

# Li-Ionen-Dynamik in Kondensierter Materie: Vom Einkristall bis zu Li-Ionen-Batterien

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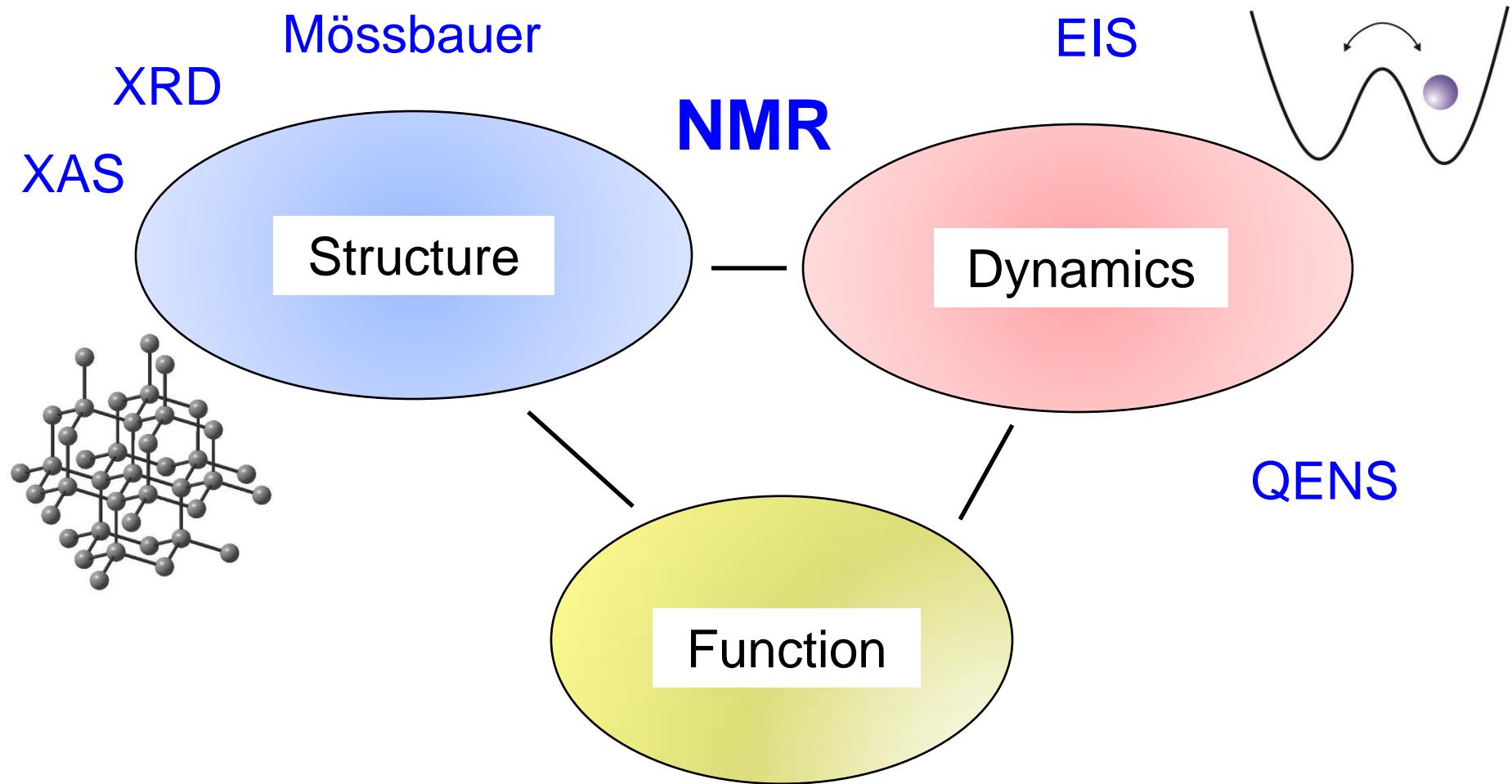
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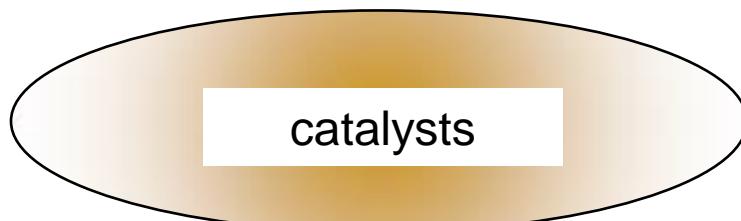
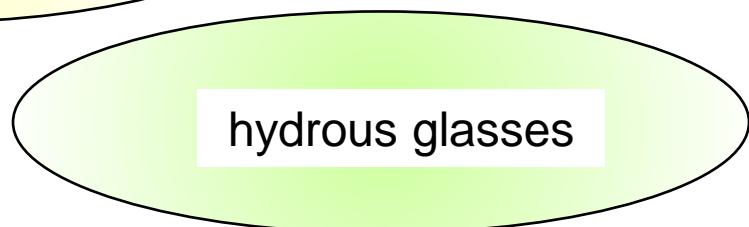
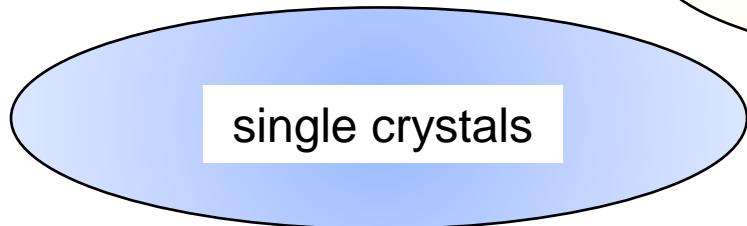
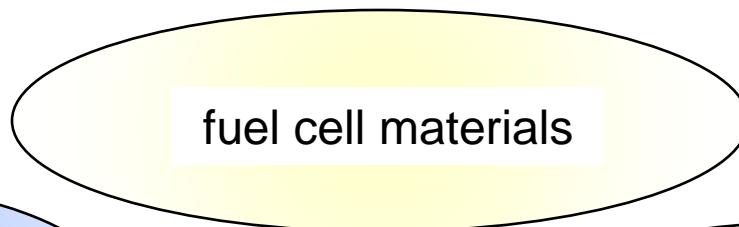
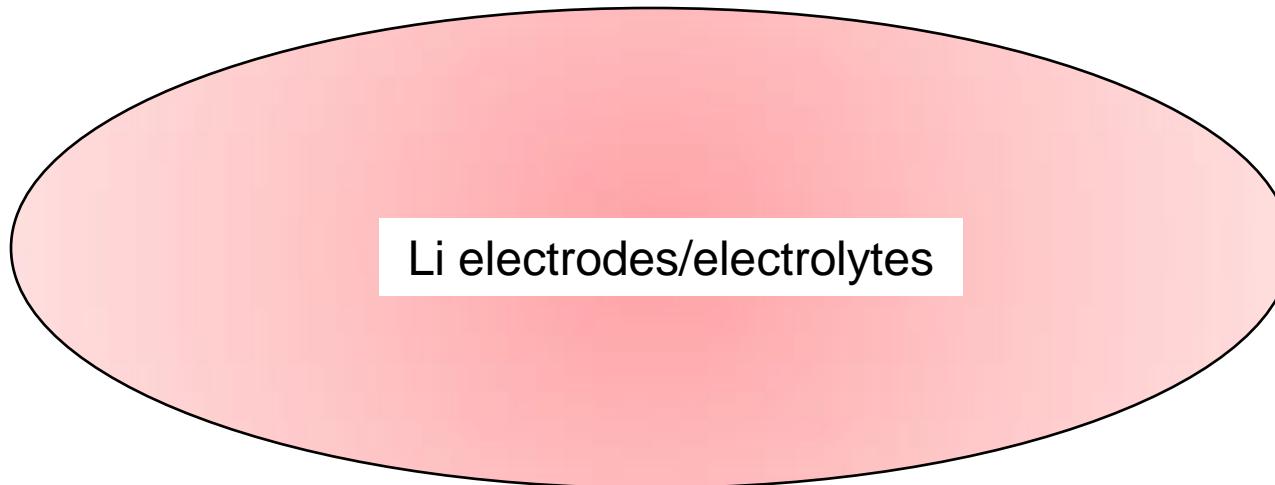
Münster, June 4th, 2014

# Experimental Techniques:



Materials Science, Energy Storage/Conversion, Geoscience  
(Li-Ion Batteries, SOFC, Catalysis, ...)

# Research Topics



- water speciation
- dynamics of water

# NMR techniques

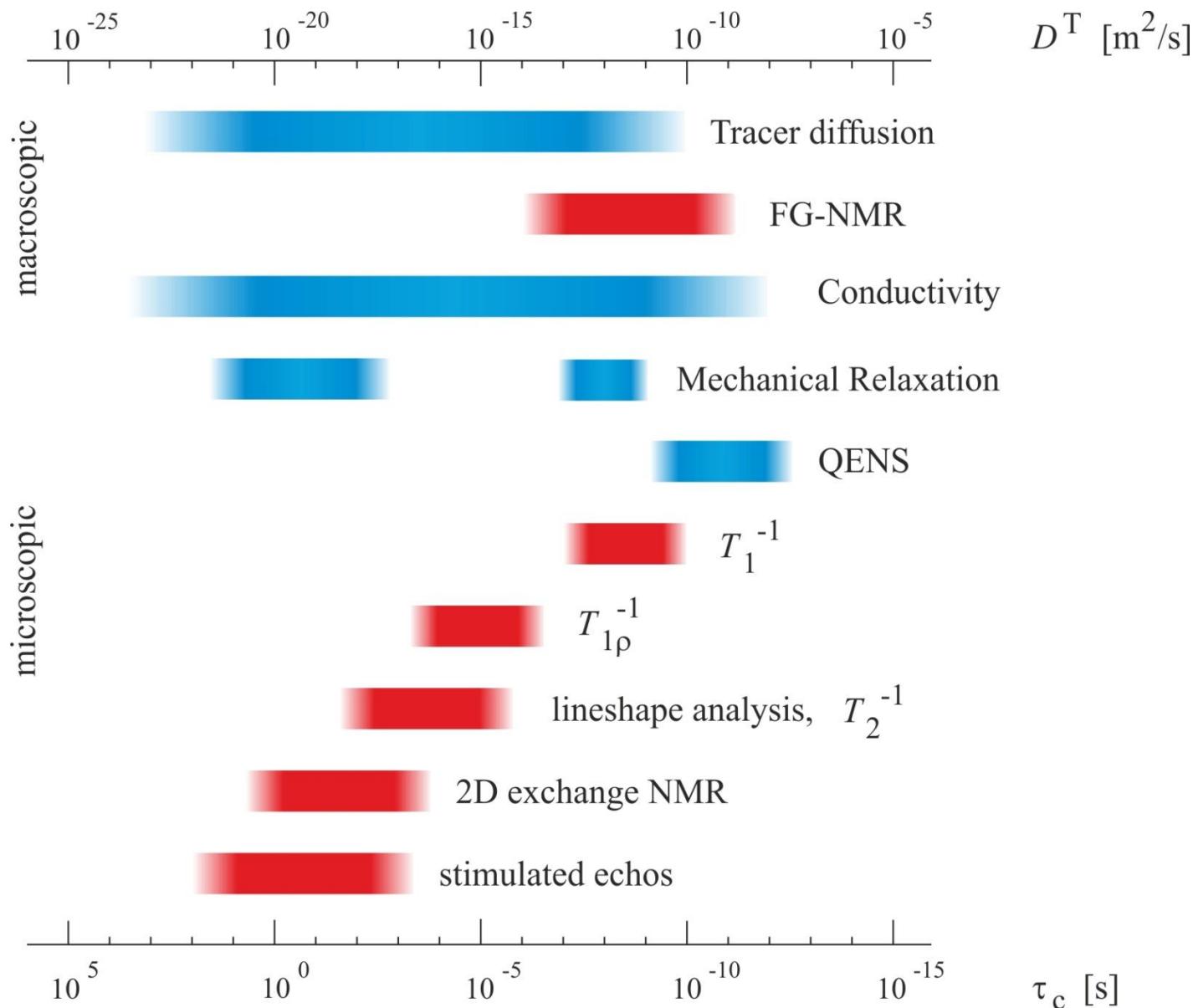
- MAS NMR ( $^{7}\text{Li}$ ,  $^{6}\text{Li}$ ,  $^{1}\text{H}$ ,  $^{2}\text{H}$ ,  $^{27}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{29}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{119}\text{Sn}$ , ...)
- Single crystals
- VT-NMR, lineshape analysis
- 2D exchange NMR
- Field-gradient NMR (SFG/PFG)
- *In situ* NMR on complete battery cells
- Relaxometry
- $\beta$ -NMR

# MAS NMR spectroscopy $^7\text{Li}$ , $^6\text{Li}$ , ...

- number of Li sites
- identification of Li sites (comparison with reference materials)
- exchange rates between sites (2D NMR)
- mobilities of different Li species (temperature dependence)
- direct measurement of diffusion coefficient (field gradients, ...)



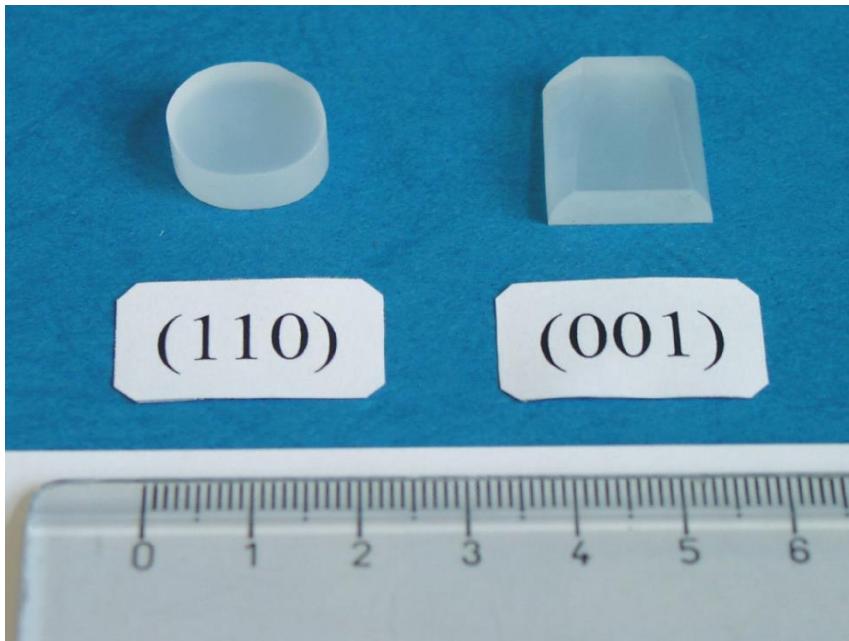
# Ion Dynamics in Condensed Matter



# $\text{LiAlO}_2$ Single Crystal

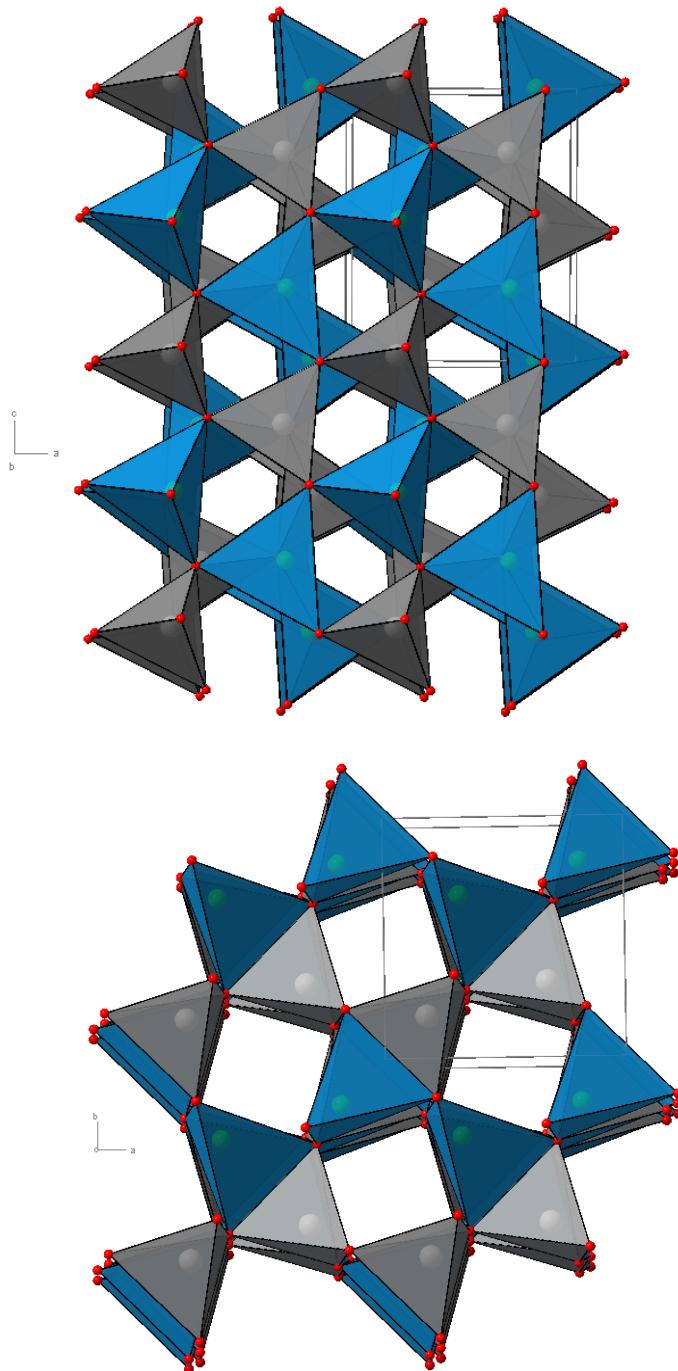
Reinhard Uecker, IKZ Berlin

(isotopically pure  ${}^7\text{Li}$ )



space group  $\text{P}4_12_12$

$a = 5.189 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 6.268 \text{ \AA}$

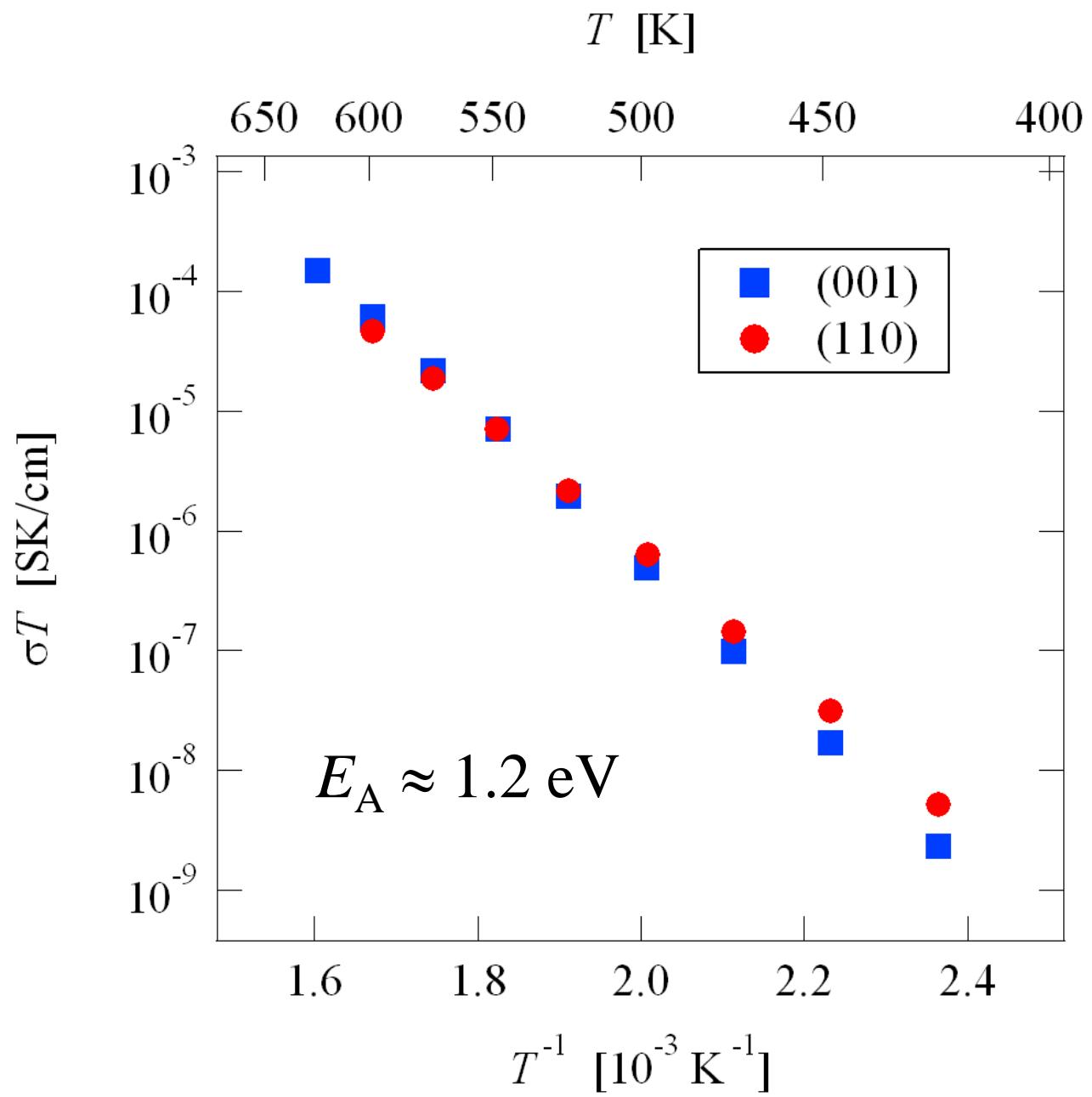


# $\text{LiAlO}_2$ Applications

- Substrate for epitactic growth of III-V-type Semiconductors (e.g. GaN)
- Fusion and Tritium Breeder Reactors
- Coating in Electrodes for Li-Ion Batteries
- Additive in Composite Polymer Electrolytes

