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Improved wide operation voltage capability of Fe-, Ti- and F-doped $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$ spinel cathodes for lithium ion batteries

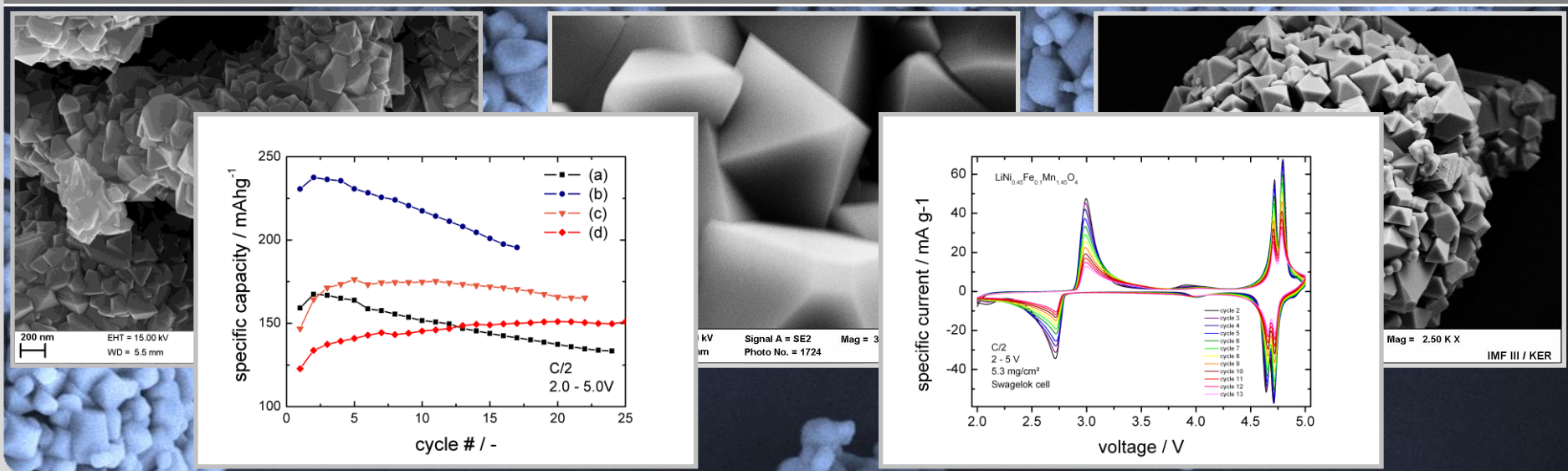
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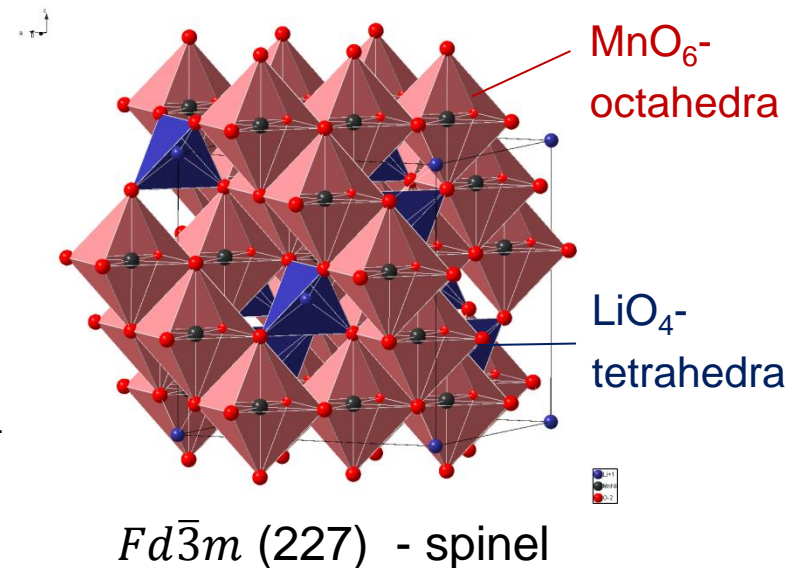
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Motivation

■ $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$ spinel

- power density: **3D** intercalation
- energy: **5V** material (vs. 4V LiMn_2O_4)
- life time: **less** Mn^{3+} (vs. LiMn_2O_4)
- costs: absence of Co

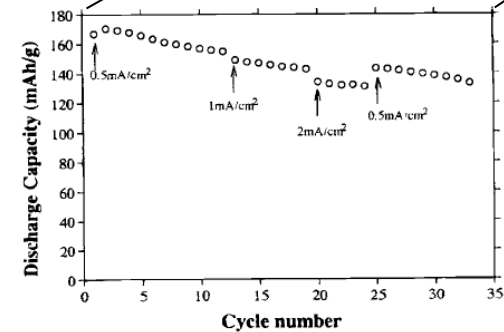
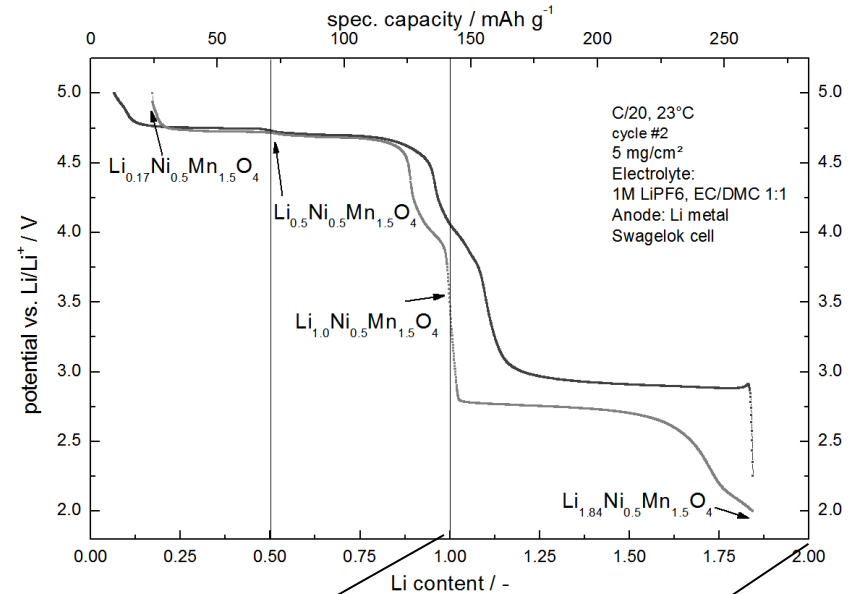
■ Known shortcomings

- Electrolyte **unstable** above **4.5 V**
- impurity phase $\text{Li}_x\text{Ni}_{1-x}\text{O}$
- Spinel **unstable** below **3.5V** due to Mn^{3+} formation

■ Objective

- Using **more than 1 Li** per formula
- F-doping: **less** Mn dissolution
- Fe, Ti-doping : **improved** cycleability

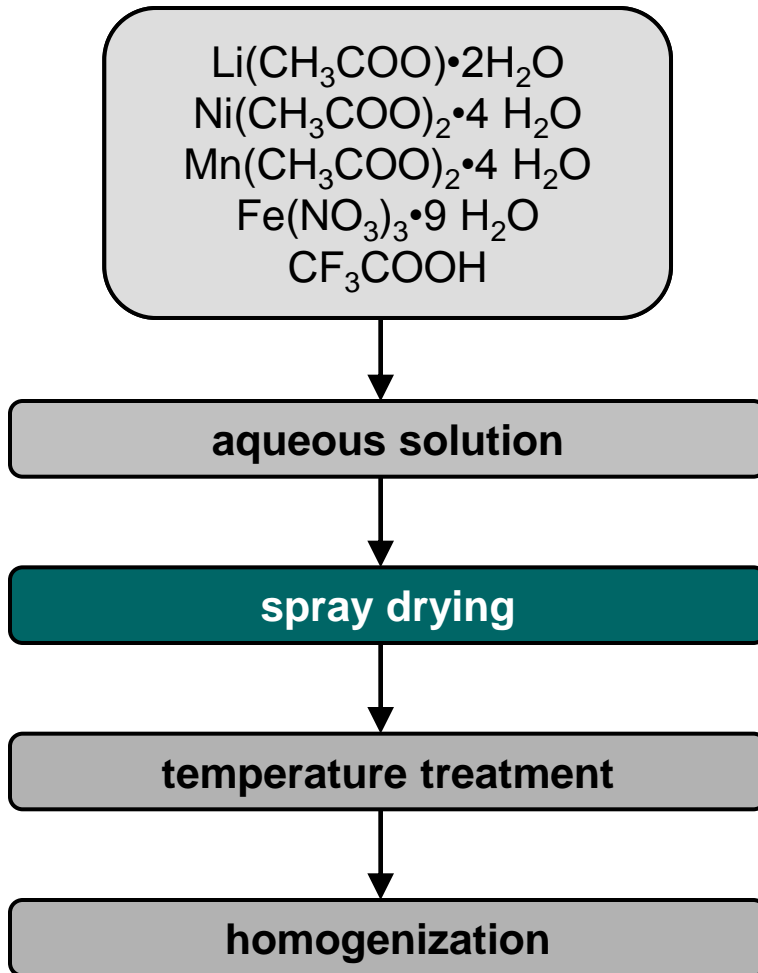
5.0 V $\xrightarrow{146.7 \text{ mAh/g}}$ 3.5 V $\xrightarrow{146.7 \text{ mAh/g}}$ 2.0 V



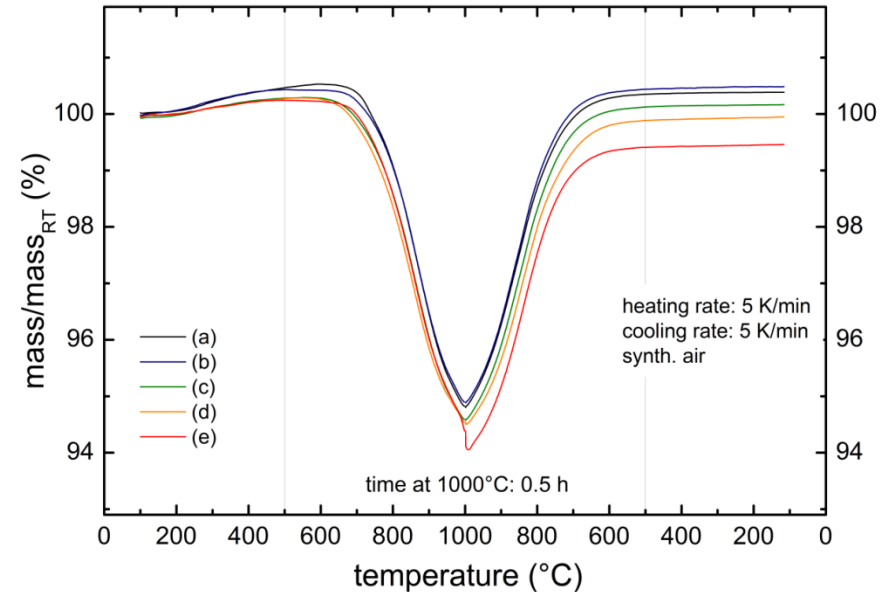
K. Amine. et al. *J. El. Soc.*, Vol. 143 (1996) 167.

