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***NASICON-type materials
for Na-ion batteries:
crystal structure and
electrochemical
properties***



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Plan

- History of NaSiCon development
- $\text{Na}_3\text{V}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3$
- $\text{Na}_3\text{VCr}(\text{PO}_4)_3$
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NASICON

Na⁺ Super Ionic CONductor

Who showed fast Na ionic conductivity? Part I

1967 – reported high ionic conductivity in Na-β alumina

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ION EXCHANGE PROPERTIES OF AND RATES OF IONIC DIFFUSION IN BETA-ALUMINA

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Abstract—The sodium ion in beta-alumina has been exchanged in molten salts with a number of univalent and divalent ions. The sodium and potassium concentrations in the solid beta-alumina in contact with various binary Na-K nitrate compositions have been carefully determined and the free energy difference between K⁺ and Na⁺ beta-alumina calculated. The self diffusion coefficients of Na⁺, Ag⁺, K⁺, Rb⁺, and Li⁺ in single crystals of beta-alumina have been determined as a function of temperature. Sodium ion has the largest self diffusion coefficient (1×10^{-5} cm²/sec at 300°C and 4.0×10^{-7} cm²/sec at 25°C) followed by Ag⁺, K⁺, Li⁺, and Rb⁺. Data are also presented for interdiffusion coefficients and dielectric loss measurements, and some speculations are made as to the mechanism of the diffusion.

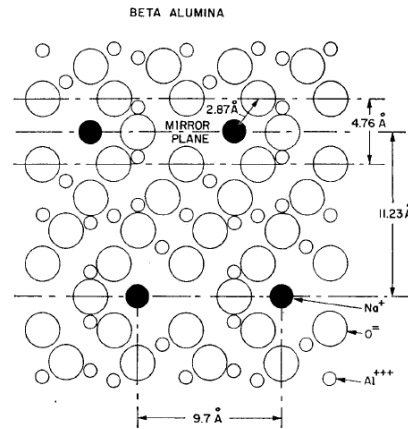
INTRODUCTION

BETA-ALUMINA, which has the empirical formula Na_xO·11Al₂O₃, can be made by fusing Al₂O₃ and Na₂CO₃ together in the correct proportions.⁽¹⁾ The crystalline structure has been determined.⁽¹⁻³⁾ This hexagonal layer structure has the lattice



A Sodium-Sulfur Secondary Battery

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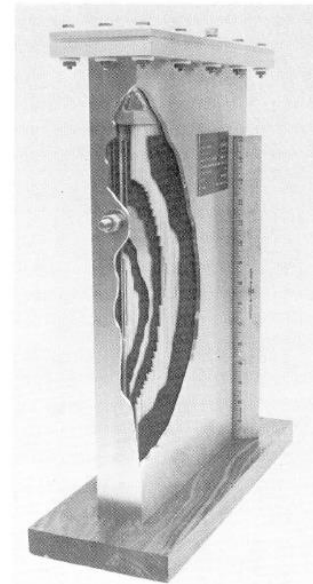


Fig. 8 - Mock-up of a proposed 2 kW cell, showing planar array of sodium filled ceramic tubes



Ford Motor Co., 1966:

the battery breakthrough

using a Na/S chemistry instead of lead-acid

would mean a car about the size of a Ford Falcon could go 82 miles on a single charge

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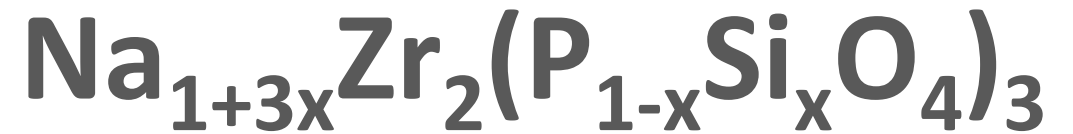
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[1967 Automotive Engineering Congress and Exposition](#)

Who showed fast Na ionic conductivity? Part II

FAST Na⁺ - ION TRANSPORT IN SKELETON STRUCTURES*

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ABSTRACT

Skeleton structures have been explored experimentally for fast Na⁺ - ion transport. A skeleton structure consists of a rigid skeletal array of atoms stabilized by electrons donated by alkali ions partially occupying sites in a three dimensionally linked interstitial space. Fast Na⁺ - ion transport was demonstrated in several structures, and the system Na_{1+x}Zr₂P_{3-x}Si_xO₁₂ has a Na⁺ - ion resistivity at 300°C of $\rho_{300} \leq 5 \Omega\text{-cm}$ for $x \approx 2$, which is competitive with the best β'' - alumina. An activation energy $\epsilon_a \approx 0.29$ eV is about 0.1 eV larger than that of β'' - alumina.

What is known today as

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Introduction

The discovery¹ of fast Na⁺ - ion transport in β - and β'' - alumina has stimulated interest in the use of solid electrolytes in cells and thermoelectric generators.² The best compositions have resistivities for fast Na⁺ - ion transport at 300°C of $\rho_{300} = 4 \Omega\text{-cm}$ with an activation energy for the mobility $\epsilon_a = 0.16$ eV³. The volatility of sodium together with the refractory character of Al₂O₃ has made awkward economic fabrication of ceramic membranes, but this problem appears to be solved.⁴ Nevertheless, β - and β'' - alumina are layer compounds in which the Na⁺ ions are constrained

Was there anyone working on this structure too?

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The Crystal Structure of NaMe₂^{IV}(PO₄)₃; Me^{IV} = Ge, Ti, Zr

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Who is making NASICON electrolytes?

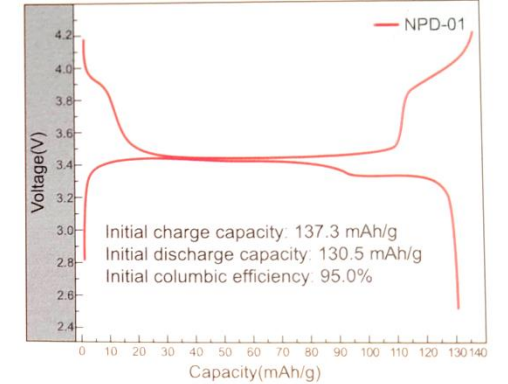
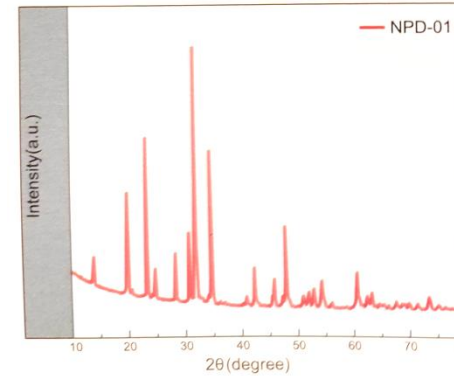


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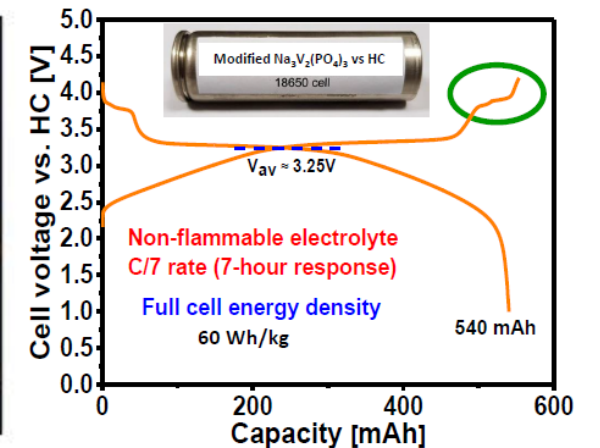
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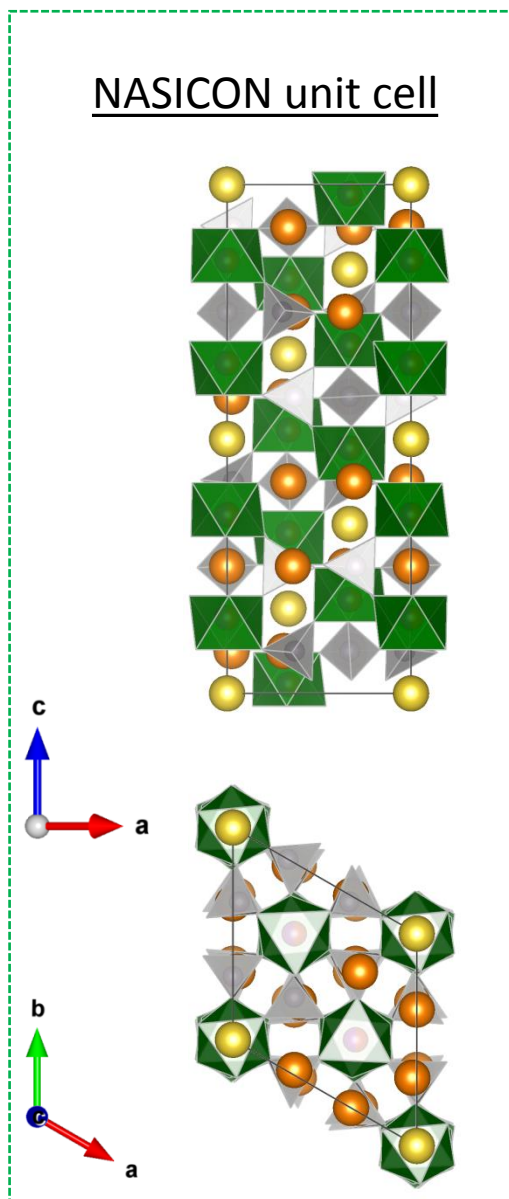
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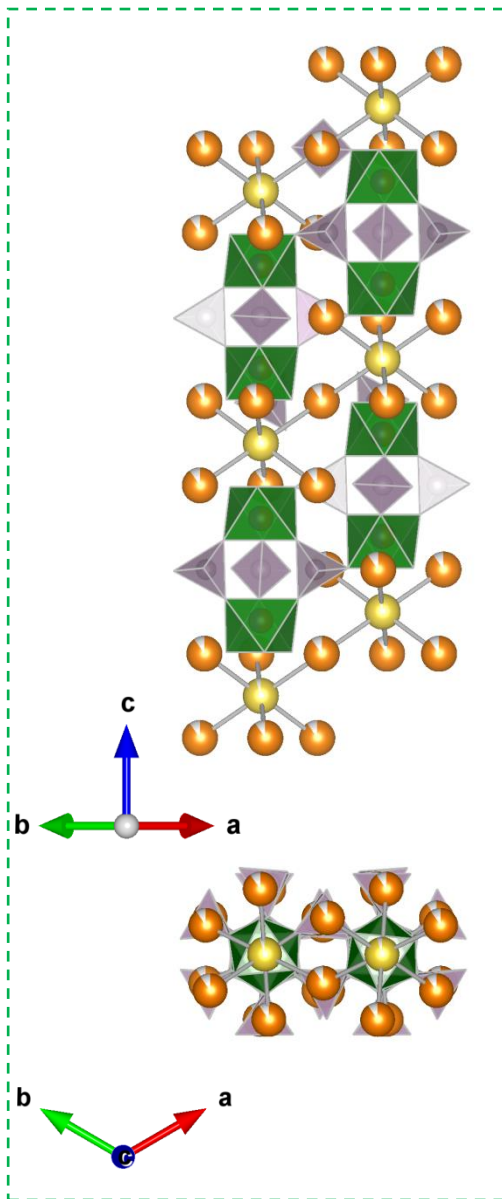
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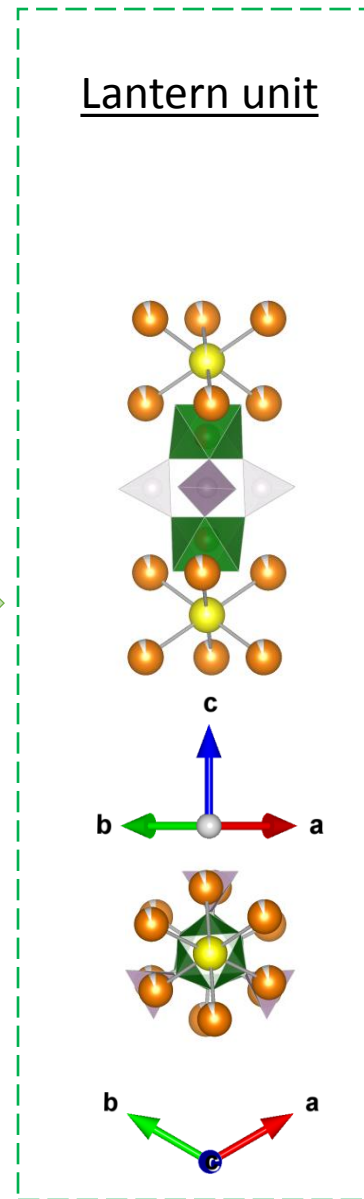
NASICON crystal structure







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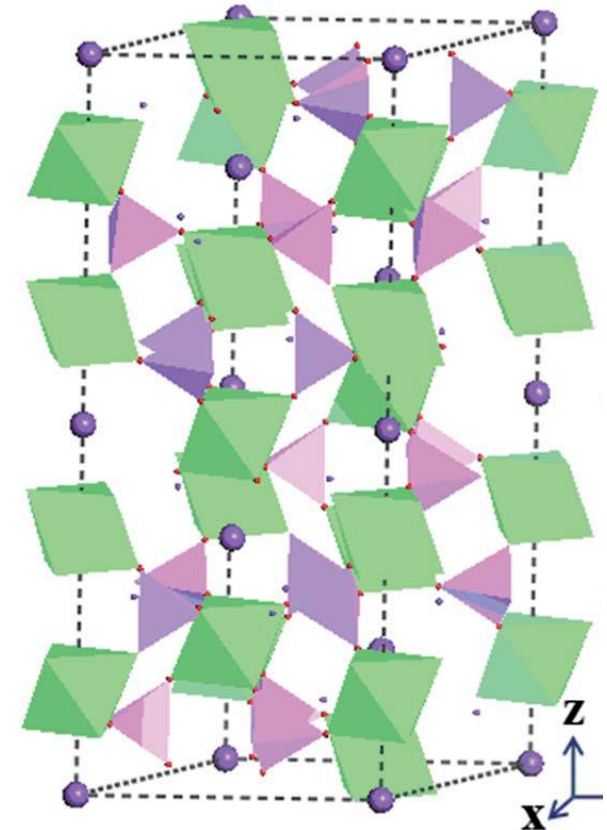
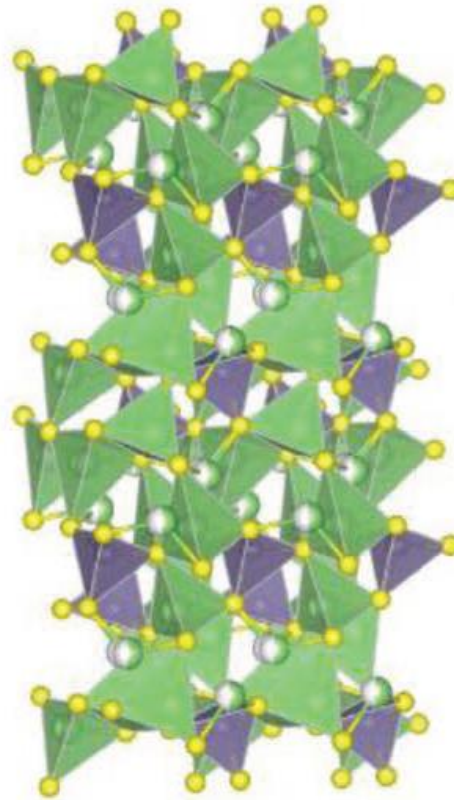
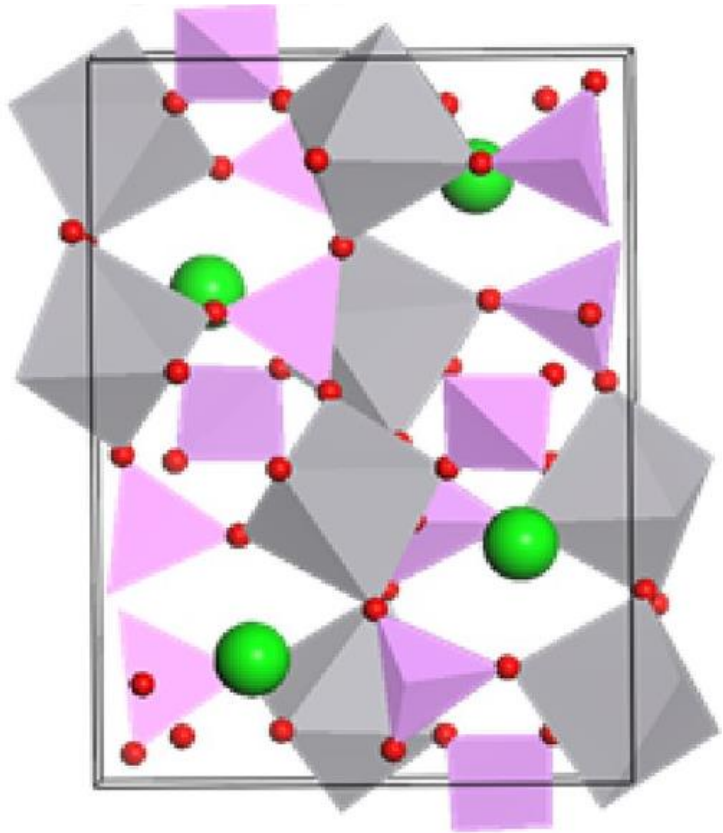


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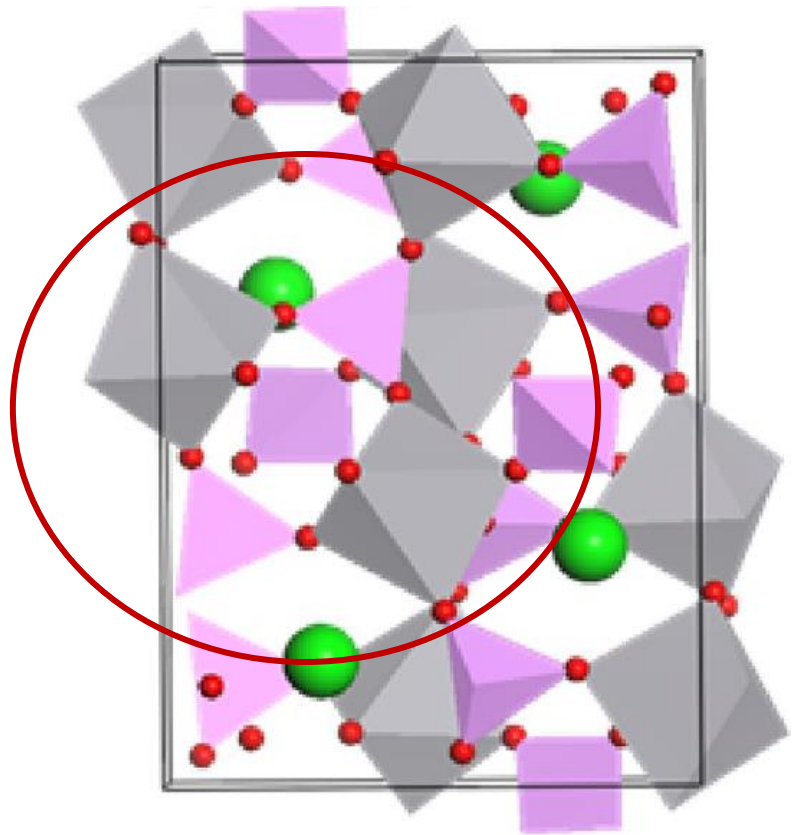


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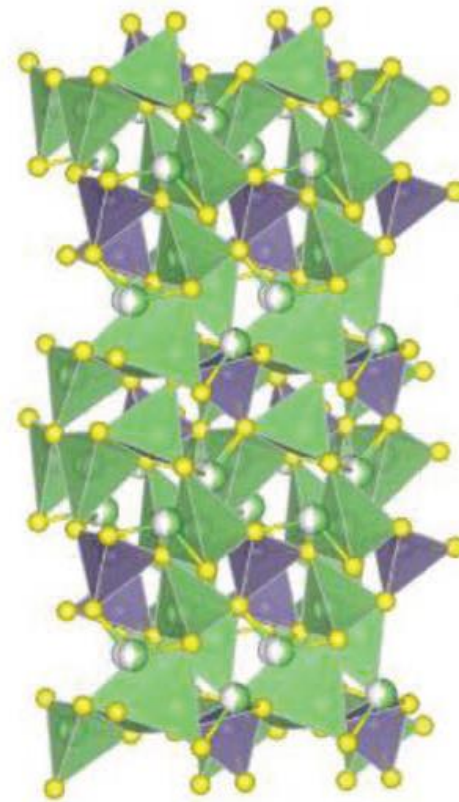
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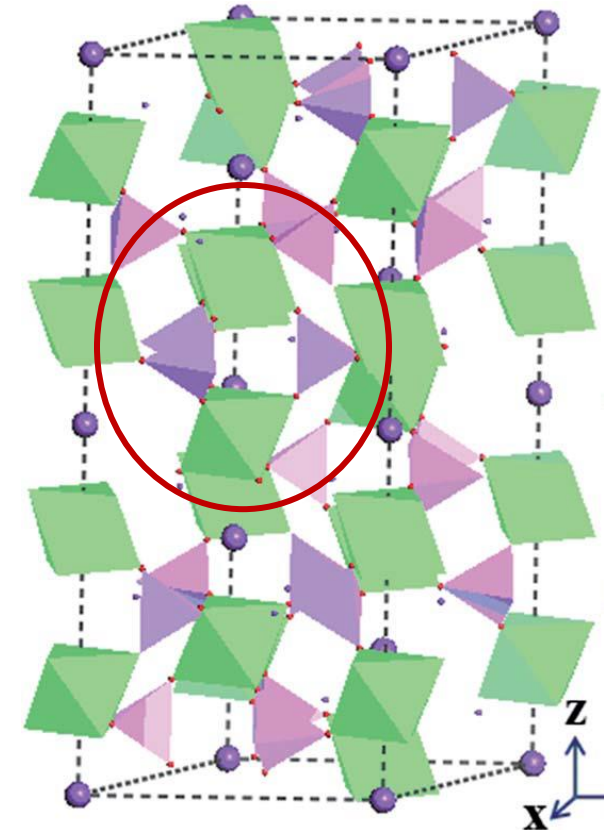
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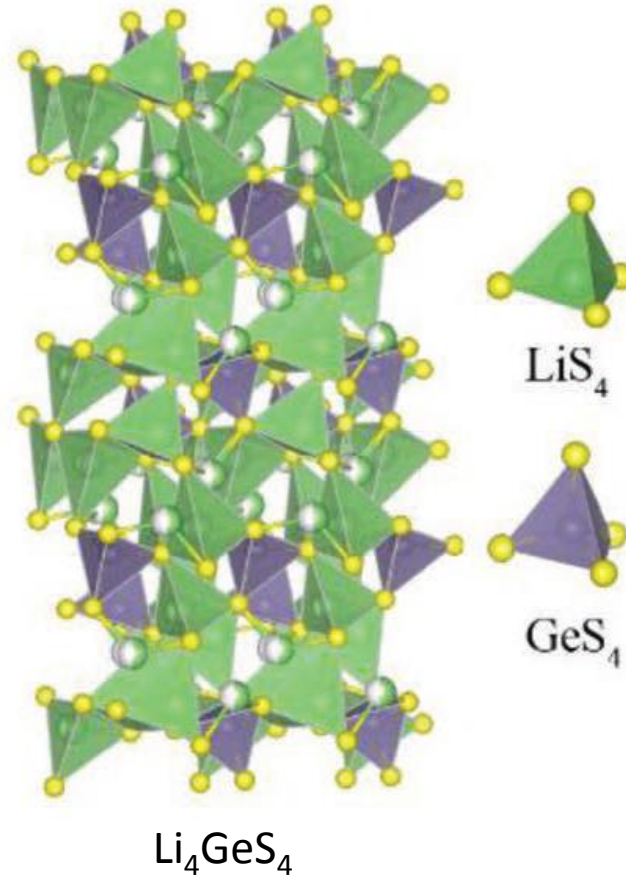
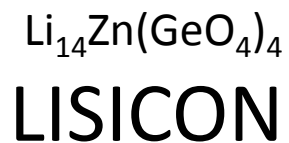
LISICON's framework differs from NASICON