# $\text{LiAlO}_2$ :

B. Roling



# Microscopic and Macroscopic Diffusion Quantities

Einstein-Smoluchowski

*Jump rate*

$$\tau^{-1} \cdot \frac{\ell^2}{6} \cdot f = D^T$$

*Tracer diffusivity*

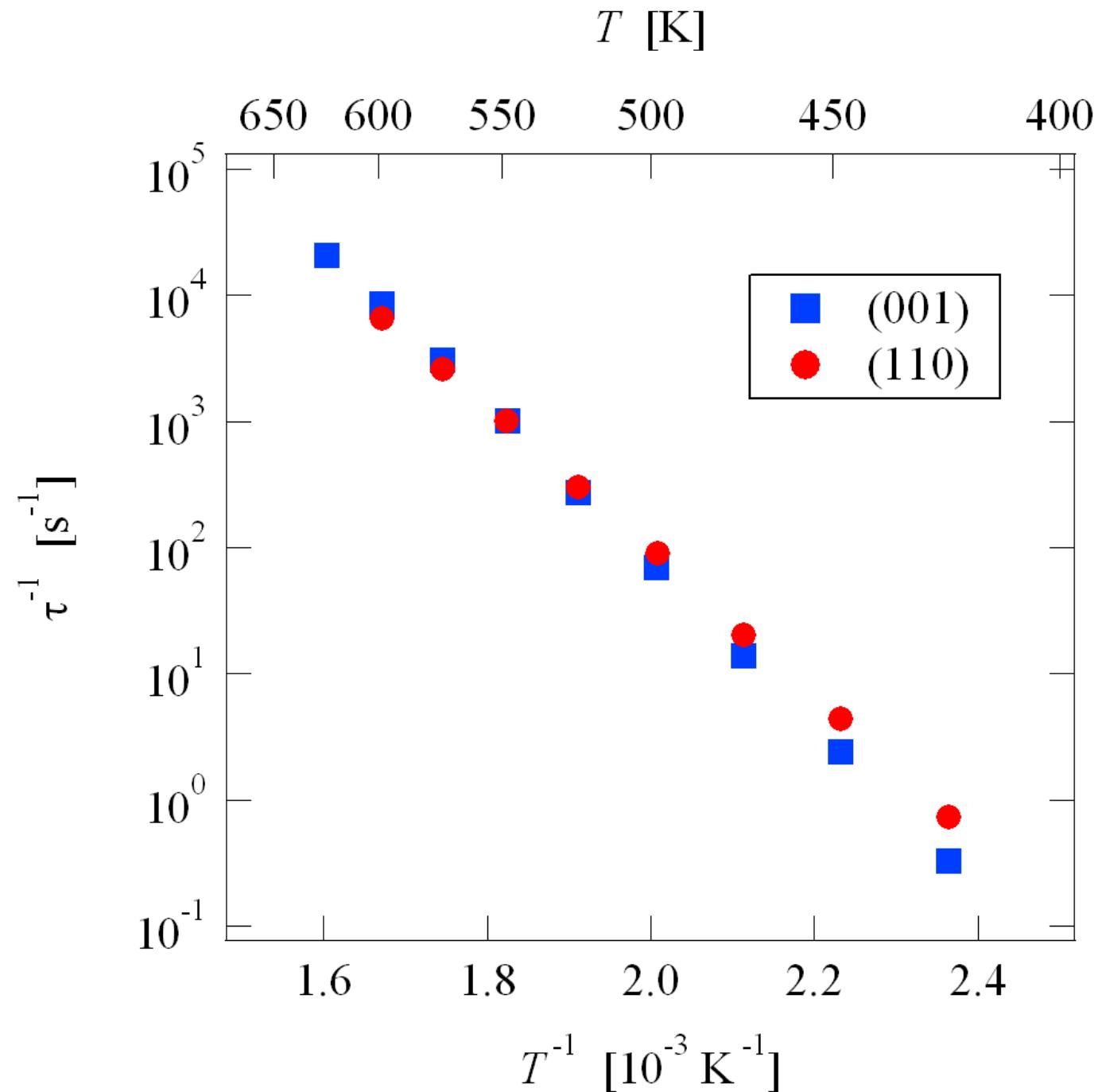
Nernst-Einstein

*Conductivity*

$$\sigma \cdot \frac{k_B T}{Nq^2} \cdot H_R = D^T$$

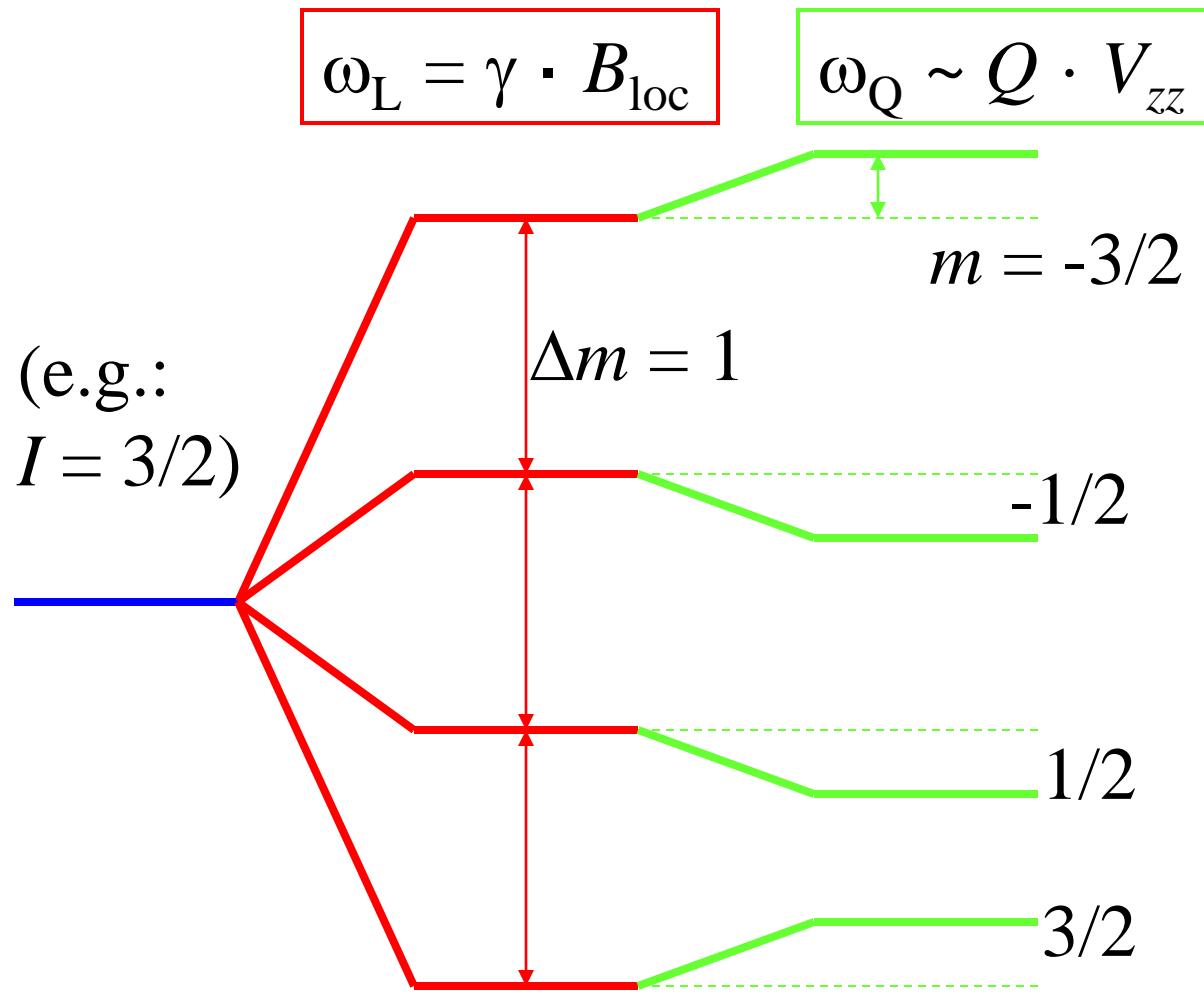
Temperature dep.  $\Rightarrow E_A$  (depends on time window)

# $\text{LiAlO}_2$ :



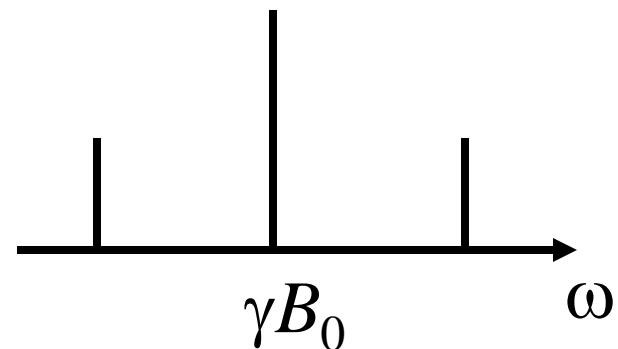
# Zeeman Splitting + Quadrupolar Shifts

${}^7\text{Li}$  NMR

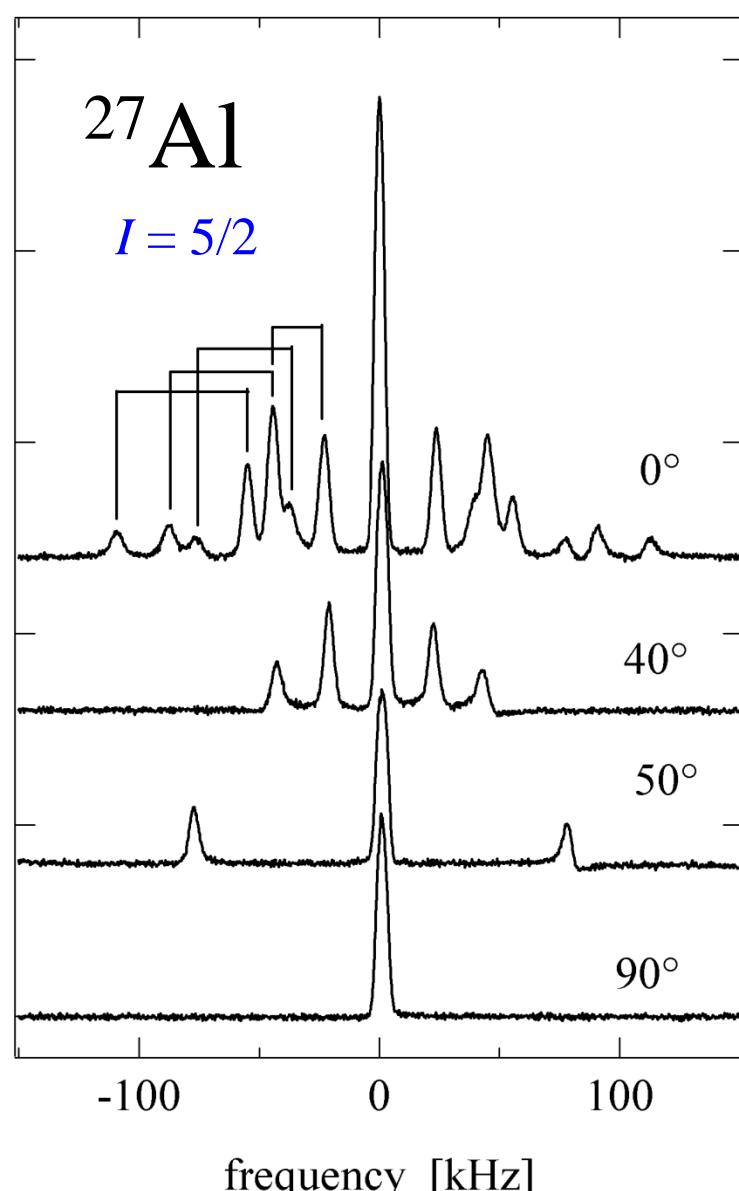
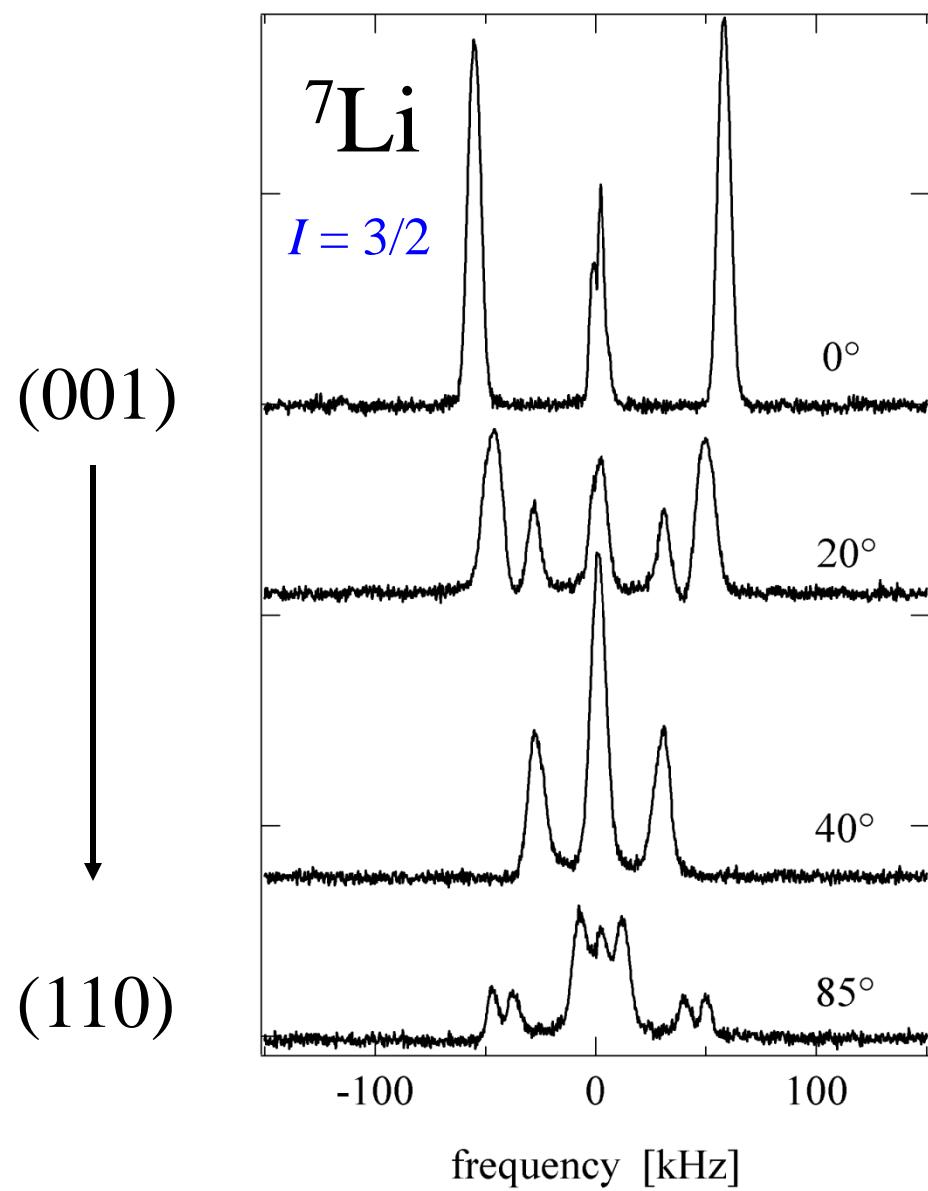


$$Q = \int (3z^2 - r^2) \rho \, dV$$

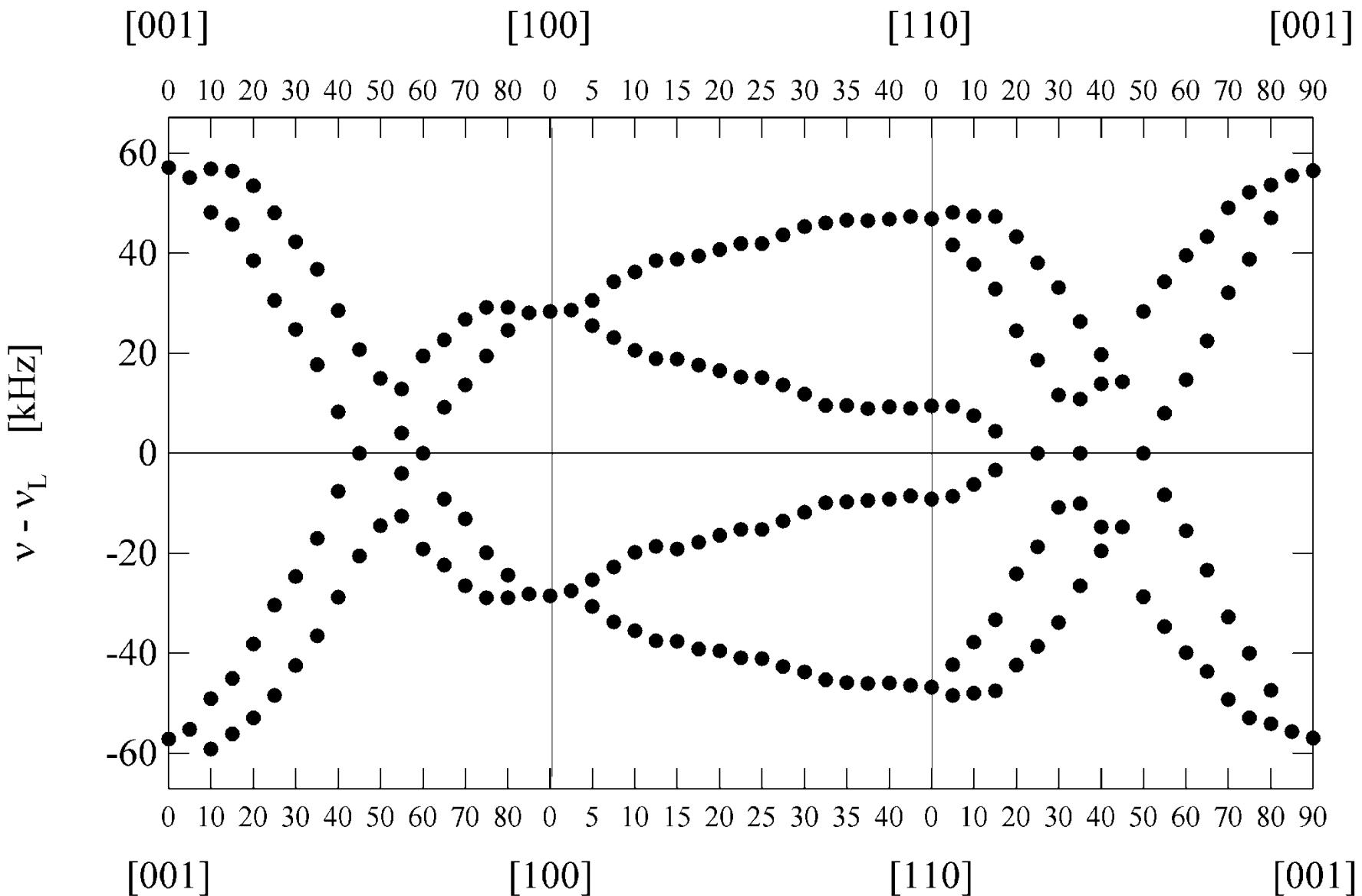
$$V_{zz} = \partial^2 \varphi / \partial z^2$$