Synthesis of Fe/F-doped $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$

Sol-gel-process



Thermogravimetry



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Chem. analysis

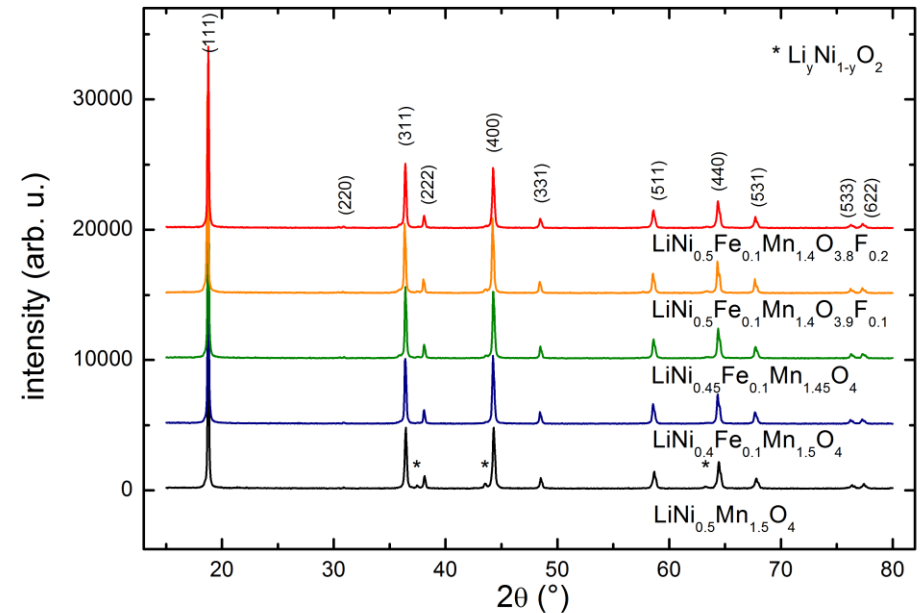
a	$\text{Li}_{0.98}\text{Ni}_{0.49}\text{Mn}_{1.53}\text{O}_4$
b	$\text{Li}_{0.96}\text{Ni}_{0.40}\text{Fe}_{0.08}\text{Mn}_{1.56}\text{O}_4$
c	$\text{Li}_{0.96}\text{Ni}_{0.45}\text{Fe}_{0.08}\text{Mn}_{1.51}\text{O}_4$
d	$\text{Li}_{0.95}\text{Ni}_{0.50}\text{Fe}_{0.08}\text{Mn}_{1.46}\text{O}_{3.98}\text{F}_{0.02}$
e	$\text{Li}_{0.95}\text{Ni}_{0.50}\text{Fe}_{0.07}\text{Mn}_{1.47}\text{O}_{3.91}\text{F}_{0.09}$

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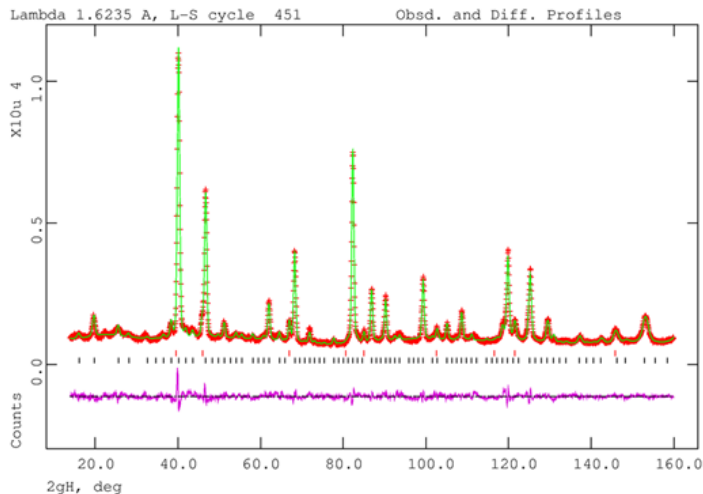
Structure of $\text{LiNi}_{0.5-x}\text{Fe}_{0.1}\text{Mn}_{1.5-v}\text{O}_{4-z}\text{F}_z$

x-ray diffraction: Rietveld analysis

	phase ratio			lattice constant	
	spinel 1	spinel 2	$\text{Li}_x\text{Ni}_{1-x}\text{O}$	spinel 1	spinel 2
	%	%	%	nm	nm
(a)	93.37	2.59	4.04	8.1729	8.298
(b)	97.63	1.55	0.82	8.1846	8.3045
(c)	95.78	2.42	1.8	8.1792	8.298
(d)	94.18	3.12	2.71	8.1772	8.298
(e)	94.21	4.44	1.35	8.1816	8.298



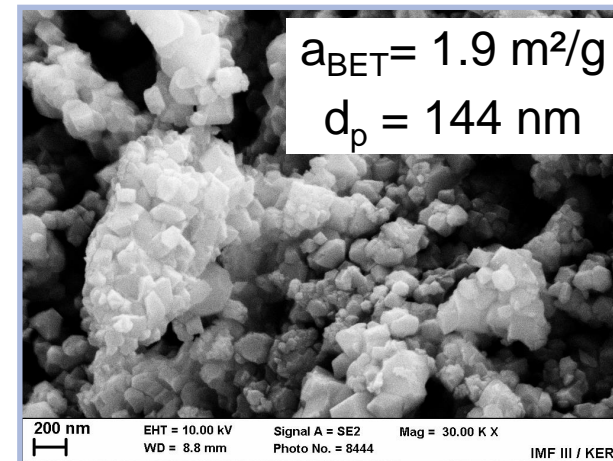
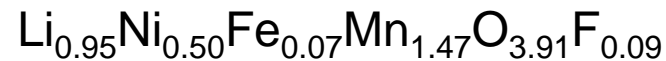
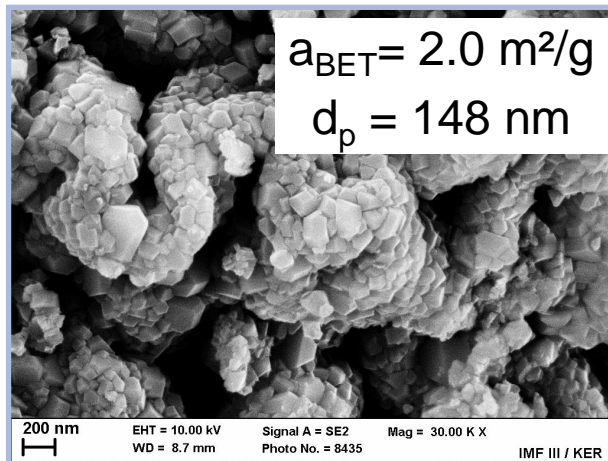
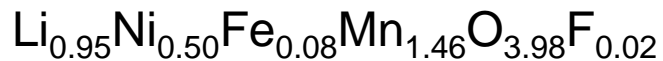
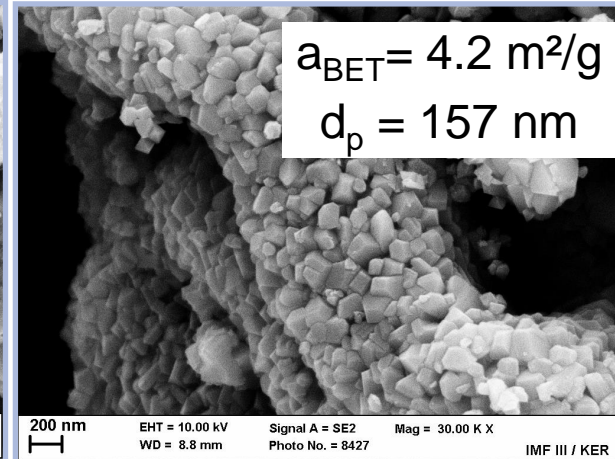
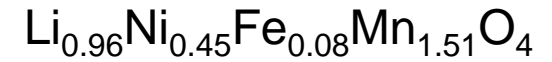
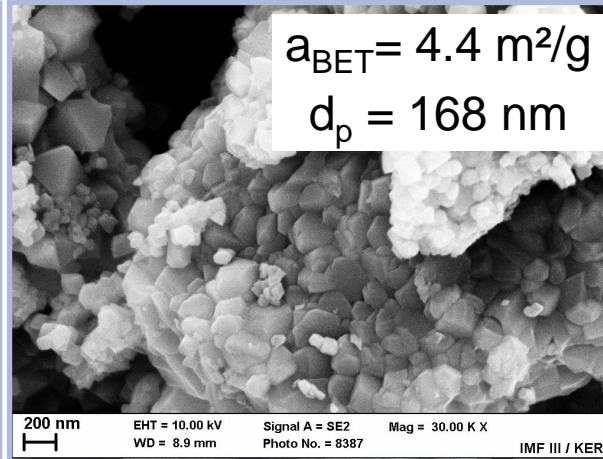
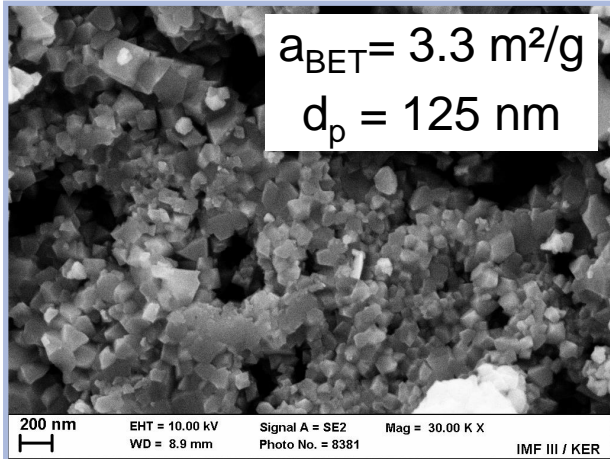
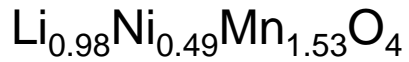
neutron diffraction



Results

- impurity phase $\text{Li}_x\text{Ni}_{1-x}\text{O}$ reduced by Fe-doping
- second spinel phase
- doped spinels: unordered $Fd\bar{3}m$ (227)
- undoped spinel: partially ordered $Fd\bar{3}m$ (227) + $P4_332$ (212)