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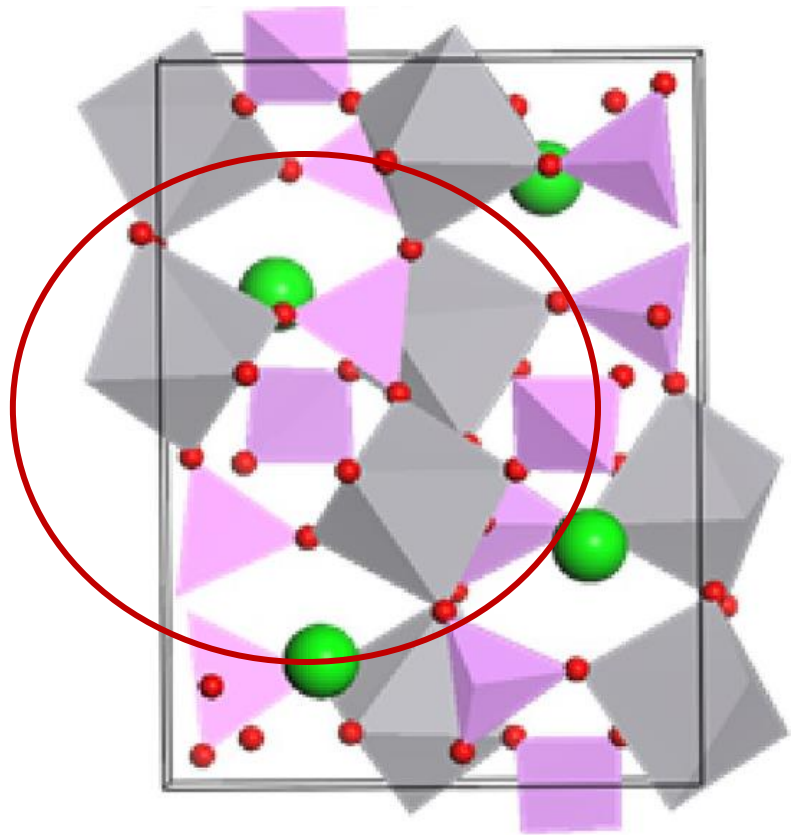
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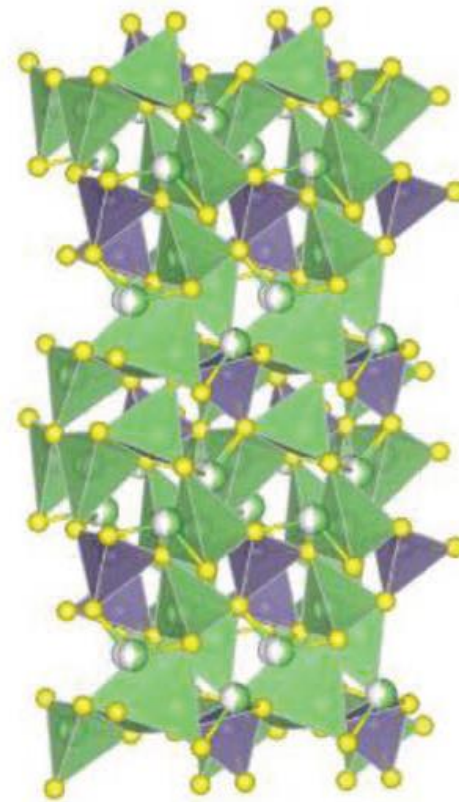
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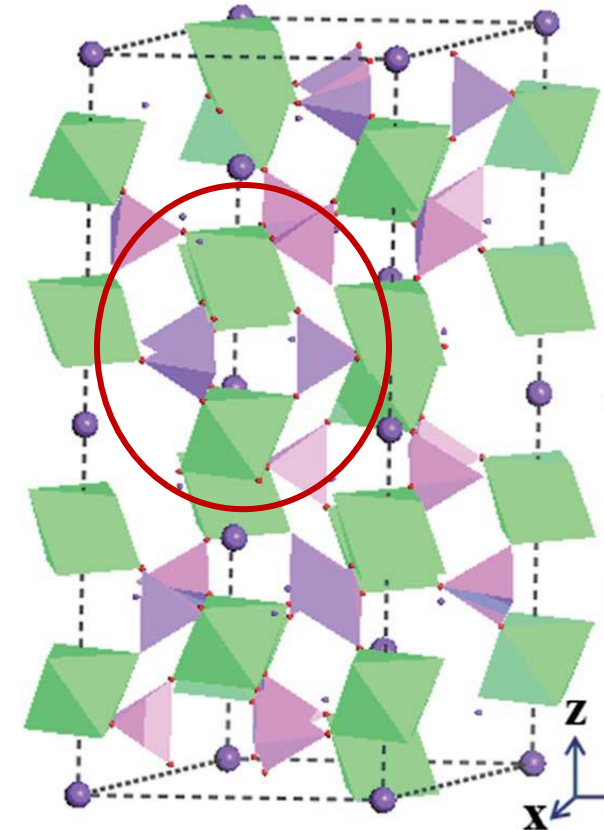
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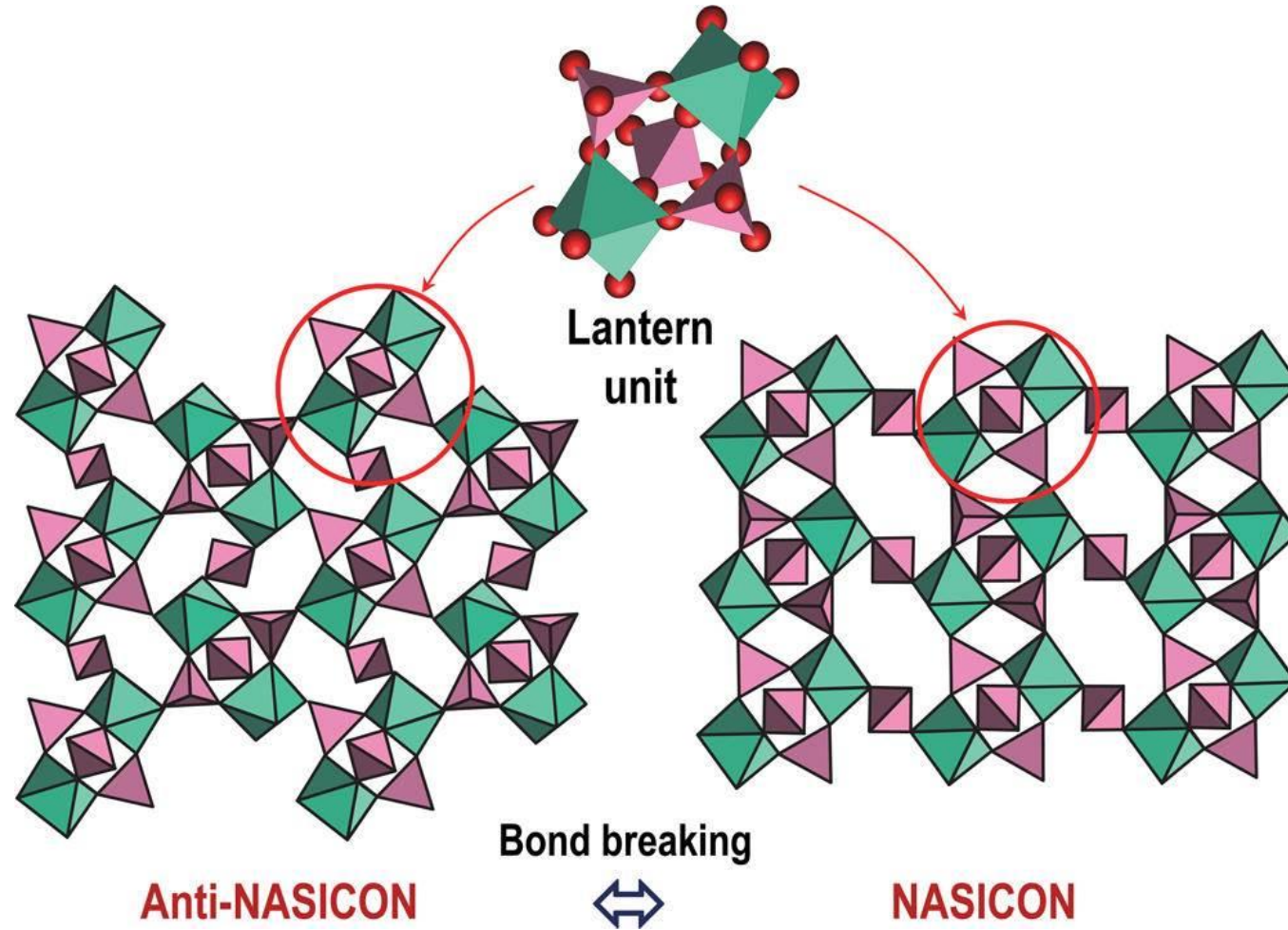
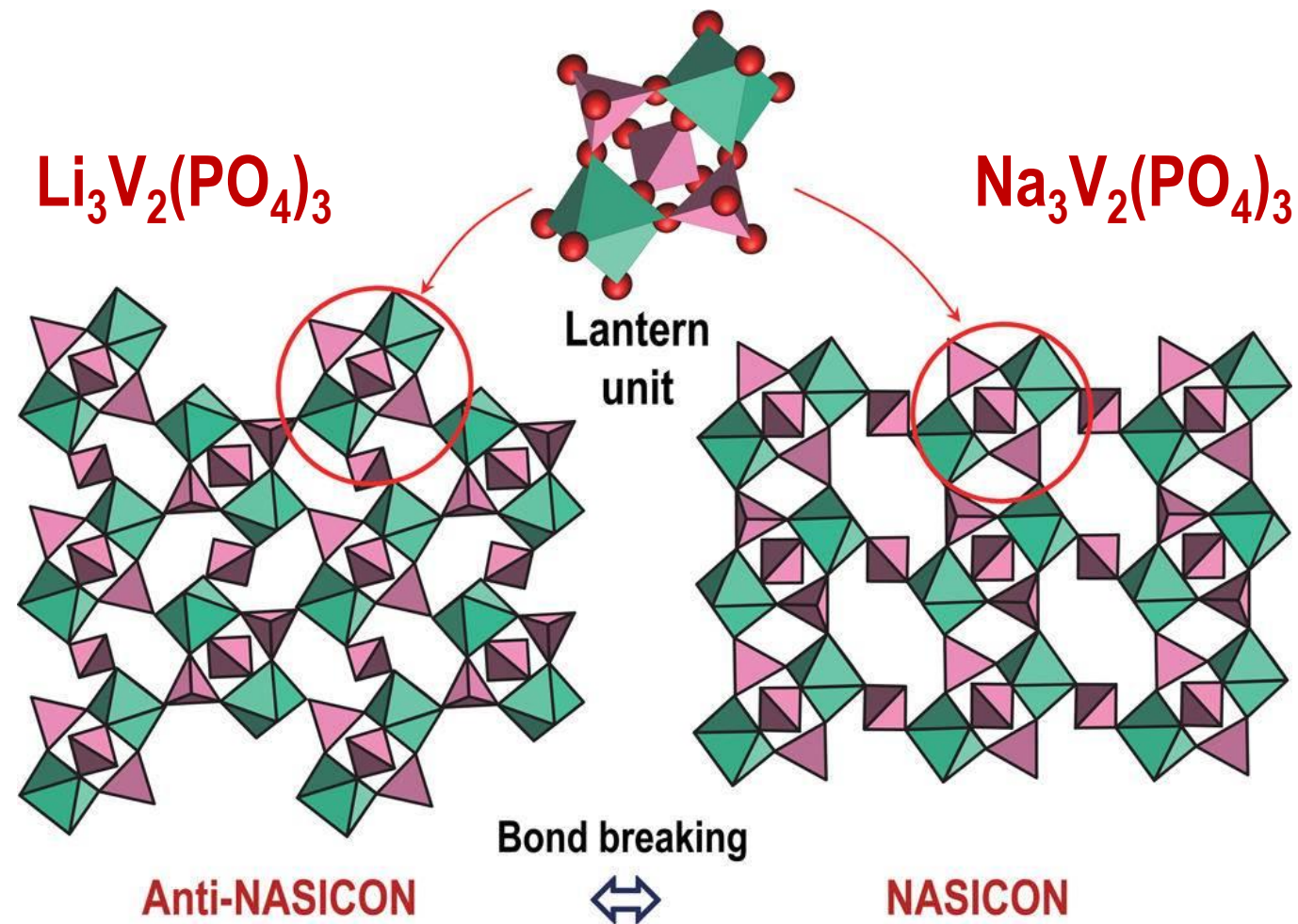


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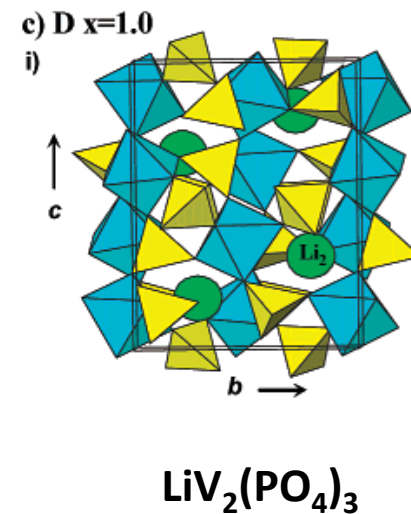
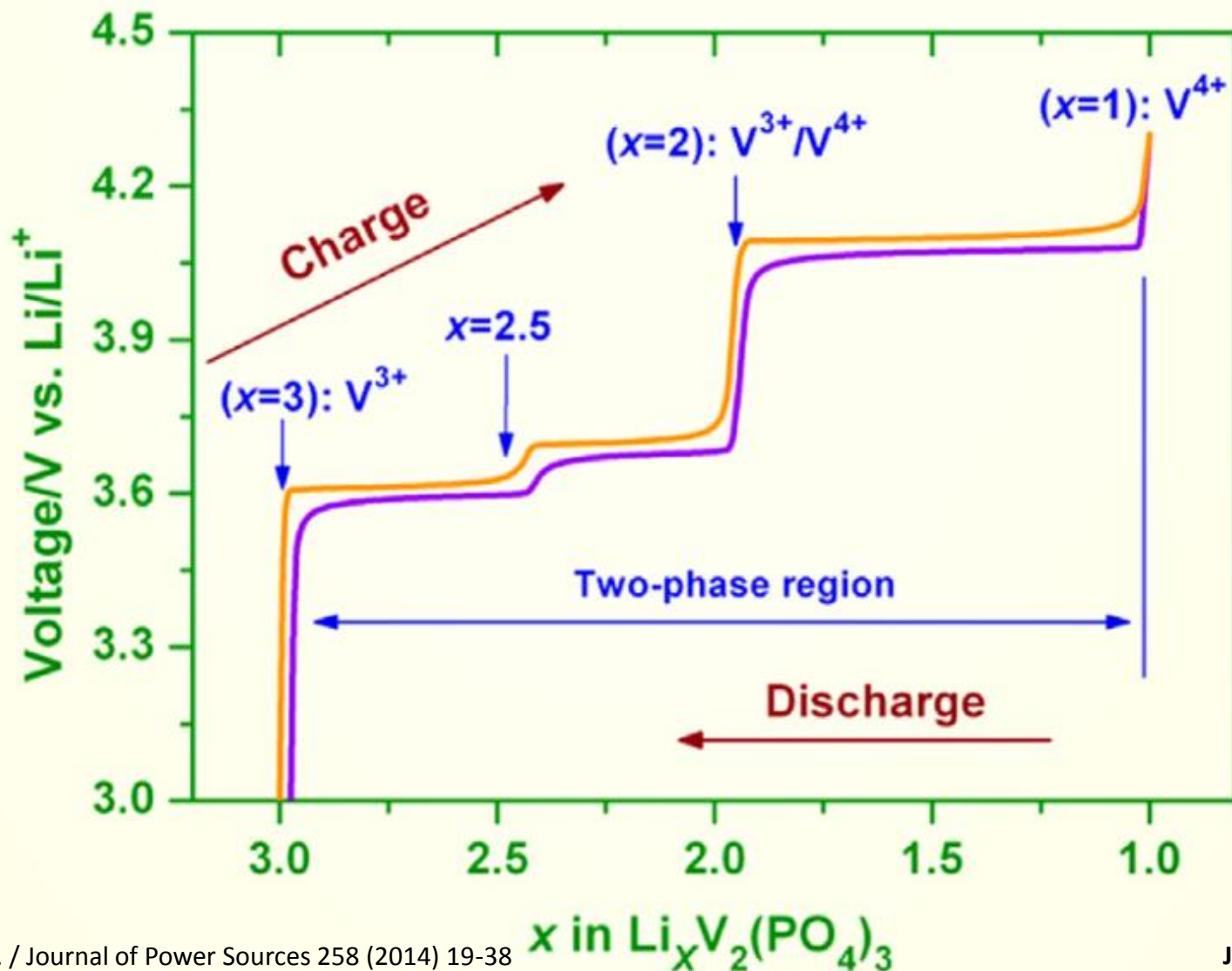
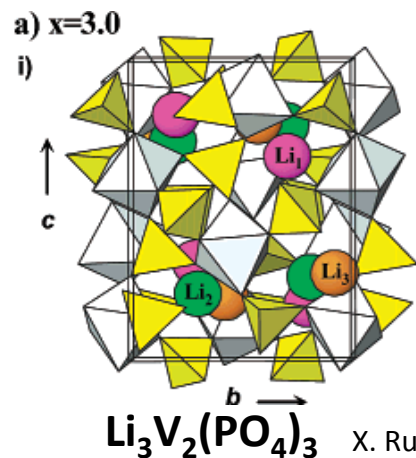
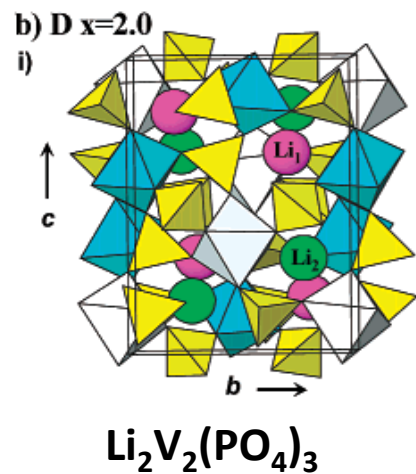
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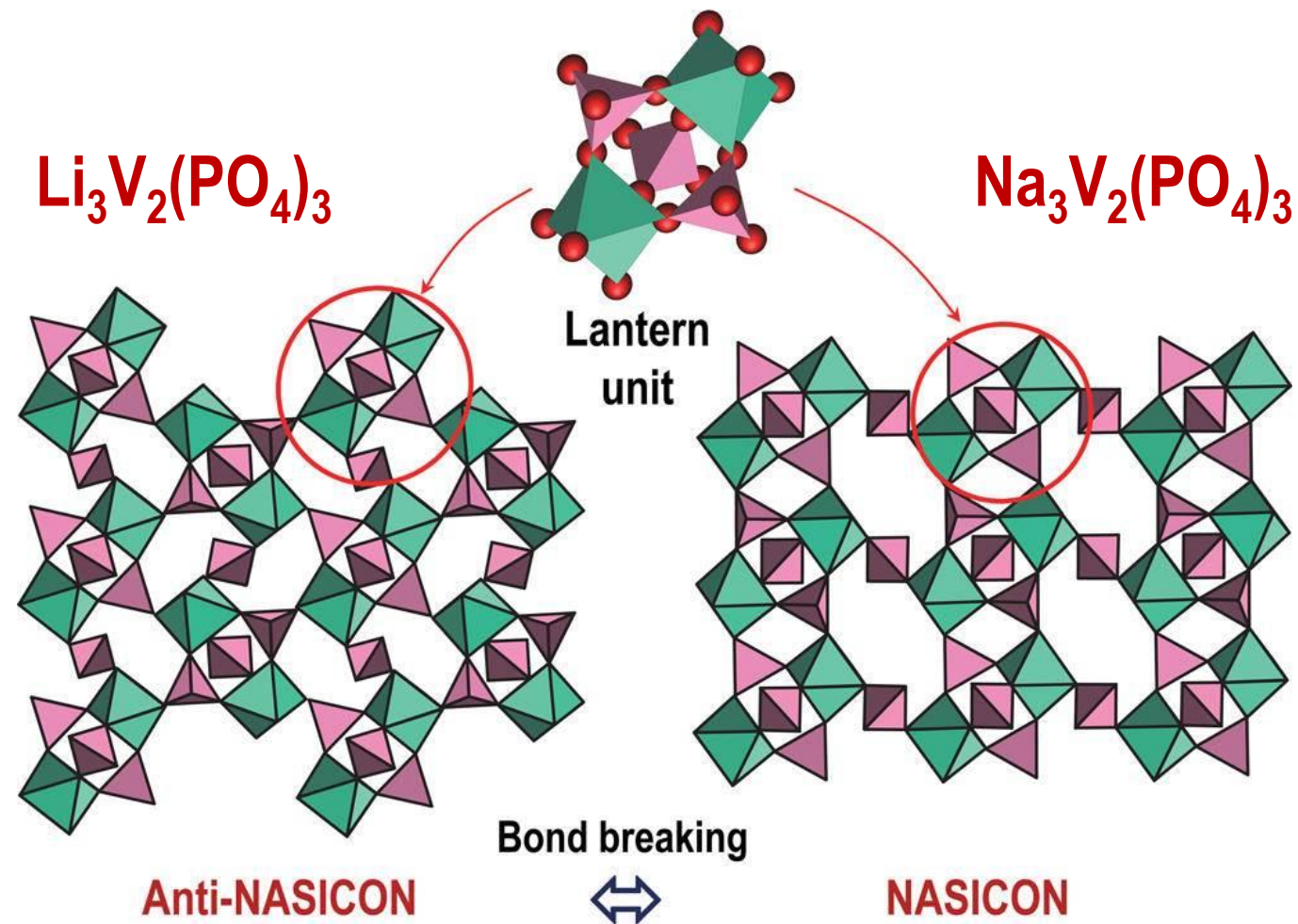
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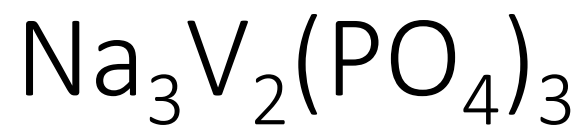


