

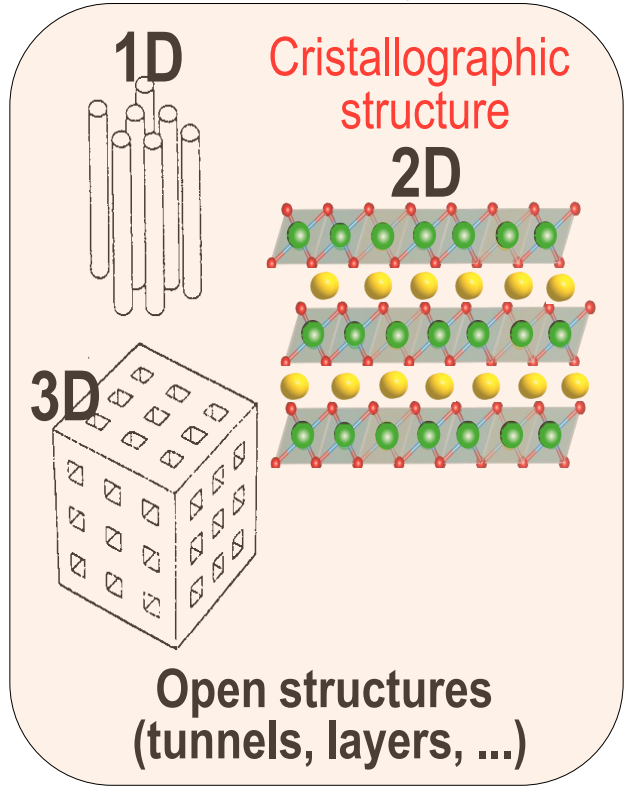
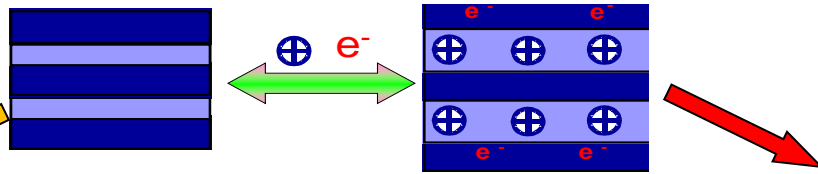
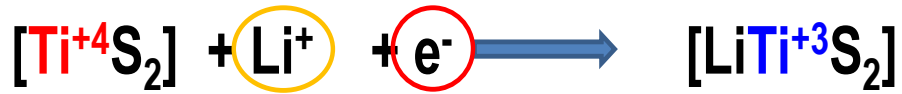
The anionic redox activity: From fundamental understanding to practical challenges

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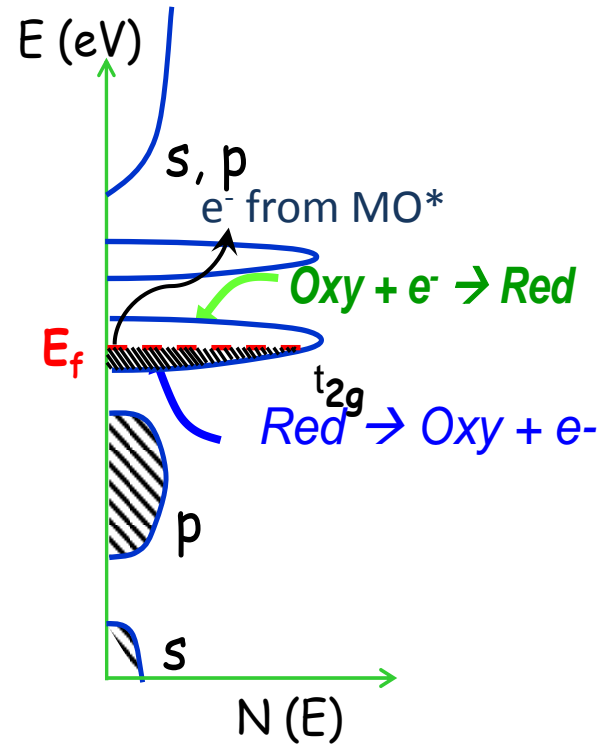
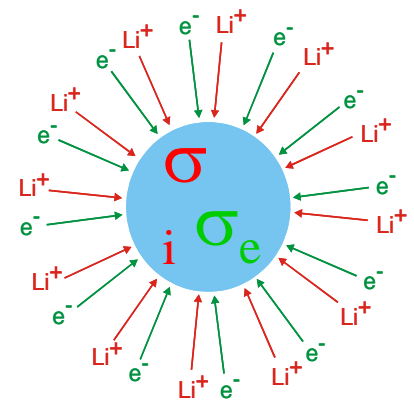


- **General remarks on insertion compounds**
 - ▶ **Setting up the problem**
 - ▶ **Emergence of the anionic redox process**
- **The science underlying the anionic redox process**
- **Widening the spectrum of oxides showing anionic redox**
- **Practicality of Li-rich oxides: a mixed blessing**
- **Conclusions and perspectives**

The Chemistry and Physics of Insertion Reactions



Duality ions/electrons



➤ The crystallographic structure

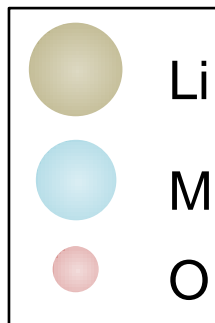
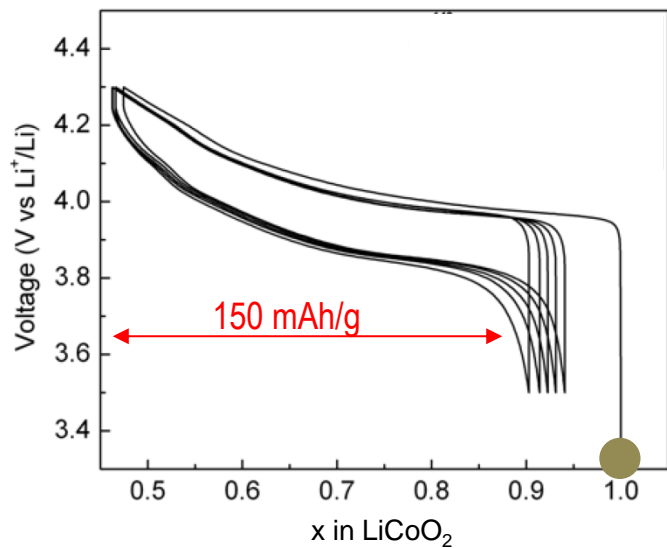
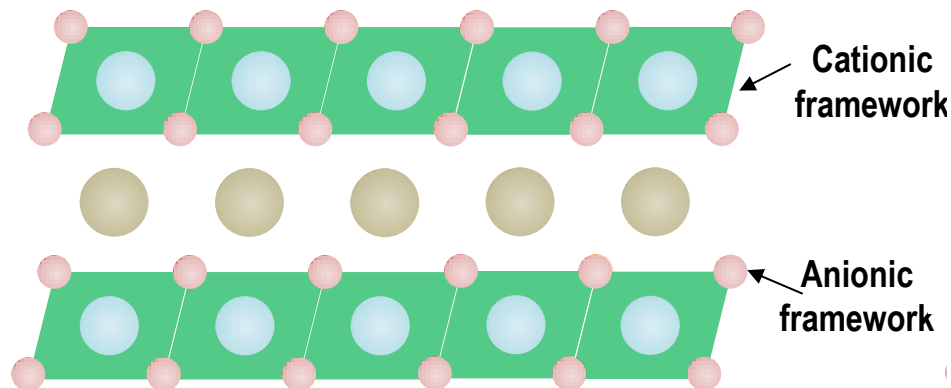
➤ The electronic band structure



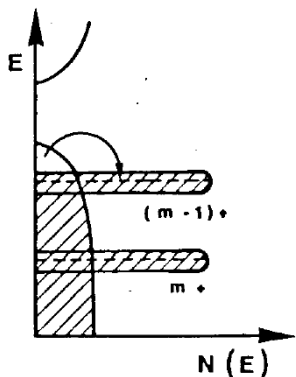
The anionic redox activity: a transformational change

LIB has relied on cationic redox reactions

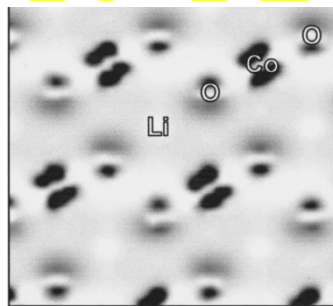
(2D Layered oxide)



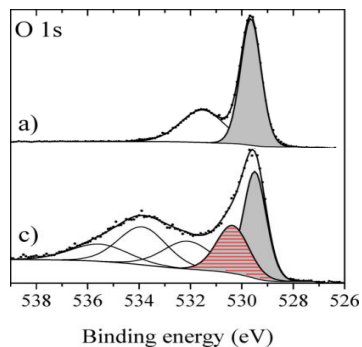
Anionic redox : It's emergence



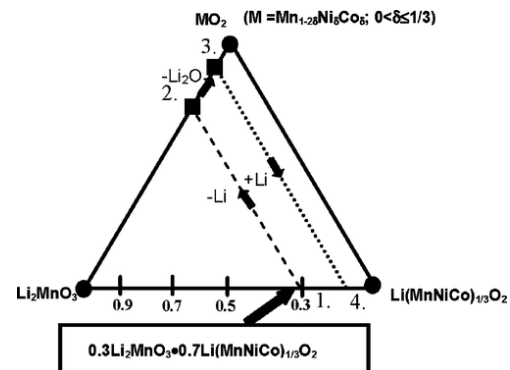
Ligand-orbital chemistry in chalcogenides
Rouxel (1991)



Oxygen activity in LiCoO2 proposed / theory confirmed it
Tarascon / Ceder (1999)



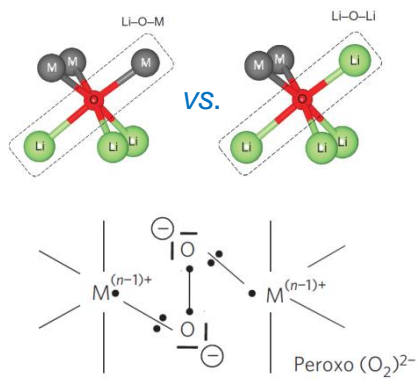
Oxygen activity in LiCoO2 - Experiments
Yoon / Dedryvère (2002-2008)



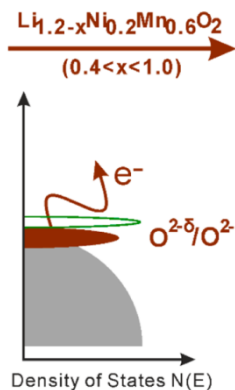
Synthesis of Li-rich Li2MnO3-based cathodes
Dahn / Thackrey (2002-2007)

The Emergence of Anionic Redox

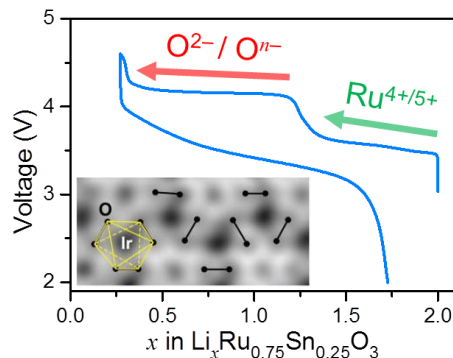
Oxygen redox in Li-rich cathodes – Theory
Ceder / Doublet (2016)



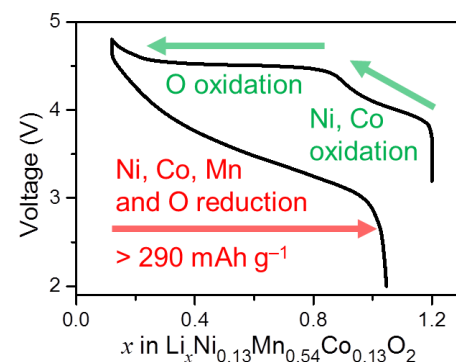
Oxygen redox in Li-rich NMC – Direct proofs
Bruce (2016)



Oxygen redox in Li2RuO3 and Li2IrO3 – Direct proofs
Tarascon (2013-2016)



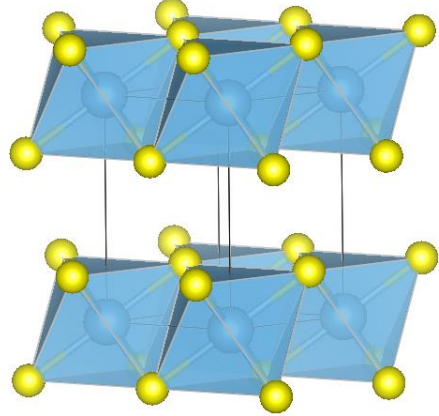
Suspecting oxygen redox in Li-rich NMC
Delmas (2012)



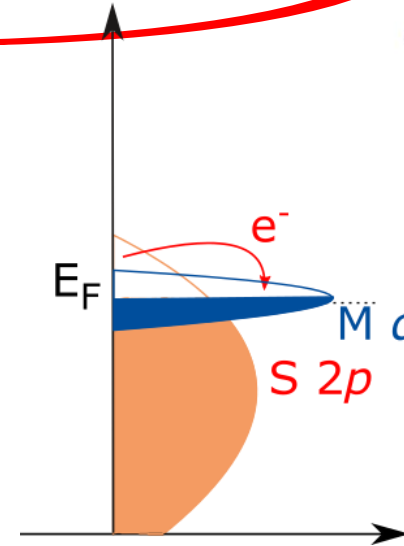
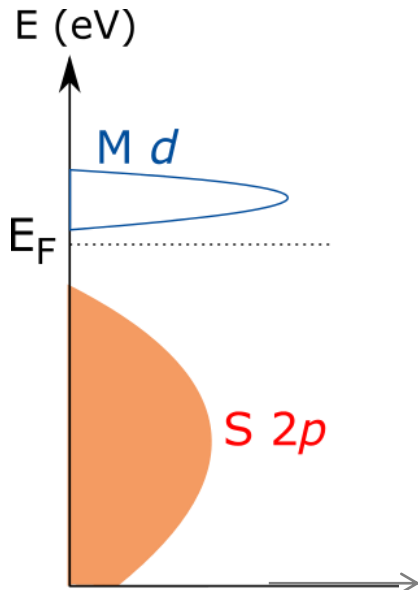
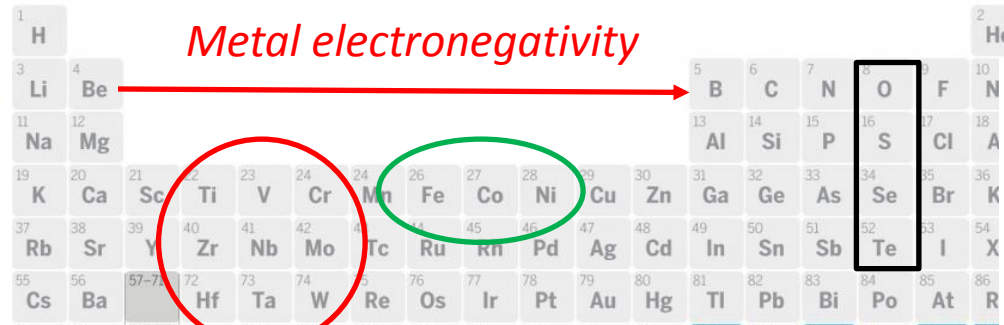
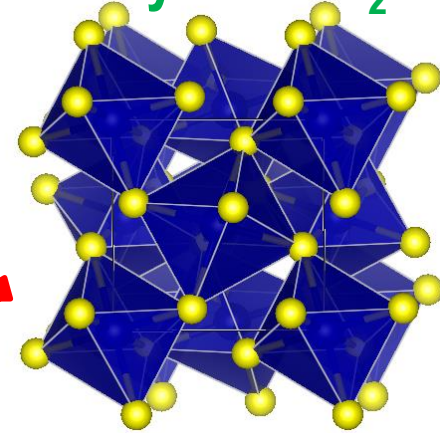


Anionic redox in chalcogenides: Rouxel's pioneering work in the 1990's

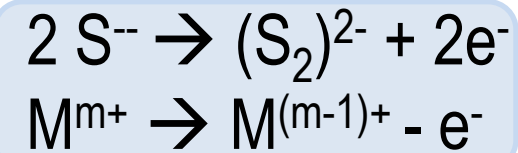
Layered TiS_2



Pyrite FeS_2



➤ Creation of ligand holes and S_2^{2-} pairs

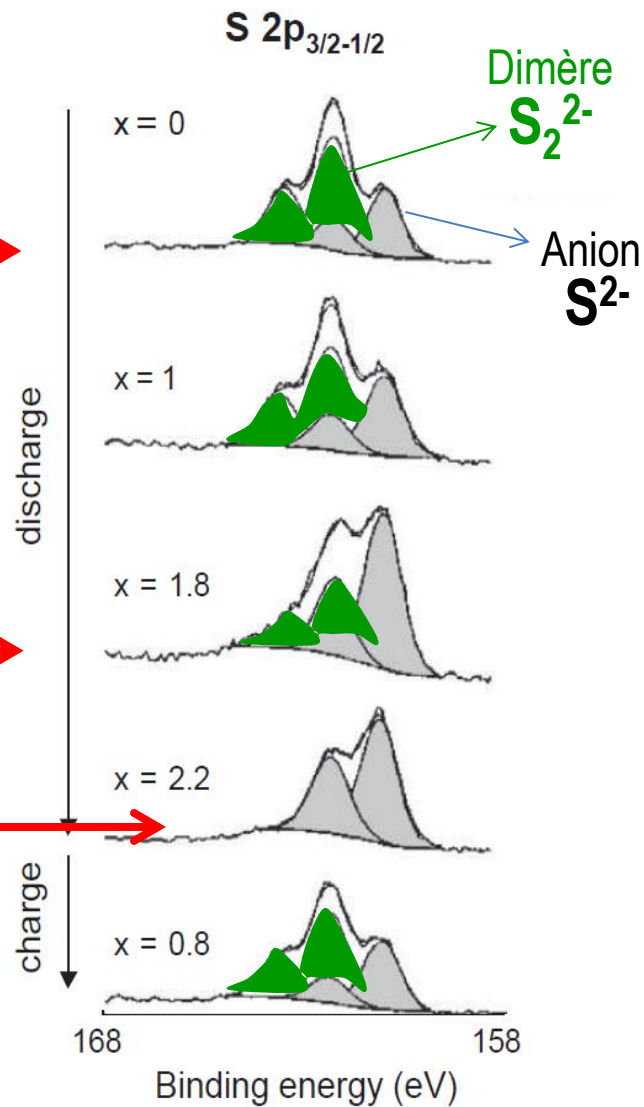
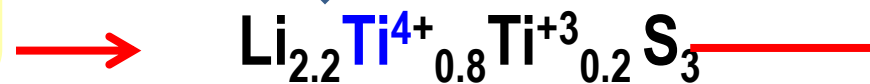
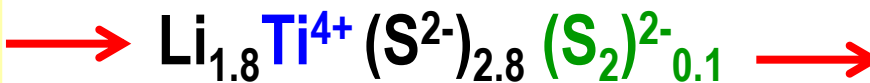
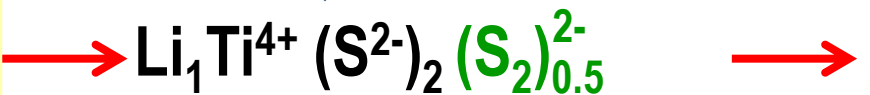




