

# Structural Evolution of $\text{Li}_2\text{Fe}_{1-y}\text{Mn}_y\text{SiO}_4$ ( $y = 0, 0.2, 0.5, 1$ ) and $\text{LiFeTiO}_4$ Cathode Materials for Li-Ion Batteries upon Electrochemical Cycling

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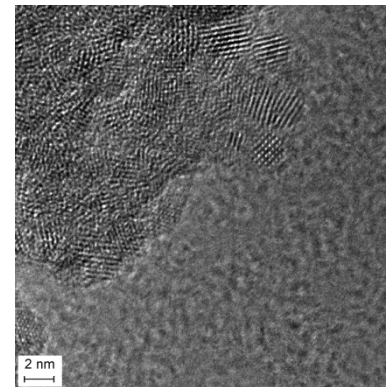
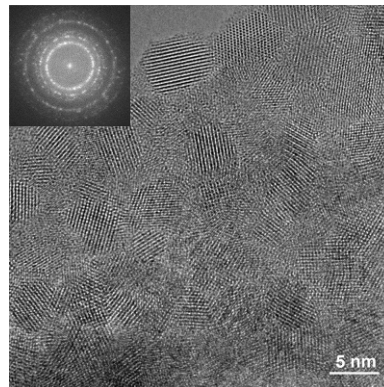
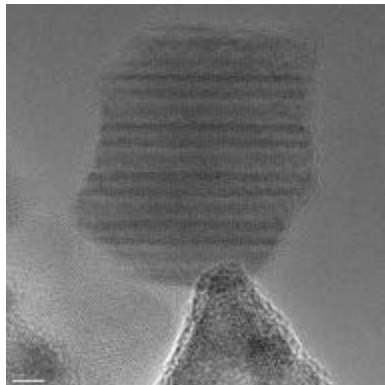
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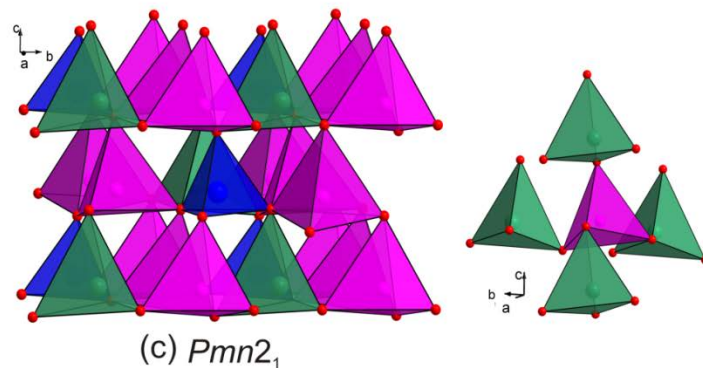
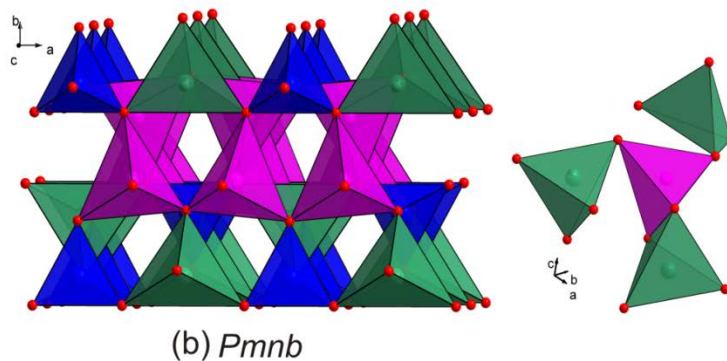
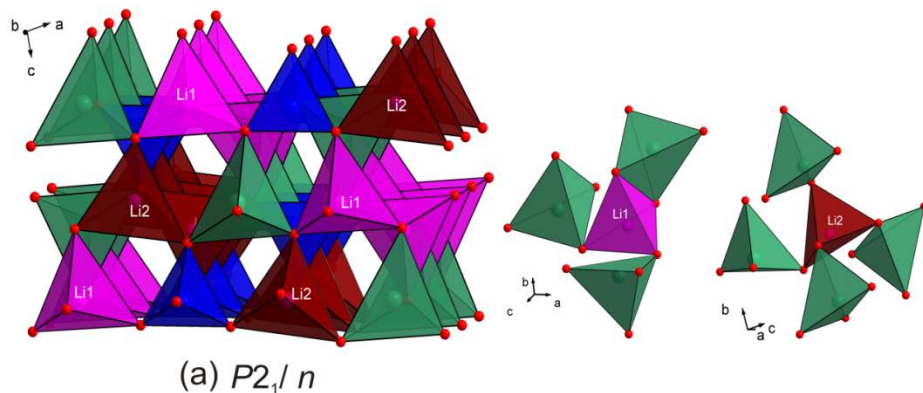
# Overview: Cathode materials

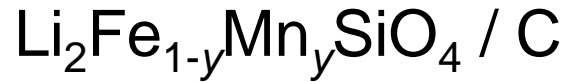
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| $\text{LiCoO}_2$                        | 0.5 Li per TM | 140 mAh/g   |
| $\text{LiMn}_2\text{O}_4$               | 0.5 Li per TM | 150 mAh/g   |
| $\text{LiFePO}_4$                       | 1 Li per TM   | 170 mAh/g   |
| $\text{Li}_2(\text{Fe/Mn})\text{SiO}_4$ | 2 Li per TM ? | 330 mAh/g ? |
| $\text{Li}(\text{Fe/Mn})\text{TiO}_4$   | 2 Li per TM ? | 290 mAh/g ? |