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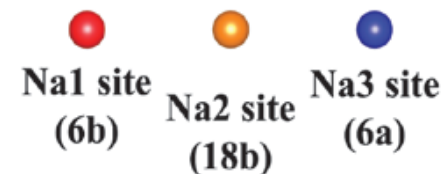
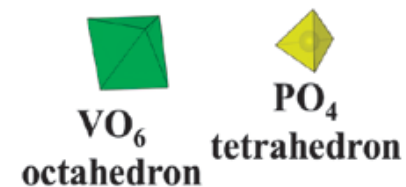
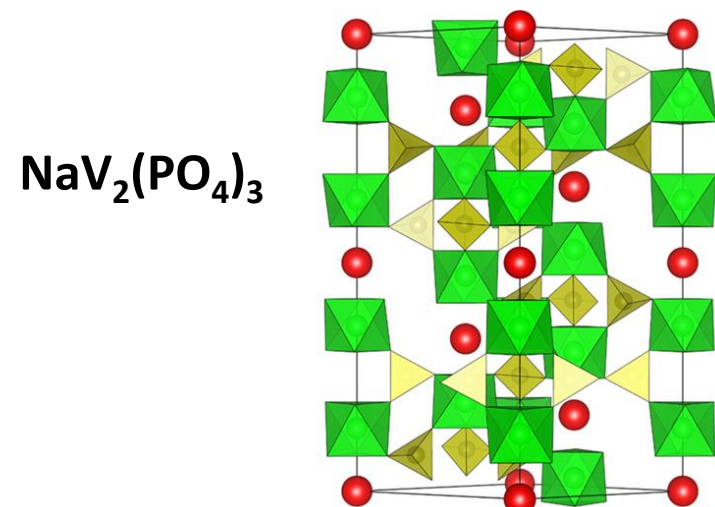
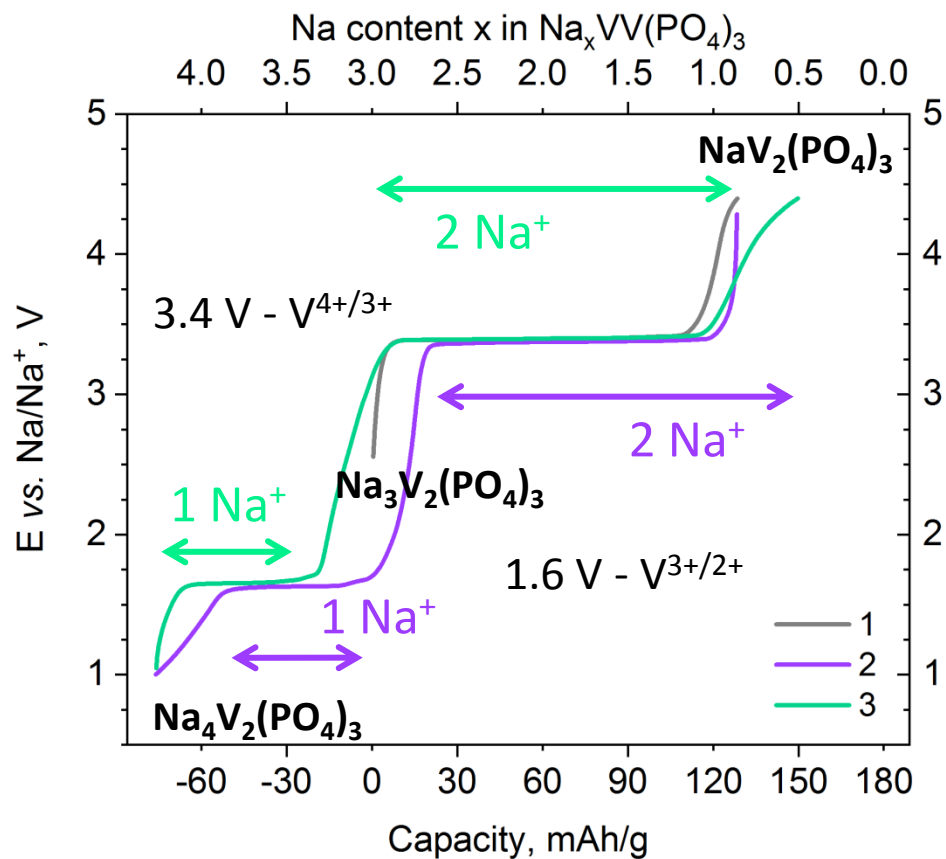
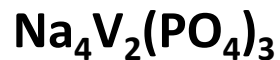
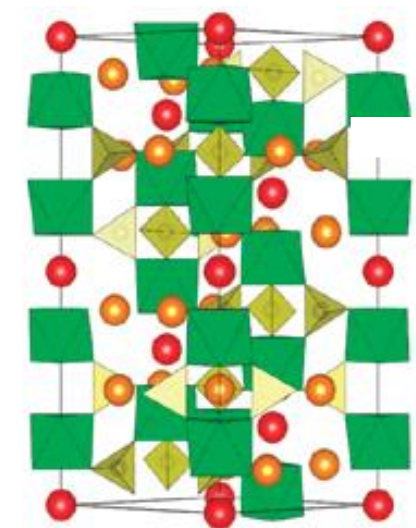
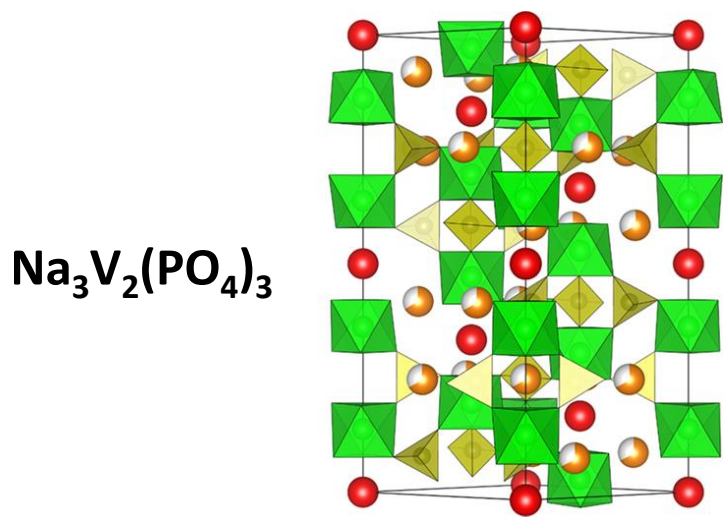
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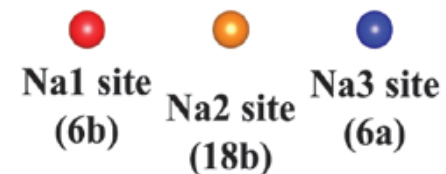
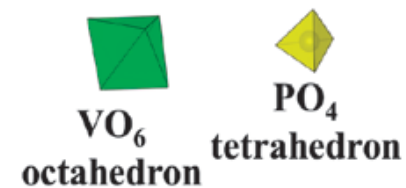
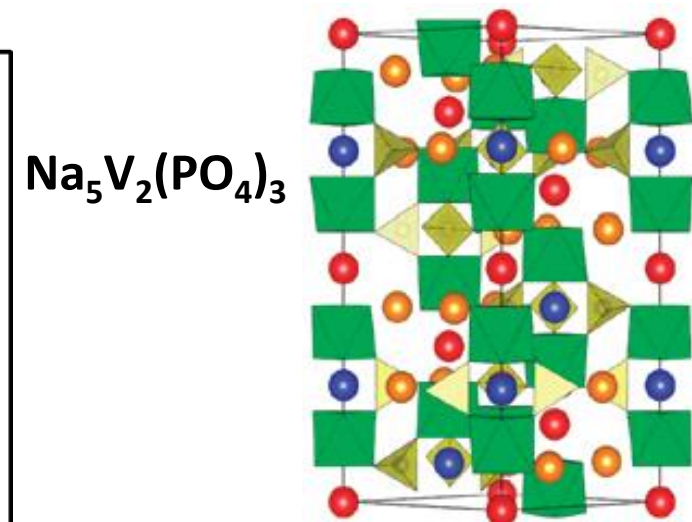
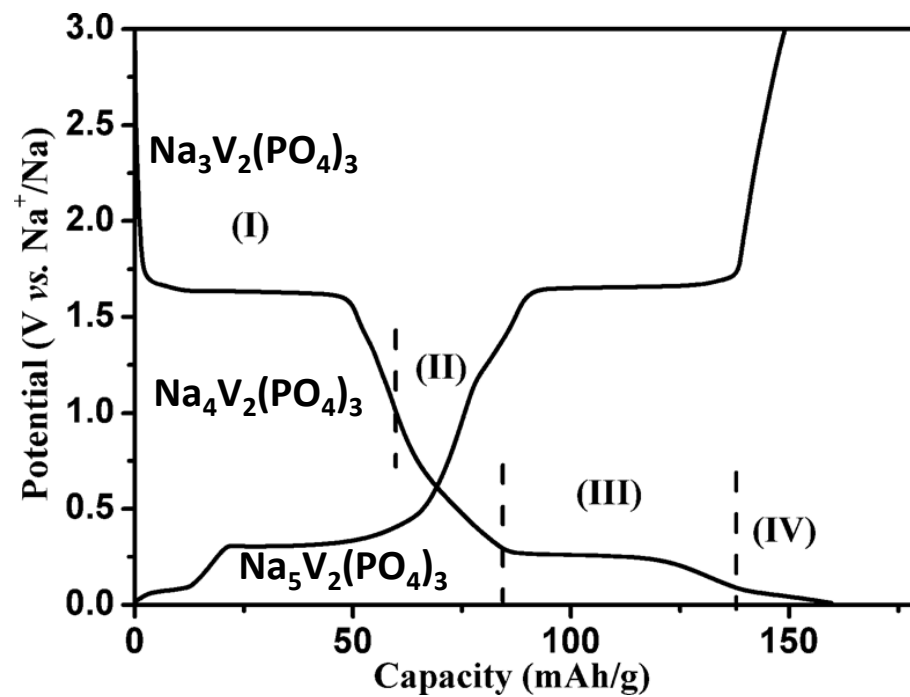
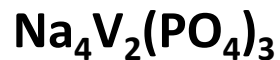
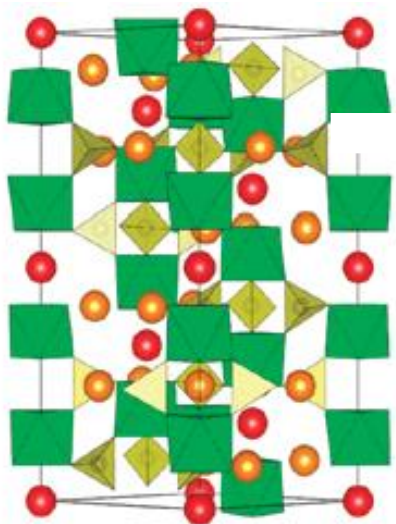
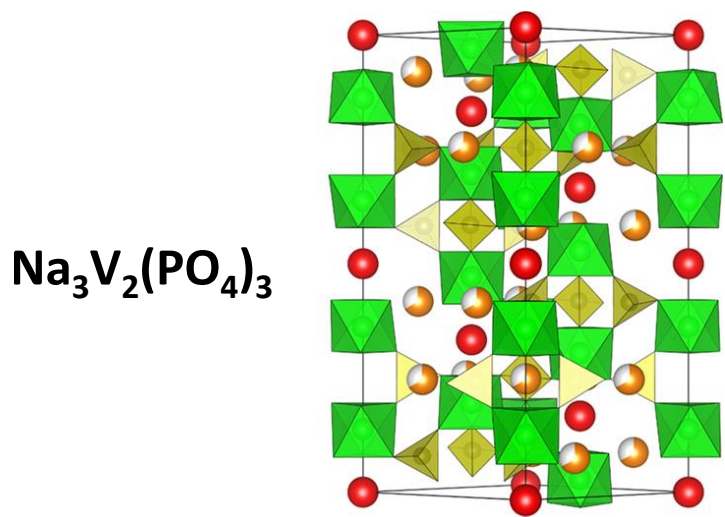
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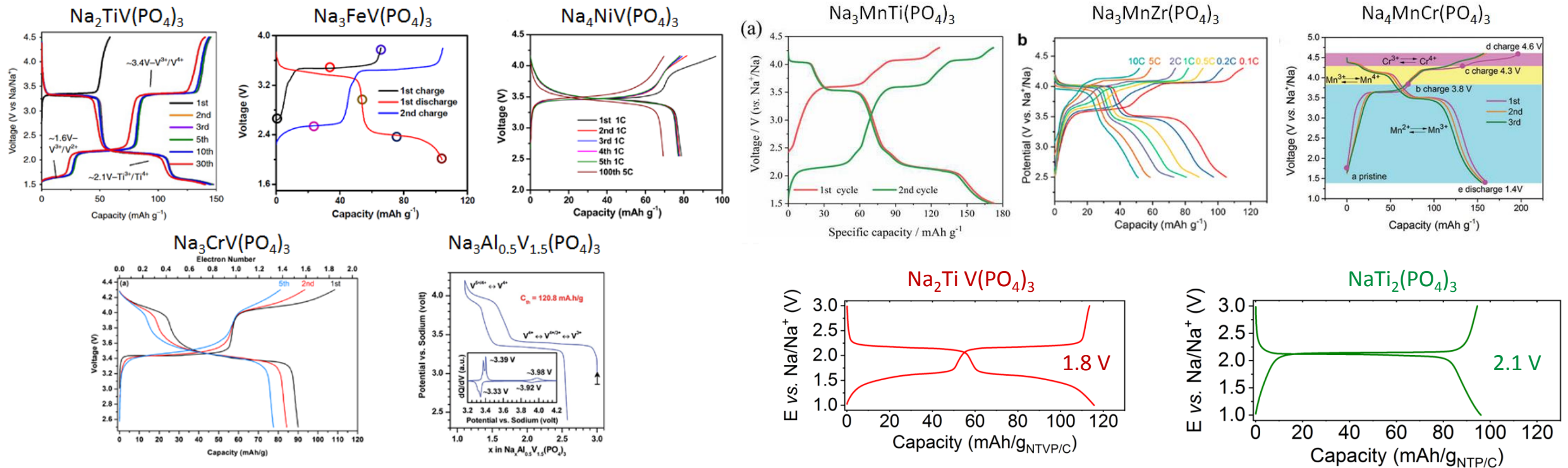
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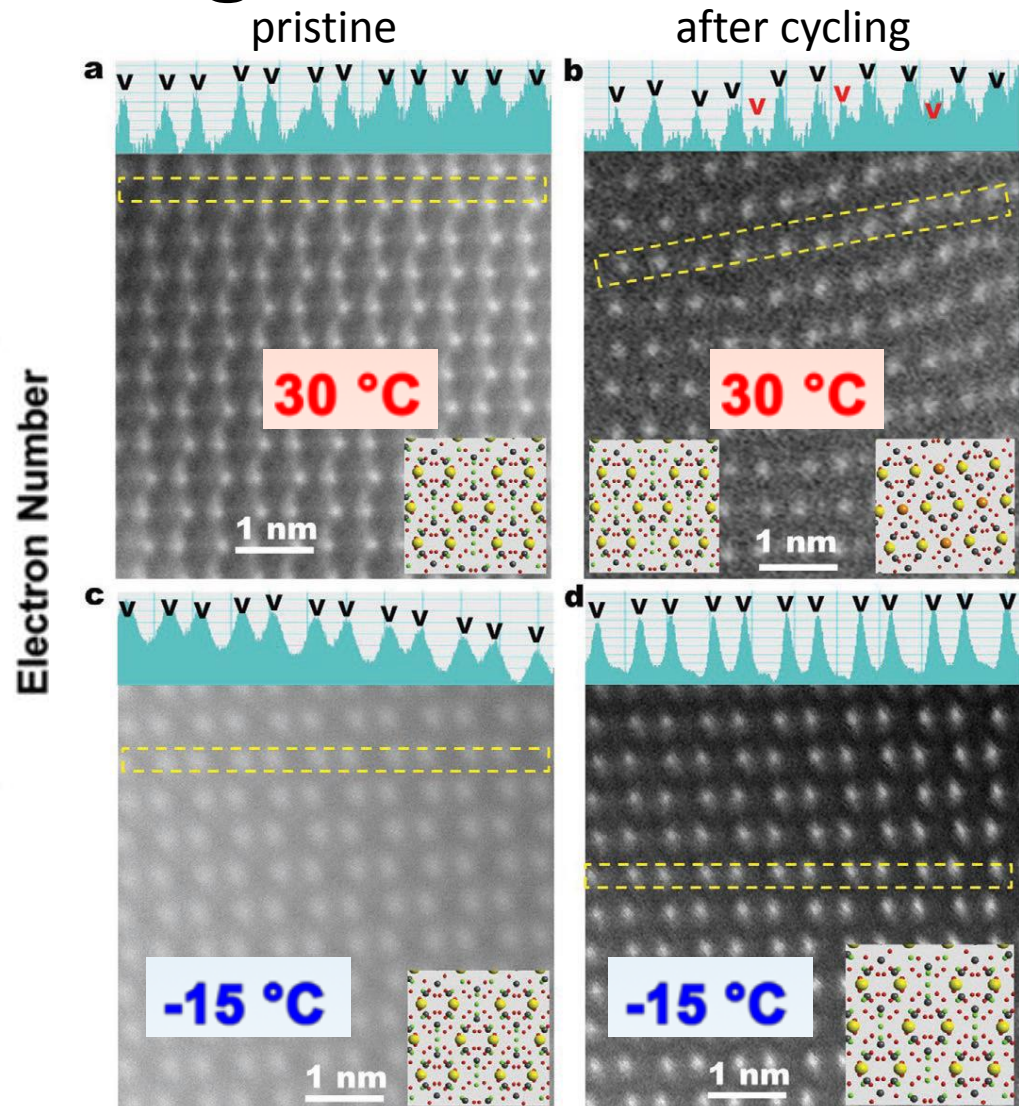
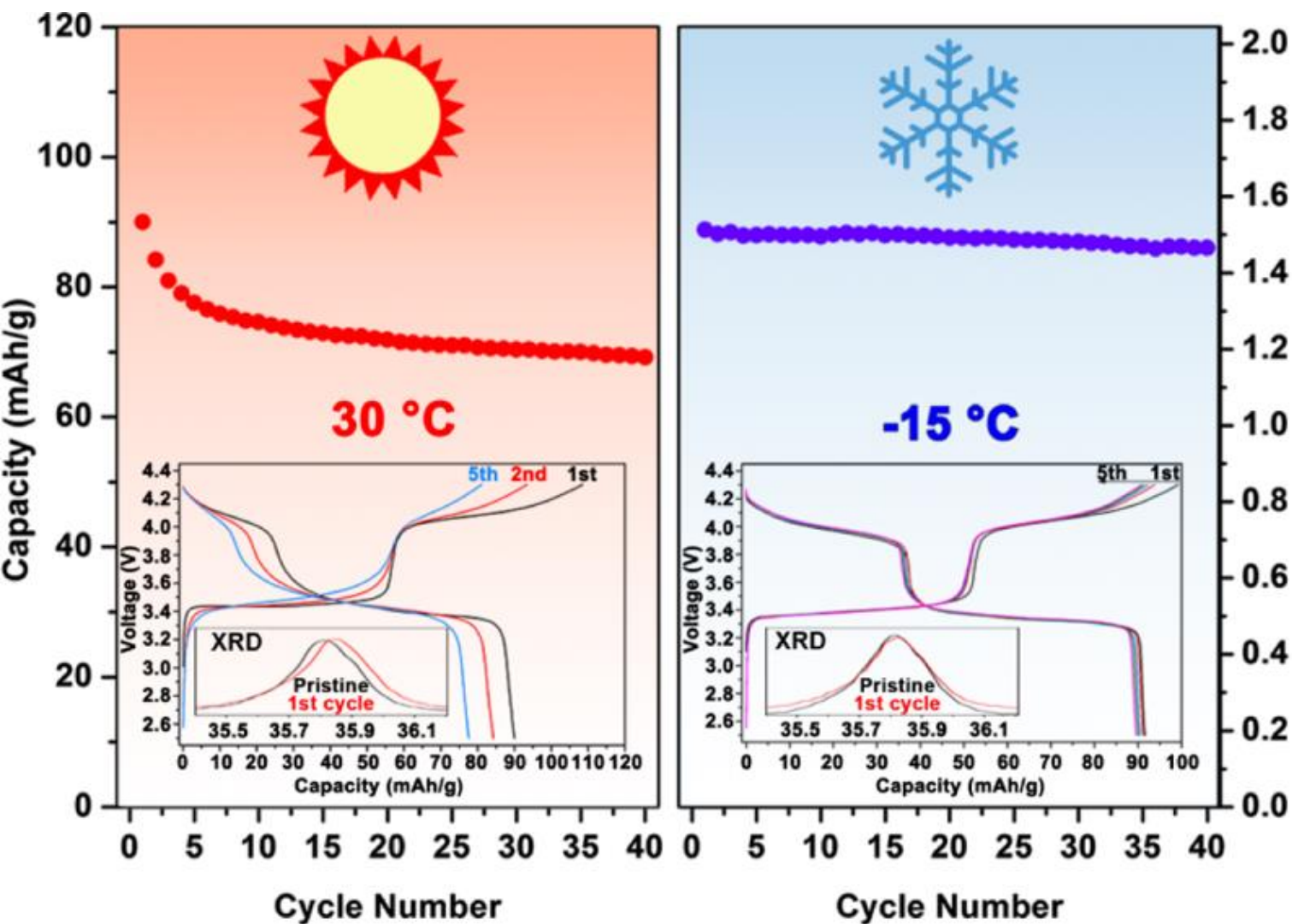
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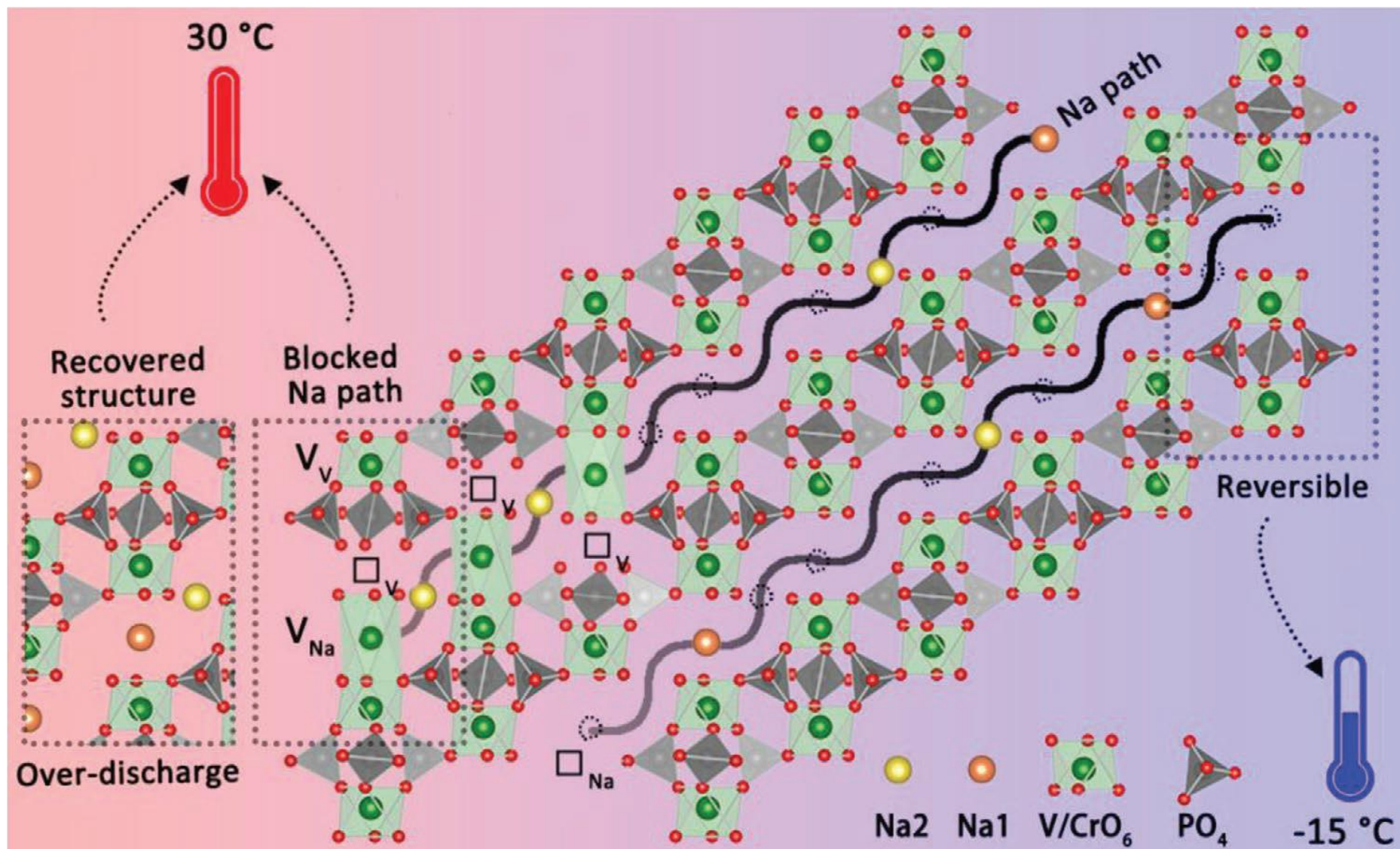
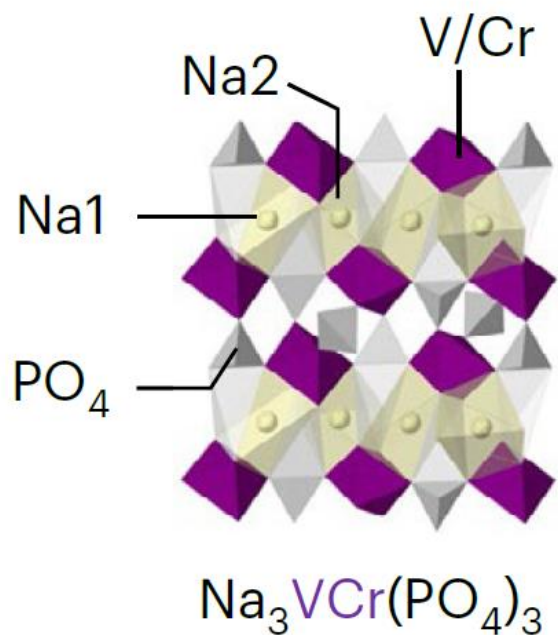
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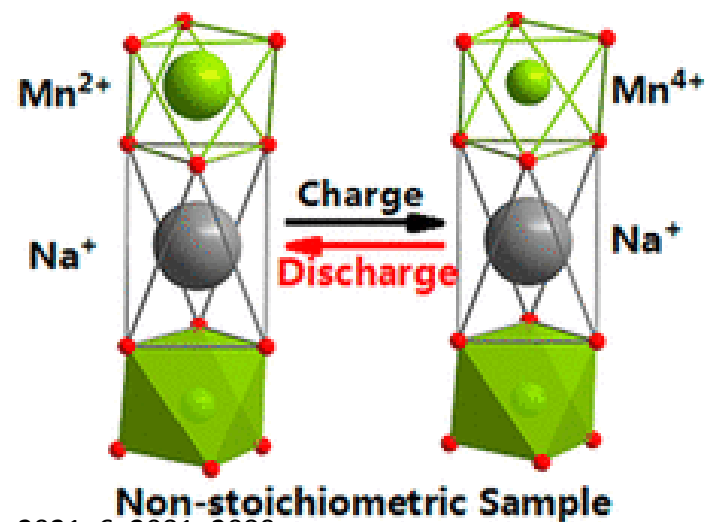
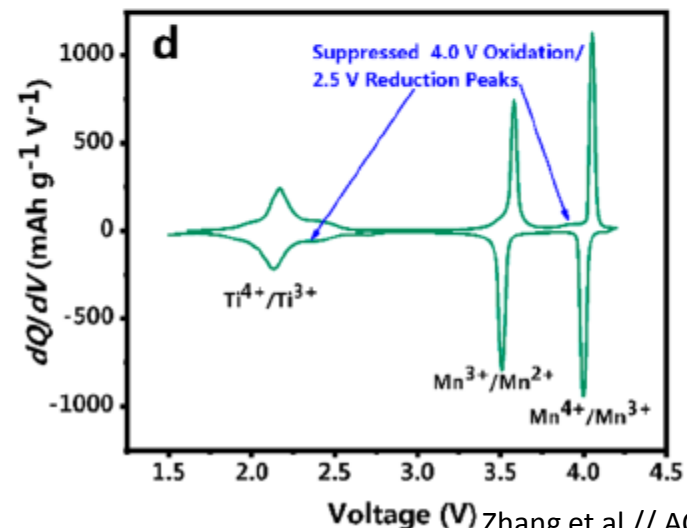
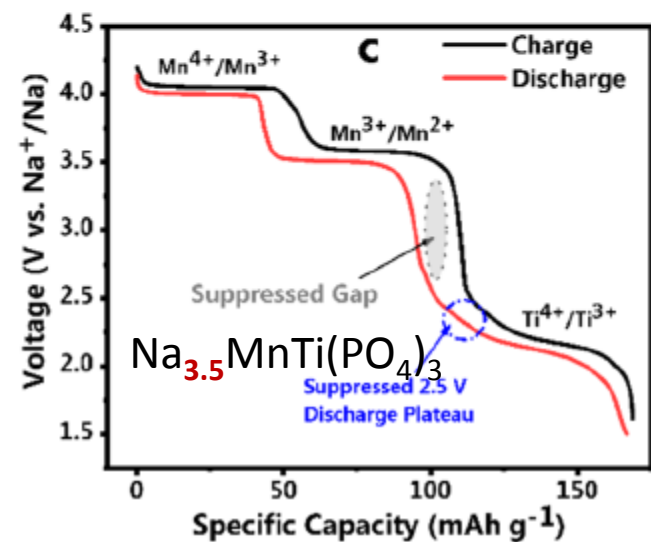
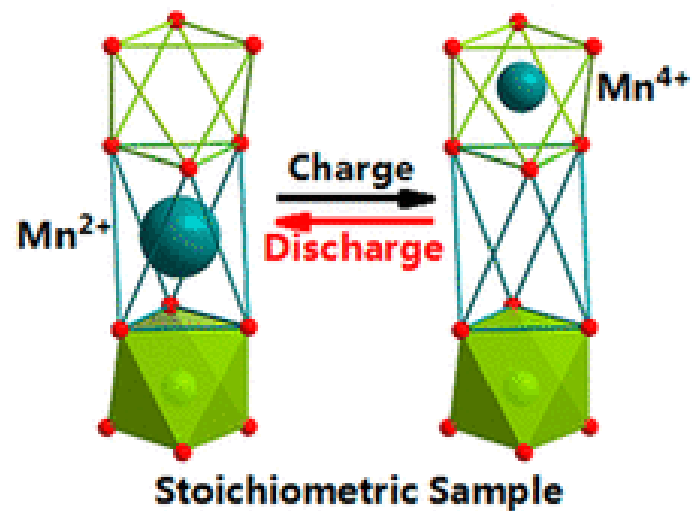
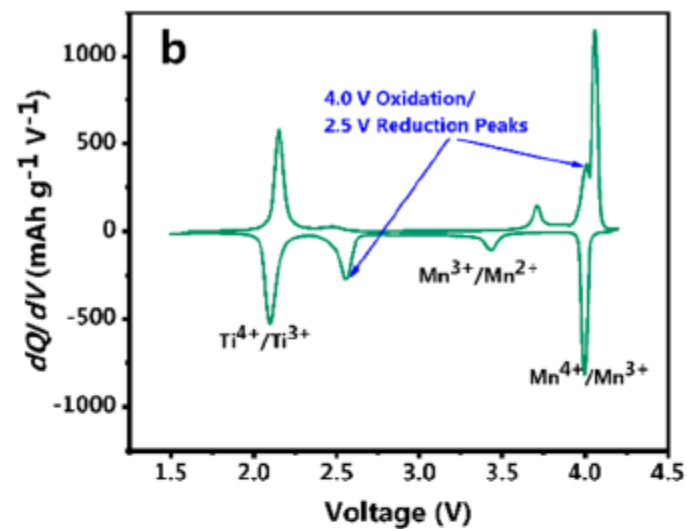
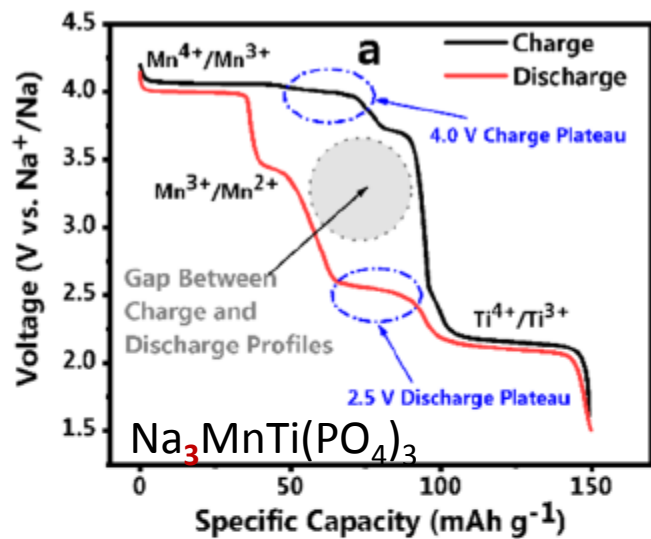
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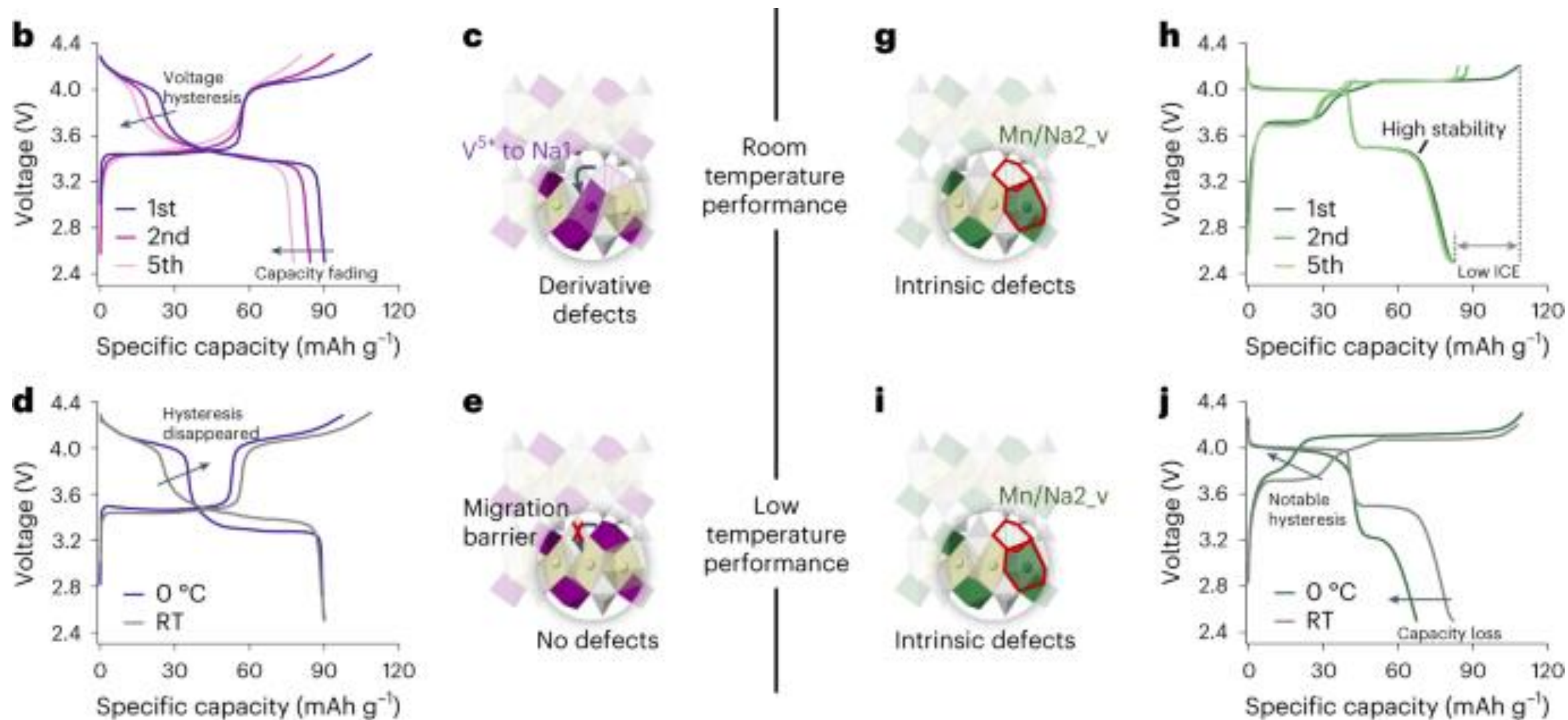
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$\text{Na}_3\text{MnTi}(\text{PO}_4)_3$: Mn-to-Na site migration



