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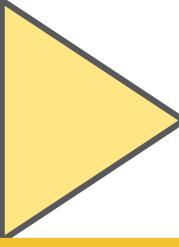
***How can modeling help in
materials synthesis?***



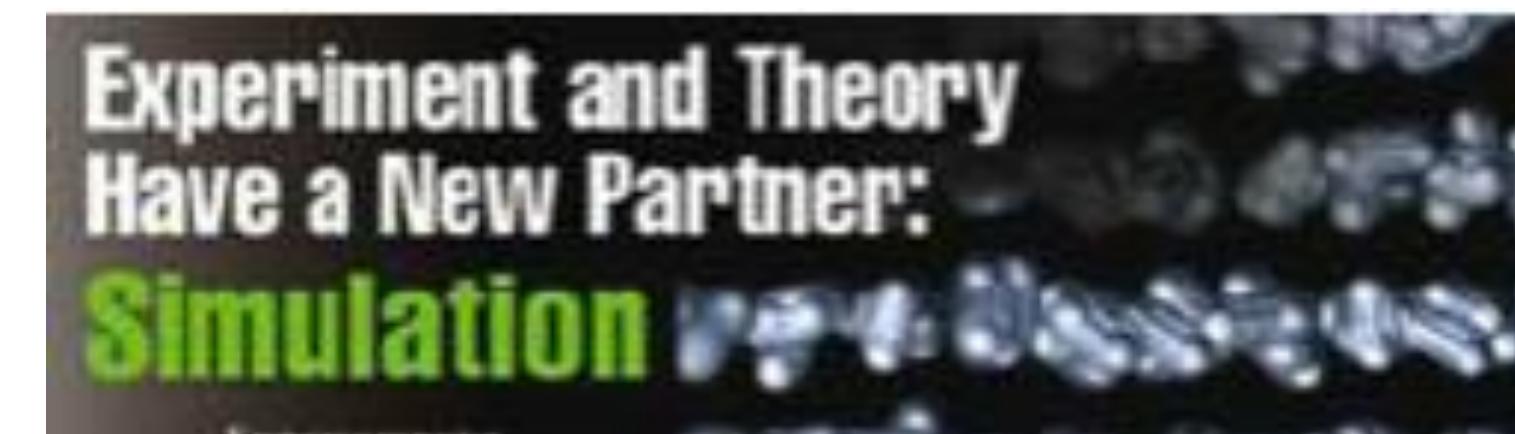
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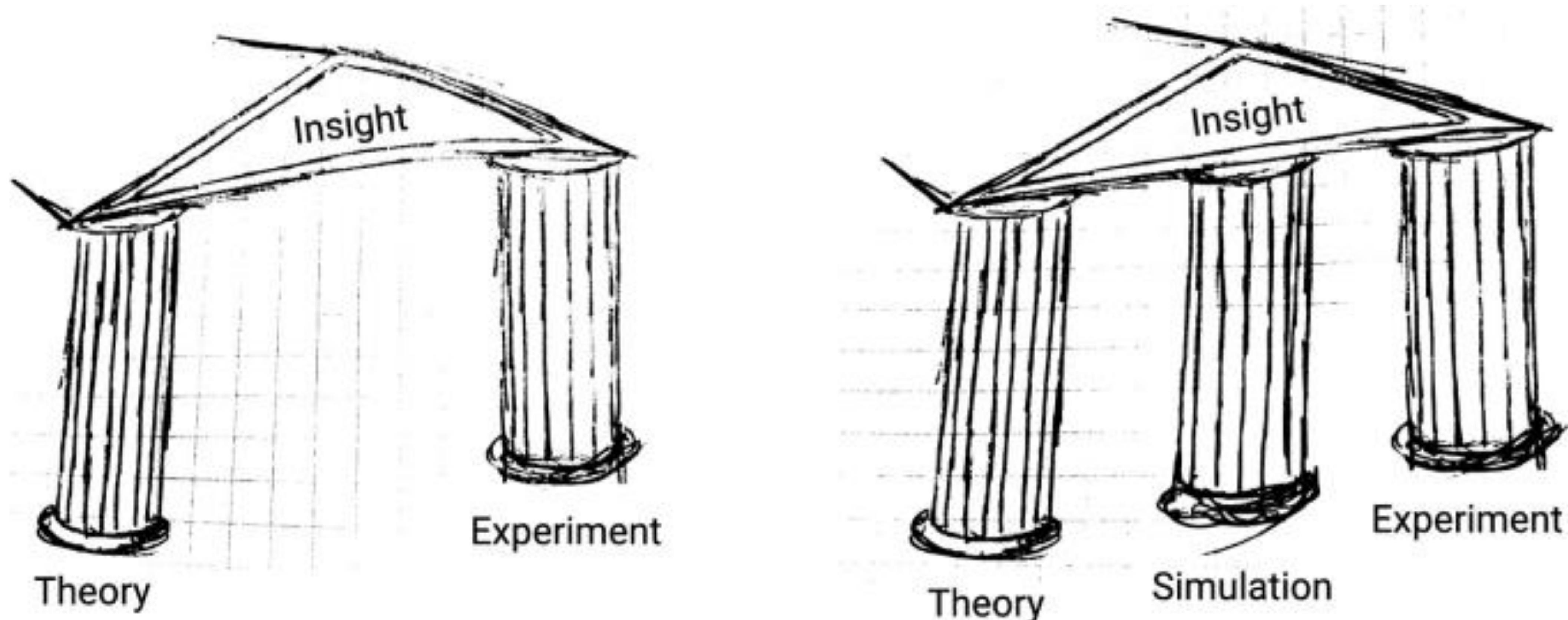
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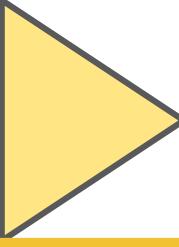
Three Pillars of Science and Engineering



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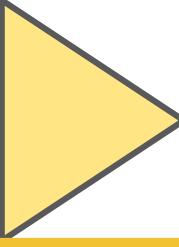


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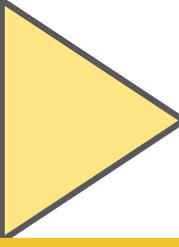
ВВЕДЕНИЕ

Актуальность темы. Компьютерный эксперимент на атомном уровне, начиная с первого молекулярно-динамического моделирования в 1959 году, привлекает внимание материаловедов возможностью получать информацию о структуре надмолекулярных образований, их термодинамических характеристиках и механизмах процессов в материалах на уровне детальности, не доступном современным экспериментальным методам исследований. С развитием в конце XX – го и начале XXI – го веков нанотехнологий и увеличением мощности вычислительной техники эта



Введение

Разработка новых материалов требует детальных сведений о их структуре и физических механизмах на атомном уровне. Сегодня можно считать устоявшимся подход к разработке новых материалов, в котором помимо проведения экспериментальных исследований, для расширения спектра доступной информации о веществе, прогнозирования его свойств и сокращения затрачиваемых временных и материальных ресурсов используются методы компьютерного моделирования. В частности, большое распространение получили методы моделирования «из первых принципов», которые, базируясь на квантовомеханических расчётах, обеспечивают хорошее согласие с экспериментальными данными [1]. При этом, становится актуальной разработка новых идей, принципов, моделей и подходов, повышающих эффективность использования данных компьютерного моделирования и предоставляющих возможности их сравнения с экспериментальными данными.

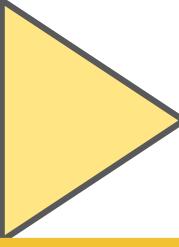


Введение

Методы компьютерного моделирования на атомном уровне позволяют значительно сократить стоимость разработки новых материалов и исследования уже существующих. Кроме этого они позволяют исследовать процессы в материалах на уровне, недоступном для существующих экспериментальных методов. Самыми точными на данный момент являются расчеты «из первых принципов», которые учитывают вклады квантовых эффектов в межатомные взаимодействия. Одним из наиболее широко используемых вариантов данного метода являются расчеты «из первых принципов» в рамках теории функционала плотности.

Введение

Сплавы на основе титана и ванадия имеют множество приложений в аэрокосмической индустрии, например диски газотурбинных компрессоров, лопатки и связанные с ними компоненты, также эти сплавы, легированные хромом являются хорошими кандидатами для применения в термоядерных реакторах в качестве первой стенки и внешней оболочки [1]. Для разработки таких материалов с заданными свойствами недостаточно только экспериментальных исследований, так как последние не могут в достаточной степени давать все данные, необходимые для изучения свойств и понимания процессов, протекающих в сплавах на атомном уровне. Поэтому для более подробного



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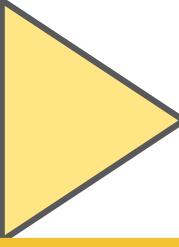
Ключевой характеристикой ся стойкость к радиационному ре процессу увеличения объема ма ционного происхождения после и цами.

Одним из основных подходов является выбор компонентной торой происходит значительное дефектов: вакансий и межузель шать вероятность рекомбинации препятствовать накоплению избы дефектами, в структуре мате распухания.

Предпоследний абзац введения

Атомистическое моделирование позволяет получать информацию о процес сах в материалах на уровне детальности, недоступном экспериментальным под ходам. В связи с этим методы моделирования широко используются для изу чения процессов радиационного повреждения в части исследования каскадов атомных смещений и эволюции системы точечных дефектов радиационного происхождения.

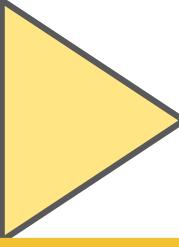
Установление влияния титана на структуру и подвижность собственных то чечных дефектов радиационного происхождения в ванадии будет полезно при разработке новых радиационно-стойких материалов на основе ОЦК металлов для прогнозирования их устойчивости к распуханию в условиях высокоэнерге тичного облучения.



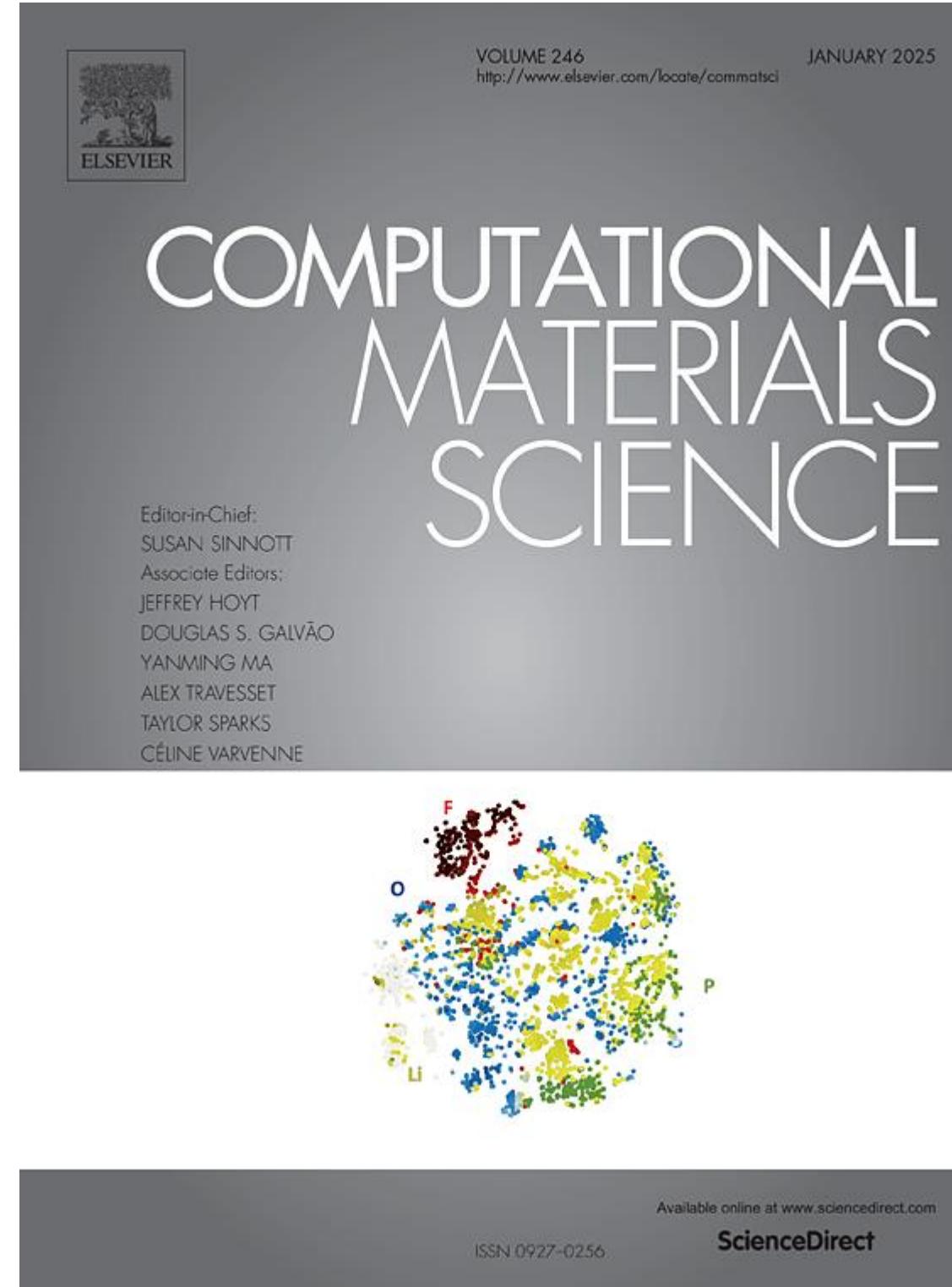
1. INTRODUCTION

Lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) have proven to be an efficient energy storage system for various applications, starting from portable electronics and ending with stationary storage. Compared to other battery technologies, LIBs possess highest energy density, power rate, and cycle life characteristics. Yet, booming development of portable electronics and electric transportation calls for even higher energy densities, while the existing LIBs are approaching their energy density limit [1–3].