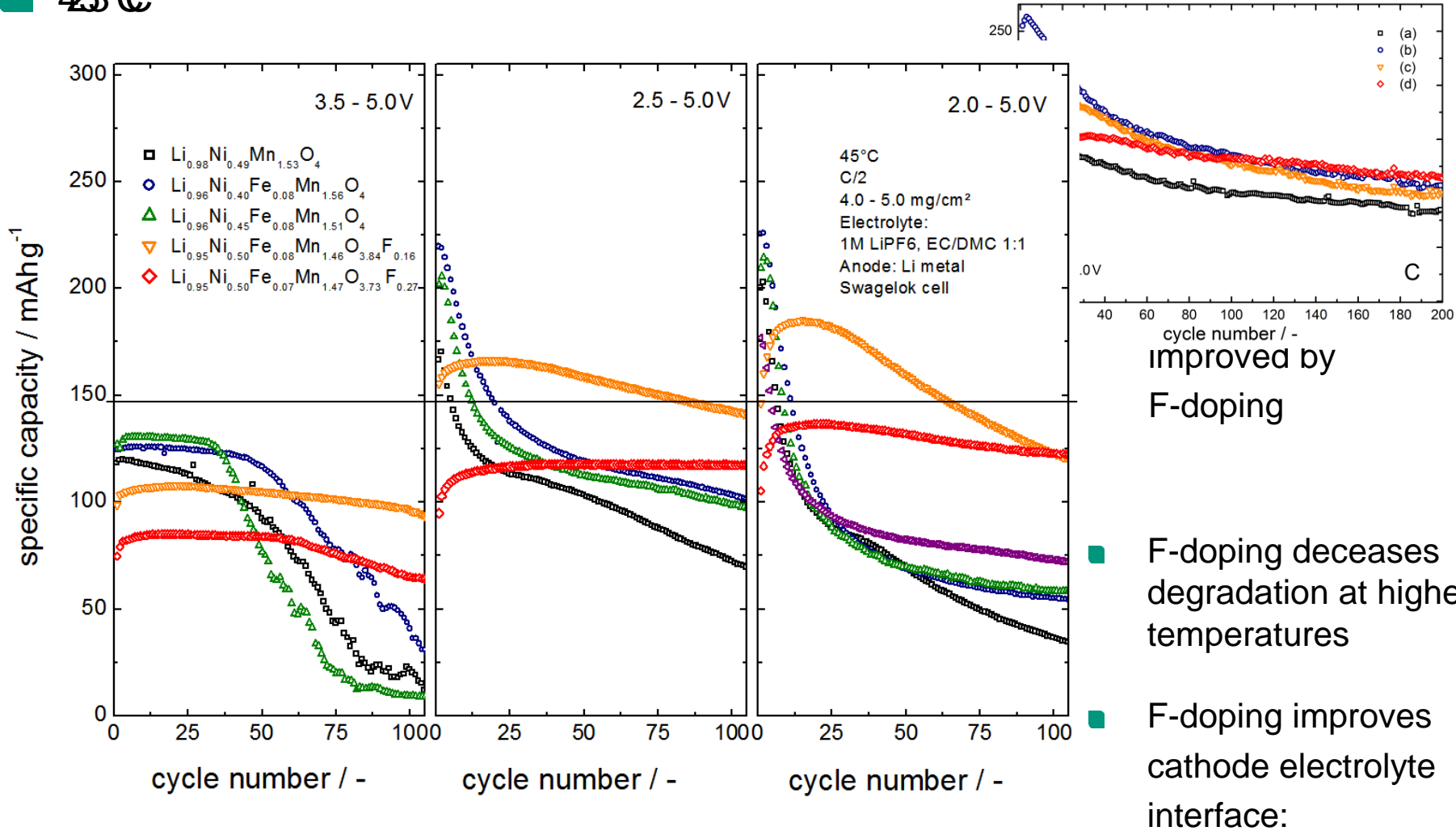
Morphology of $\text{LiNi}_{0.5-x}\text{Fe}_{0.1}\text{Mn}_{1.5-y}\text{O}_{4-z}\text{F}_z$



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Cycleability of $\text{LiNi}_{0.5-x}\text{Fe}_{0.1}\text{Mn}_{1.5-y}\text{O}_{4-z}\text{F}_z$

45°C



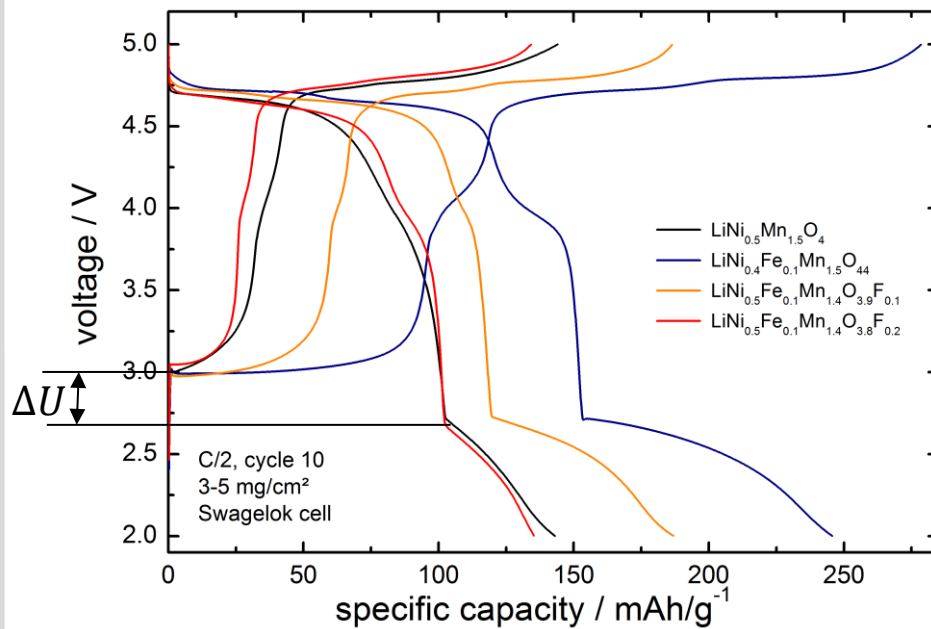
improved by
F-doping

- F-doping decreases degradation at higher temperatures
- F-doping improves cathode electrolyte interface:

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Voltage profiles

C/2, cycle 10



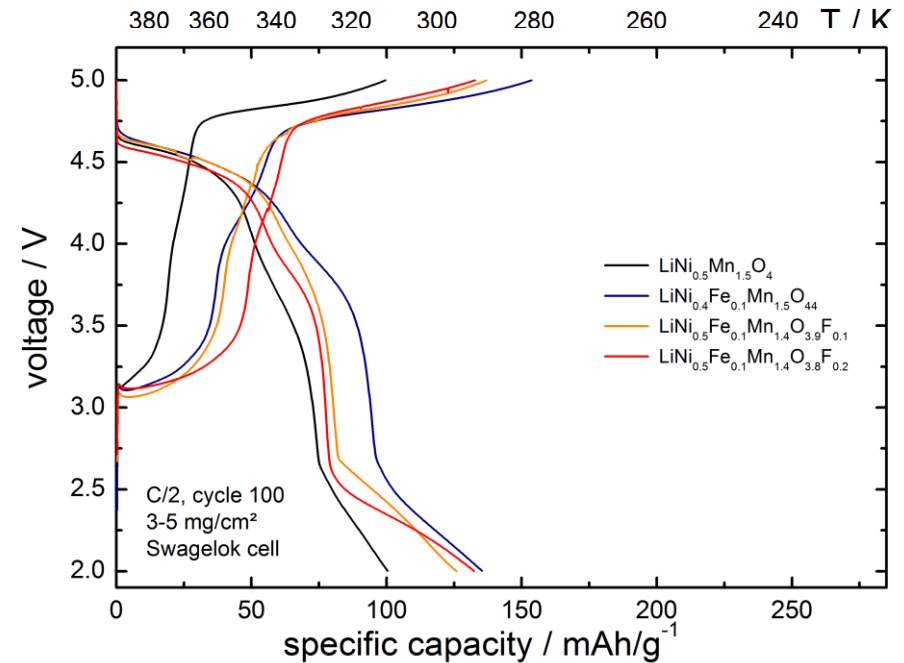
Voltage hysteresis due to phase transition

$Fd\bar{3}m$ (227) - cubic

→ $I4_1/amd$ (141) - tetragonal

Electronic conductivity

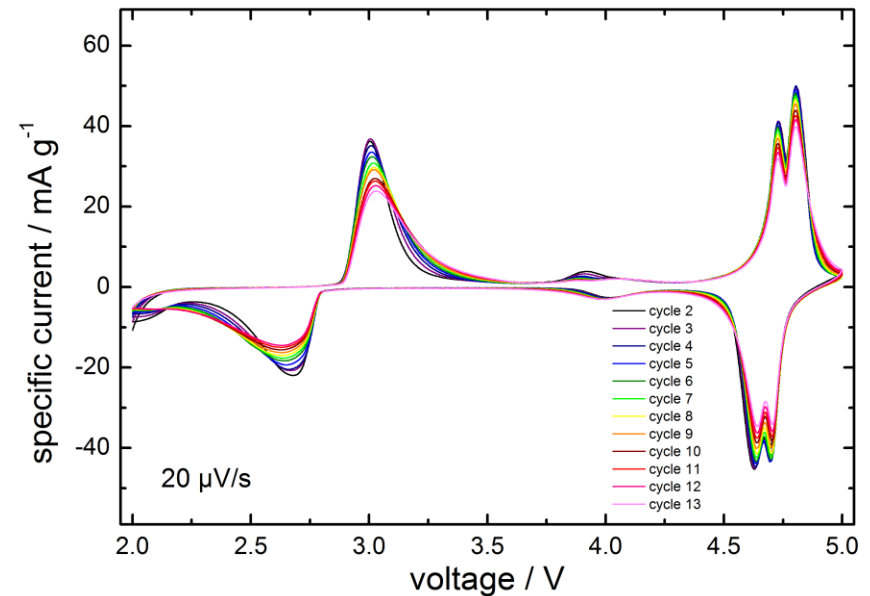
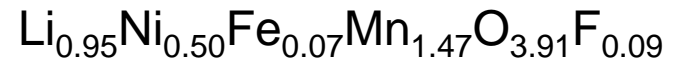
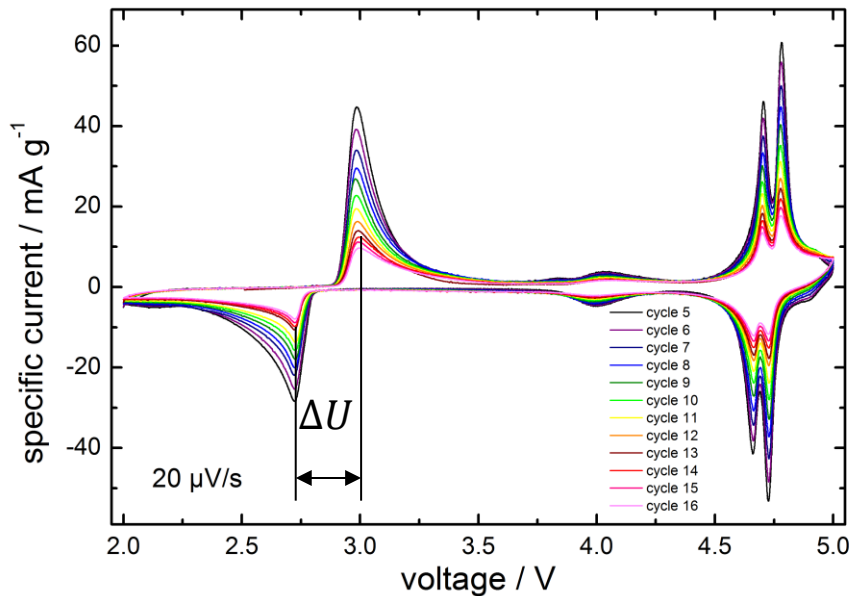
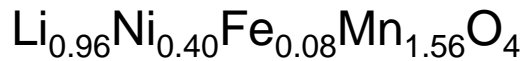
C/2, cycle 100