# $^7\text{Li}$ and $^{27}\text{Al}$ NMR on $\text{LiAlO}_2$ Single Crystal



# $^7\text{Li}$ NMR on $\text{LiAlO}_2$ Single Crystal



Electric field gradient tensor       $V_{ij} = d^2\varphi / dx_i dx_j$

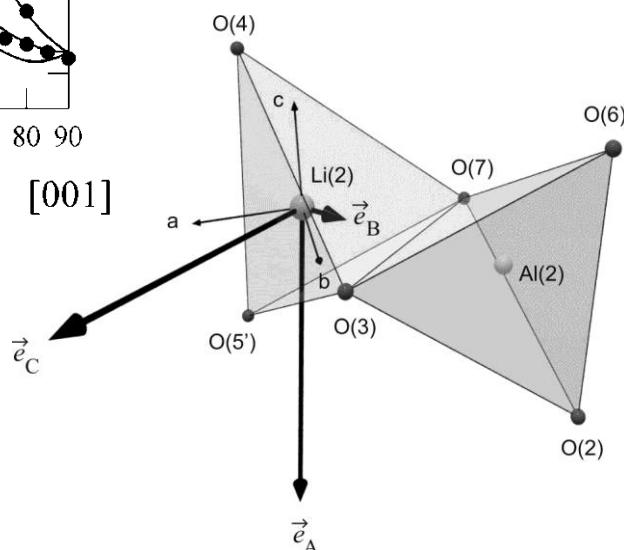
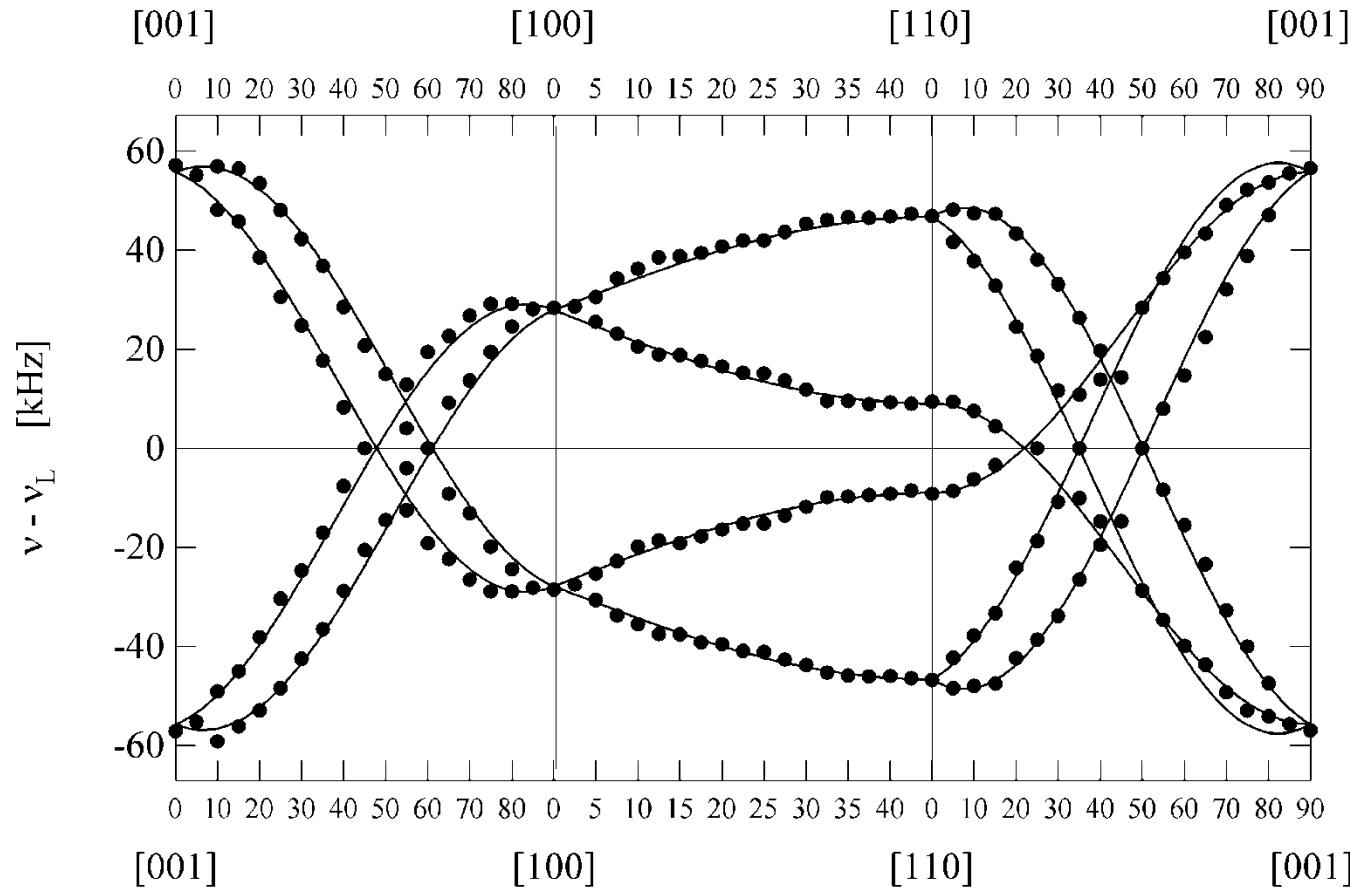
Eigenvalues? Eigenvektors?

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{xx} & V_{xy} & V_{xz} \\ V_{yx} & V_{yy} & V_{yz} \\ V_{zx} & V_{zy} & V_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{ij} = V_{ji} \quad \sum V_{ii} = 0$$

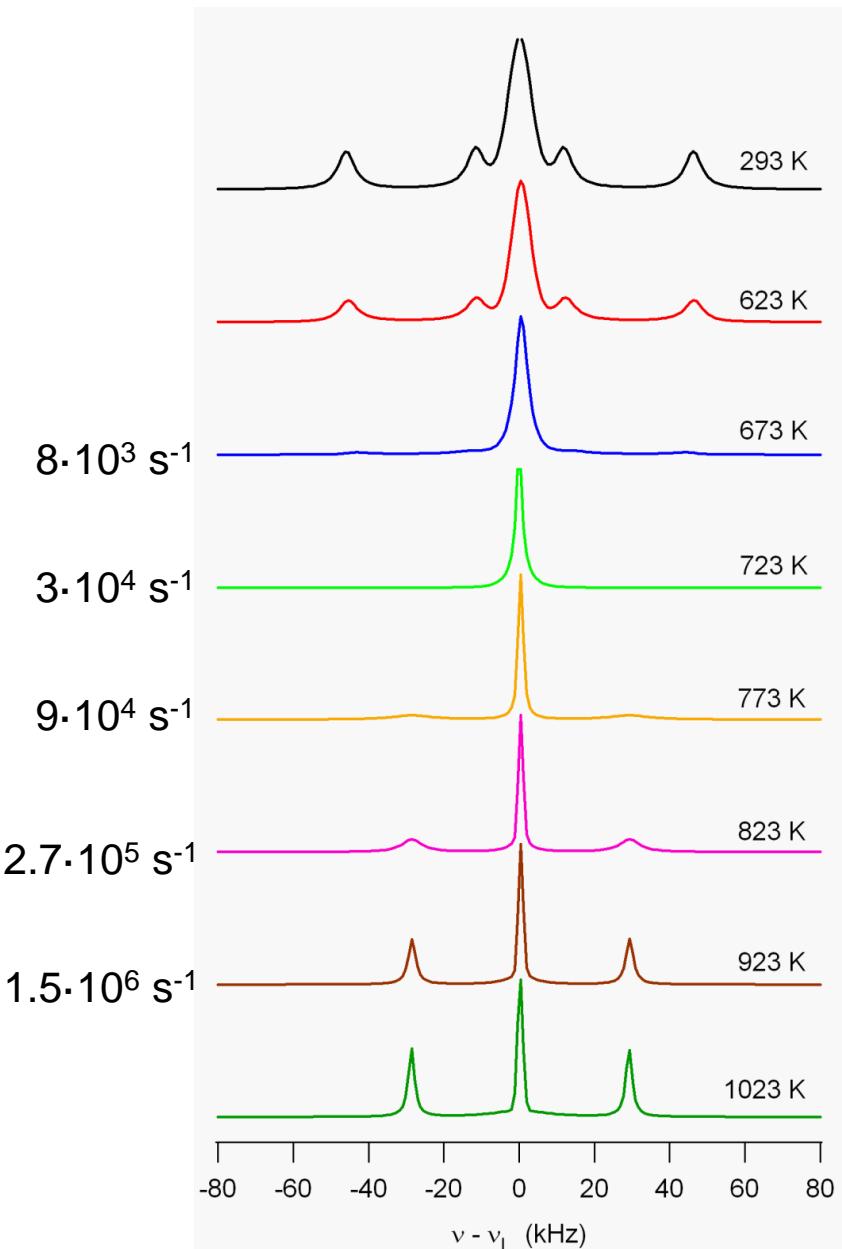
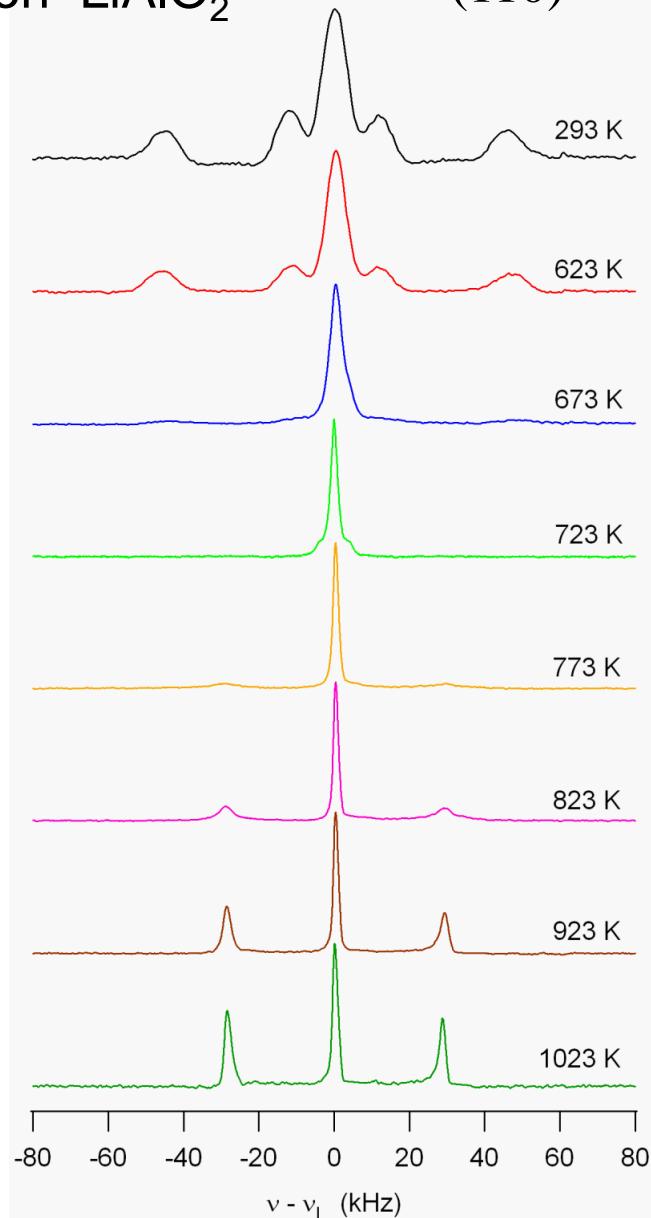
$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B & C \\ B & A & -C \\ C & -C & -2A \end{pmatrix}$$

# 3-parameter fit of EFG tensor

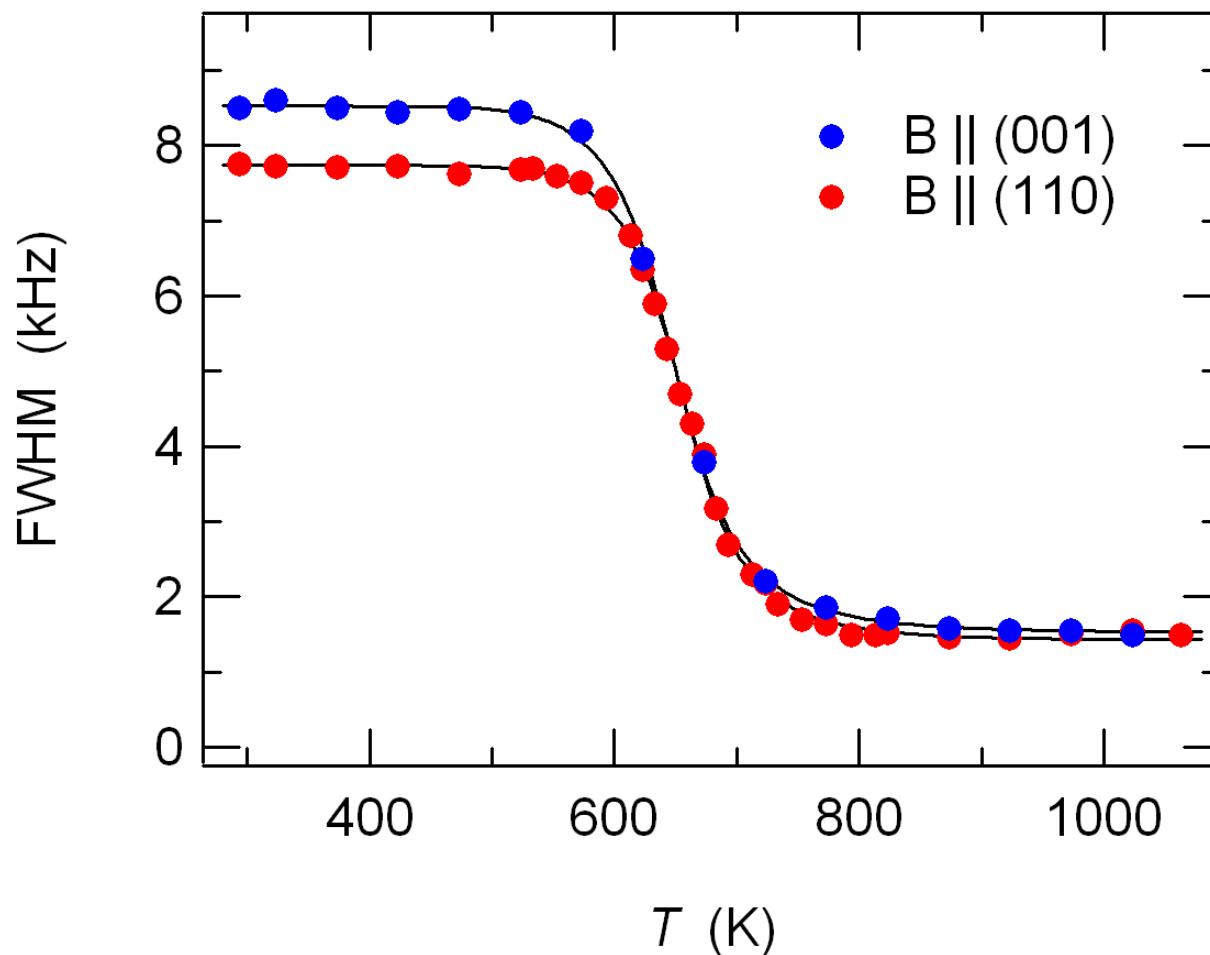


$^{7}\text{Li}$  NMR on  $\text{LiAlO}_2$

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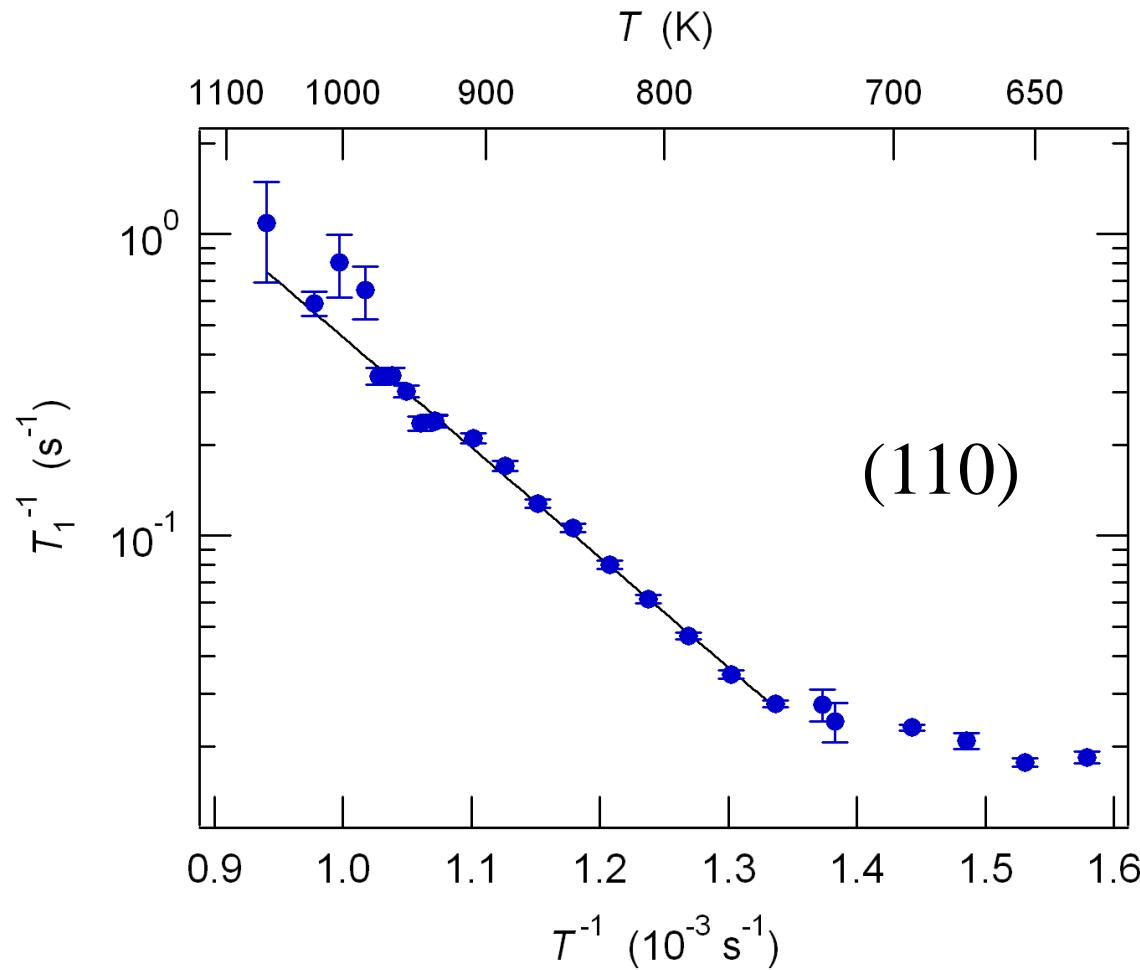


# $^7\text{Li}$ and NMR on $\text{LiAlO}_2$ : Motional narrowing



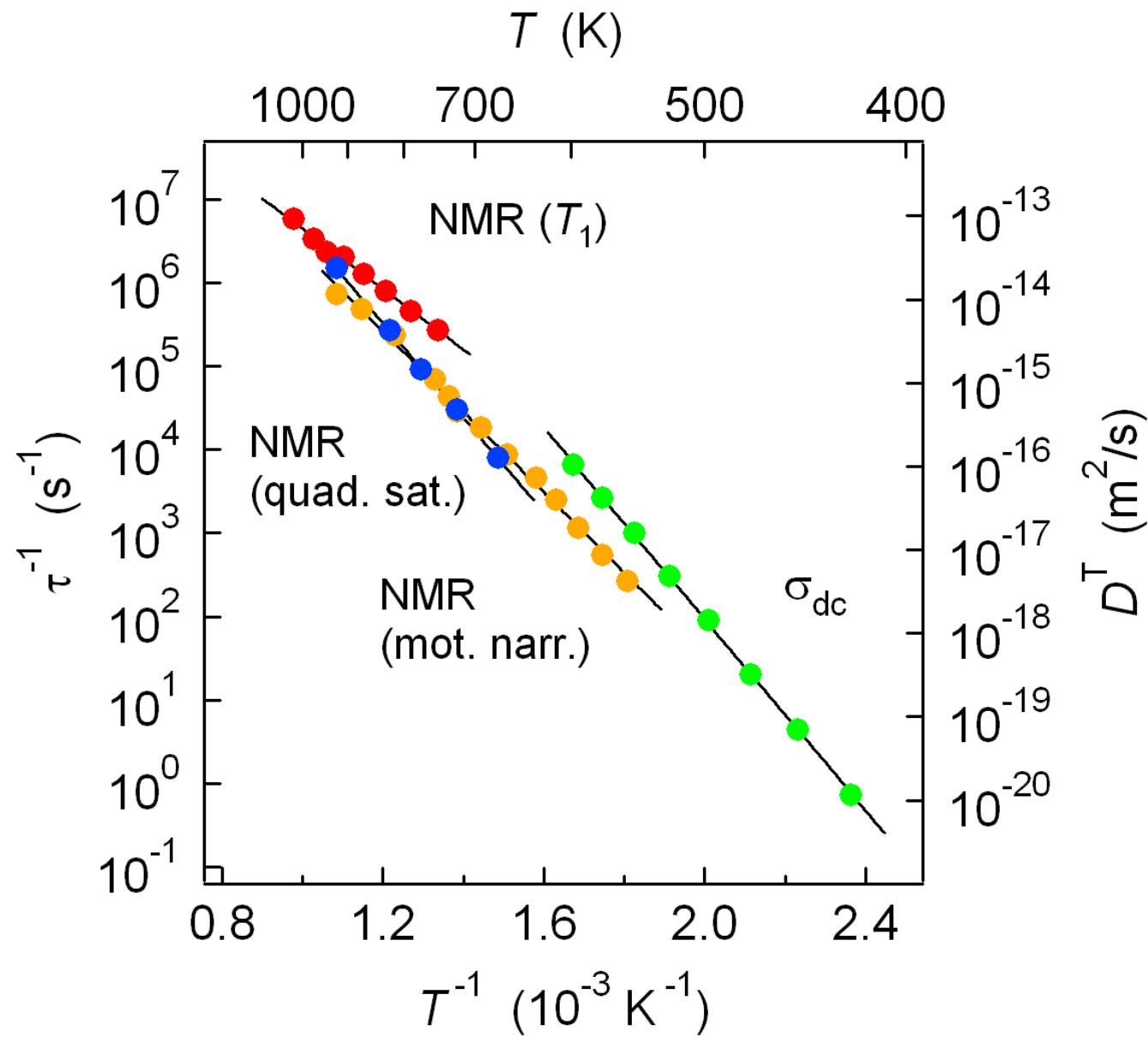
Hopping rate of 8 kHz at about 650K,  $E_A \approx 1.0$  eV

# $^7\text{Li}$ and NMR on $\text{LiAlO}_2$ : $T_1$ relaxation time



$E_A \approx 0.7 \text{ eV}$  (from  $\sigma : 1.2 \text{ eV} \rightarrow$  correlated motion)