# $\text{Li}_2\text{Fe}_{1-y}\text{Mn}_y\text{SiO}_4 / \text{C}$

- different polymorphs
- sol-gel synthesis
- nanocrystalline powders with carbon coating
- high capacity + high voltage possible (2  $\text{Li}^+$  per TM ?)  
→ high energy density
- flexible silicate network



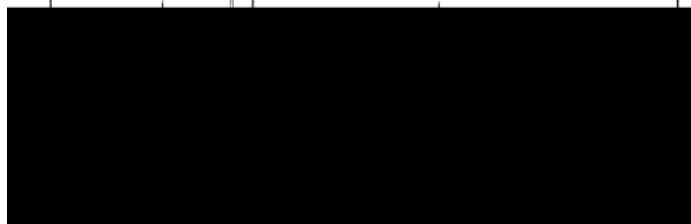
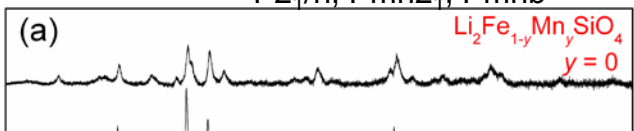
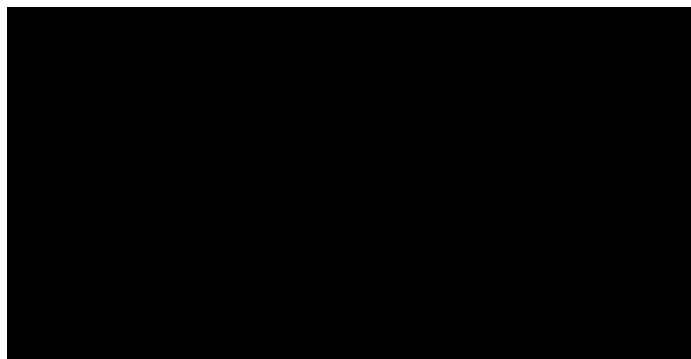


Literature (J. Thomas, R. Dominko, ...):

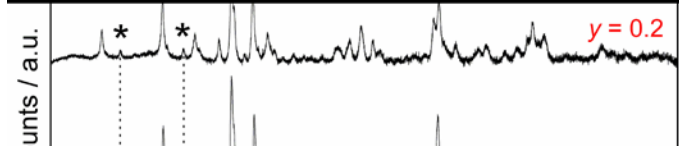
- Crystal structures
- Isolation of polymorphs
- Conversion of polymorphs during cycling
- Formation of polymorphs depends on cycling rate
- Metastable polymorphs
- Conversion during relaxation



XRD

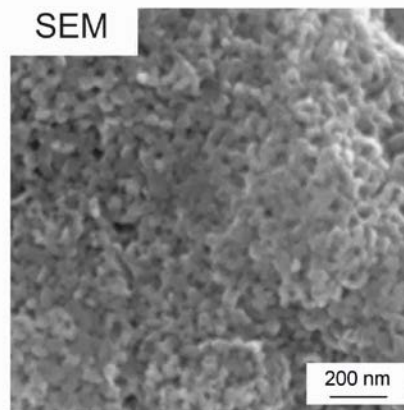


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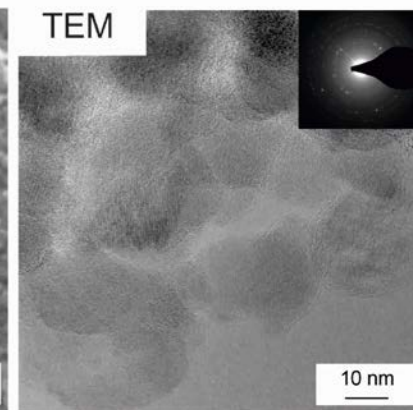