F-doping does not prevent phase transition

El. conductivity increases with Mn³⁺ and Fe content

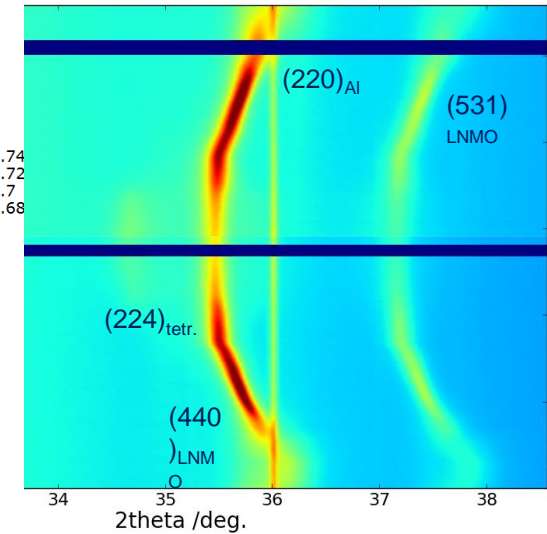
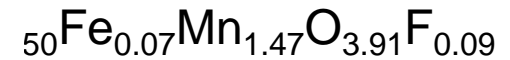
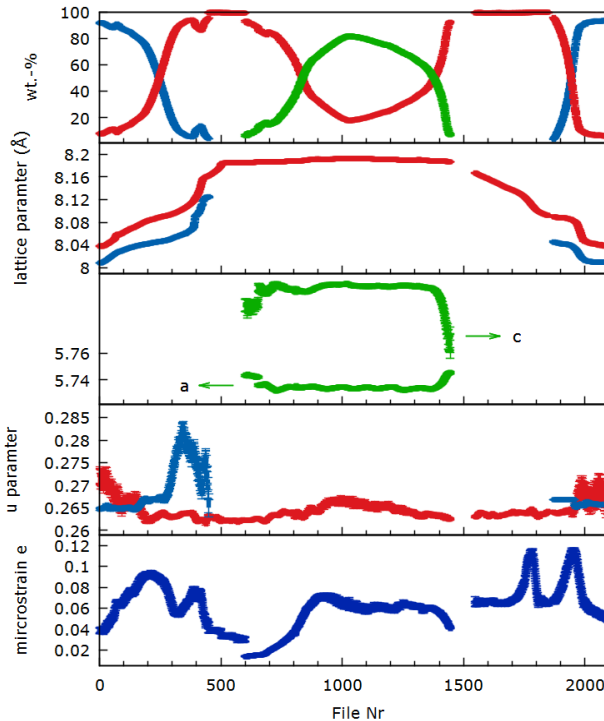
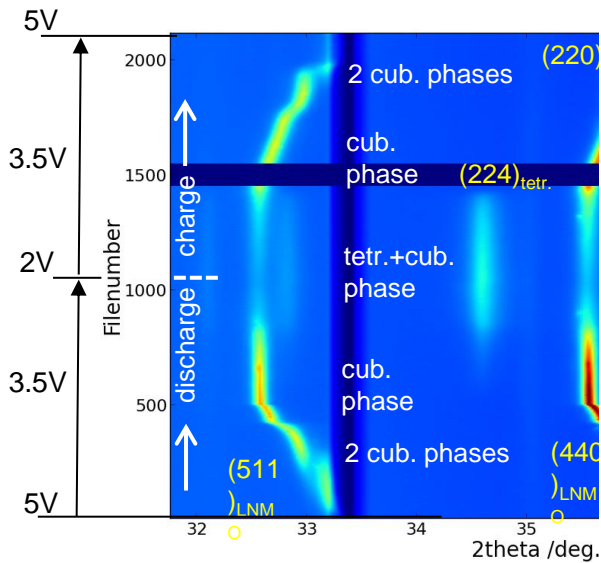
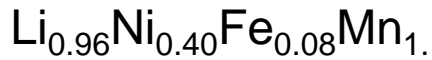
Cyclo voltammetry



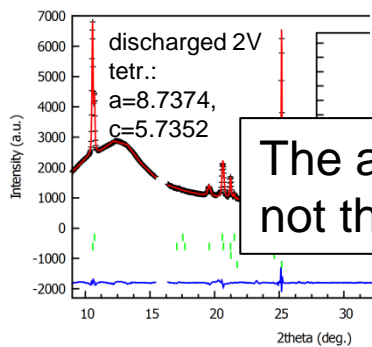
- Without F-doping:
Loss of active material

- With F-doping:
Change of the peak shapes,
but no loss of active material

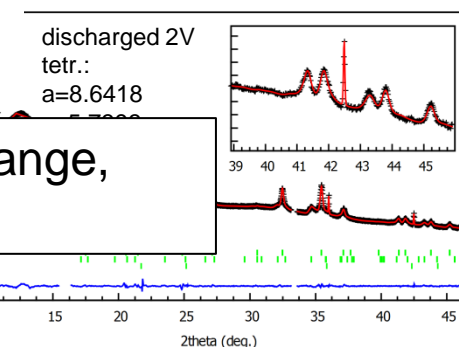
In situ XRD @ Anka: PDIFF beamline



2V



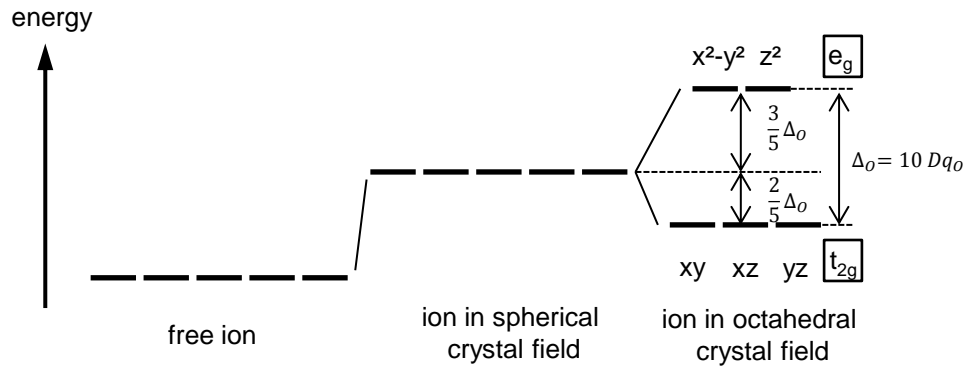
The amount of tetragonal phase change, not the lattice parameter!



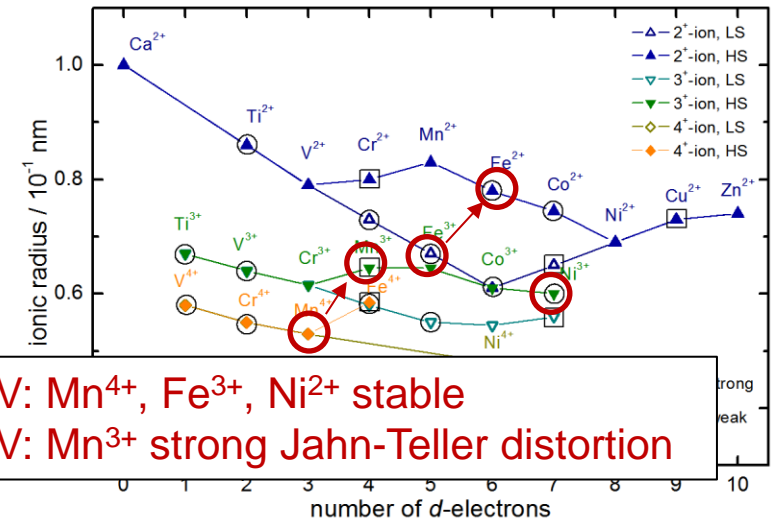
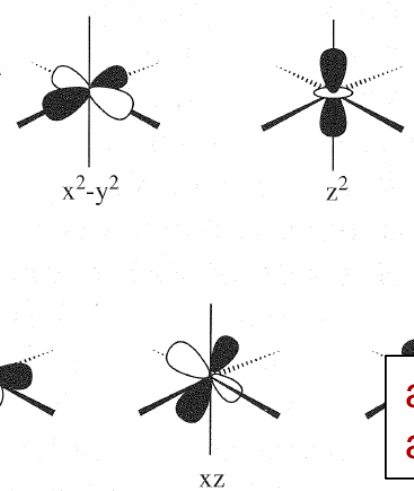
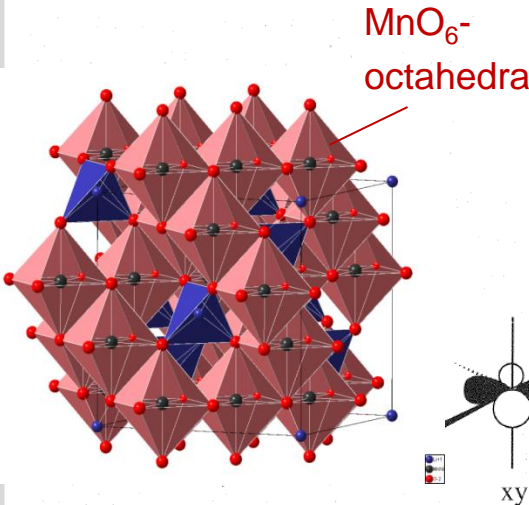
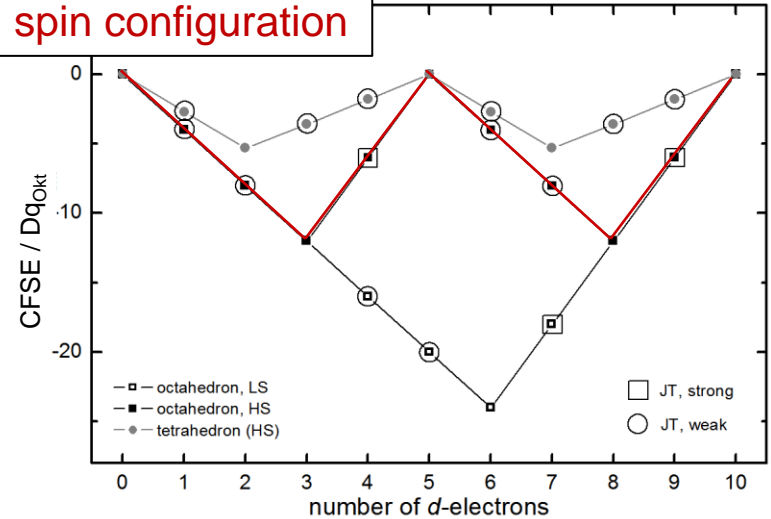
- 80% tetragonal phase
- What is the reason for the phase transition?
- monoclinic phase