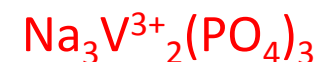
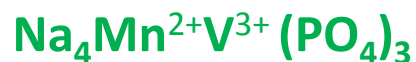
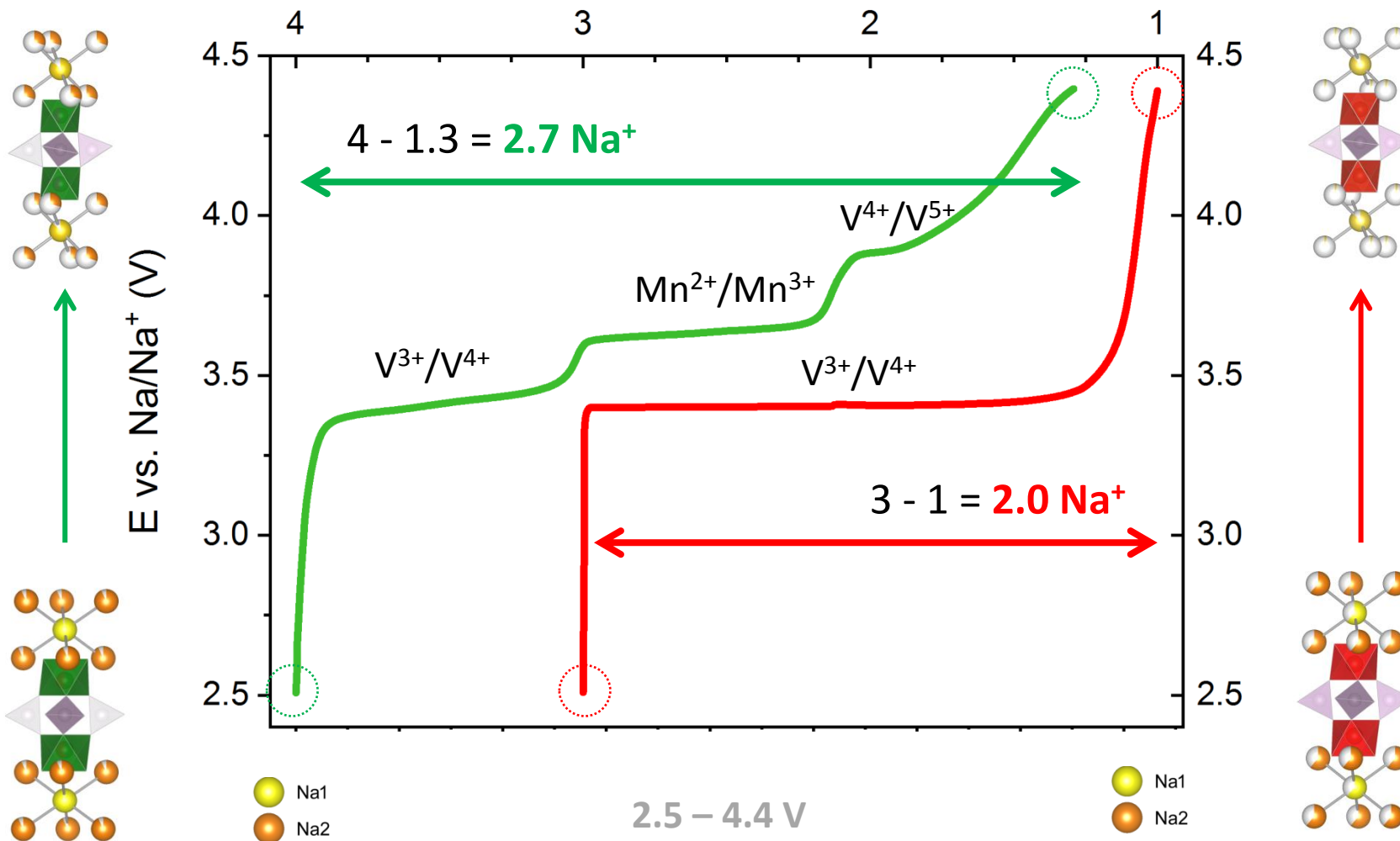
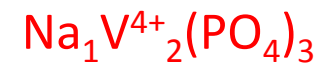
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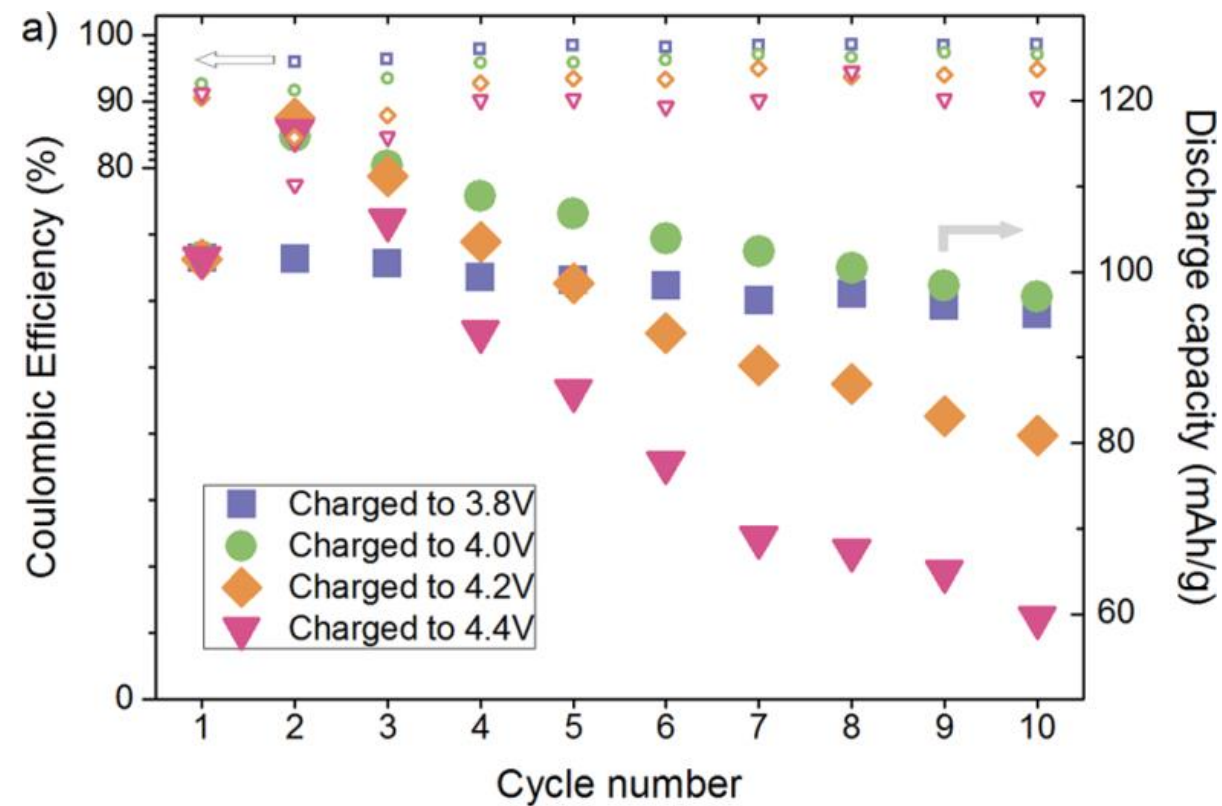
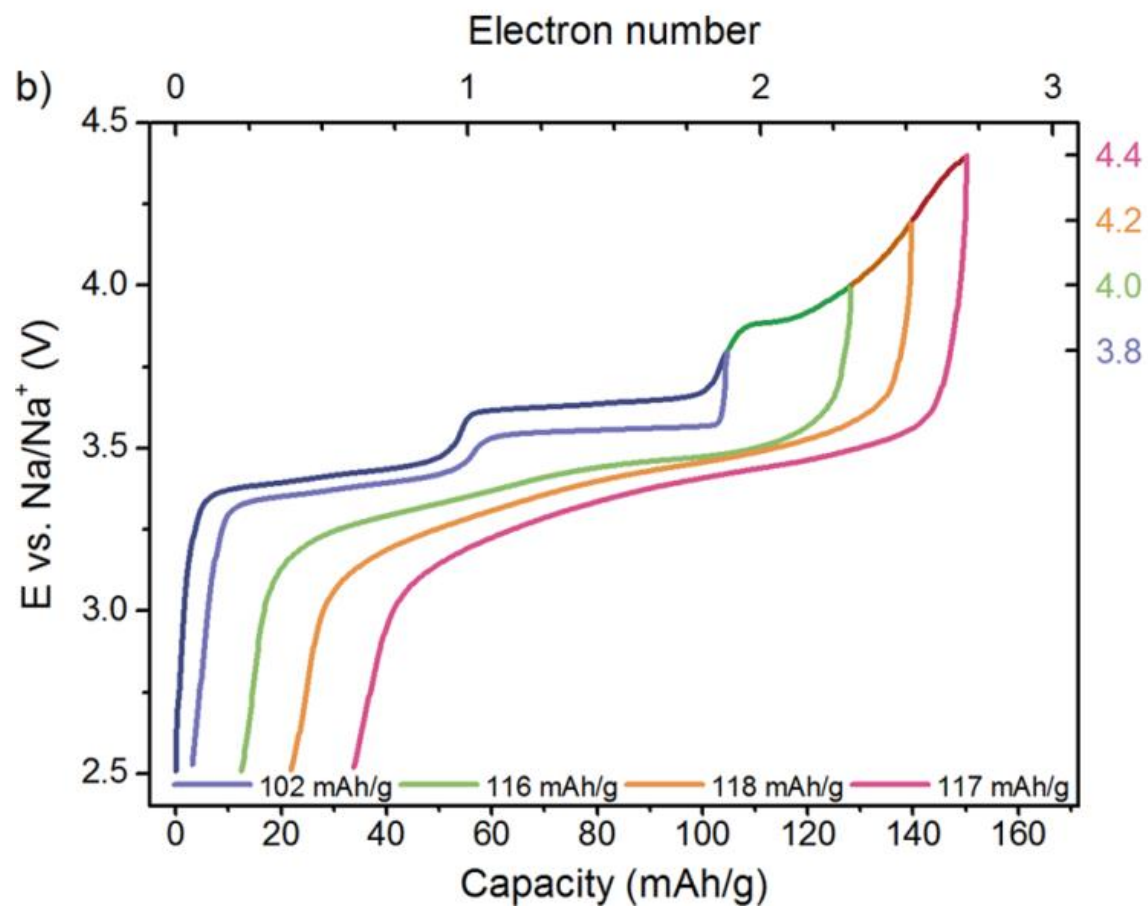