Experimental evidence of the S participation to the redox process by XPS



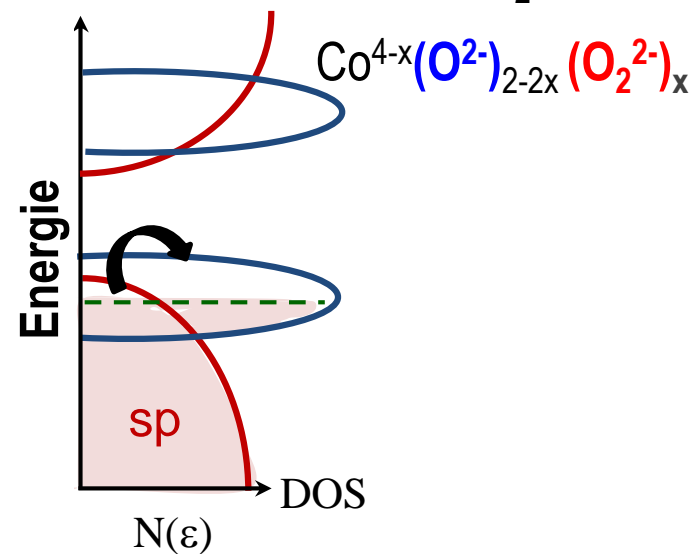
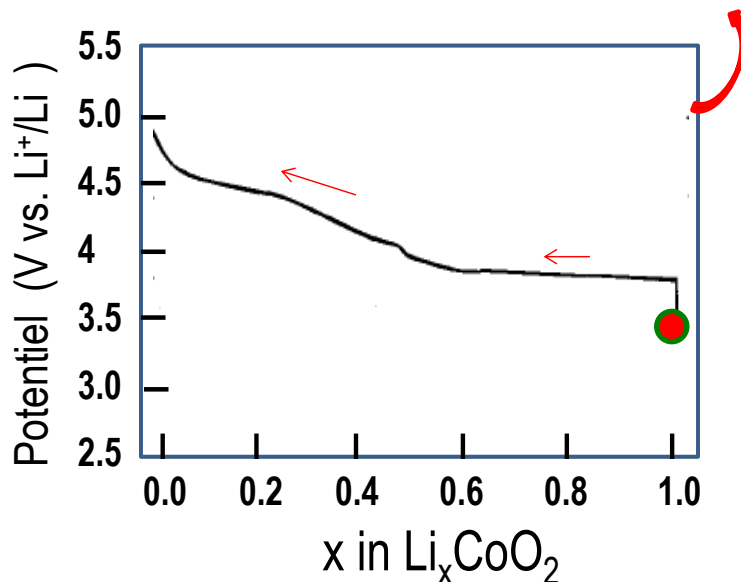
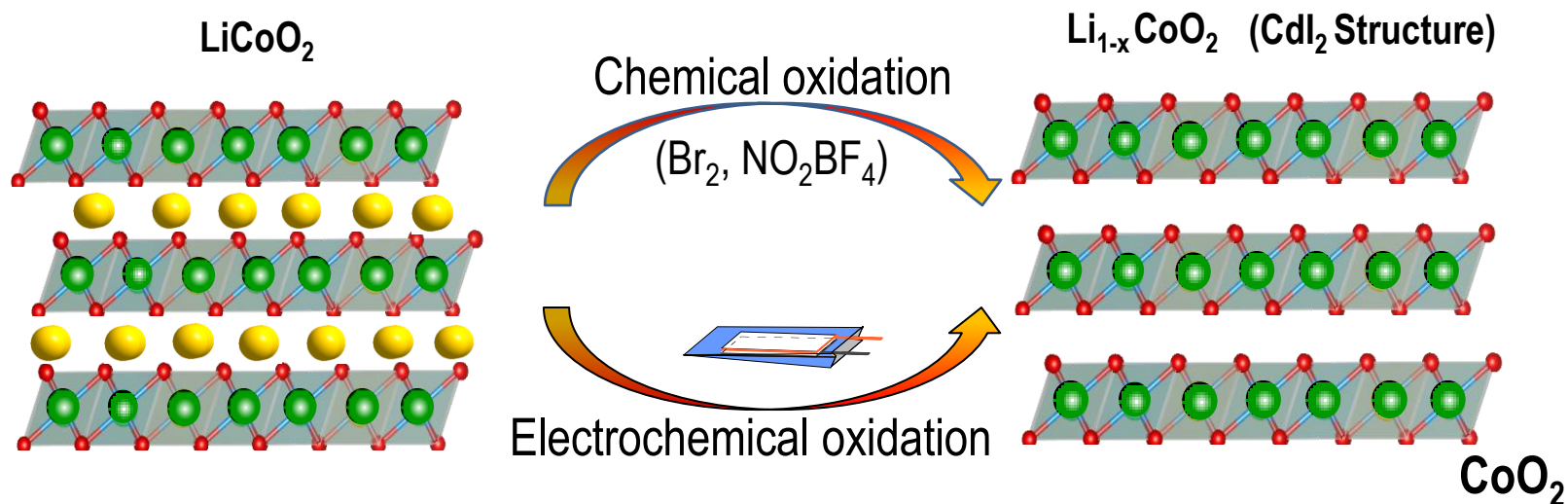
x = 0
x = 1
x = 1.8
x = 2.2





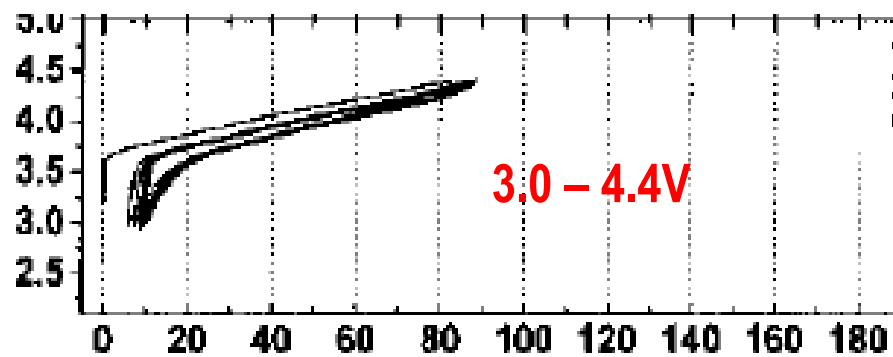
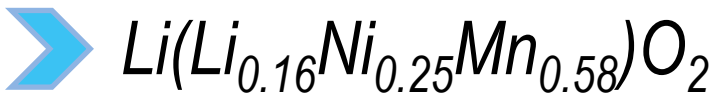
Existence of CoO_2 ? No longer a mystery

Chemical/electrochemical approaches

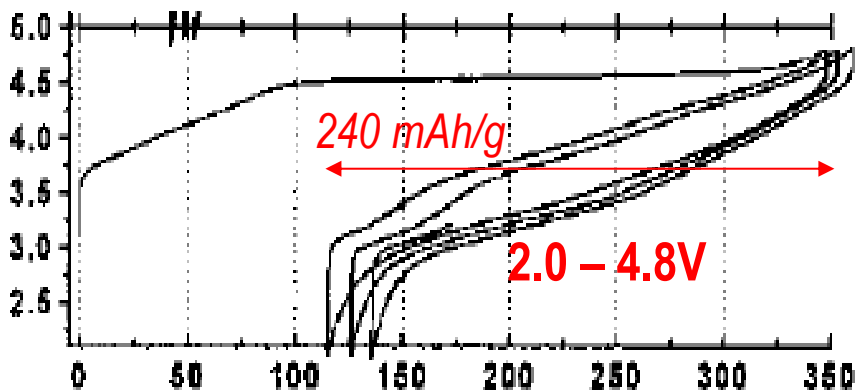




A few intriguing results which were overlooked

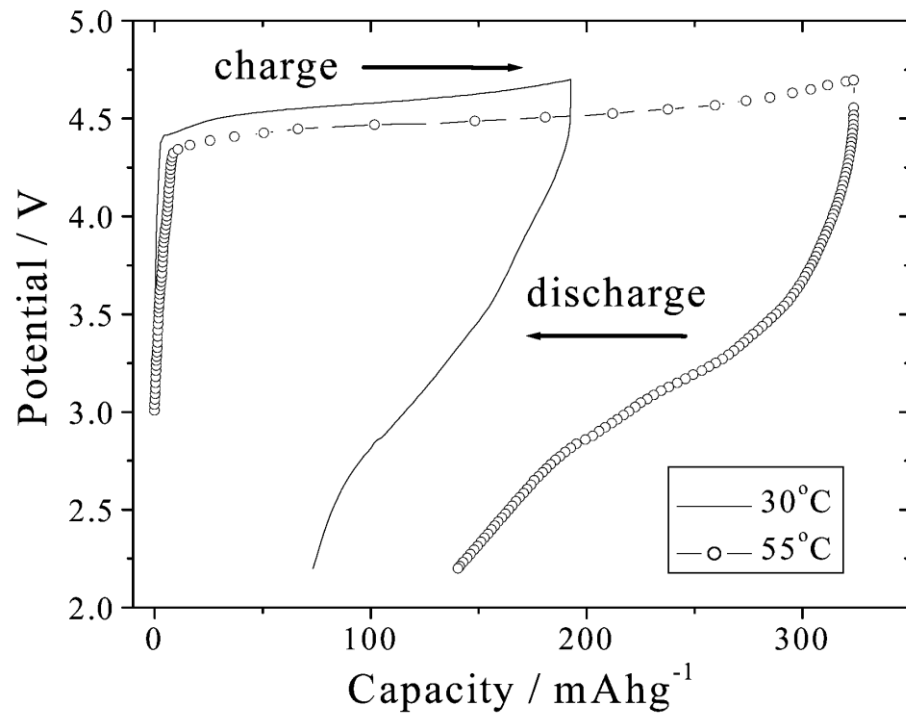


Capacity (mAh/g)



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▶ Extra-capacity triggers by oxygen deficiency

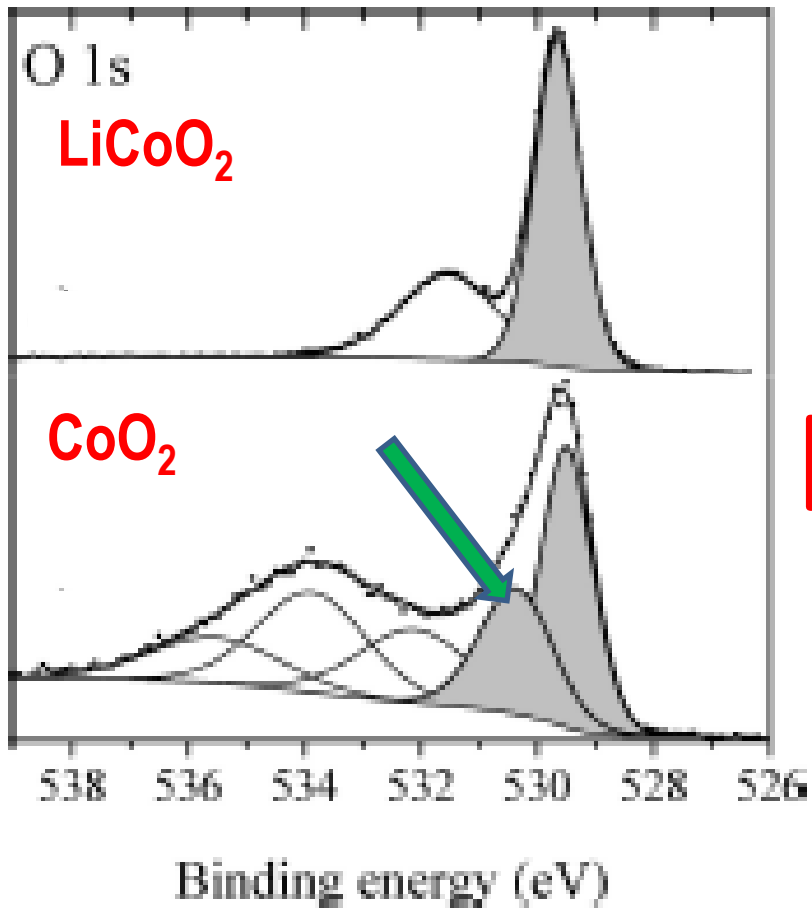


▶ Removal of O^{2-} plus exchange of Li^+ by H^+



Deintercalation from LiCoO_2 to CoO_2 investigated by XPS

➤ O 1s core peaks in delithiated Li_xCoO_2 compounds

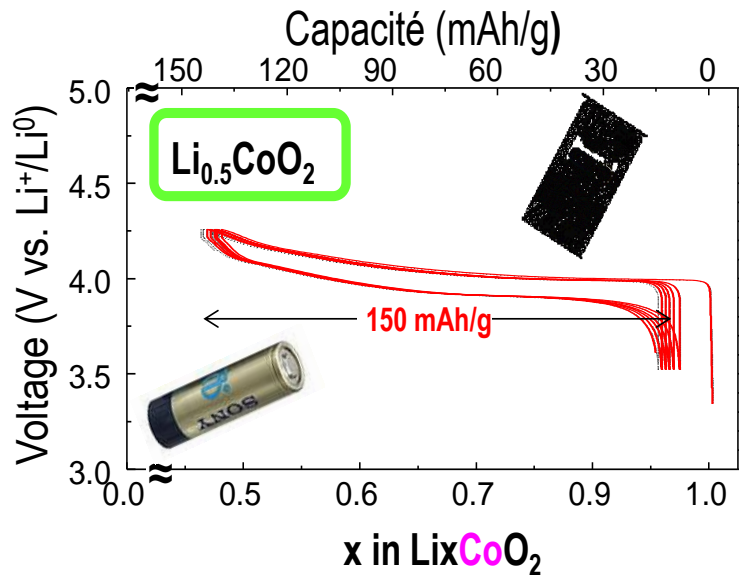


CoO_2 lattice O 1s signal. This peak broadening toward the higher binding energies with respect to LiCoO_2 , represented here by a second peak at 530.3 eV, can be interpreted by a partial oxidation process of O^{2-} ions from LiCoO_2 to CoO_2 . This study confirms the hypothesis that both cobalt and oxygen undergo oxidation-type changes in their electronic structure when lithium ions are deintercalated from LiCoO_2 .

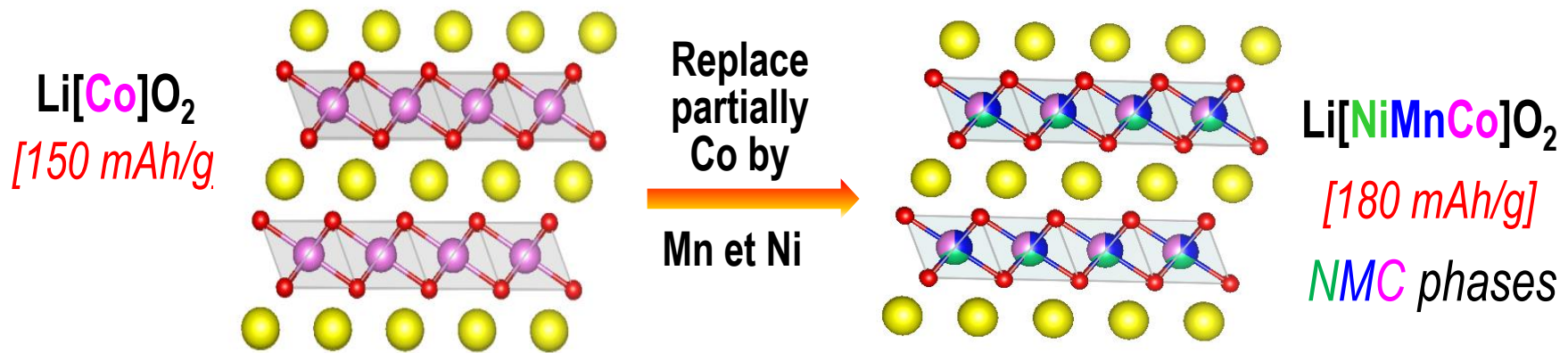


The Li_xCO_2 system and its evolution

➤ LiCoO_2 has been the “stellar” material for numerous years

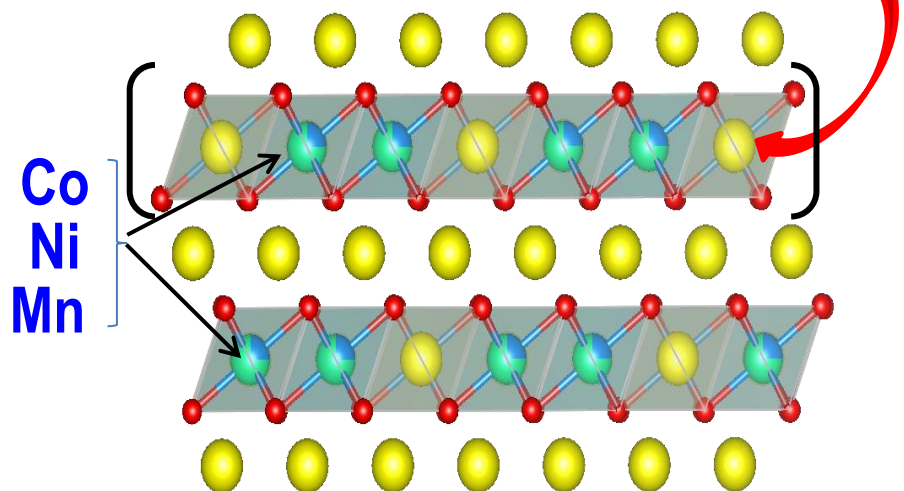


➤ Improvements via chemical substitutions:





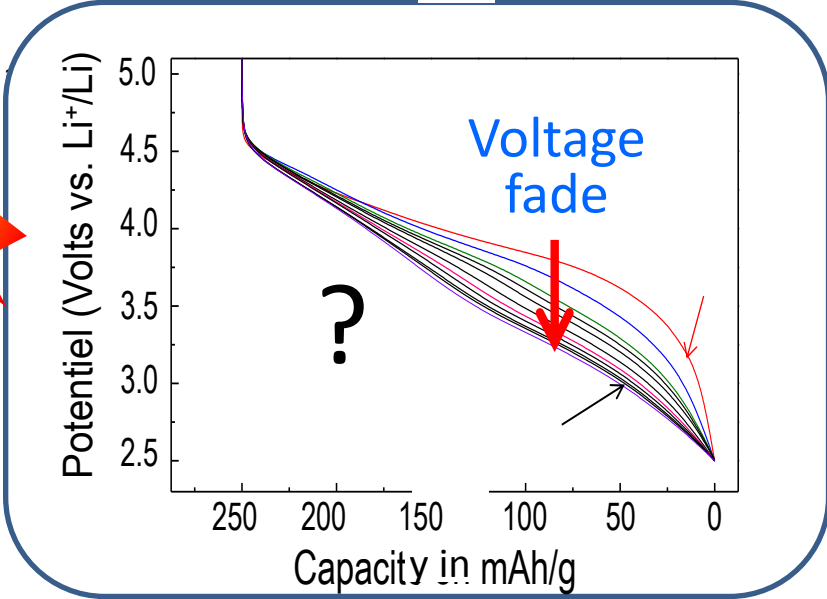
New Li-rich high-capacity layered oxides