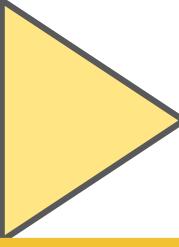
The modern LIBs have volumetric and gravimetric energy densities of 770 Wh l^{-1} and 260 Wh kg^{-1} , respectively [4]. These values are limited by the capacity and redox potentials of intercalation materials used in anode and cathode. The commercially used anode materials are graphite and lithium-titanate with 372 and 180 mAh/g theoretical capacities, respectively. By replacing them with metallic lithium, the specific capacity of anode can be increased up to 3860



Main scientific journal for modeling in materials science



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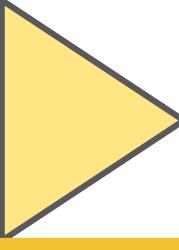
Reviewers' comments:

Computational materials Science no longer accepts papers whose sole contribution is the ground state properties of a compound. These computations are considered routine.

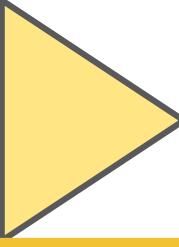
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Reject

Let's move on to synthesis

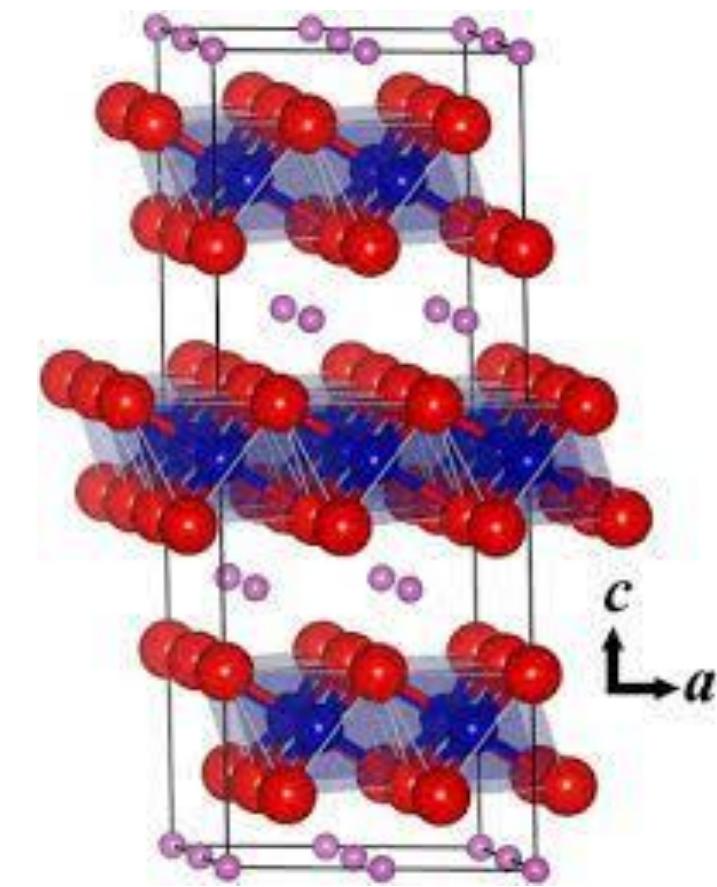


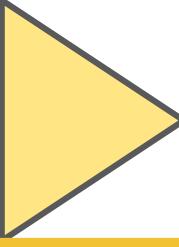
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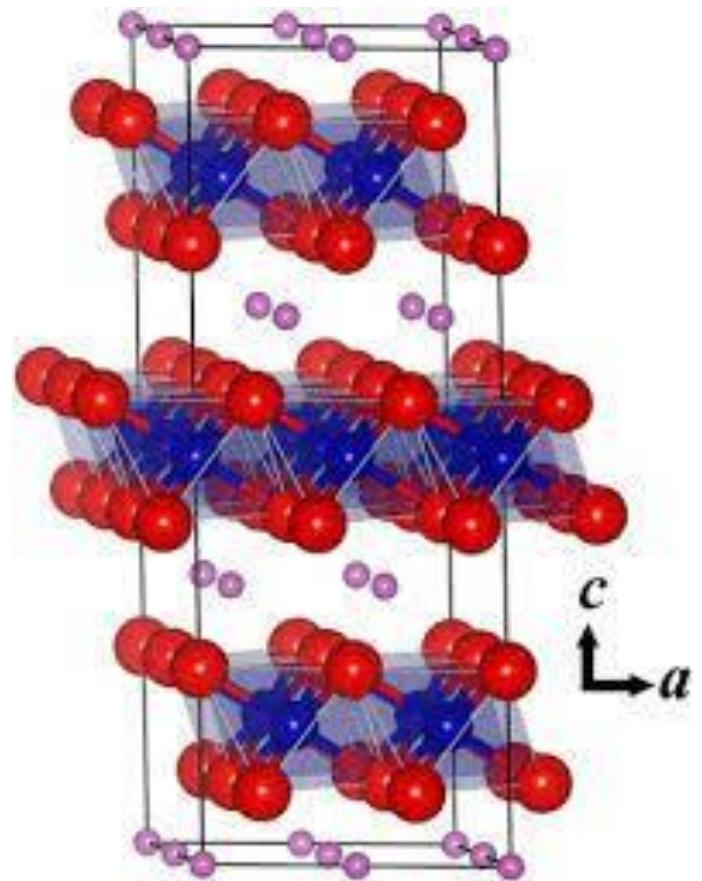


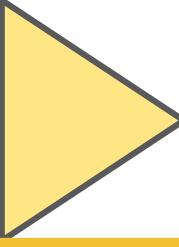
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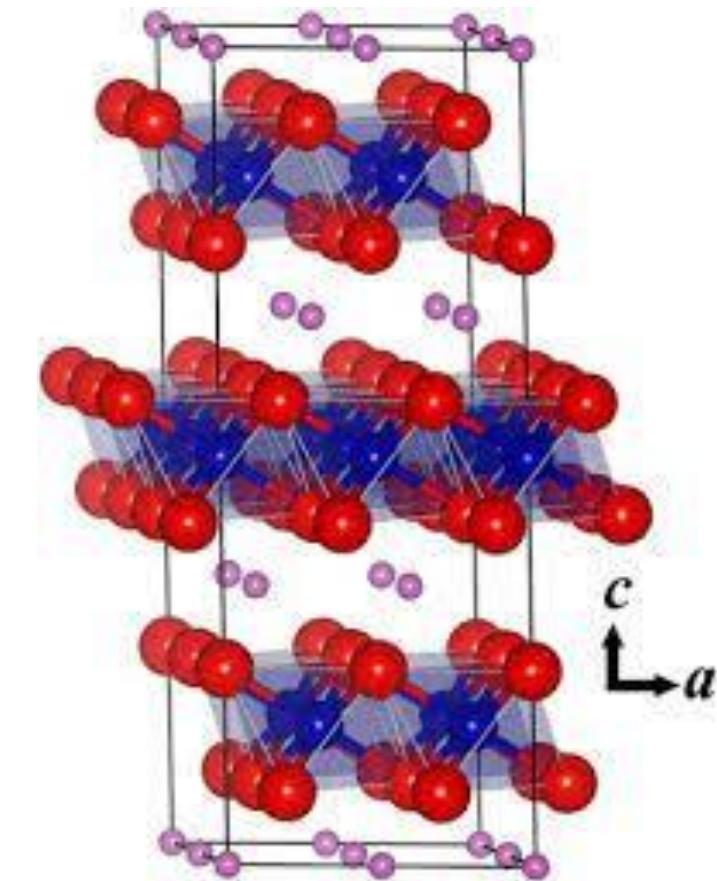
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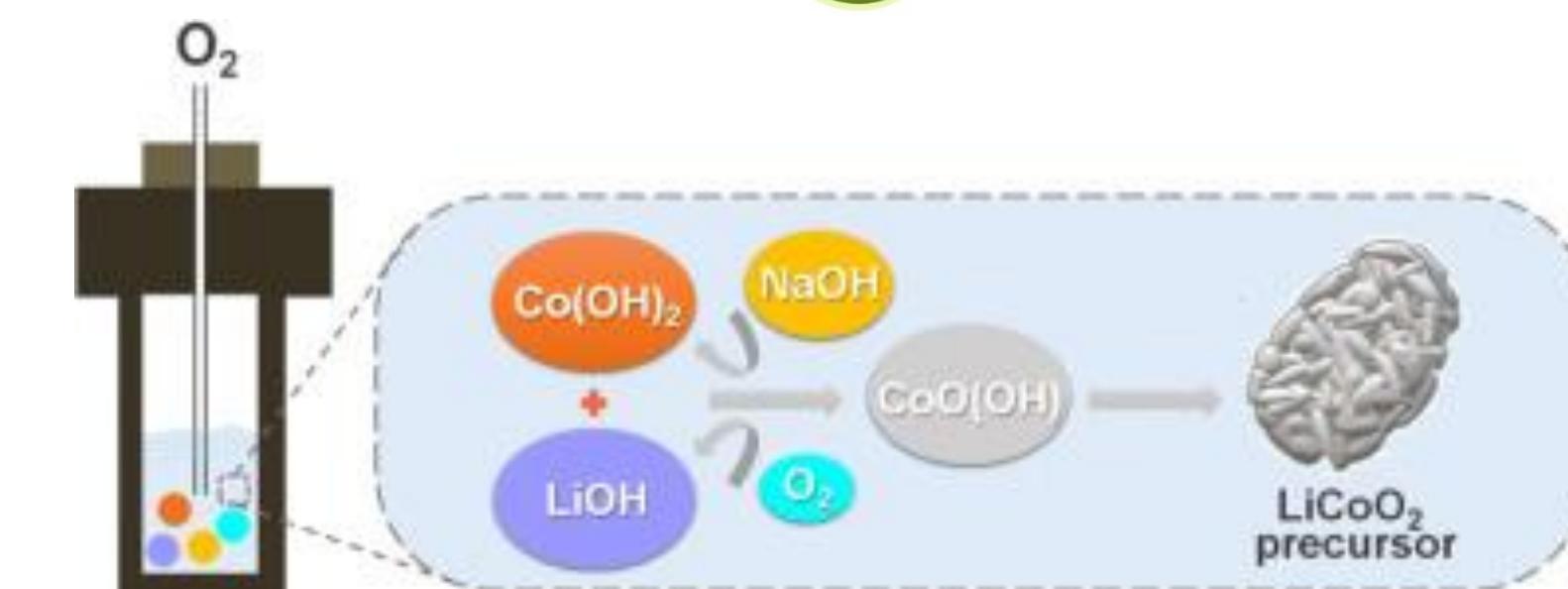
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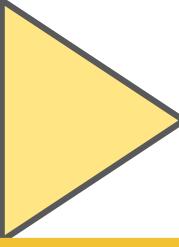