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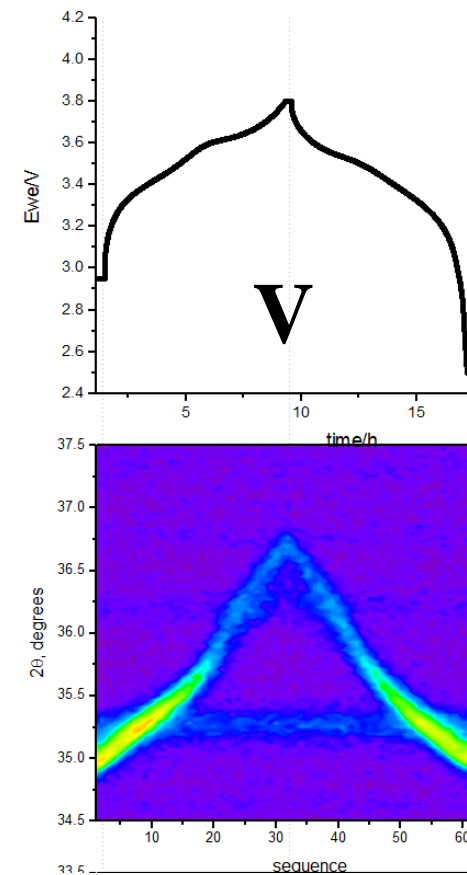
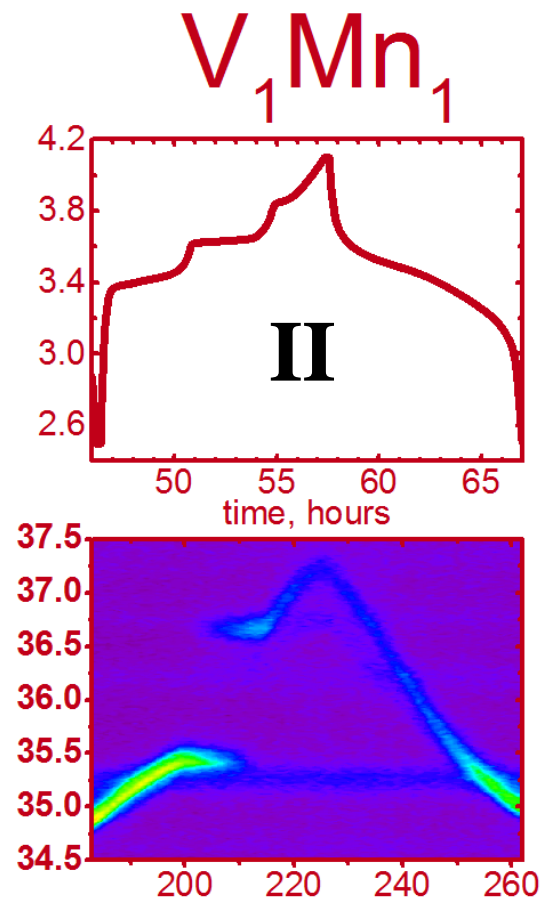
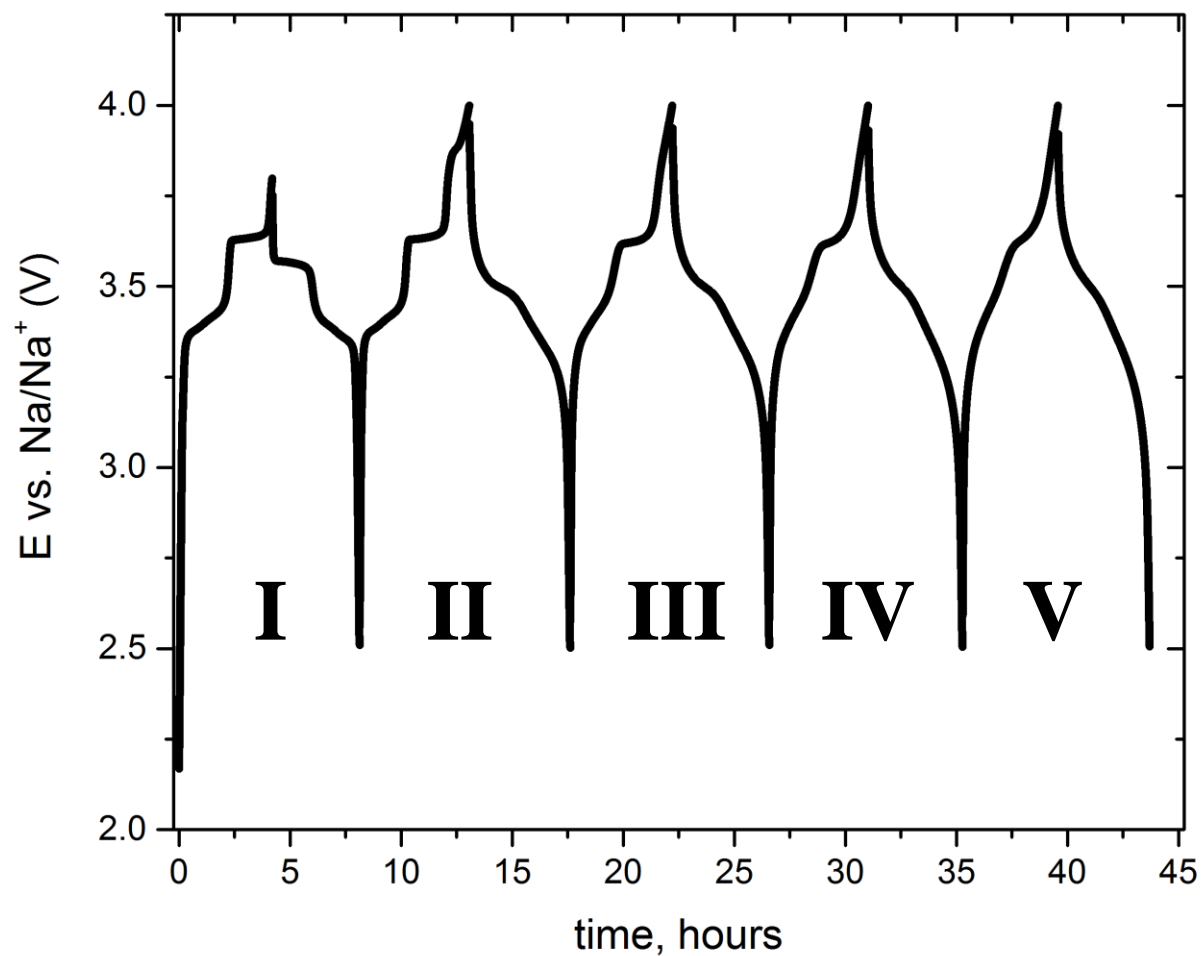


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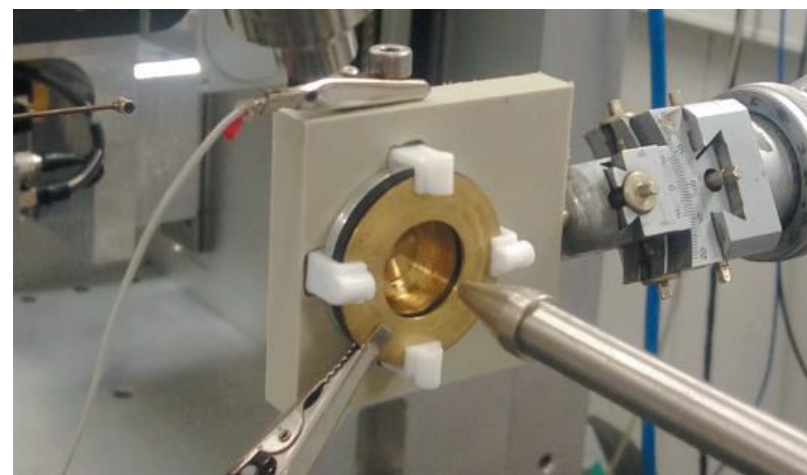
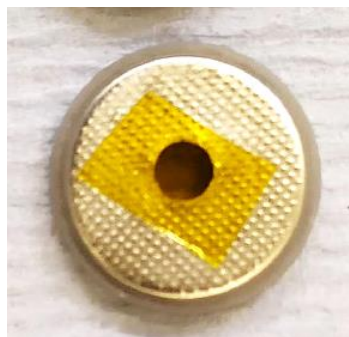
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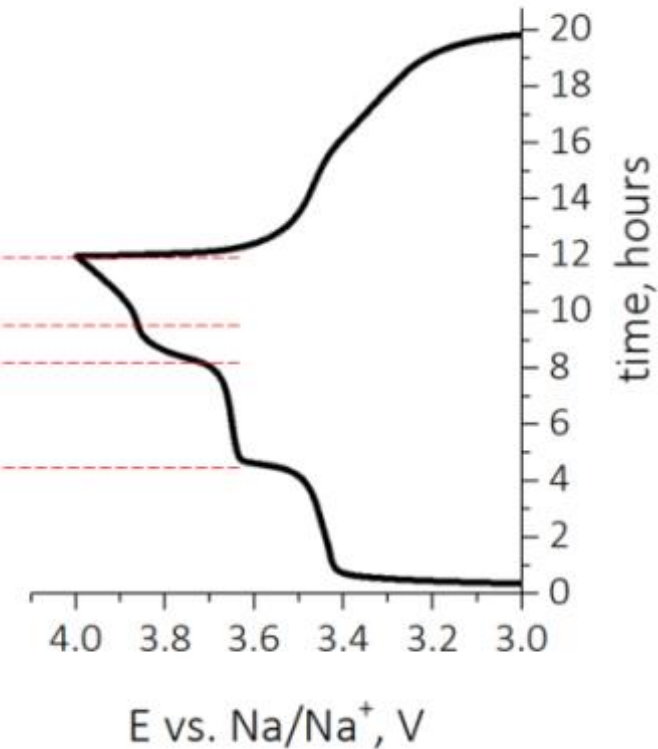
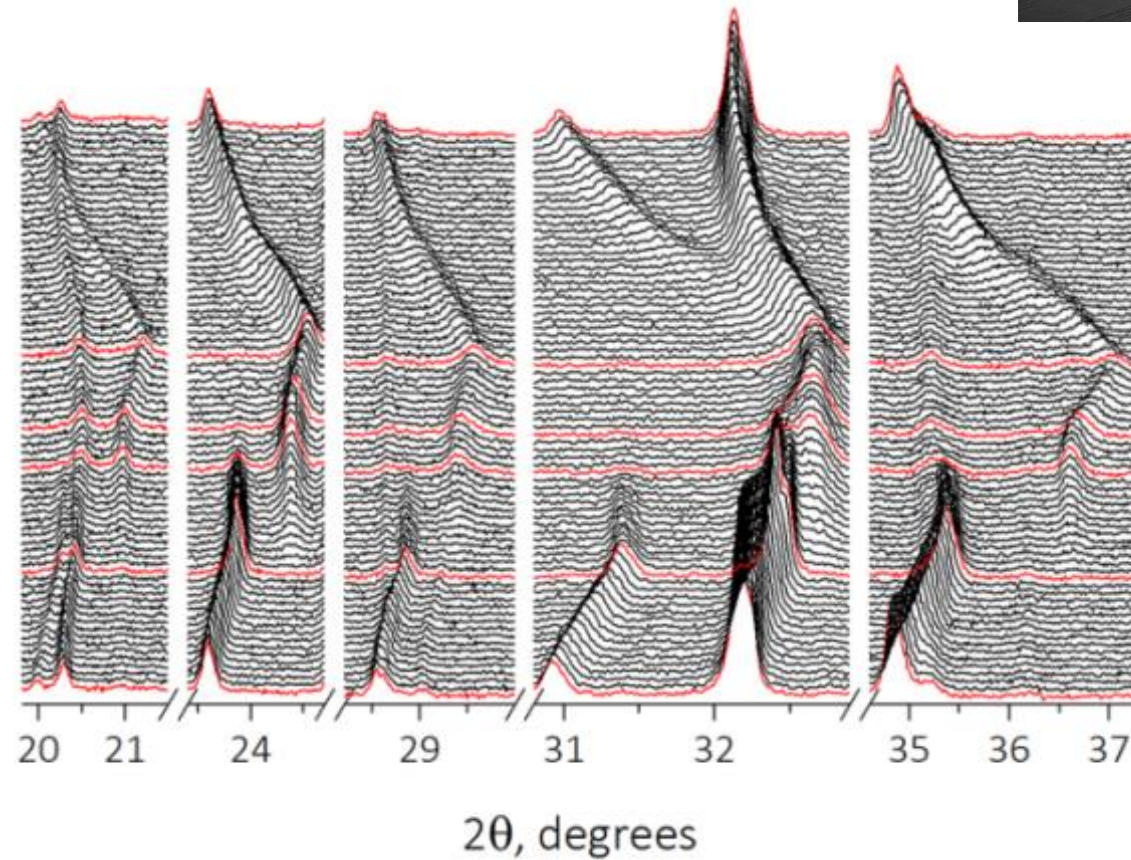
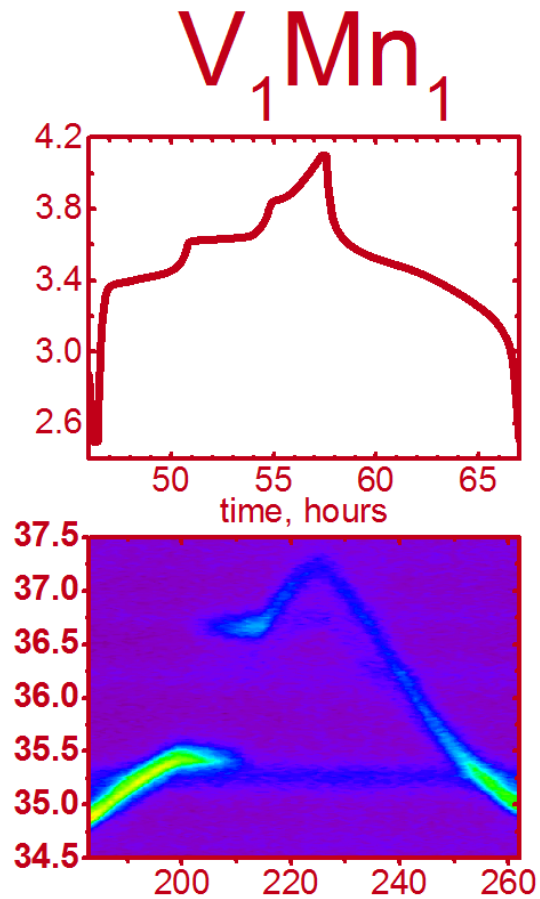
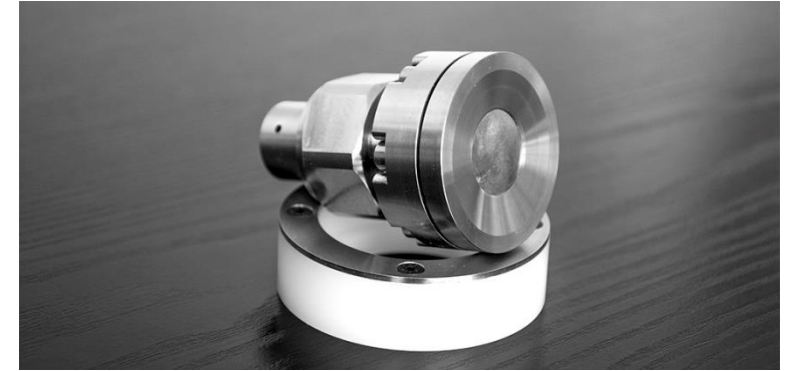
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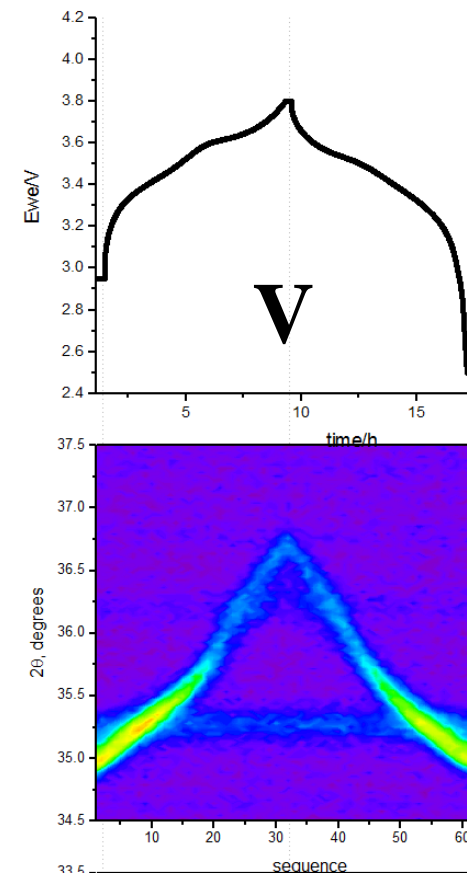
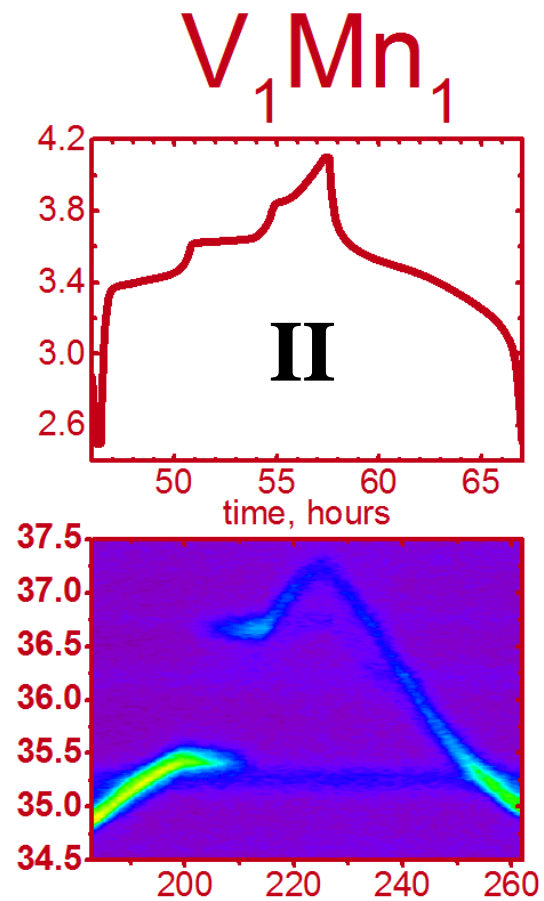
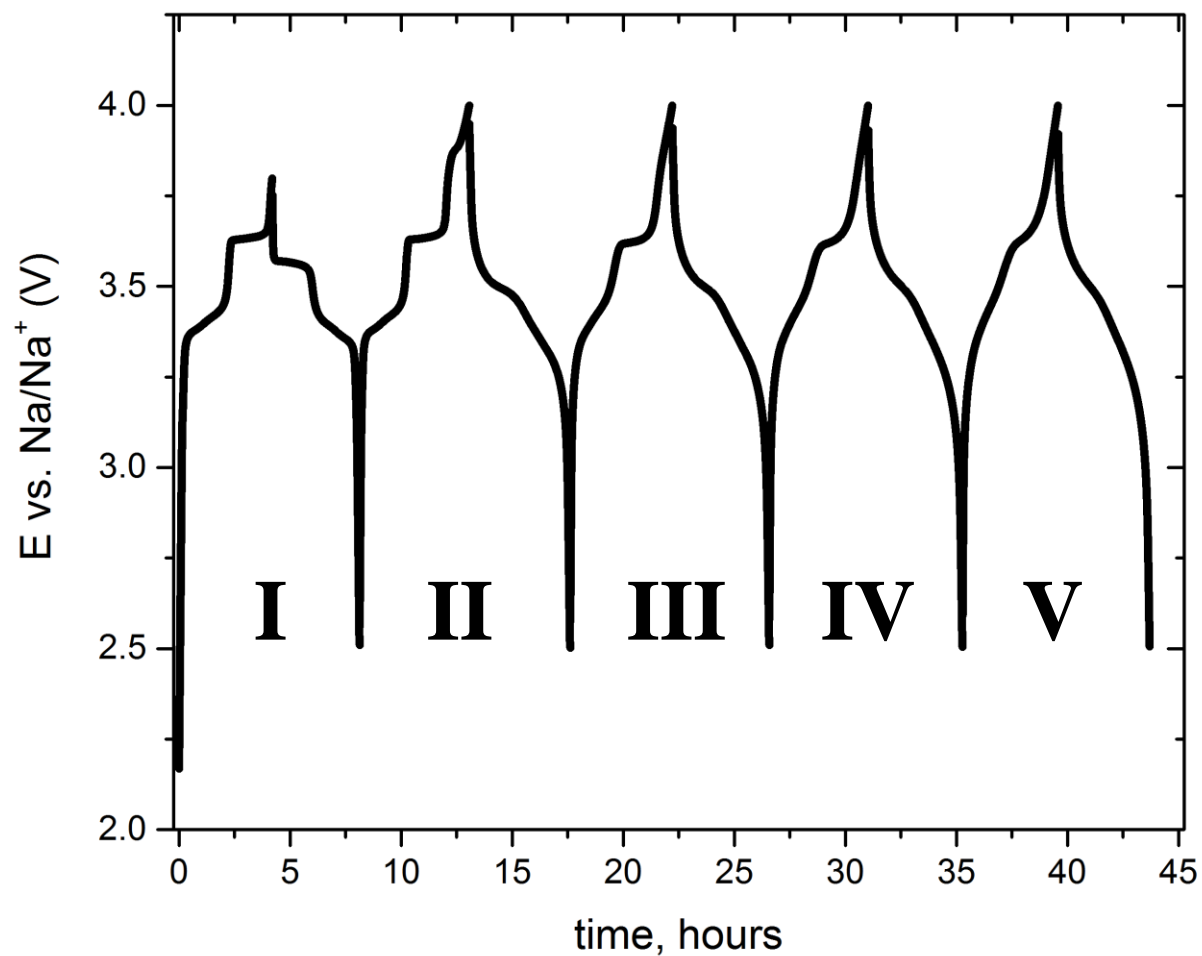