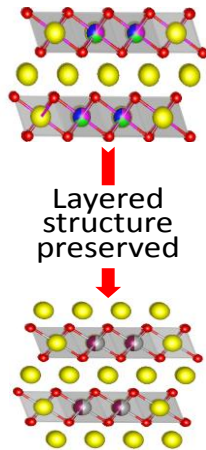
Co
Ni
Mn

Solid Solution
 $\text{Li}_1[\text{Li}_{0.2}\text{Ni}_{0.15}\text{Mn}_{0.48}\text{Co}_{0.17}]\text{O}_2$
 (Dahn:3M)
Composites
 $(1-z) [\text{Li}_{1/3}\text{Mn}_{1/3}]\text{O}_2 -$
 $(z)\text{Li}[\text{Mn}_{0.5-y}\text{Ni}_{0.5-y}\text{Co}_{2y}]\text{O}_2$

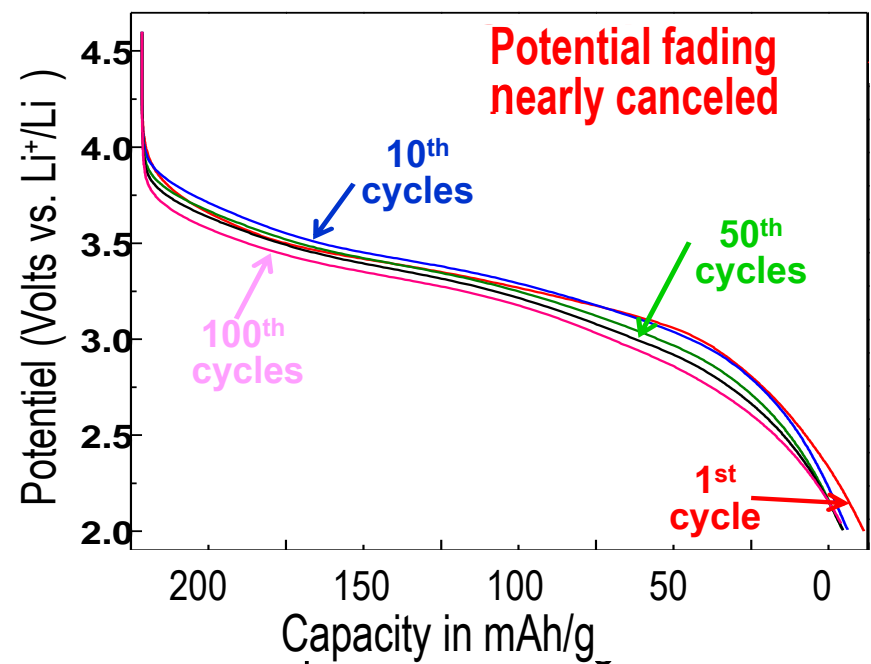
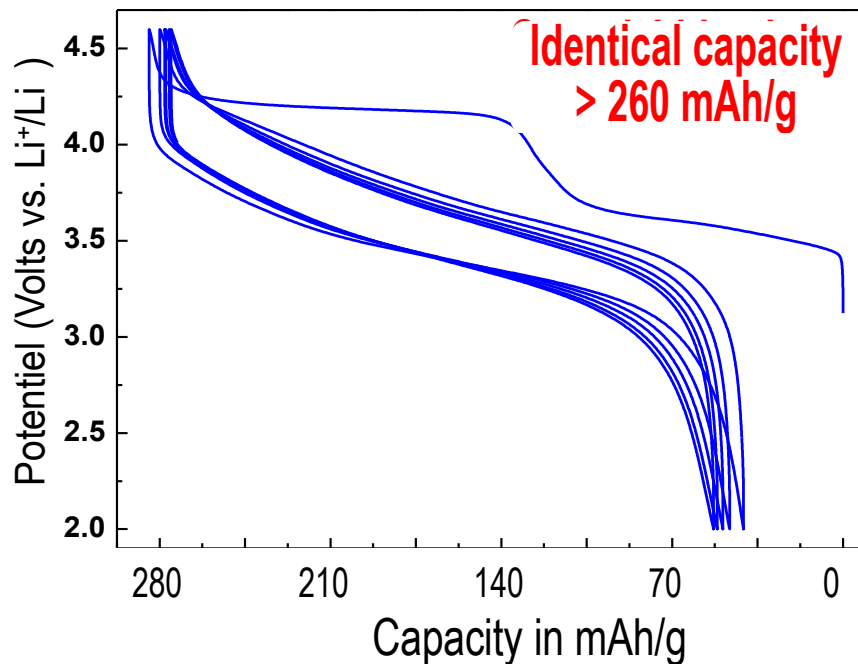
Double fundamental problem
 → Origin of capacity
 → Origin of drop in voltage



How to simplify this problem ??? a new chemical approach ..

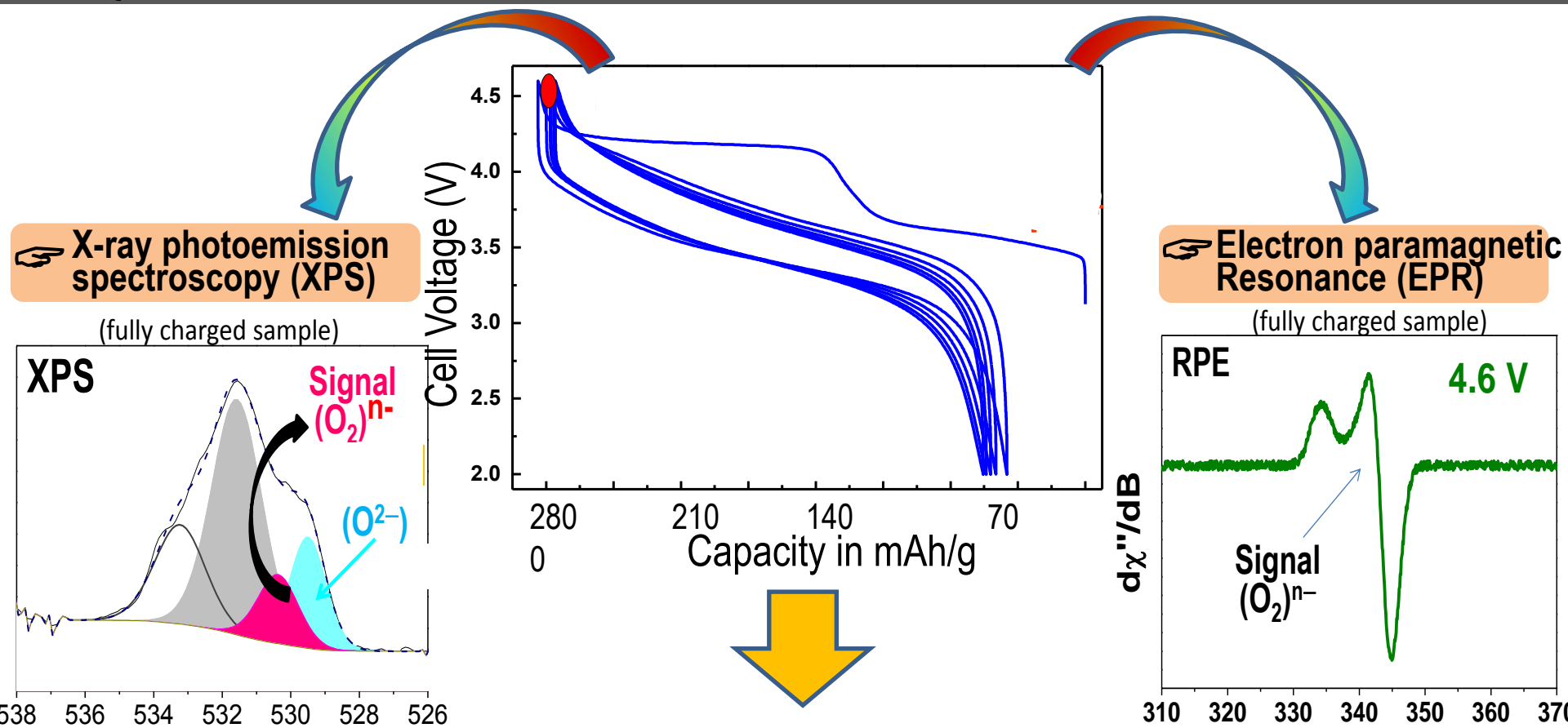


Li	Be														B	C	N
Na	Mg														Al	Si	P
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As			3 rd période
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb			4 th période



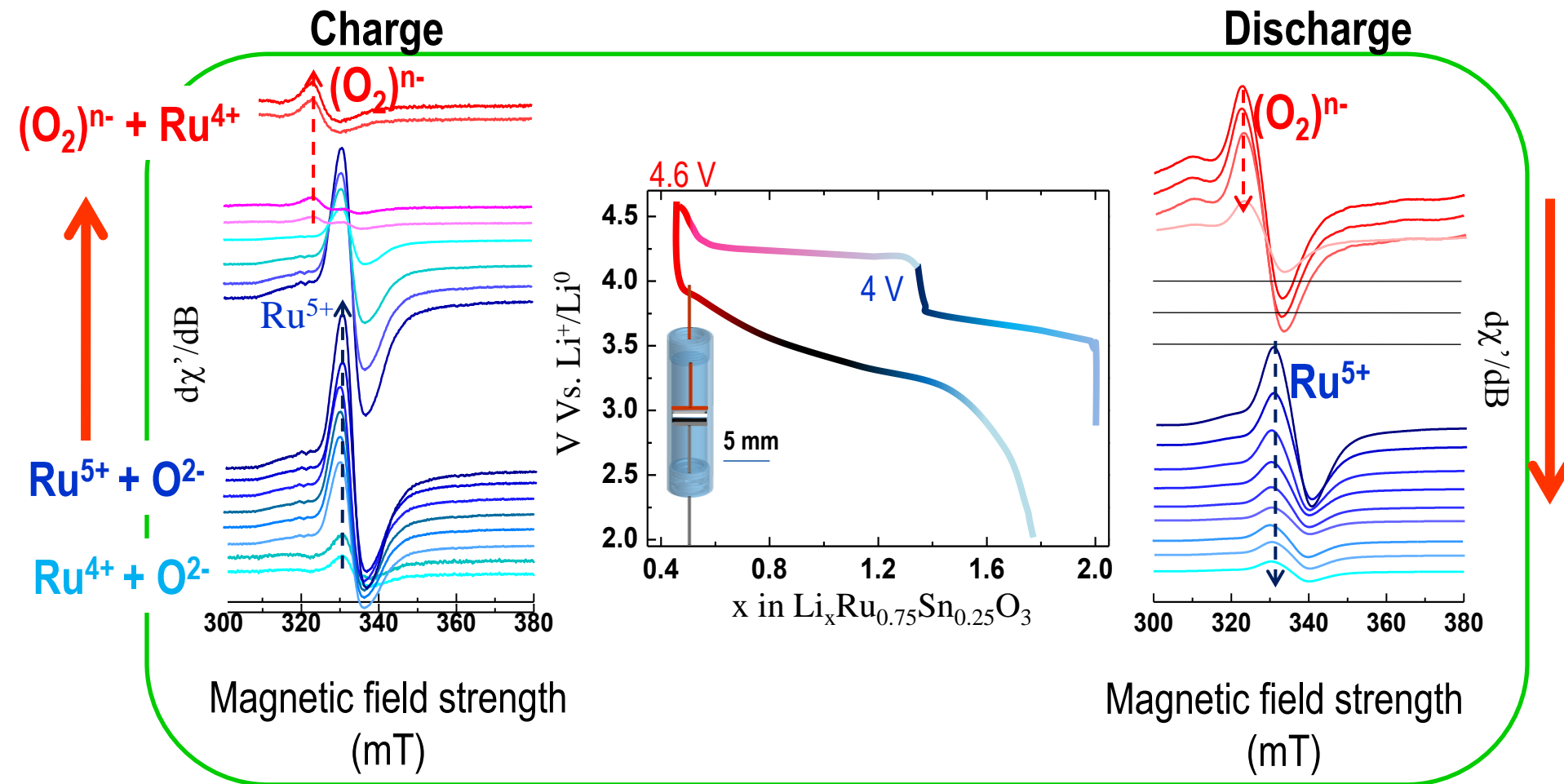


Origin of the redox activity in $\text{Li}_2\text{Ru}_{0.75}\text{Sn}_{0.25}\text{O}_3$



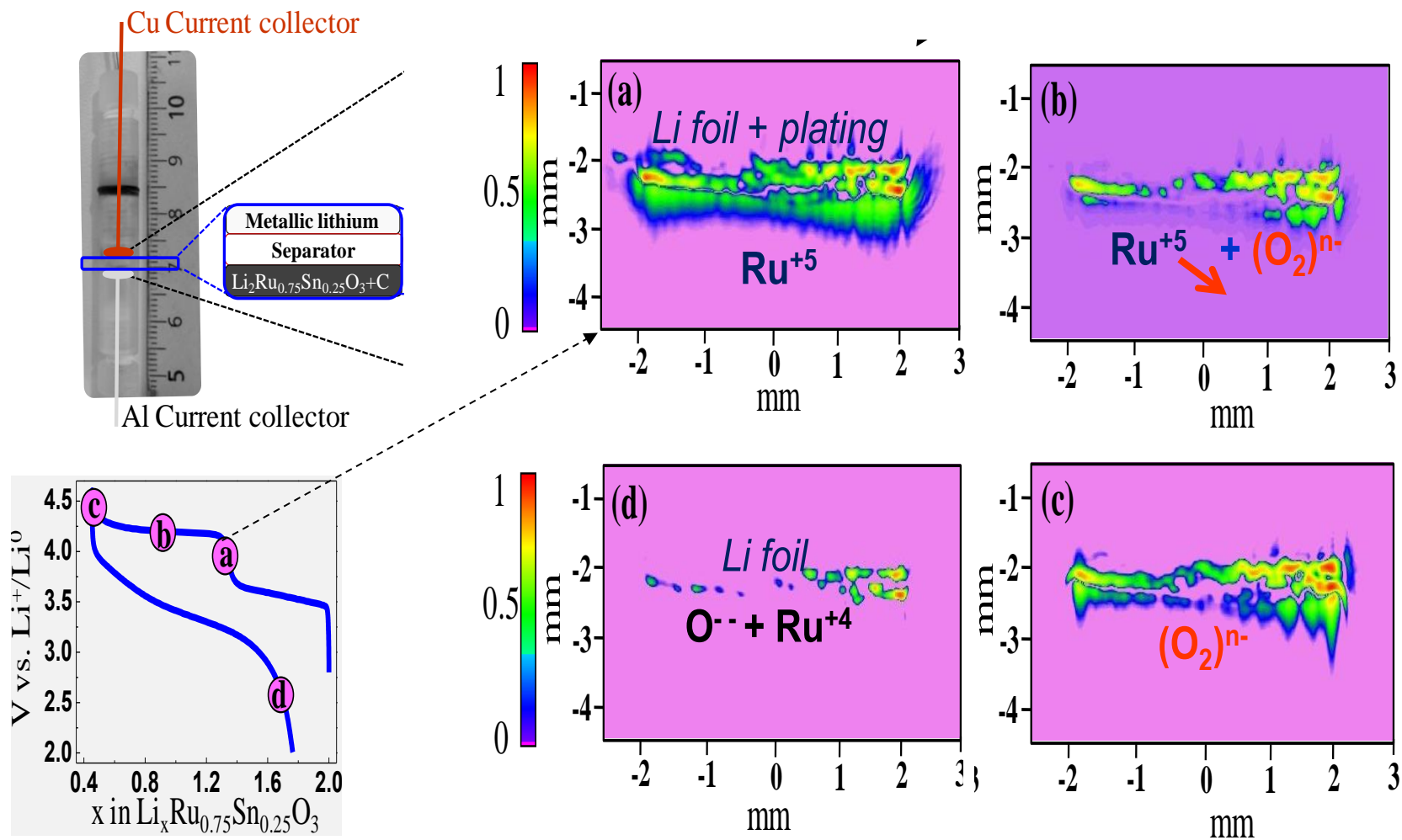
First direct evidence for an anionic redox process $(\text{O}^{2-} \leftrightarrow (\text{O}_2)^{n-})$ in Li-rich lamellar compounds

Monitoring redox processes in $\text{Li}_2\text{Ru}_{0.75}\text{Sn}_{0.25}\text{O}_2$ by operando Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR)



The exacerbated capacity of Li-rich layered materials is nested in the cumulative cationic $\text{Ru}^{4+/5+}$ and anionic $(\text{O}^{2-} \leftrightarrow (\text{O}_2)^{n-})$ redox species.

Localisation of the cationic/anionic redox species by insitu EPR Imaging: A first



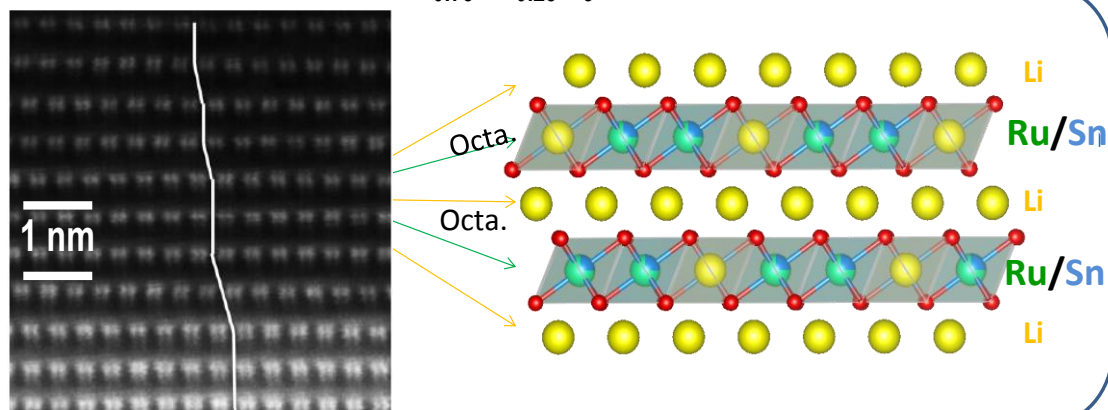
EPR imaging: Key tool for monitoring electrode homogeneity and kinetics



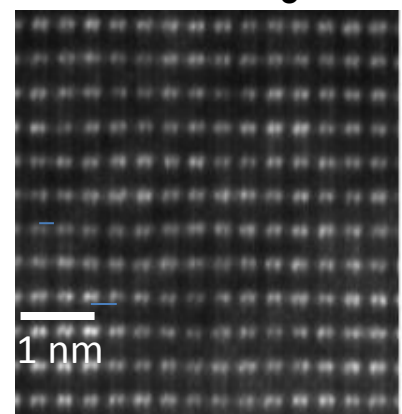
What's going at the atomic scale ? Can we visualize the O-O dimers ..