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SEM

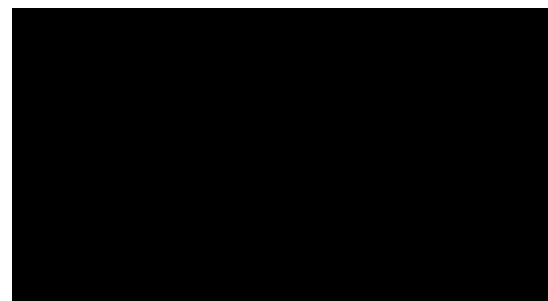


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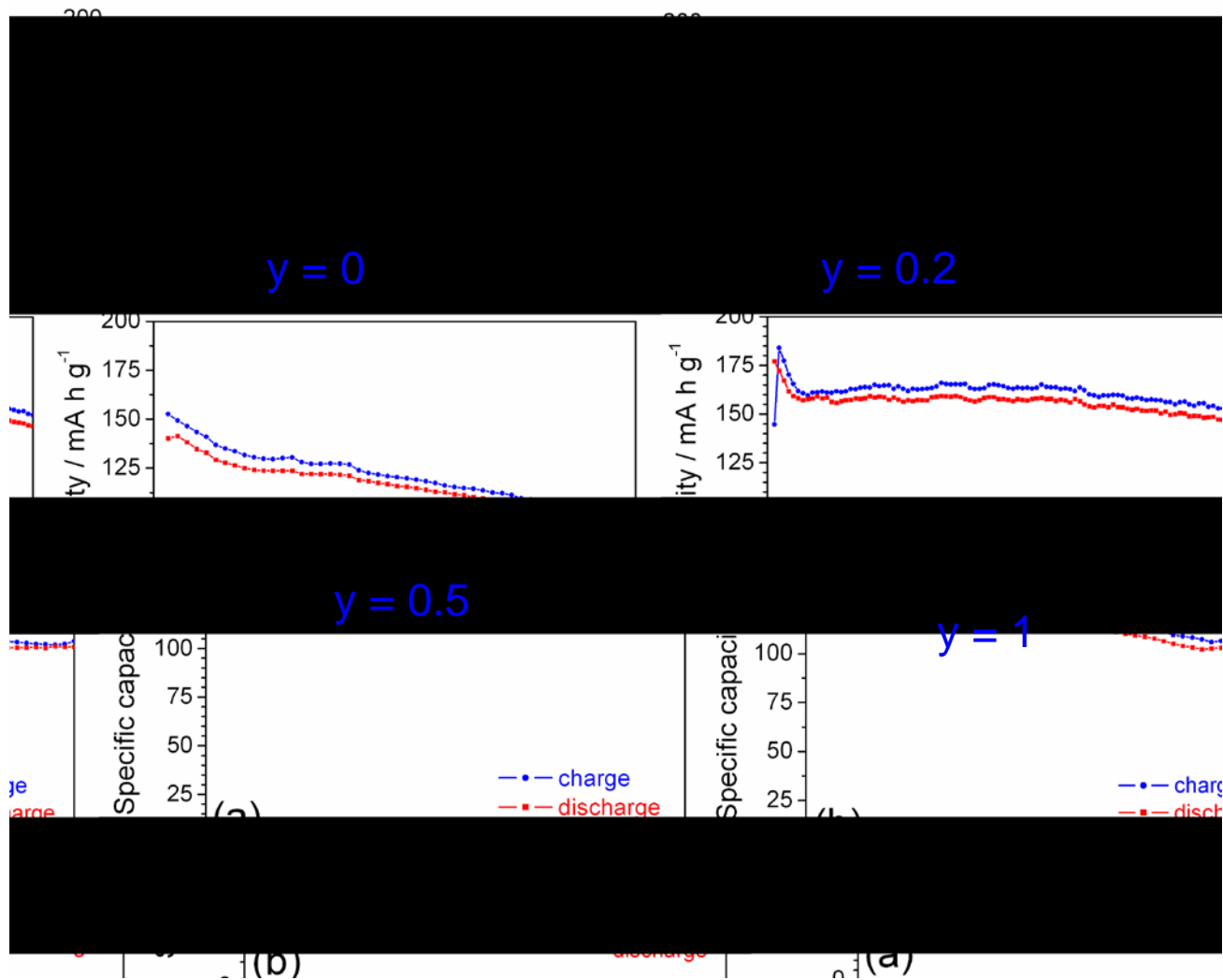
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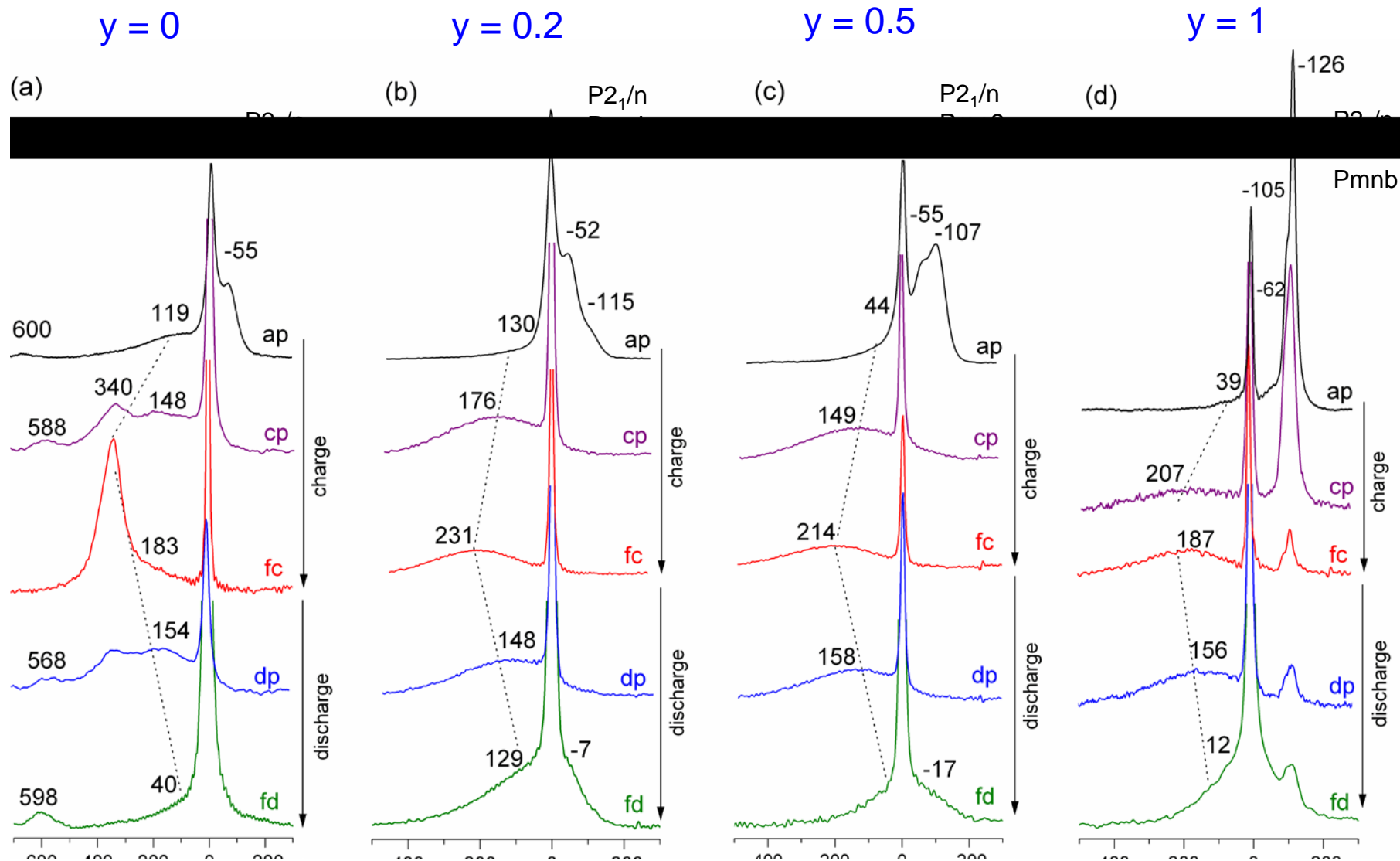
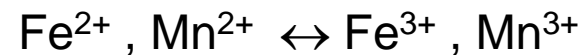