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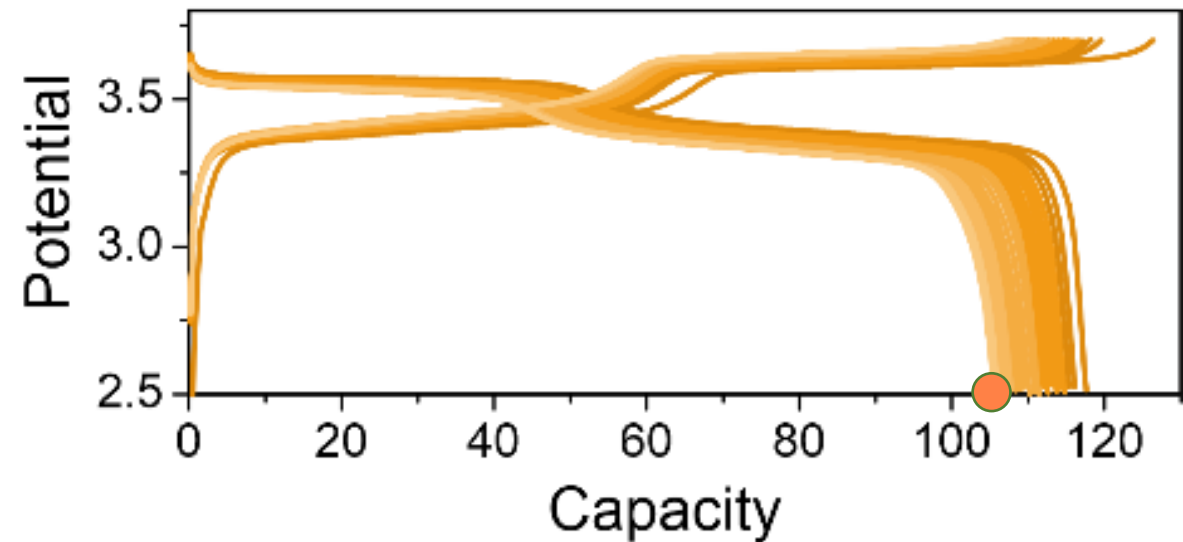
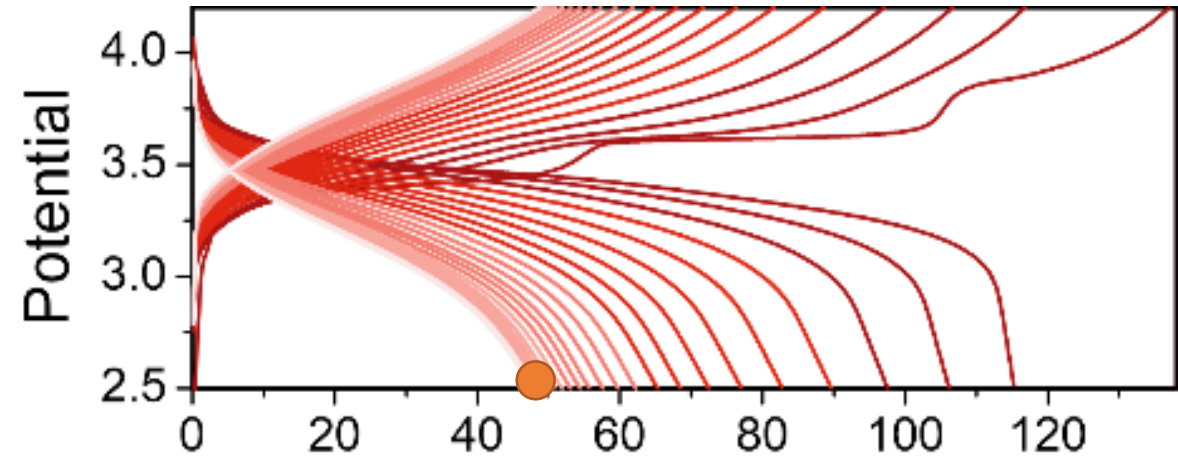
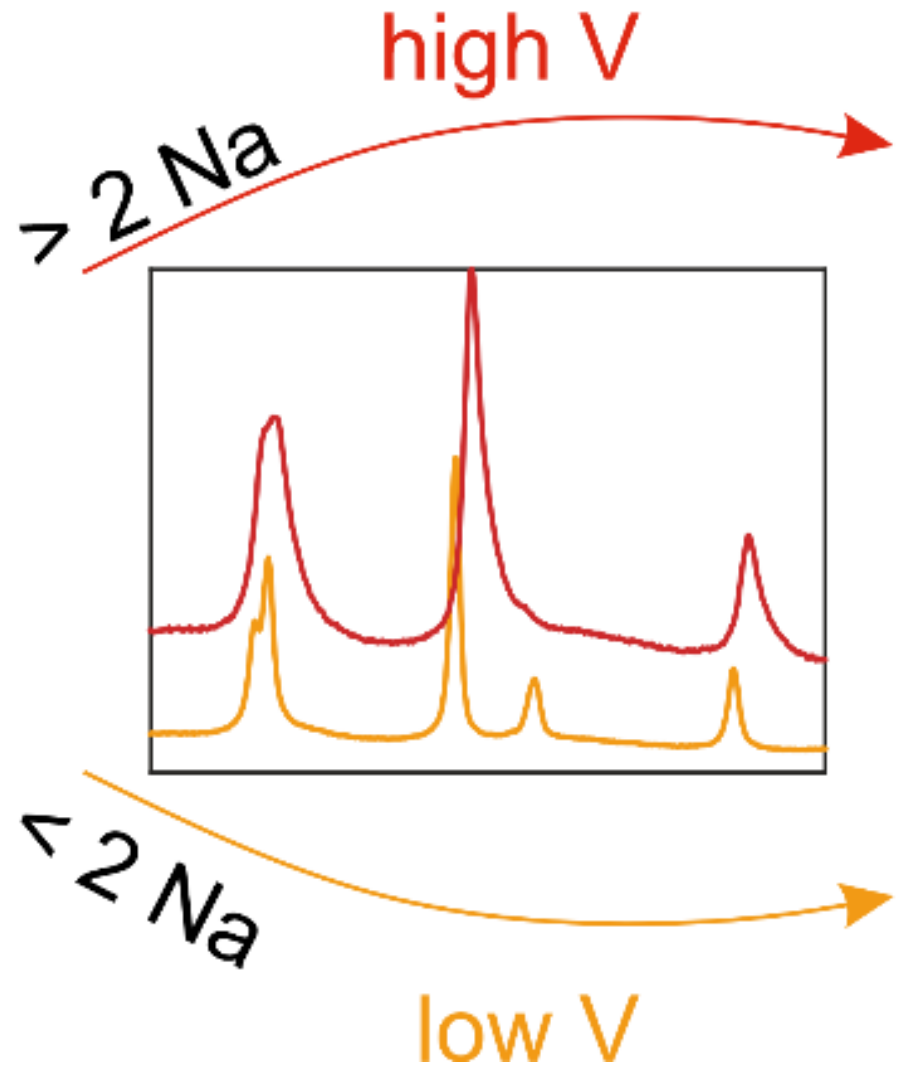
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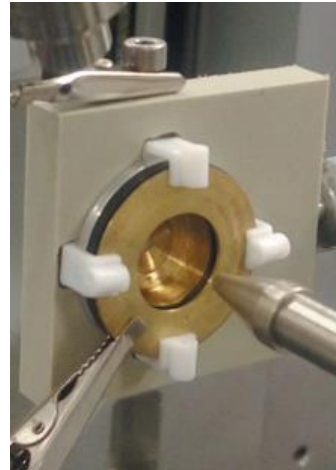
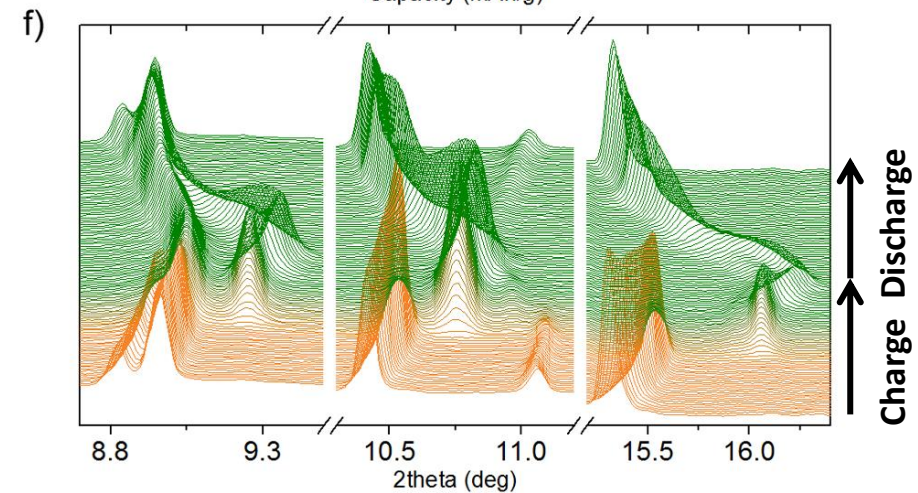
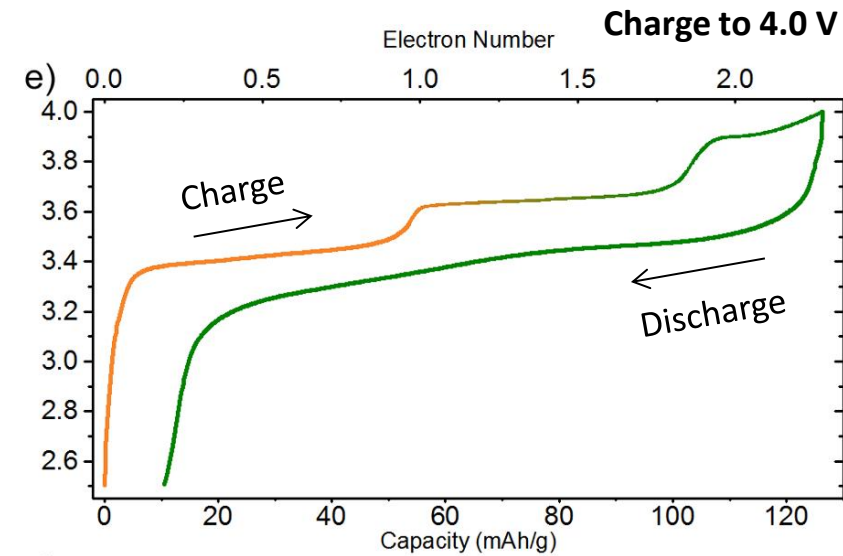
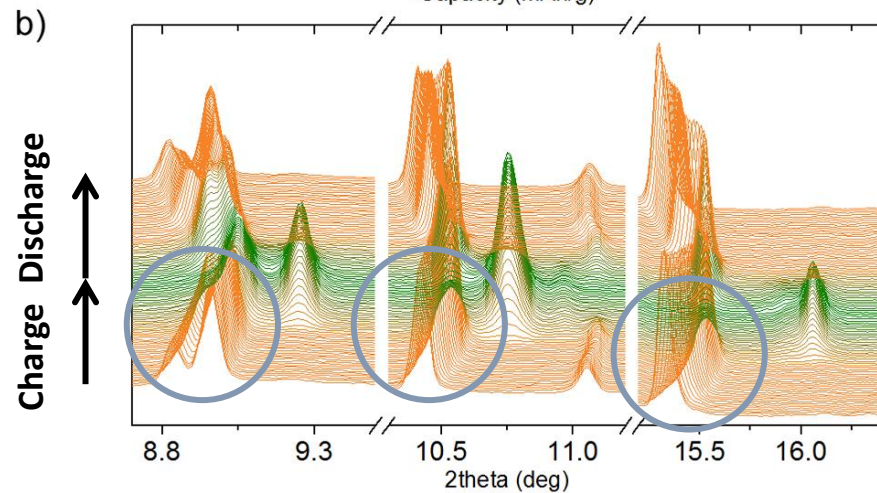
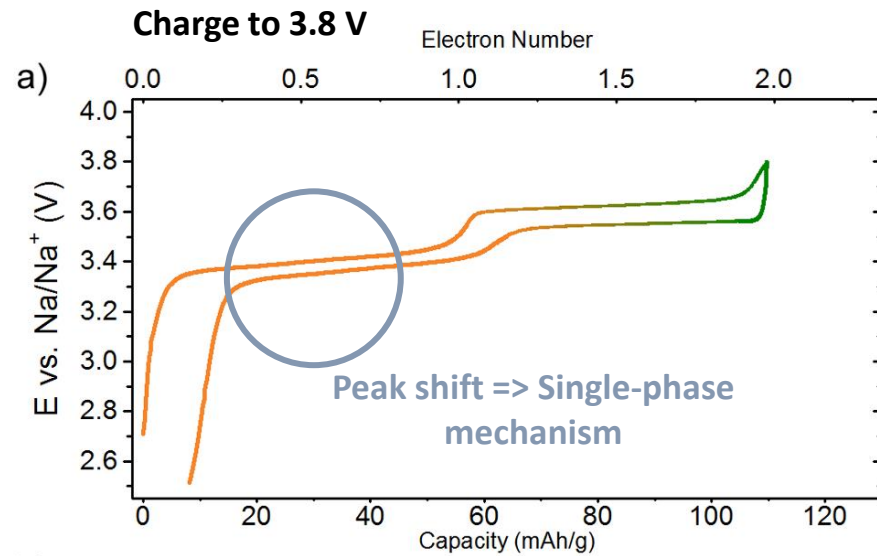
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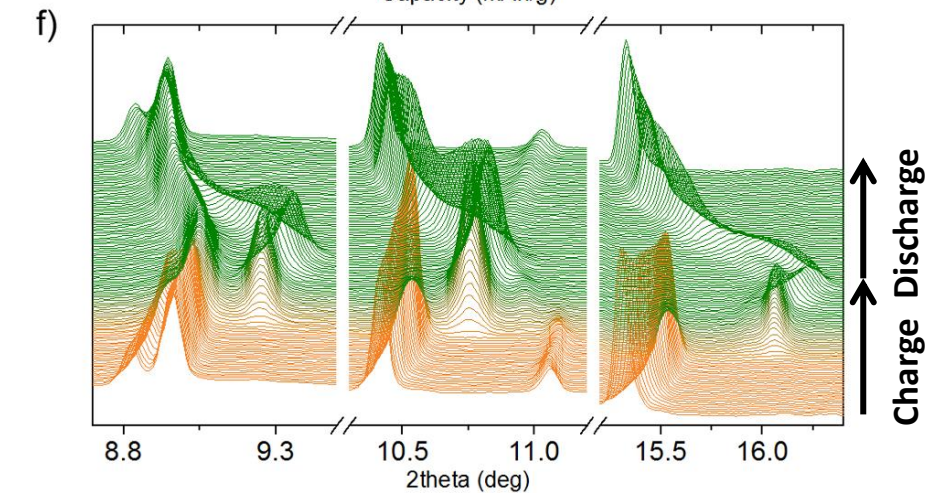
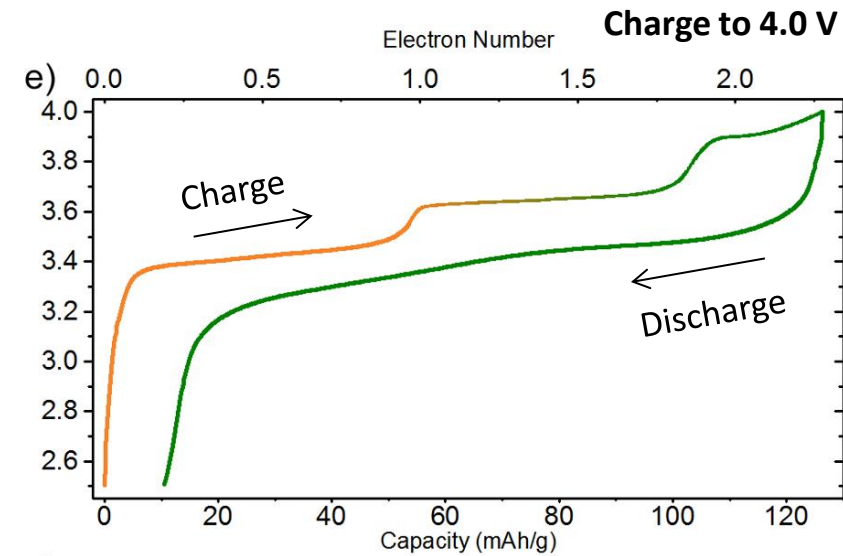
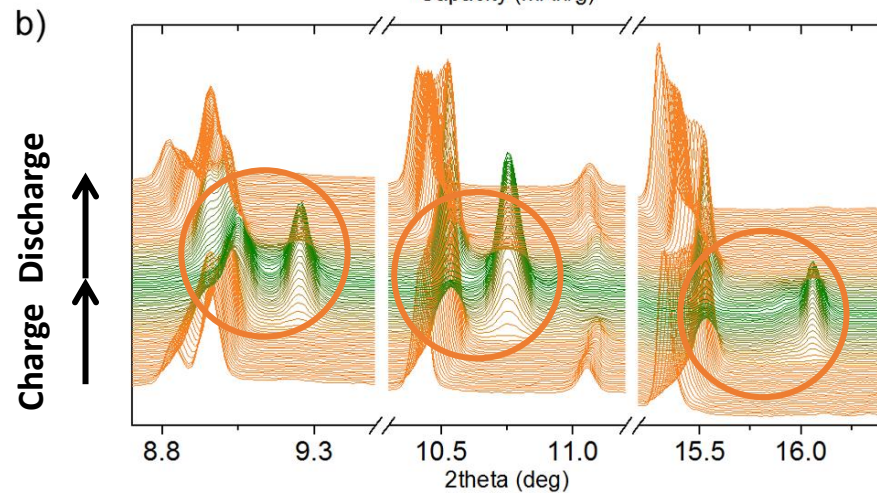
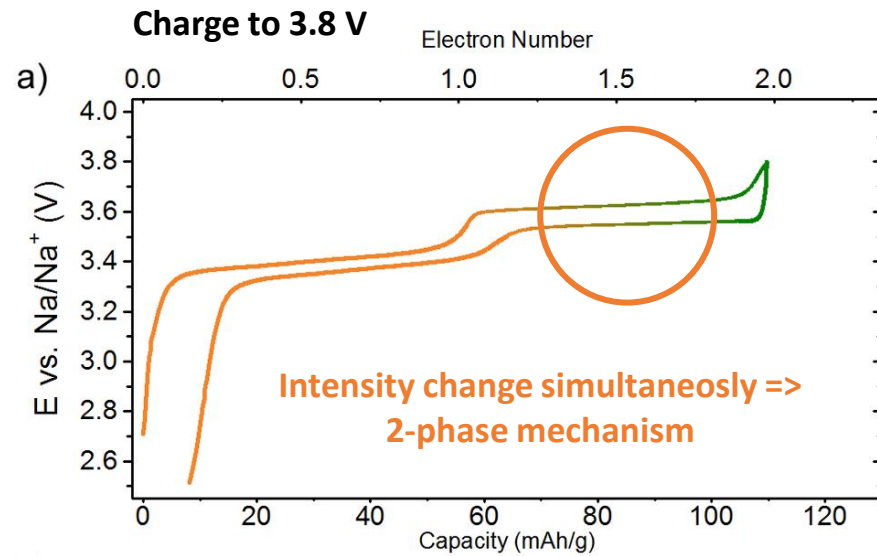


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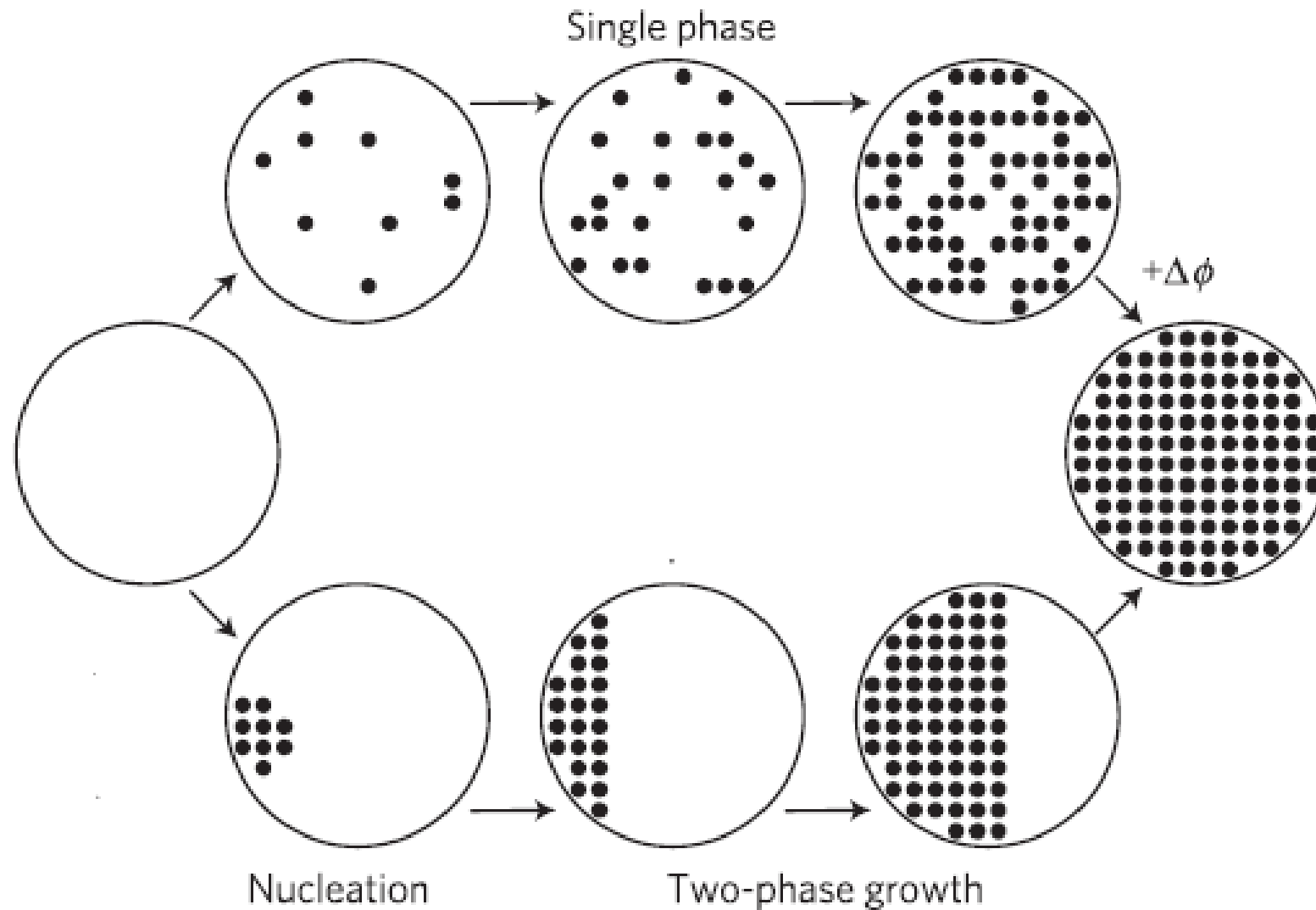