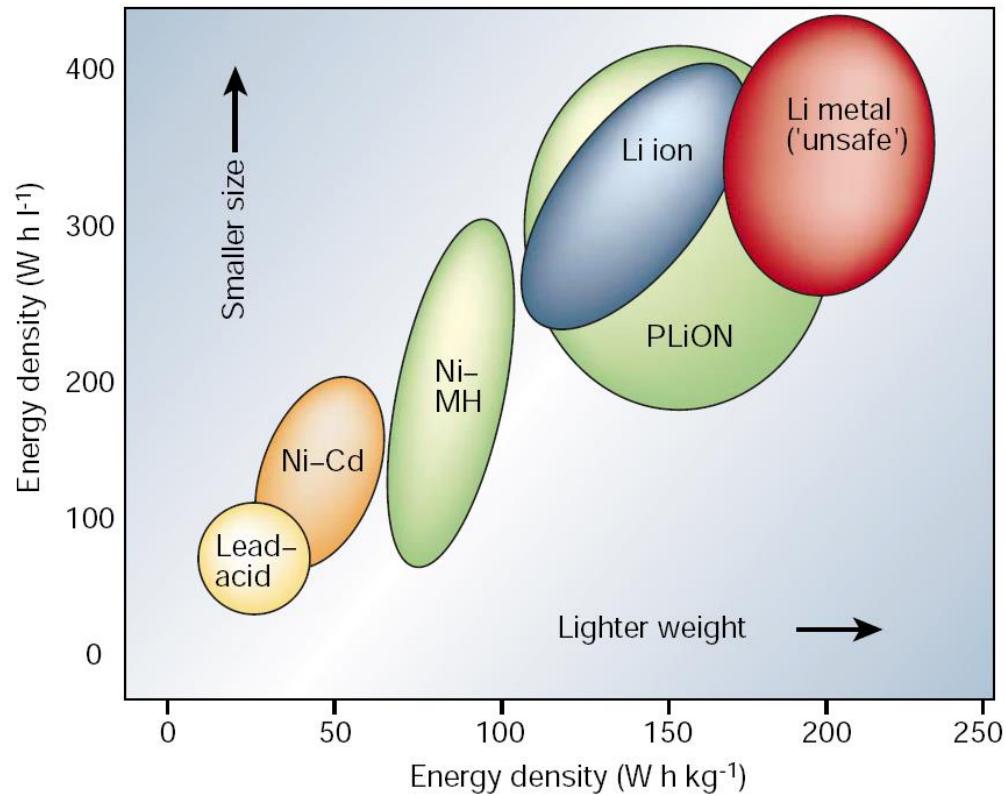
# LiAlO2



# Conclusion / Outlook:

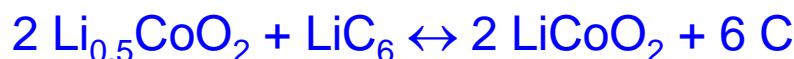
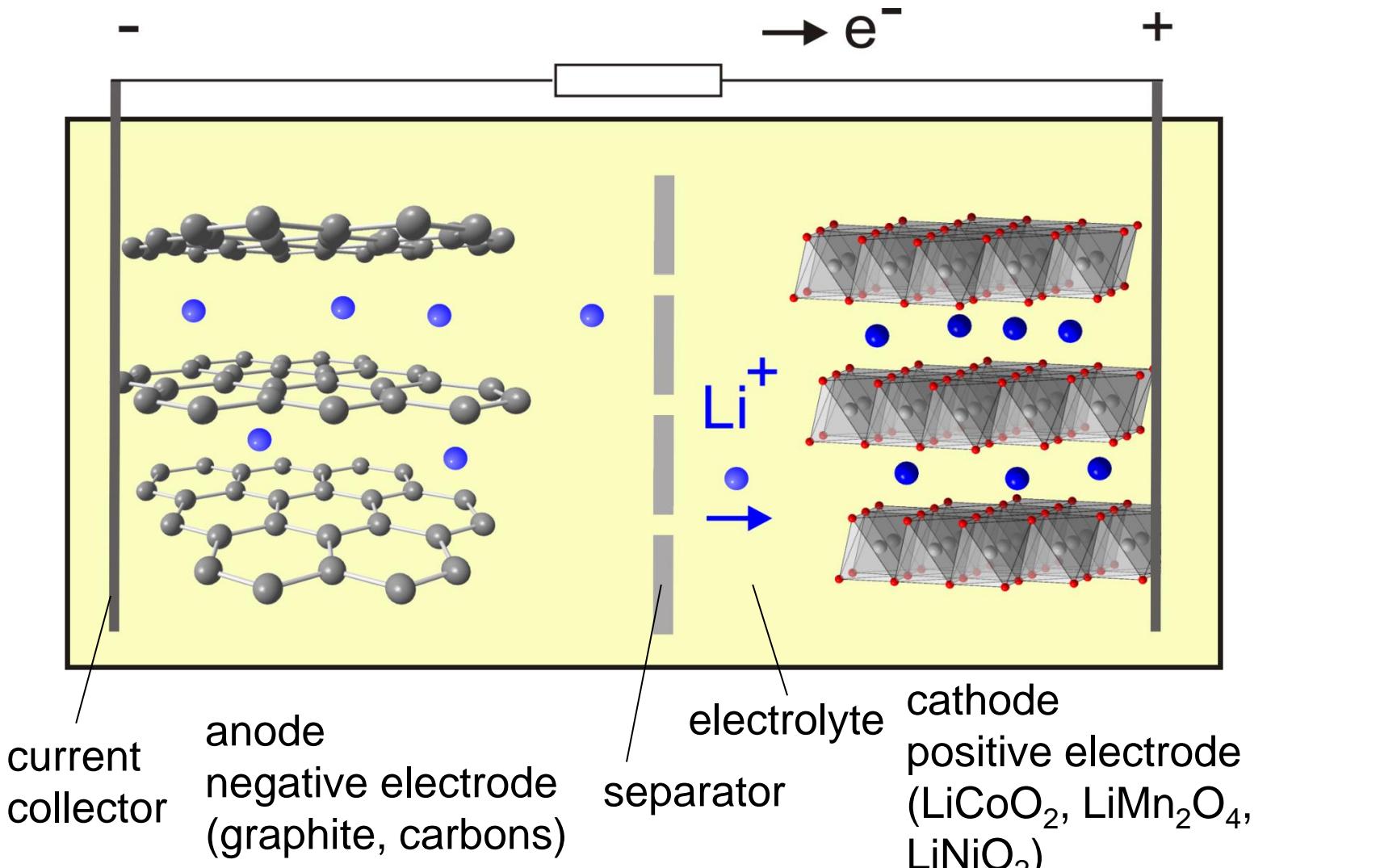
- different NMR techniques have been applied to study Li diffusion in LiAlO<sub>2</sub> over about 7 decades for  $D$ ,  $\tau^{-1}$
- good agreement with  $\sigma_{dc}$

# Li ion batteries: high energy density → smaller devices



Tarascon et al., Nature 414 (2001), 359

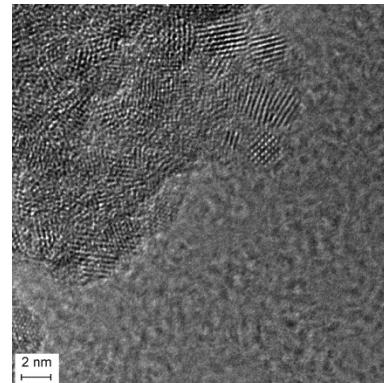
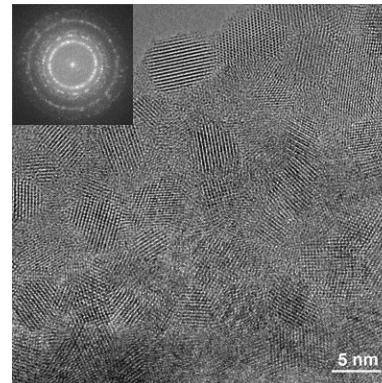
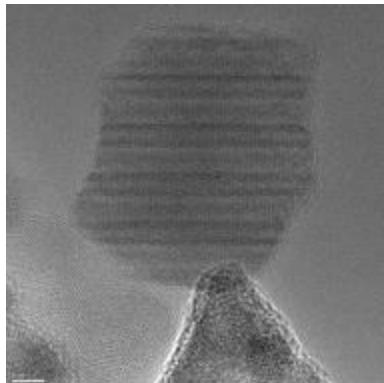
# Li ion batteries: principle (here: discharging)



$$\Delta_R G^\ominus = -U_0 \cdot n \cdot F$$

# Overview: Electrode materials

• anodes	$\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$ $\text{TiO}_2$ $\text{SnO}_2$ , $(\text{Ti}/\text{Sn})\text{O}_2$ , $(\text{Al}/\text{Sn})\text{O}_2$ , $(\text{Mg}/\text{Al}/\text{Sn})\text{O}_2$ ... $\text{ZnO}$ $\text{MnFe}_2\text{O}_4$ , $\text{MgFe}_2\text{O}_4$ , ... $\text{Y}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ , ...		
• cathodes	$\text{Li}(\text{Co}/\text{Ni}/\text{Mn}/\text{Al})\text{O}_2$ $\text{Li}(\text{Ni}/\text{Mn})_2\text{O}_4$ $\text{Li}(\text{Fe}/\text{Mn}/\text{Co})\text{PO}_4$ $\text{Li}_2(\text{Fe}/\text{Mn})\text{SiO}_4$ $\text{Li}_2(\text{Fe}/\text{Mn})\text{TiO}_4$ , ...	0.5 Li per TM 0.5 Li per TM 1 Li per TM 2 Li per TM ? 2 Li per TM ?	140 mAh/g 150 mAh/g 170 mAh/g 330 mAh/g ? 290 mAh/g ?



# Synthesis

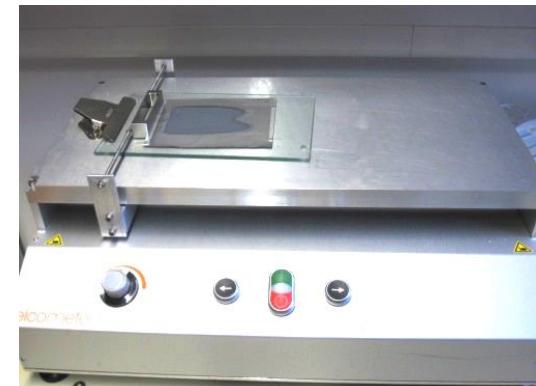
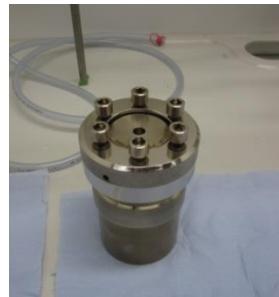


## Synthesis of Nanoparticles, Nanostructures and Nanocomposites:

- coprecipitation methods
- sol-gel synthesis
- hydrothermal/ solvothermal synthesis
- solid-state reaction
- electrospinning



→ electrode film preparation



# Overview: Experimental Methods

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

long-range structure, morphology

Battery tests

cell performance

Solid State NMR spectroscopy  
(MAS, VT, PFG, *in situ*, relaxometry)

local structure (element-specific),  
dynamics

Fe + Sn Mössbauer spectroscopy  
(*ex situ*, *in situ*)

short-range structure,  
oxidation states

*In situ* XRD measurements

long-range structure

*In situ* XAS measurements

local structure (element-specific),  
oxidation states

Impedance Spectroscopy

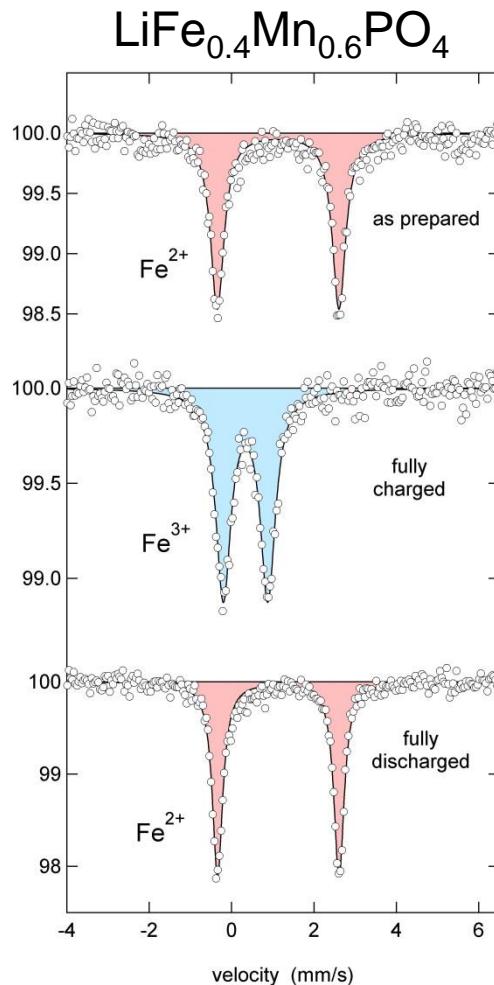
interfaces, degradation

*In situ* SEM

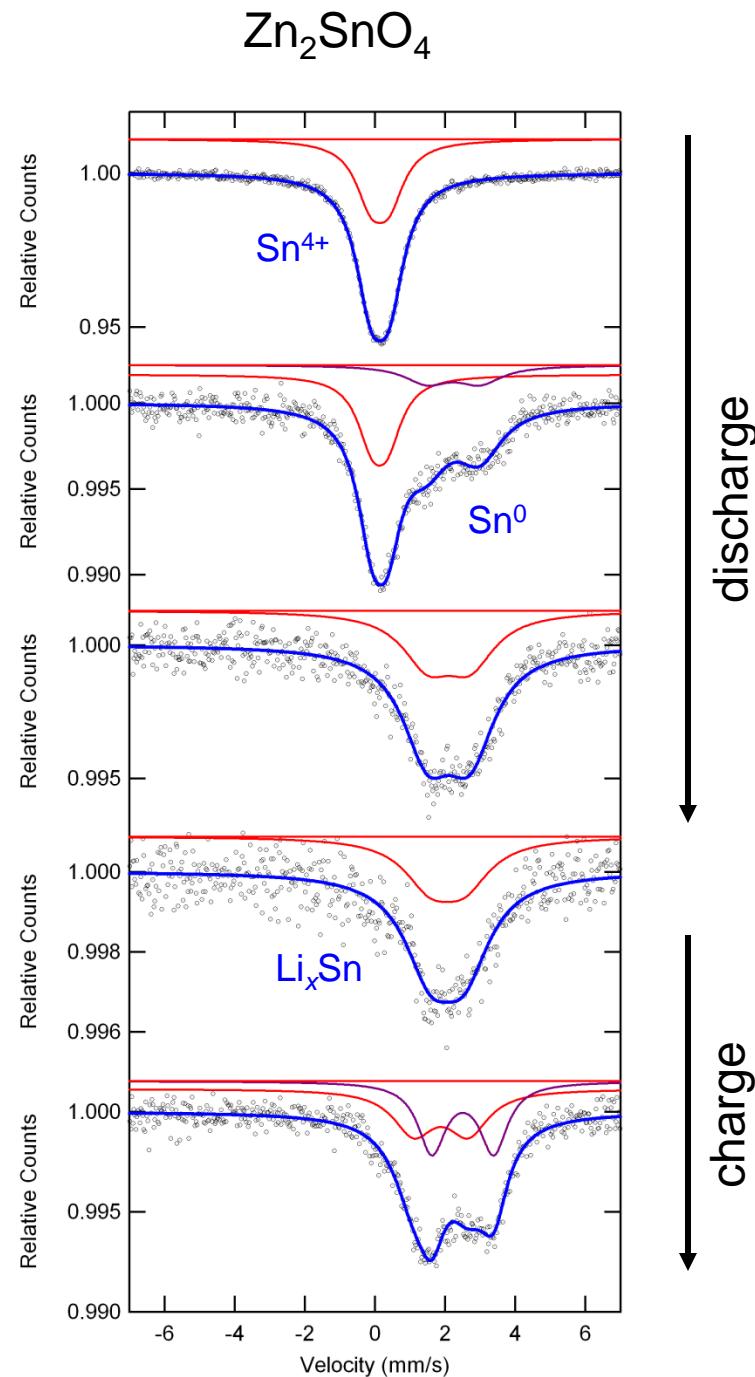
morphology

# Mössbauer spectroscopy

changes of local structure  
and charge state  
of Fe or Sn during  
reduction and oxidation



charge  
discharge

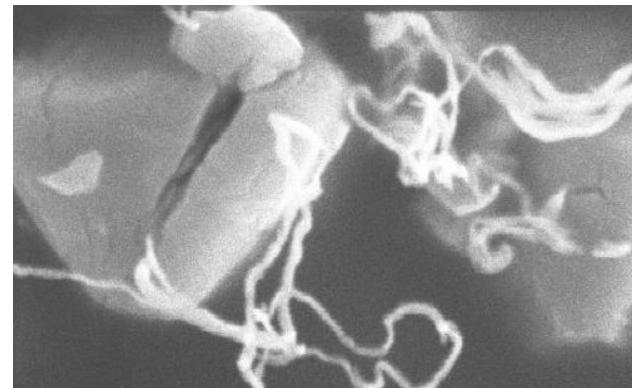
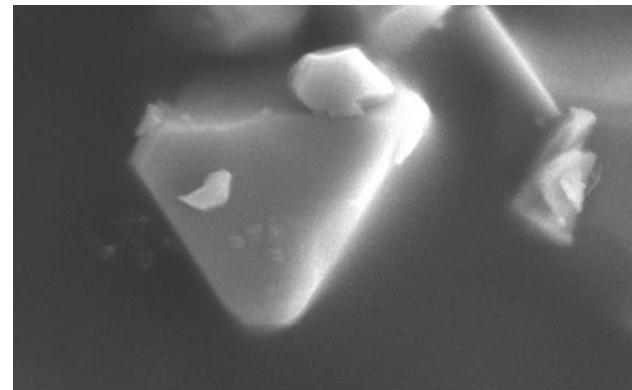
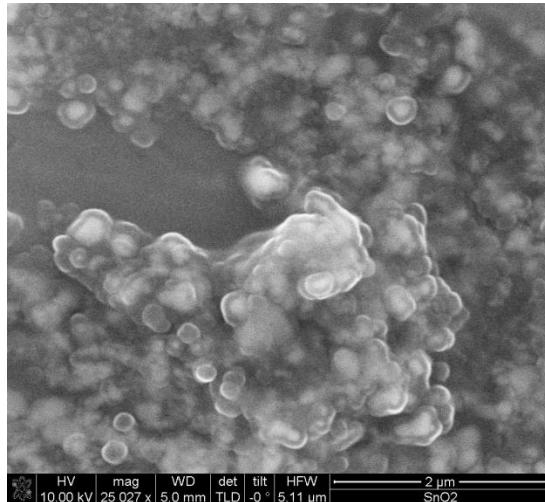
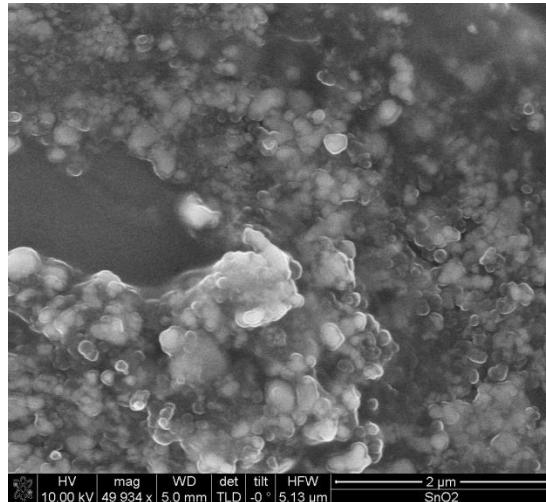


# *In situ* SEM

(together with R. Mönig, KIT-IAM)

$\text{CuCr}_2\text{Se}_4$

$\text{SnO}_2$

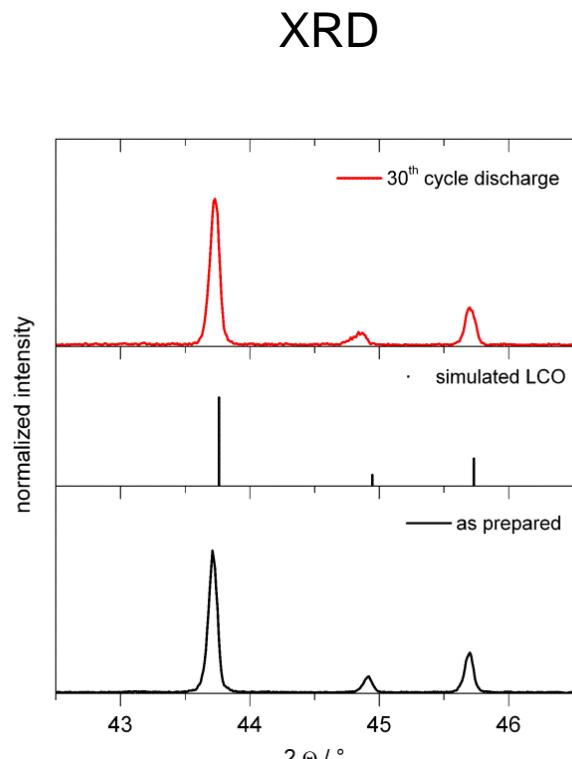
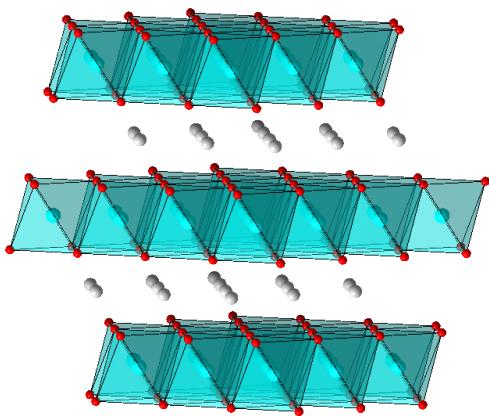


- Particles grow and develop surface layers.
- Mass contrast detected by backscattered electrons shows that coating has lower Z than  $\text{SnO}_2$  particle; consistent with the assumption that  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  forms at surface of particles.