Visualize the material at the microscopic scale (HAADF-STEM)

Pristine $\text{Li}_2\text{Ru}_{0.75}\text{Sn}_{0.25}\text{O}_3$

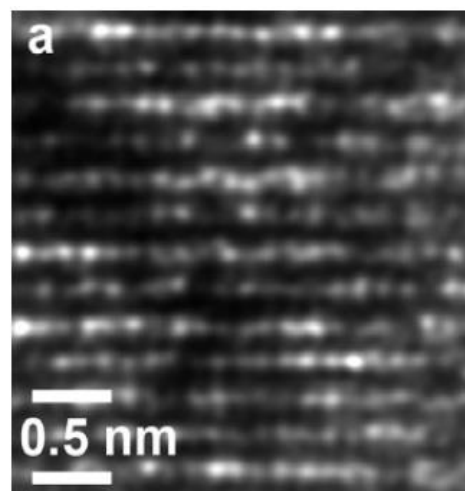


1st Discharge



A massive cationic migration which is reversible

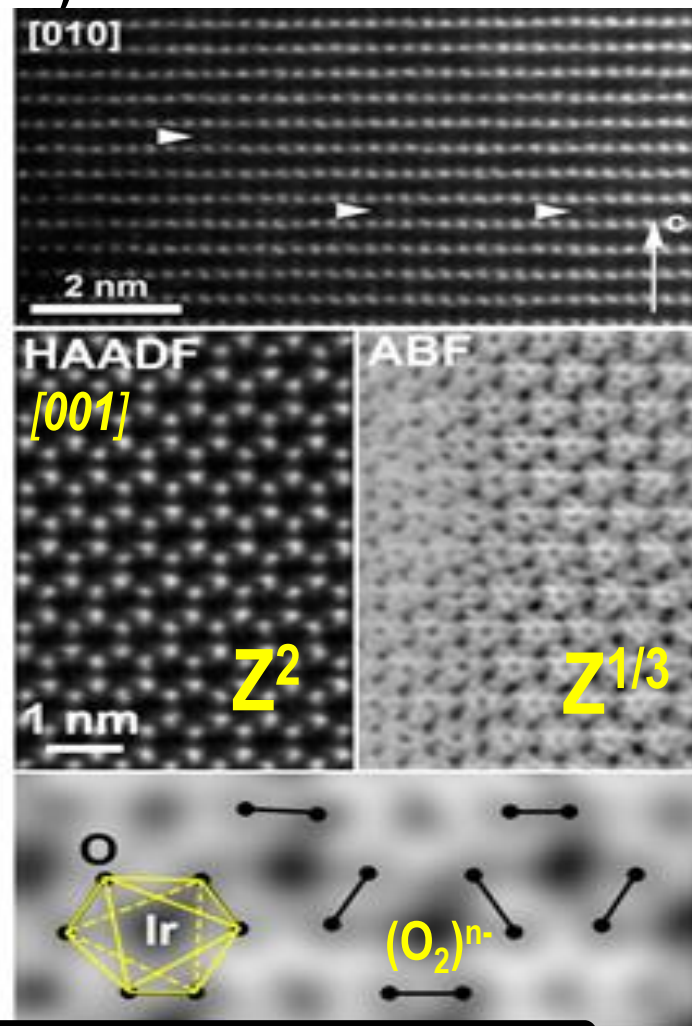
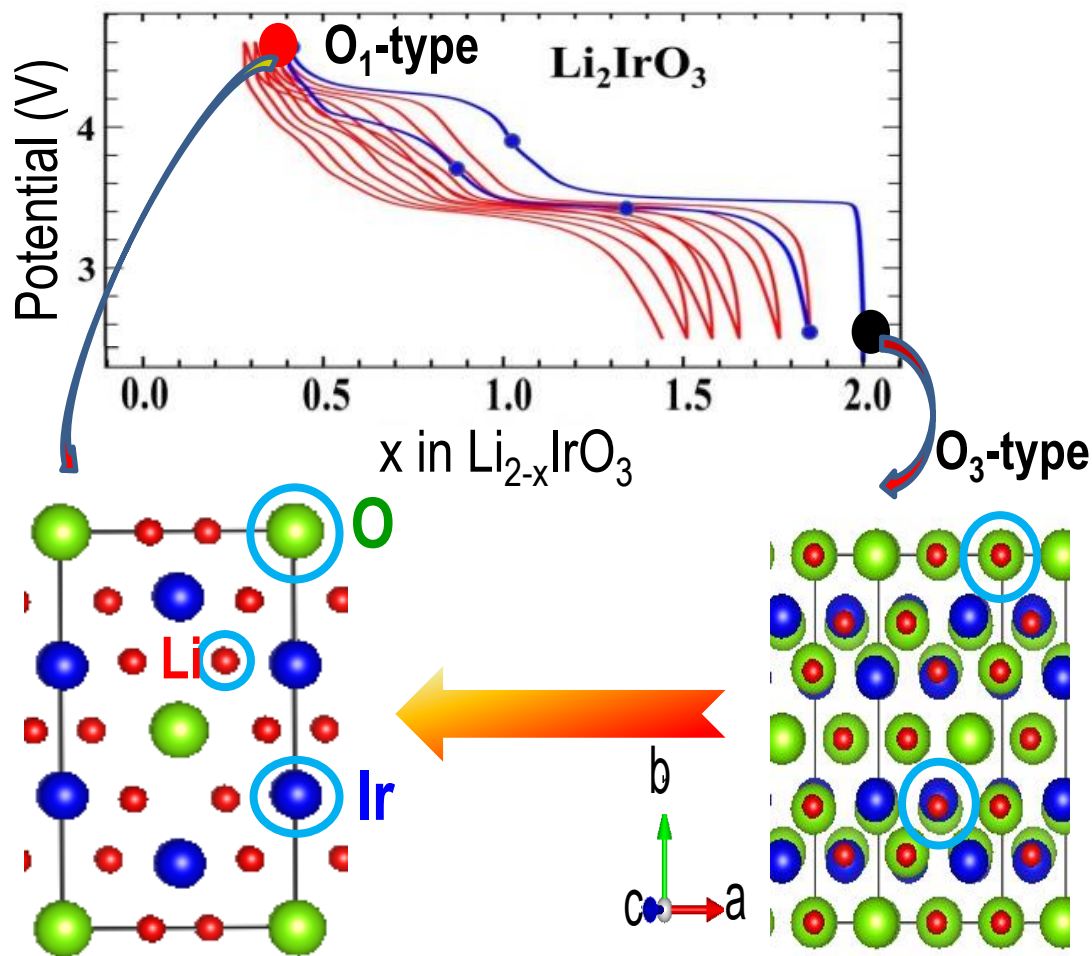
Charged till 4.6V





How to prevent this cationic migration ? Play with chemistry

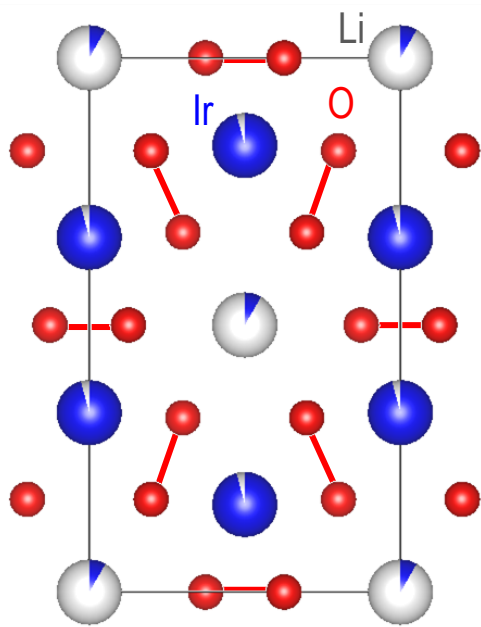
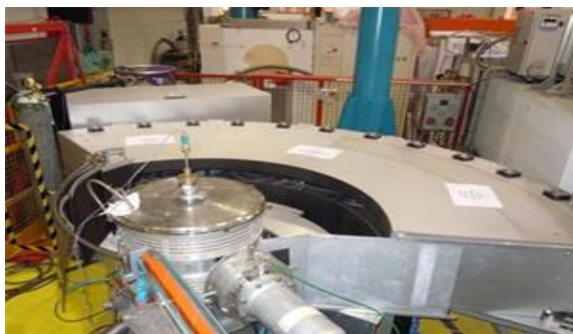
➤ Explore ≠ members of the Li_2MnO_3 family ($\text{M}=\text{Ir}$)



First visualization of (O-O) dimers in Li-rich layered oxide electrodes

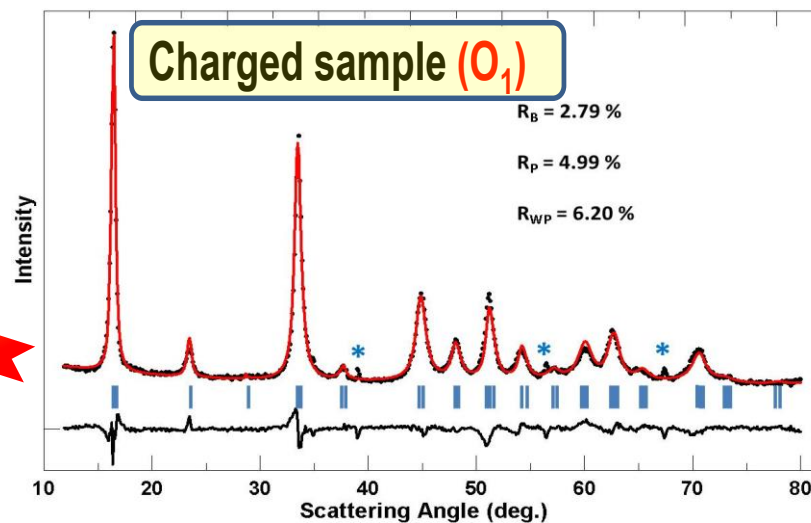
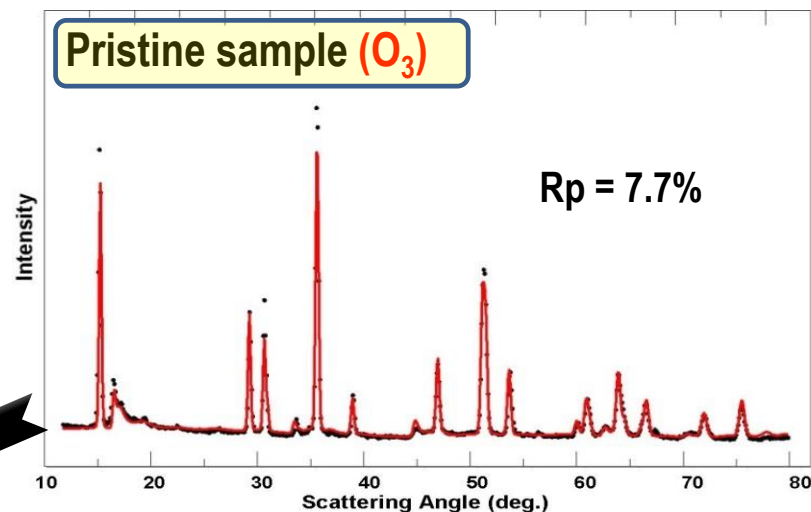
Can we directly measure the (O-O) dimer lengths ?

Use of the D1B Neutron line at ILL



(O-O)_b
2.84 Å

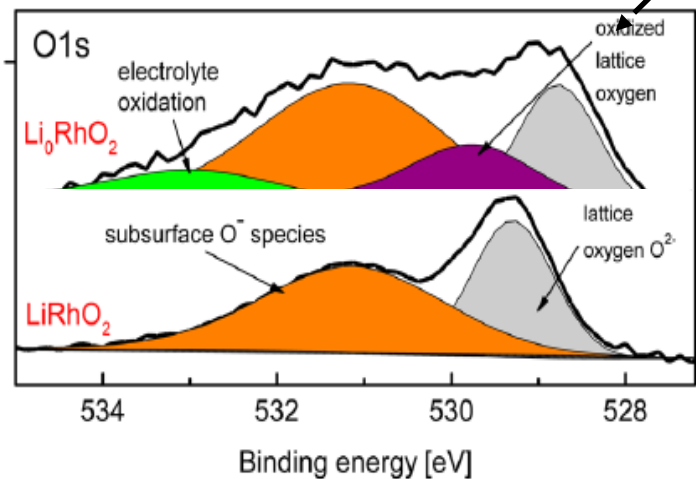
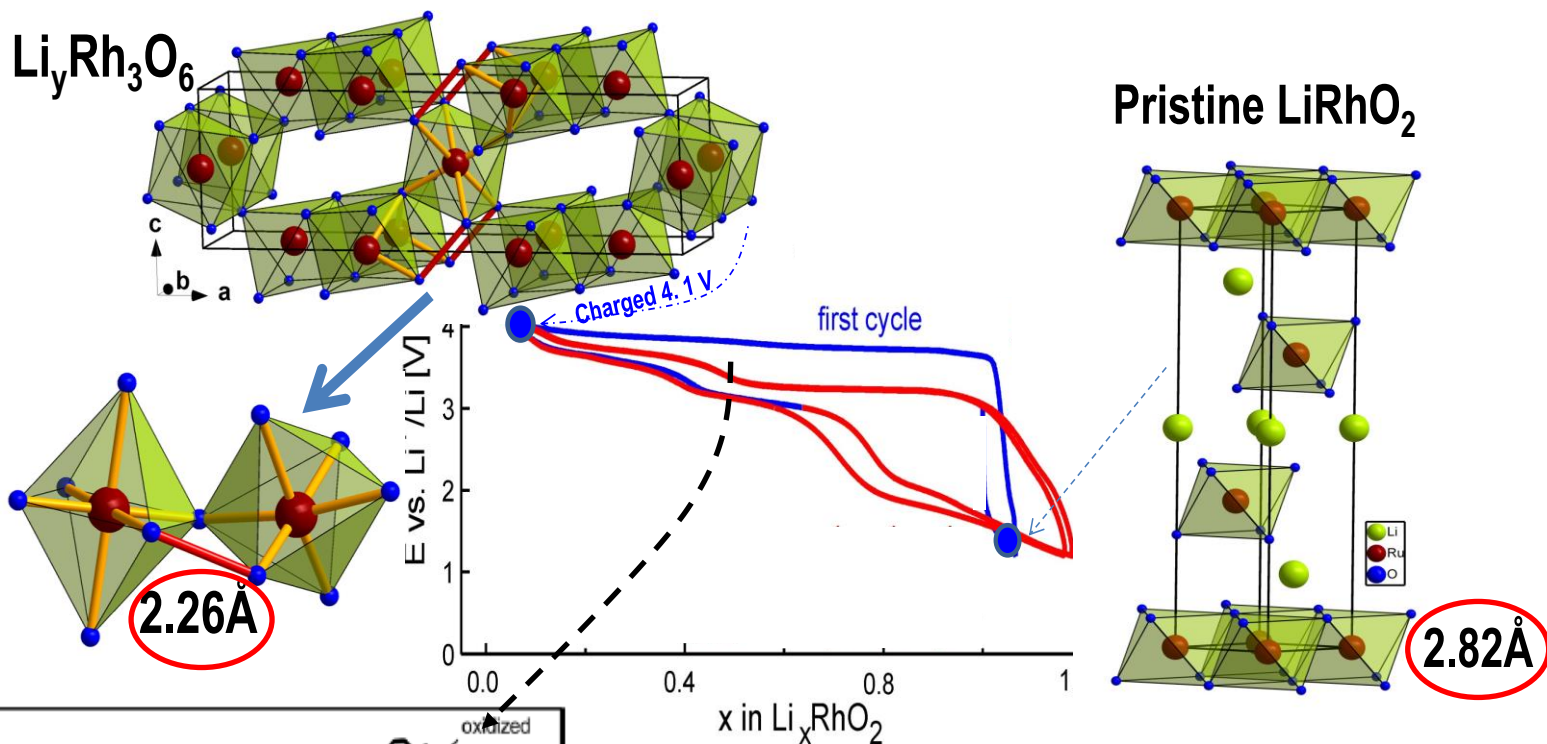
(O-O)_a
2.45 Å



Direct evidence for shorter (O-O) bonds in Li-rich layered oxides electrodes



Recent evidence of (O-O) dimers in Li-rich layered oxides: LiRhO_2



Shortening of the bonds between O belonging to two \neq octahedras

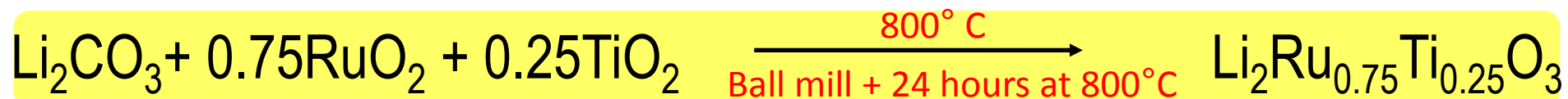


What about the origin of
the voltage fade ?

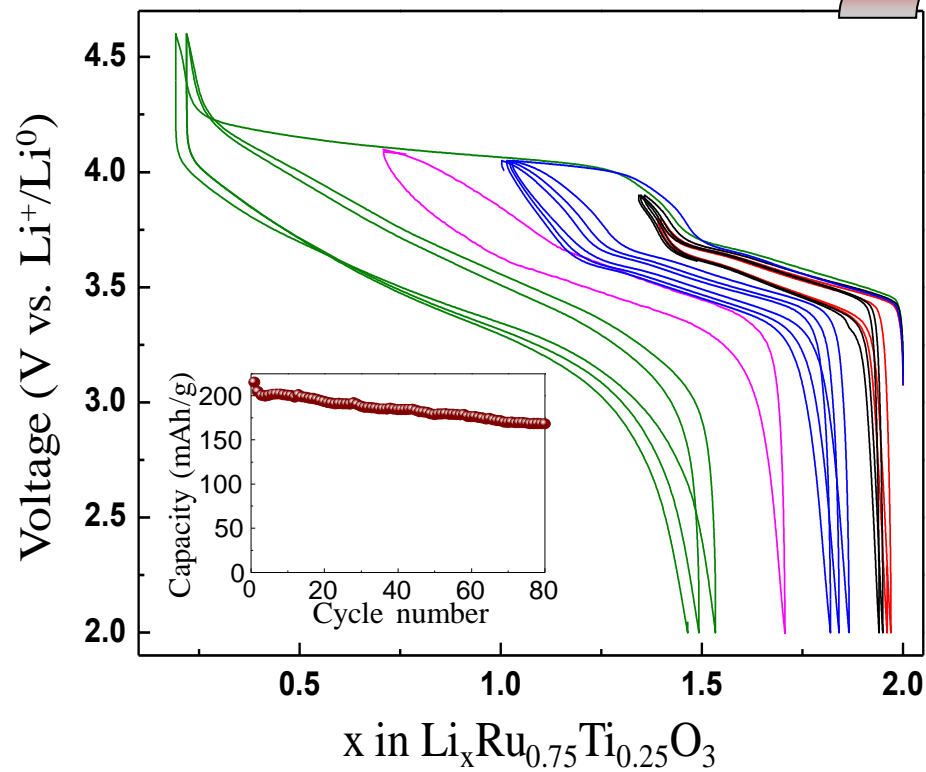
From Sn ($4d^{10}$) to Ti($3d^0$) substitute



