Techniques (structural, spectroscopic, physical, electrochemical...)***

- Combine with simulation & modelling
- in situ
- ex situ

Many parameters:

- need to define issues that are critical to performance and to extract general and specific trends

- Batteries are alive and intrinsically complex systems: need for **interdisciplinarity, multi – level** approaches

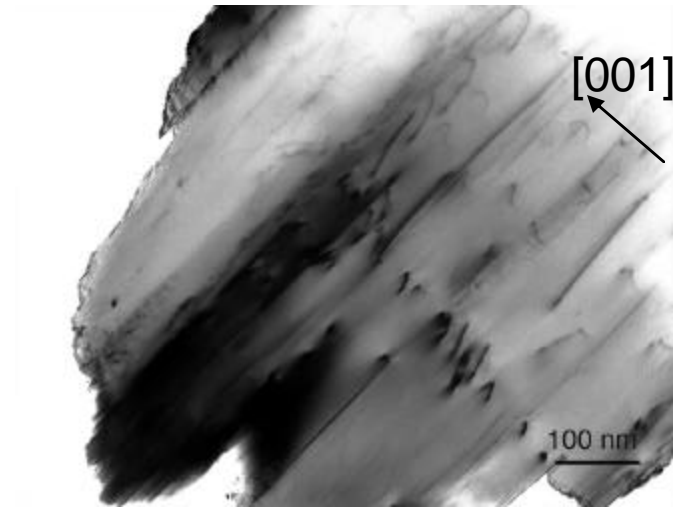
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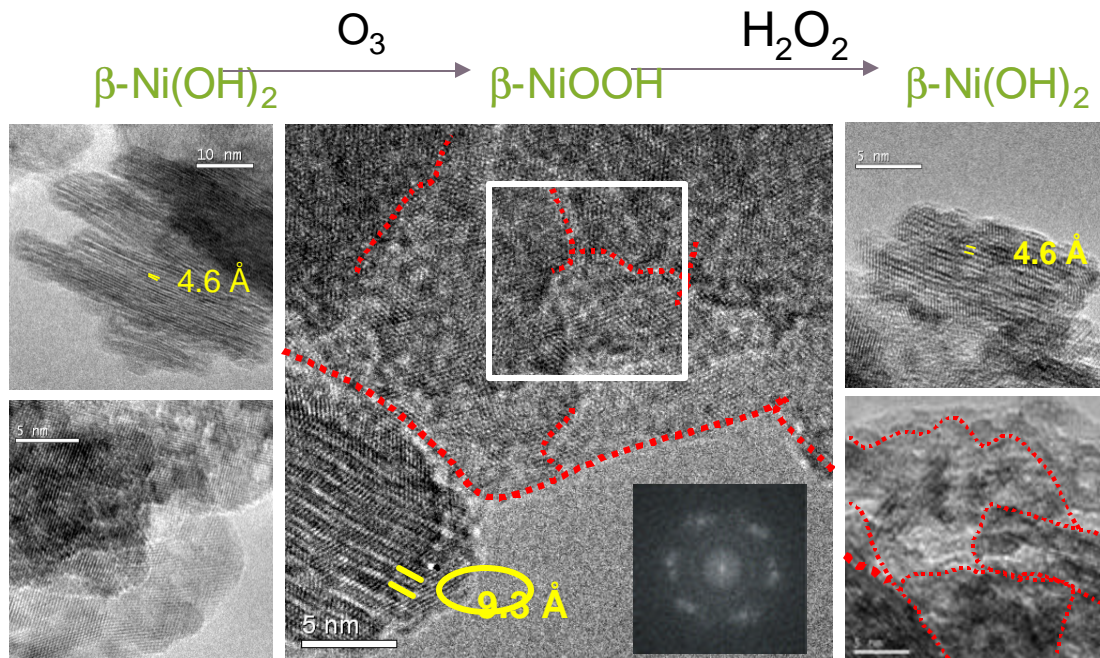
**Internal interfaces** – **dislocations**, reaction fronts etc.

Dislocations in  $\text{LiCoO}_2$  (commercial material, uncycled) (H. Gabrish): View perpendicular to the [001] direction.

- Dislocations glide in slabs stacked along [001].



The  $\beta\text{-Ni(OH)}_2$  /  $\beta\text{-NiOOH}$  transformation (R. Palacin)



- What is the role of dislocations in cycling behavior?
- How do they change during cycling, do they adopt an equilibrium configuration?
- Relationship to fracture formation/prevention?

We have very general/fundamental understanding of ... the role that **interface** structure and chemistry plays in controlling battery performance

## Solid - Solid

- **Internal interfaces** cont.
- How do **reaction fronts** move through solids?
- Does this vary with temperature, overpotential, particle morphology and size?

2 phase reactions:

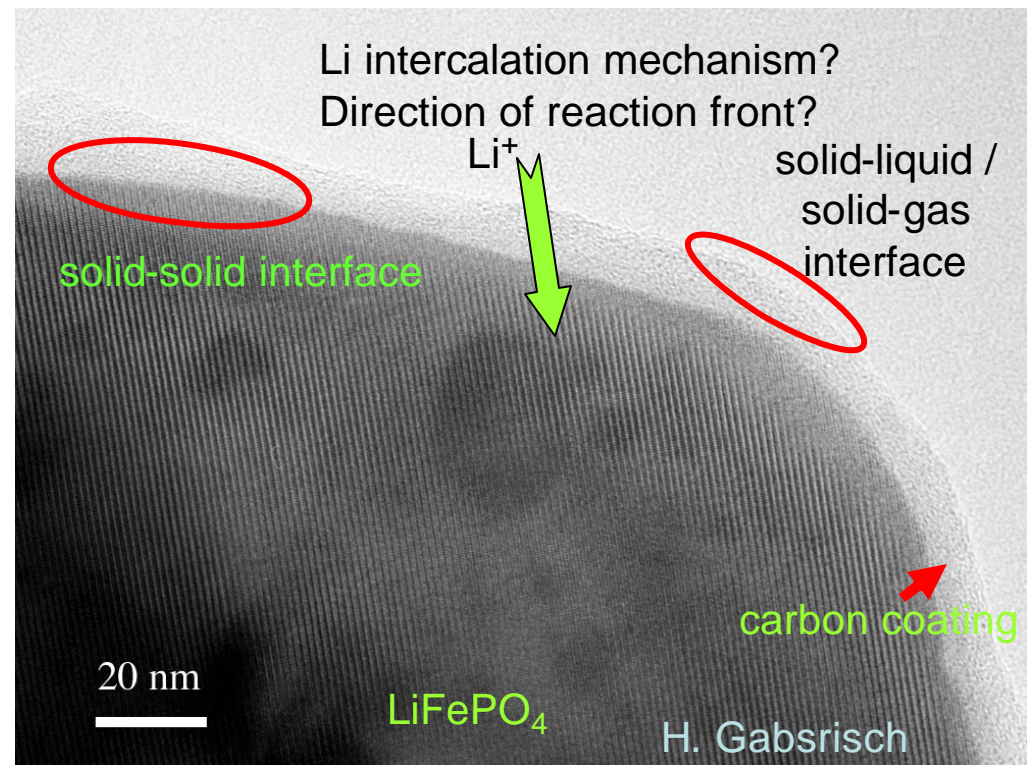
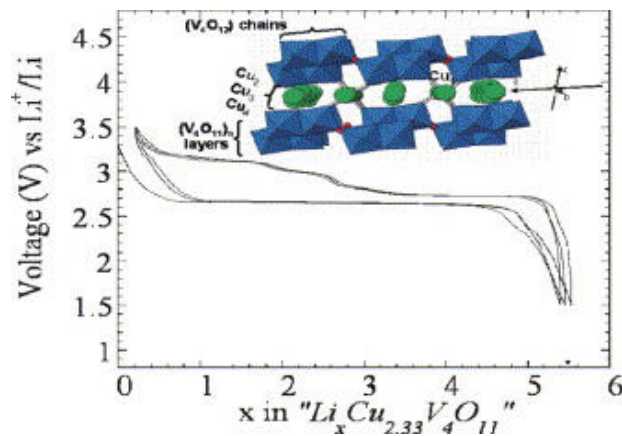
e.g.,  $\text{LiFePO}_4$

Li diffusion

Conversion/extrusion reactions:

e.g.,  $\text{CoO}$ ,  $\text{InSb}$ ,  $\text{Cu}_{2.33}\text{V}_4\text{O}_{11}$ ,  $\text{BiOF}_{1.5}$ ..

Cation and anion diffusion



Active – binder/carbon, Electrode-SEI interfaces

Electrode-Solid State  
Electrolyte Interfaces

We have little general/fundamental understanding of .... the role that **interface** structure and chemistry plays in controlling battery performance

## Solid – Liquid

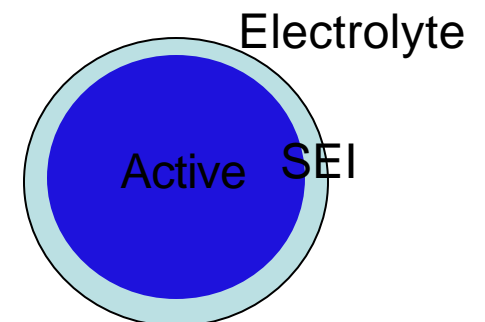
### Electrode-Electrolyte Interfaces, SEI-Electrolyte *and* Surfaces

- What does the surface structure of a working electrode look like and how does it change during charge/discharge?
- Is surface reconstruction important (esp. in aqueous media)?
- How do new electrolytes, salts and additives affect the particle surfaces and interfaces
- How do electrolytes and electrolyte salts interact with the particle surfaces? (Effect of different surfaces, surface defects?) How does this affect SEI formation?

Does the electric double layer model bear any relationship to reality?

New characterization methods should be able to answer this question..

The processes in which the electrolyte is involved are only partially understood, but key for battery performance and life.



And of course **Solid – Gas** and **Liquid – Gas** interfaces

Li-air etc



We have little general/fundamental understanding of .... the role that **interface** structure and chemistry plays in controlling battery performance

We need to develop new methodologies for the study of interfaces with particular attention to those involving the electrolyte: (need for more interaction with organic chemists?)

- Advance molecular-level surface electrochemistry to determine the identity or chemical functionality and spatial arrangement (orientation) of surface species at the surface (in presence of electrolyte)
- Probe and characterize charge transfer and mass transport processes
- Understand the thermodynamic, structural, mechanistic and dynamic aspects of interfacial reactions at the atomic- and nano-scale

We have little *systematic* understanding of .... the role that *size and morphology* plays in controlling battery performance

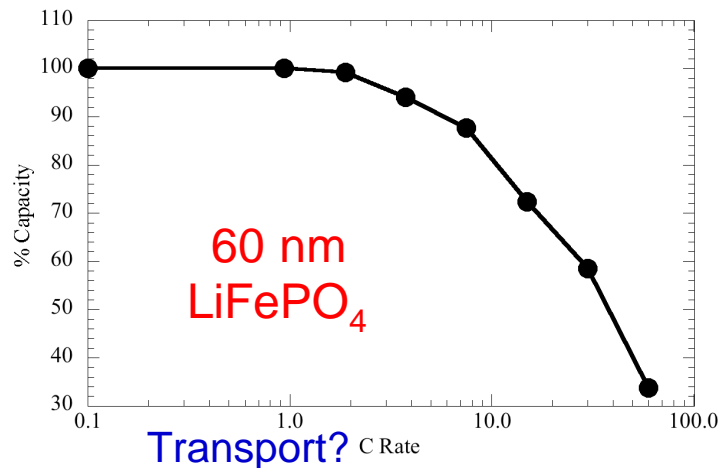
•We need to understand interactions and effects at the nano-to-atomic level and the consequences (positive and negative) of utilizing nanoparticles and composites

Are the different properties due to due electronic or surface structure effects?

Or diffusion path lengths?

or is it simply due to non-stoichiometry?

Pseudocapacitive effects?



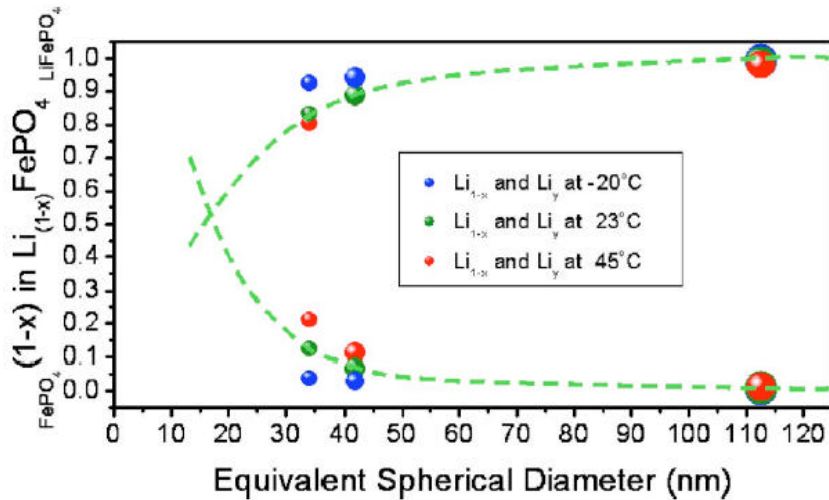
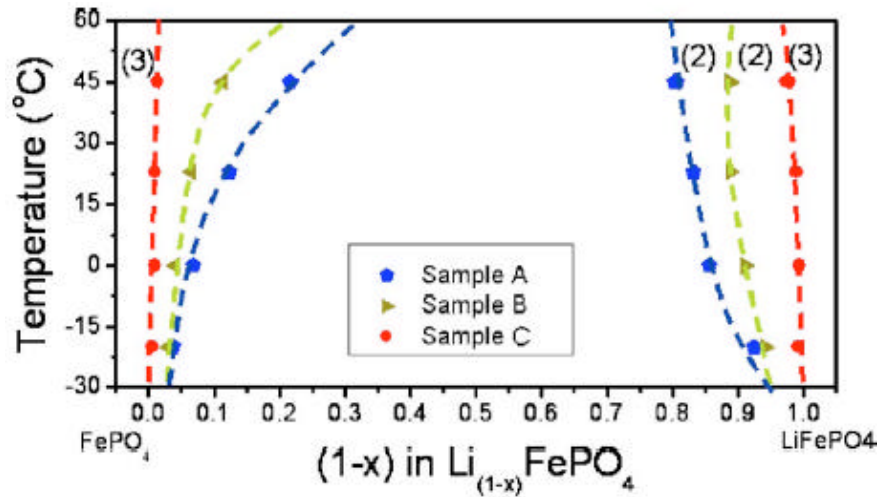
M. S. Whittingham, J. Mater. Chem., in press (data from Kim & Kim)

Structural relaxation?

Electronic?

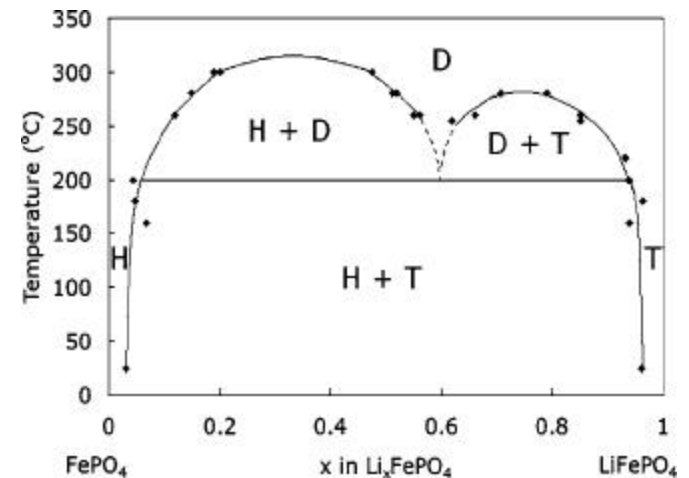
Limits of solution altered as f(size)  
Yamada and Chiang

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Y-M. Chiang et al, *Electrochem. Solid-State Lett.*, **10** (2007) A134

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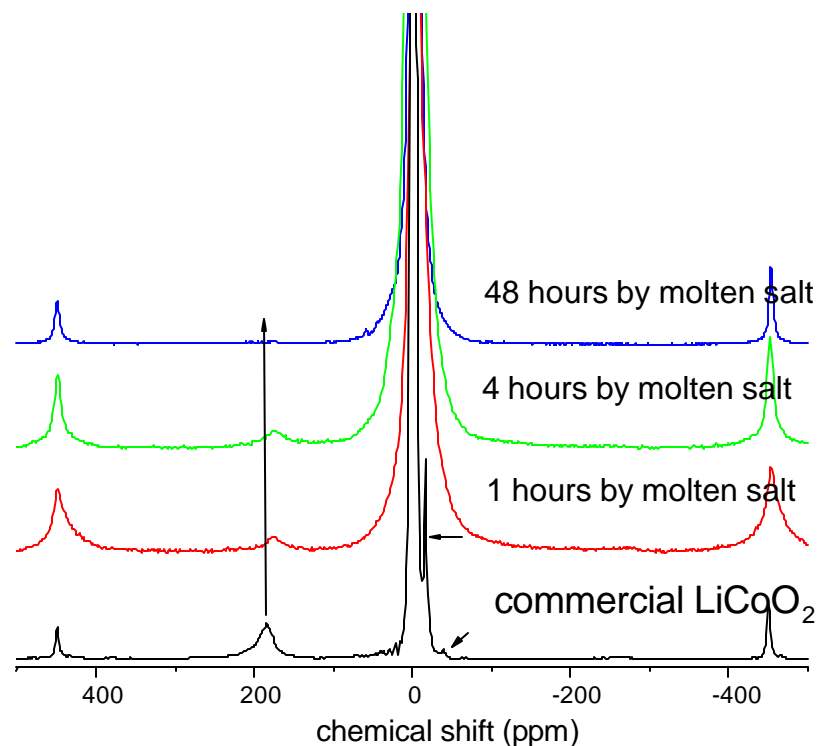
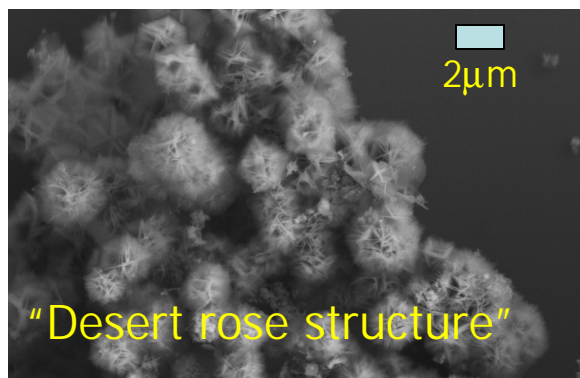


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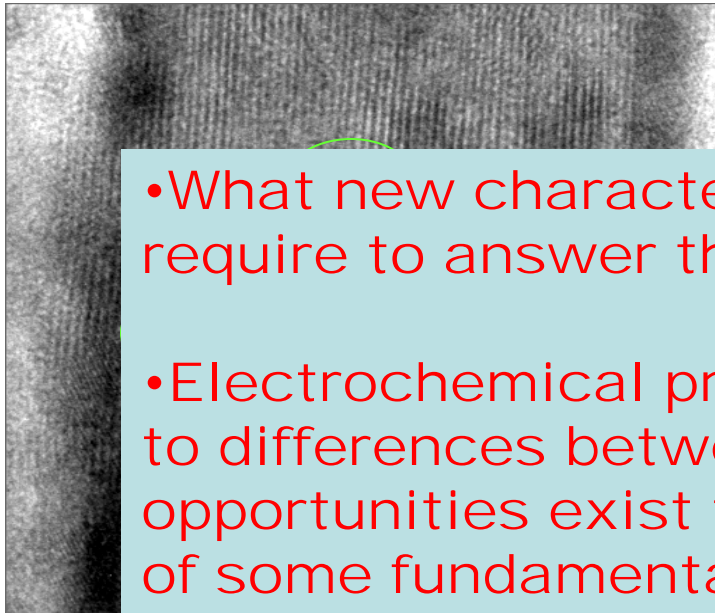
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Are the different properties due to  
.. diffusion path lengths?  
or is it simply due to non-stoichiometry?