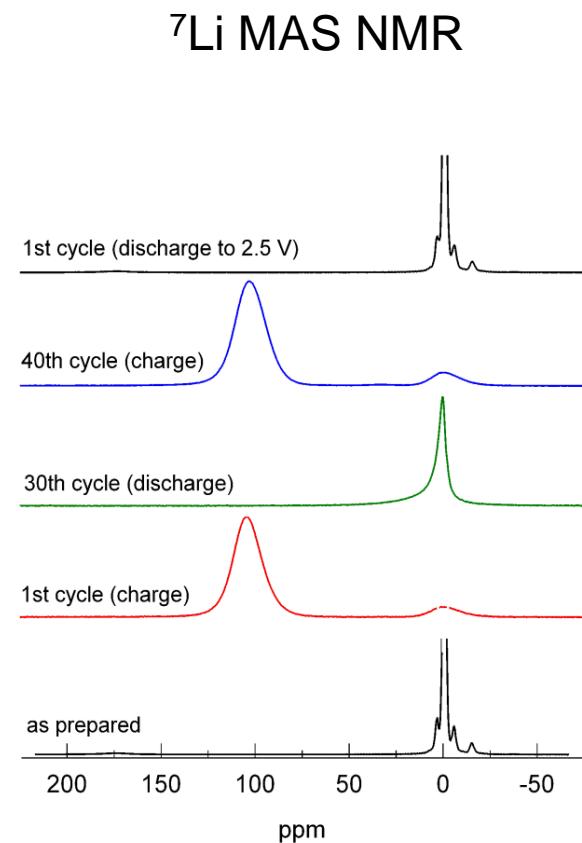
- Particles grow and break apart
- formation of Cu metal whiskers  
→ Cu-Li exchange mechanism

# LiCoO<sub>2</sub>: NMR at different charge states/cycle numbers

LiCoO<sub>2</sub> (R̄3m)



long-range structure

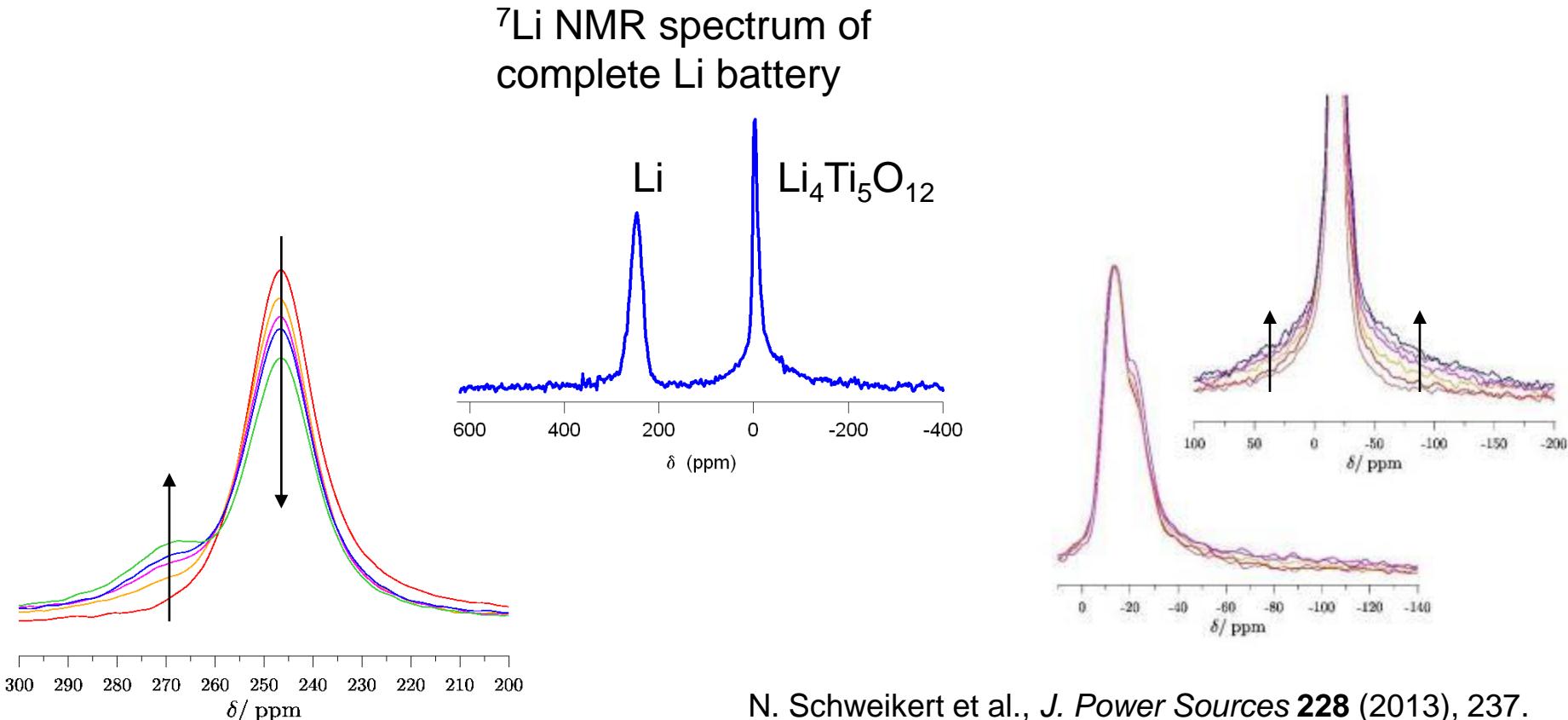


local structure

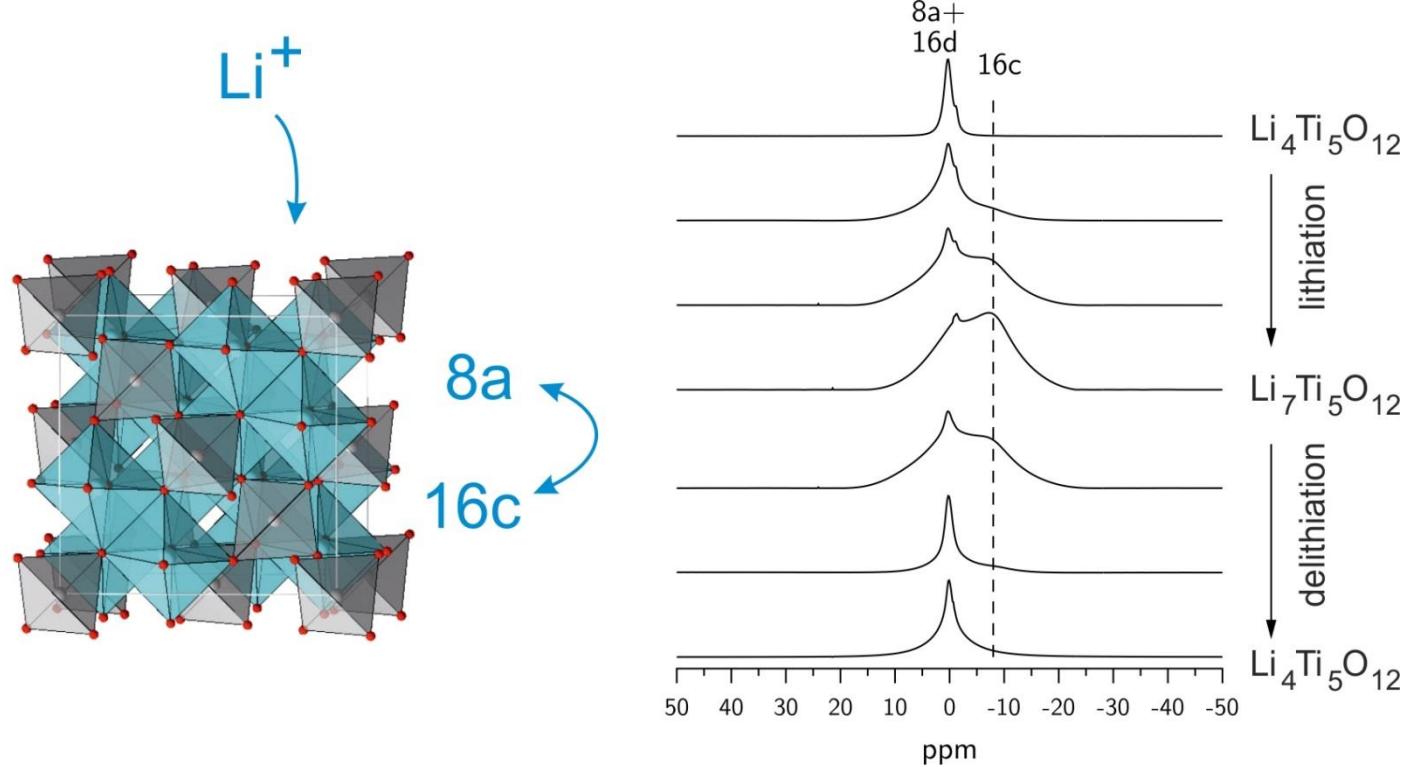
Co<sup>(3+)</sup>: 3d<sup>6</sup>  
Co<sup>(4+)</sup>: 3d<sup>5</sup>

# *In situ* NMR Spectroscopy

- *in situ* observation of changes in local structure around specific probe nuclei
- elucidation of reaction mechanisms
- observation of side reactions



# *Ex situ* $^7\text{Li}$ MAS NMR Spectroscopy: $\text{Li}_{4+x}\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$ ( $x = 0 \dots 3$ )



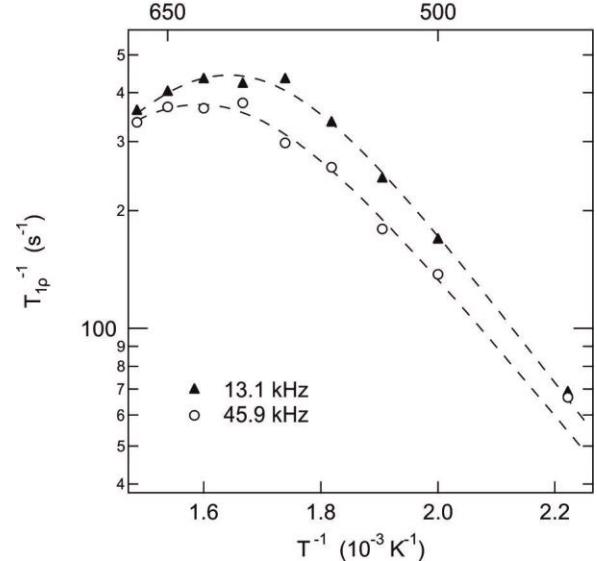
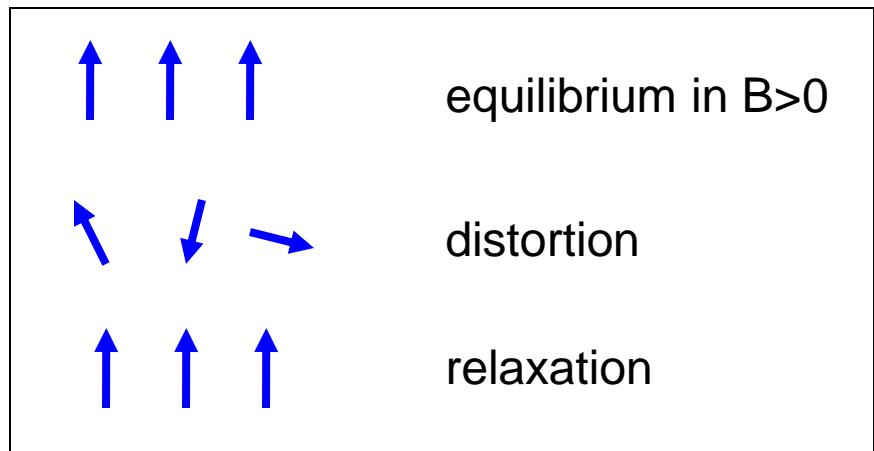
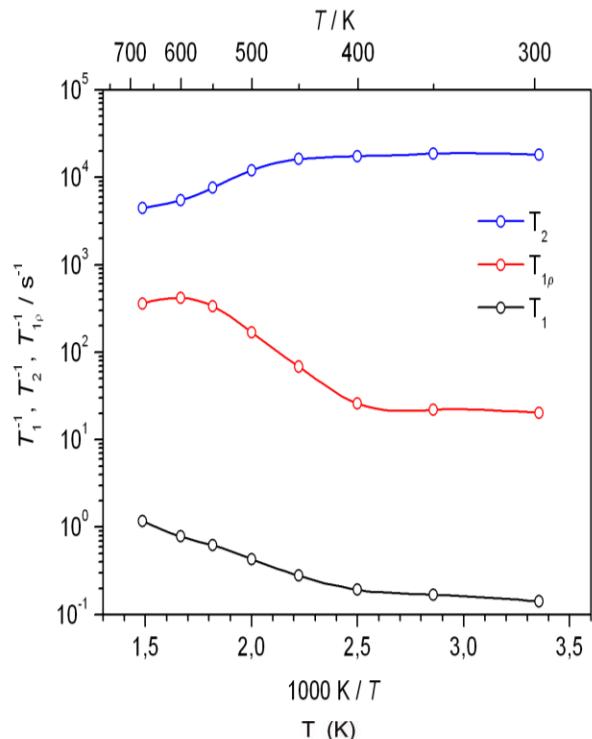
Rearrangement of Li ions:



# *Ex situ* NMR Spectroscopy:

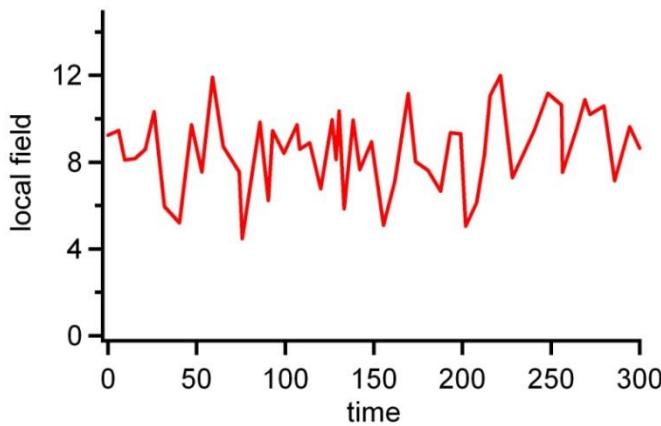


relaxation rates



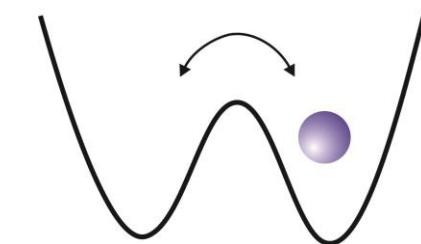
maximum:

$$\omega_L \approx \tau^{-1}$$

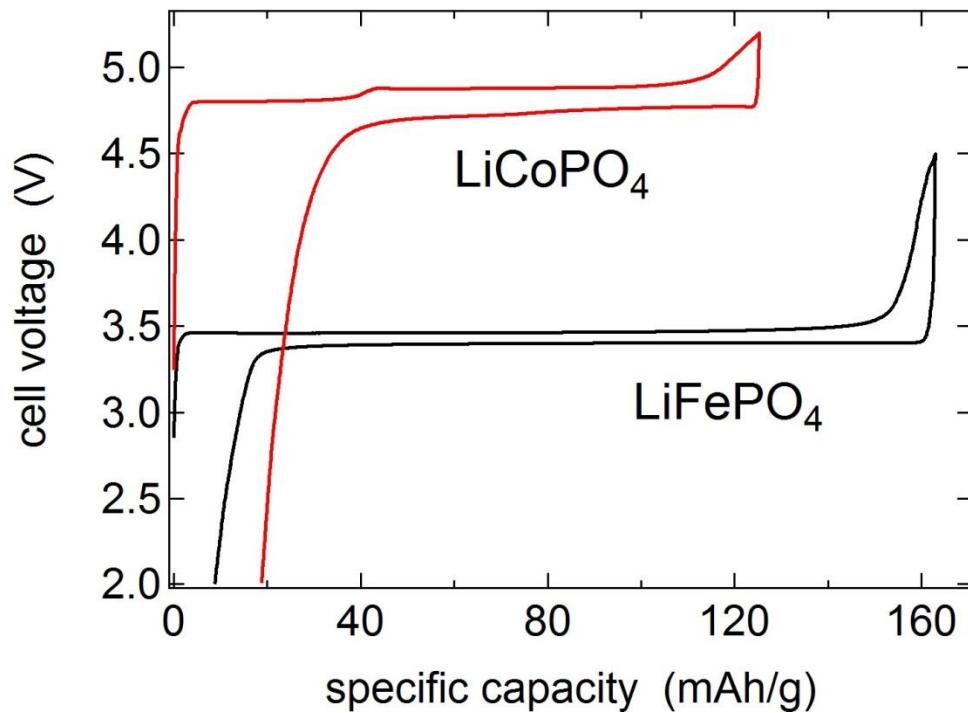


spin dynamics  $\rightarrow$  Li ion dynamics

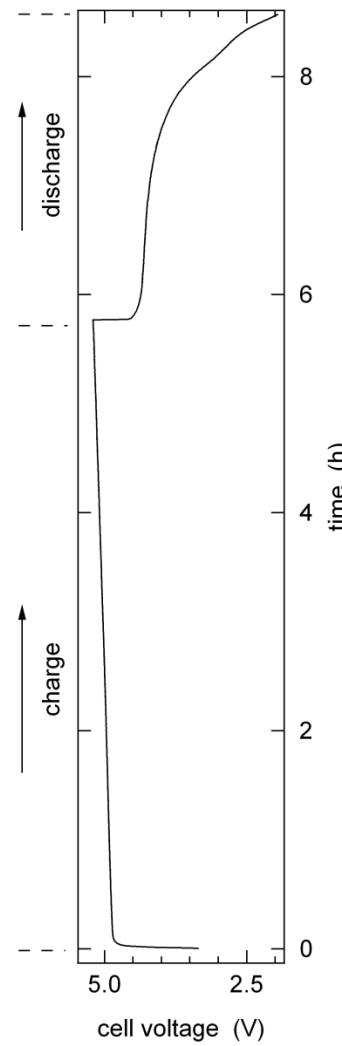
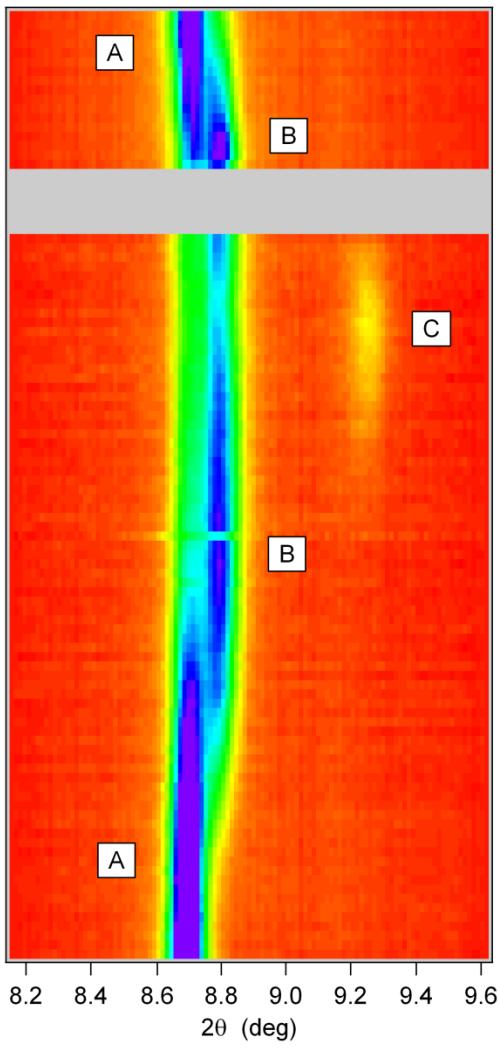
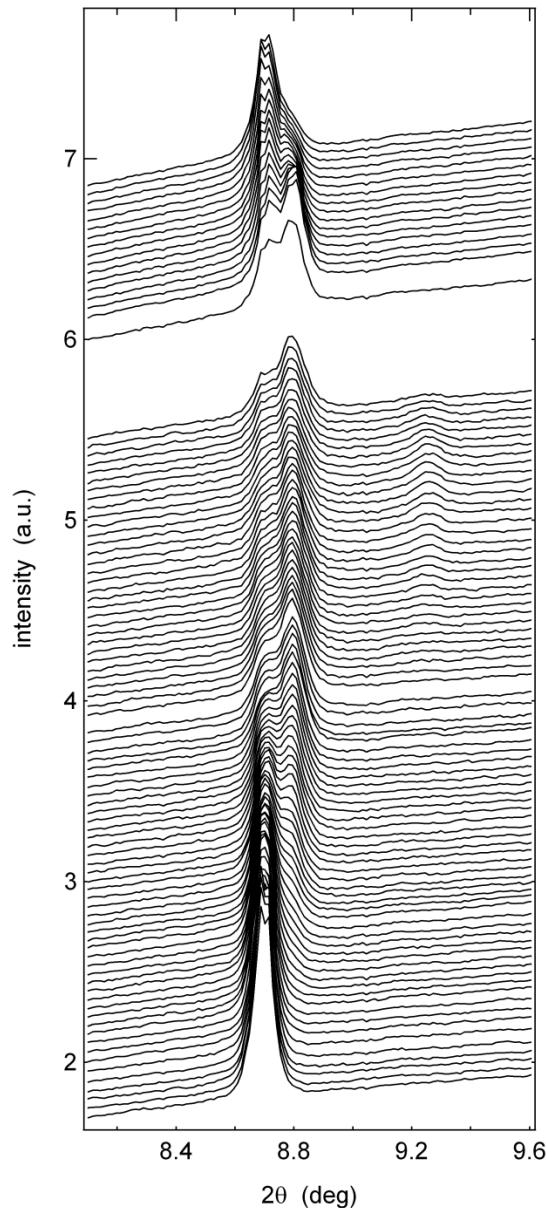
- maximum: jump rate  $\approx 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- flank: activation barrier  $\approx 0.3 \text{ eV}$