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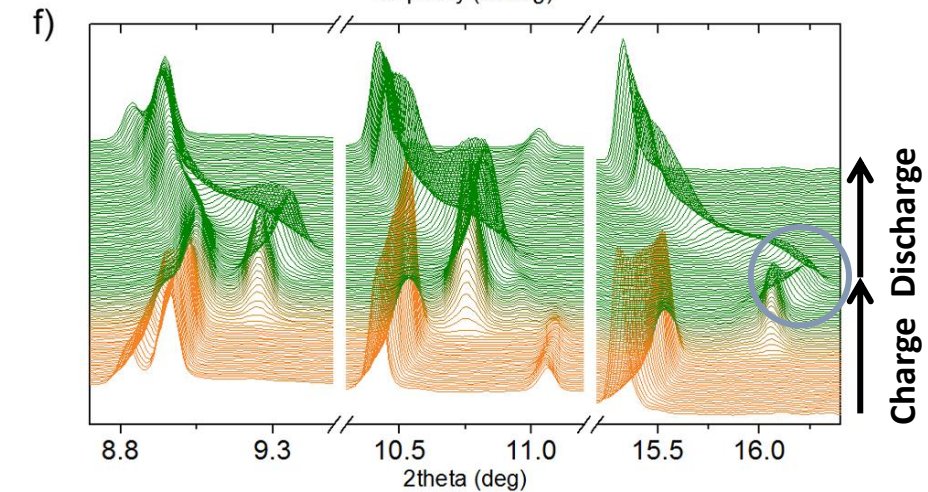
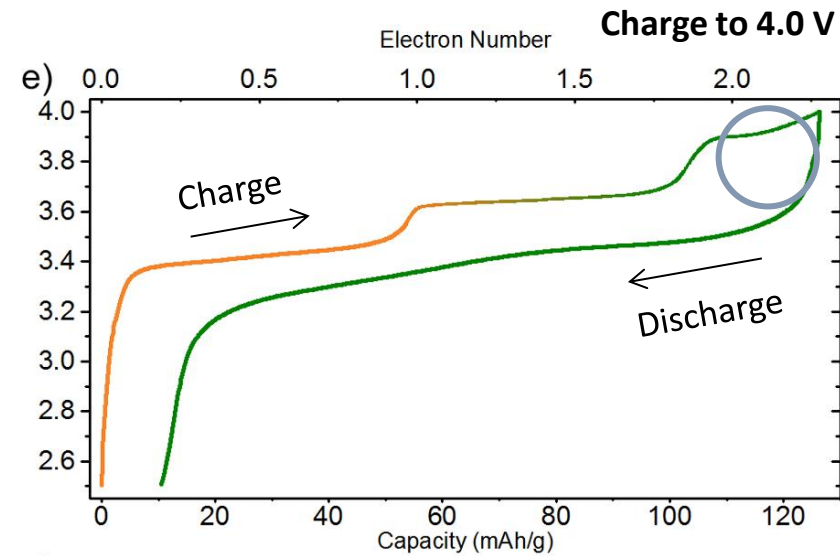
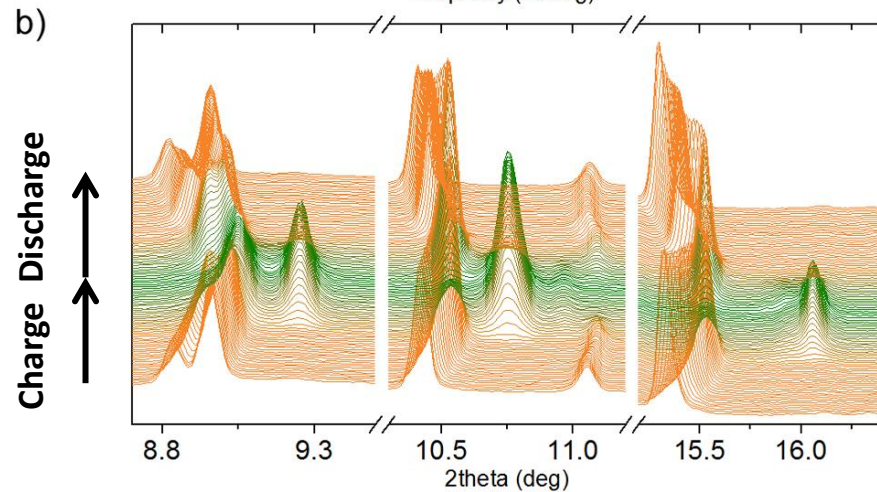
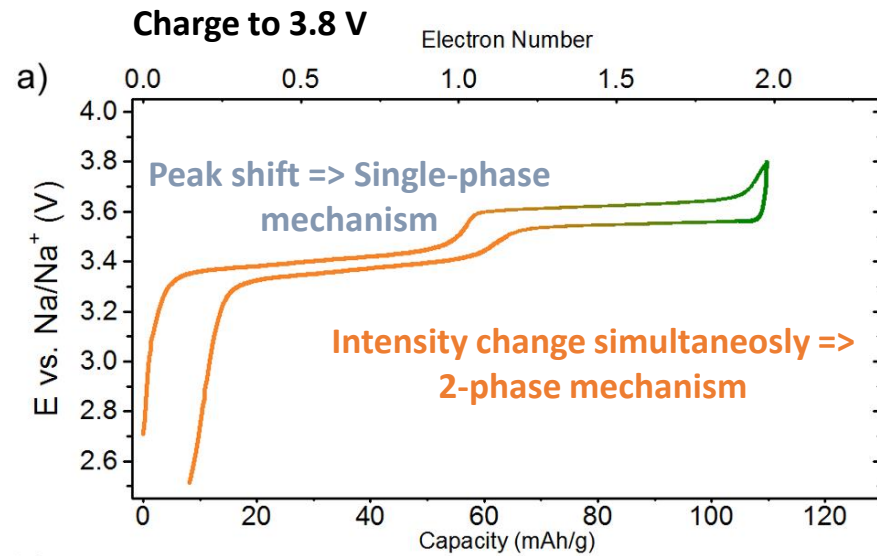
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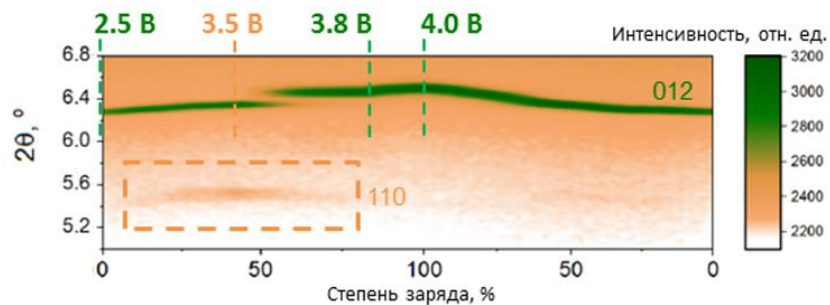
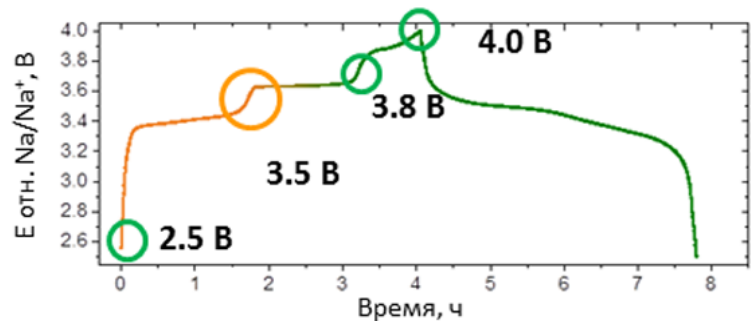
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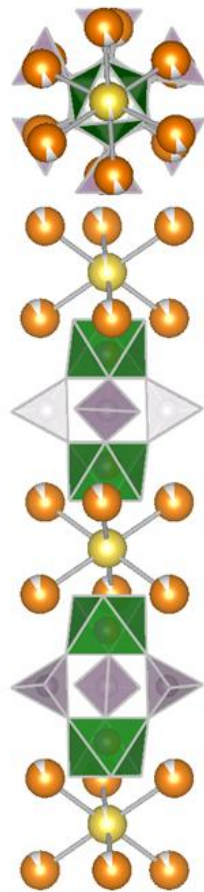
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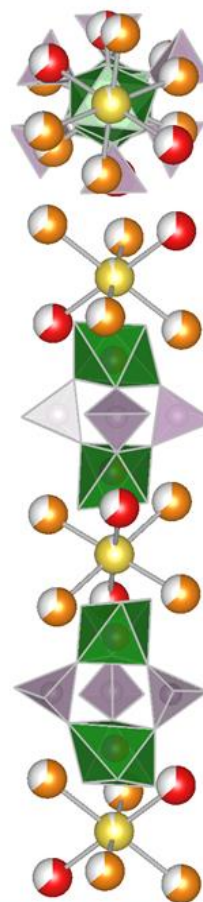
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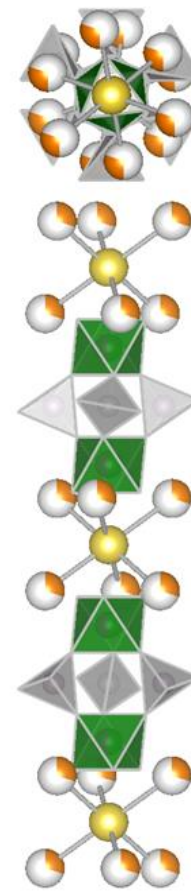
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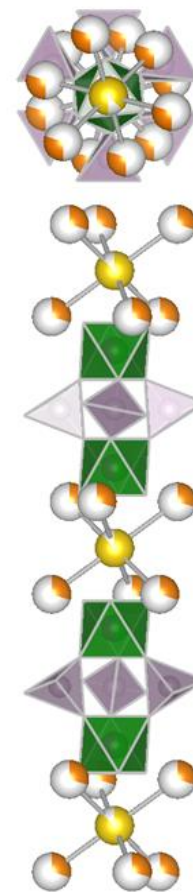
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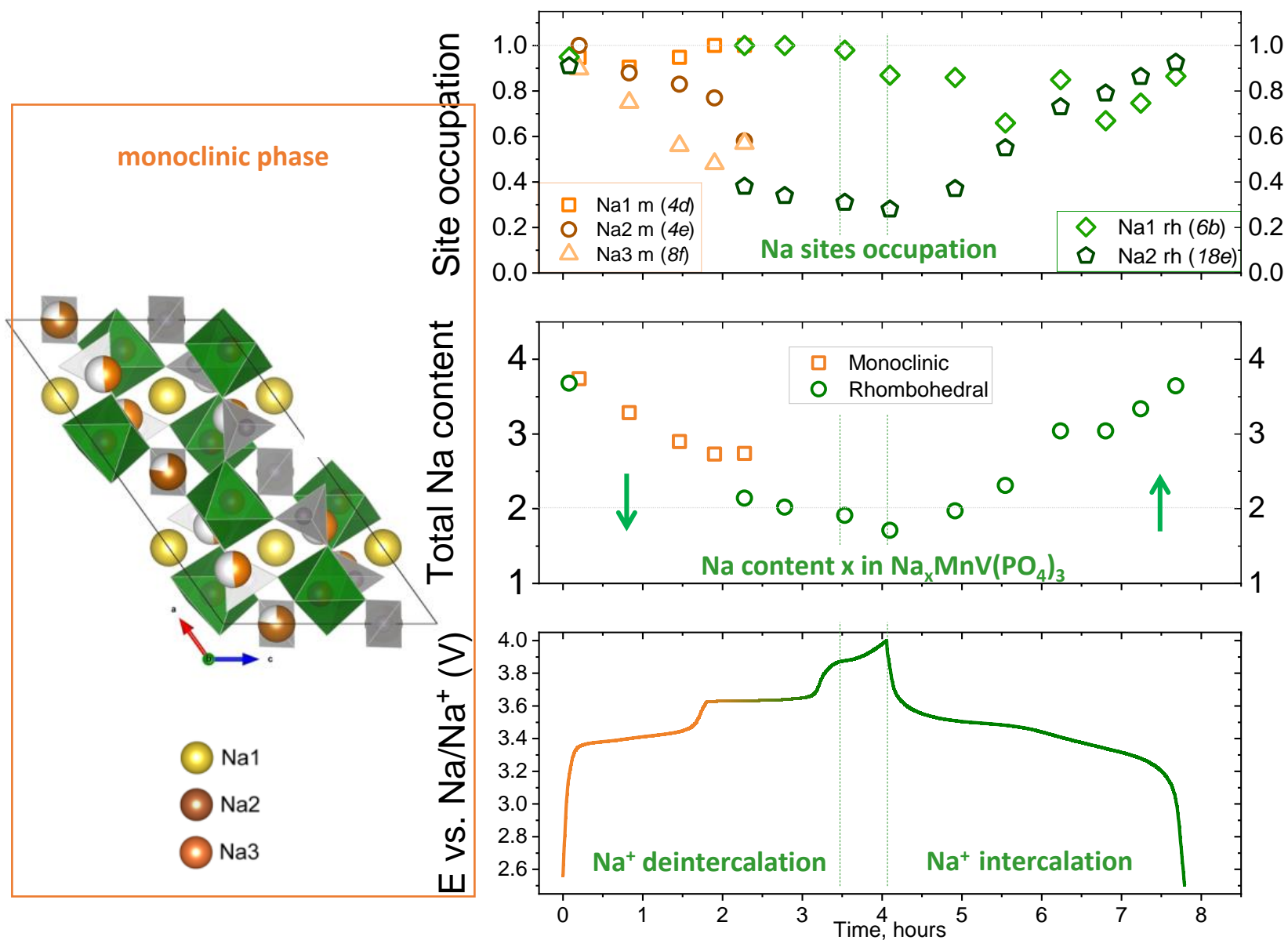
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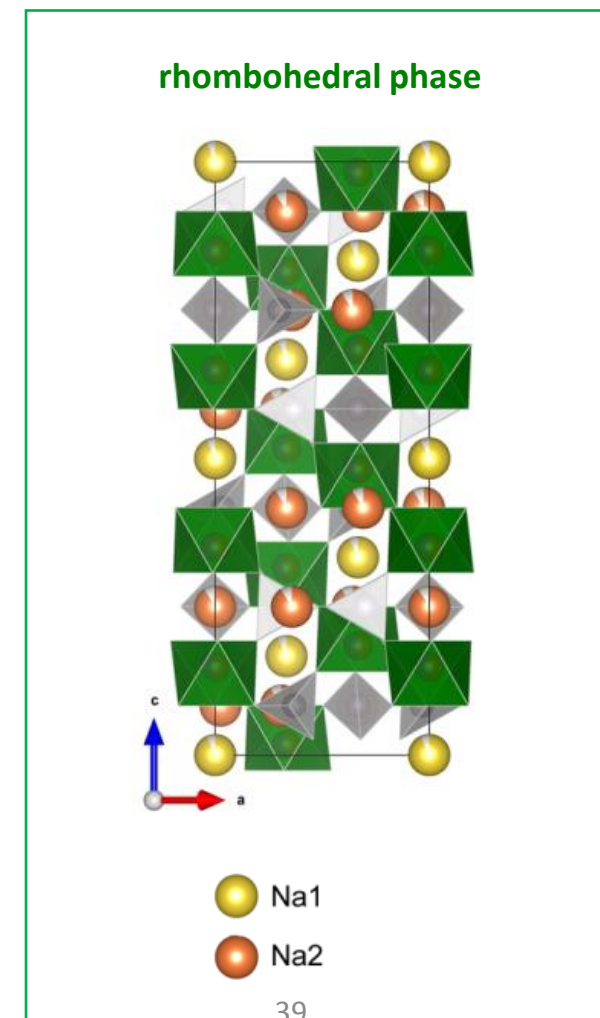
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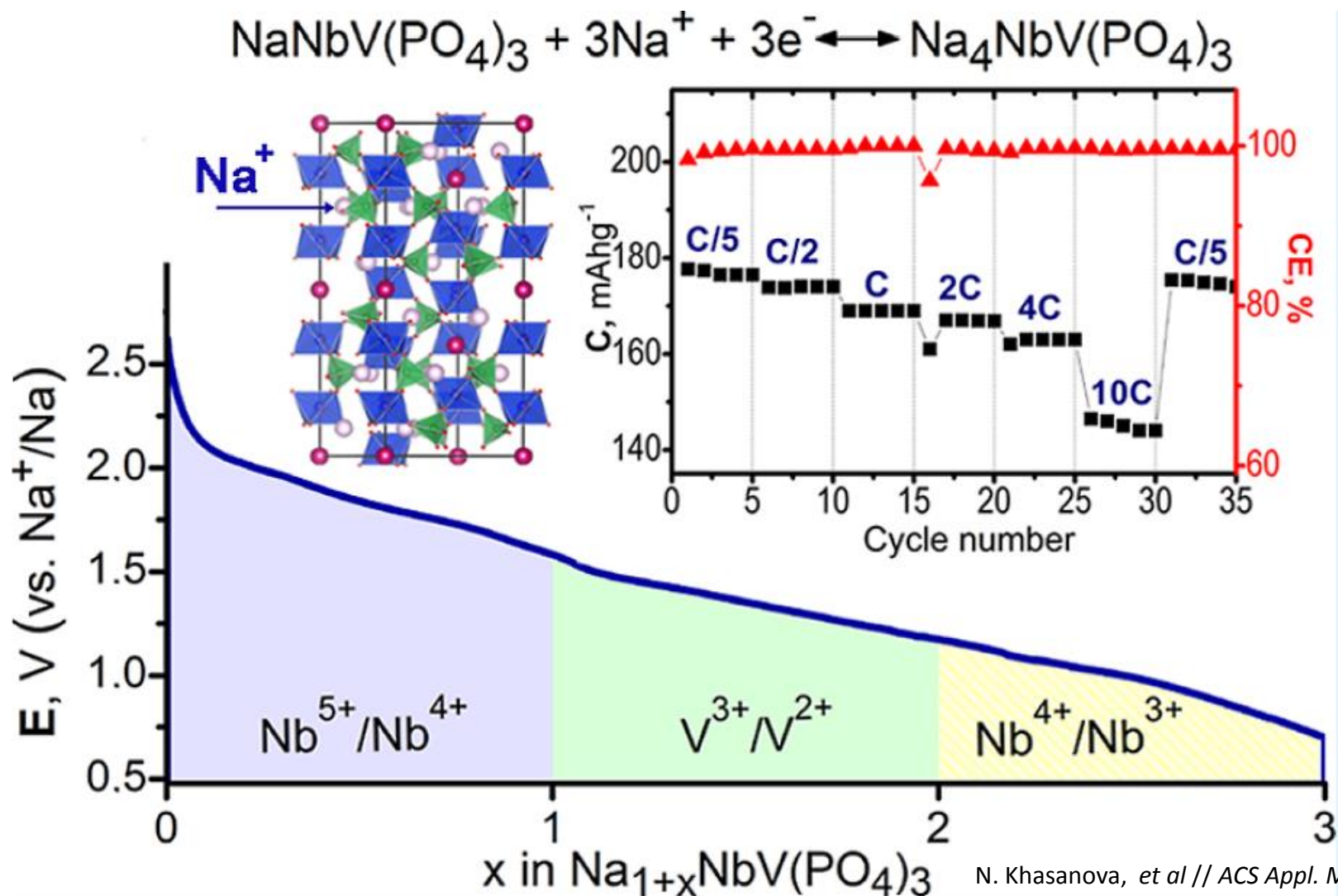
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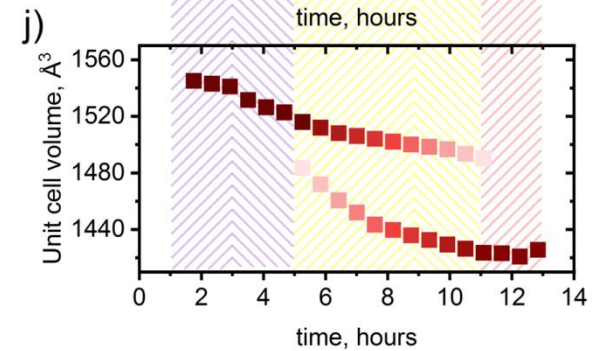
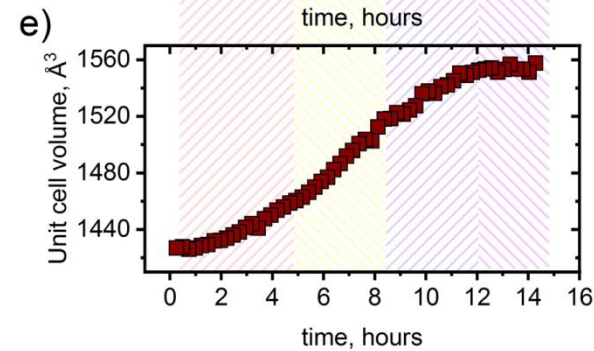
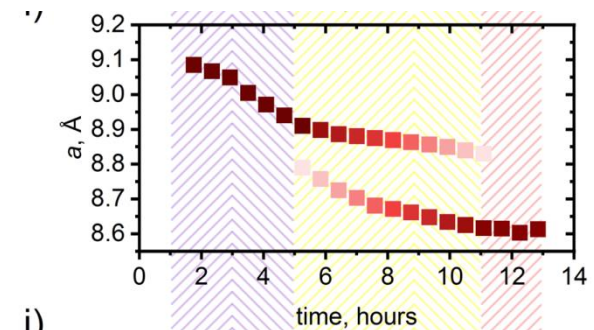
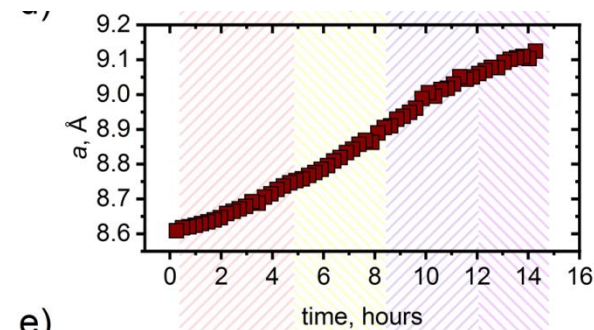
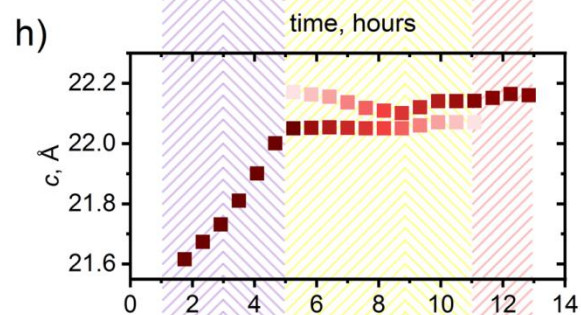
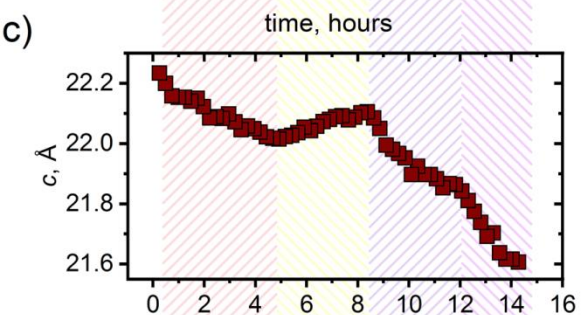
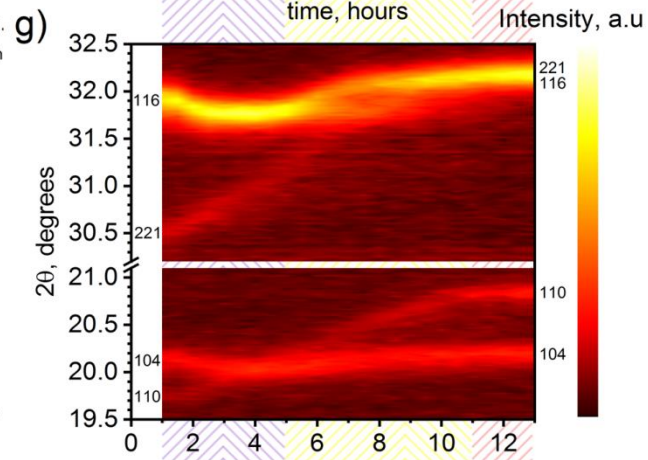
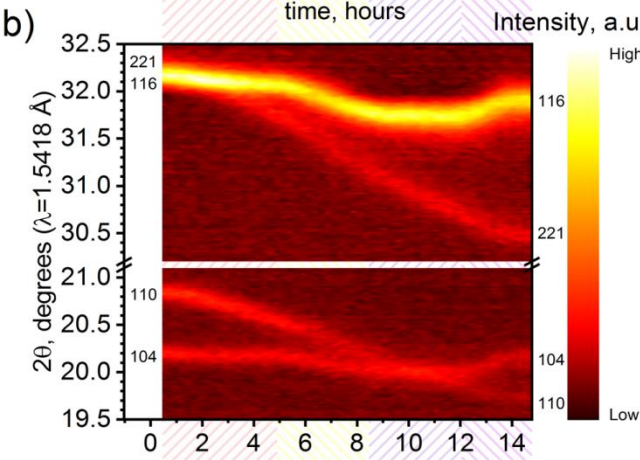
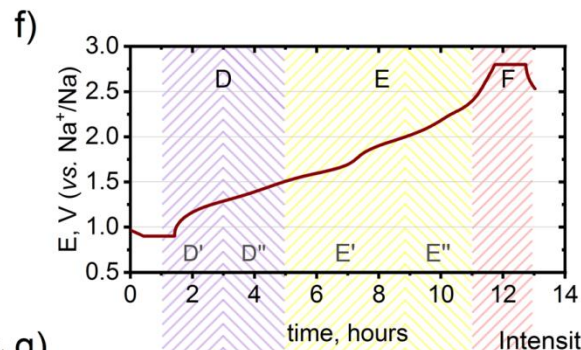
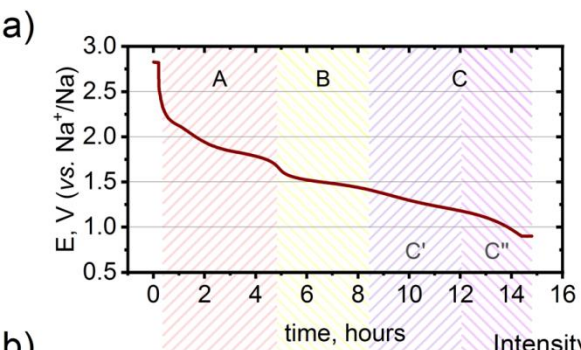
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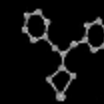
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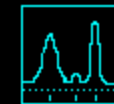
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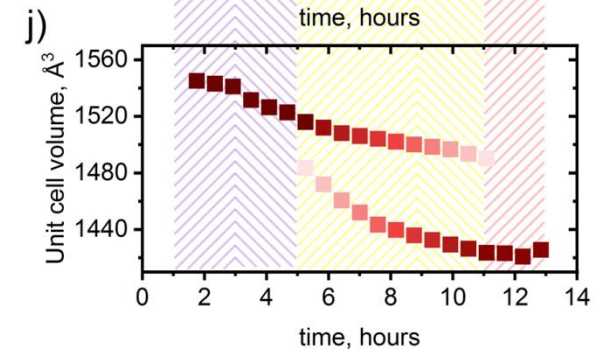
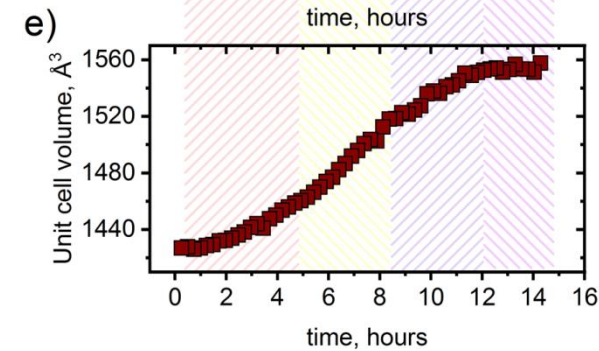
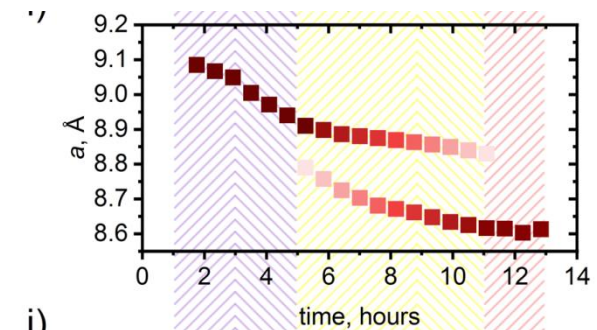
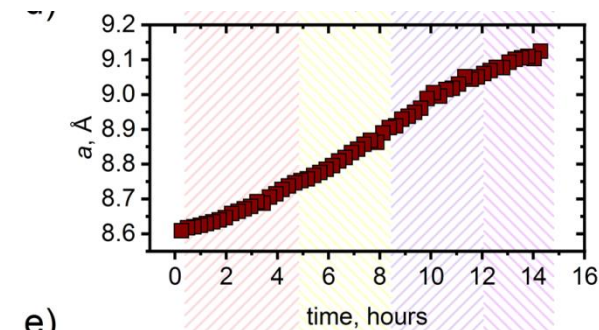
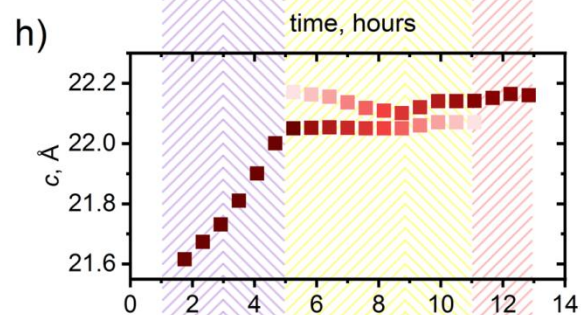
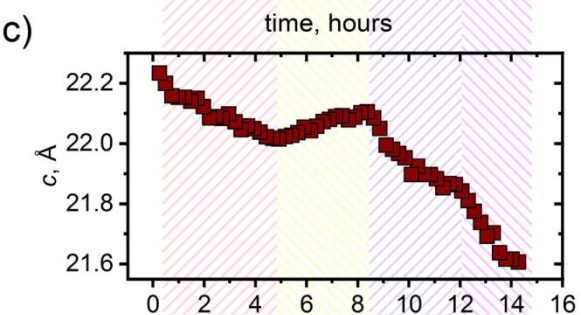
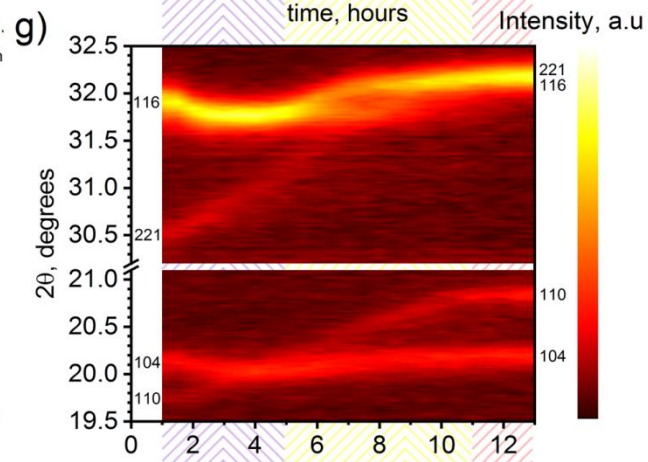
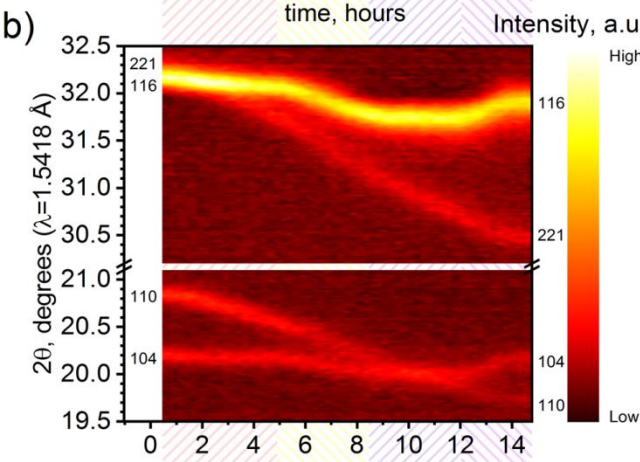
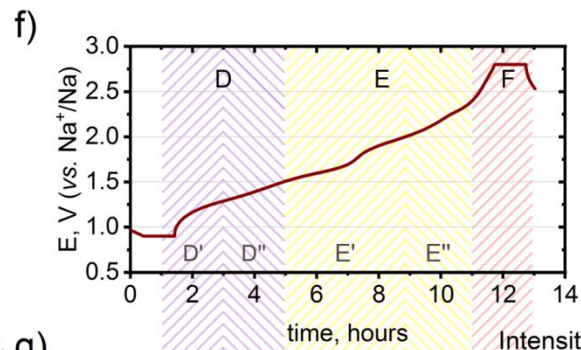
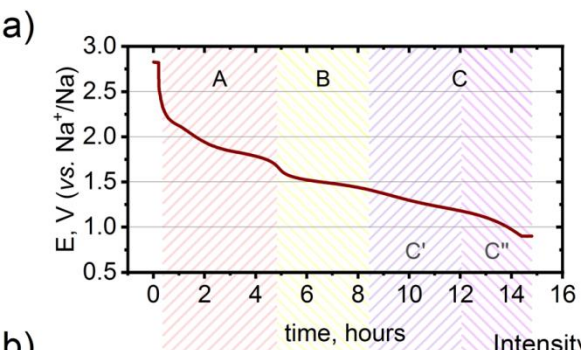