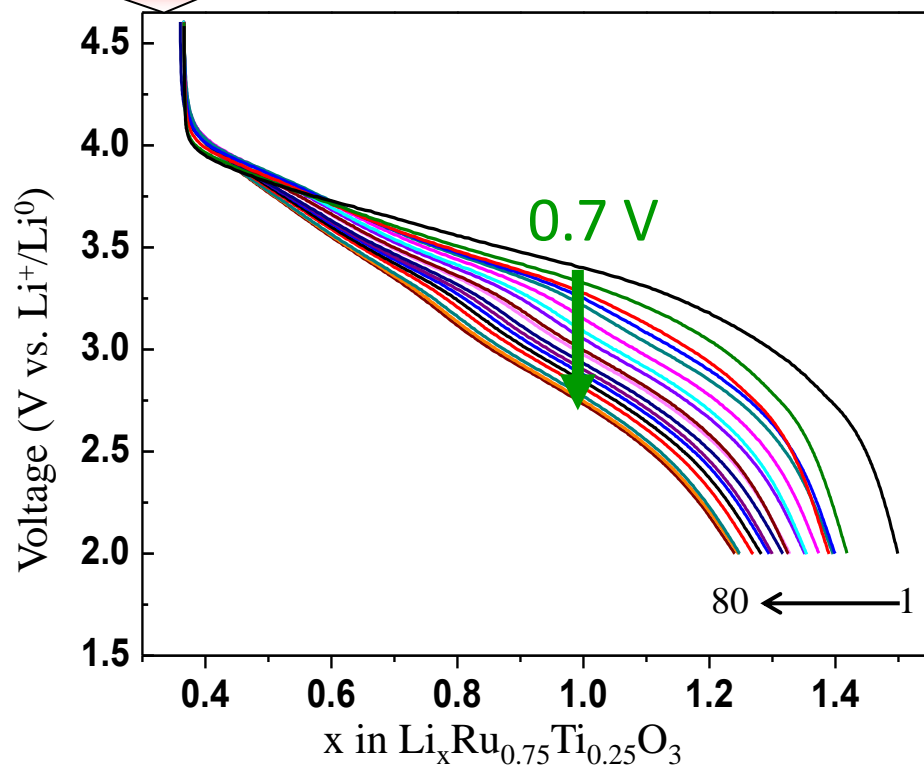
Studying the $\text{Li}_2\text{Ru}_{0.75}\text{Ti}_{0.25}\text{O}_3$ system



Capacity/cycling



Voltage fade

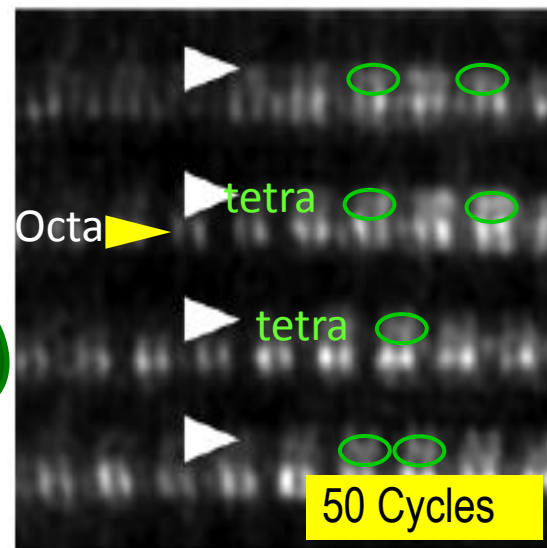
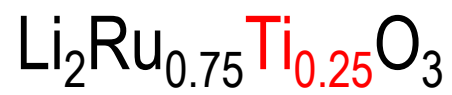
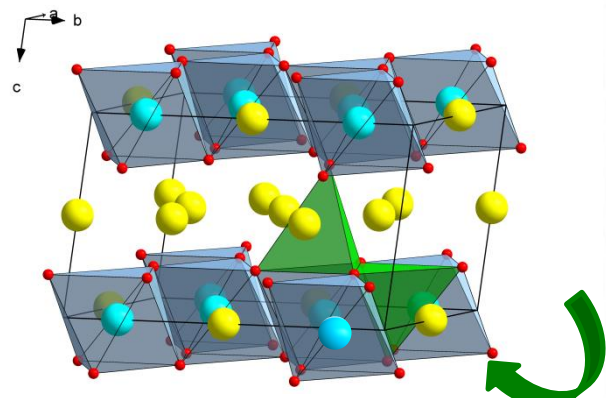
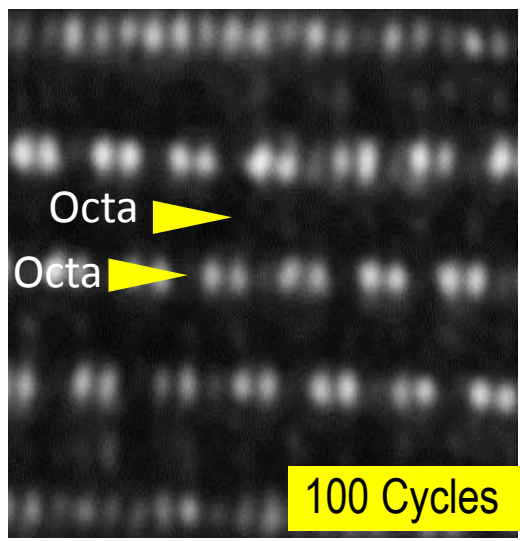
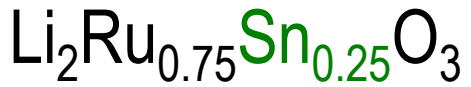


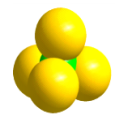
Ti^{4+} , seems to be the worst substitute ..



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Suppression of the potential fade upon cycling by Tin: Why ?



Voltage fade upon cycling is linked to the capturing of small cations Ti^{4+} < Sn^{4+} ions in tetrahedral sites 

0.6 Å

0.69 Å



Provide chemical clues to enable the development of Li-rich NMC for the next generation of Li-ion batteries

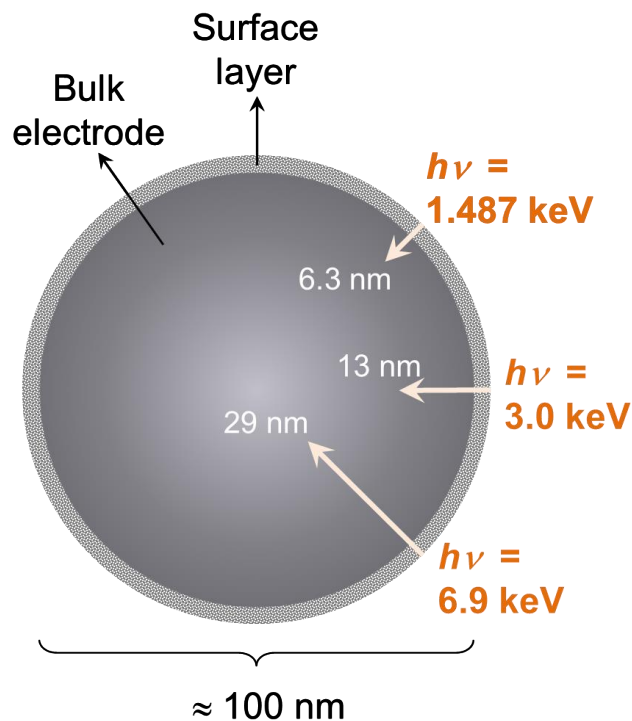
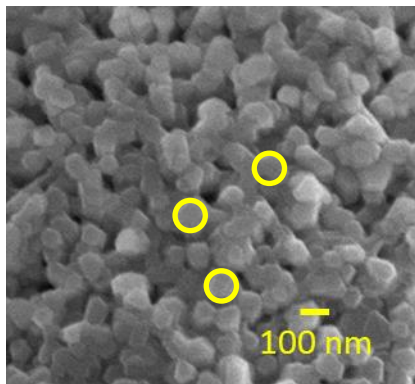


From modern materials to Li-rich NMC



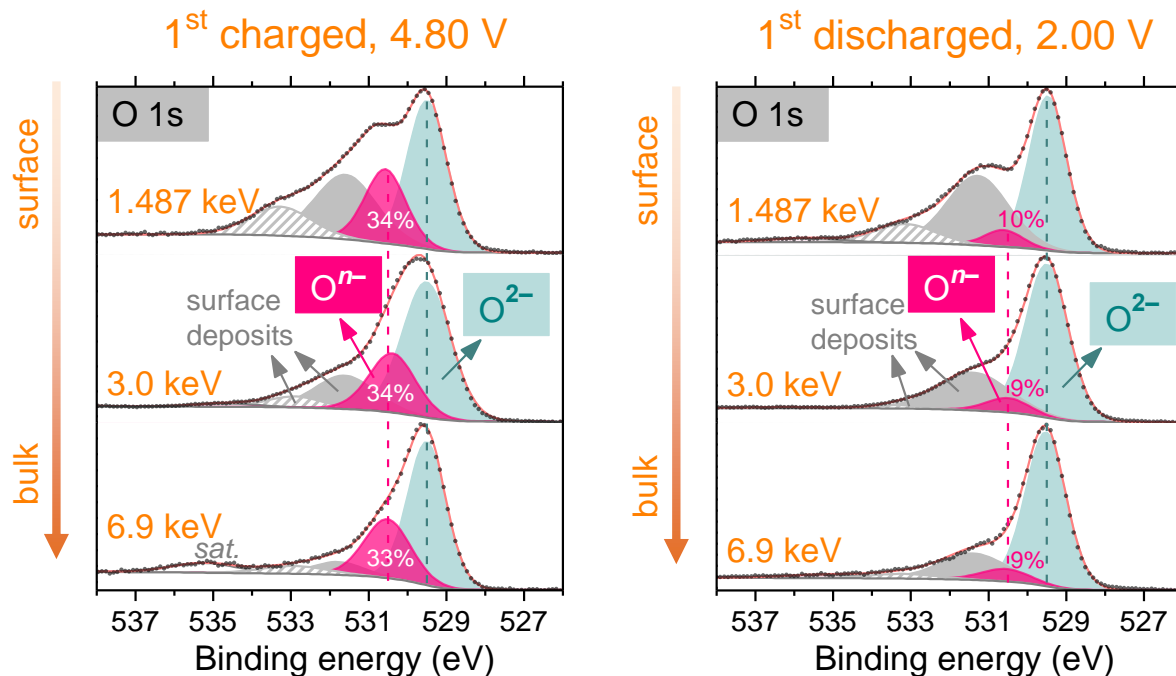
From model compounds to Li-Rich $\text{Li}_{1.2}\text{Ni}_{0.14}\text{Mn}_{0.54}\text{Co}_{0.13}\text{O}_2$: What's the story?

➤ Anionic redox in Li-rich NMC –via bulk-sensitive hard-XPS



Li-rich NMC
What are the cationic / anionic redox potentials ?

Direct evidence of **bulk anionic redox**





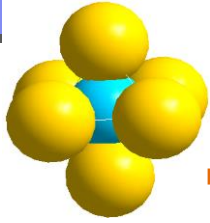
The science underlying the anionic redox process

→ The source of controversial debates
(need to go back to basics)

Some basic recalls



MO_6

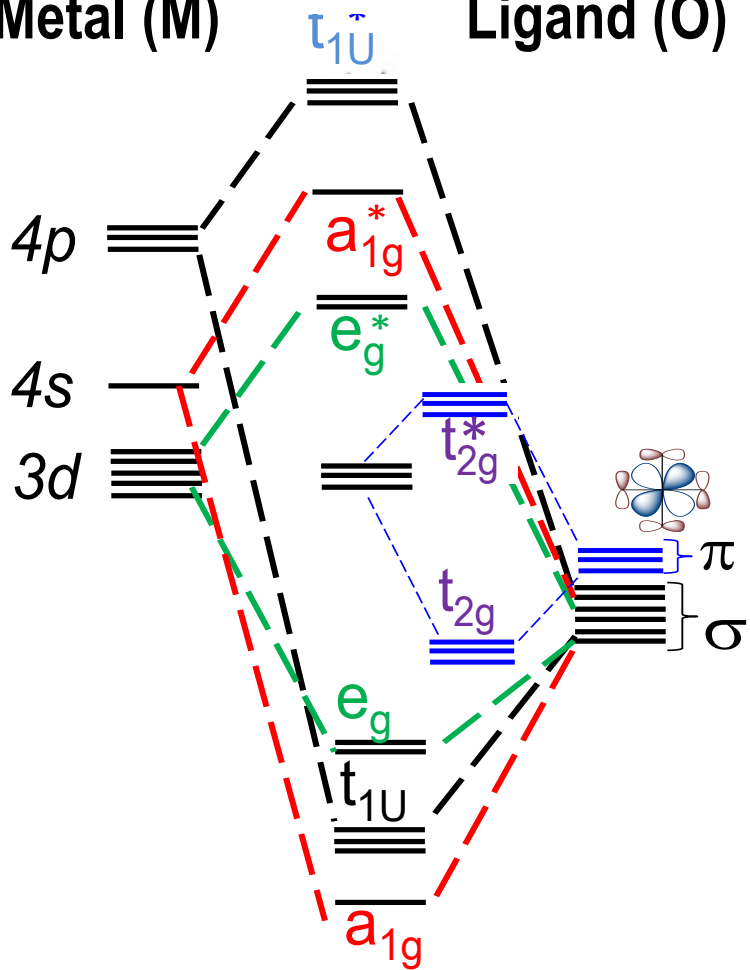


From Molecular Orbitals to the Band Structure



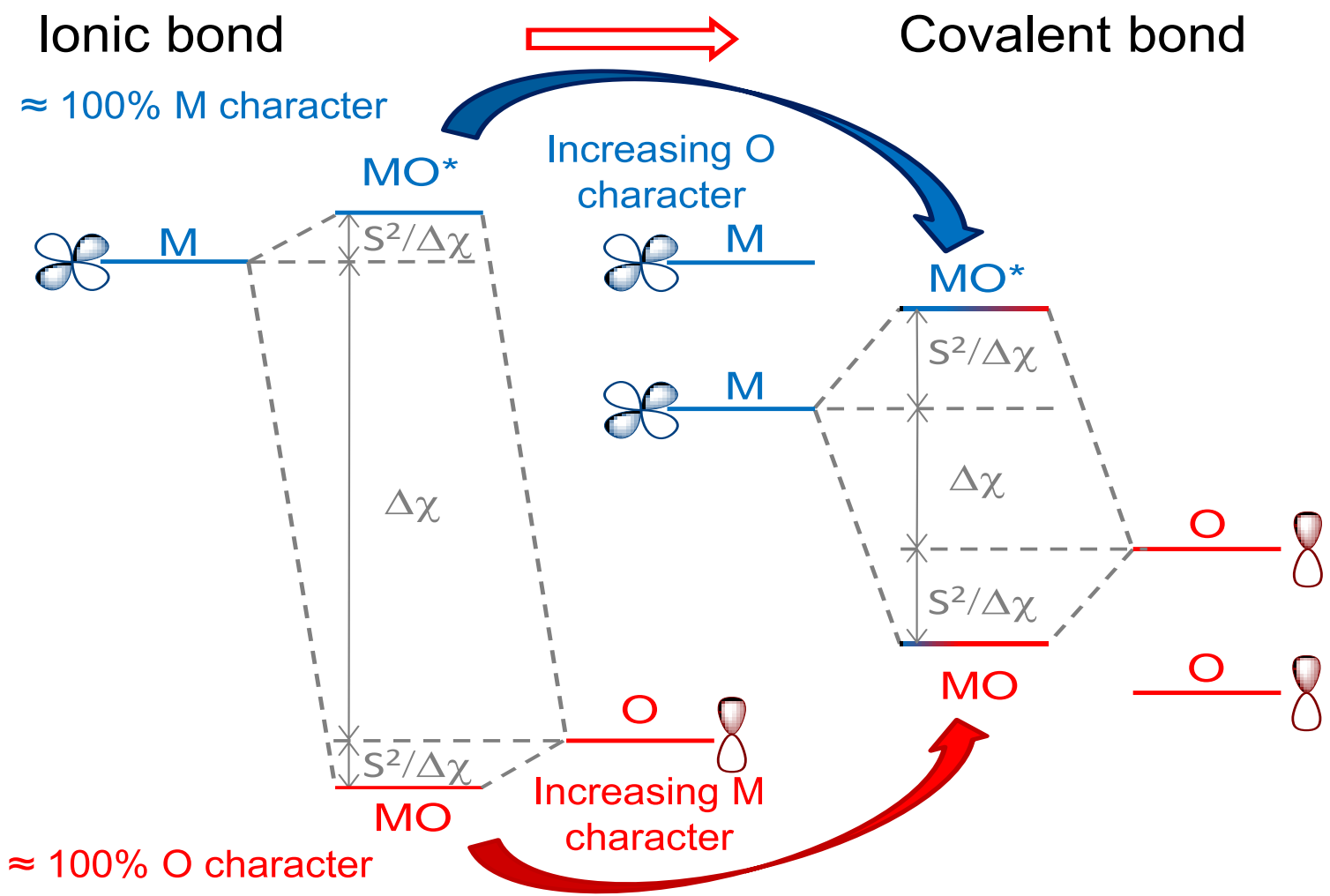
Metal (M)

Ligand (O)





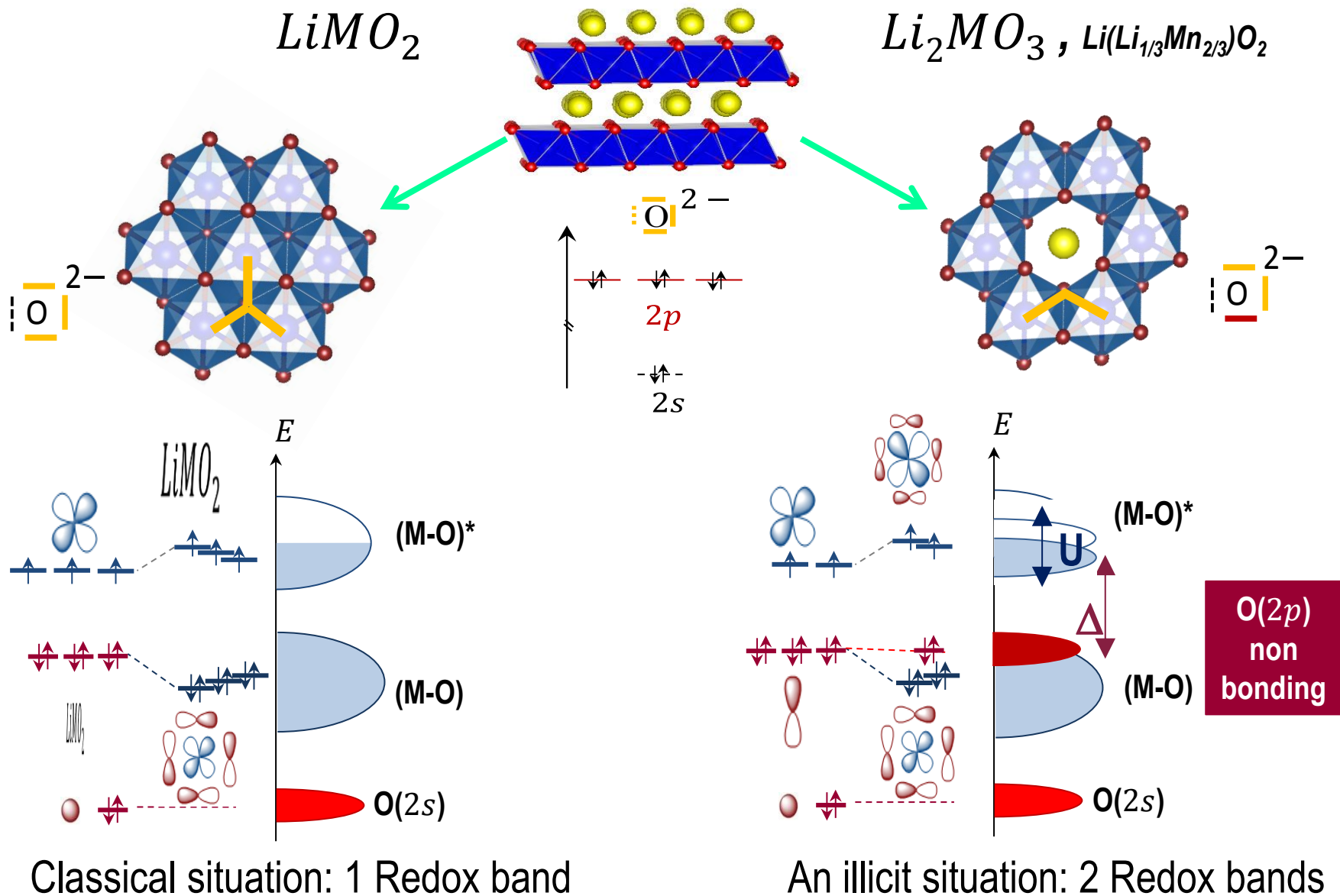
The ionic-covalence: Its influence on band positions



Energy difference MO/MO* given by $\Delta\chi + 2S^2/\Delta\chi$



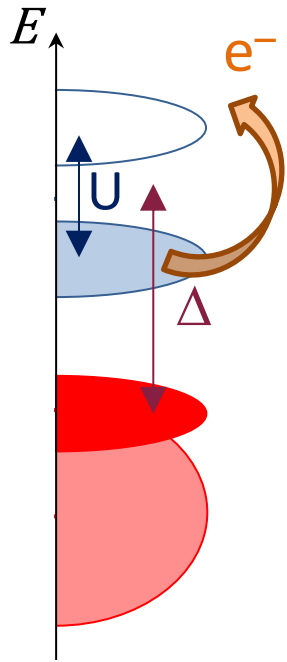
How this can happen ? What is the underpinning science ...