- Maximize active surface + minimize  $\text{Li}^+$  diffusion length
- Wire particles together (hyper-branched morphology)



We have very little *systematic* understanding of .... the role that *size and morphology* plays in controlling battery performance



- Are the different faults and structural transformations different at the nano-

- What new characterization methods do we require to answer these questions?
- Electrochemical profiles are extremely sensitive to differences between bulk and nanomaterials – opportunities exist to contribute to understanding of some fundamental physics/chemistry

Dislocations observed at high potentials associated with the O3 – O1 transition (H. Chen, C. P. Grey)

What happens when particles are dominated by surface effects?

- Coatings – how do they work?

# What new methods should we develop?

Non-destructive and in situ analysis at the highest resolution, greatest selectivity, and ultimate detection limits are the primary goals in this field

## Spectroscopy

photons, x-ray, electron, NMR

## Microscopy

SPMs, Electrons, x-ray, near-field

## Diffraction

X-ray, Electrons, Ions, Neutrons

## Novel Techniques and Methodologies

Characterization? Detection

## Materials

- Crystals and artificial structures
- Electrolytes (disordered structures)
- Phase transitions
- Electronic and magnetic properties

## Goals

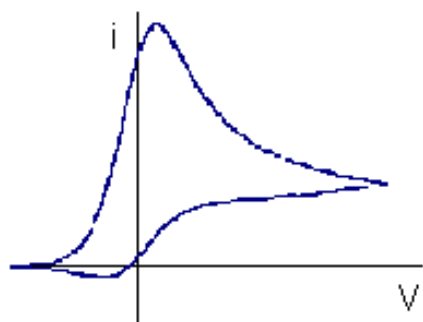
- Increase spatial resolution
- Time resolution - ultrafast probes
- Higher energy resolution
- improved surface/bulk selectivity
- In situ sensing/monitoring

## Interface

- Kinetics of surface phenomena
- (Meta)Stability of surface structures
- Competing processes, side-effects
- Transport and response functions

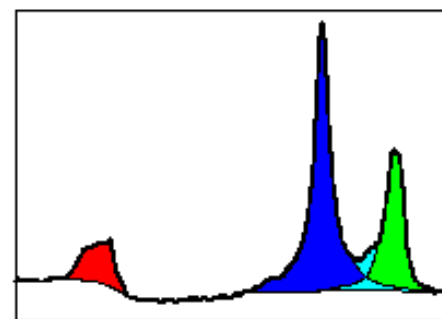
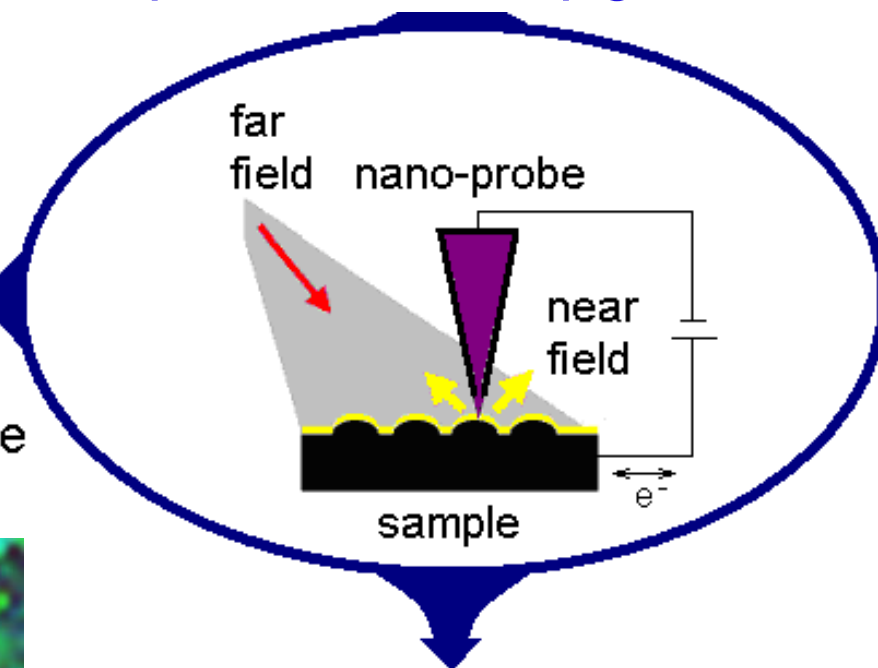
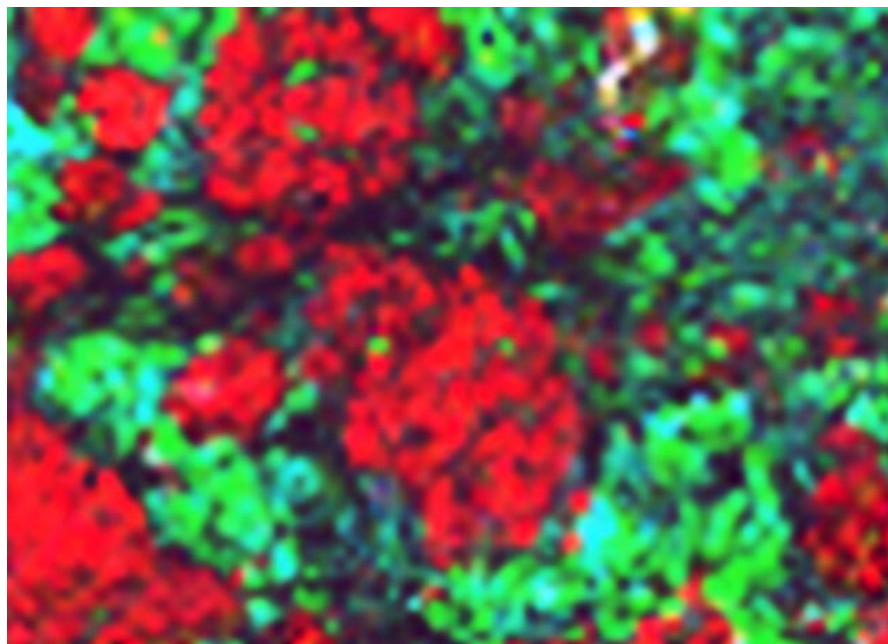
Combination of spectroscopy/diffraction and microscopy imaging to study elementary excitations at high spatial resolution will lead to development of dedicated techniques to study materials and electrode/electrolyte interfaces in energy storage systems

# What new methods should we develop? (In situ) Imaging + Spectroscopy



Local Electrochemical Probe

Raman map

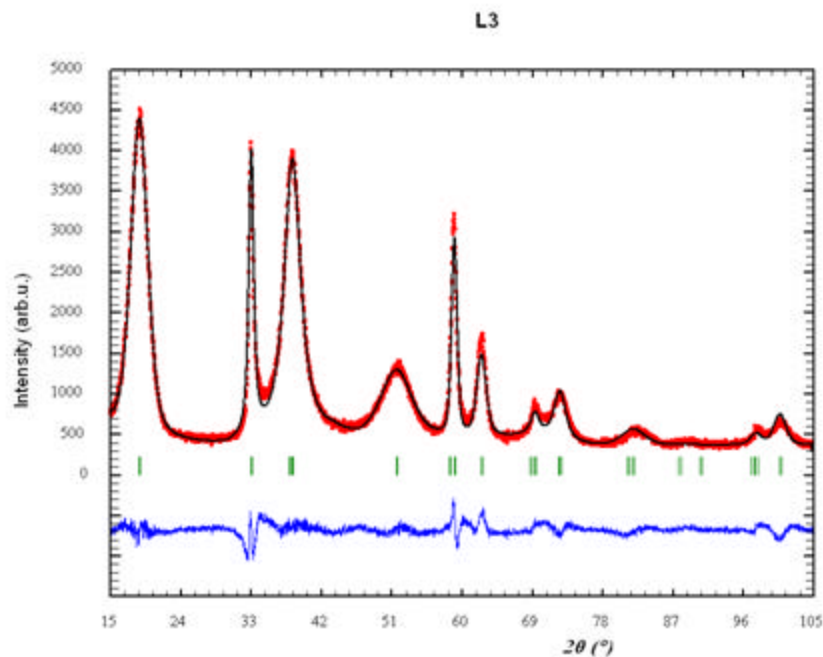


Local Structure

# What new methods should we develop?

## Imaging + Diffraction

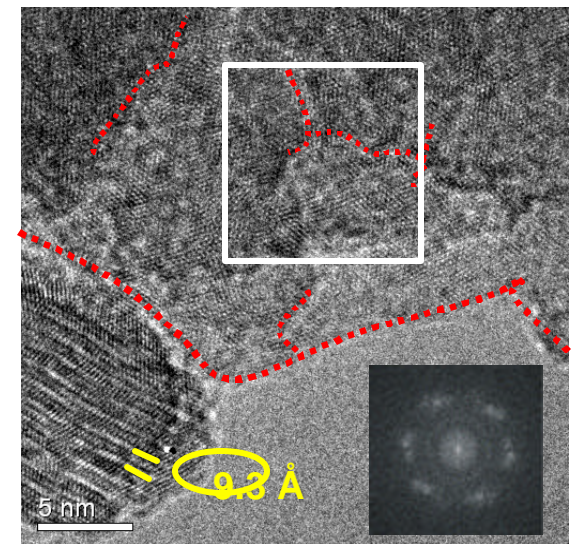
- The simultaneous use of a combination of techniques may help overcome inherent limitations of the individual method



Both diffraction and TEM data were required to solve the structure of  $\beta$ -NiOOH (R. Palacin)

But, more method development work still needed to e.g., distinguish between strain-broadening and stacking faults

TEM : 117 Å x 50 Å





# Diffraction + *Local* Structural Probes

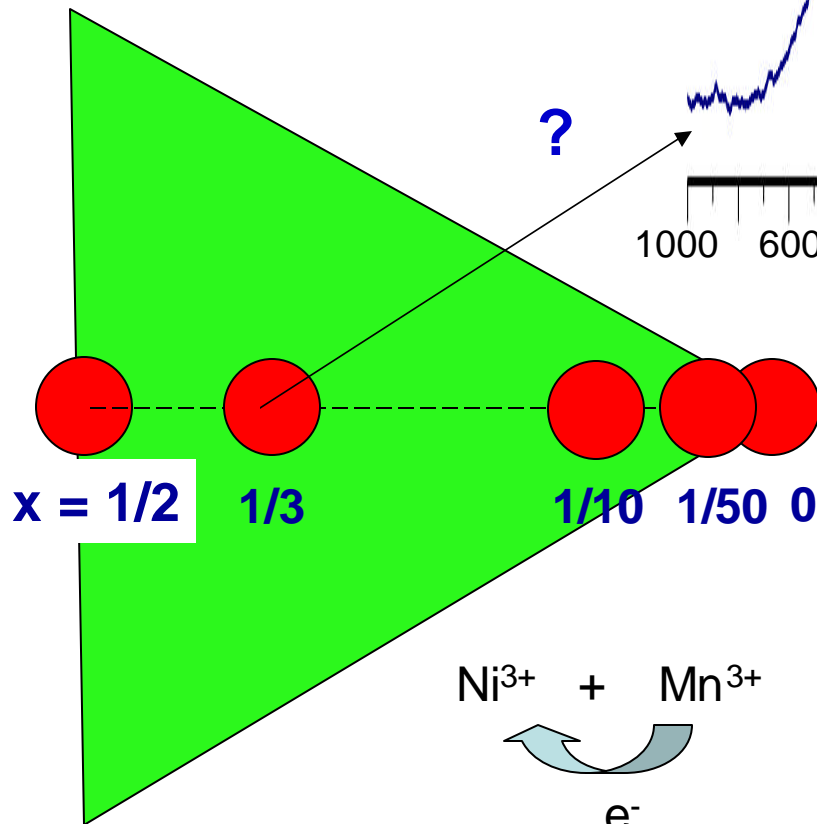
Cation Ordering, Oxidation State and Electrochemical Properties  
of  $\text{Li}[\text{NiMnCo}_{(1-2x)}]\text{O}_2$

$\text{Li}[\text{Ni}_{1/3}\text{Mn}_{1/3}\text{Co}_{1/3}]\text{O}_2$  Ohzuku & Makimura, '01

$\text{Li}[\text{Ni}_{1/3}\text{Mn}_{1/3}\text{Co}_{1/3}]\text{O}_2$  Lu, MacNeil, & Dahn, '01

“Solid solution” 1<sup>st</sup> investigated in detail by Lu and Dahn

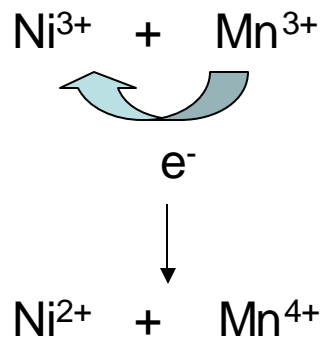
$\text{LiNiO}_2:\text{Ni}^{3+}$



$\text{LiCoO}_2$

Ni and Mn clustering?  
Ni and Mn oxidation state?  
Effect of this on electrochemistry