$\text{LiFePO}_4 \leftrightarrow \text{LiCoPO}_4$ :



# LiCoPO<sub>4</sub> : *in situ* XRD



LiCoPO<sub>4</sub>

Li<sub>0.7</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>

CoPO<sub>4</sub>

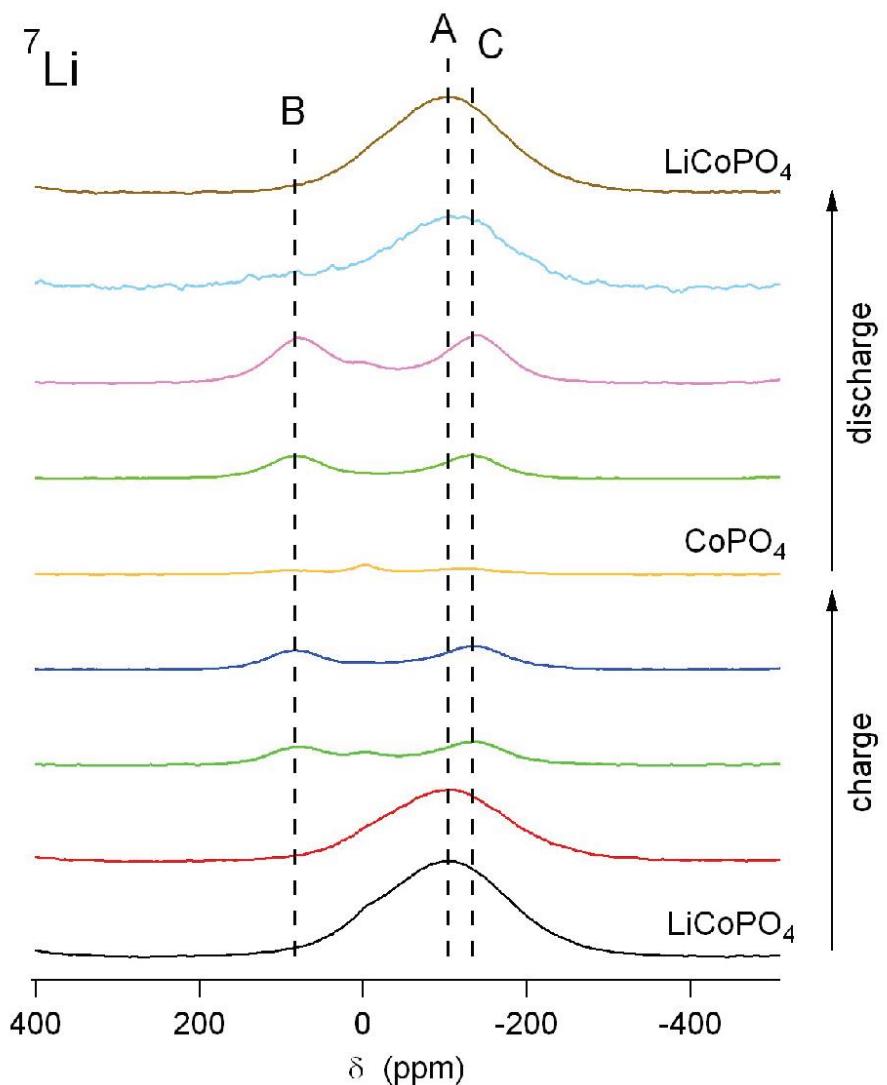
Li<sub>0.7</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>

LiCoPO<sub>4</sub>

2-step mechanism + intermediate phase

(≠ Fe)

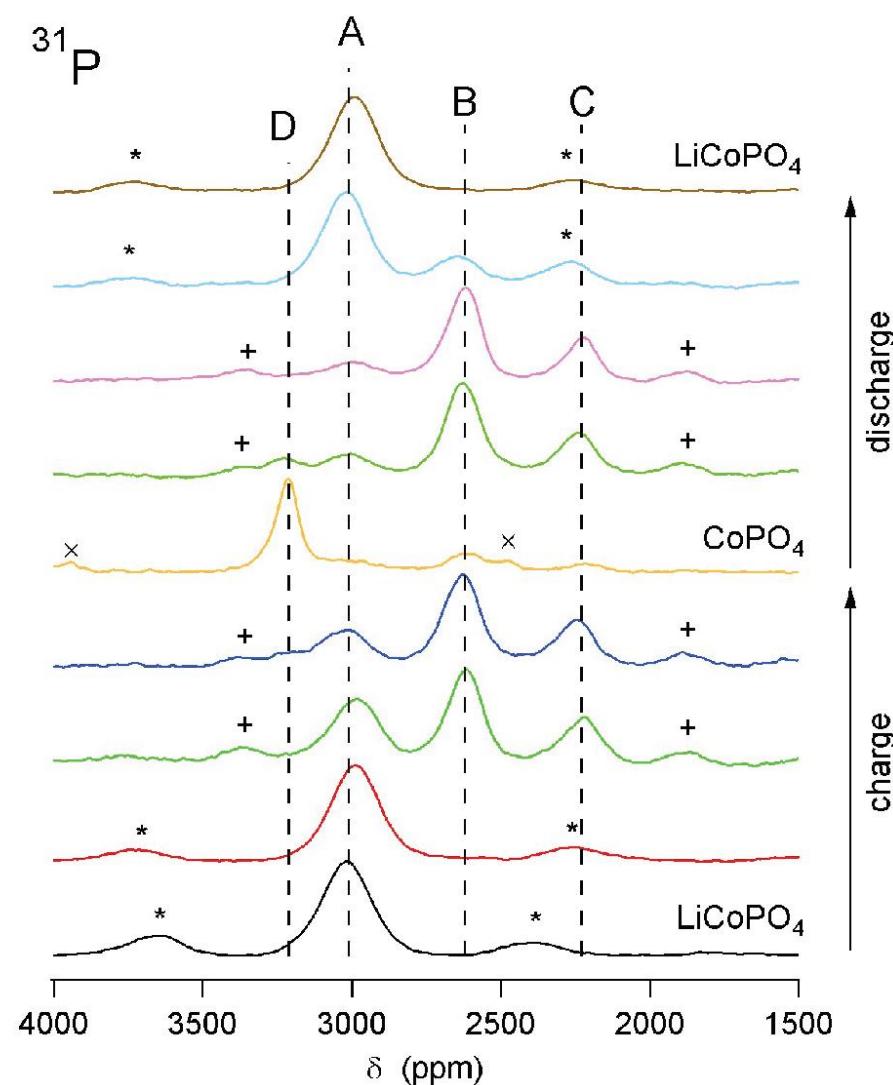
# $\text{LiCoPO}_4$ :



2 step reaction

intermediate phase:  $\text{Li}_{0.7}\text{CoPO}_4$

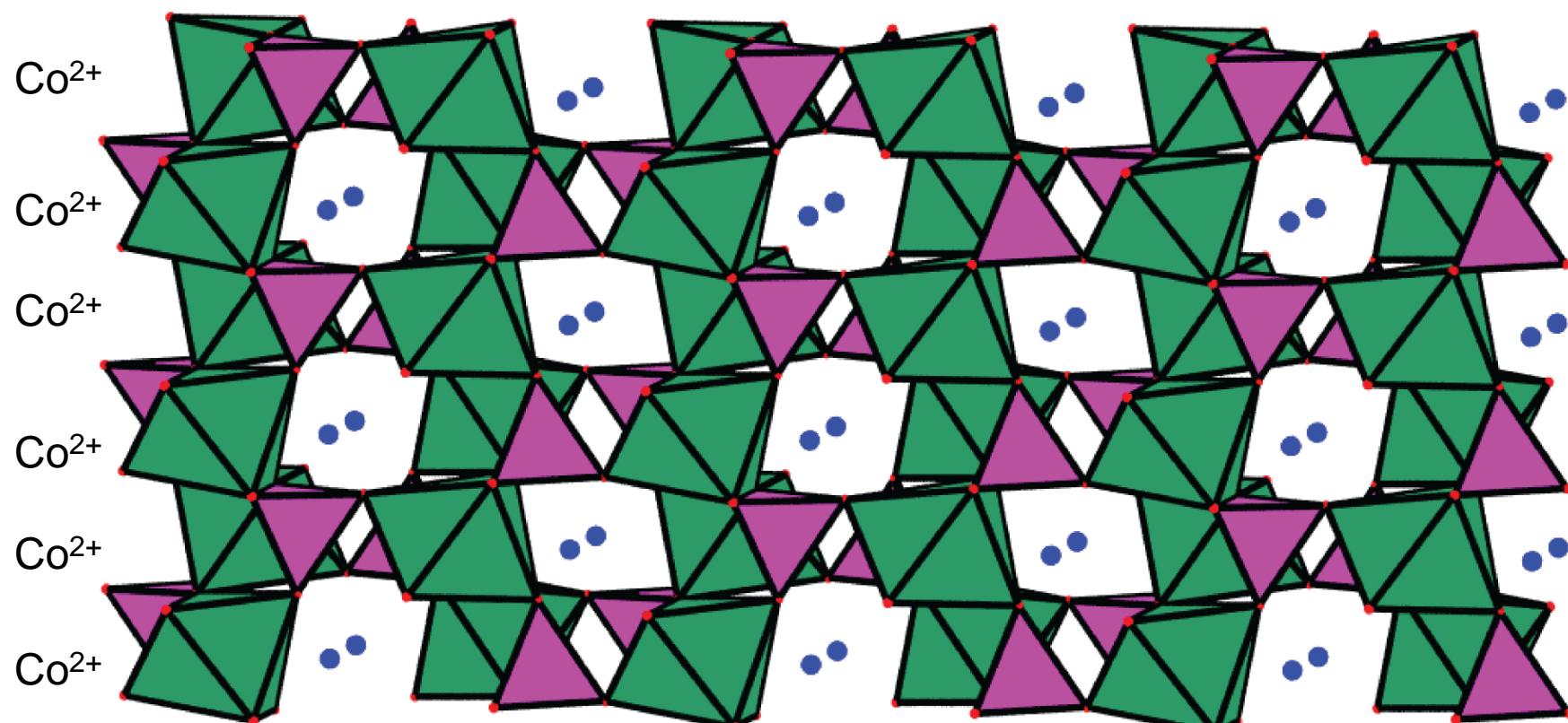
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2 Li environments (1:1)  
2 P environments (2:1)

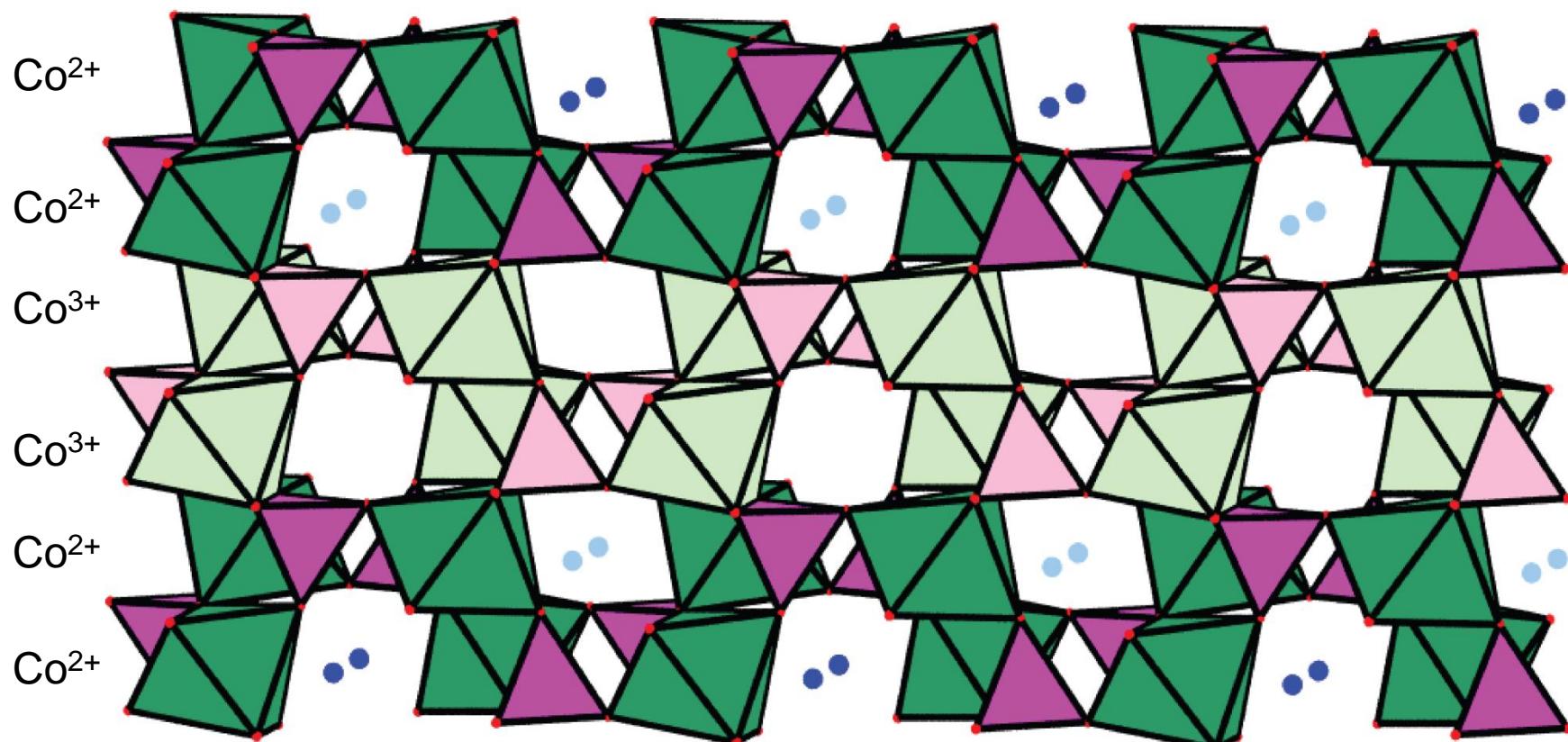


view along c axis



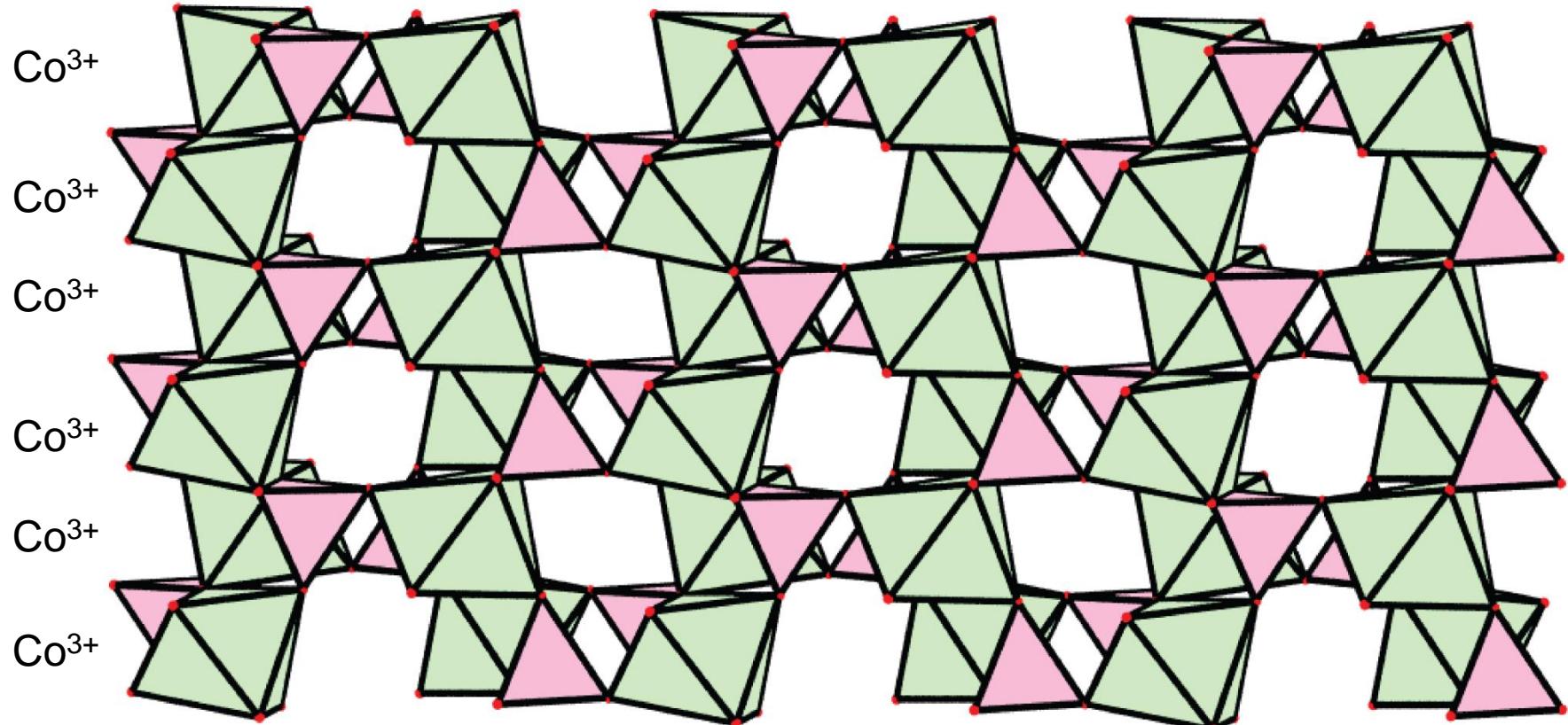
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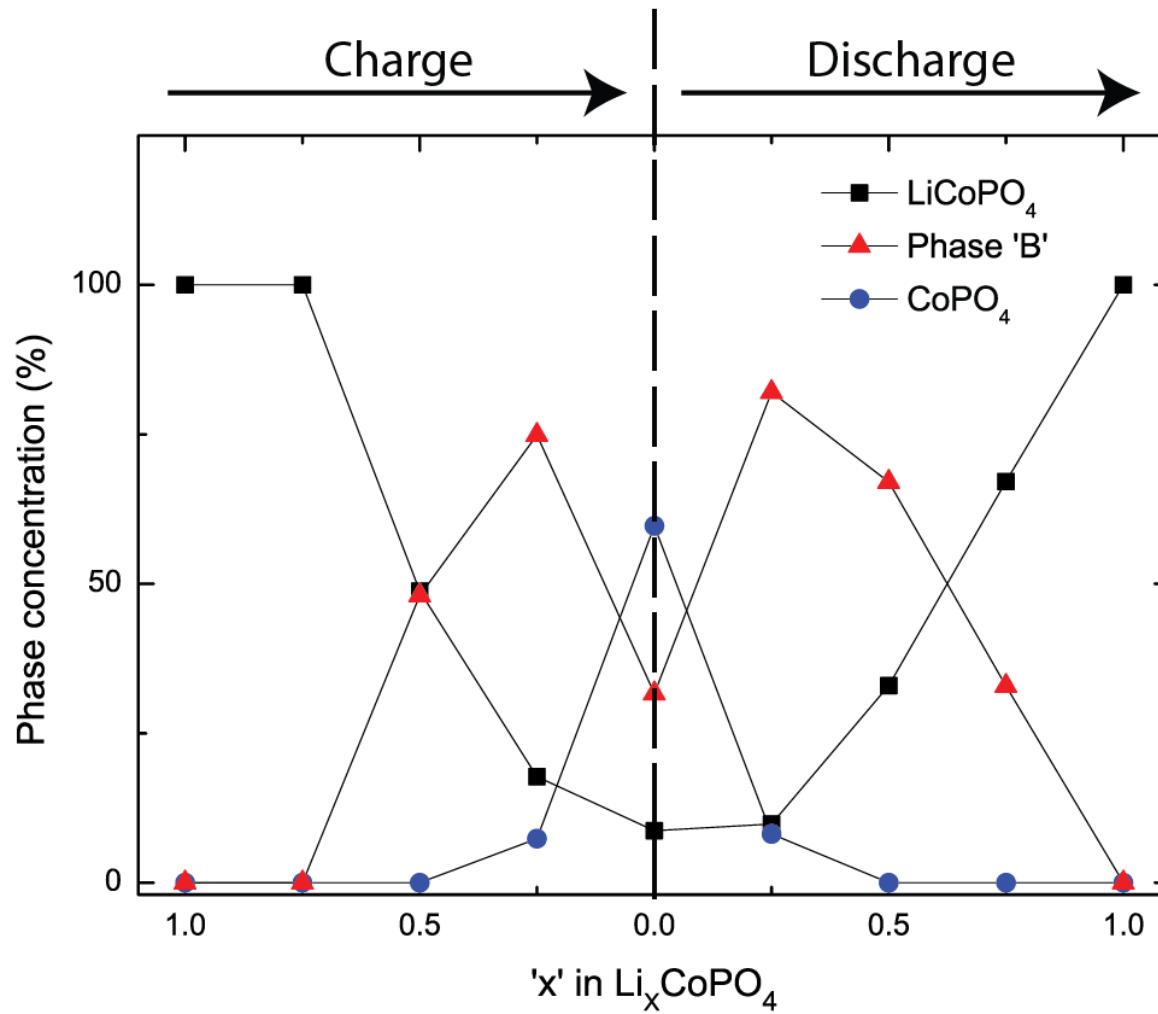