D-band G-band

(a)



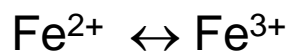
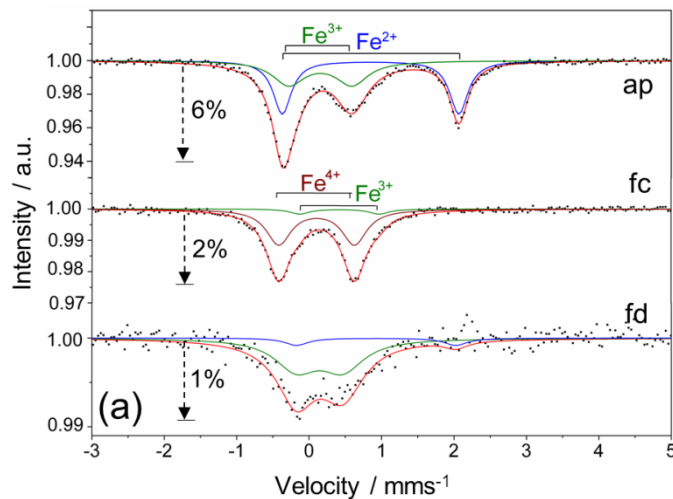


 $^7\text{Li}$  MAS NMR

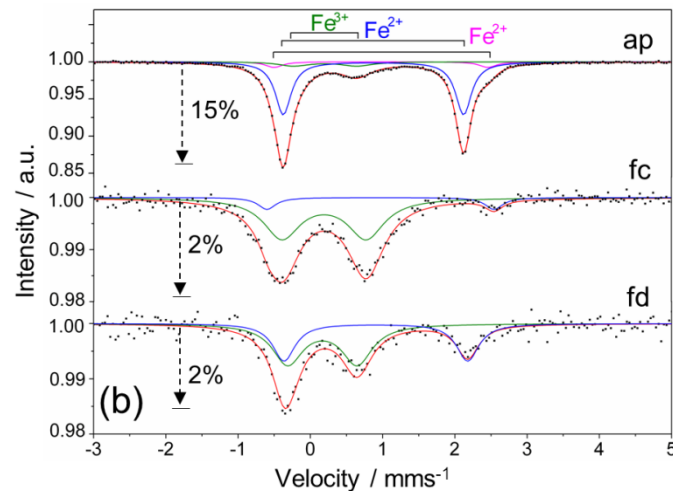


# Fe Mössbauer spectroscopy

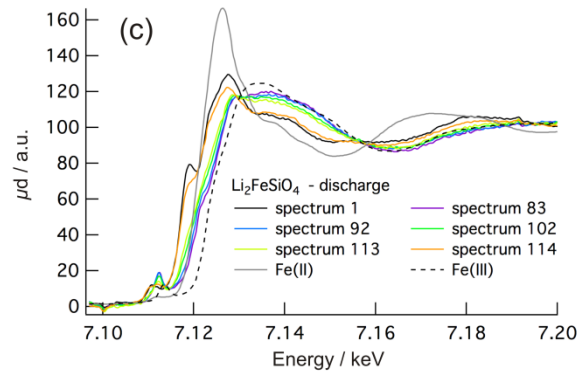
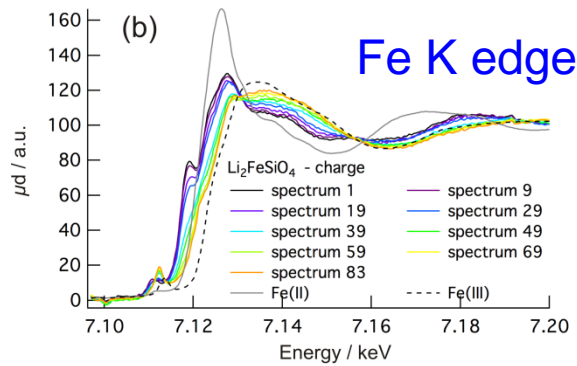
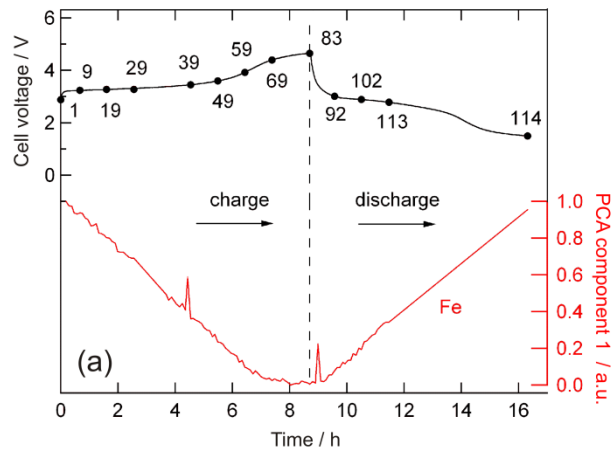
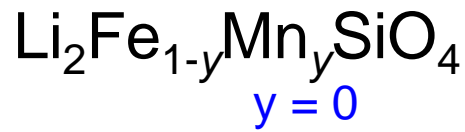
$y = 0$