$\text{LiMnO}_2:\text{Mn}^{3+}$

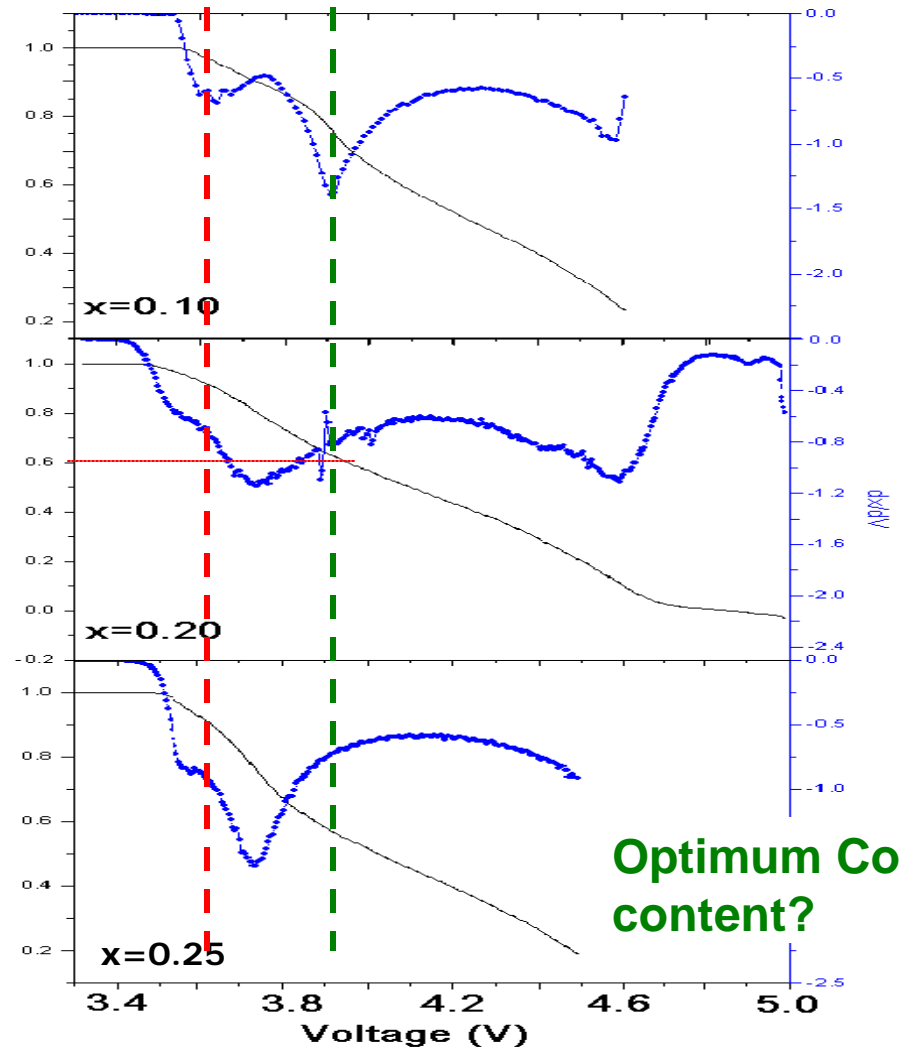
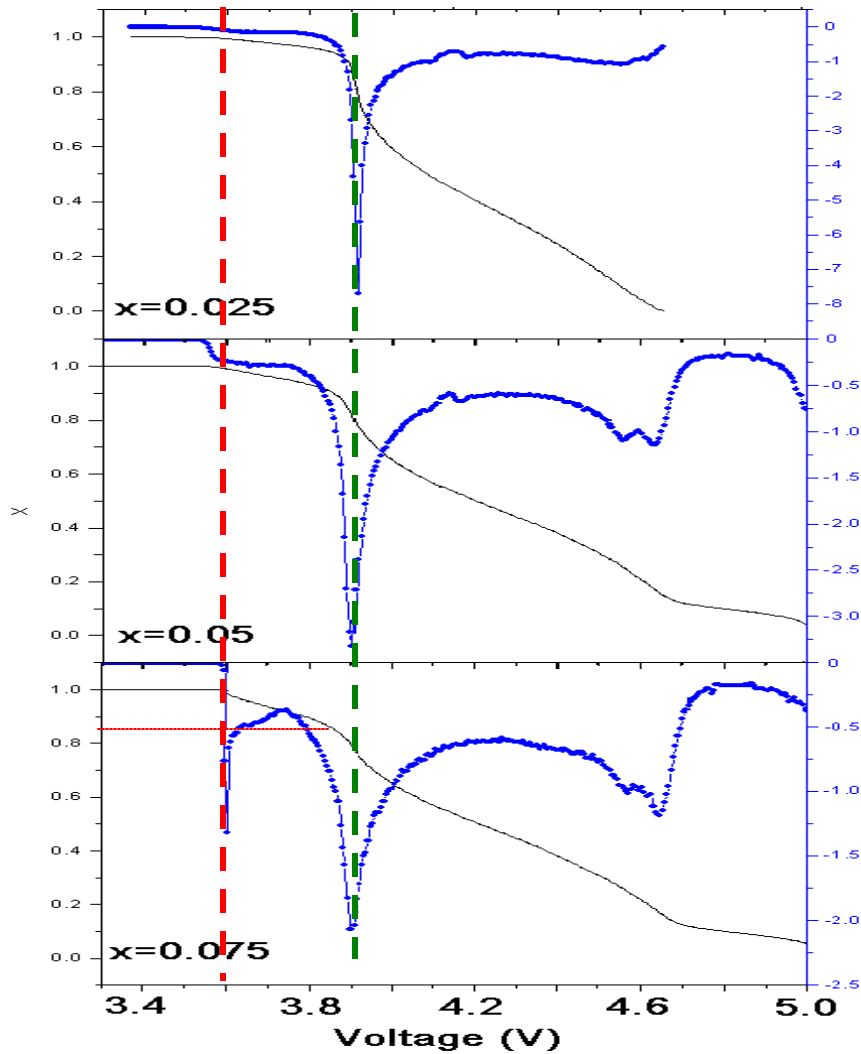


TEM (&XRD) evidence for ordering (Koyama, Yabuuchi.. and Ohzuku; JES **2005**, **2004**)  
NMR evidence for local clustering (Goward and Nazar: L. S. Cahill et al., *Chem. Mater.*, **2005**)

# Li[Ni<sub>x</sub>Mn<sub>x</sub>Co<sub>(1-2x)</sub>]O<sub>2</sub>: Effect of Ni/Mn content on electrochemical performance?

Co<sup>3+</sup> - Co<sup>4+</sup> MIT?

Formula: Li<sub>y</sub> [Ni<sub>x</sub>Mn<sub>x</sub>Co<sub>1-2x</sub>]O<sub>2</sub>



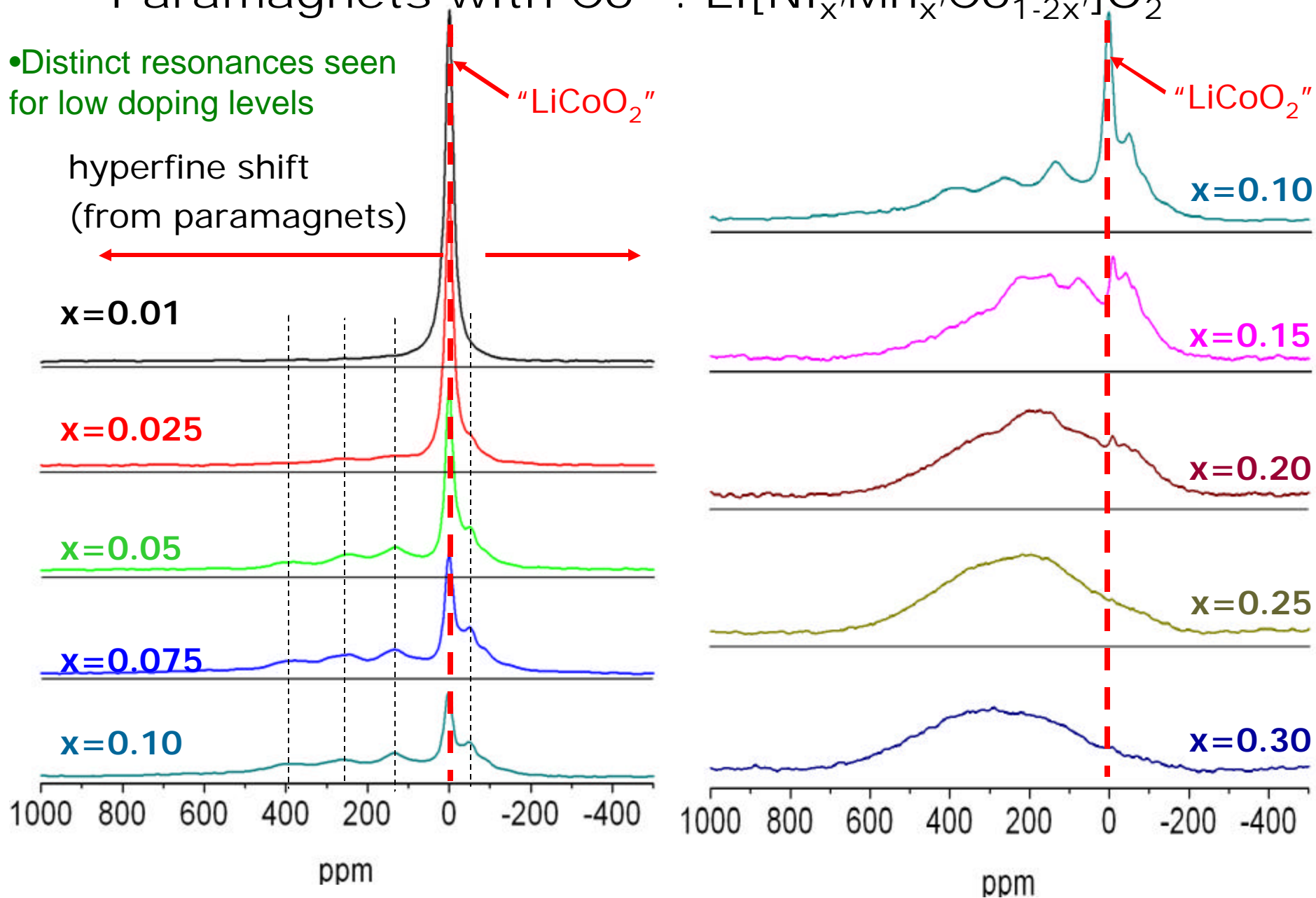
Optimum Co content?

Ni<sup>2+</sup>? > Ni<sup>4+</sup> or Ni<sup>2+</sup> -> Ni<sup>3+</sup> -> Ni<sup>4+</sup>?

# Simplify NMR Analysis by Diluting Paramagnets with $\text{Co}^{3+}$ : $\text{Li}[\text{Ni}_{x'}\text{Mn}_{x'}\text{Co}_{1-2x'}]\text{O}_2$

• Distinct resonances seen  
for low doping levels

hyperfine shift  
(from paramagnets)



# How can we assign the peaks?

- Hyperfine shifts in dilute systems are additive:

$90^\circ$   $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ -O-Li:  $\sim -10$  to  $-15$  ppm;

$180^\circ$   $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ -O-Li:  $\sim 170$  ppm;

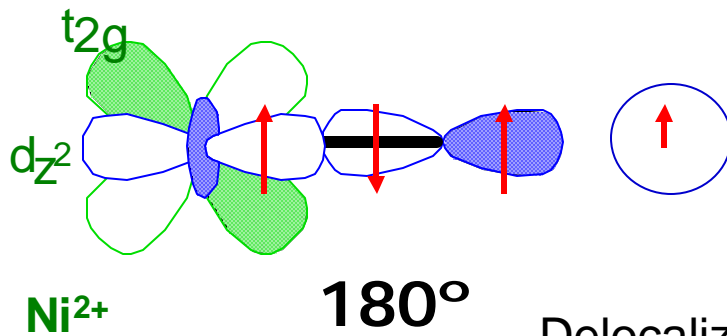
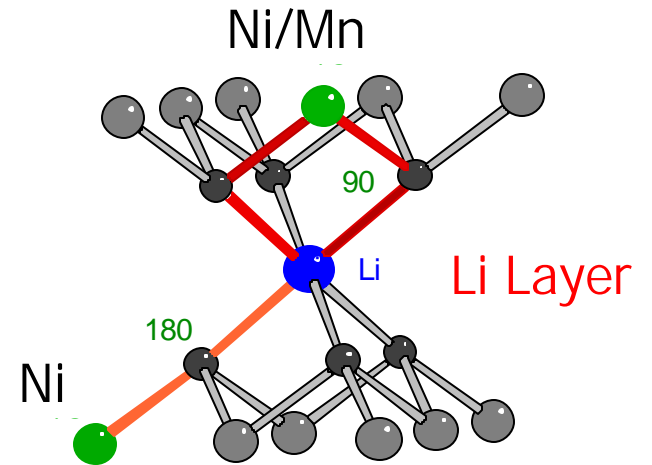
$90^\circ$   $\text{Mn}^{4+}$ -O-Li:  $\sim 120 - 150$  ppm;

$180^\circ$   $\text{Mn}^{4+}$ -O-Li:  $\sim -60$  ppm;

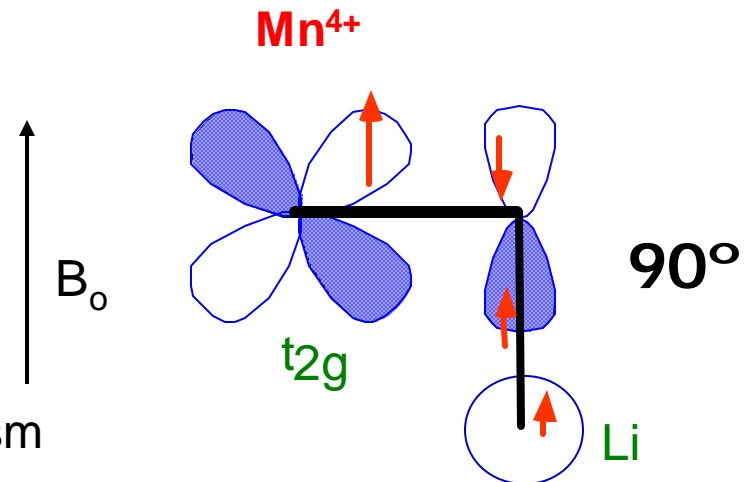
$\text{Co}^{3+}$ : 0 ppm.

e.g.  $\text{Li}(\text{Ni}_1\text{Co}_5)^{1\text{st}}(\text{Mn}_1\text{Co}_5)^{2\text{nd}}$

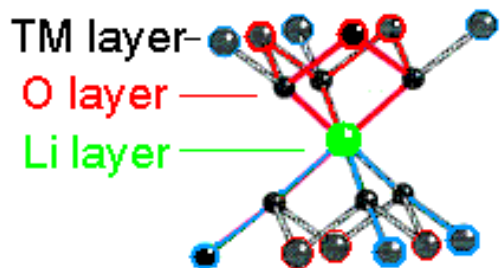
Shift =  $2(-10) + (-60) = -80$  ppm



Delocalization mechanism



# ${}^6\text{Li}$ MAS NMR spectrum of ${}^6\text{Li}[\text{Ni}_{0.02}\text{Mn}_{0.02}\text{Co}_{0.96}]\text{O}_2$

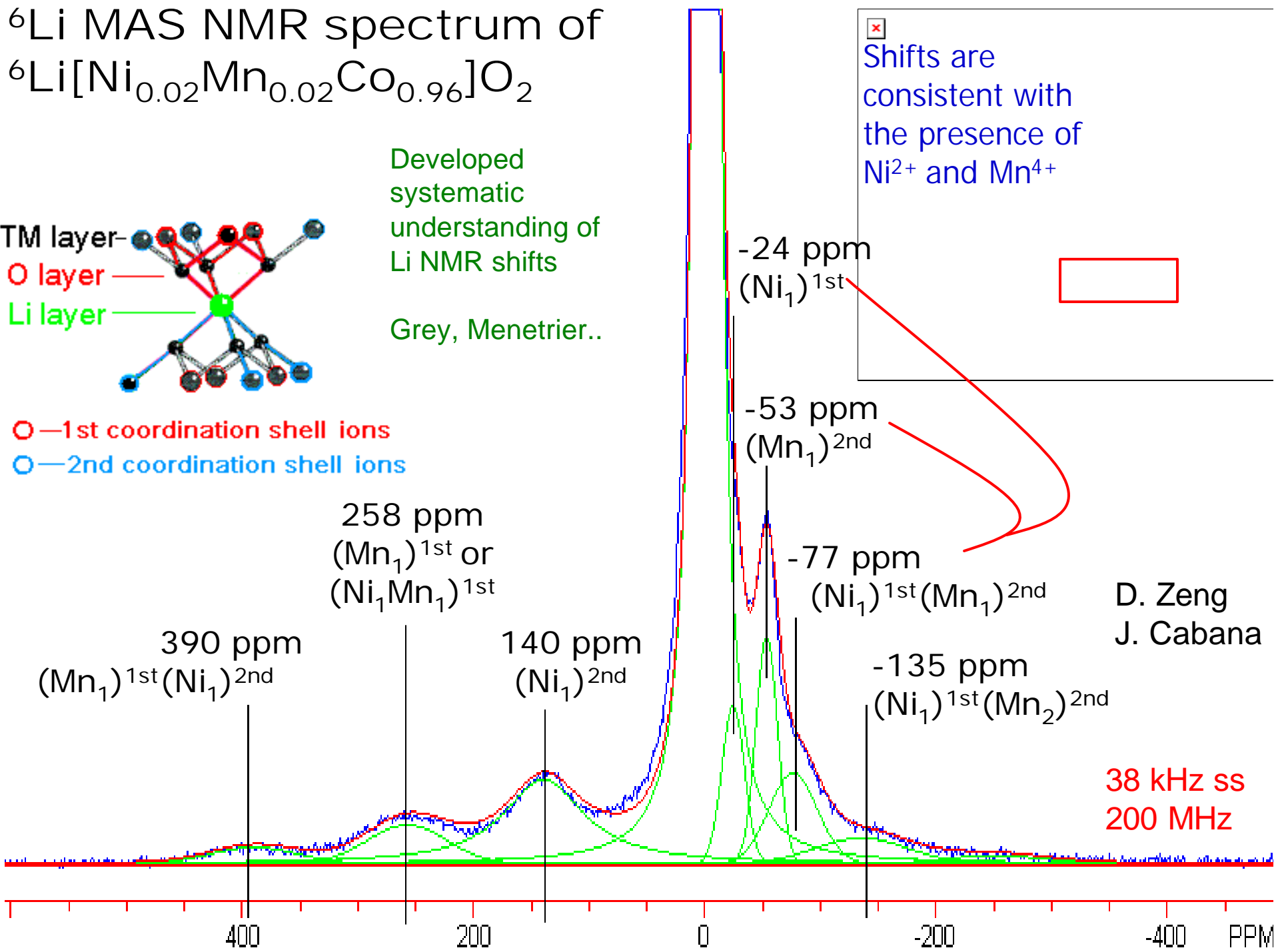


Developed systematic understanding of Li NMR shifts

Grey, Menetrier..