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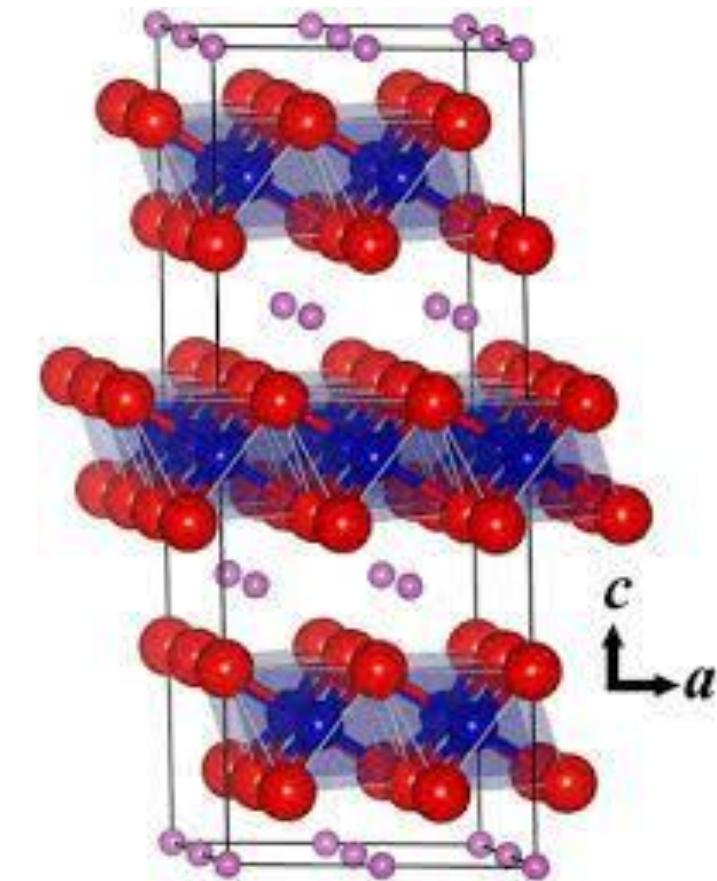
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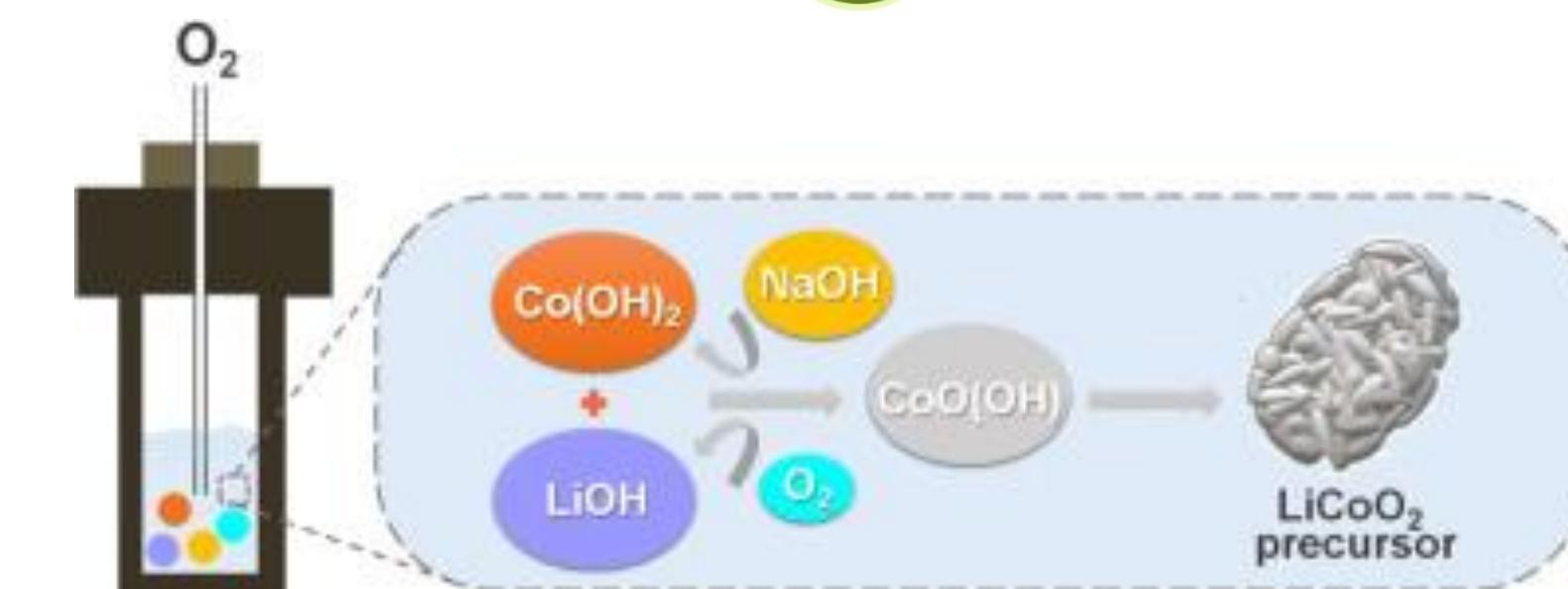
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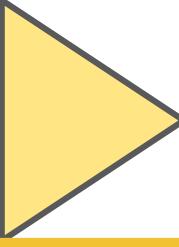
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4. Enjoy your result!

How can modeling help you with each of
these steps?

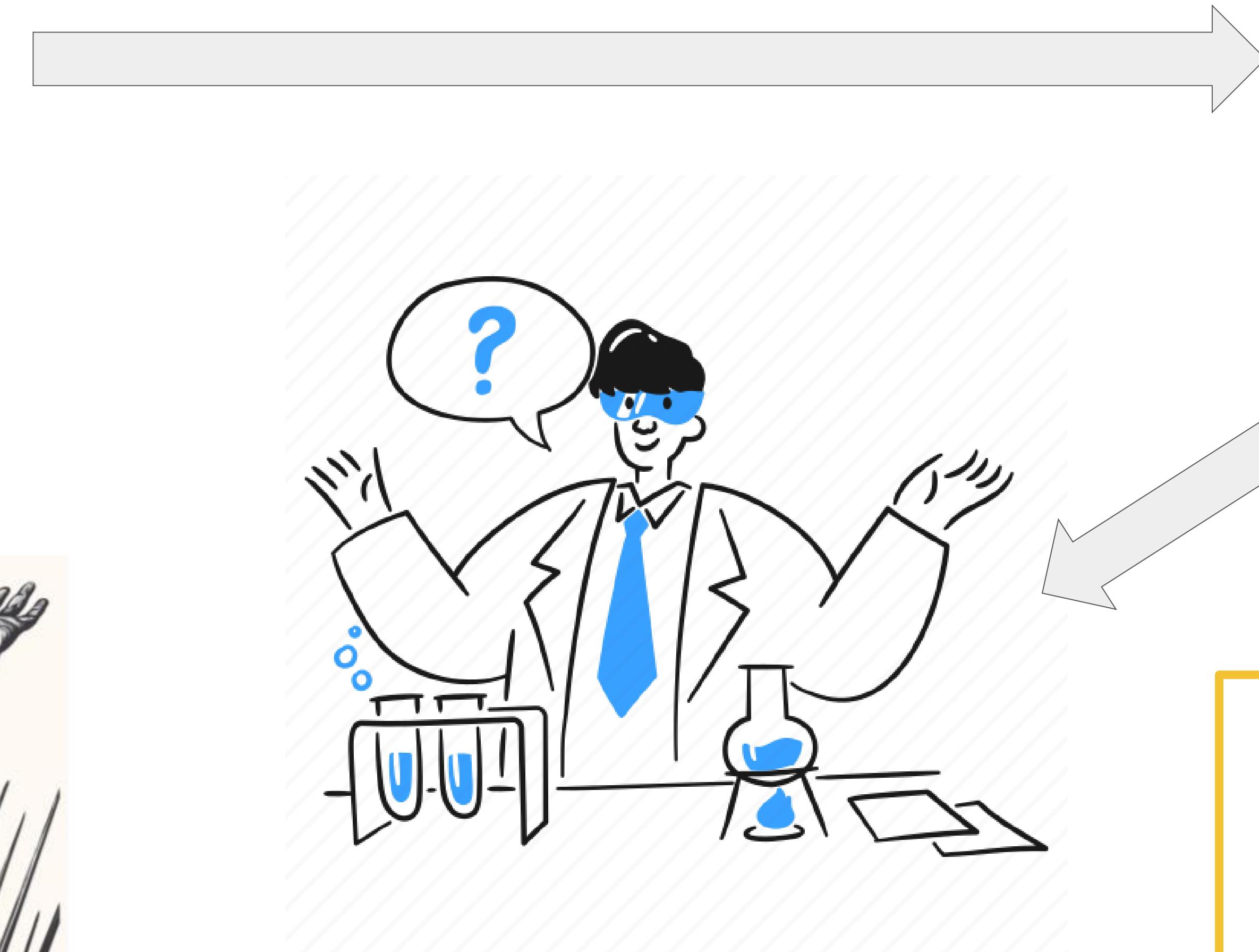
**Step 1. Determine the desired composition
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What material needs to be synthesized?



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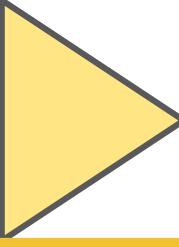


Dr. A. Savina



Case 1. You need new material for any application

Answer: High-throughput DFT screening of new materials



General principle of screening methodology

Filters

Reset

Composition

Structural Properties

Thermodynamics 2 active

Energy Above Hull (meV/atom)

0 142.2

0 200 400 600 800 1000+

Formation Energy (eV/atom)

-6.4 0

-10 -5 0 5 10+

Stability

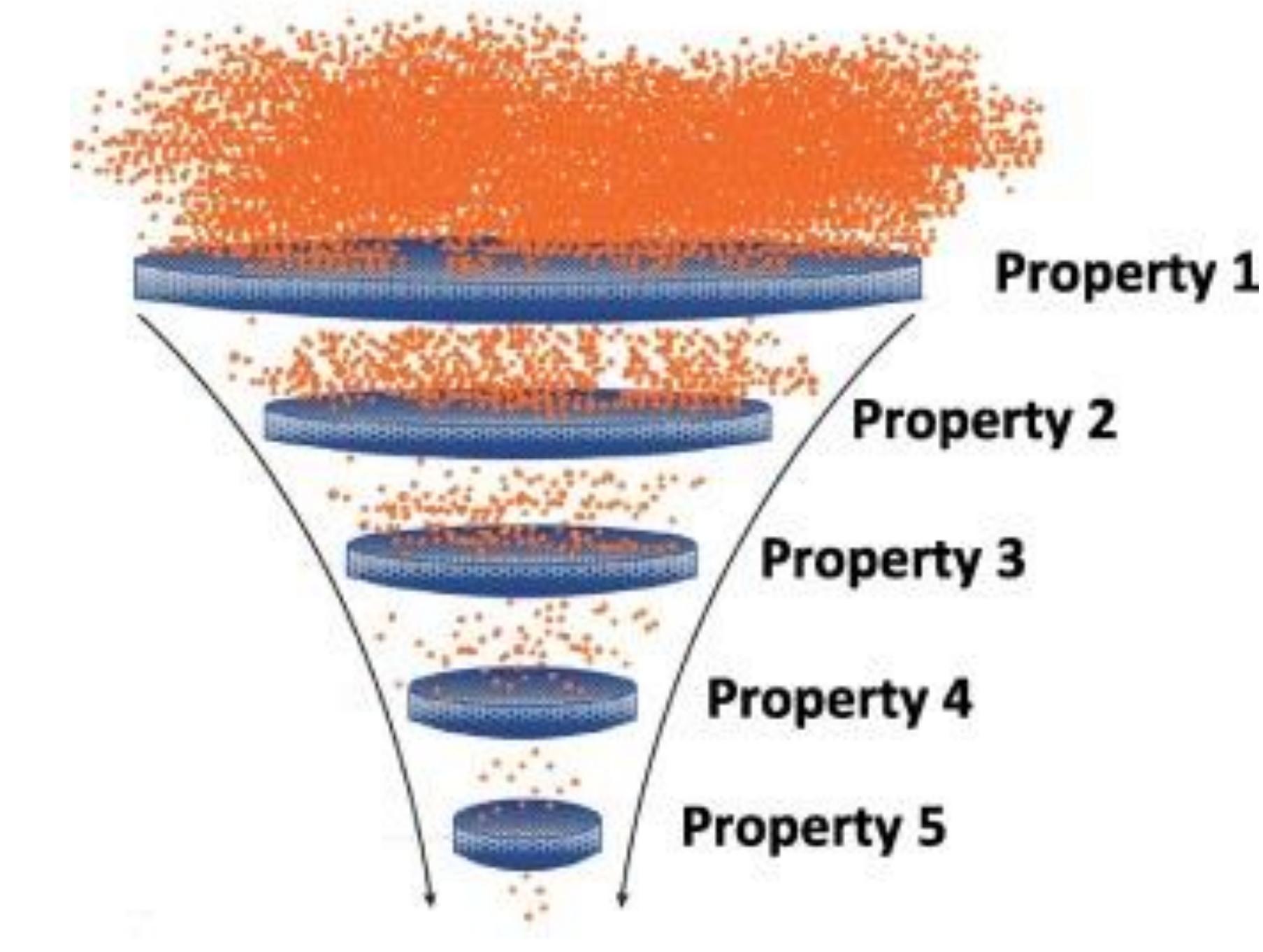
Any

90,393 materials match your search
Showing 1-15

× Energy Above Hull: 0 to 142.2 × Formation Energy:

Material ID	Formula	Crystal System
mp-1006278	AcEuAu ₂	cubic
mp-1020592	Sr ₄ Li ₂ Si ₄ N ₈ O	tetragonal
mp-1029602	Sc ₂ (CN ₂) ₃	trigonal
mp-10622	PrAs	cubic
mp-1068157	Sr ₂ CdPt ₂	orthorho...
mp-1069882	LaSi ₃ Os	tetragonal
mp-1070916	AIBW	orthorho...
mp-1071555	YbAgBi	hexagonal
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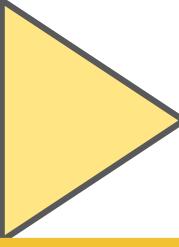
10,000 to 100,000 materials



10 to 100 materials candidates

1. Take materials database

2. Set up a property funnel



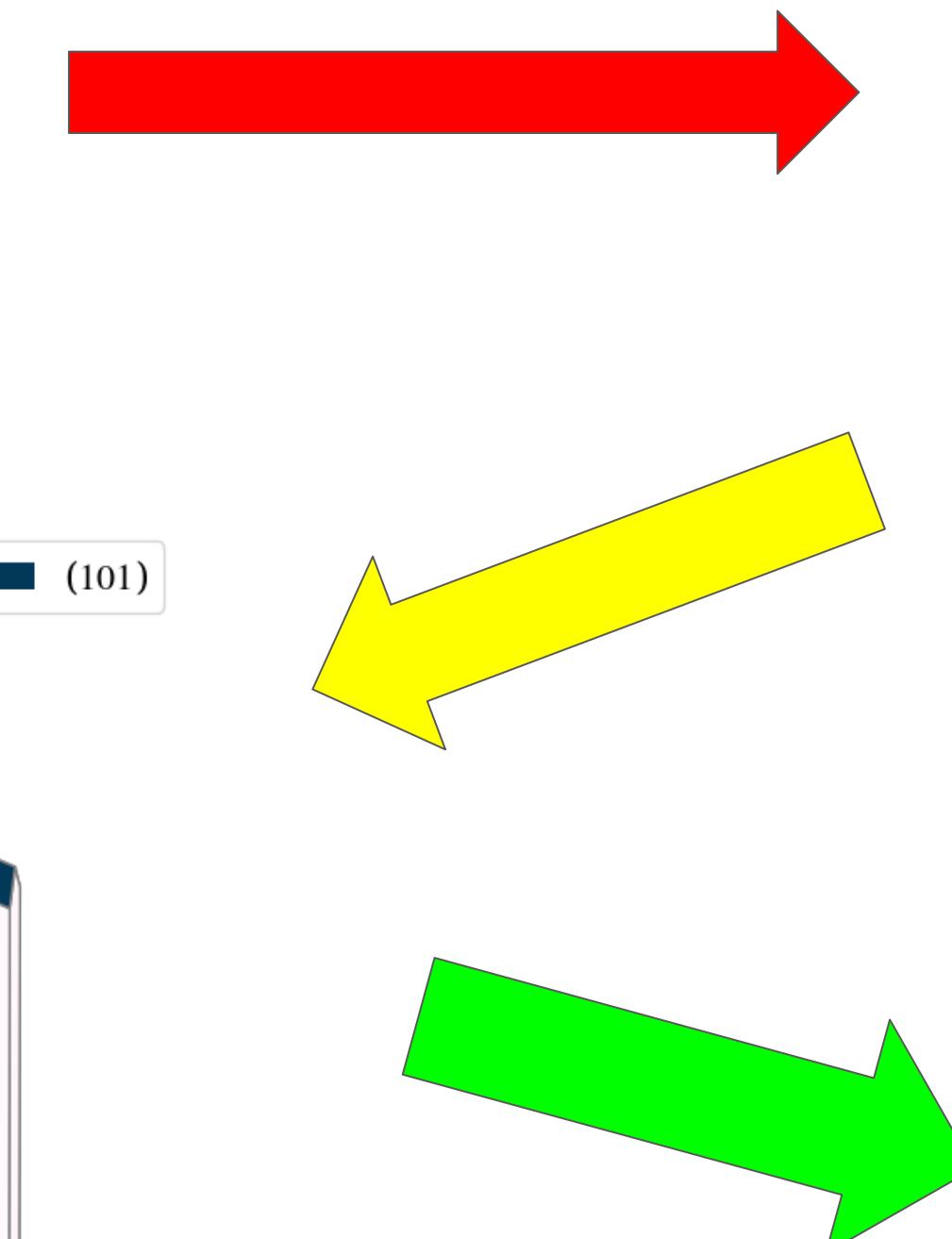
Screening of new cathode materials for Li-O₂ batteries (Our)

Requirements to cathodes in Li-O₂:

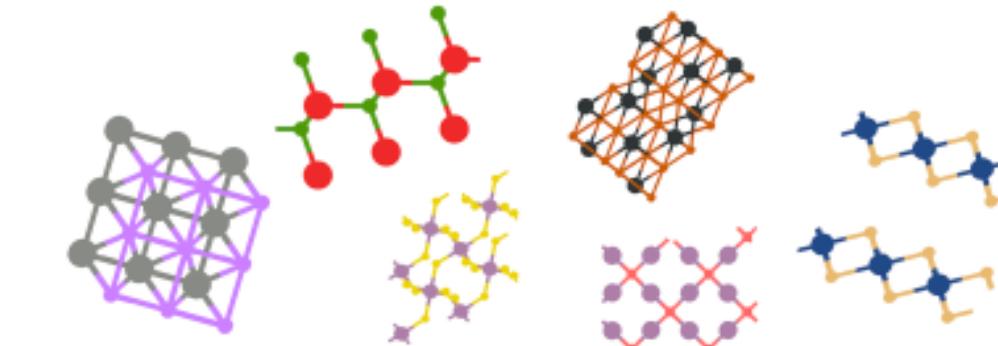
- Good electronic conductivity
- Stability in highly porous form
- Stability of surface to oxidation and passivation



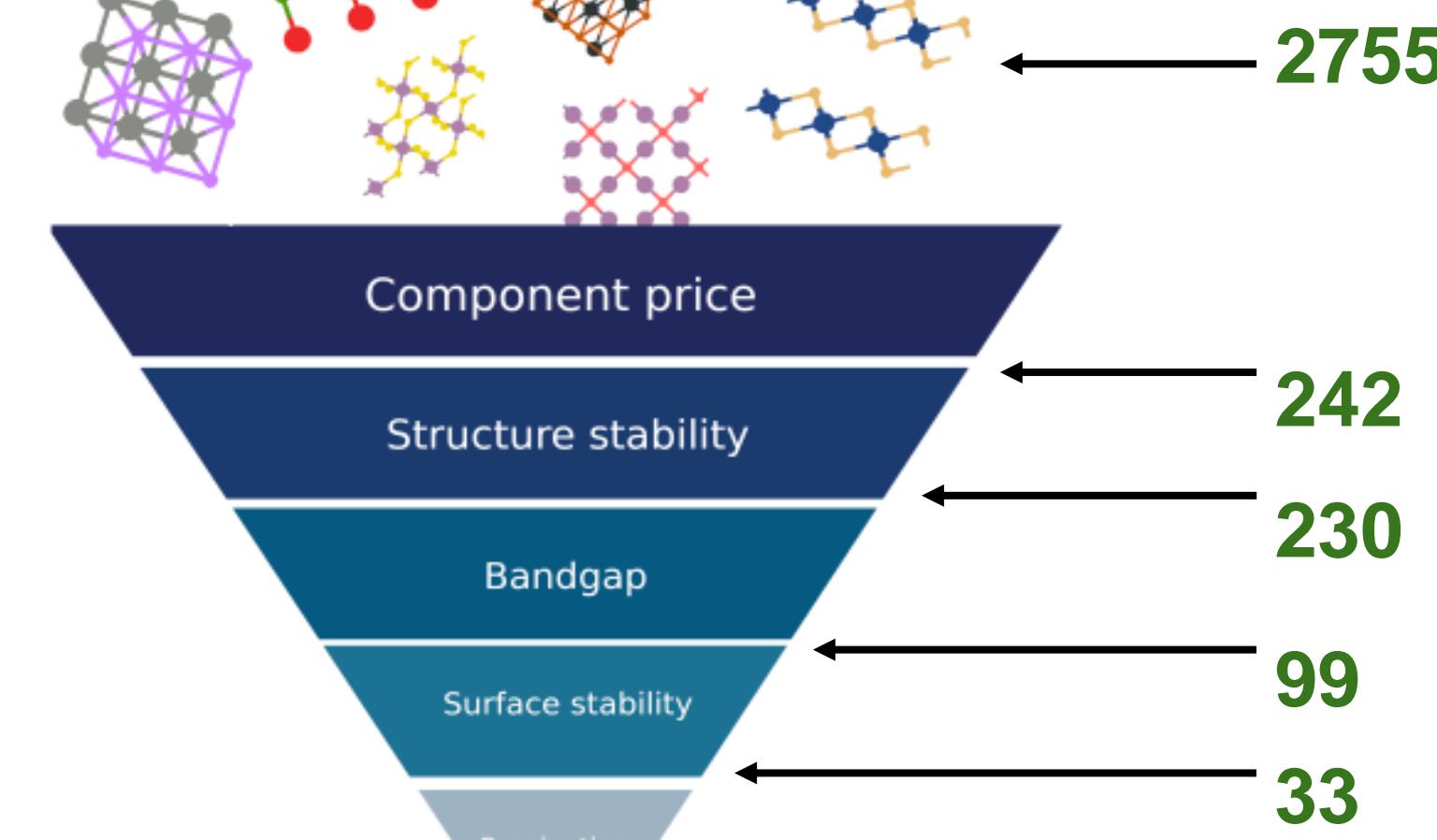
Mjejri, I. et. al. Ceramics International, 42(5), 2016