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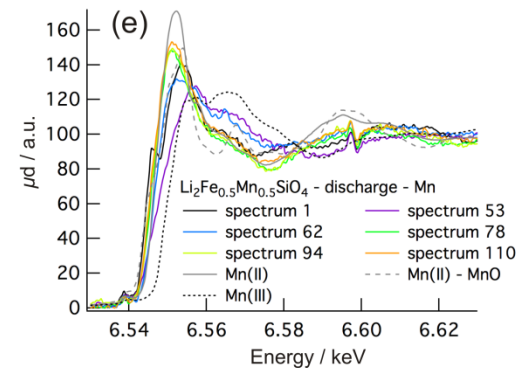
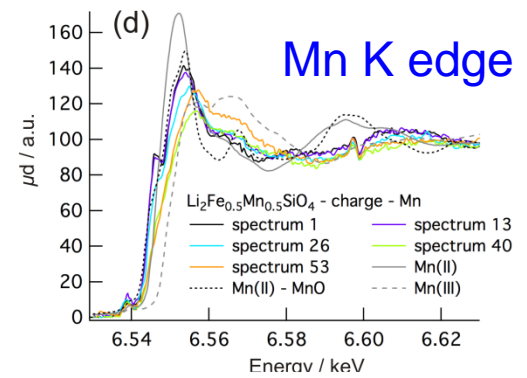
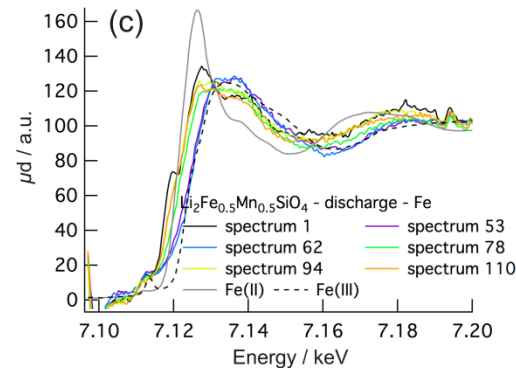
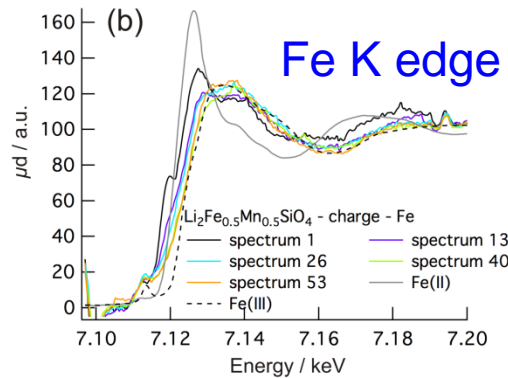
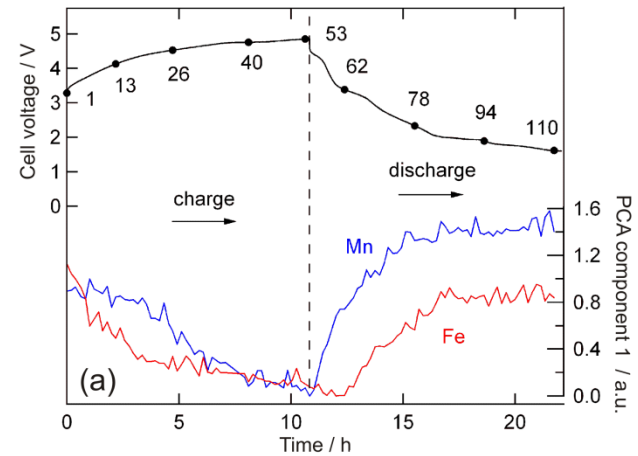