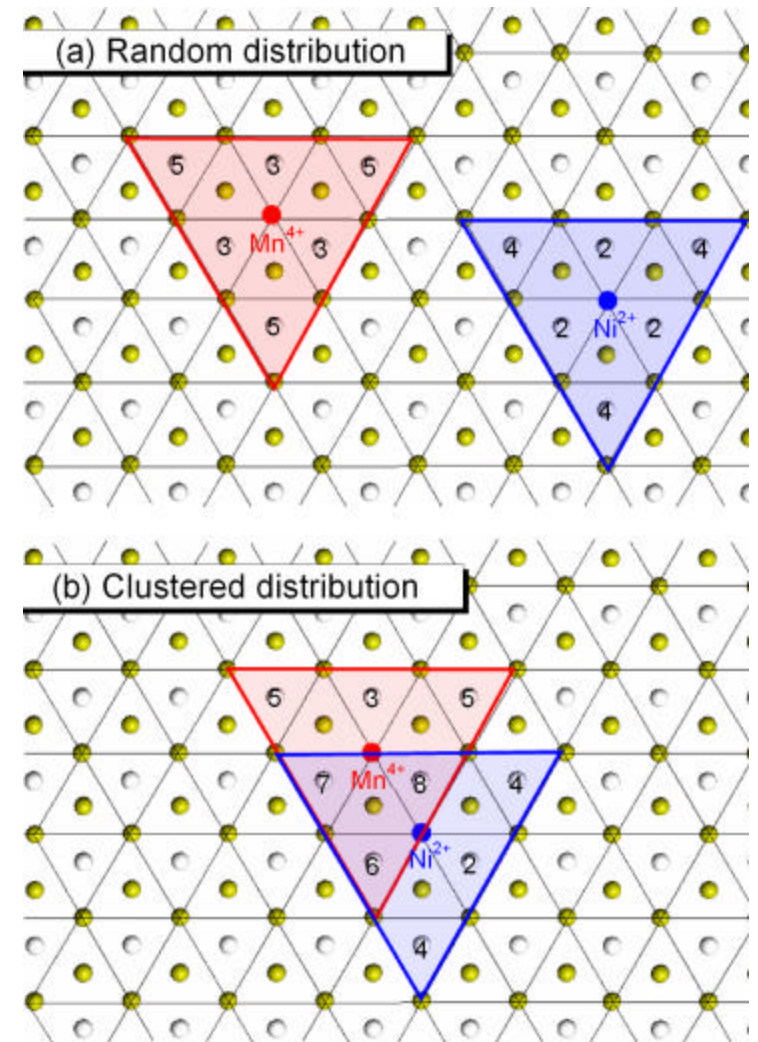
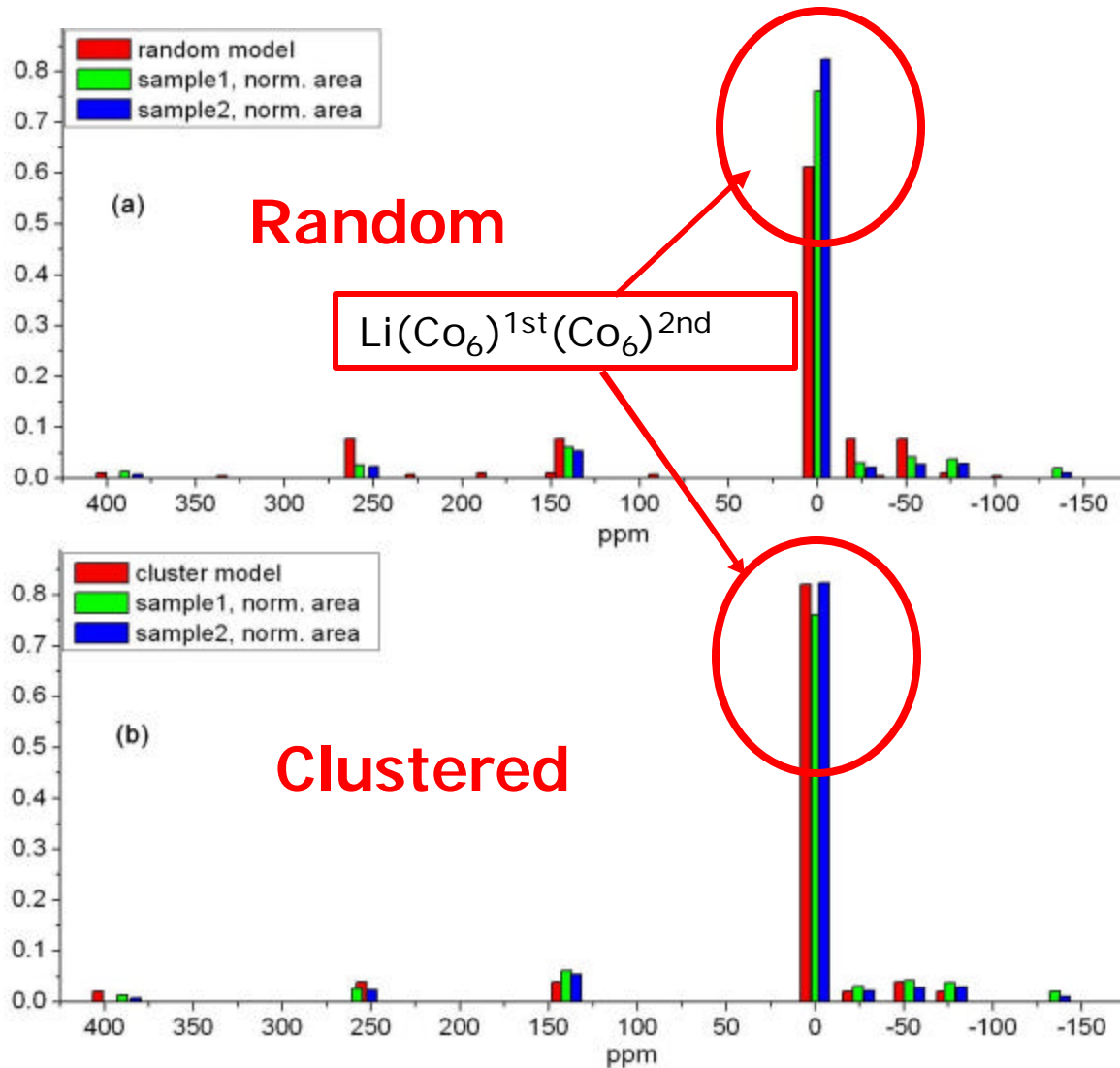
- — 1st coordination shell ions
- — 2nd coordination shell ions

Shifts are consistent with the presence of  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$

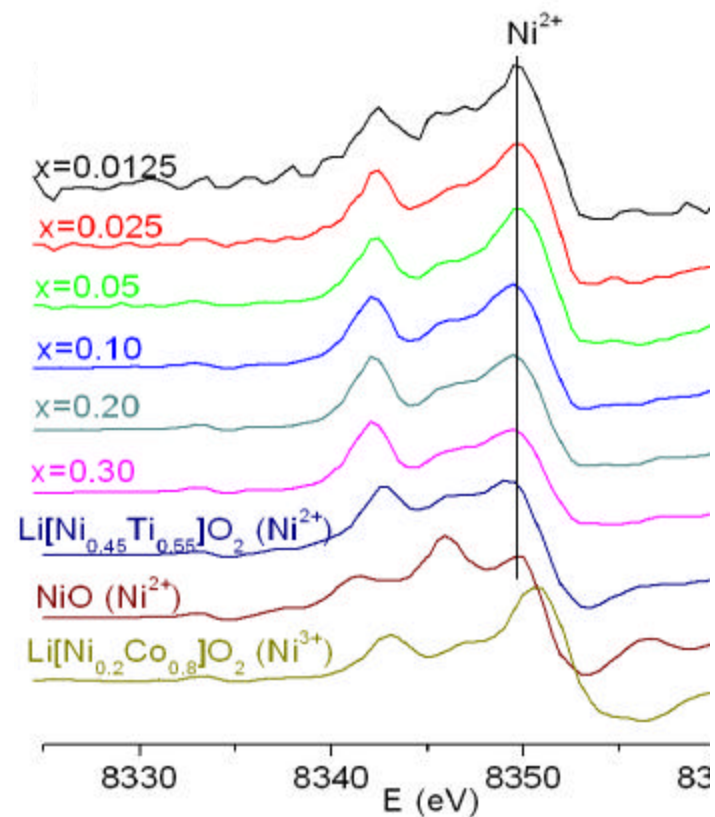
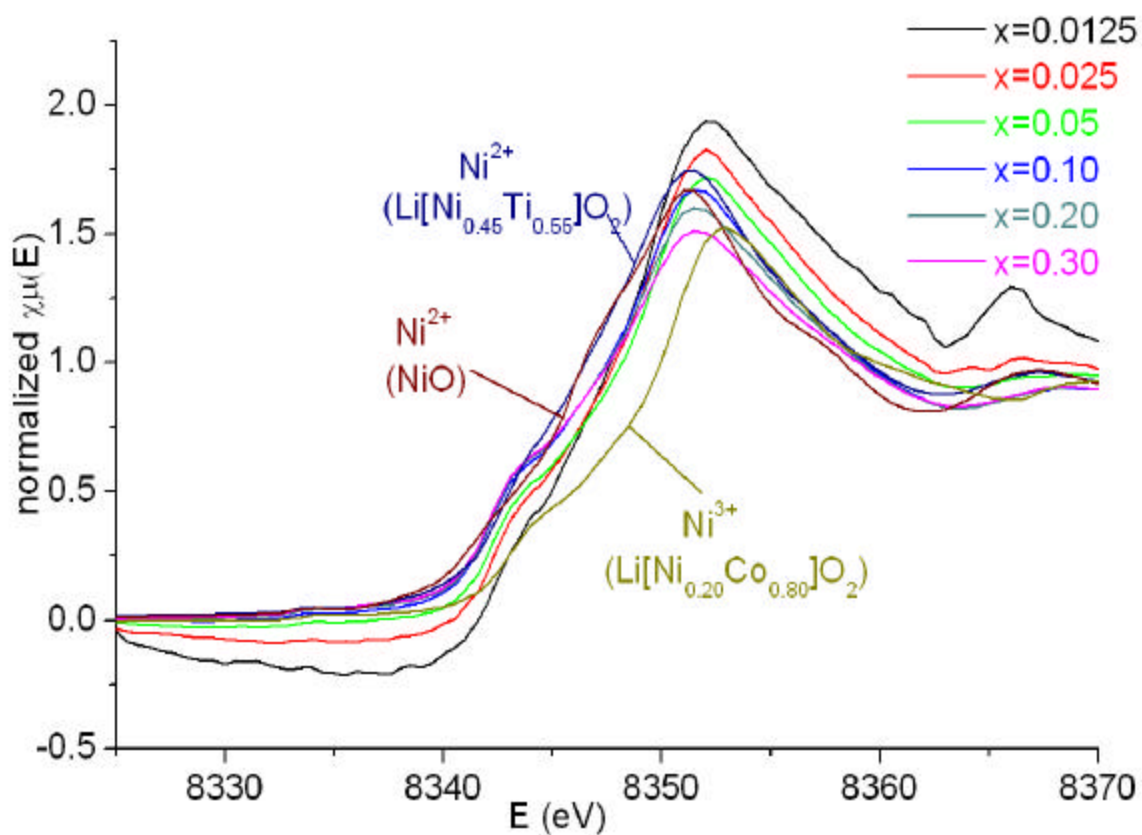


D. Zeng  
J. Cabana

The Ni and Mn are clustered, even in  
 $\text{Li}[\text{Co}_{0.96}\text{Ni}_{0.02}\text{Mn}_{0.02}]\text{O}_2$



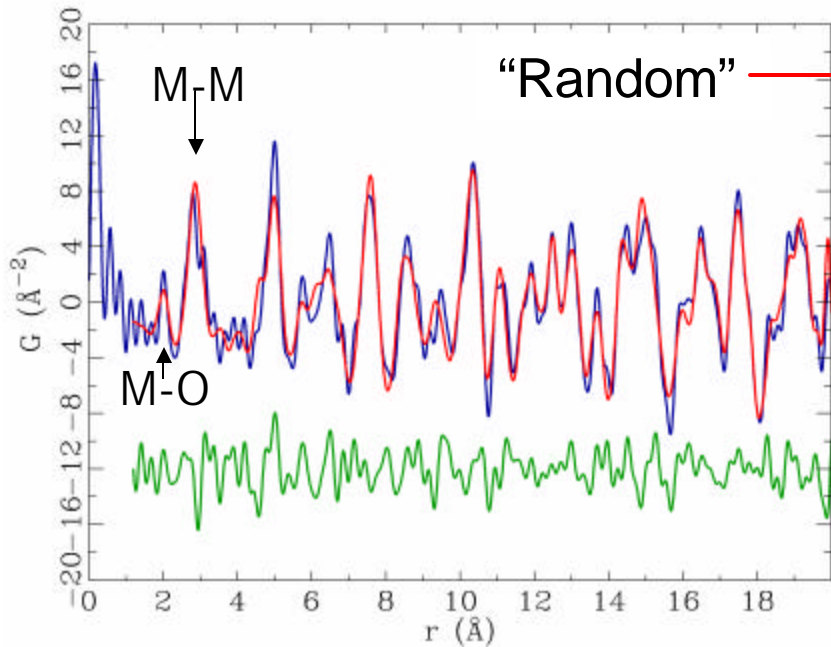
# XAS Confirms that the Transition Metals Remain as $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ , $\text{Co}^{3+}$ , $\text{Mn}^{4+}$ Throughout the Series



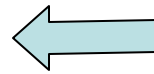
Ni K edge

Pair Distribution Function (PDF) Analysis can be used to investigate cation clustering in higher doped samples, e.g.,  $\text{Li}[\text{Co}_{1/3}\text{Mn}_{1/3}\text{Ni}_{1/3}]\text{O}_2$

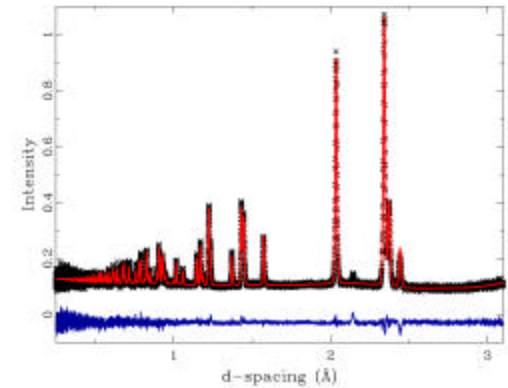
Igami, Billinge, Proffen, Chupas (Grey)



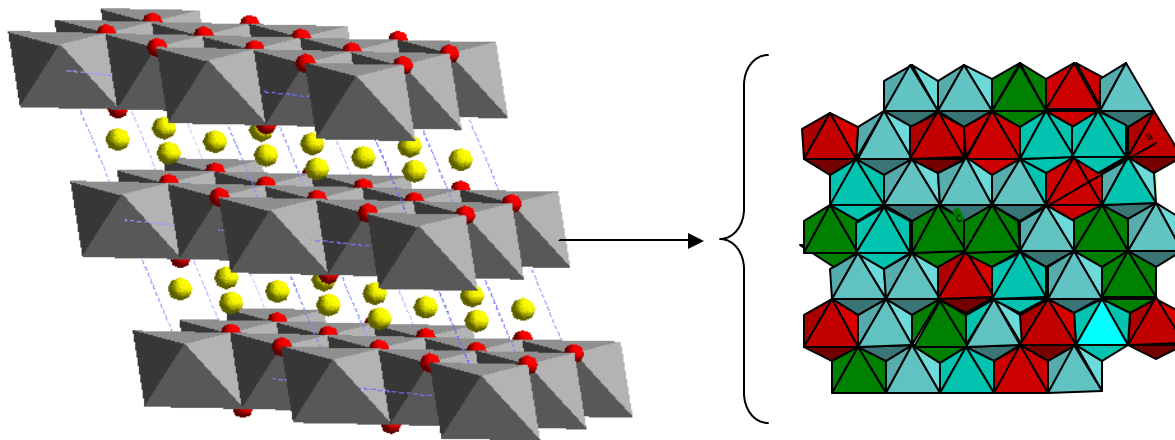
Fourier Transform



to give  $g(r)$  - radial distribution function



$$g_C(r) = \frac{1}{r} \sum_i \sum_j \left[ \frac{b_i b_j}{\langle b \rangle^2} \mathbf{d}(r - r_{ij}) \right] - 4\mathbf{p} r \mathbf{r}_0$$