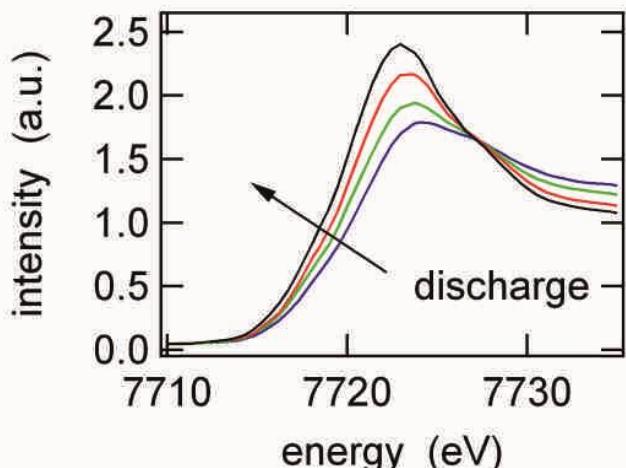
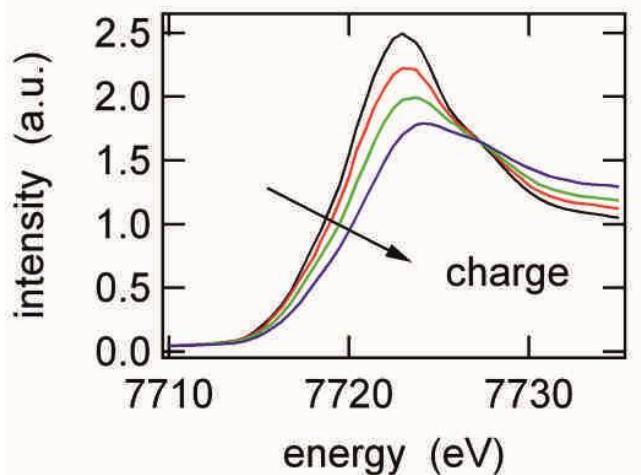
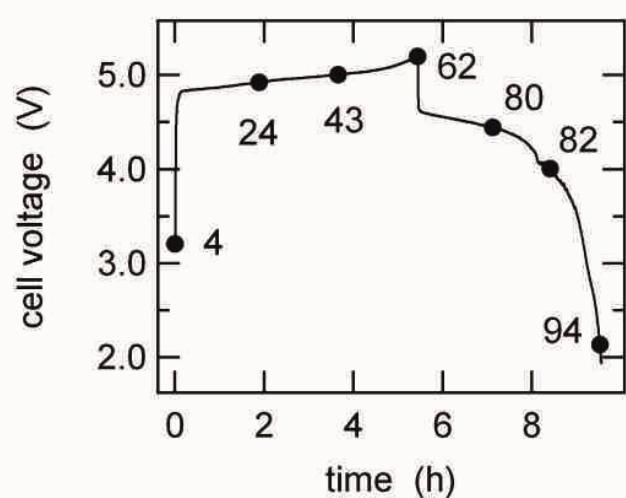
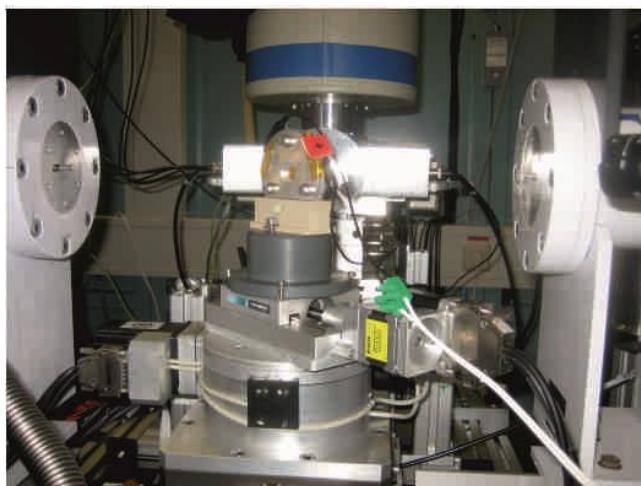
view along c axis



# LiCoPO<sub>4</sub> :



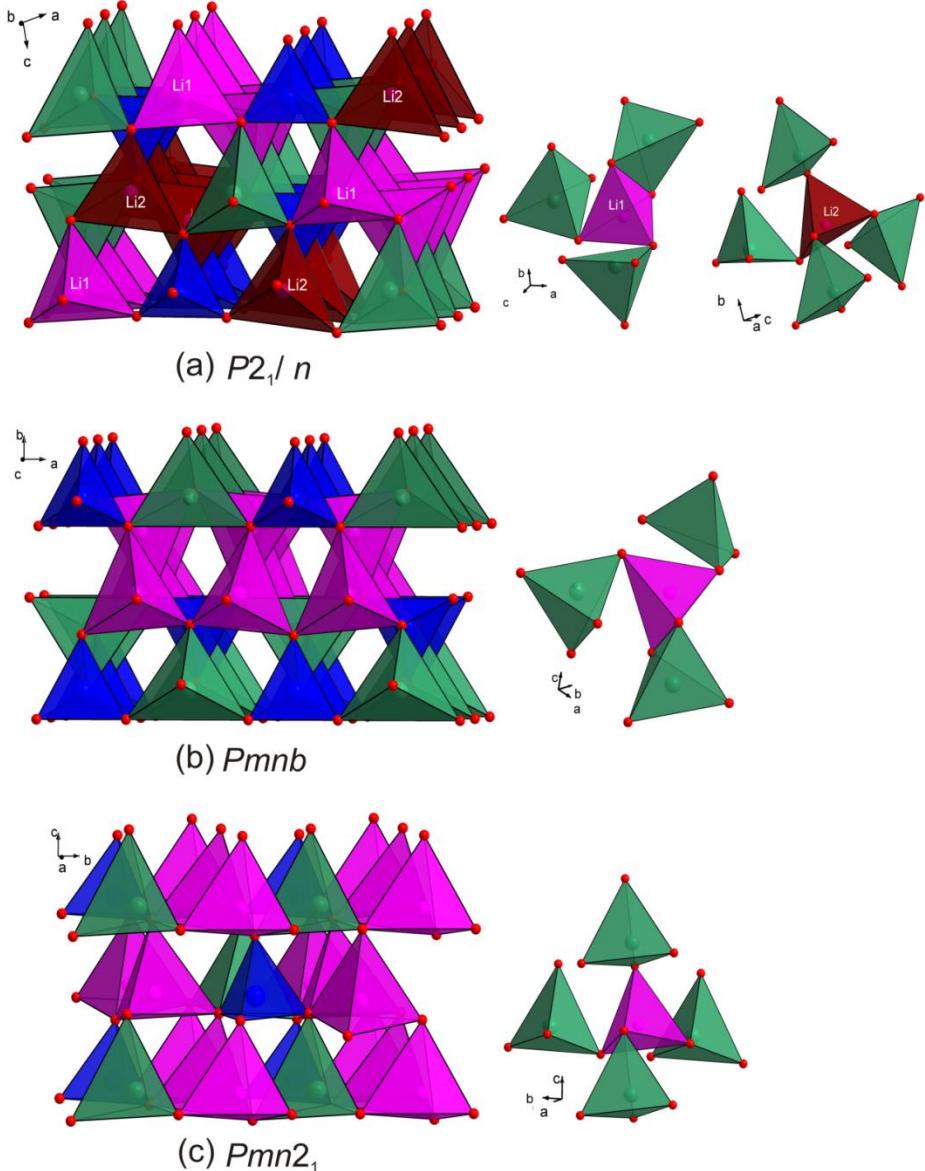
# LiCoPO<sub>4</sub> : *in situ* XAS on Co K edge



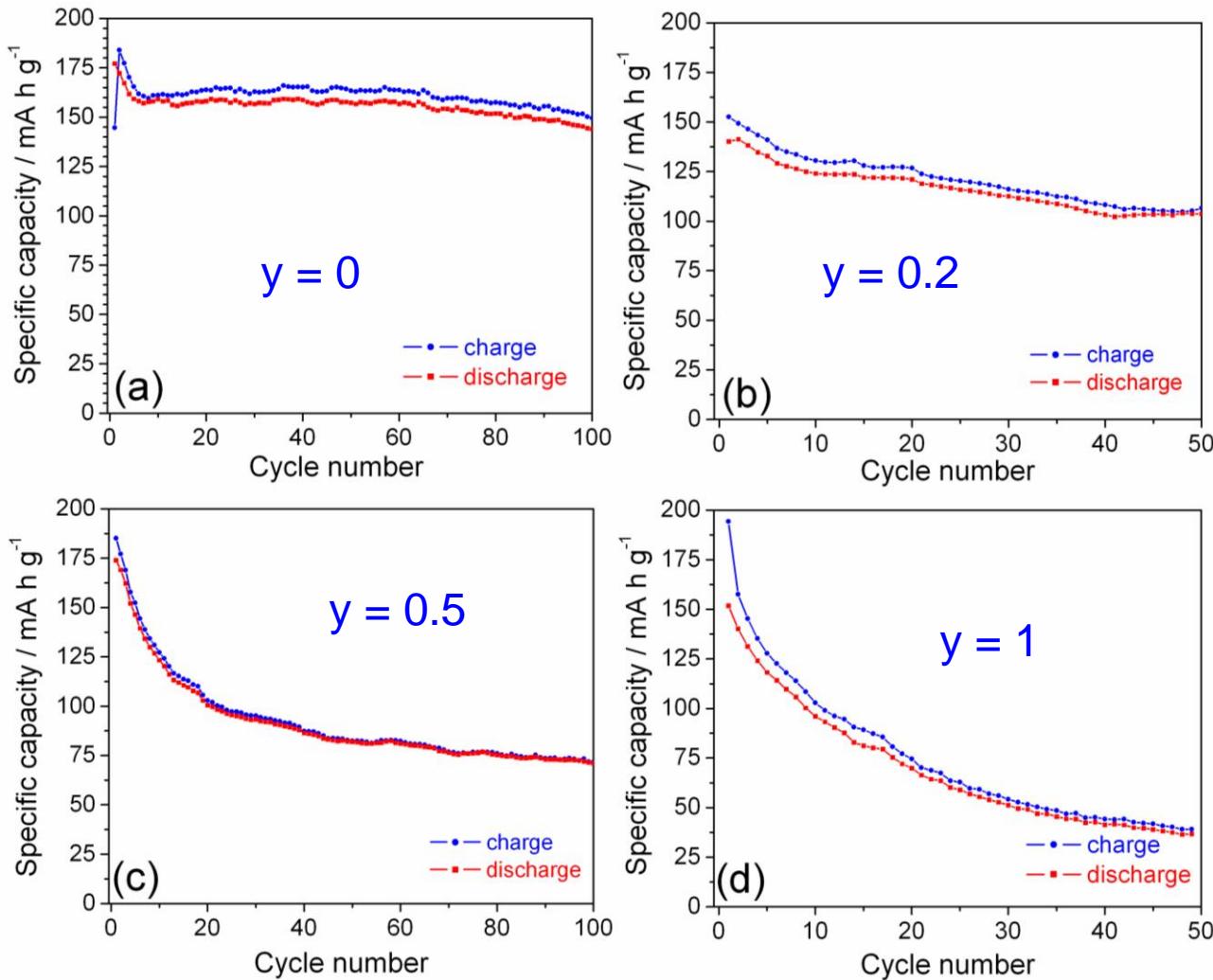
highly reversible oxidation/reduction of Co<sup>2+/3+</sup>

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

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



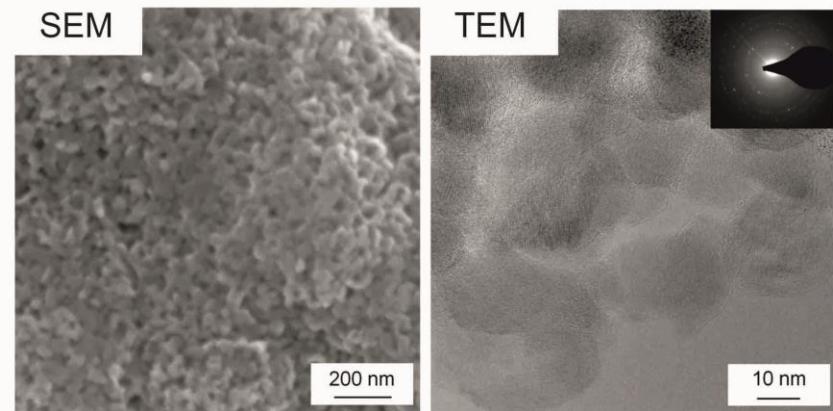
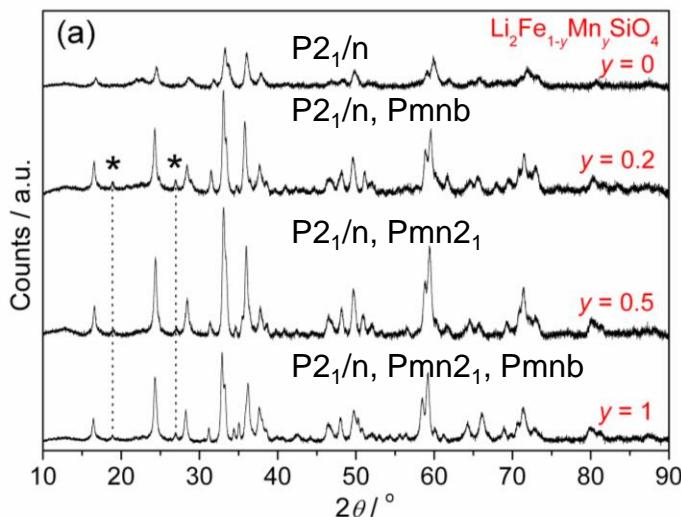
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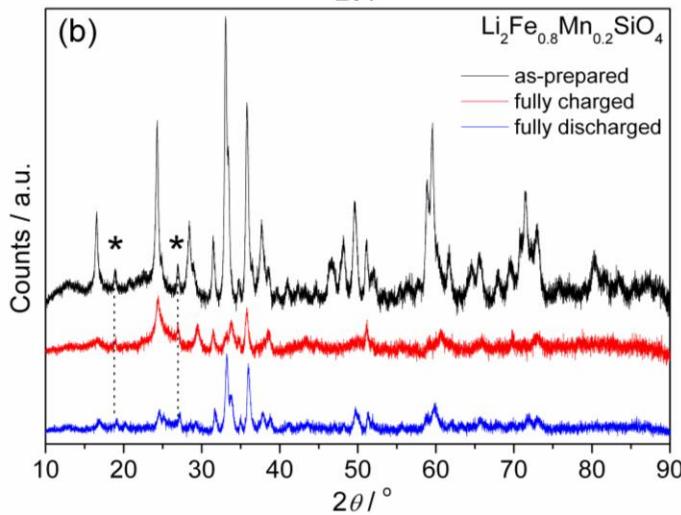
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$y = 0.2$

XRD

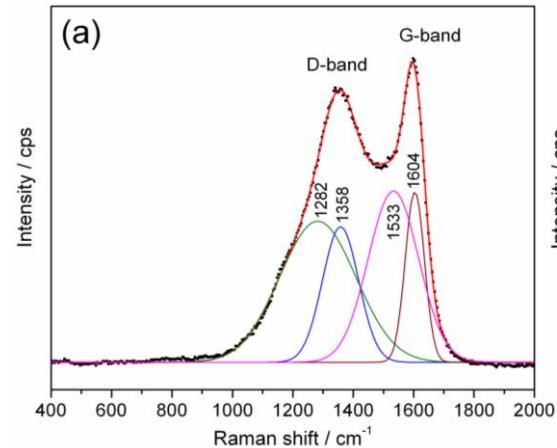


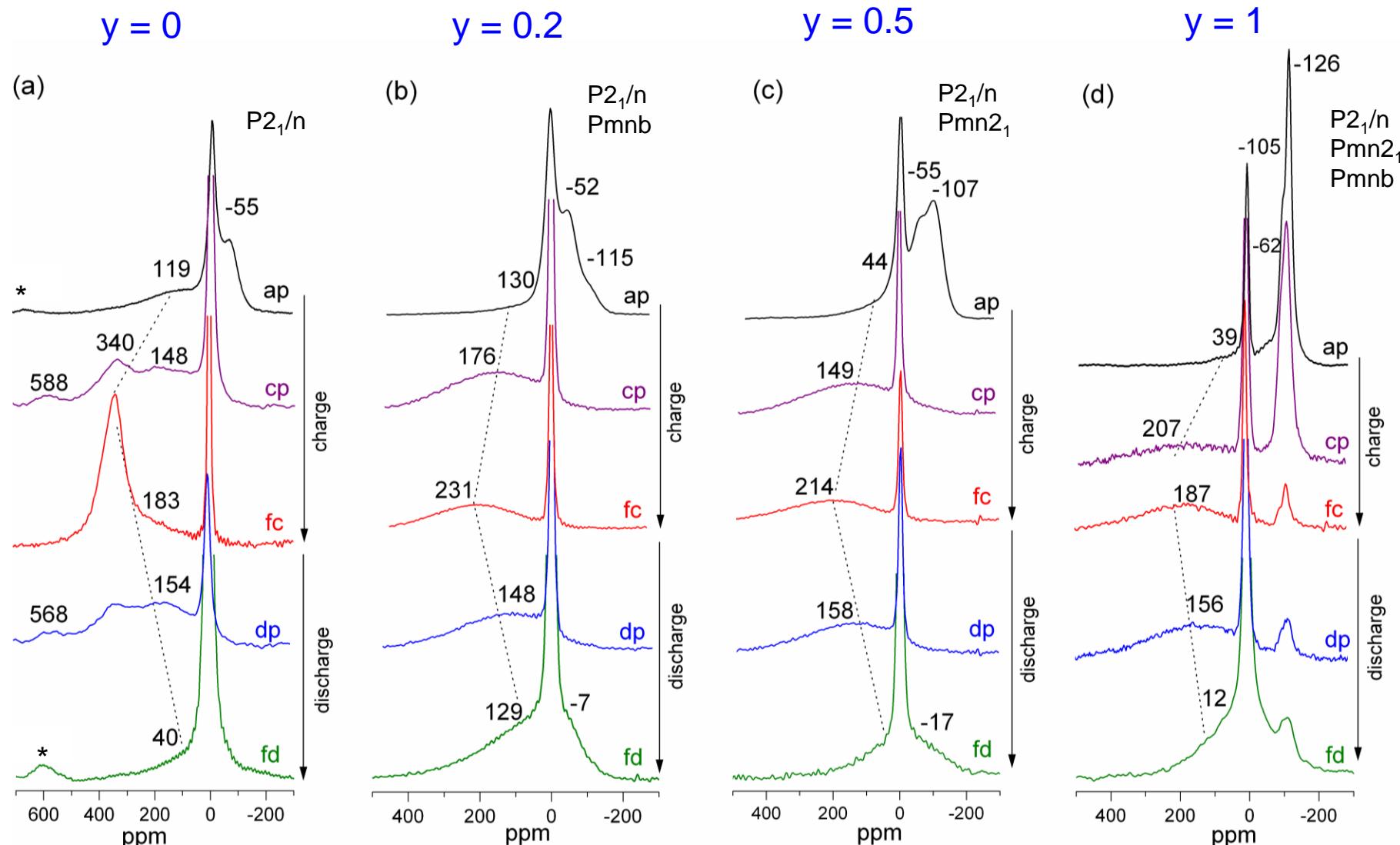
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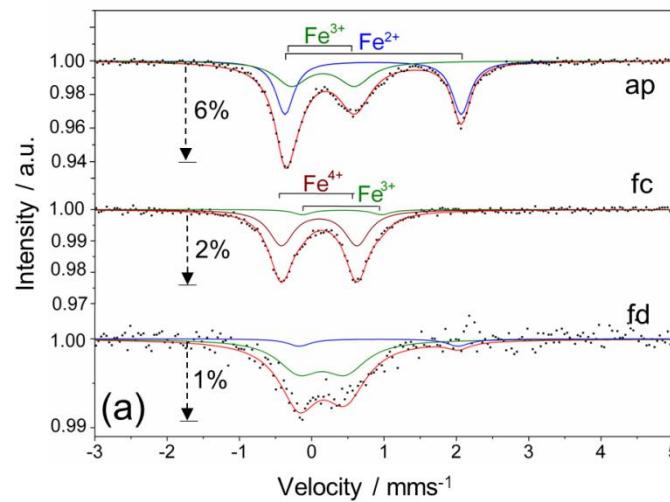
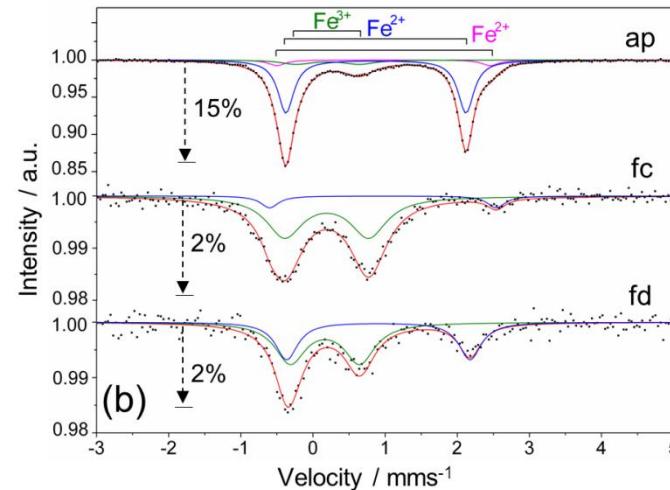