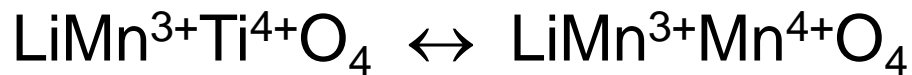




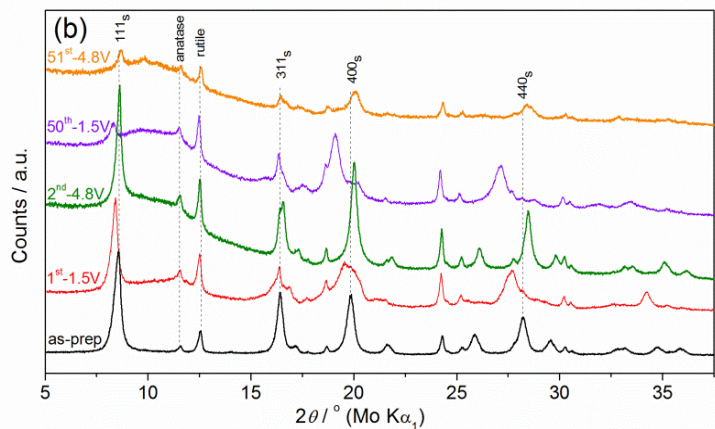
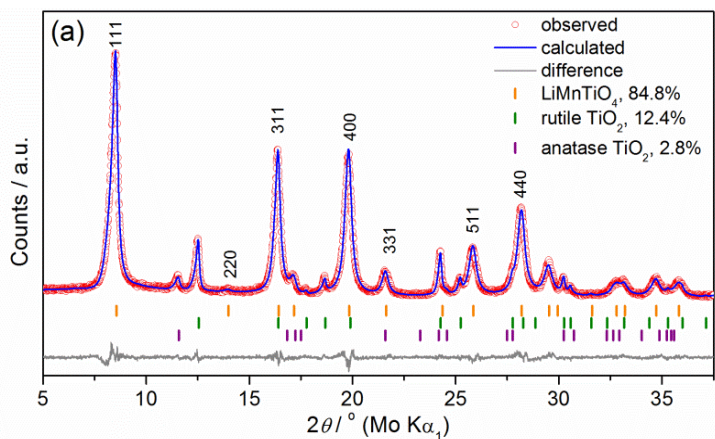
*in situ* XAS

$y = 0.5$





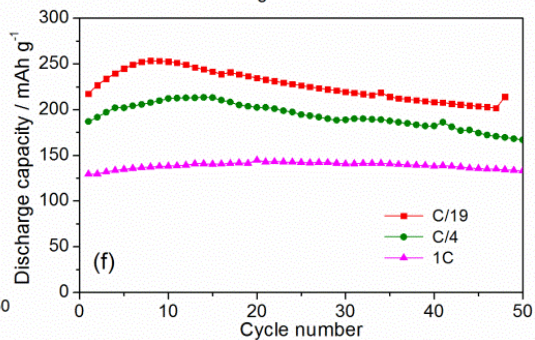
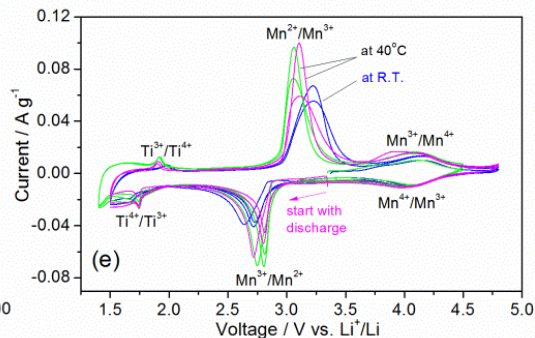
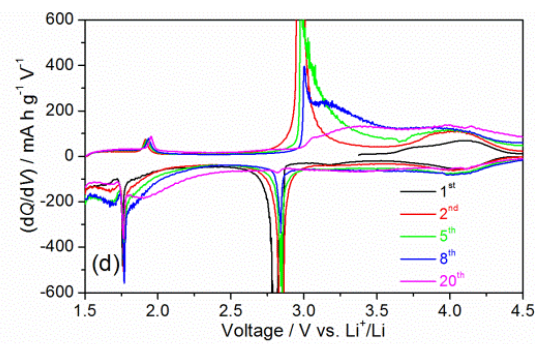
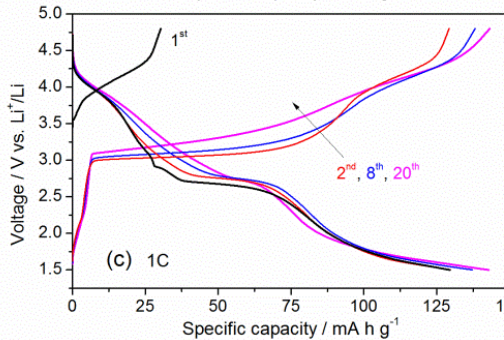
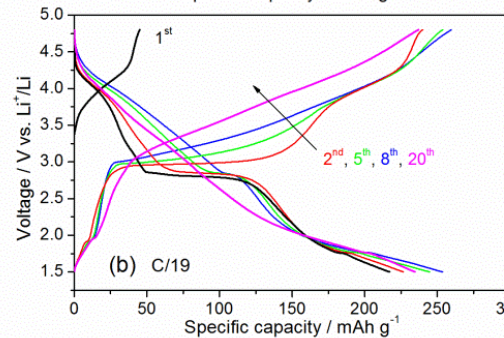
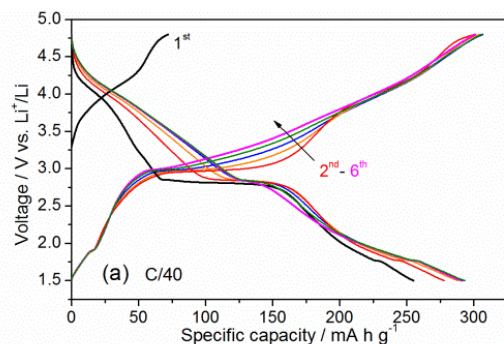
XRD