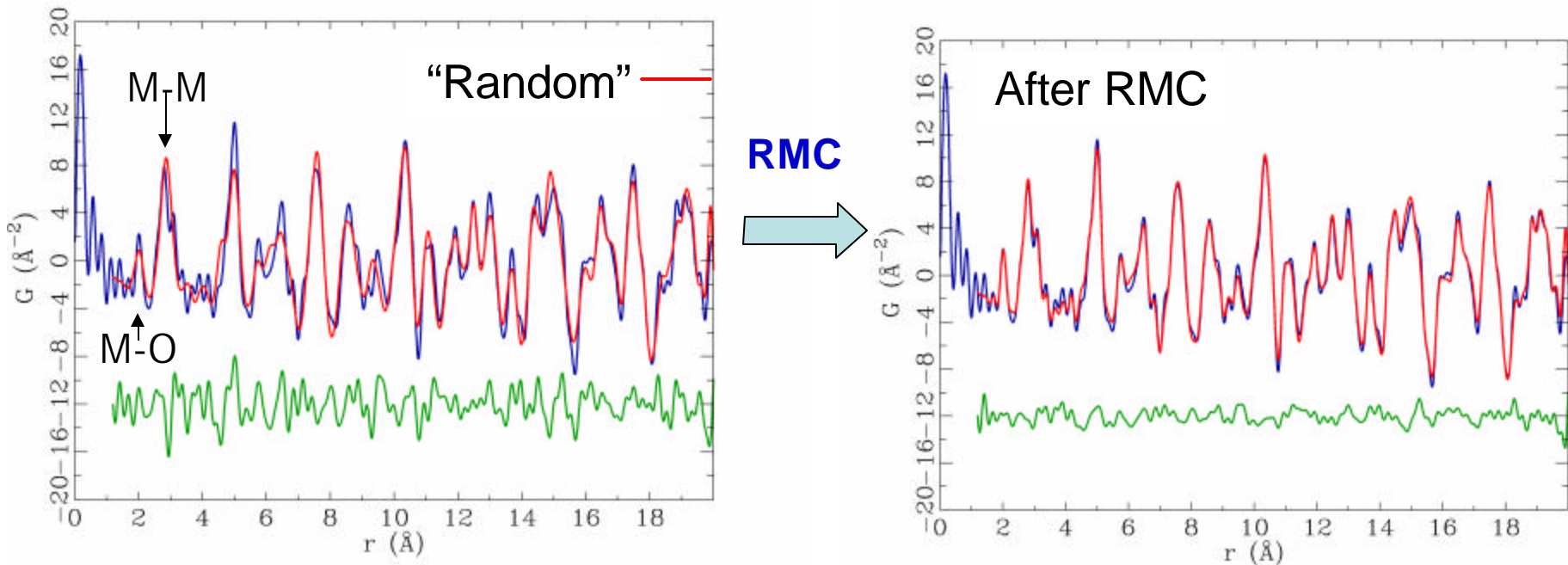


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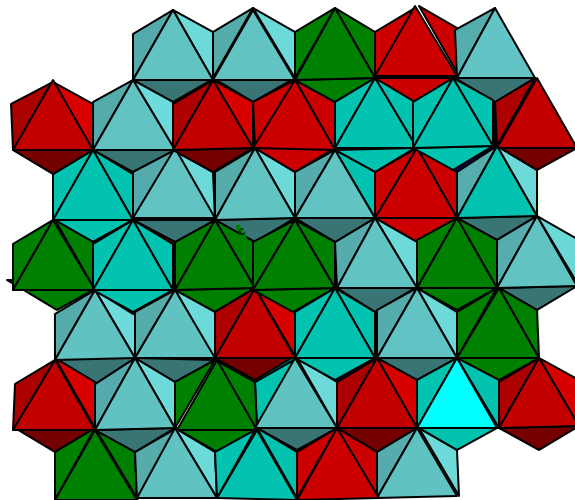
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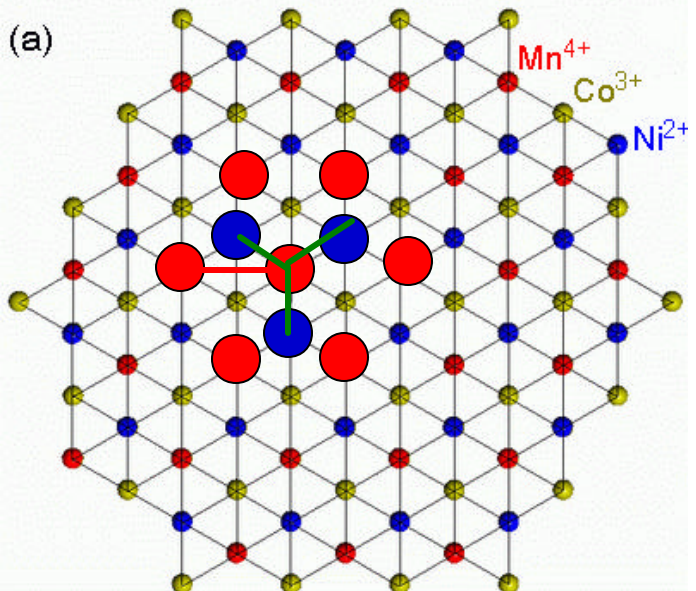
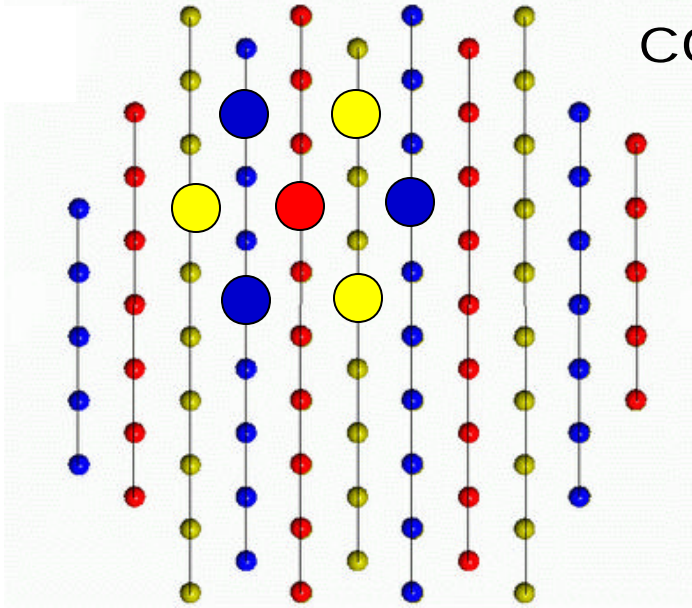
Giant cluster of 2400 atoms



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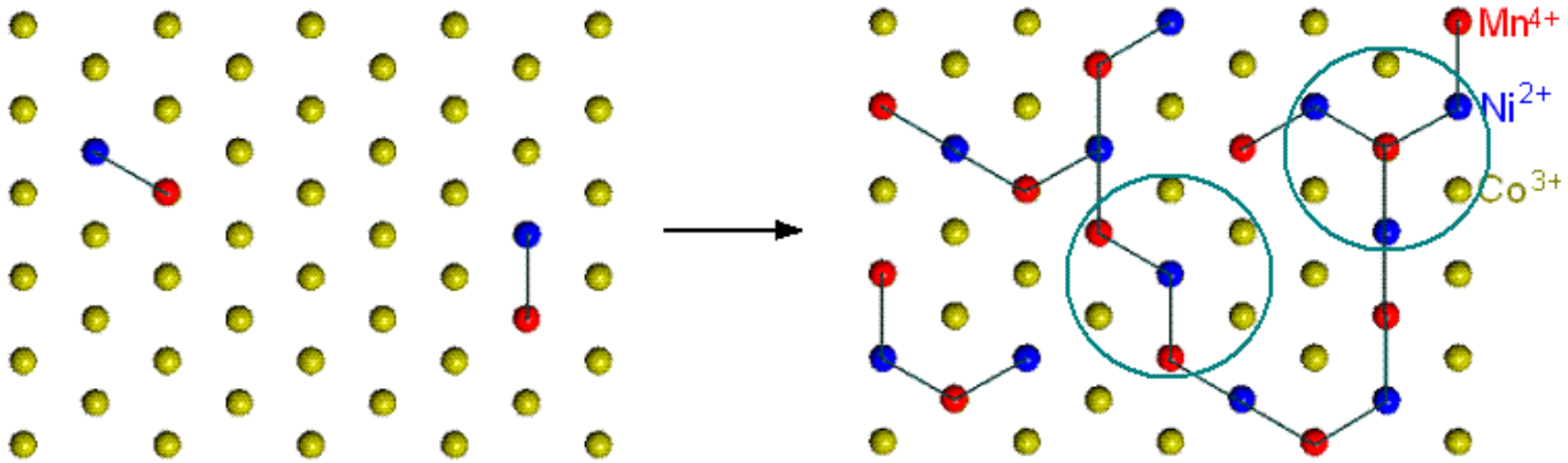
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1 <sup>st</sup> coordination shell						
	RMC results		Possible Models			
	Before "Random" (%)	After (%)	Random	[ $\sqrt{3}$ $\times \sqrt{3}$ ]R30° Superlattice	Parallel cation chains	Zigzag
%Ni-Ni pairs	11.8	9.1	11.1%	0	16.7%	22.2%
%Ni-Mn pairs	24.4	28.4	22.2%	33.3%	16.7%	11.1%
%Mn-Mn pairs	12.0	9.6	11.1%	0	16.7%	22.2%
%Ni-Co pairs	20.4	21.7	22.2%	33.3%	16.7%	11.1%
%Mn-Co pairs	20.3	21.1	22.2%	33.3%	16.7%	11.1%
%Co-Co pairs	11.2	10.1	11.1%	0	16.7%	22.2%
Total	100	100	100%	100%	100%	100%

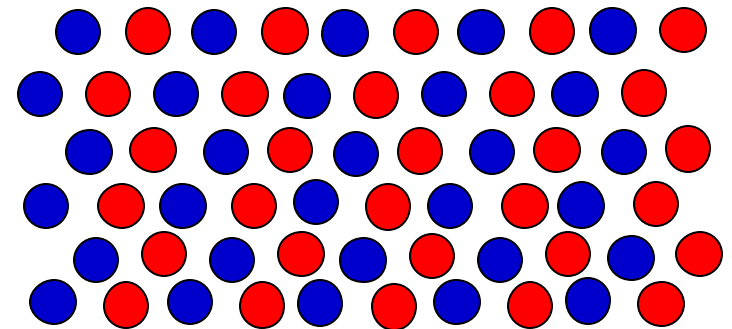
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Co<sup>3+</sup>

$\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$ : Only simple ordered scheme that maximizes Ni-Mn contacts in 1<sup>st</sup> shell  
 – this results in increased Ni-Ni and Mn-Mn contacts in the 2<sup>nd</sup> shell

Li[Ni<sub>0.5</sub>Mn<sub>0.5</sub>]O<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>  
 derived from  
 Na[Ni<sub>0.5</sub>Mn<sub>0.5</sub>]O<sub>2</sub>

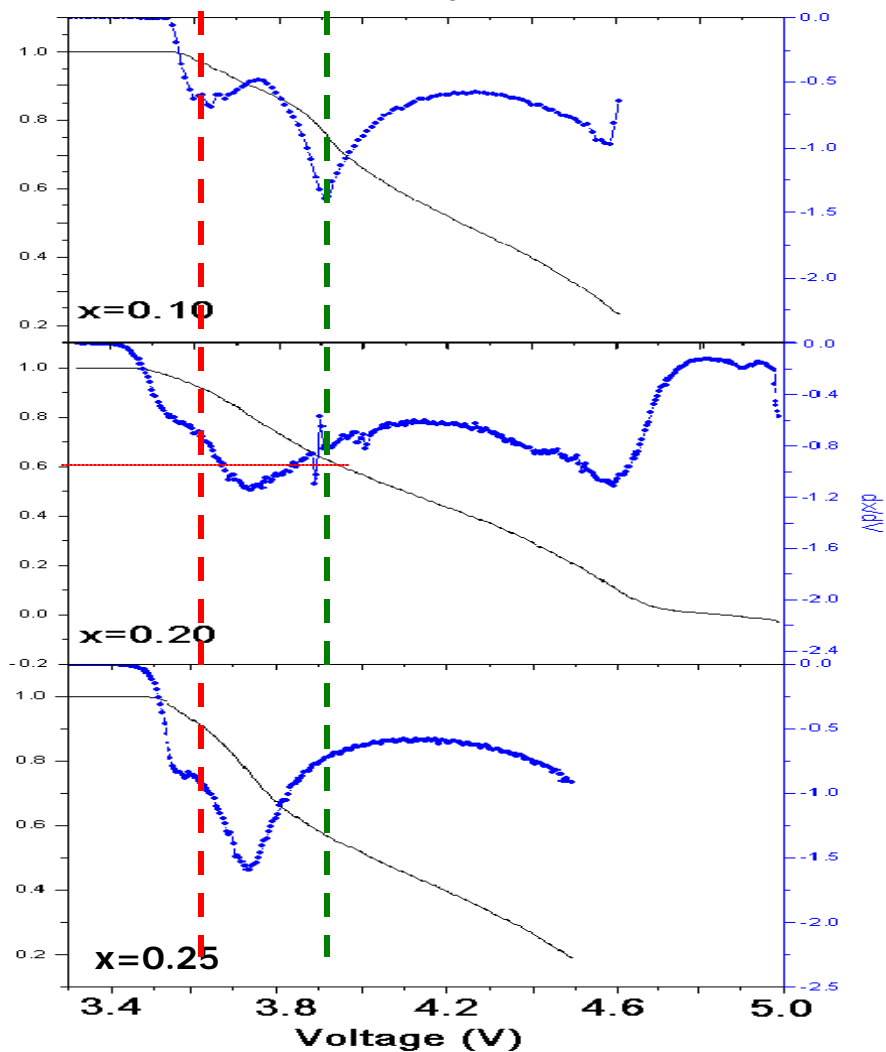
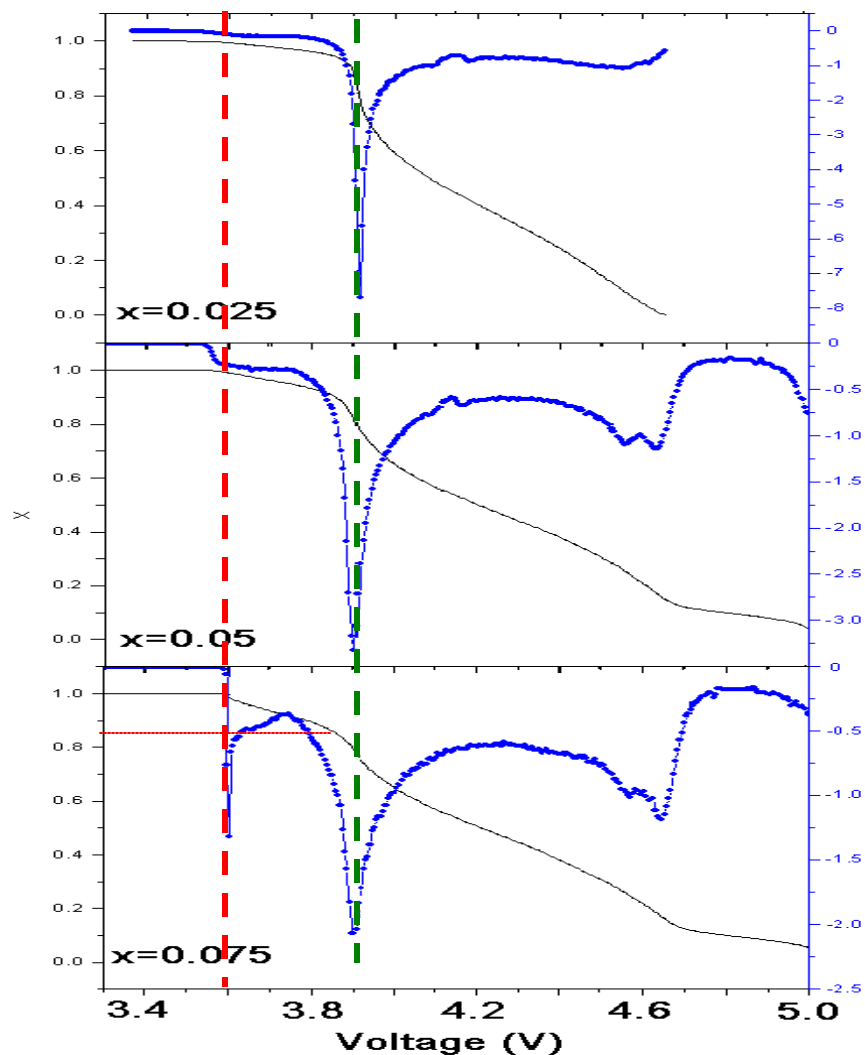


\*Kang, Breger, Grey and Ceder, Science '06;  
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# Effect of Ni/Mn Concentration and Ordering on Electrochemical Performance