Anionic redox depends upon the competition between U and Δ

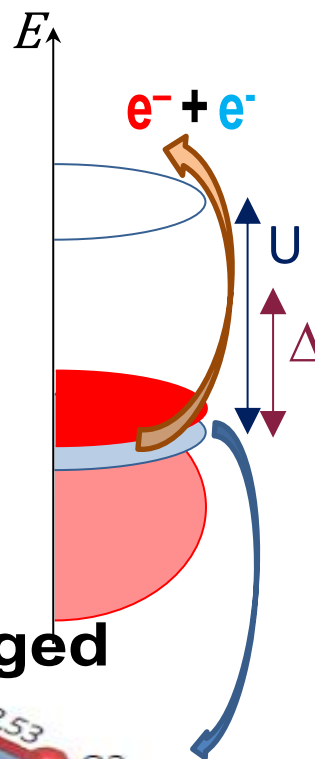
$U \ll \Delta$

Cationic redox
(One band)

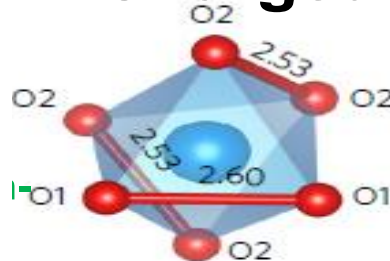


$\Delta \sim U/2$

Anionic redox
(two bands)
Extra capacity

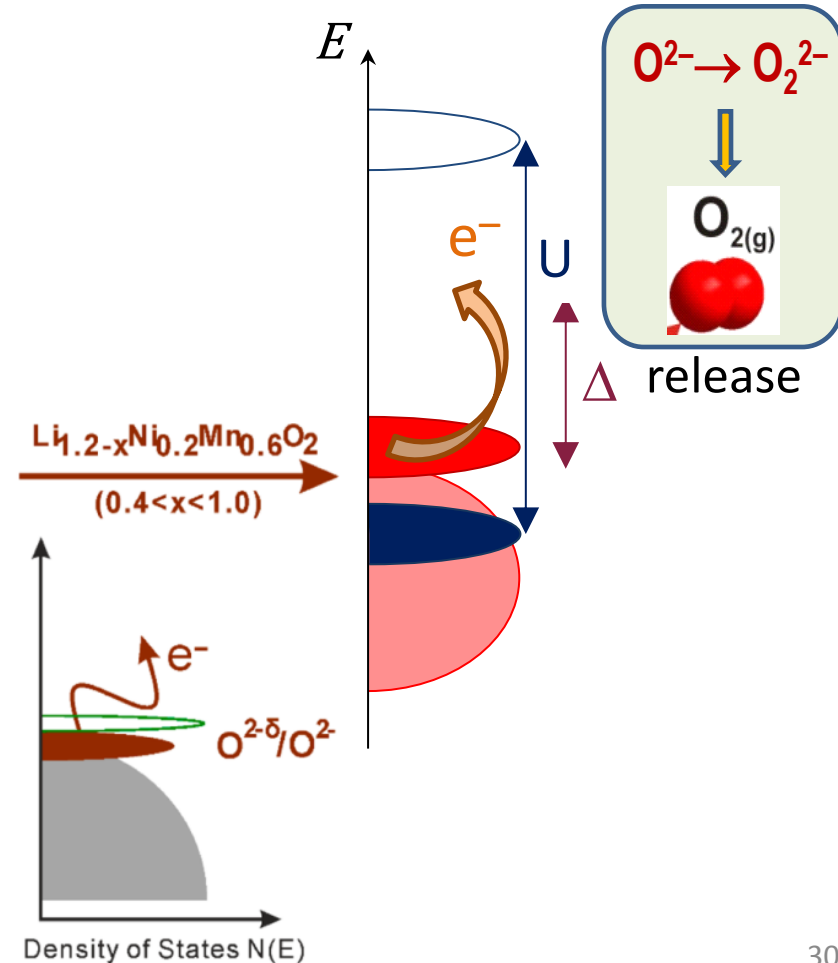


Charged

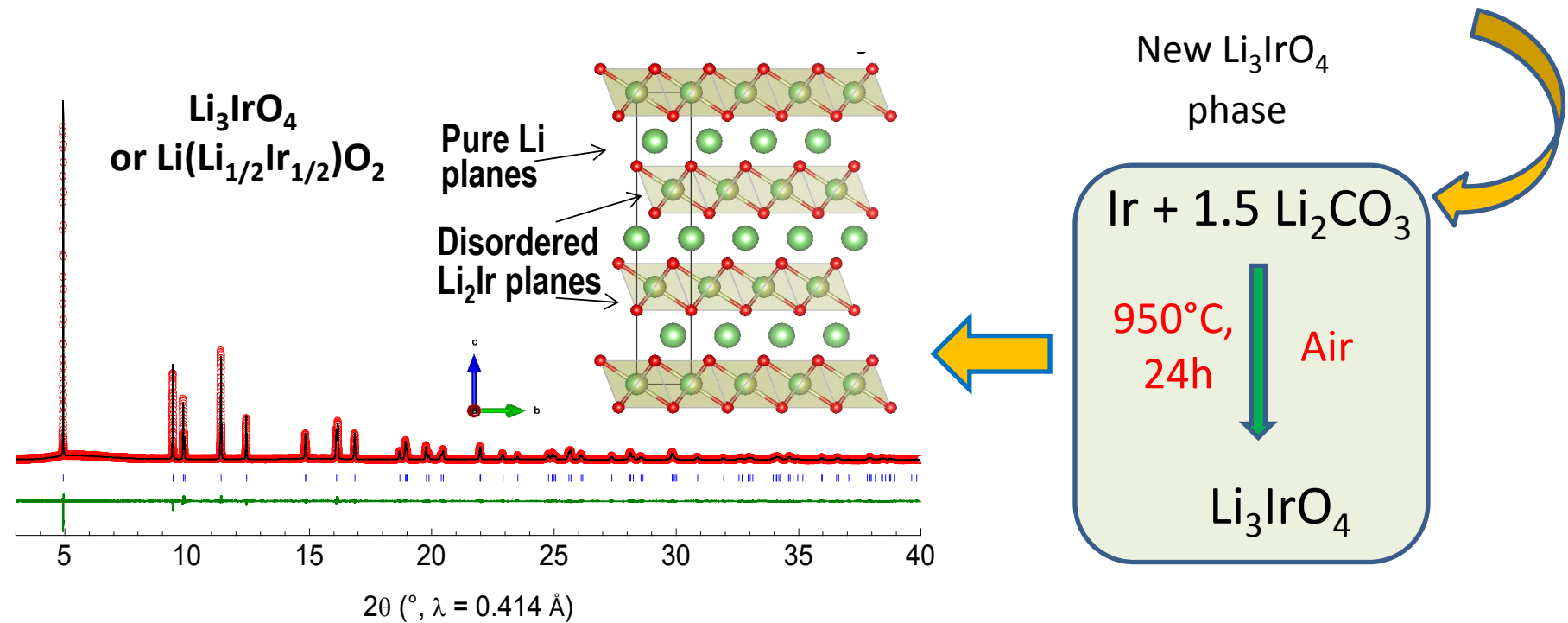
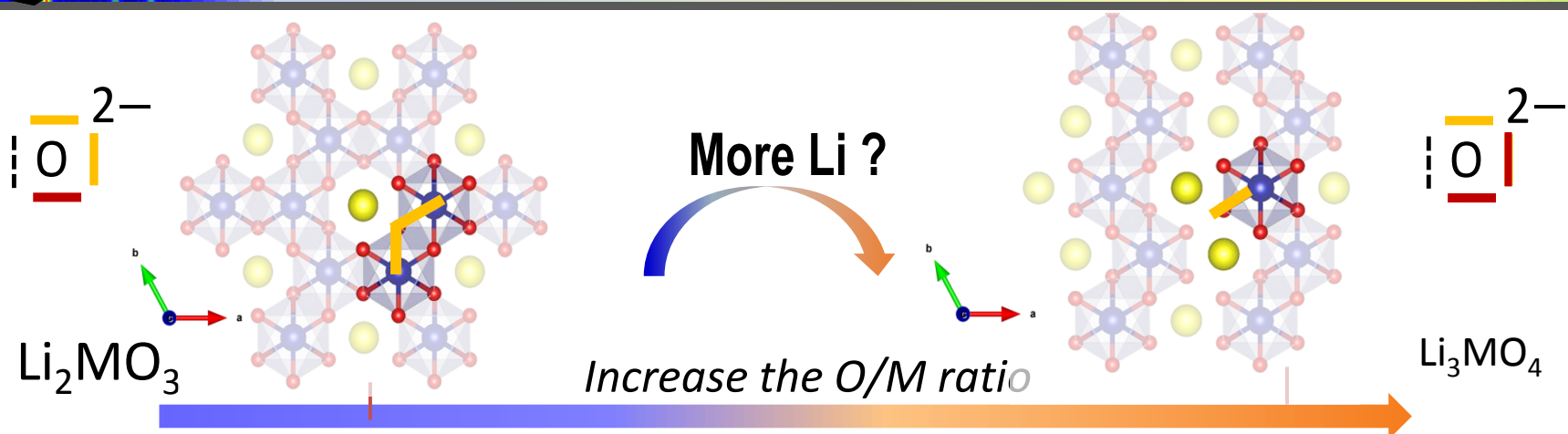


$\Delta \ll U$

Anionic redox
(One band but irreversible)

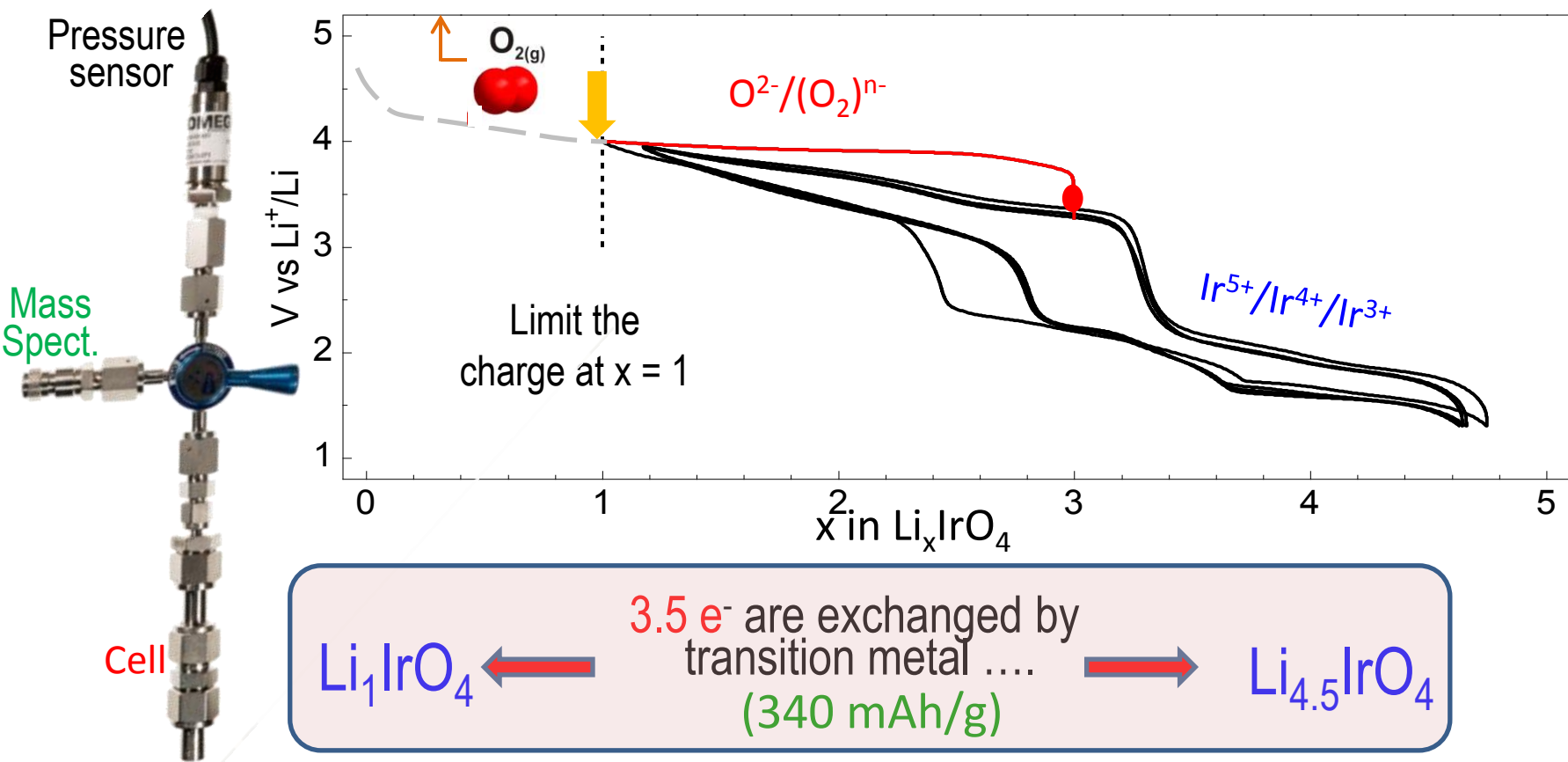


To which extreme can we push the capacity using the anionic redox concept?





Electrochemical performance of Li_3IrO_4 vs. Li^+/Li while monitoring pressure

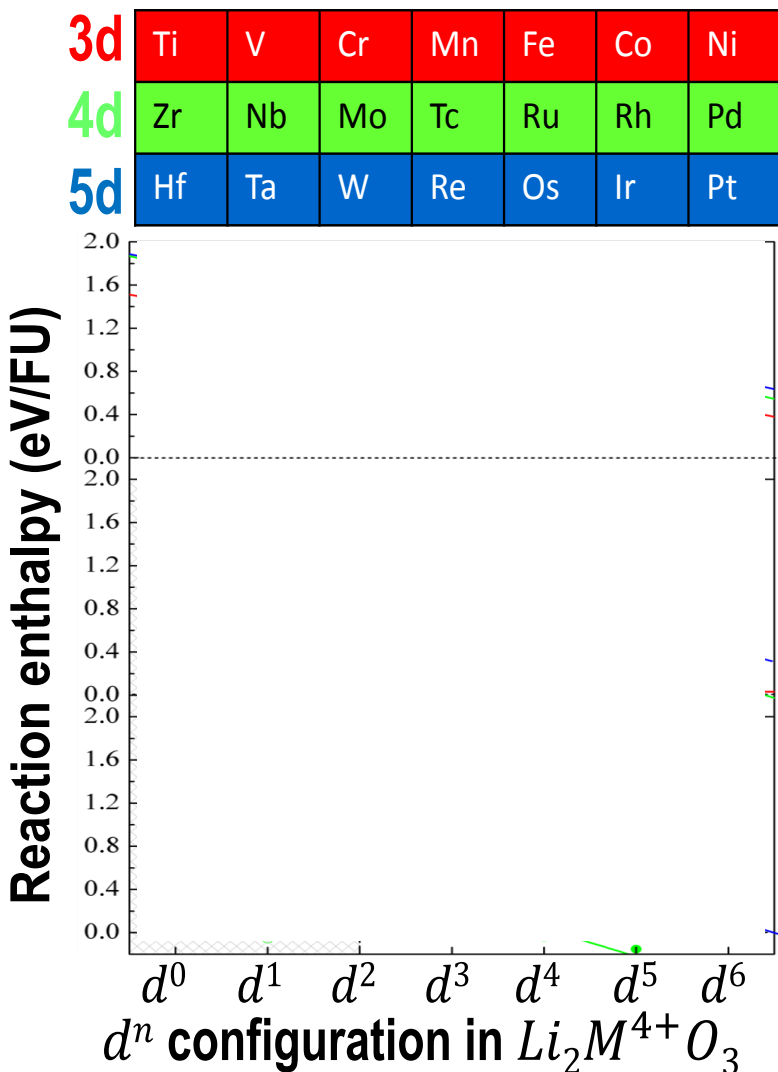


Highest value ever reported for insertion cathode materials in Li-ion batteries

Increasing the O/M ratio: a trade-off would have to be found between extra-capacity and structural stability