1.6 Li

$\text{Li}_{0.4...2.0}\text{MnTiO}_4$

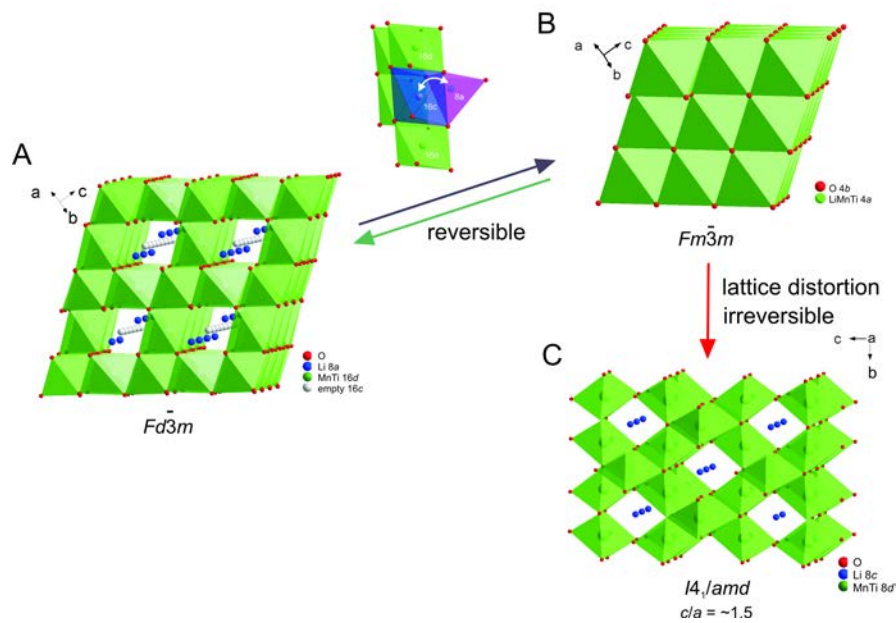
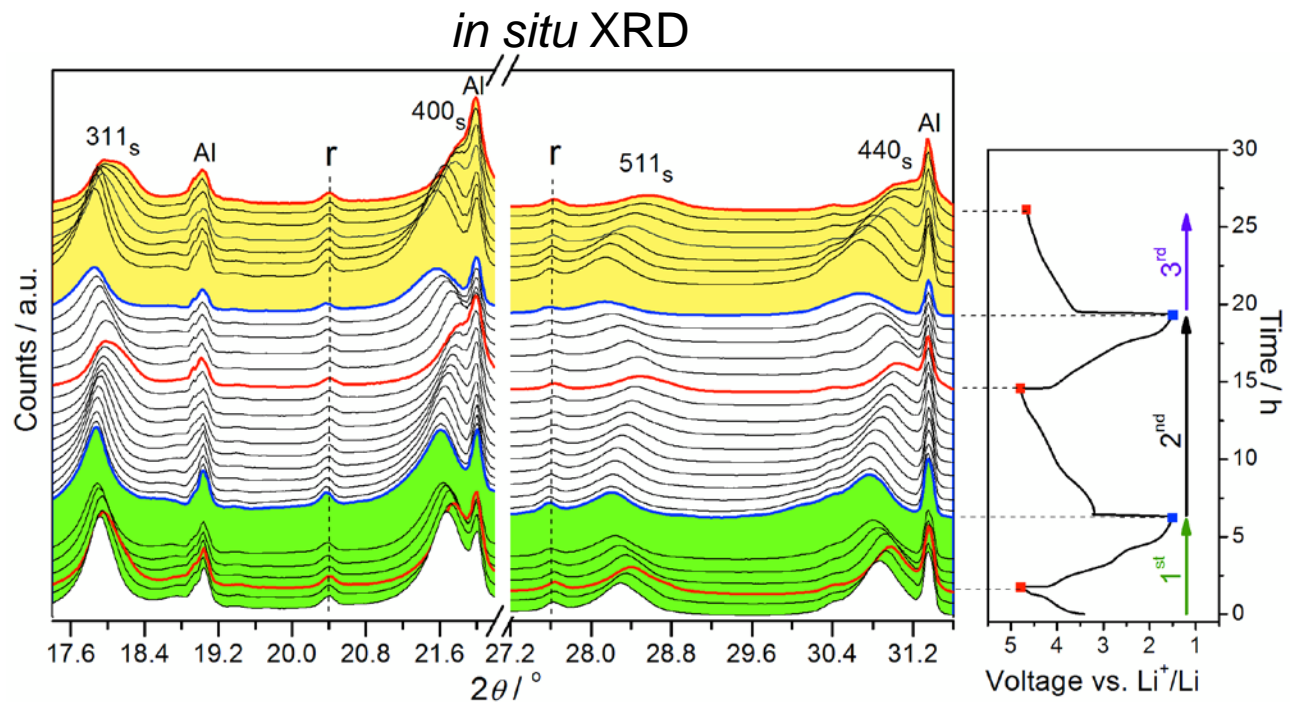
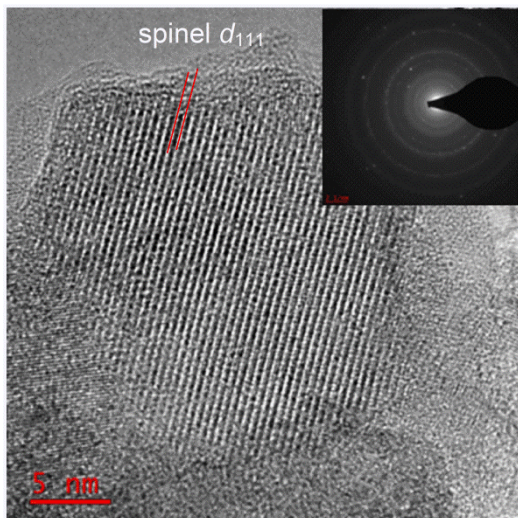
cycling