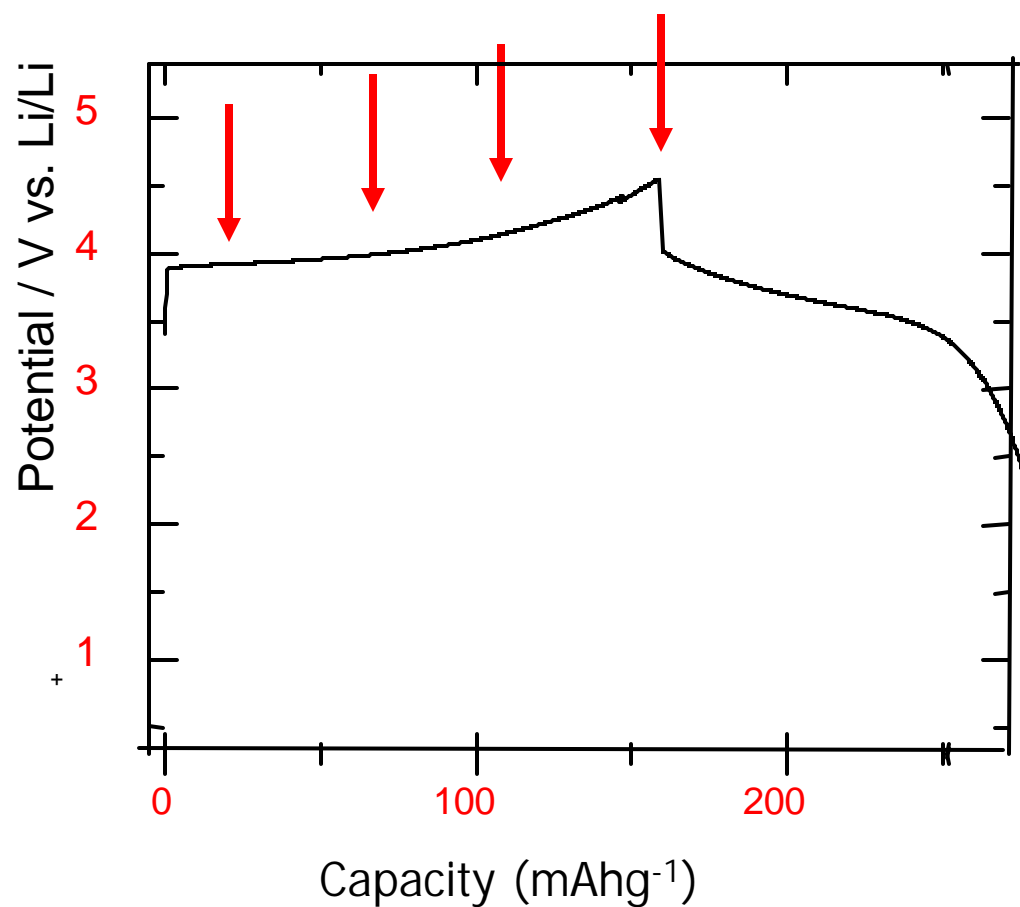
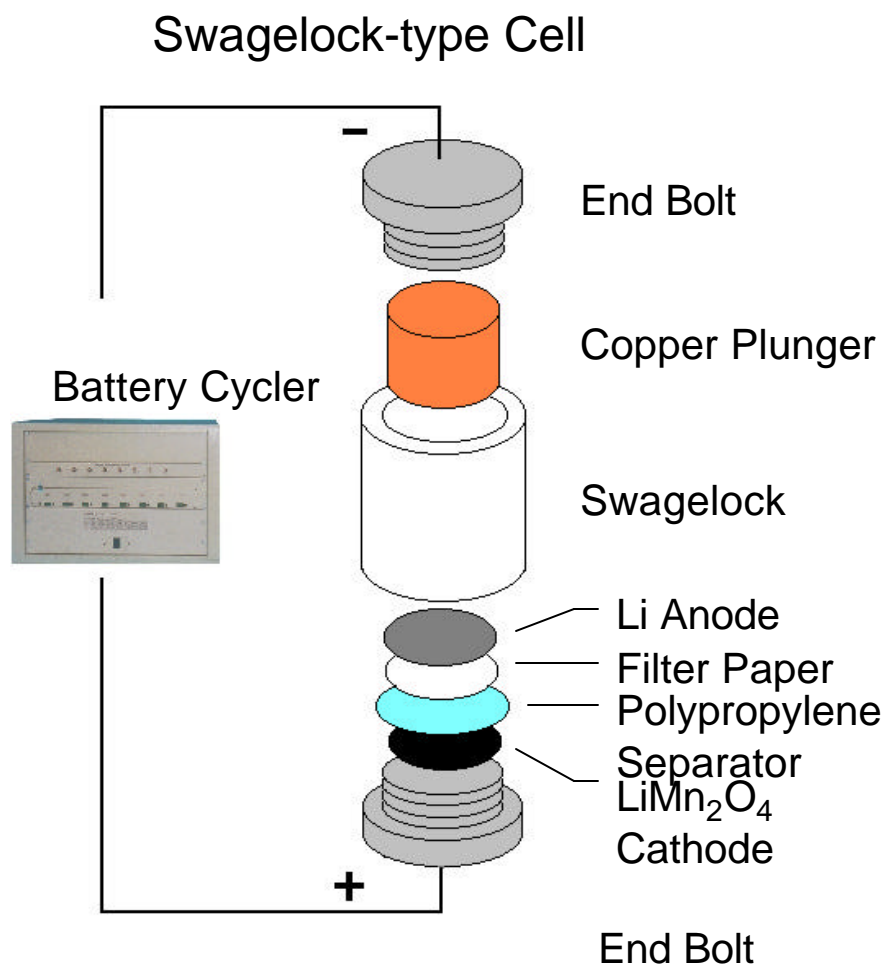
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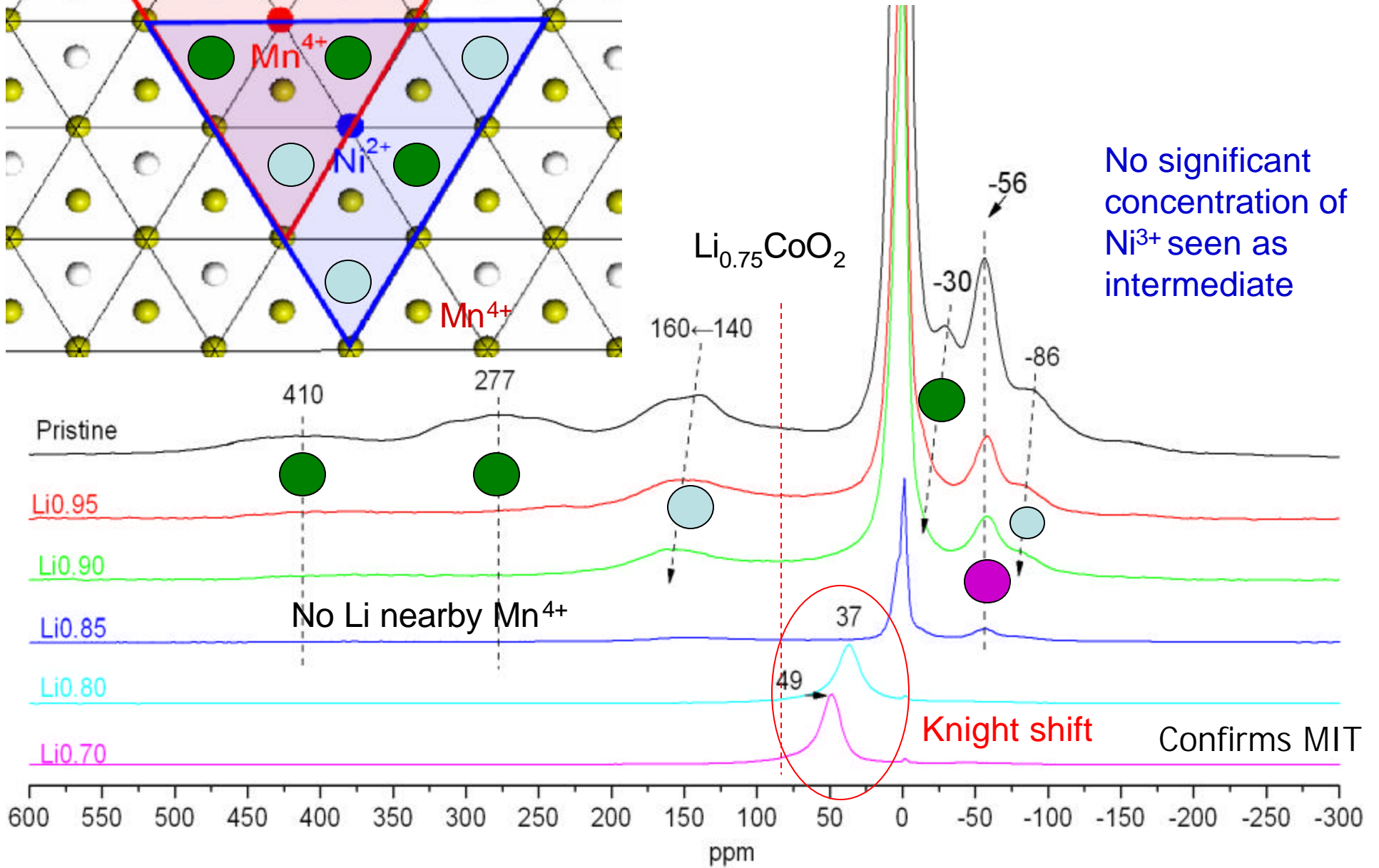
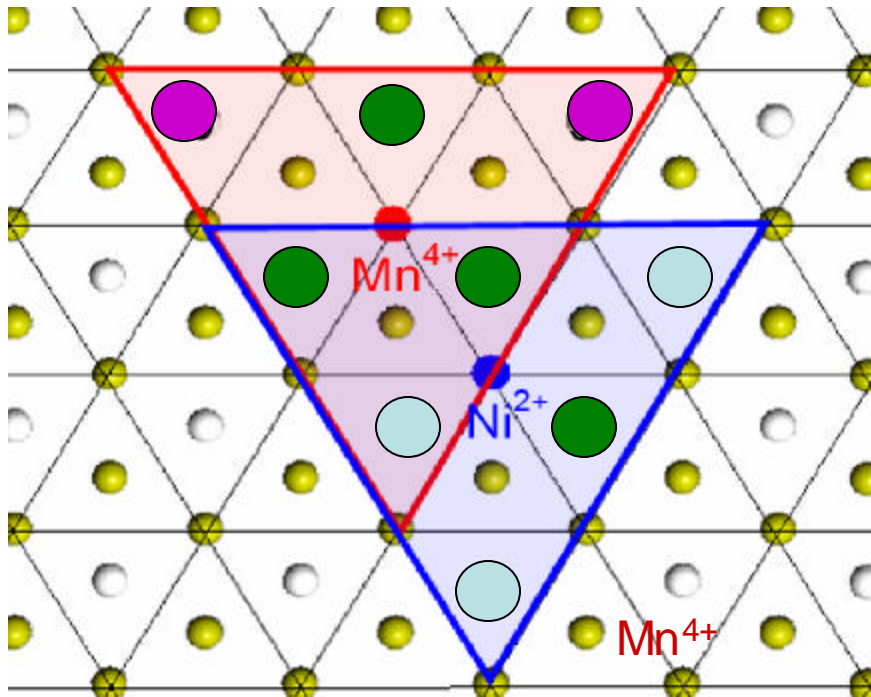
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Ni<sup>2+</sup>? > Ni<sup>4+</sup> or Ni<sup>2+</sup> -> Ni<sup>3+</sup> -> Ni<sup>4+</sup>?

# Following the Electrochemical Process

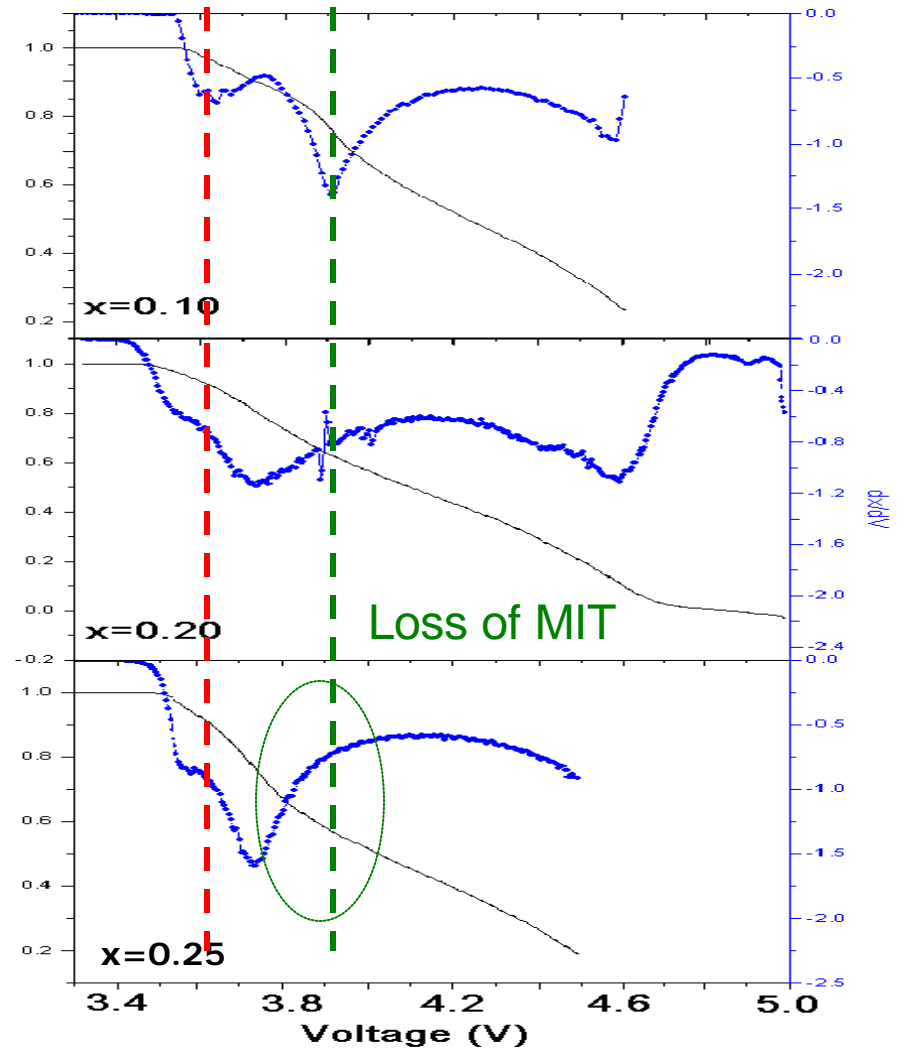
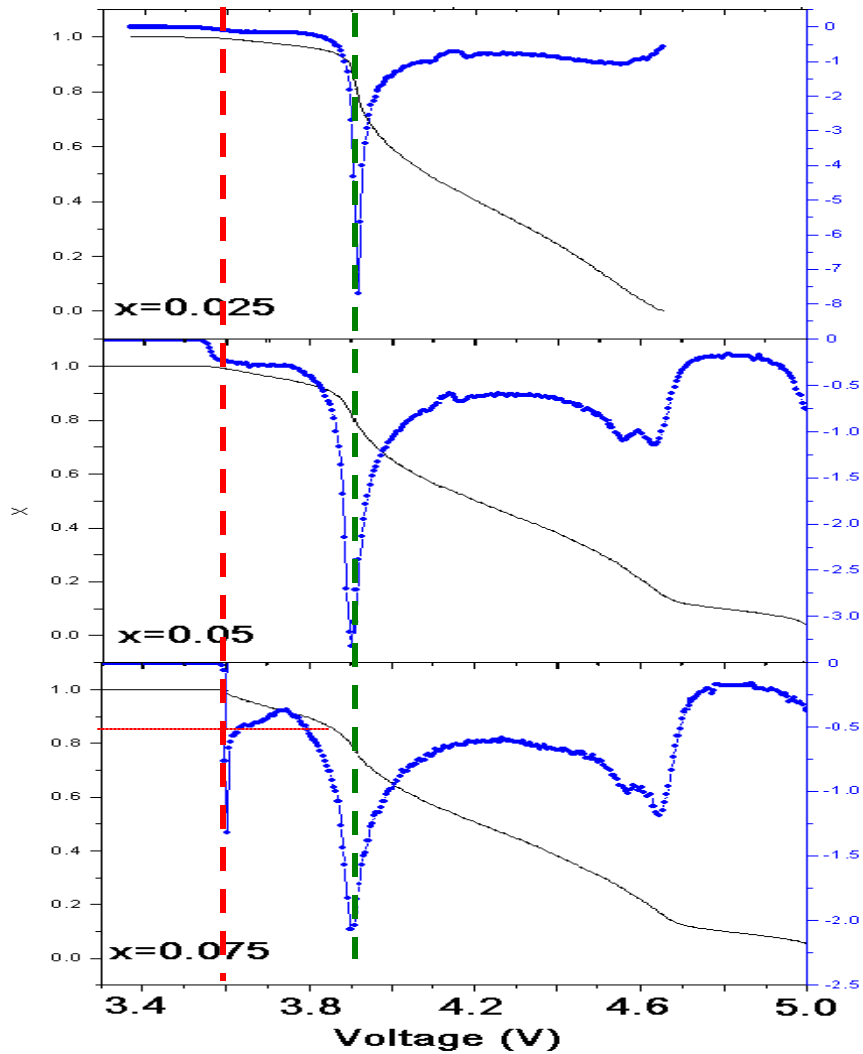




# Cause of the Loss of Metal-to-Insulator Transition

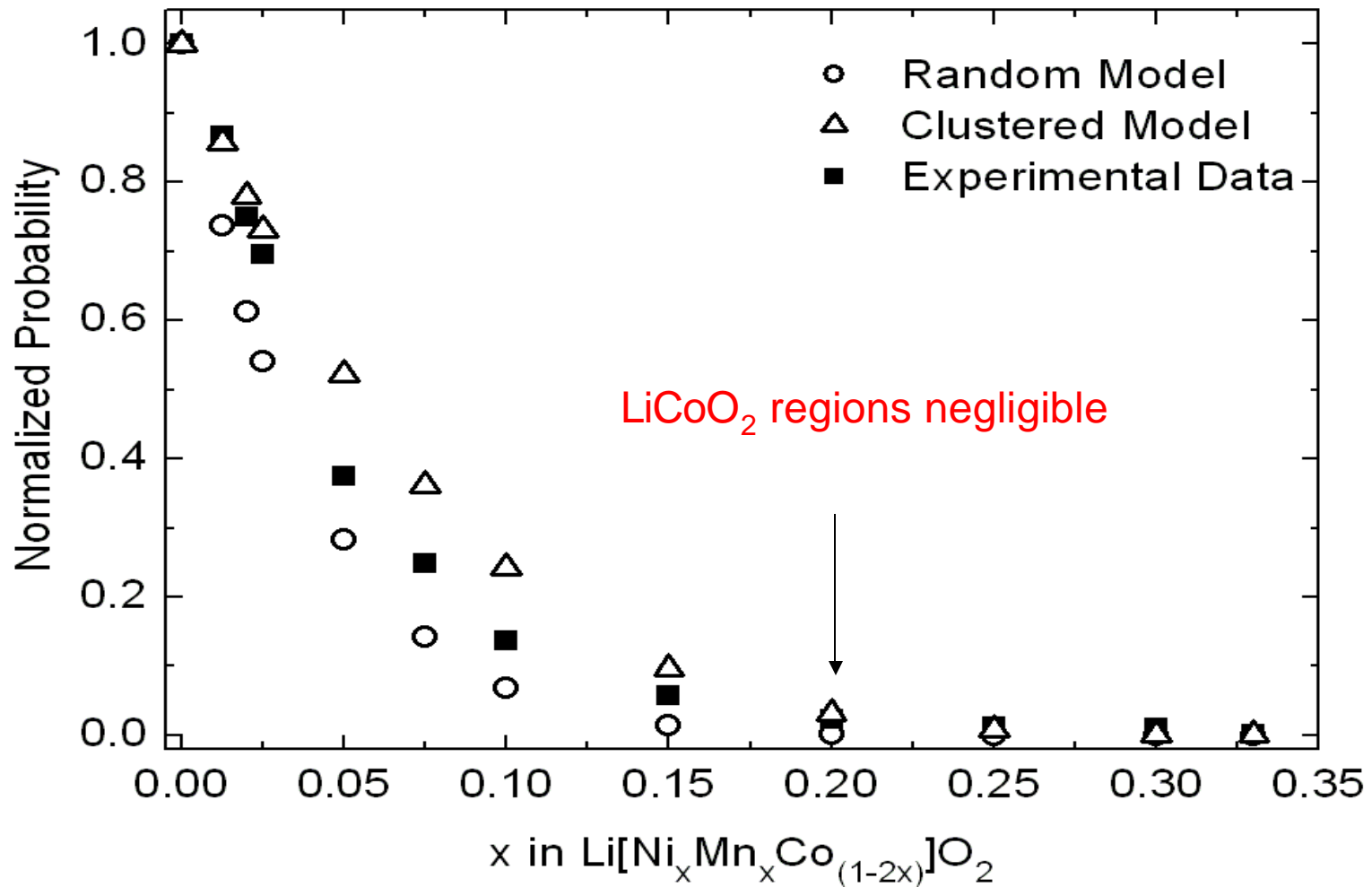
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Ni<sup>2+</sup>? > Ni<sup>4+</sup> - correlates with Ni content