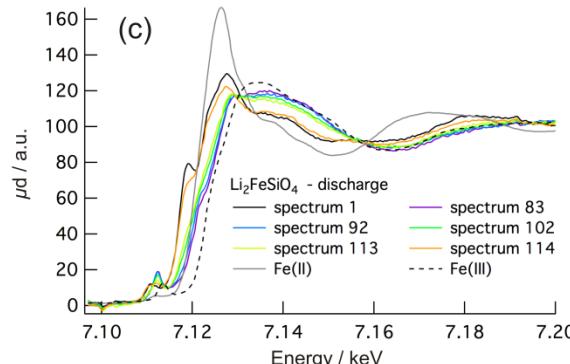
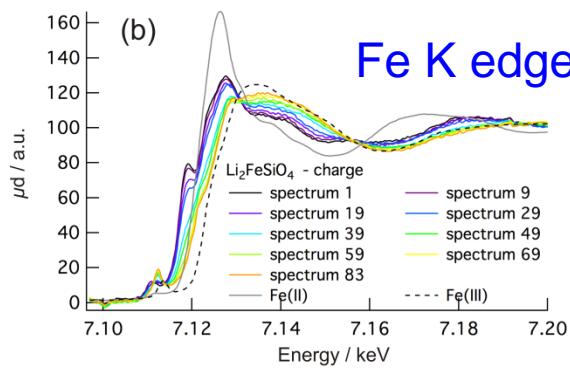
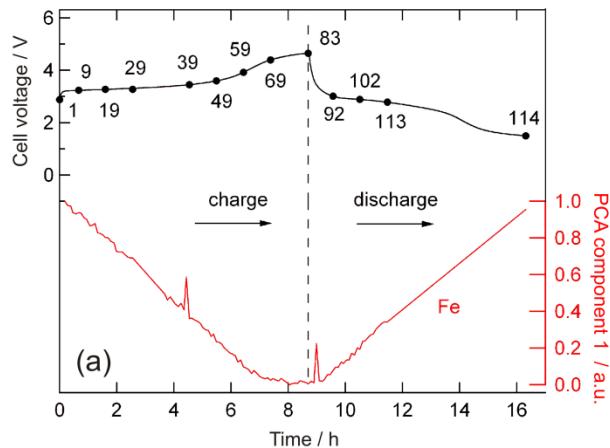
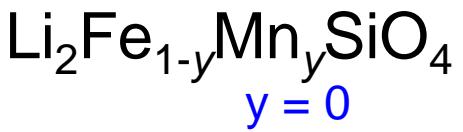
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$y = 0$



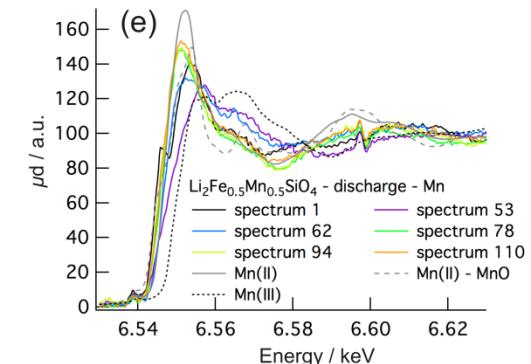
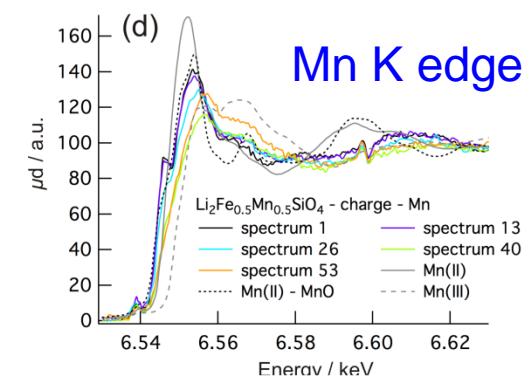
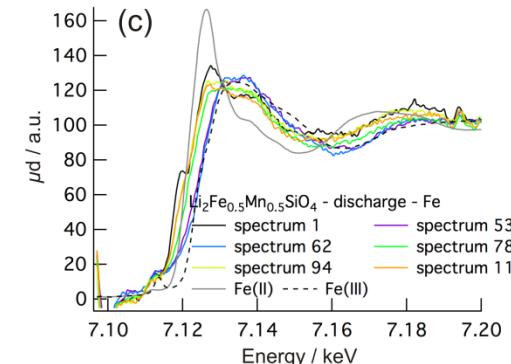
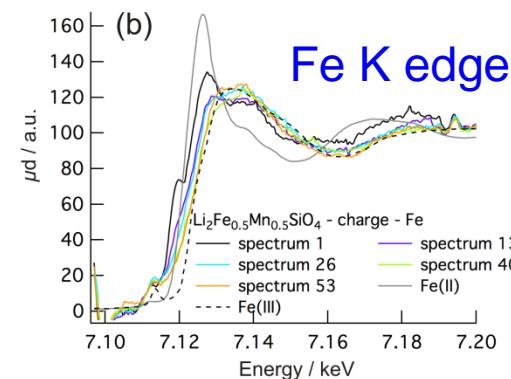
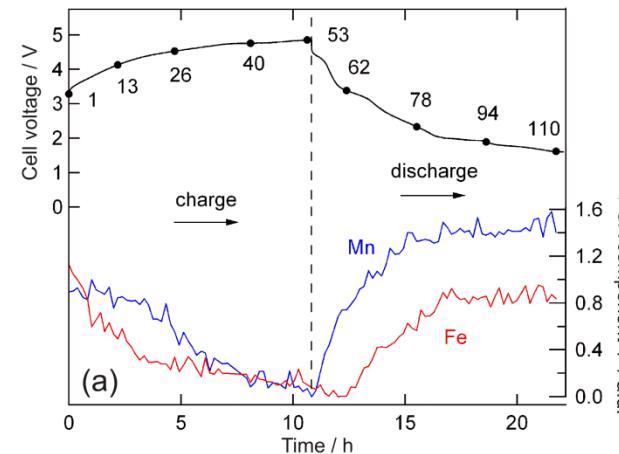


$\text{Fe}^{2+} \leftrightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$  $y = 0$  $y = 0.2$ 



*in situ* XAS

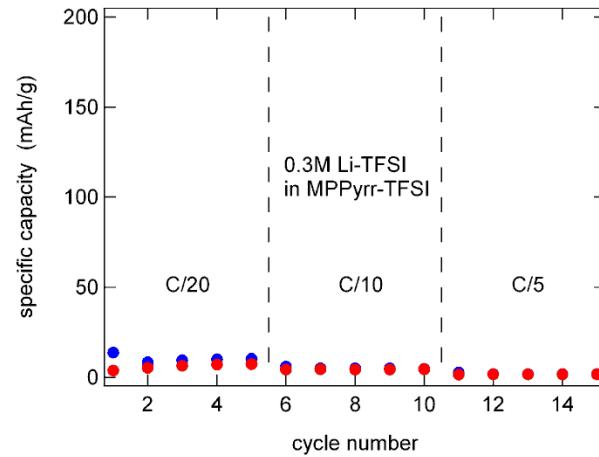
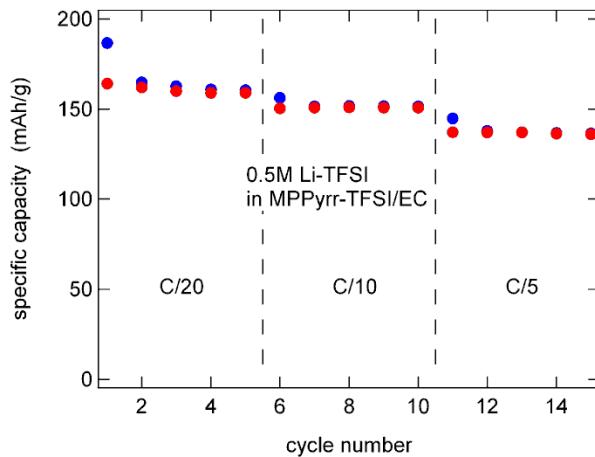
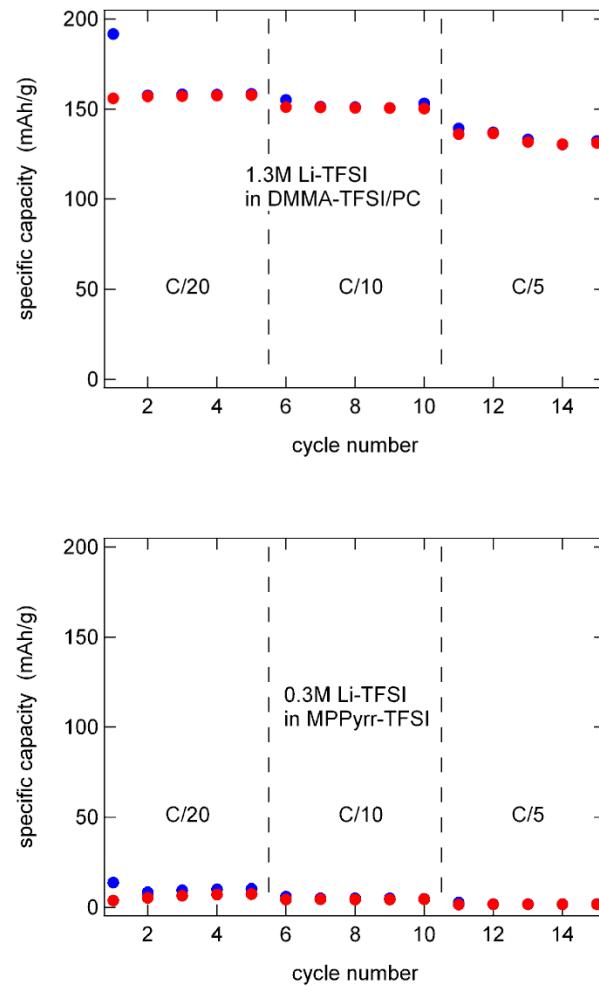
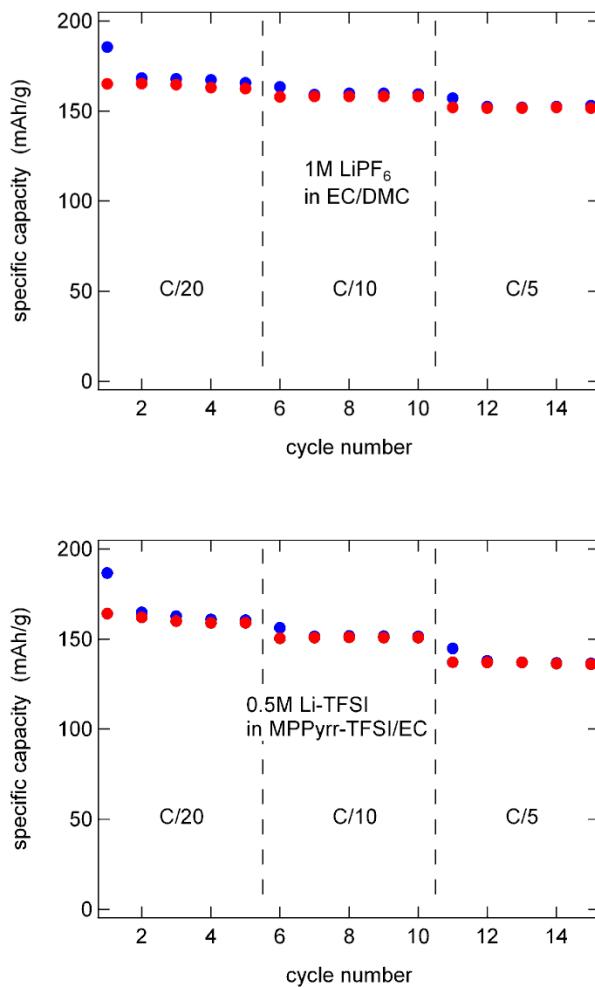
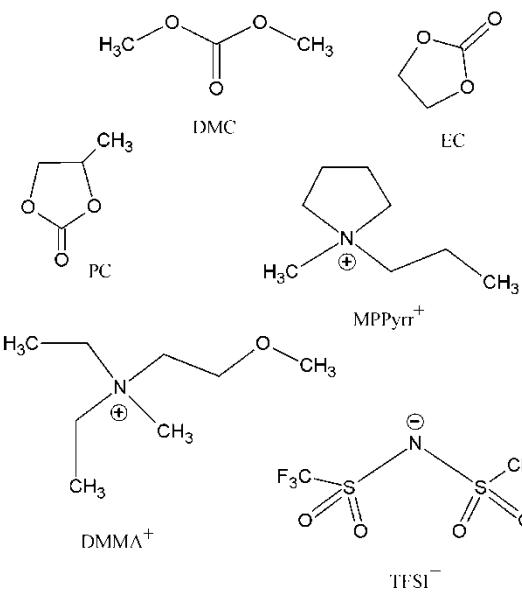
$y = 0.5$



# Ionic liquids as electrolytes

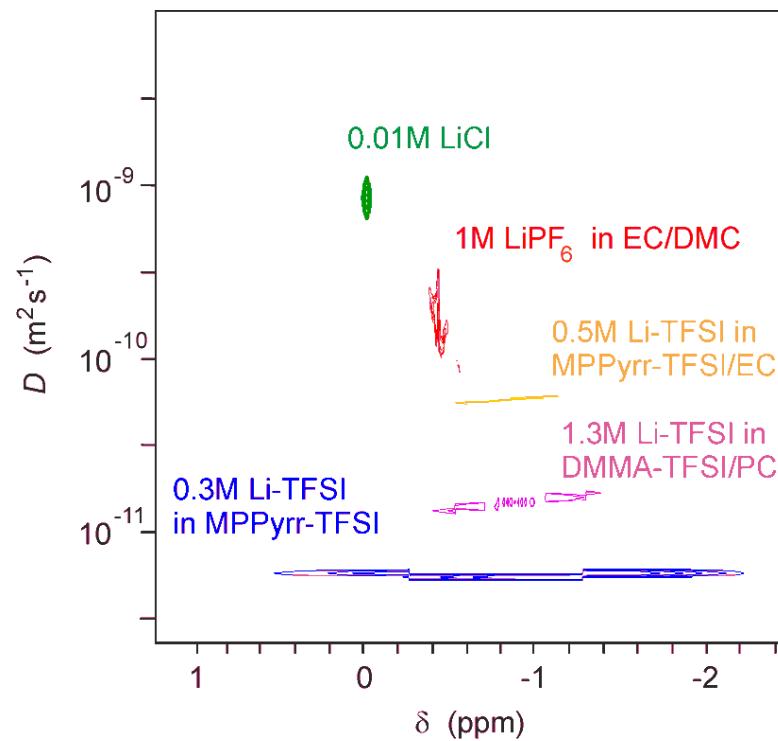
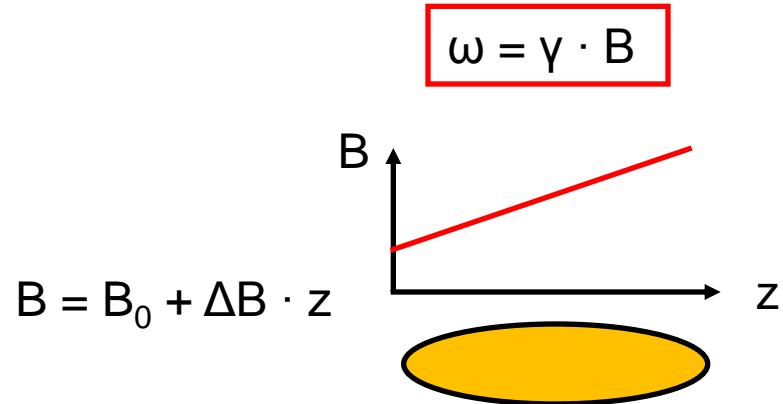
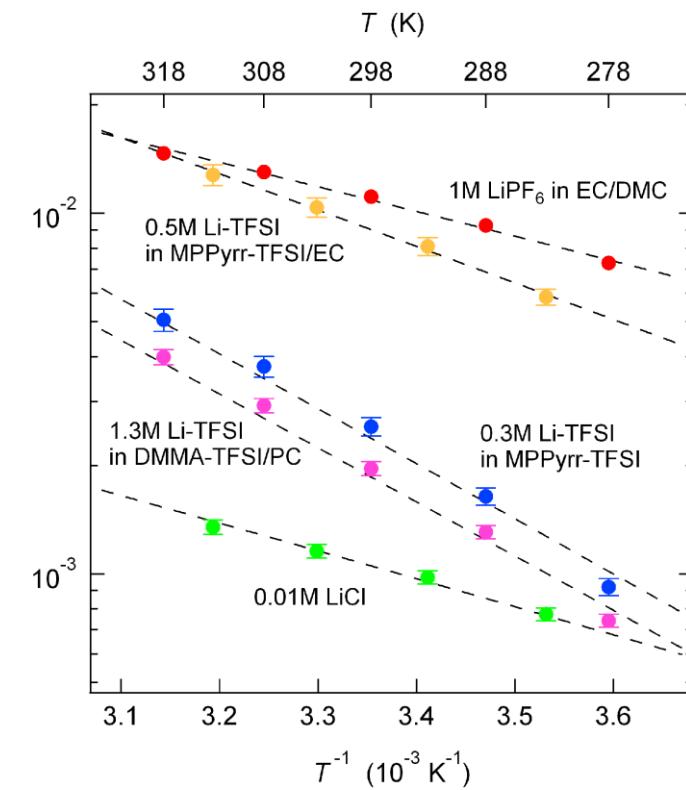
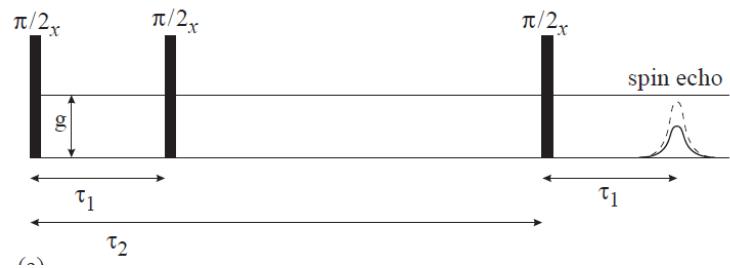
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# cycling with NMC + Li



# Electrolytes: Diffusion coefficients → Field Gradient NMR

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# Conclusions

- observation of reaction mechanisms at components and interfaces during Li insertion/removal
- measurement of Li ion mobility:  $\tau^{-1}$ ,  $E_A$ ,  $D$
- understanding function and degradation of materials/cells

$\text{LiCoPO}_4$  :

- reversible phase transformation with intermediate phase  $\text{LiCoPO}_4 \leftrightarrow \text{Li}_{2/3}\text{CoPO}_4 \leftrightarrow \text{CoPO}_4$
- two-step mechanism, both steps: two-phase reaction
- highly reversible oxidation/reduction  $\text{Co}^{2+} \leftrightarrow \text{Co}^{3+}$

$\text{Li}_2(\text{Fe/Mn})\text{SiO}_4$  :

- Fe: single polymorph, Fe/Mn: mixture of polymorphs
- highly reversible oxidation/reduction  $\text{Fe}^{2+} \leftrightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$   
 $\text{Mn}^{2+} \leftrightarrow \text{Mn}^{3+}$
- high degree of structural disorder after cycling

# Outlook

- Li-Ion Batteries, SOFC, PEM, ...
- Method Development:
  - high temperature
  - tomography
  - electrophoretic NMR

NMR center: structure/dynamics/methods

Theory/Modelling: Ion dynamics  
electronic structures  
spin density

MEET: electrodes/electrolytes for Li-ion batteries

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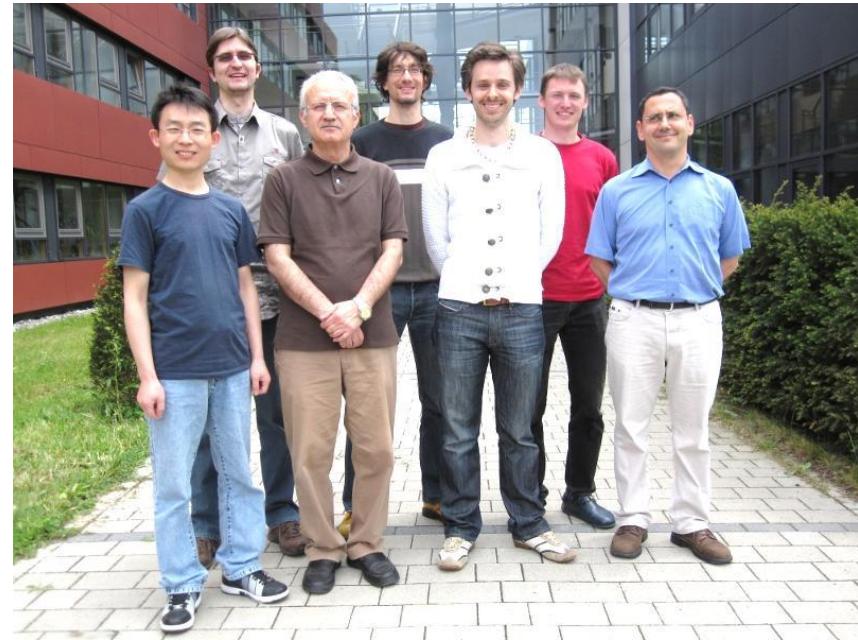
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