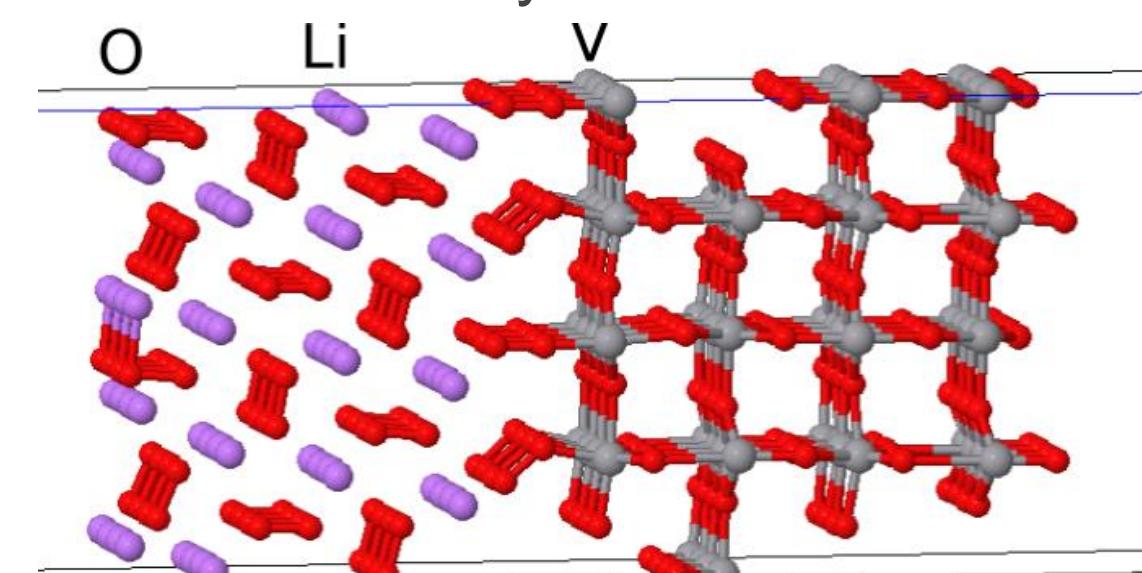
Our screening descriptors



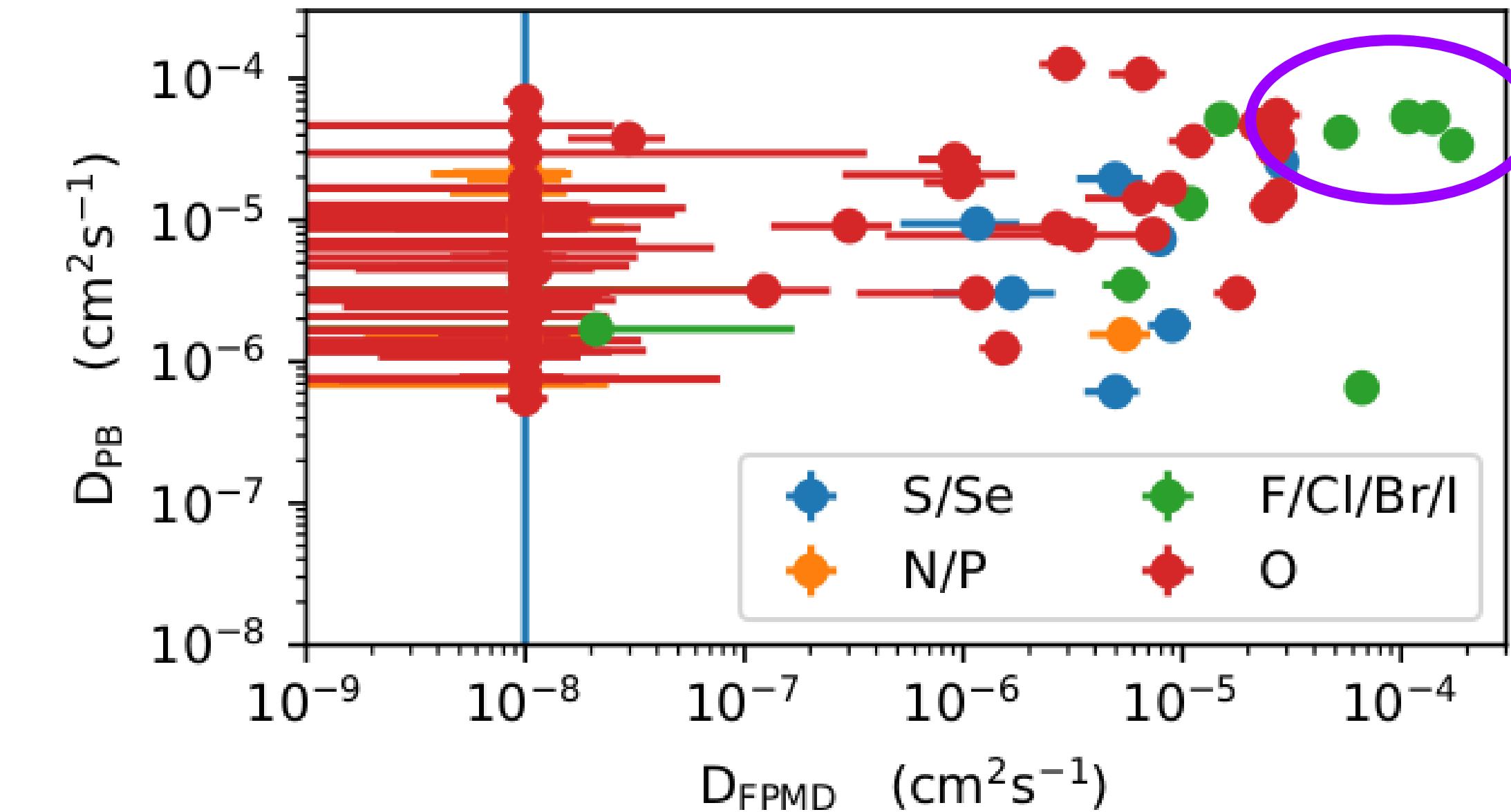
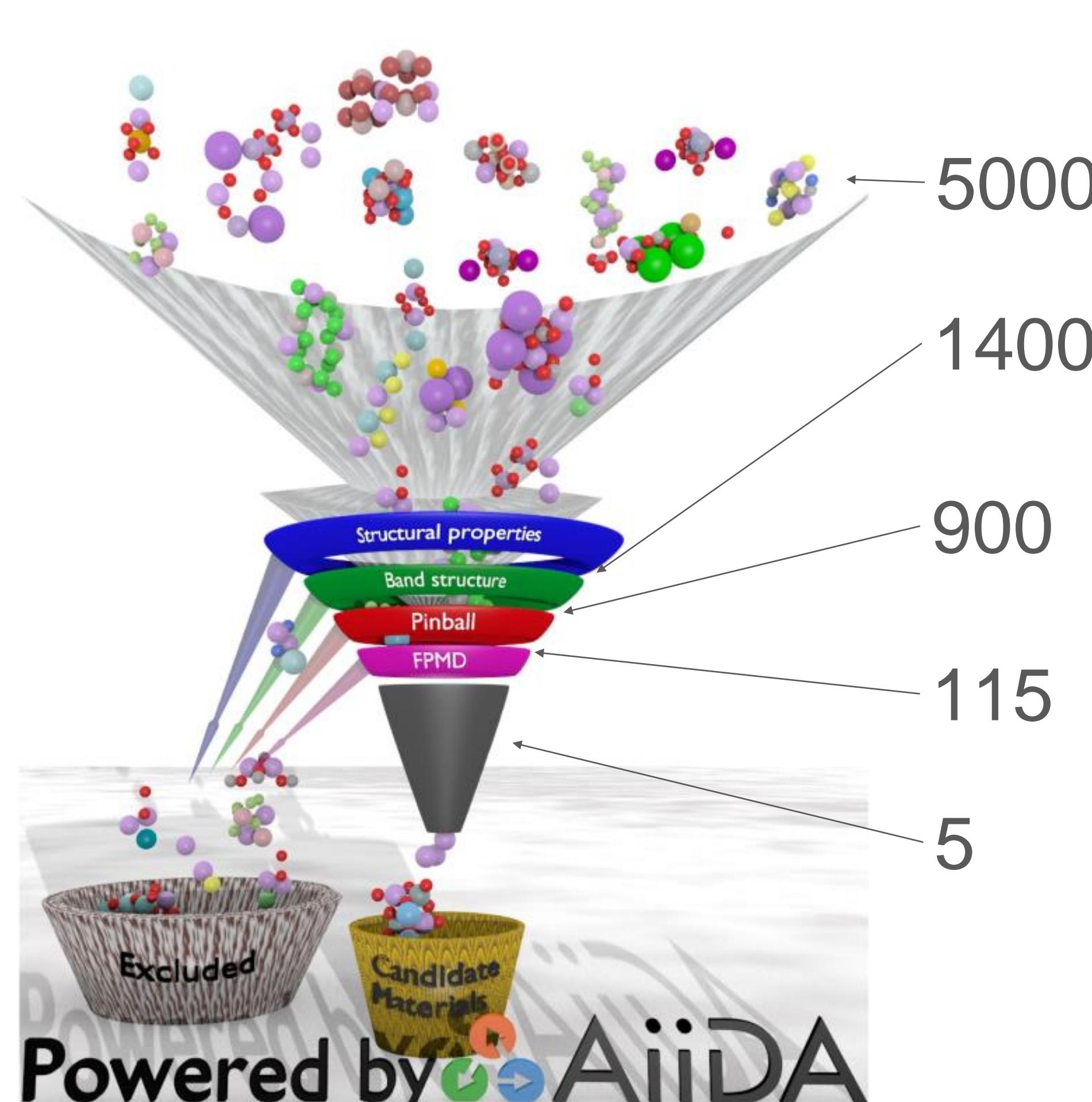
N_{AxBy} compounds



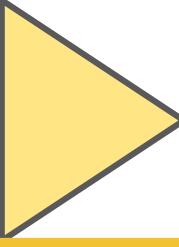
Passivation layer formation



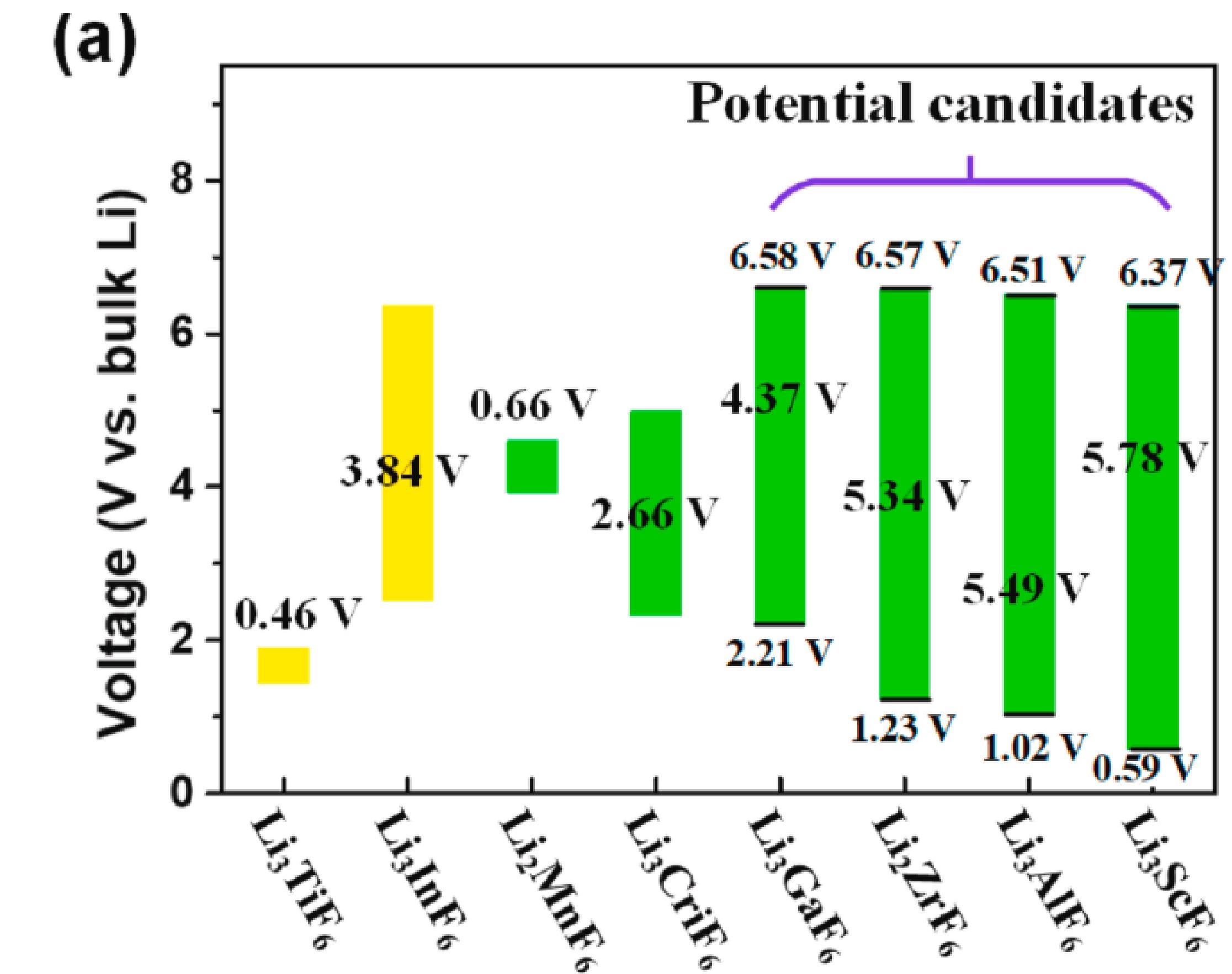
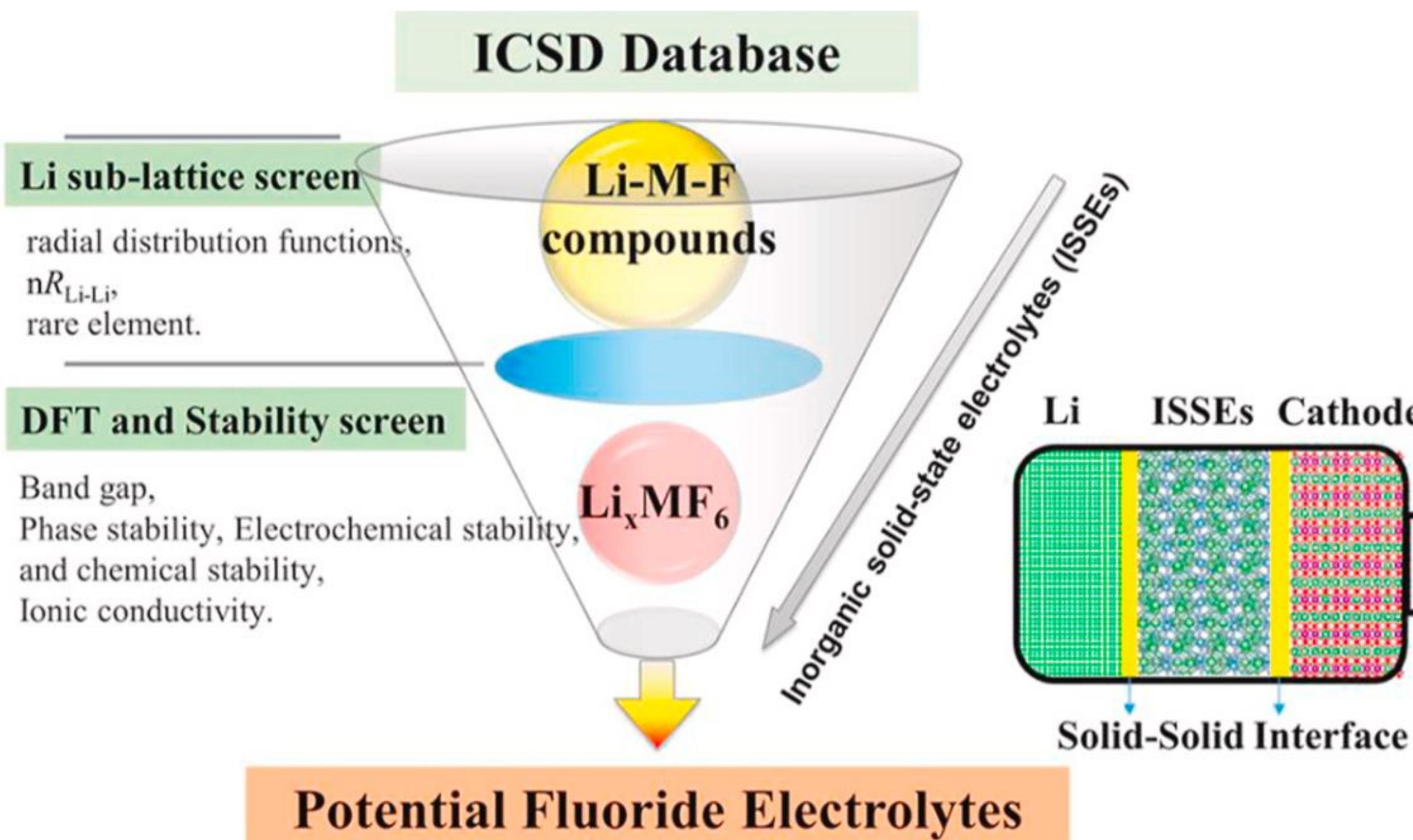
Screening for solid-state Li-ion conductors



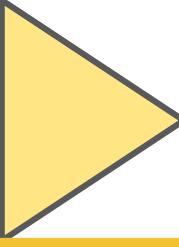
It was found five materials with fast ionic diffusion: Li-oxide chloride $\text{Li}_5\text{Cl}_3\text{O}$, the doped halides Li_2CsI_3 , LiGa_4 , and LiGaBr_3 , or the Li-tantalate Li_7TaO_6 .