# Loss of "LiCoO<sub>2</sub>" signal correlated with loss of Metal-to-Insulator Transition





# What new methods should we develop?

## In situ Methodologies

X-ray and XAS studies now routine

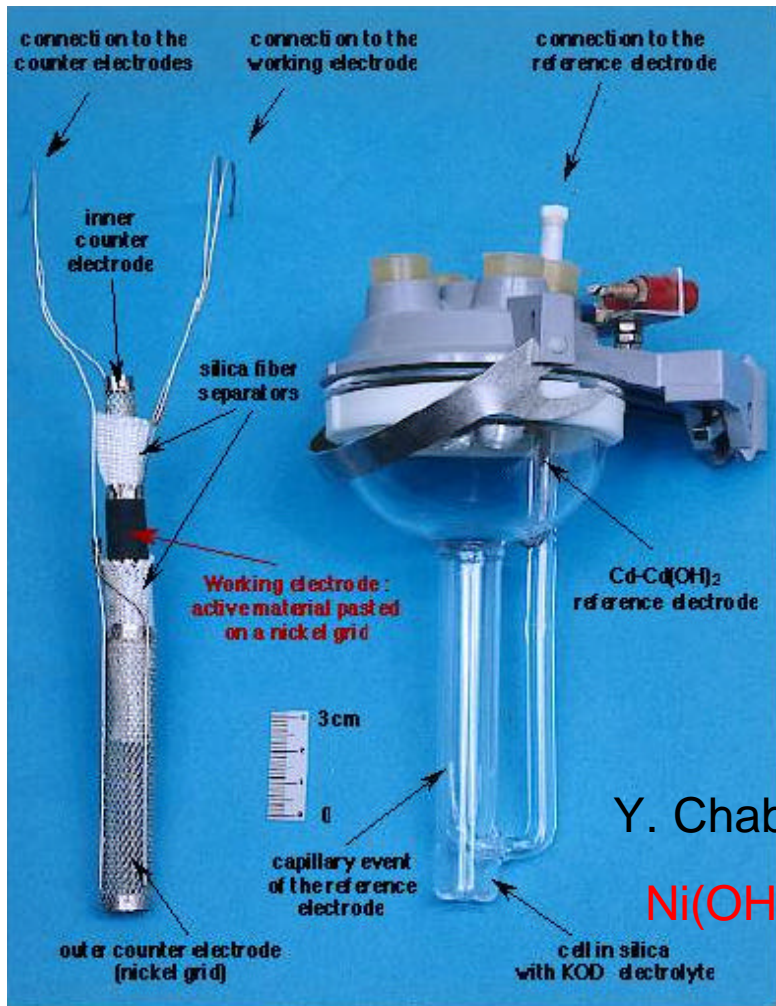
Make use of new DOE facilities investments

Neutron diffraction – follow the Li (and H/D)

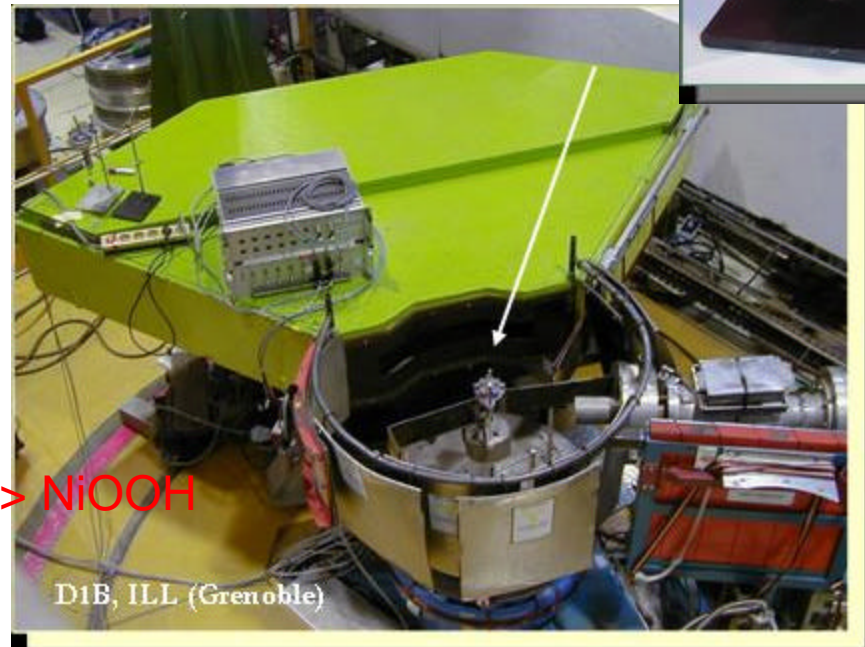
But .. sample size issues  
access to beamtime  
insensitive technique

DOE investment in Oakridge  
neutron facilities

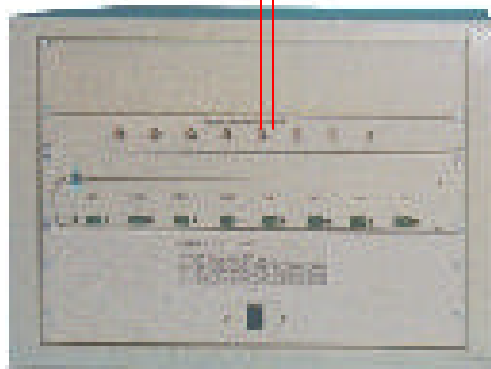
-> more time available in US  
-> design of smaller cells possible



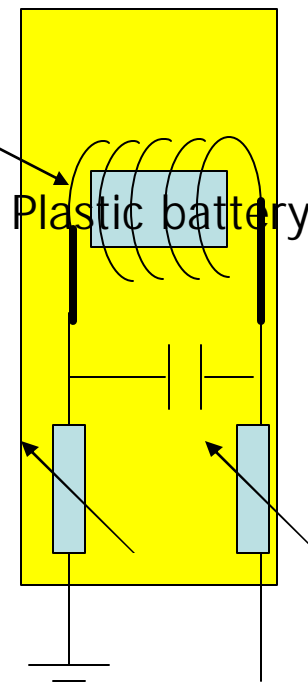
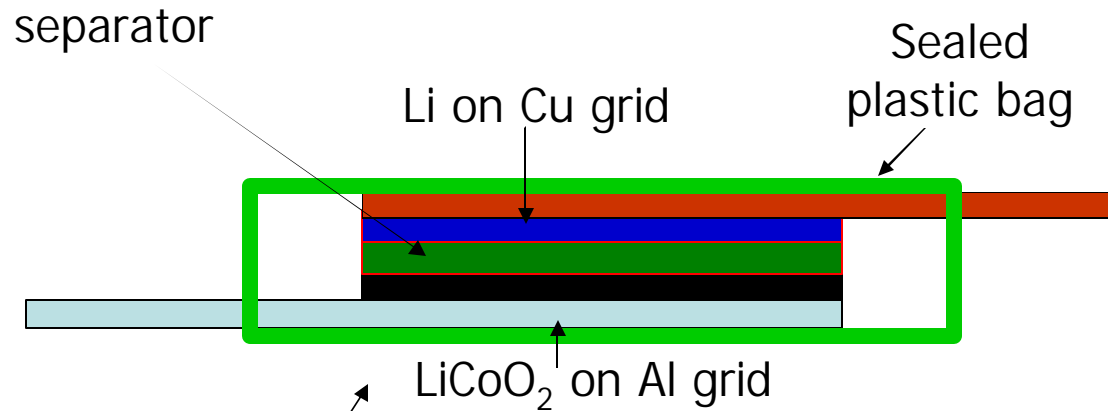
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# Advanced Diagnostic Methods: *In situ* NMR



Battery Cycler



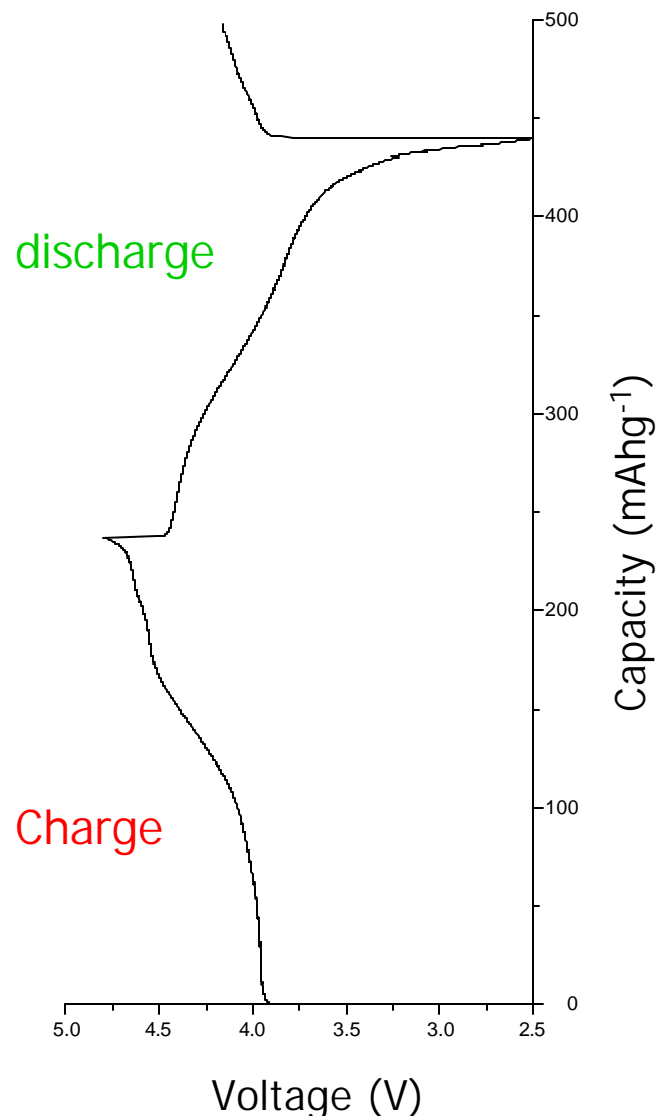
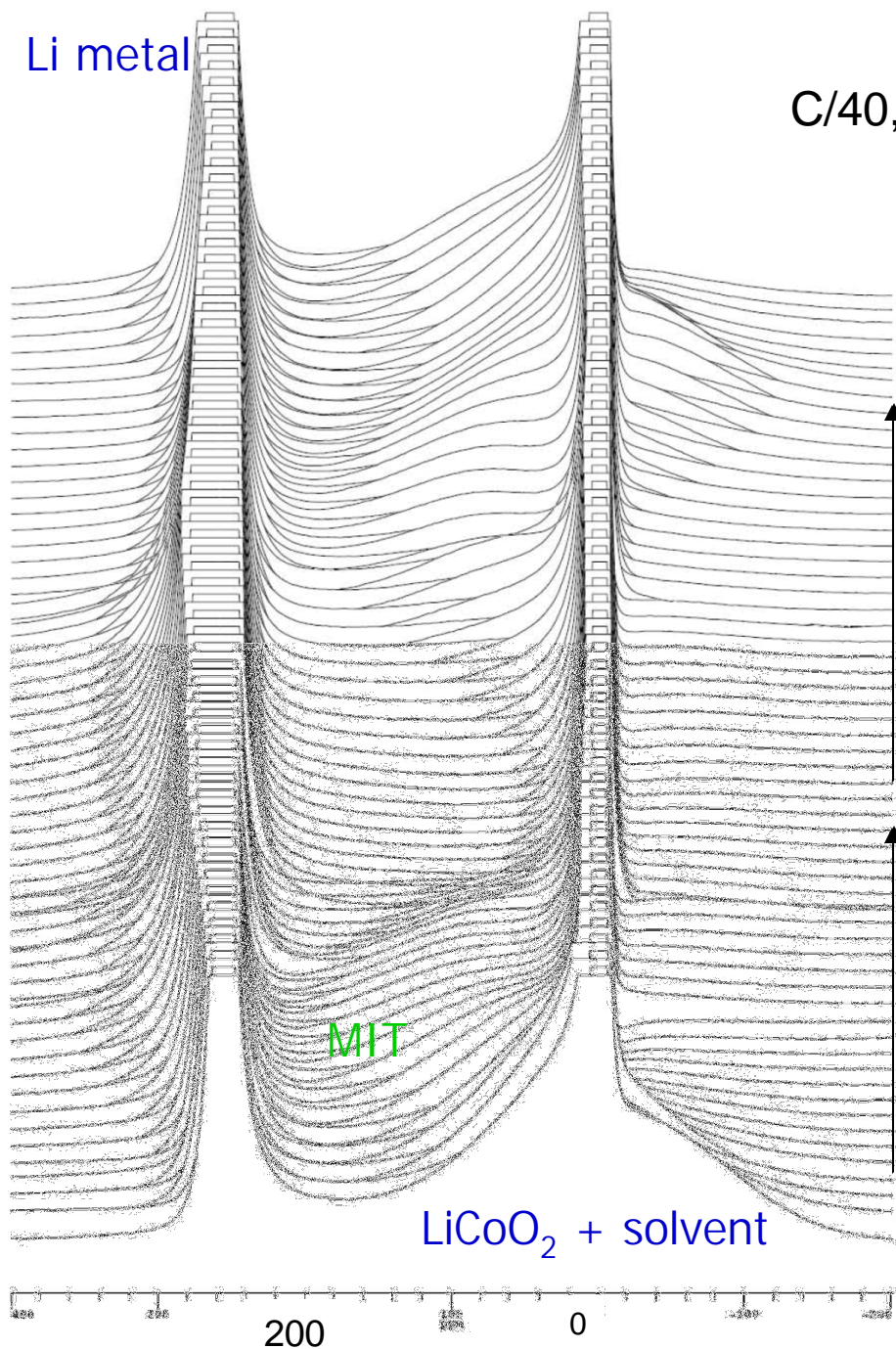
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- Challenges: *all in progress*
- Develop high resolution MAS NMR approaches
  - Separate different NMR signals in static NMR expt.
  - Synchronize NMR spectroscopy and e-chem. to monitor fast dynamics

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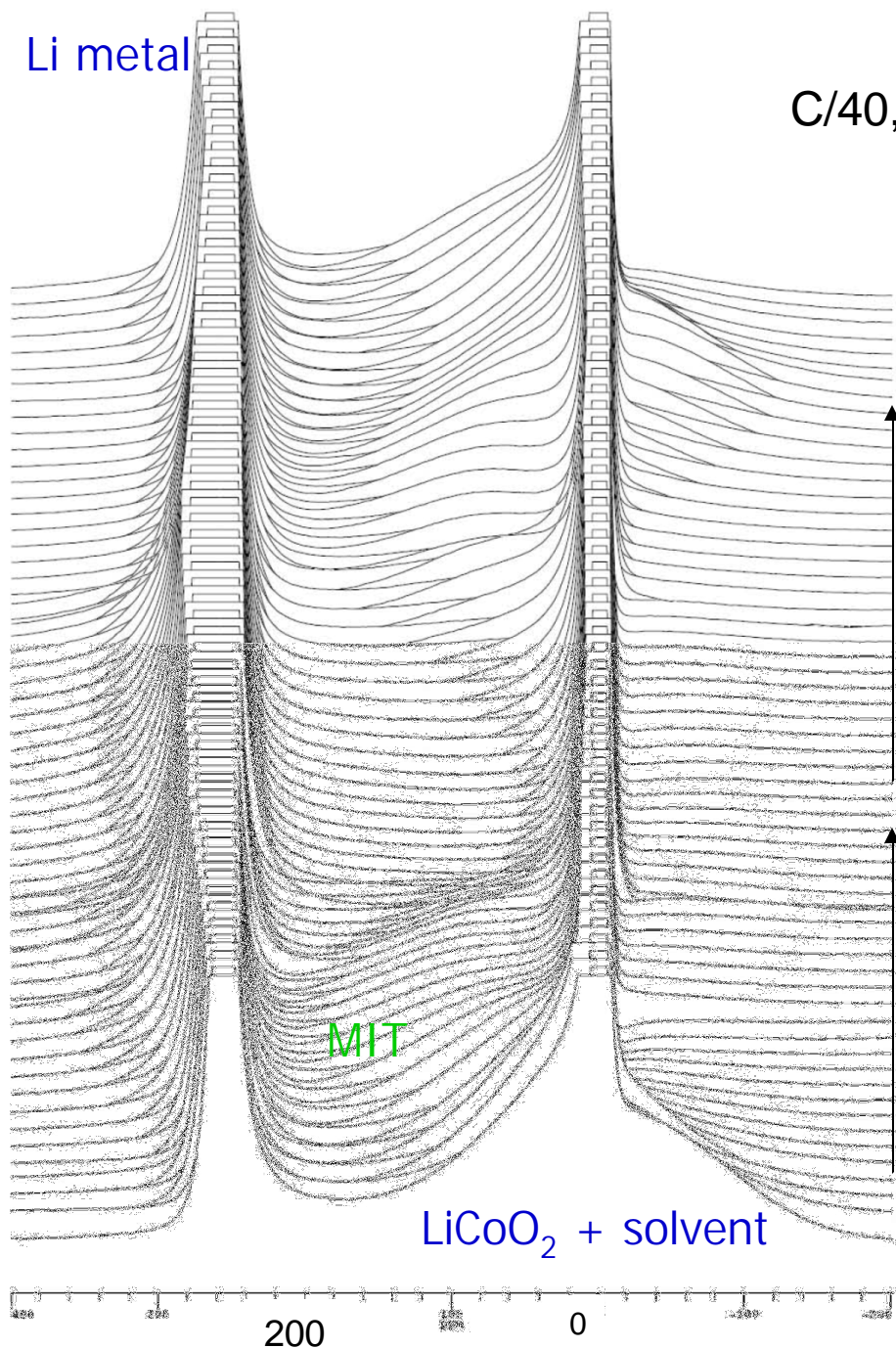
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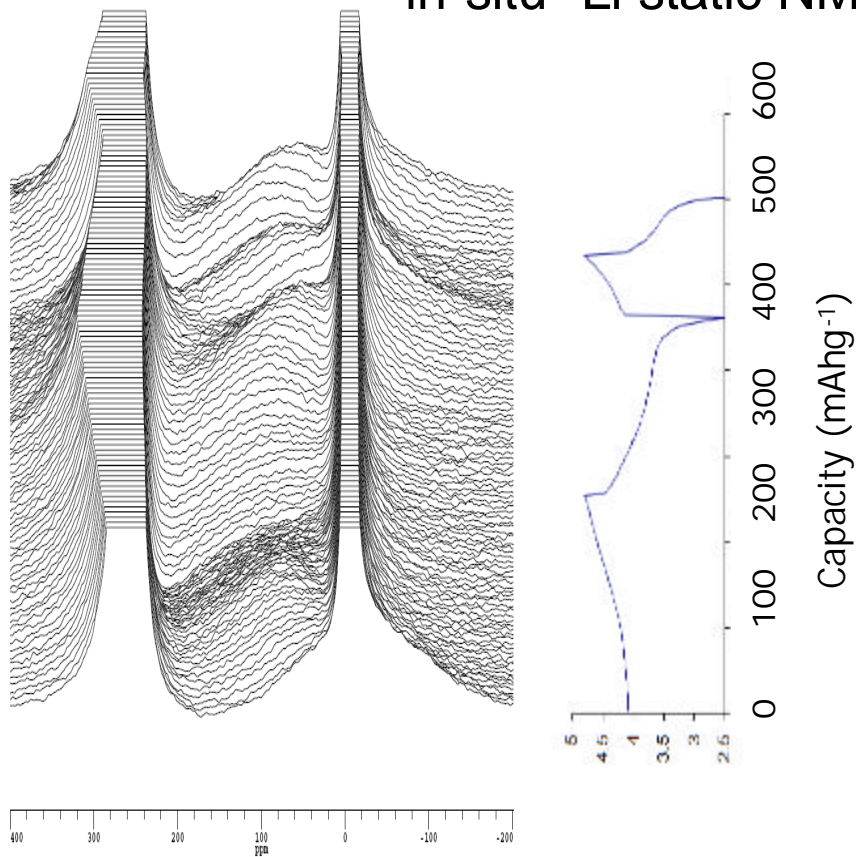
- Automated peak picking and integration routine – dealing with large amount of data
- GITT experiments
- Pulsed mode experiments – follow response to high C pulses in real time