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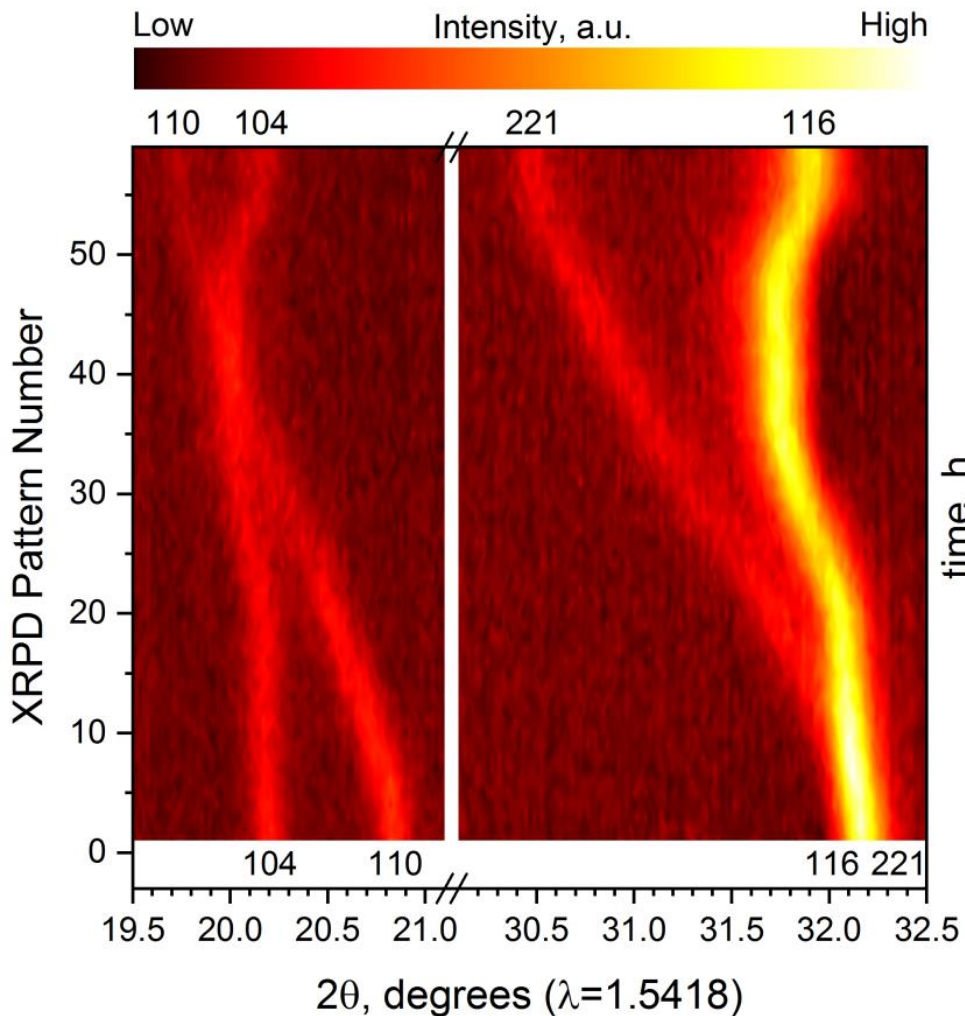


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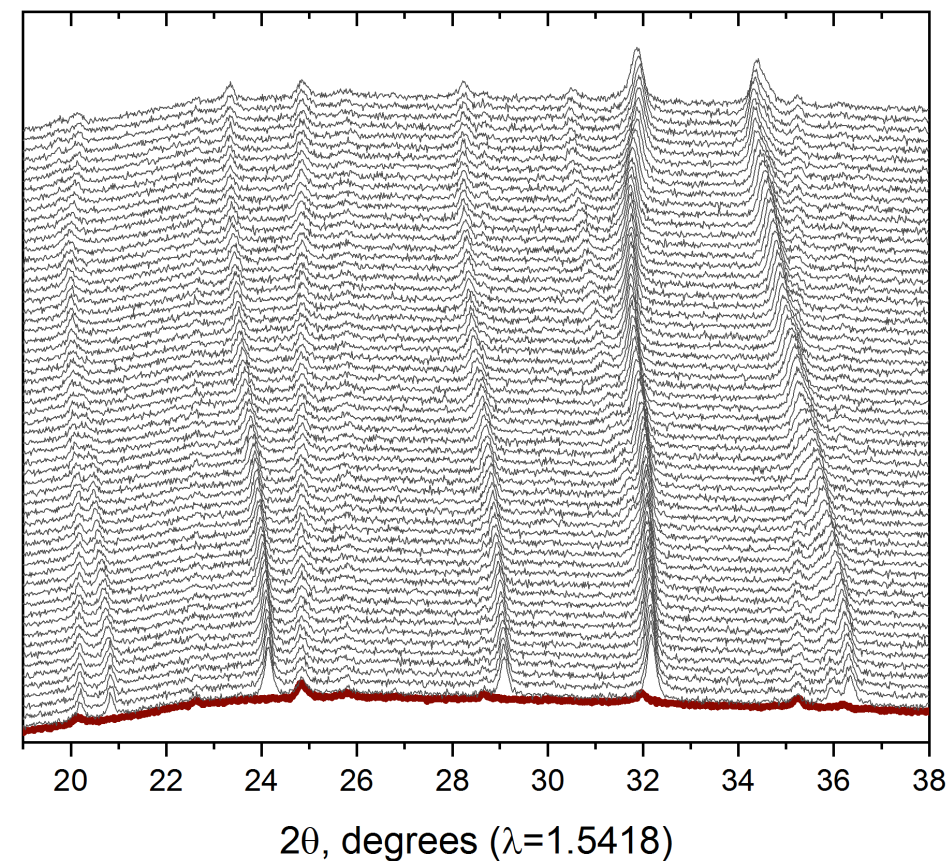
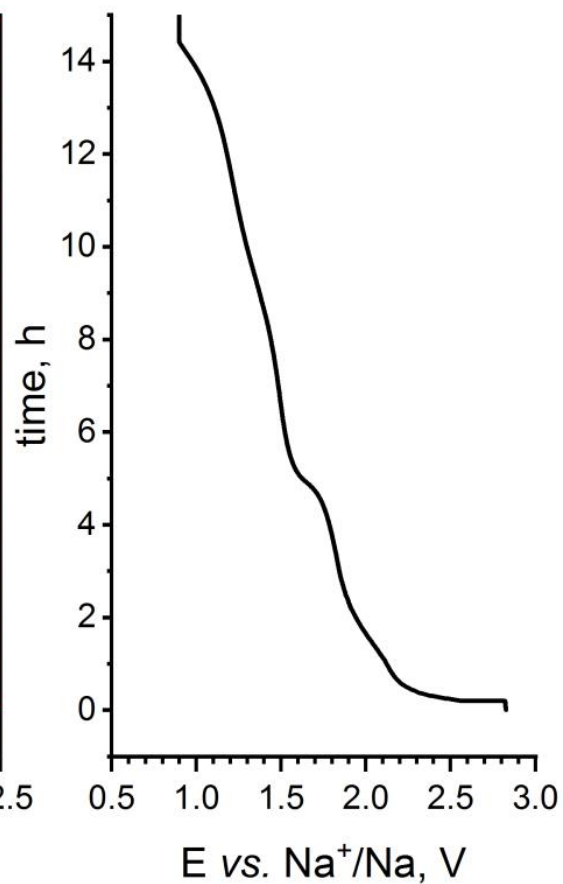


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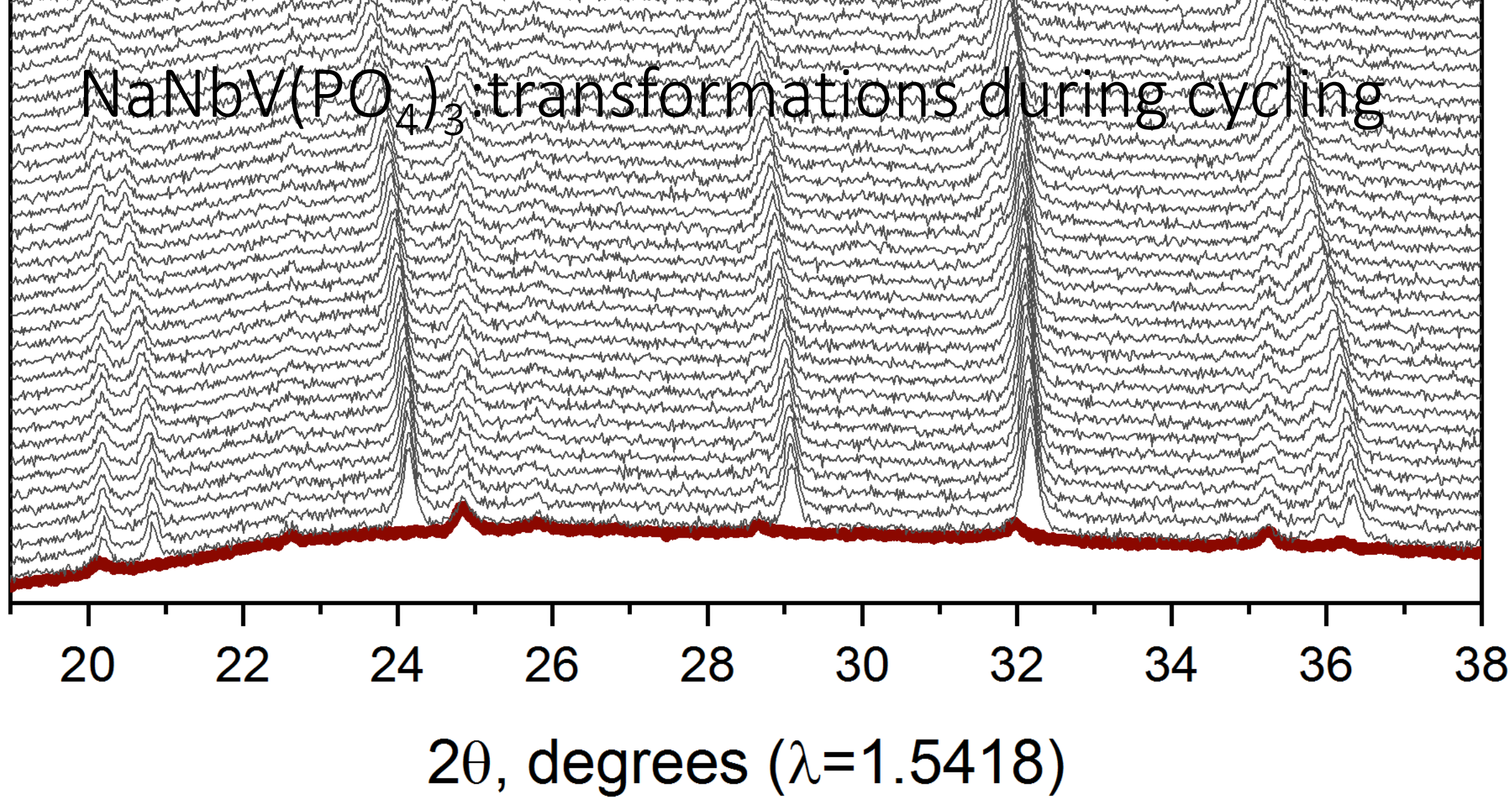
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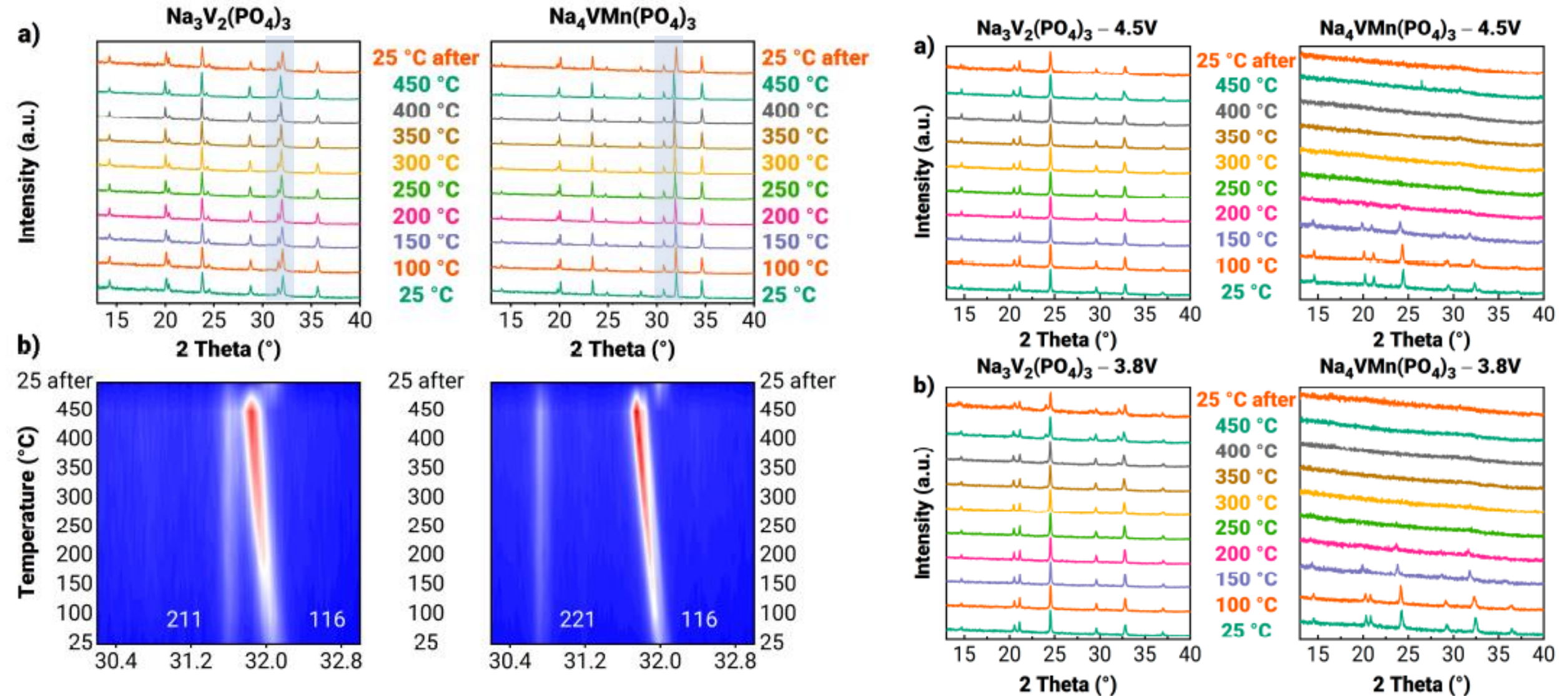
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$\text{Na}_4\text{MnV}(\text{PO}_4)_3$ transformations



Conclusion

NASICONs still show
lots of intriguing
features!

Thx