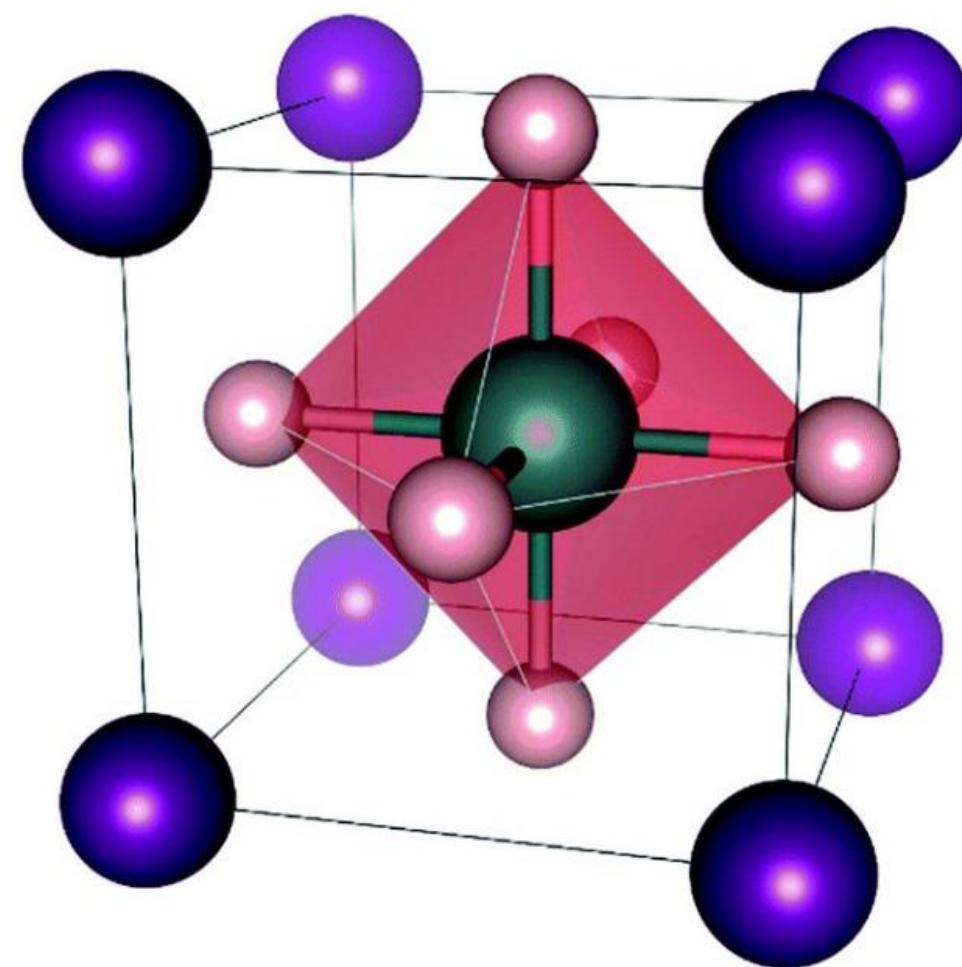
Discovering a new class of fluoride solid-electrolyte



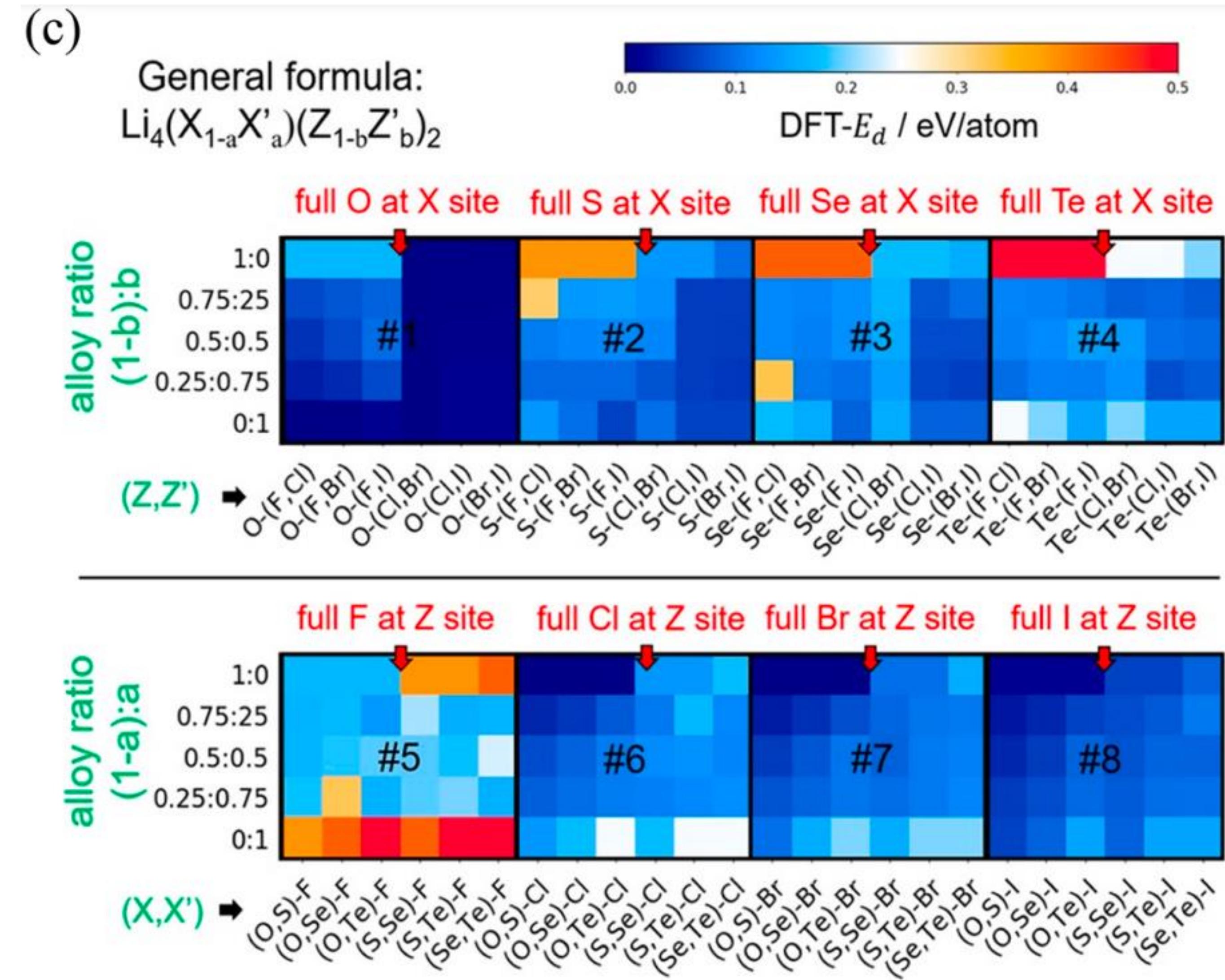
Zhang, B. et al. (2021). Nano Energy, 79, 105407.

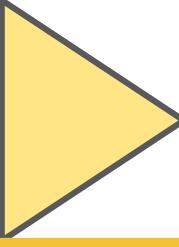


Screening for new antiperovskite solid electrolytes



Jalem, R. et al. Chem. Mater.
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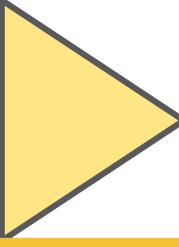


What properties can be used for screening?

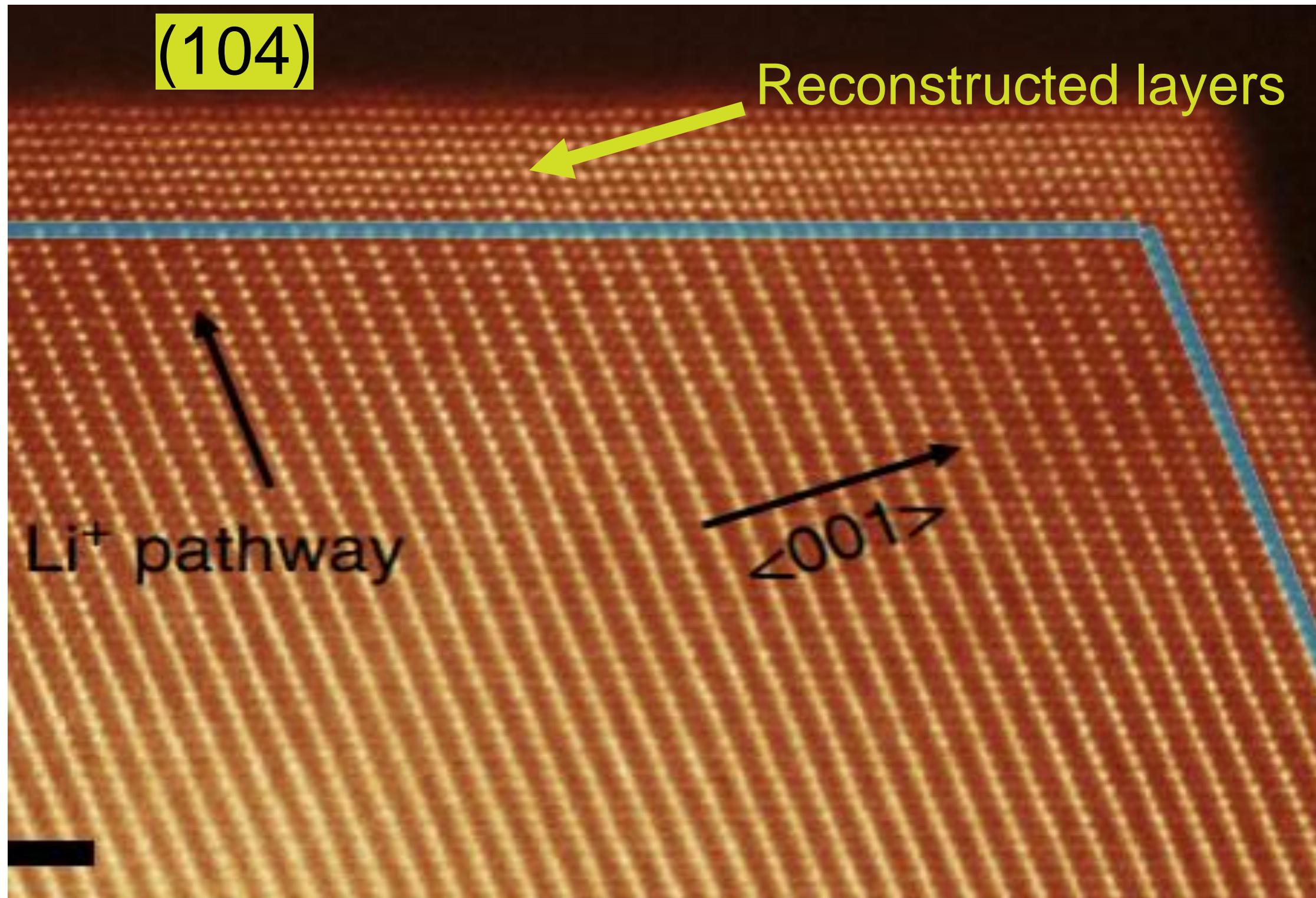
- 1.Composition or structure type
- 2.Phase stability
- 3.Bandgap
- 4.Ionic conductivity
- 5.Voltage window
- 6.Deintercalation potential (OCV)
- 7.Point defect energetics
- 8.And so on...