Crystal field theory

octahedral crystal field



weak O-, F- ligands
-> High spin configuration



at 3.5V: Mn⁴⁺, Fe³⁺, Ni²⁺ stable
at 2.0V: Mn³⁺ strong Jahn-Teller distortion

E. Riedel, *Moderne Anorg. Chemie*, (1999)

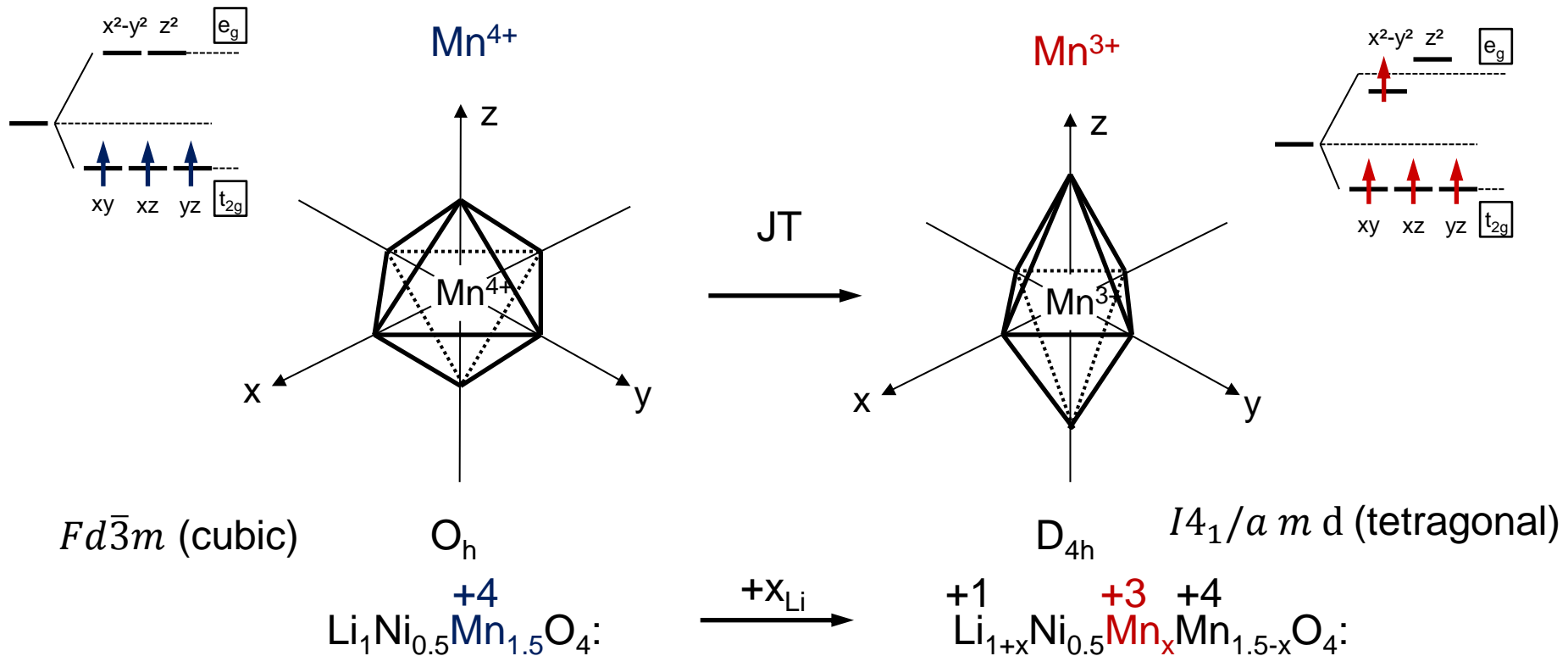
acc. to X. Shannon et. al., *Acta Cryst.*, **A32** (1976), 751

Jahn-Teller distortion

- Hermann Arthur Jahn, Edward Teller, 1937:

Jahn-Teller theorem

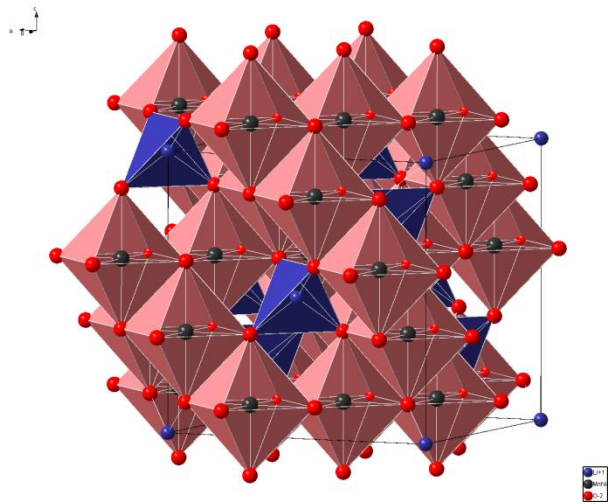
„any non-linear molecular system in a degenerate electronic state will be unstable and will undergo distortion to form a system of lower symmetry and lower energy thereby removing the degeneracy“



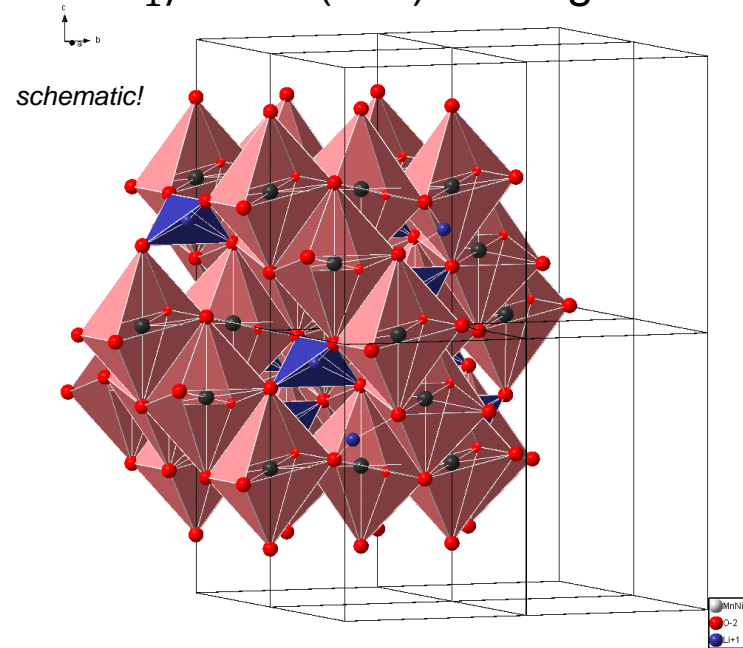
Change of the crystal structure

- The ideal spinel structure $\text{Li}_{1+x}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$, $x_{\text{Li}} = 0$, rewritten in the tetragonal space group:

$Fd\bar{3}m$ (227) - cubic



$I4_1/amd$ (141) - tetragonal



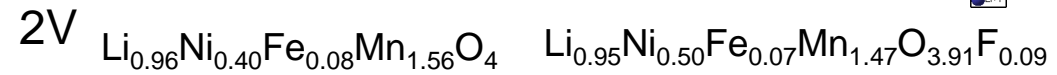
3.5V

$$a = b = c = 8.18 \text{ \AA}$$

$$V = 547 \text{ \AA}^3 \quad Z=8$$

$$c/a_{\text{undistorted}} = 1.414$$

2V



**less volume change
and less distortion with F-doping!**

$$\Delta V/V_{\text{Cub, 100\% tetr.}} = 5\%$$

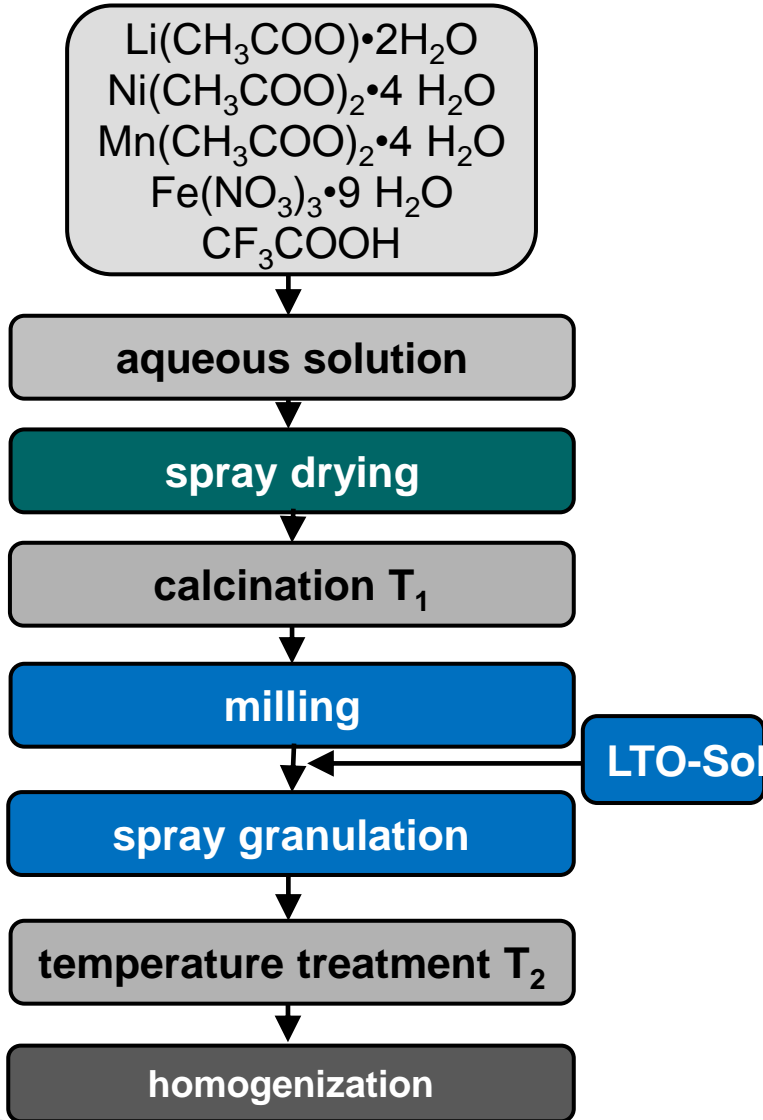
$$c/a = 1.524$$

$$\Delta V/V_{\text{Cub, 100\% tetr.}} = 4\%$$

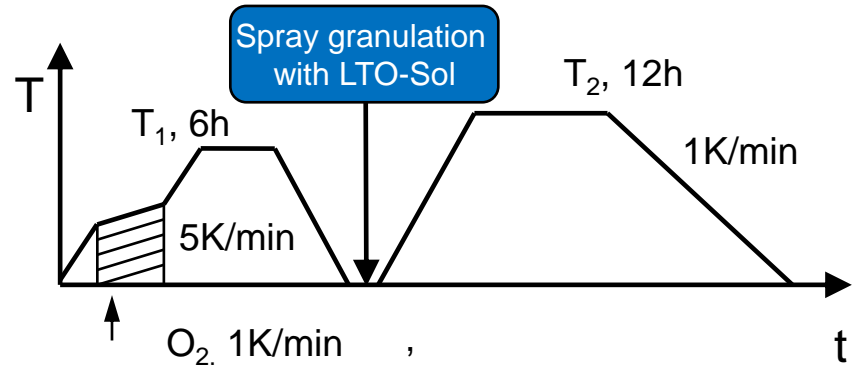
$$c/a = 1.506$$

New series: $\text{LiNi}_{0.5-x}\text{Fe}_{0.1}\text{Ti}_{0.02}\text{Mn}_{1.5-y}\text{O}_{4-z}\text{F}_z$