“easy” to perform studies as  $f(T)$  – i.e., low and high T studies

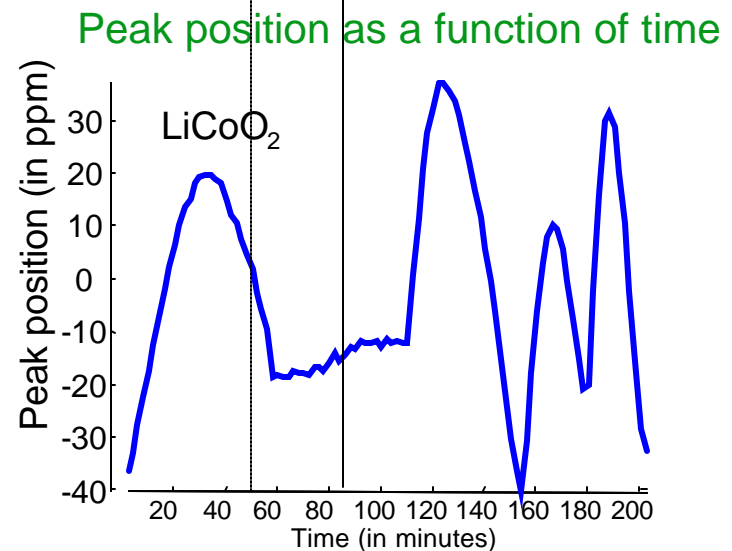
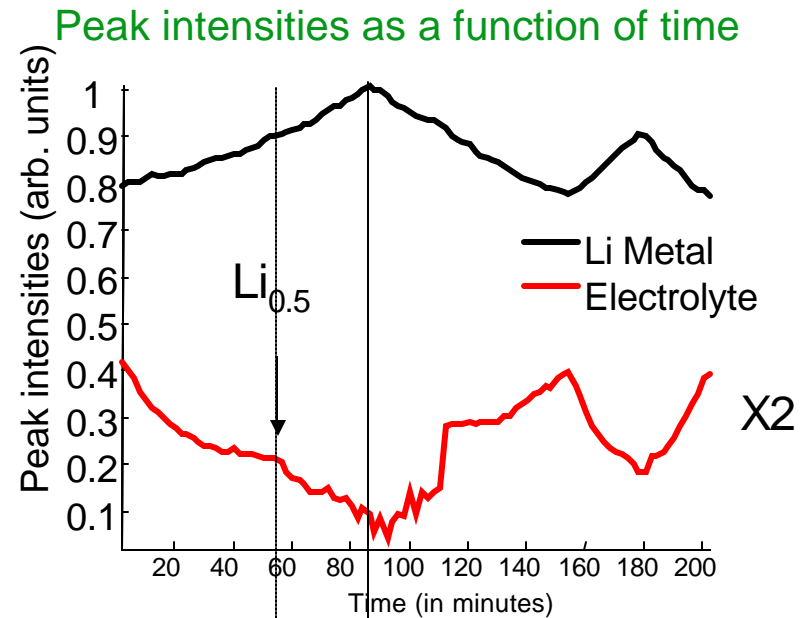
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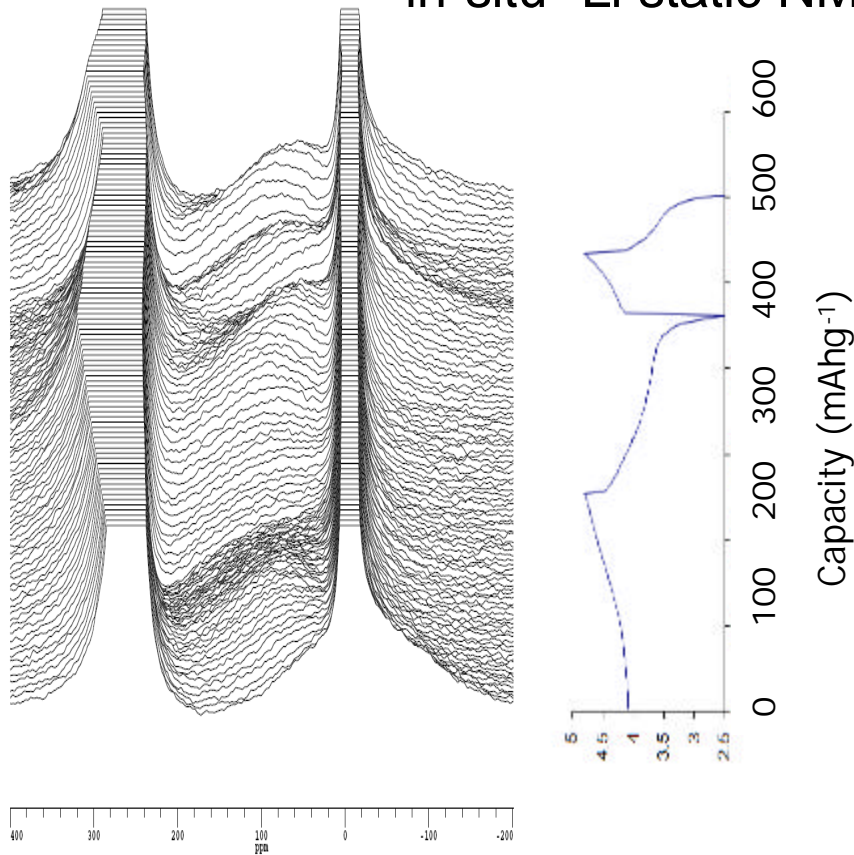
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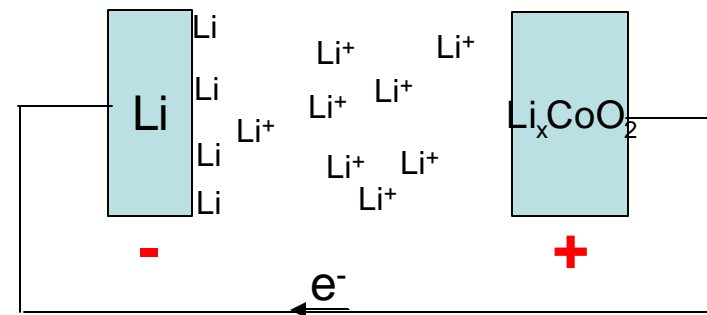
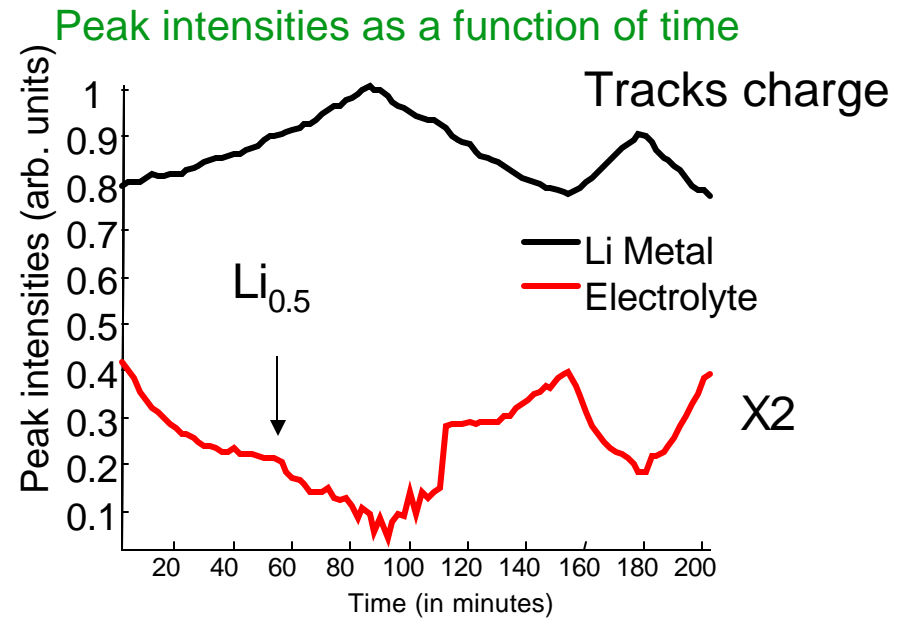
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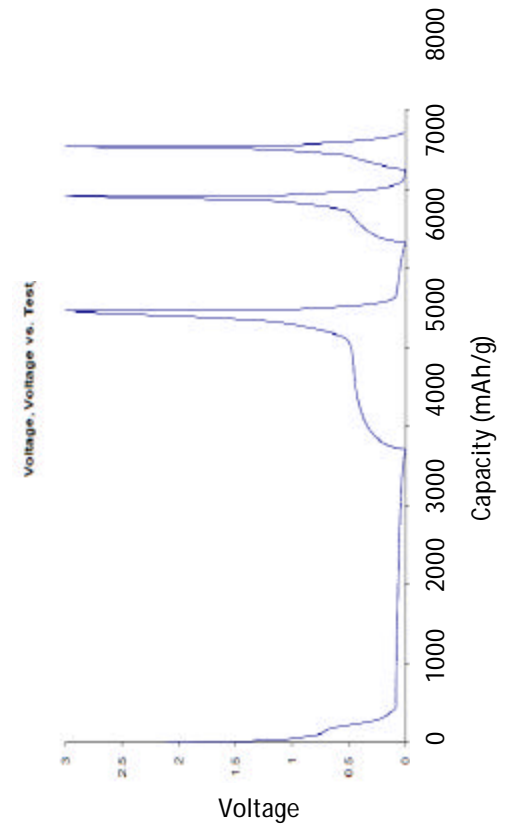
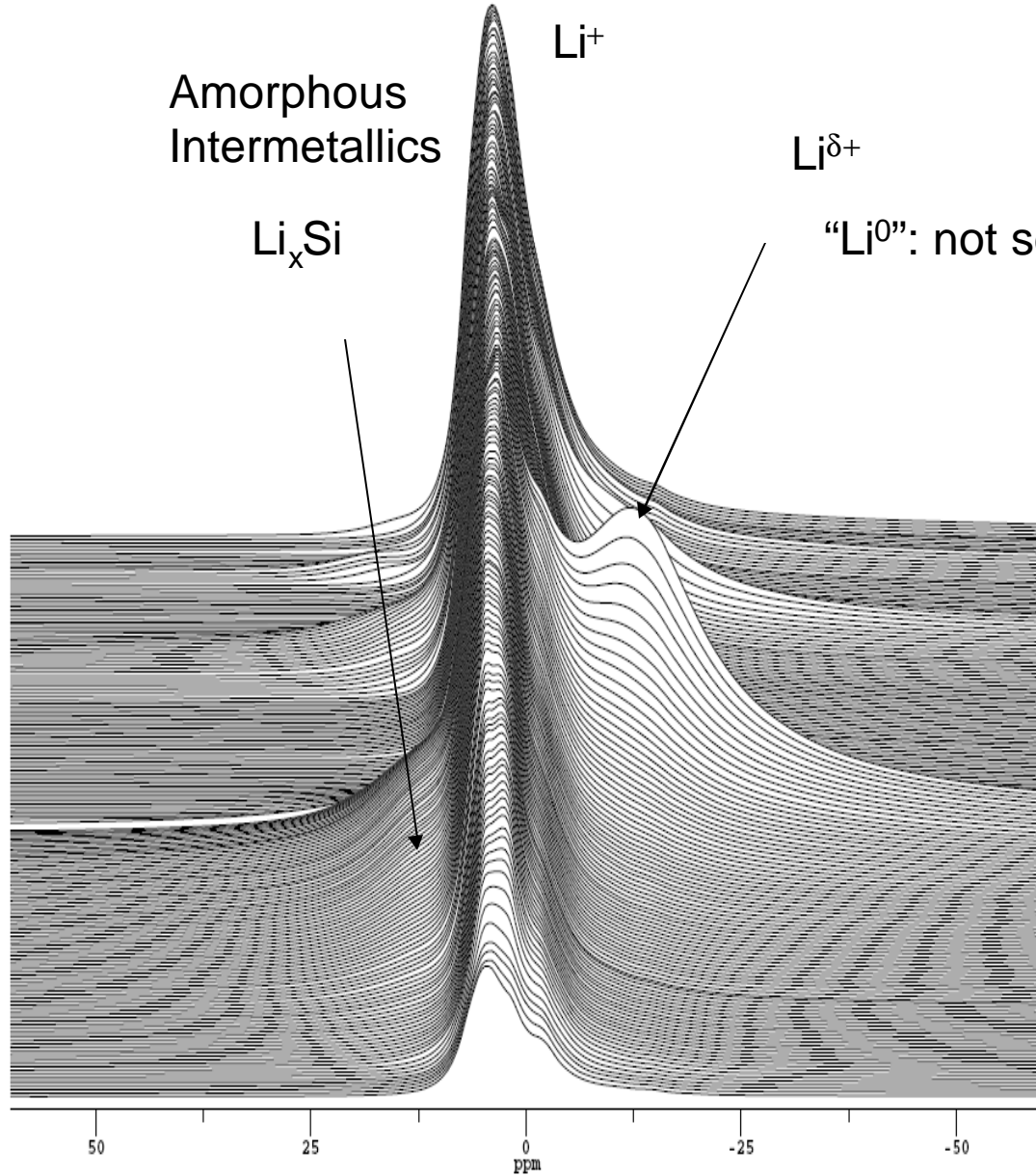
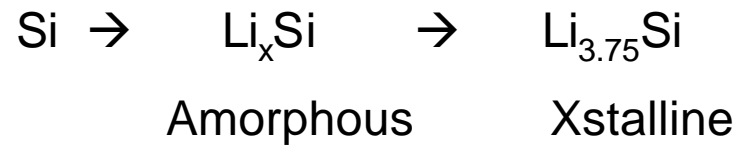
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Differences in rate performances of 2 ½ cells,  
 at high rates, lead to electrolyte conc.  
 changes –  
 Creates overpotential...

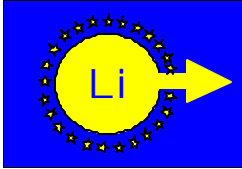
# In situ observation of Si cycling

Extremely high *theoretical* capacity



# What new methods should we develop?

## Electrochemistry under extreme conditions



### *High T electrochemistry*

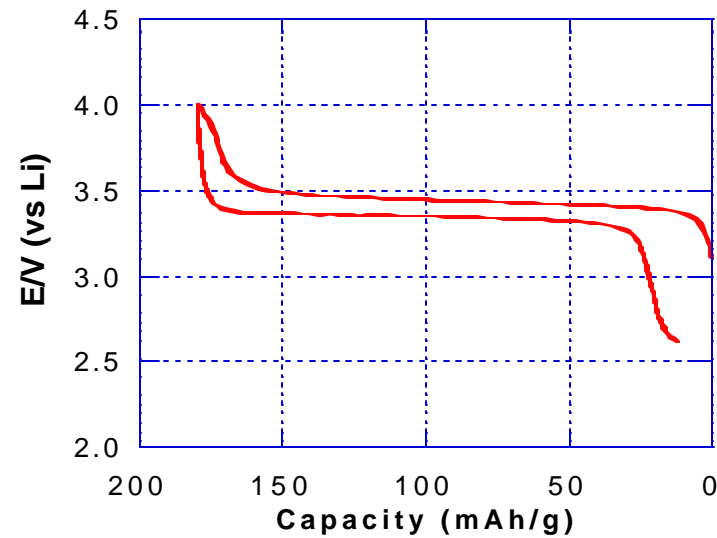
Fundamental studies

Different chemistries



High T solid solutions  
Thermodynamic properties

$\text{LiFePO}_4$  250°C  
in molten LITFSI



**Modified swagelok cell**

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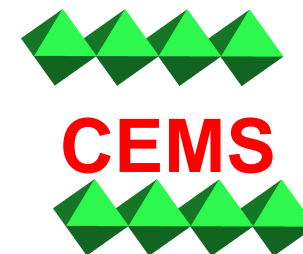
# Conclusions

- A wide variety of different materials have been identified or synthesized that push the battery chemistries beyond that of the SONY cell.
- Multi-electron systems (capacity), 3 dimensional structures (rate), extrusion (capacity), nanoparticles, insulating materials, new morphologies, metal-organics...
- Pushing back the materials frontiers requires that we understand how the batteries/materials function and how and why they fail.
- New Diagnostic techniques have been developed to follow changes in local structure, sequences of electrochemical events, and oxidation state
- NMR spectra are very sensitive to local structure and electronic structure;
- Pair distribution function analysis methods are sensitive to order around the metals
- Applied to understand how  $\text{Li}[\text{Co}_{1-2x}\text{Mn}_x\text{Ni}_x]\text{O}_2$  functions

However...

Much work is still required to produce a *safe (cheap) lithium-ion battery* for HEV, Plugins and EVs

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