Case 2. You need to improve known material

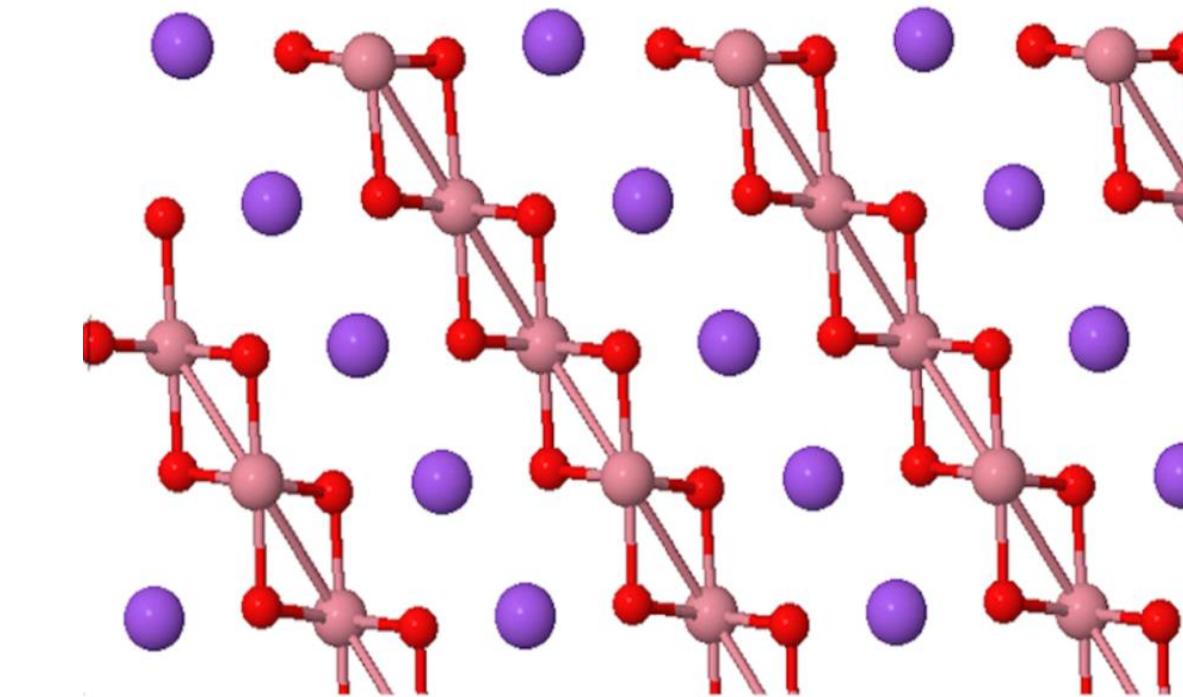
Answer: DFT screening of dopants



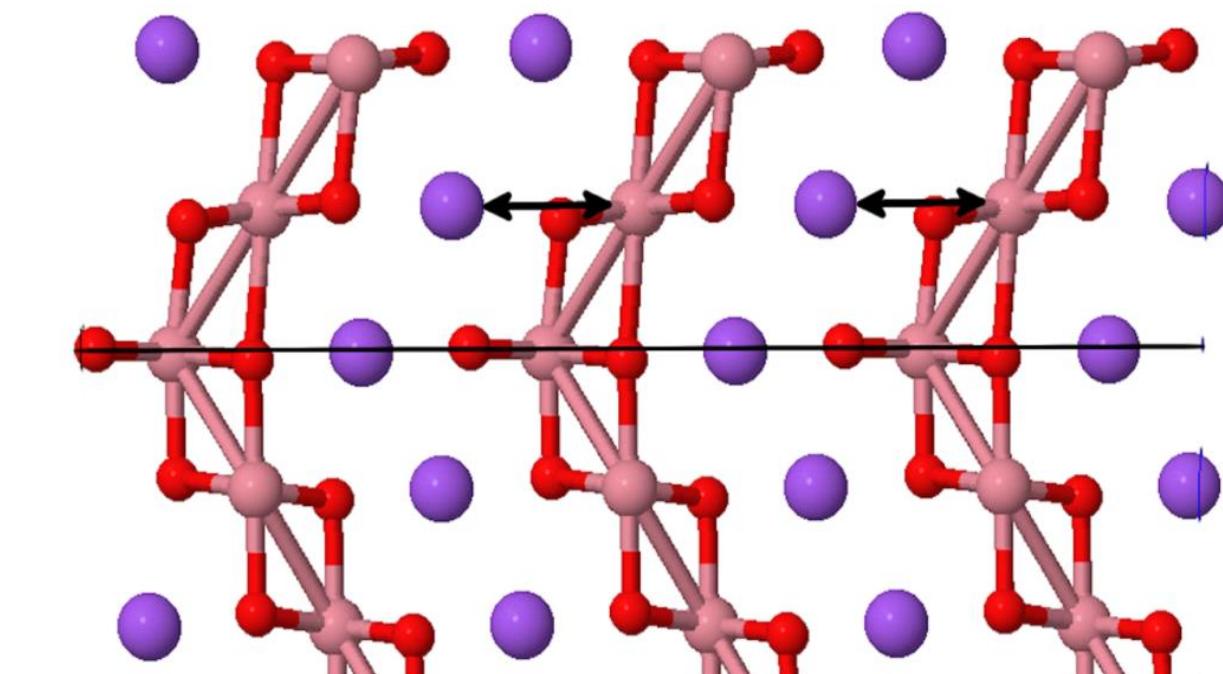
Segregation dopants for LiCoO_2



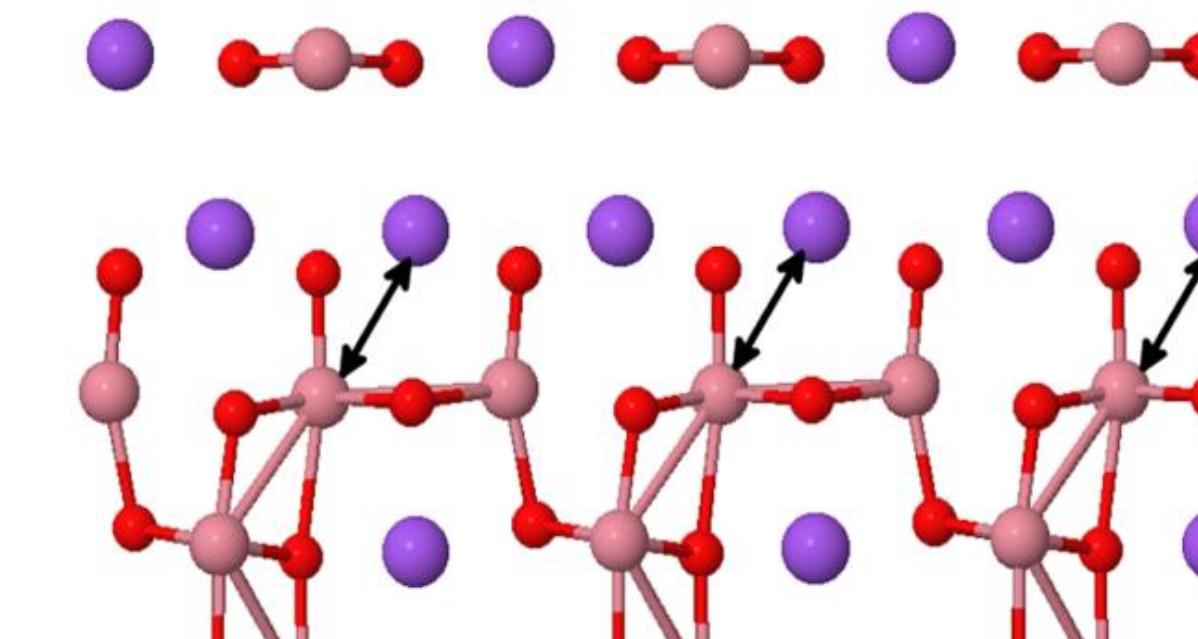
a) Ideal (104) surface

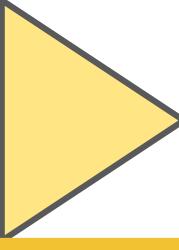


b) Twin formation



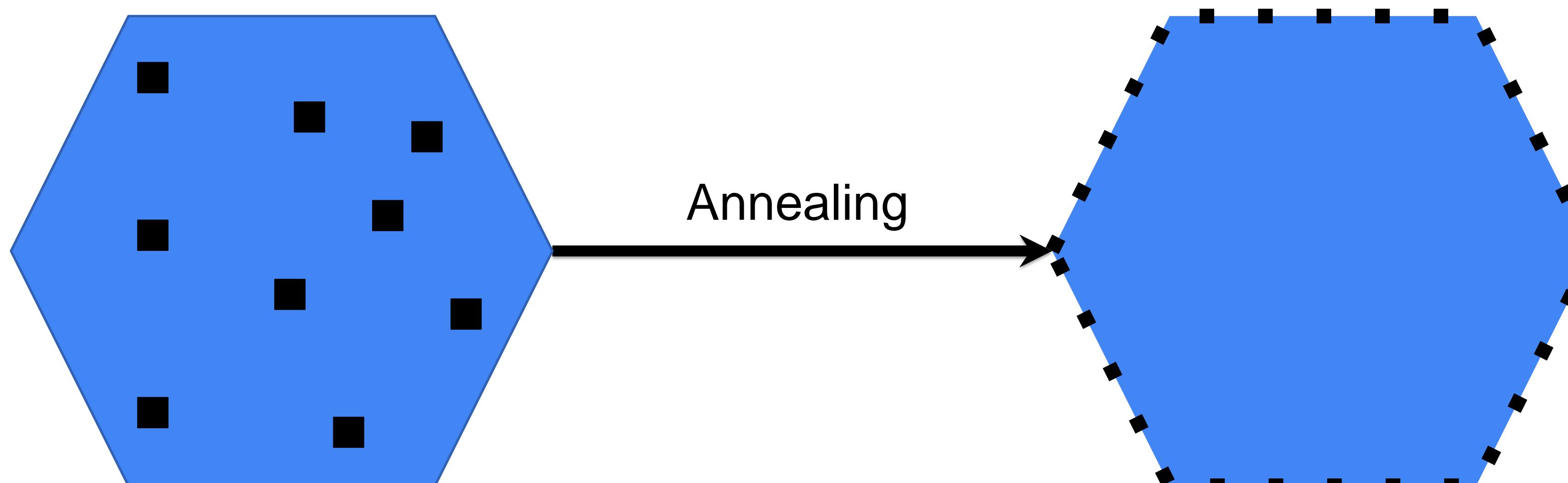
c) Blocking reconstruction

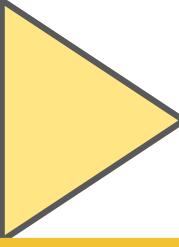




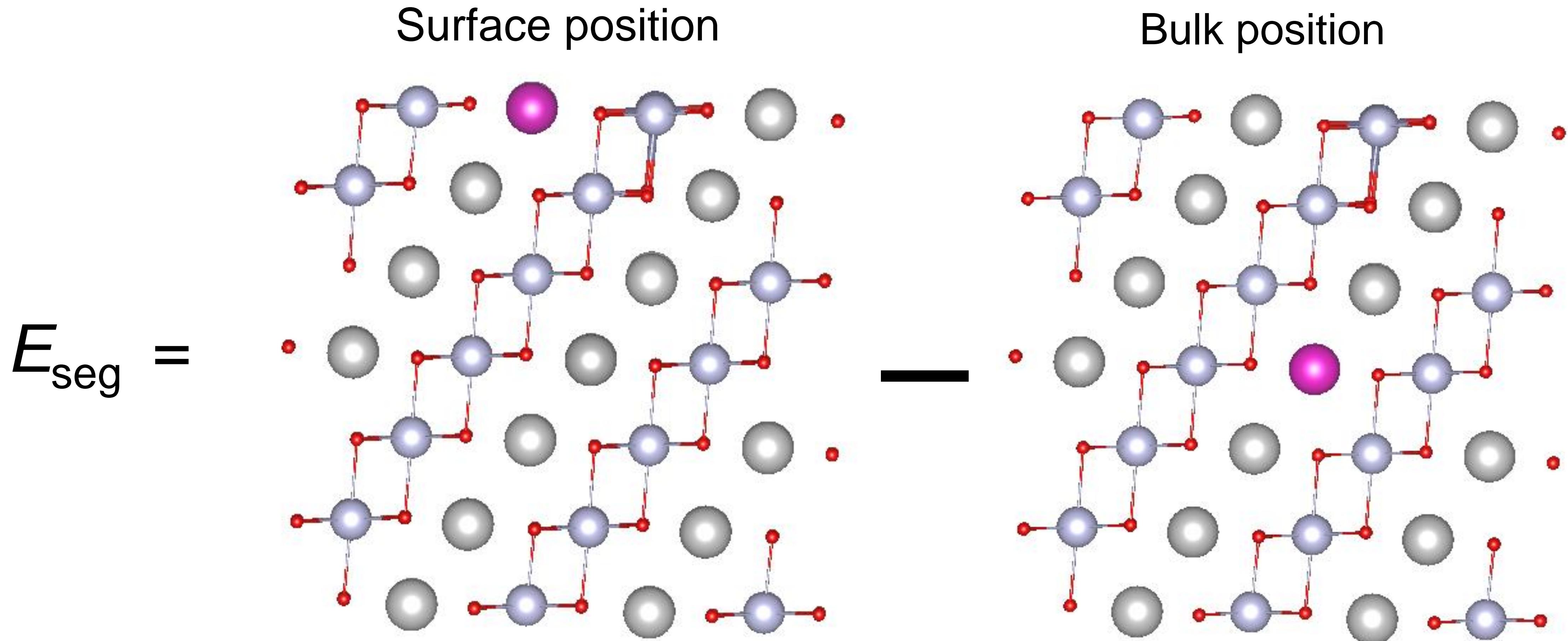
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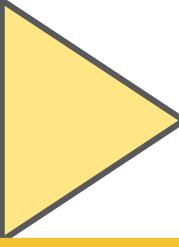
Schematic representation of a doped LCO particle,
where a surface enhancement takes place during annealing