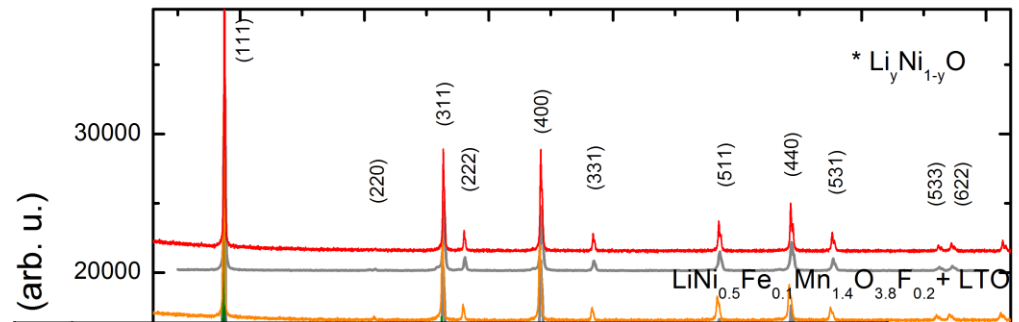
Synthesis



temperature profile:



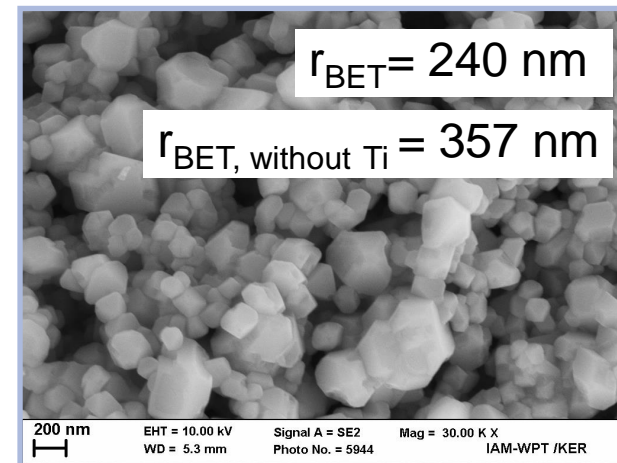
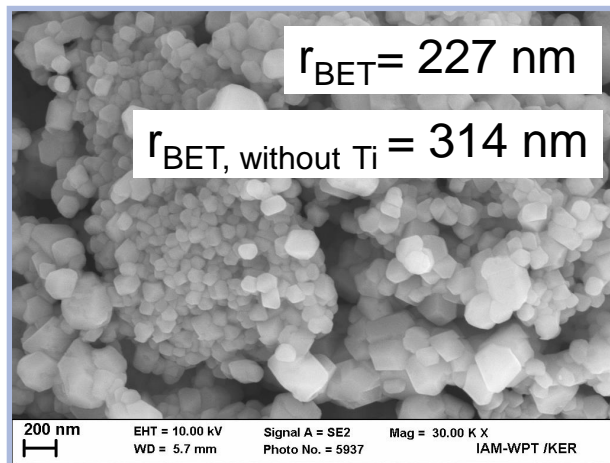
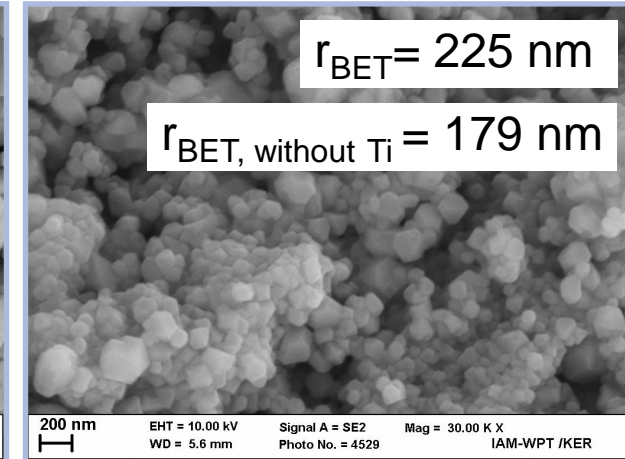
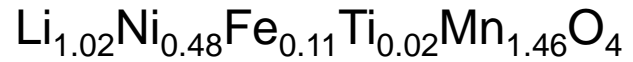
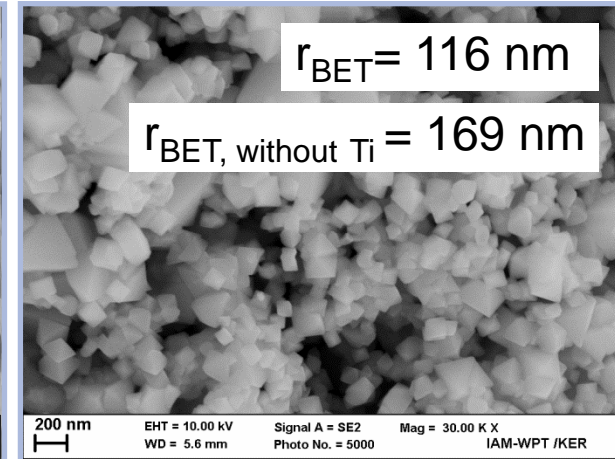
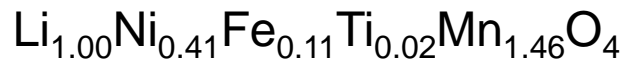
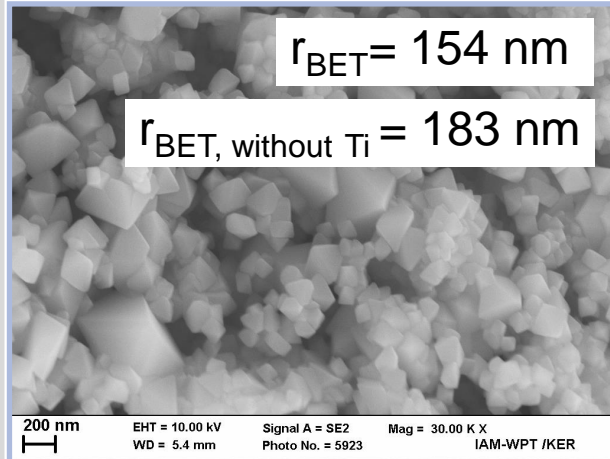
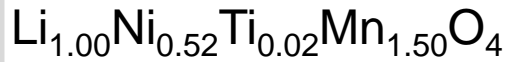
XRD:



a	$\text{Li}_{1.00}\text{Ni}_{0.52}\text{Ti}_{0.02}\text{Mn}_{1.50}\text{O}_4$	$\text{Fe}_{0.1} + \text{LTO}$
b	$\text{Li}_{1.00}\text{Ni}_{0.41}\text{Fe}_{0.11}\text{Ti}_{0.02}\text{Mn}_{1.46}\text{O}_4$	$+ \text{LTO}$
c	$\text{Li}_{1.02}\text{Ni}_{0.48}\text{Fe}_{0.11}\text{Ti}_{0.02}\text{Mn}_{1.46}\text{O}_4$	$+ \text{LTO}$
d	$\text{Li}_{1.00}\text{Ni}_{0.51}\text{Fe}_{0.11}\text{Ti}_{0.02}\text{Mn}_{1.36}\text{O}_{3.84}\text{F}_{0.16}$	O
e	$\text{Li}_{1.02}\text{Ni}_{0.51}\text{Fe}_{0.11}\text{Ti}_{0.02}\text{Mn}_{1.35}\text{O}_{3.73}\text{F}_{0.27}$	