$(O_2)^{n-}$ stability against recombination into O_2 : a DFT approach



Network stability w.r.t O_2 release



Positive enthalpy => formation of O_2 vacancies is not favorable

✓ *nd*-shell : M-O covalence is to stabilize the network

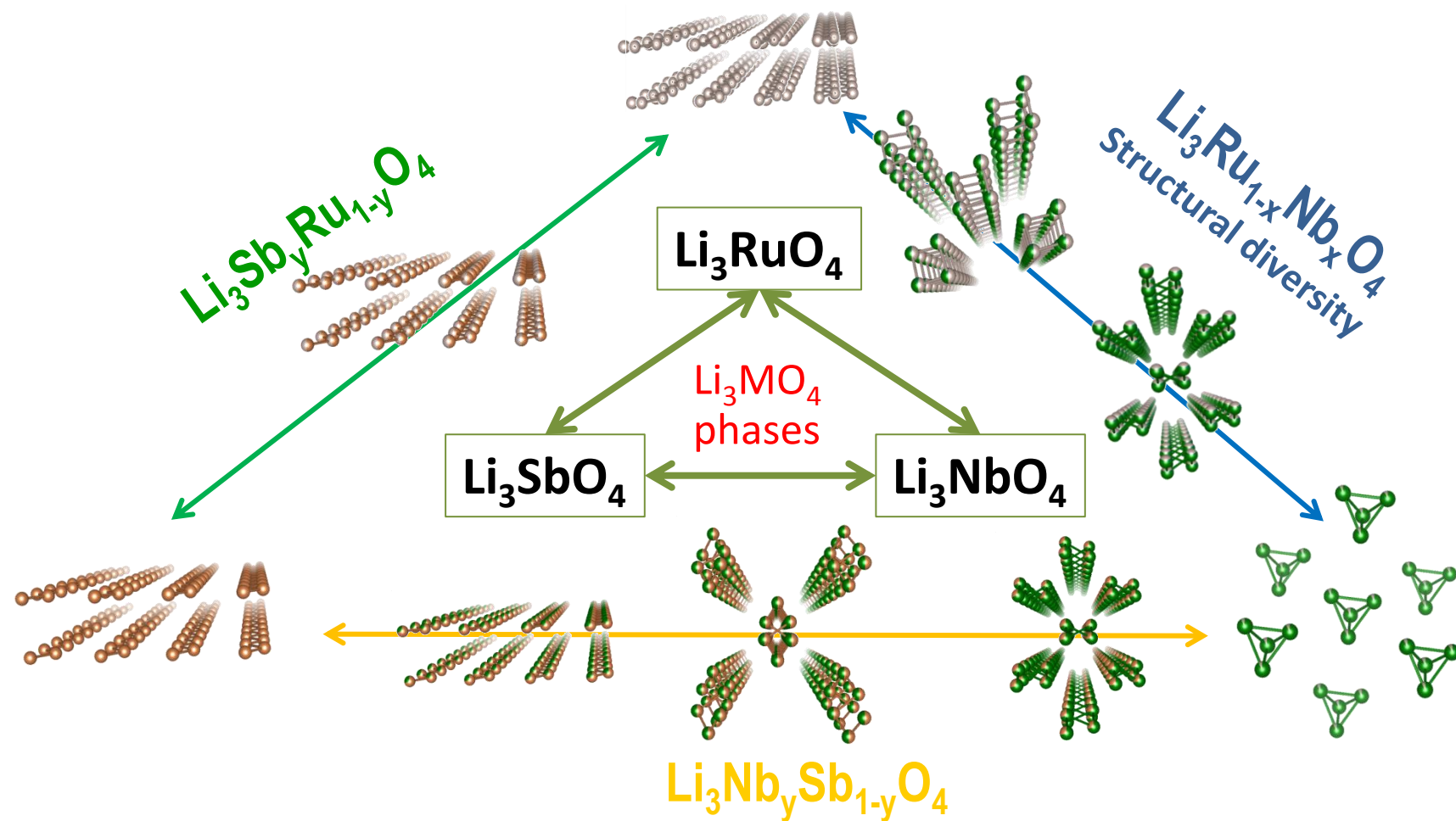
✓ Li-content : all *M(3d)*-based materials are unstable w.r.t. O_2 release once the first Li is removed

! ... **Bad news for applications**

Therefore 5d metals with $n > 3$ are stable in agreement with the use of Ir

Exploit such findings to design $Li_2MM'O_3$ phases stable against $(O_2)^{n-}$ recombination

The Li_3MO_4 family: a rich crystal chemistry



Creation of a platform for identifying key indicators to manipulate anionic redox

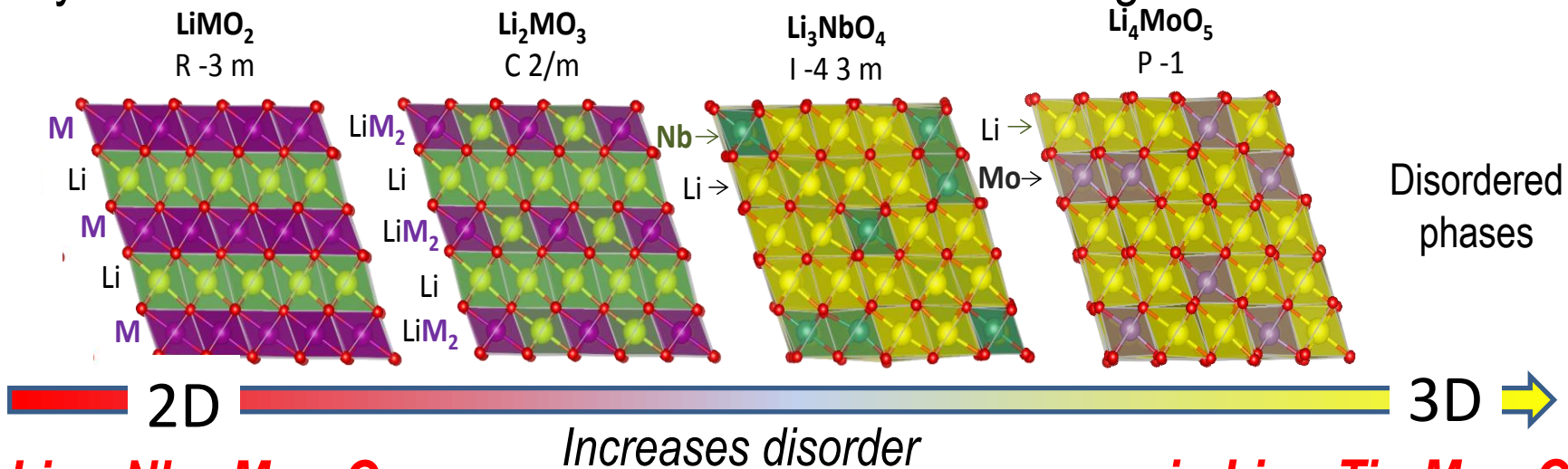


Effect of dimensionality: is anionic redox limited to 2D compounds ?

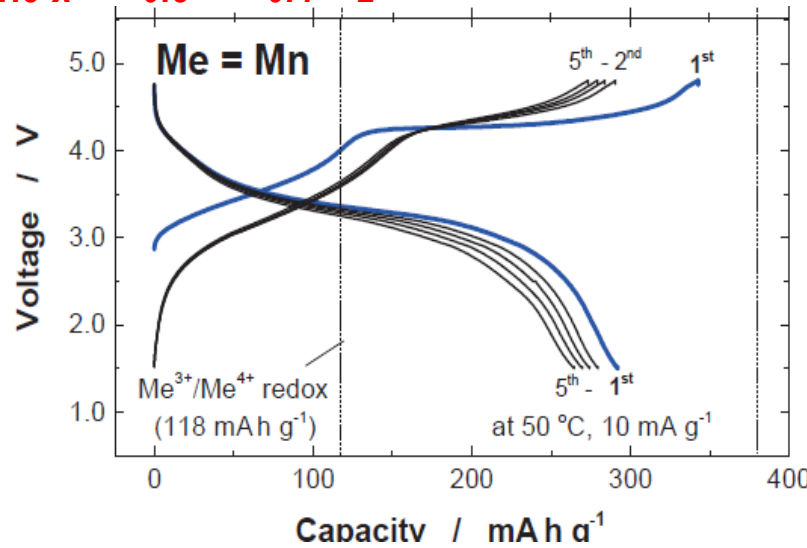


Effect of modifying the crystal structure on the anionic redox reactivity

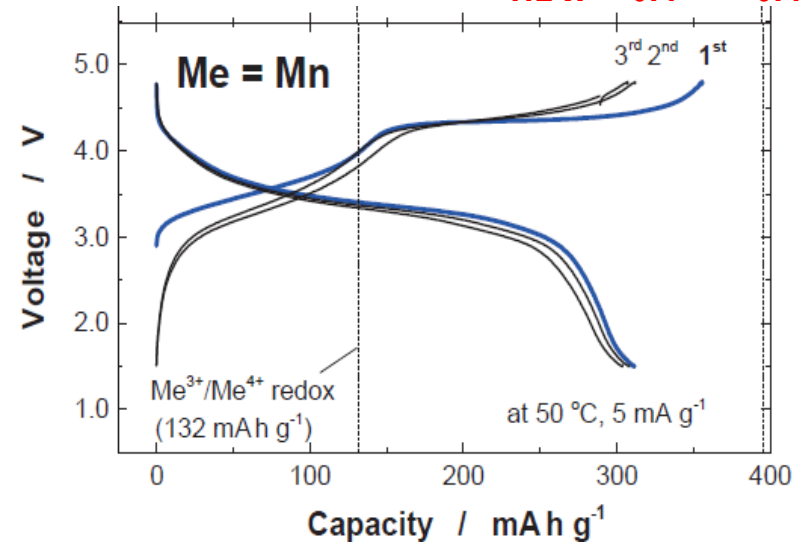
Layered rocksalt structures as a function of increasing Li/M ratio.



x in $\text{Li}_{1.3-x}\text{Nb}_{0.3}\text{Mn}_{0.4}\text{O}_2$

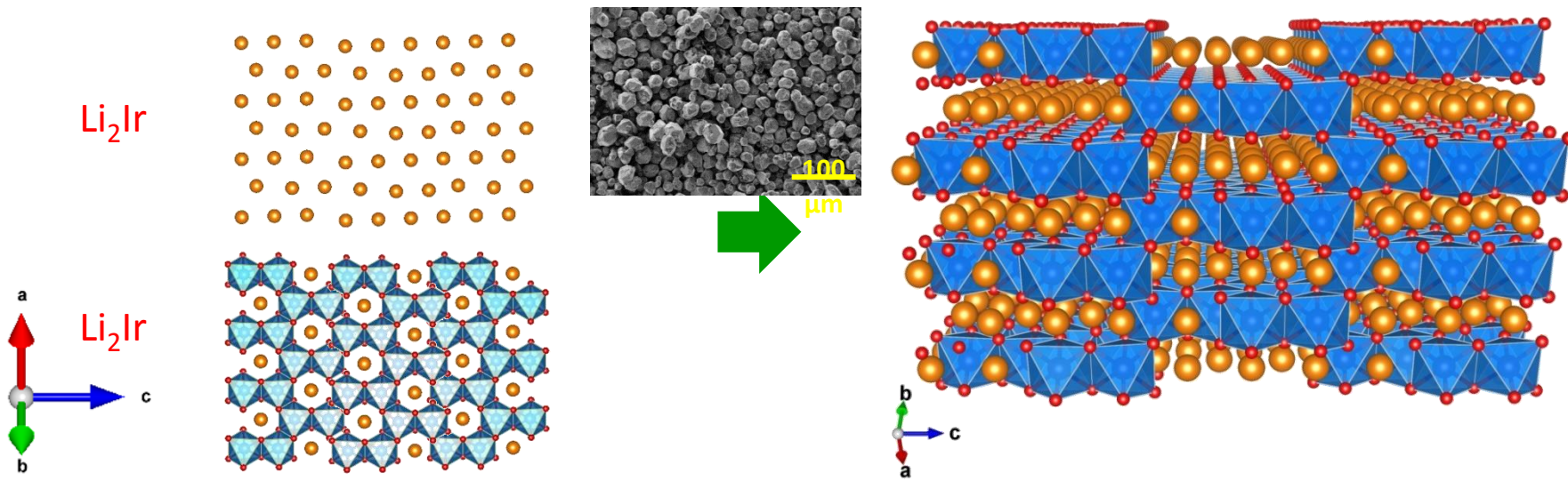
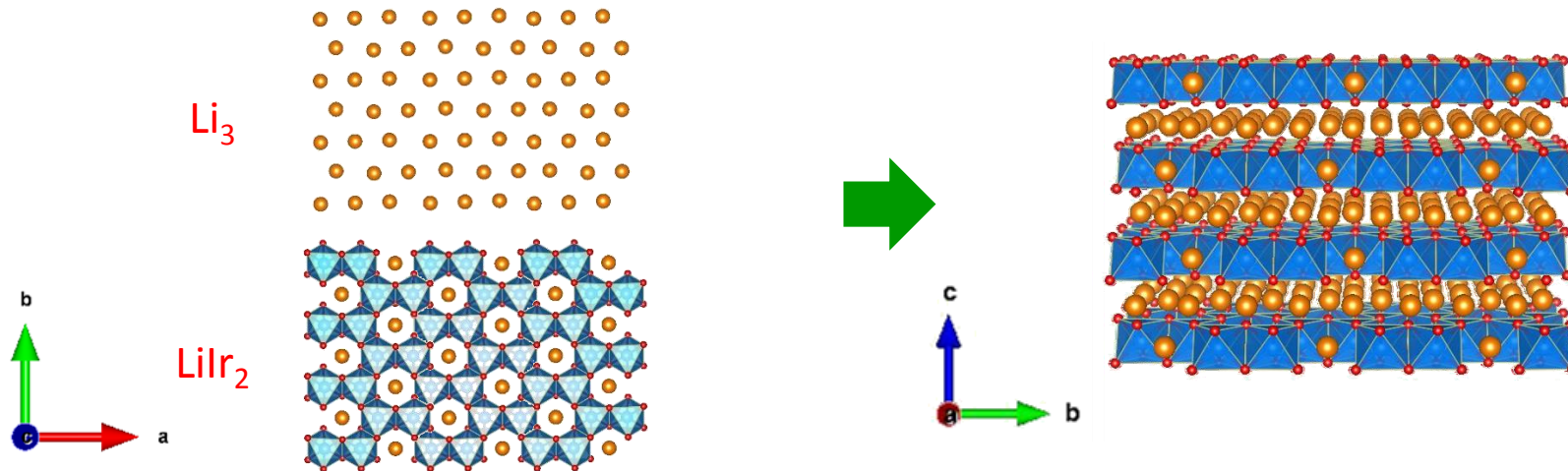
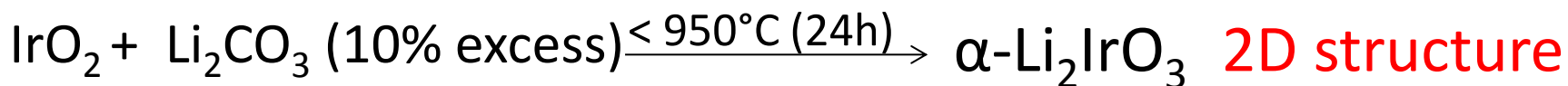


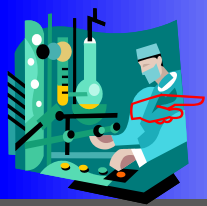
x in $\text{Li}_{1.2-x}\text{Ti}_{0.4}\text{Mn}_{0.4}\text{O}_2$



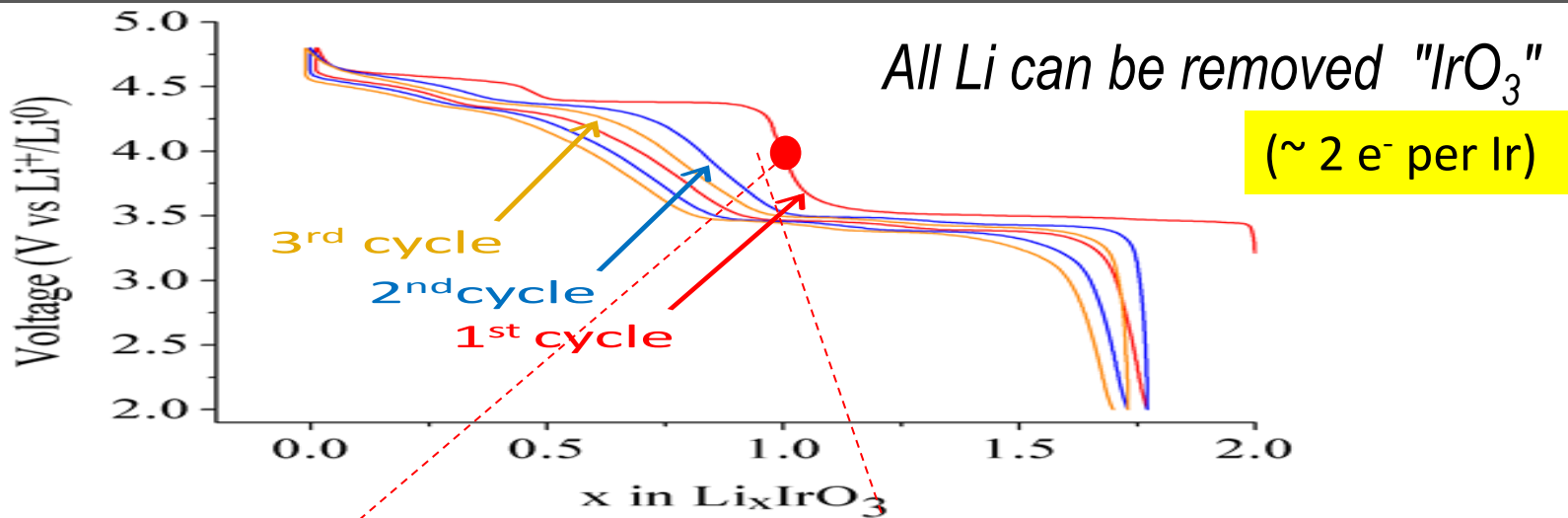


Is the anionic redox process only limited to 2D layered compounds ?:



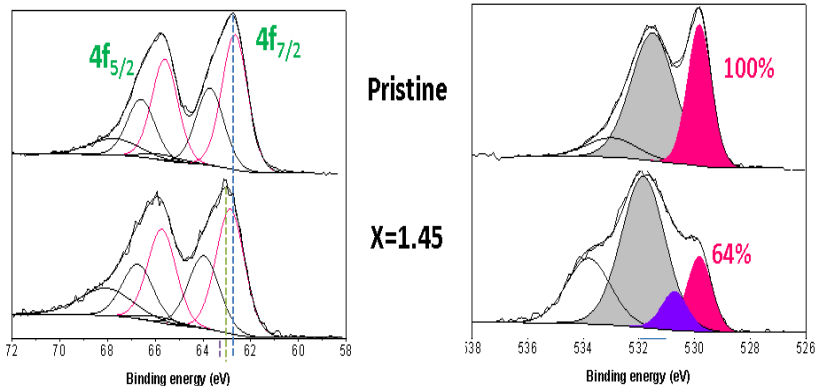


Electrochemical performance of the 3D Li-rich polymorph



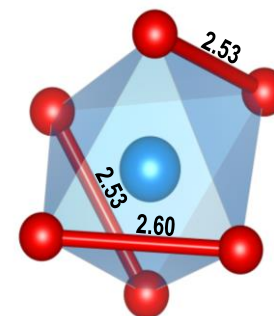
X-ray photoemission

Ir 4f Anionic + cationic O 1s



Neutron Powder diffraction + ABF-STEM

4 V - charged $\beta\text{-LiIrO}_3$



$\text{O-O distortion } \Delta (\times 10^4) = 25.2$
 $\langle \text{Ir-O} \rangle = 1.972 \text{ \AA}$

Anionic redox activity is not solely limited to 2D systems: its implementation to 3D oxides opens wide the research field for high capacity electrodes



Anionic redox – A transformational approach to design high energy cathodes

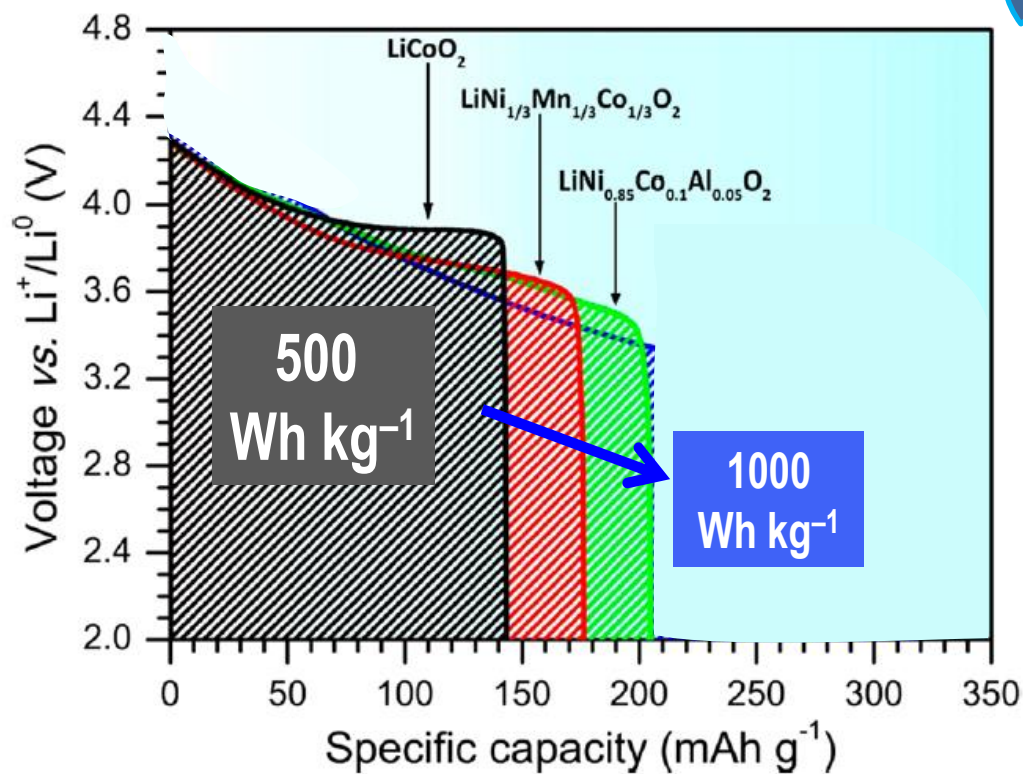
Classical Layered Oxides
 LiMO_2
cationic redox only



Li-rich Layered Oxides
 $\text{Li}_{1+y}\text{M}_{1-y}\text{O}_2$
combined *cationic*
+ *anionic redox*

Can we use Li-rich cathodes in real-world batteries...