TEM



# Conclusions

Structural changes during electrochemical cycling observed by

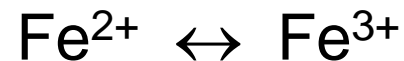
XRD

<sup>7</sup>Li MAS NMR spectroscopy

Fe Mössbauer spectroscopy

*in situ* XAS

highly reversible oxidation/reduction

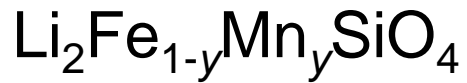


conversion of polymorphs / changes in cation arrangement.

high degree of structural disorder after cycling

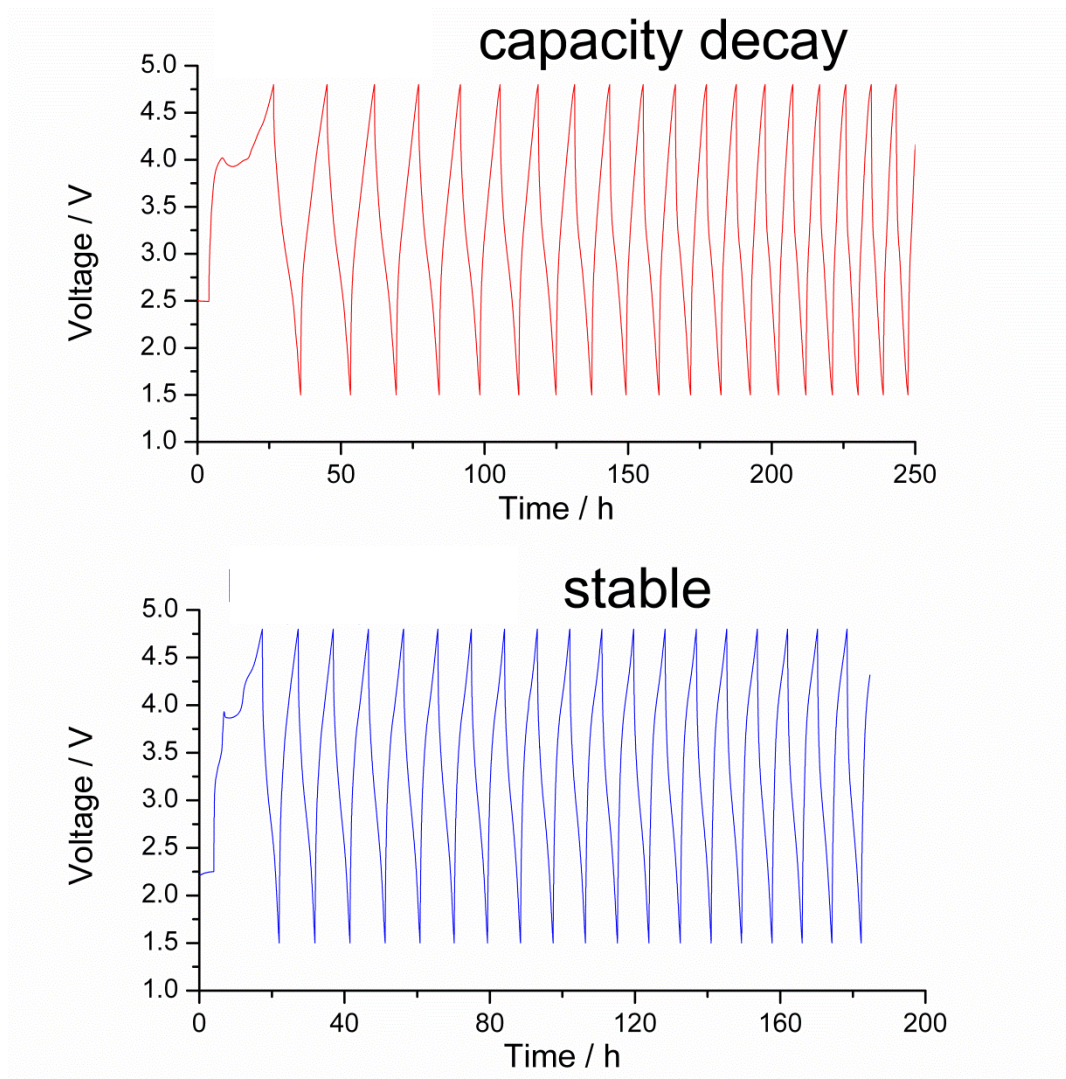
stabilization possible by doping





# Outlook

$$y = 0.5$$



# Overview: Experimental Methods

Standard sample characterization  
XRD, SEM, TEM, ...

long-range structure, morphology

Battery tests

cell performance

*In situ* XRD measurements

long-range structure

*In situ* XAS measurements

local structure (element-specific),  
oxidation states

Solid State  $^7\text{Li}$  NMR spectroscopy  
(MAS, VT, PFG, *in situ*)

local structure (element-specific),  
dynamics

$^57\text{Fe}$  Mössbauer spectroscopy  
(*ex situ*, *in situ*)

short-range structure,  
oxidation states



# LiFeTiO<sub>4</sub>

(together with M. Knapp, M. Yavuz)