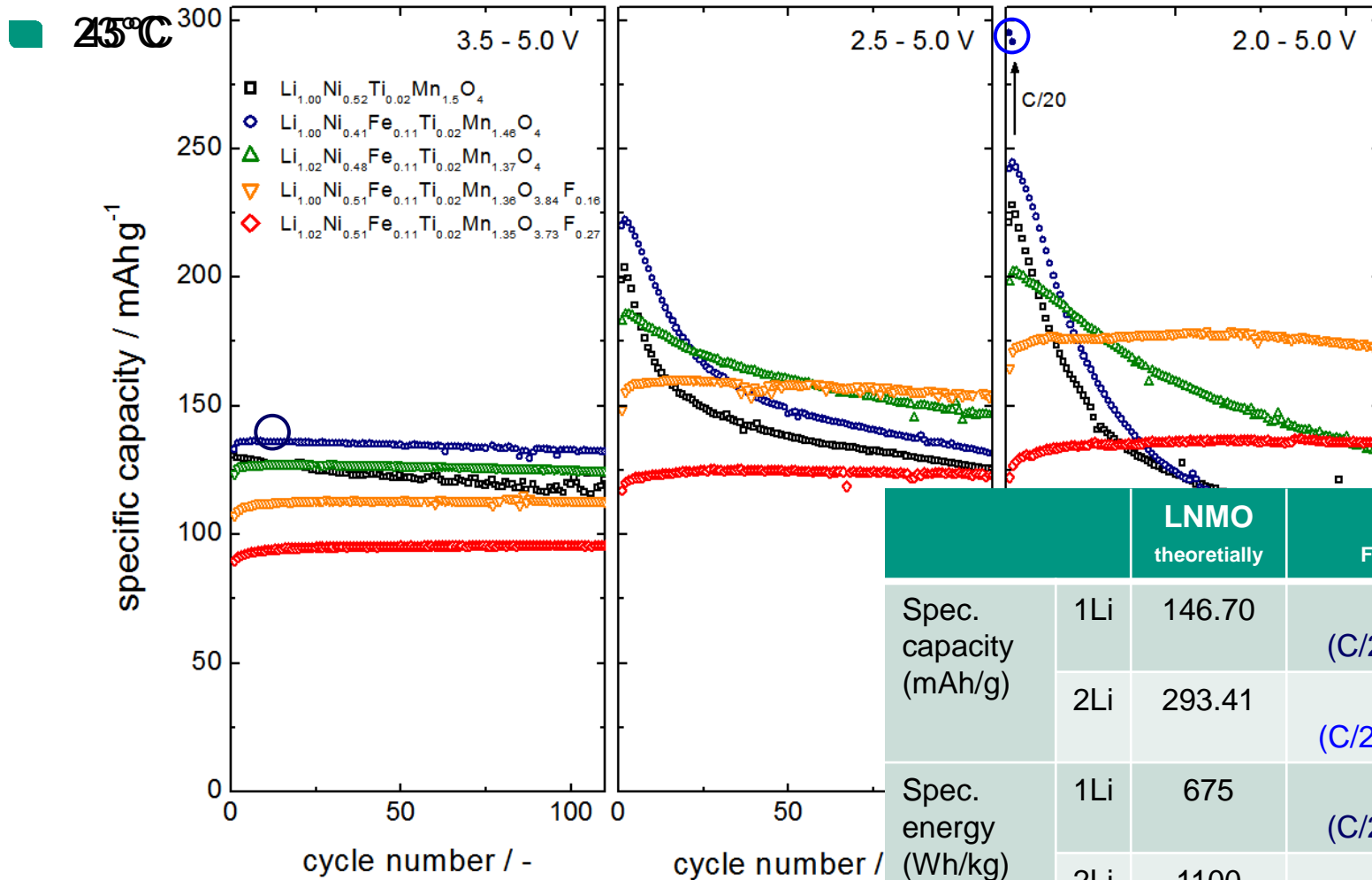
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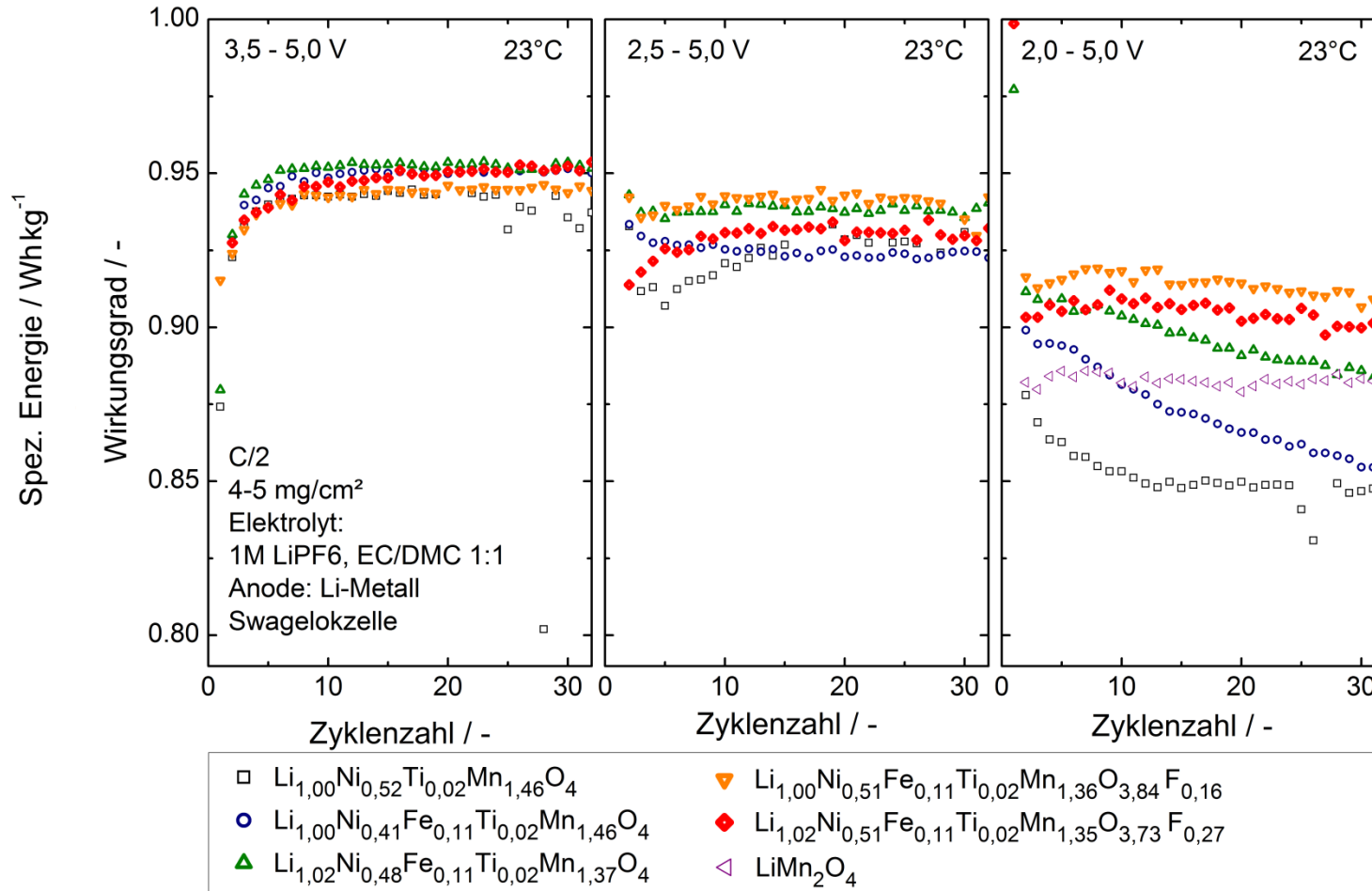


■ Ti doping increases spec. capacities

		LNMO theoretically	LNMO Fe,Ti- doped
Spec. capacity (mAh/g)	1Li	146.70	135.14 (C/2, 6. cycle)
	2Li	293.41	294.84 (C/20, 1. cycle)
Spec. energy (Wh/kg)	1Li	675	616.95 (C/2, 6. cycle)
	2Li	1100	1045.39 (C/20, 1. cycle)

Cycleability of $\text{LiNi}_{0.5-x}\text{Fe}_{0.1}\text{Mn}_{1.5-y}\text{O}_{4-z}\text{F}_z$

energy efficiency

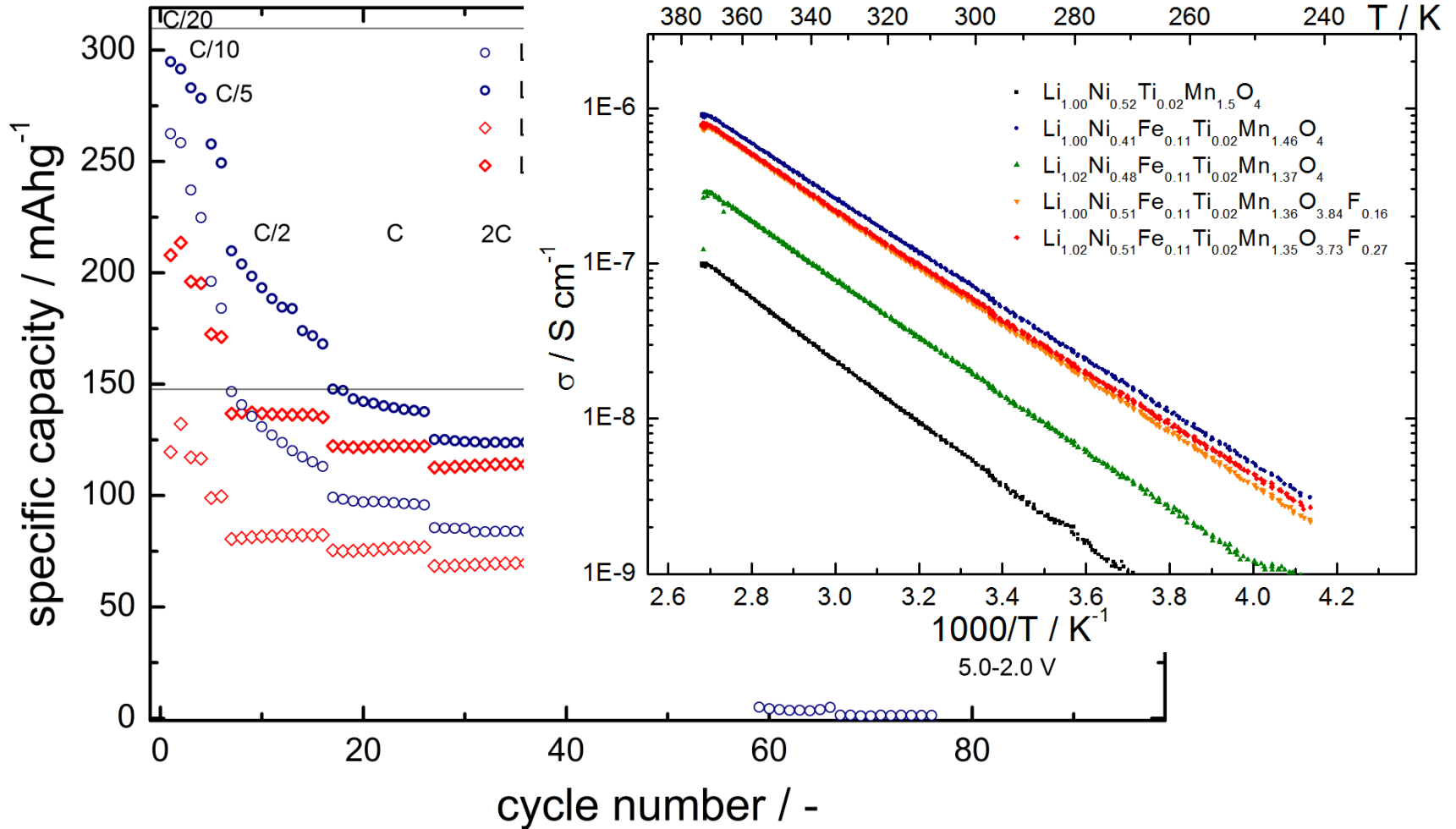


- F doping reduces side reactions at the cathode electrolyt interface

Comparison: Fe-, F- and Fe-, Ti-, F-doping

■ performance test

■ electronic conductivity

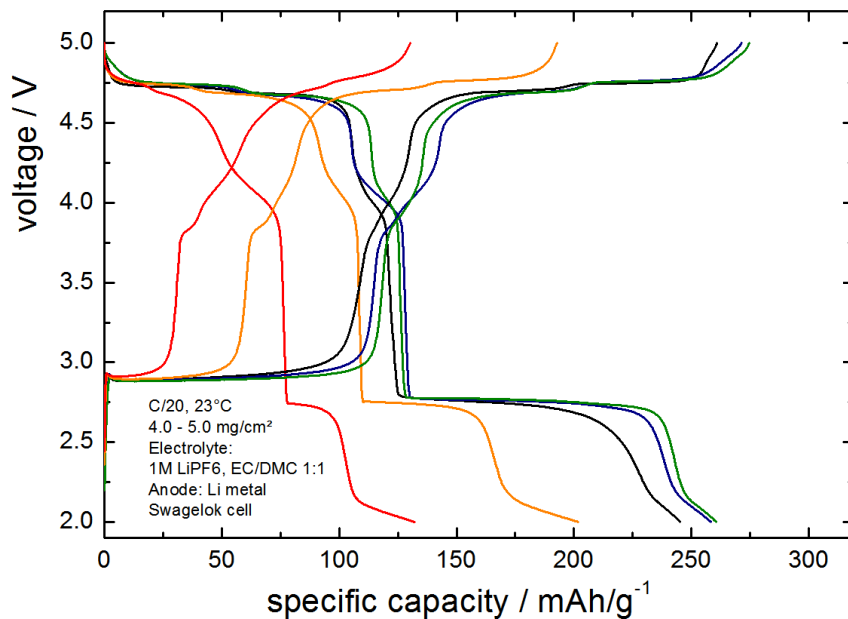


⇒ F-, Fe- and Ti-doped $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$ retains almost 100 mAh/g at 10C