Any practical roadblocks ???



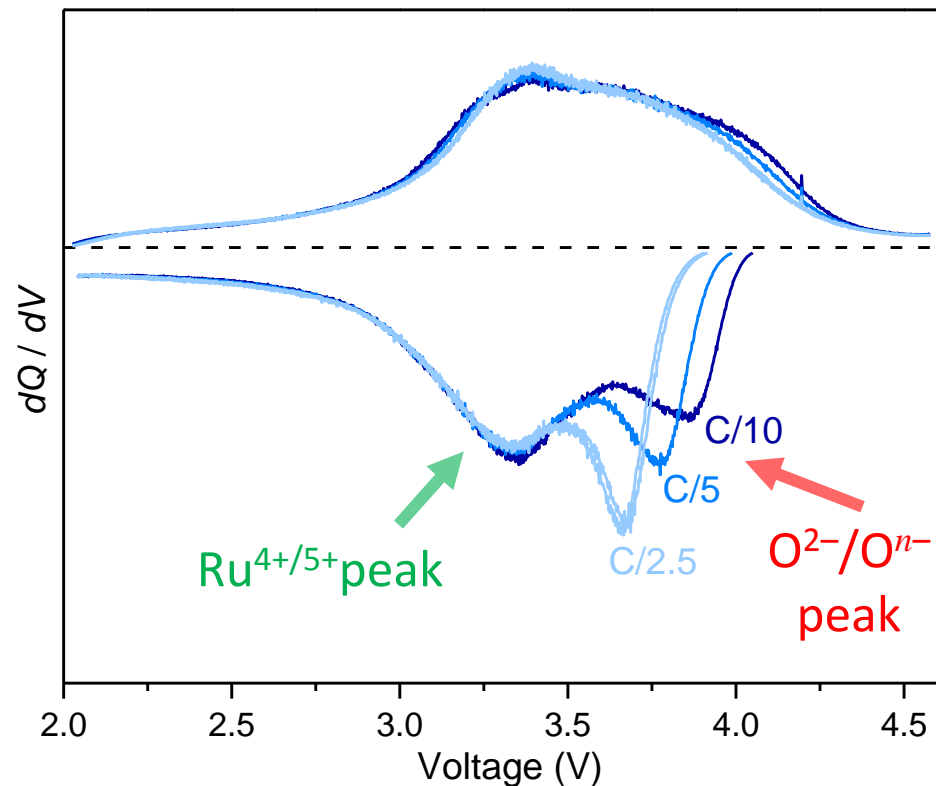
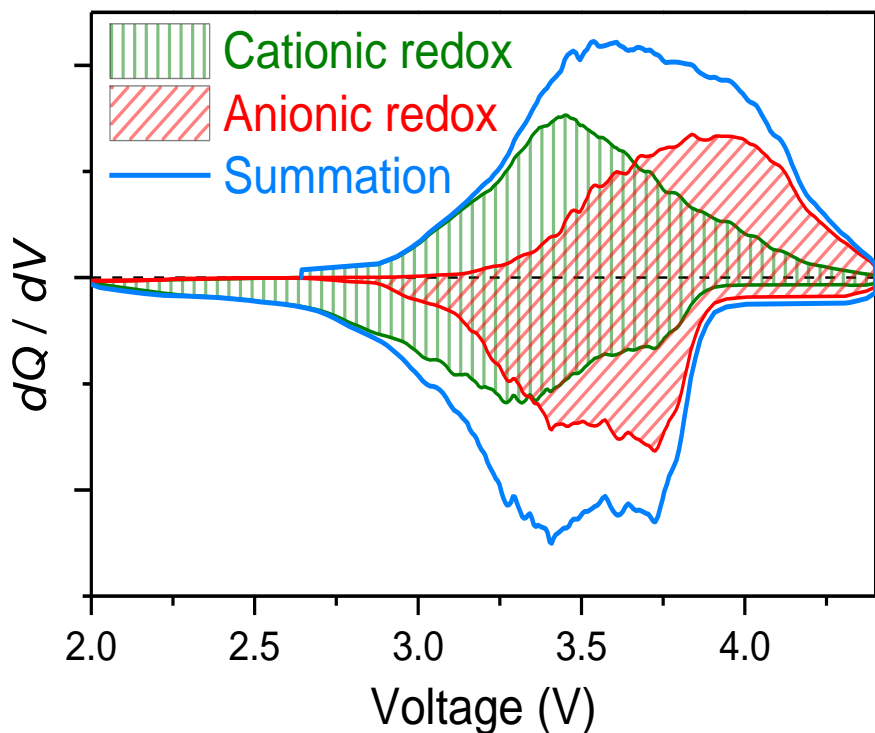
Poor kinetics
Hysteresis
Voltage decay





Poor kinetics of Li-rich NMC: $(\text{Li}_2\text{Ru}_{0.75}\text{Sn}_{0.25}\text{O}_3)$

Deconvolution via *operando* XAS



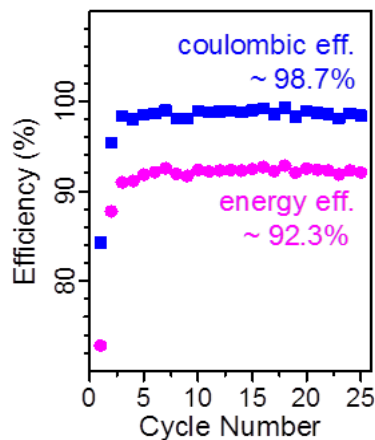
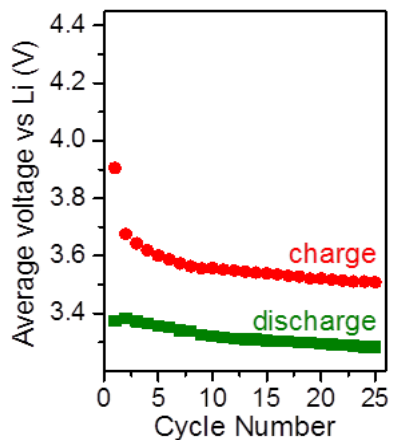
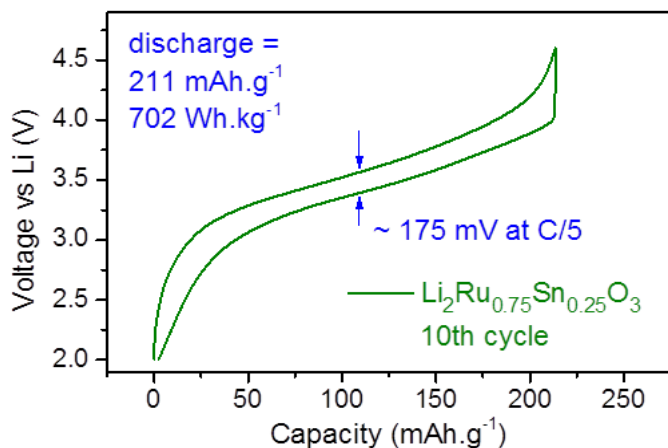
Anionic redox shows sluggish kinetics and triggers hysteresis



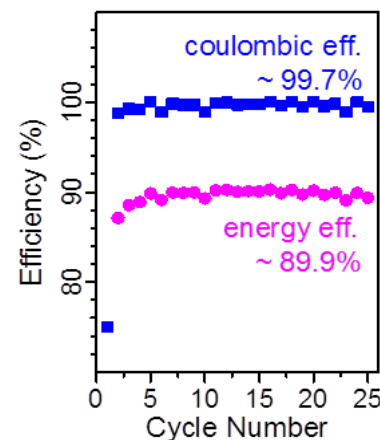
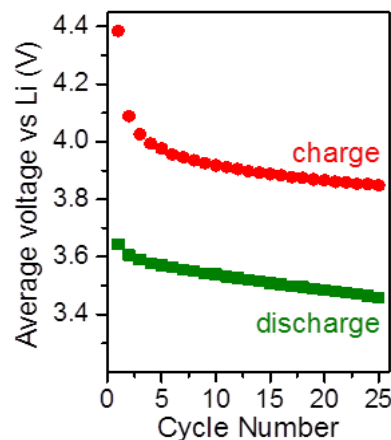
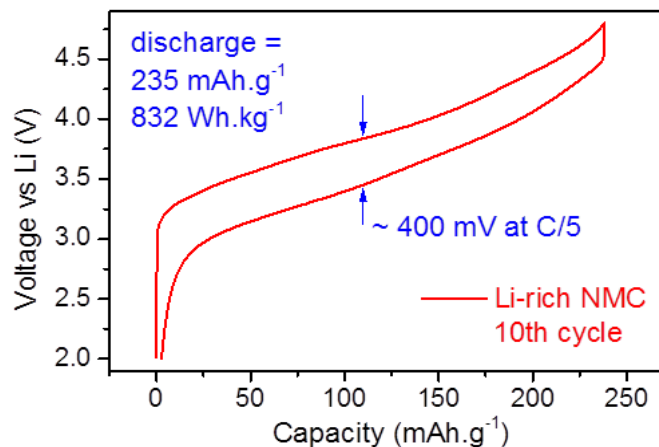


Consequences of poor kinetics/large polarisation: Energy efficiency

$\text{Li}_2\text{Ru}_{0.75}\text{Sn}_{0.25}\text{O}_3$ (model)



Li-rich NMC (practical)

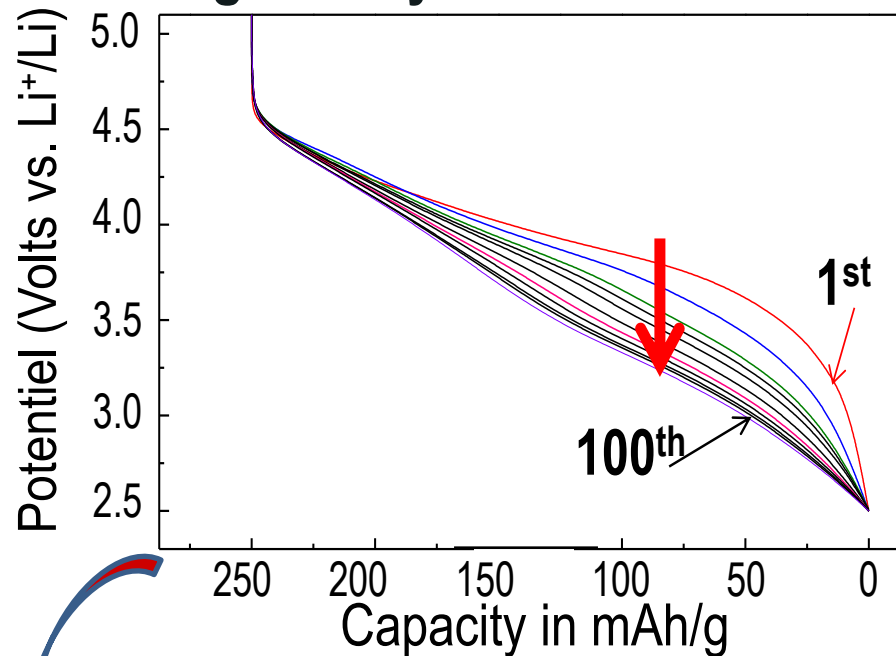


Poor round-trip energy efficiency in LR-NMC: Role of anionic redox

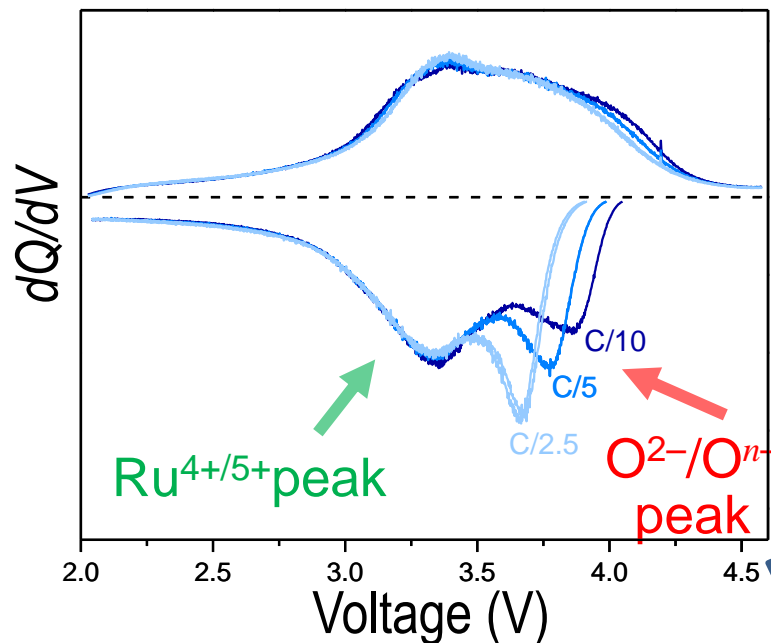
Practical roadblocks in Li-rich cathodes and their consequences



Voltage decay



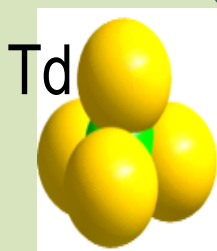
Poor kinetics



Are these practical issues surmountable ?

Importance of substituent

(chemical elements with large ionic radii)

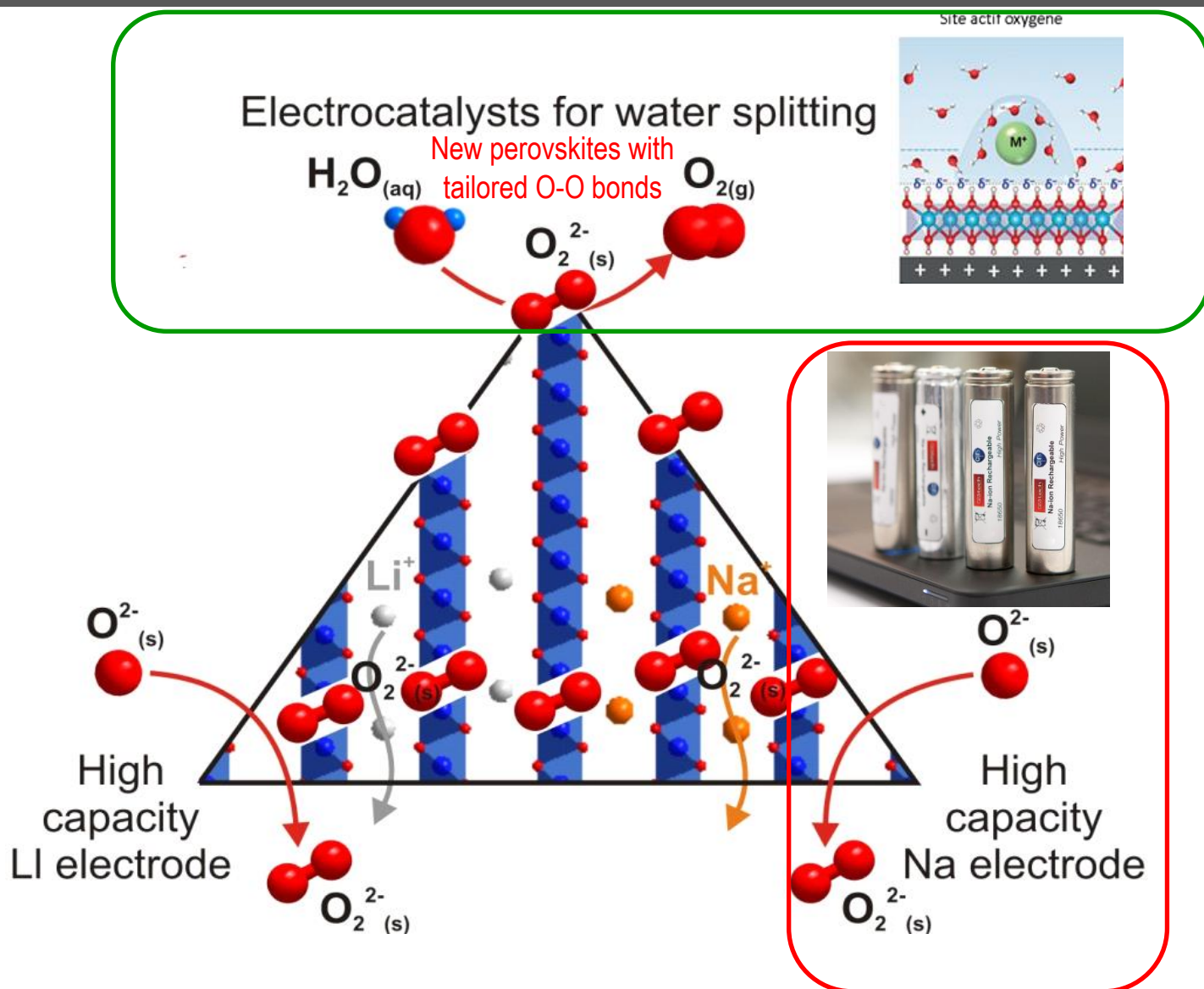


A promising direction being pursued

Design of materials within which cationic and anionic redox occur at the same potential



Importancy of anionic redox beyond electrode materials





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