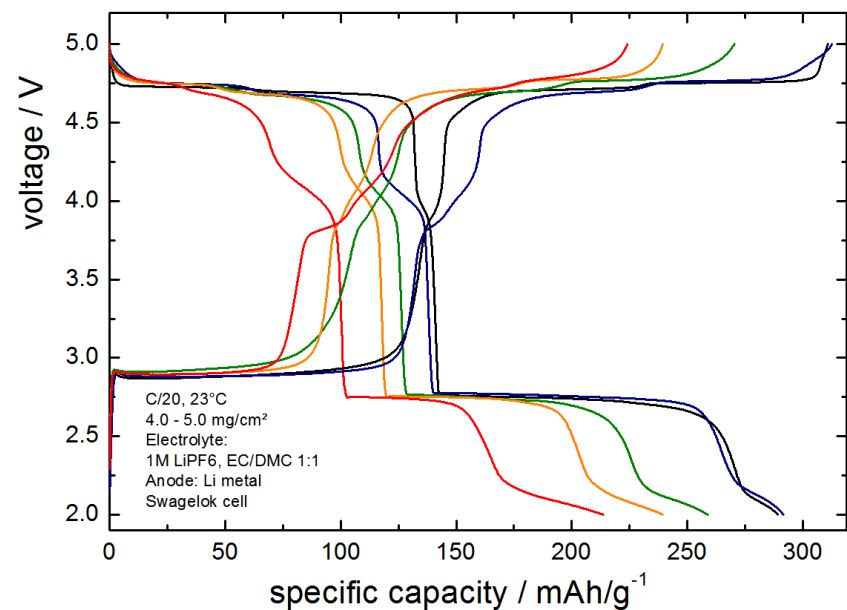
Comparison: Fe-, F- and Fe-, Ti-, F-doping

- Voltage profiles (C/20, cycle 2)

Fe-, F- series



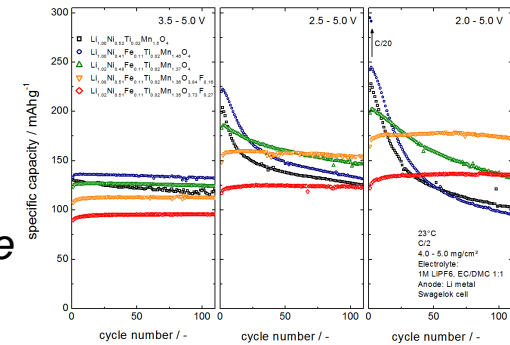
Fe-, Ti-, F- series



- Tetragonal phase transformation of Fe-, Ti-, F- doping samples less prohibited than for Fe-, F-doping
- Determination of the cell parameters of Fe-, Ti-, F- doped phases needed

Conclusion

- Full 2 Li per formula cycled with Fe- and Ti-doped $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$ (294 mAh/g, 2. cycle)
- Energy density up to 1 kWh/kg
- Doping improves the high voltage spinel $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$:
 - **F doping**: better temperature and electrolyte stability,
 - **Fe doping**: Less impurity phase, better electr. conductivity
 - **Ti doping**: higher capacity, better conductivity and performance
 - **Together**: **improved wide operation voltage capability**
- F-, Fe- and Ti-doped $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$ retains almost 100 mAh/g at 10C
- Lithium containing anodes (2V) and a more stable electrolyte (5V) needed



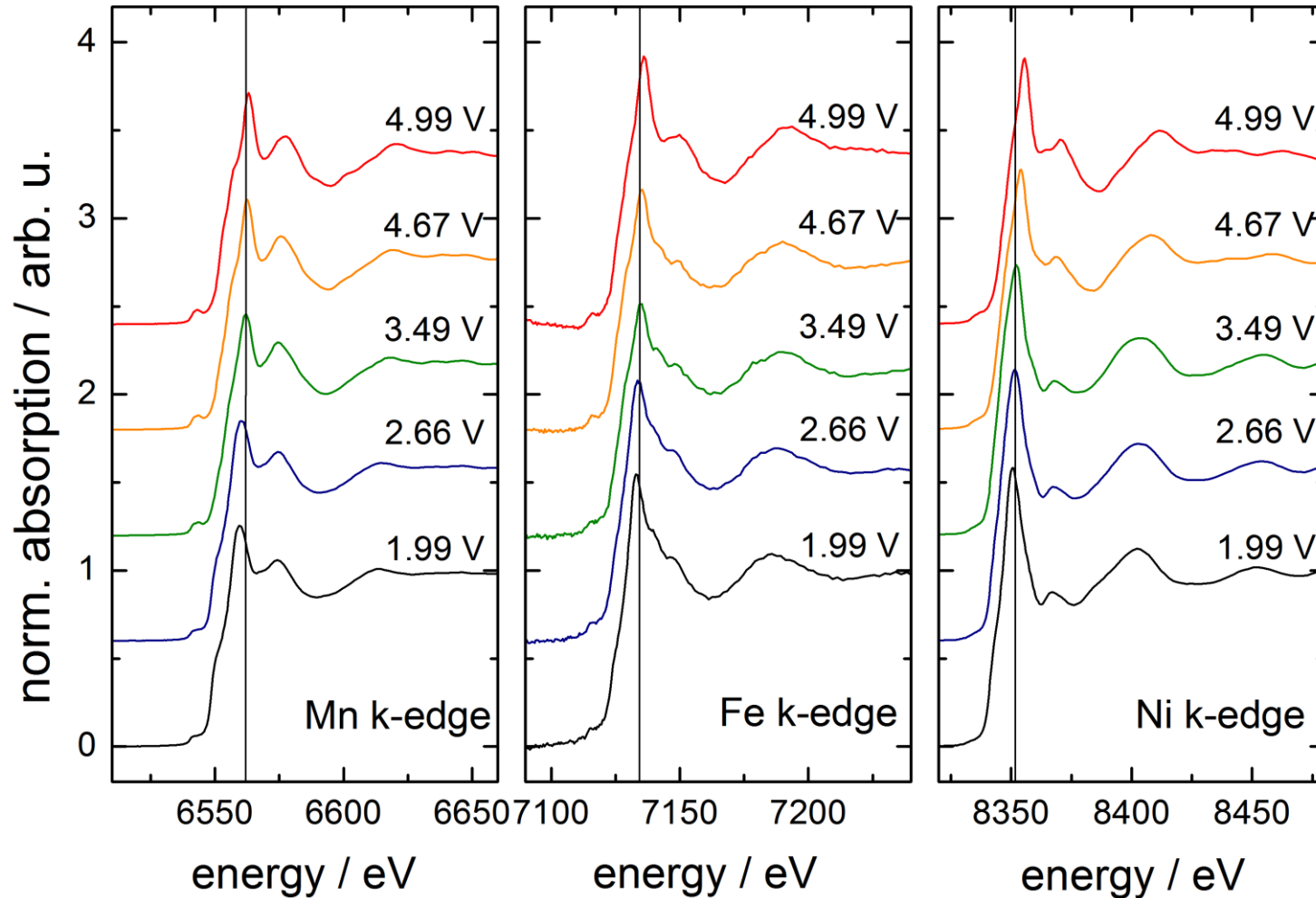
Further experiments necessary:

- *insitu* x-ray diffraction of the Ti doped samples

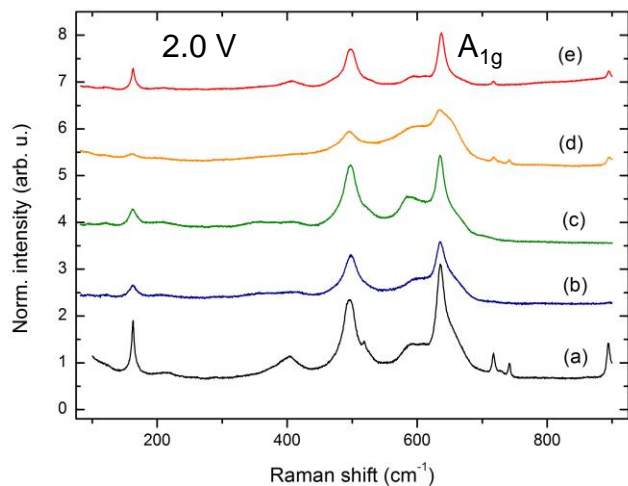
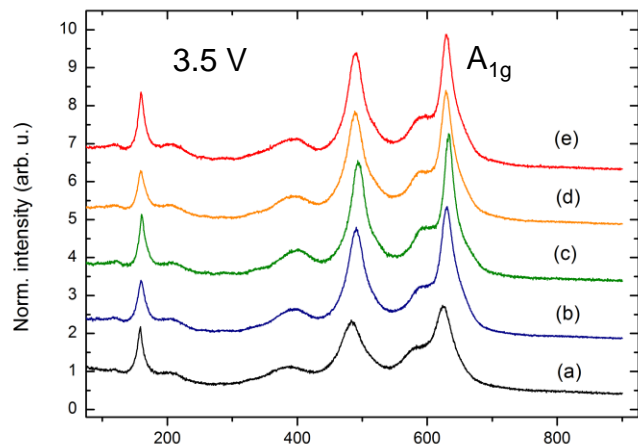
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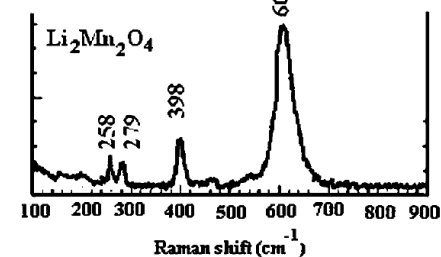
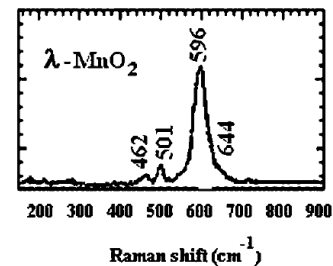
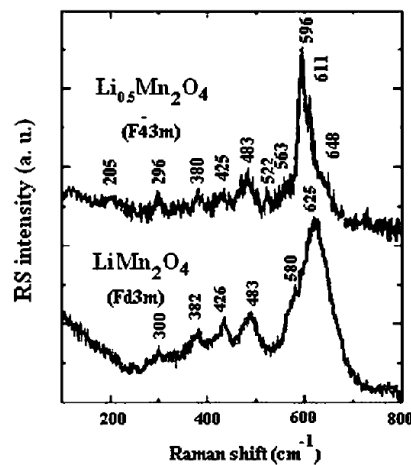
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Raman spectra



a	$\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.0}\text{Mn}^{4+}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$
b	$\text{LiNi}_{0.4}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.1}\text{Mn}^{4+}_{1.4}\text{Fe}_{0.1}\text{O}_4$
c	$\text{LiNi}_{0.45}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.0}\text{Mn}^{4+}_{1.45}\text{Fe}_{0.1}\text{O}_4$
d	$\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.0}\text{Mn}^{4+}_{1.5}\text{Fe}_{0.1}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$
e	$\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.1}\text{Mn}^{4+}_{1.4}\text{Fe}_{0.1}\text{O}_{3.8}\text{F}_{0.2}$



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- Raman spectra do not show significant change of local structure, A_{1g} : 625-637 cm^{-1}