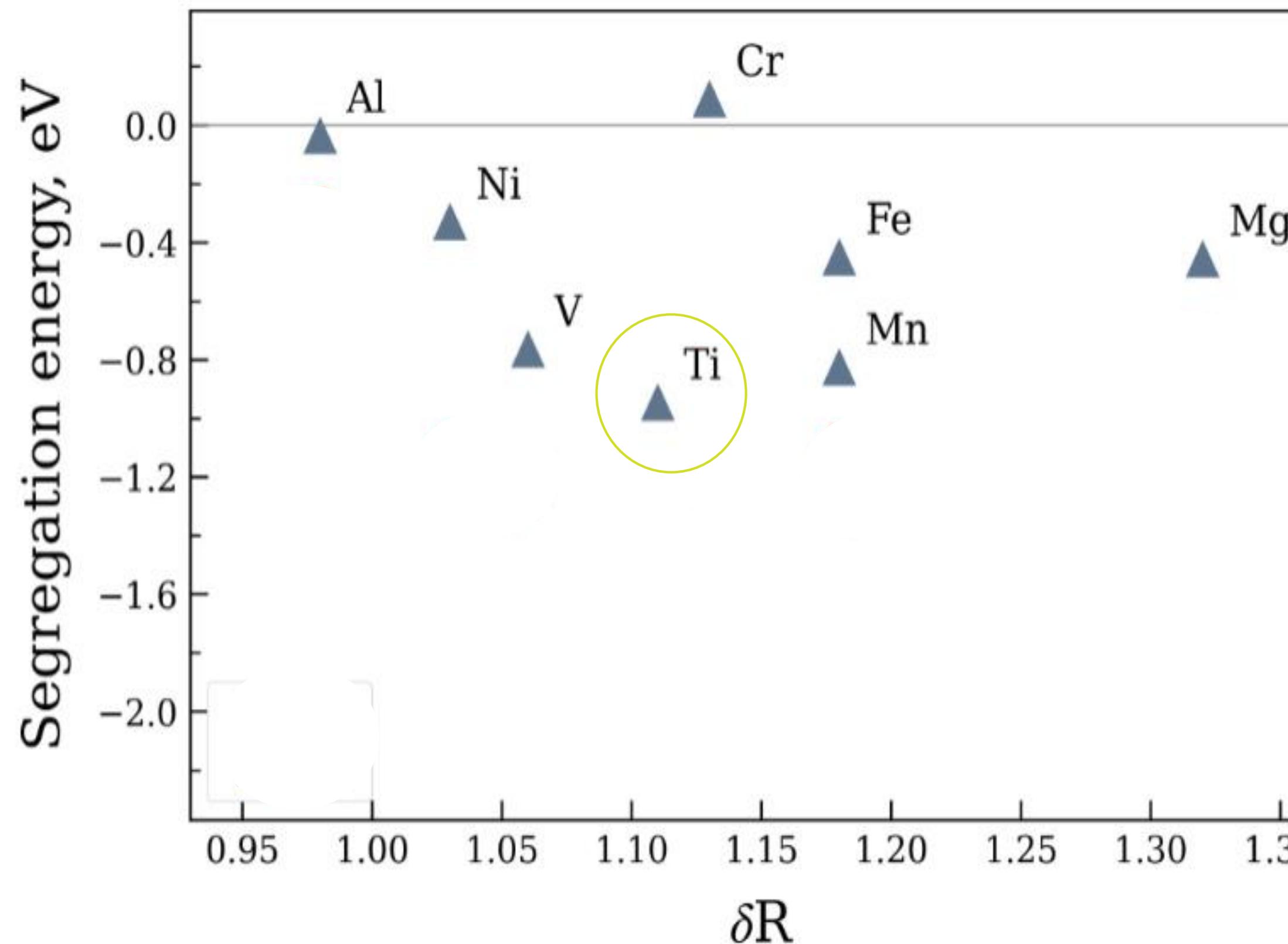


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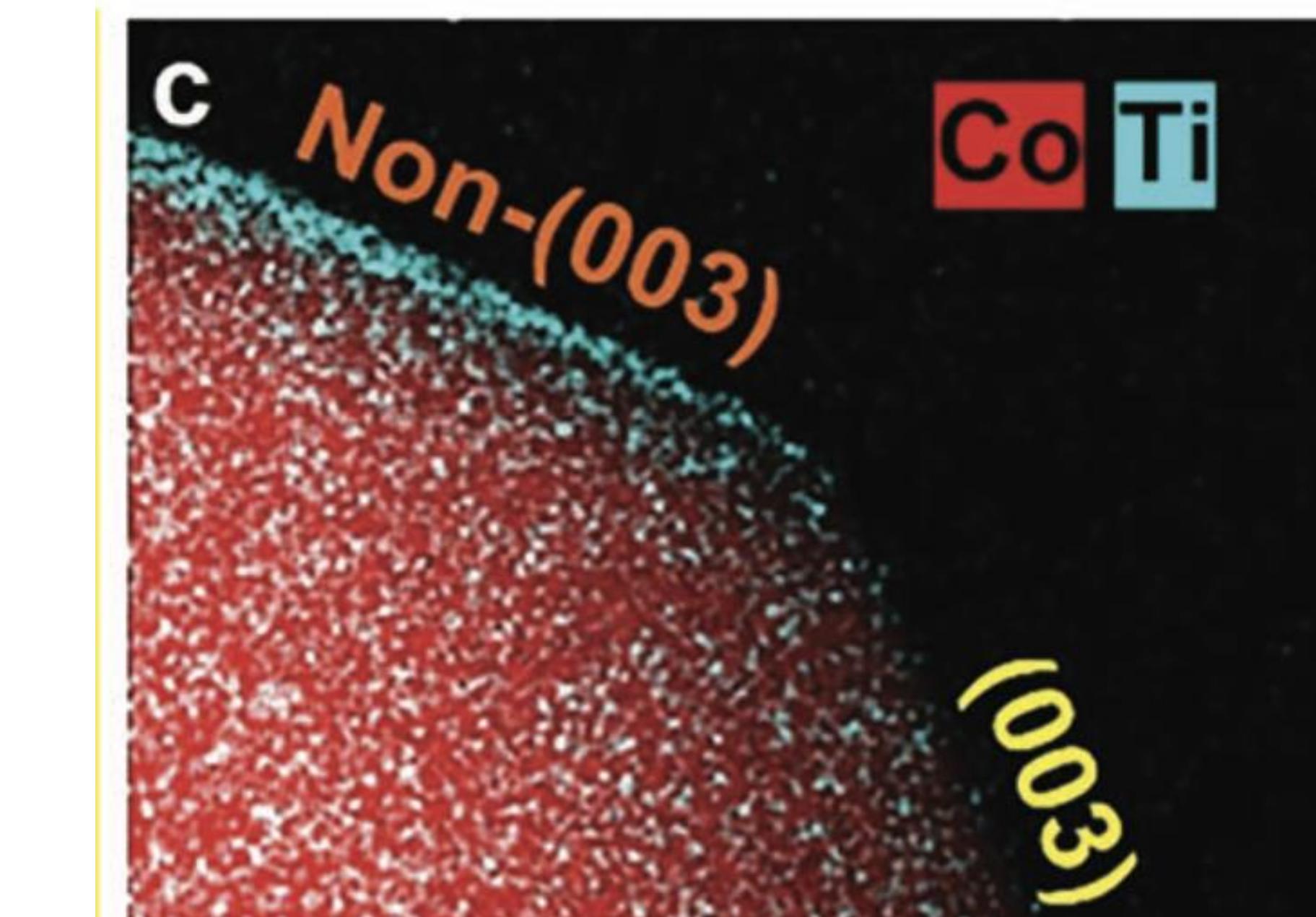


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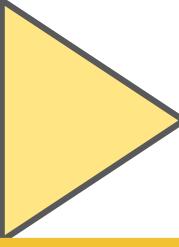


Boev, A. O. et al. *Phys. Rev. Mat.* **8**, 055403 (2024)

- Daheron et al. using XPS **does not detect Al surface segregation**, which agrees with 0 eV calculated segregation
- Li et al. shows with EDS mapping **monolayer Ti segregation** agreeing with strongly negative -0.94 eV energy
- Fe, Ni, Mn should segregate. What about experimental verification?

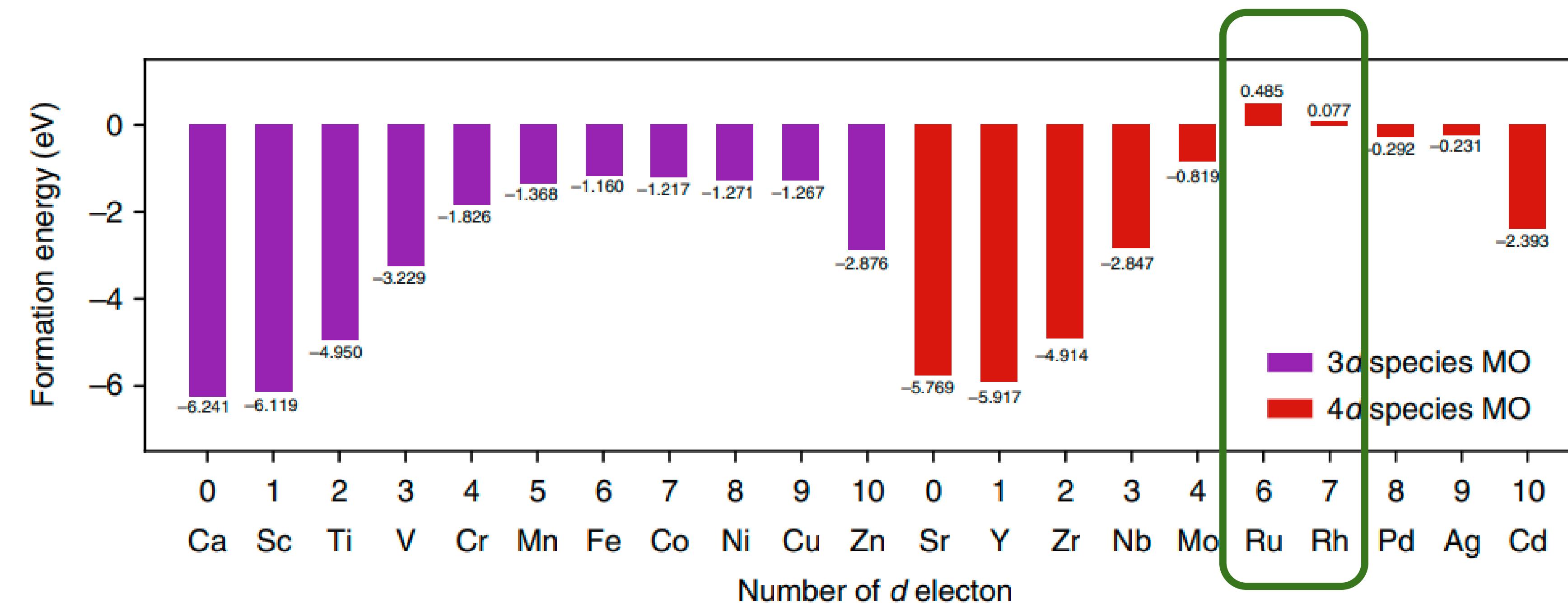


Li et al. *Small* **2023**, 2303474,
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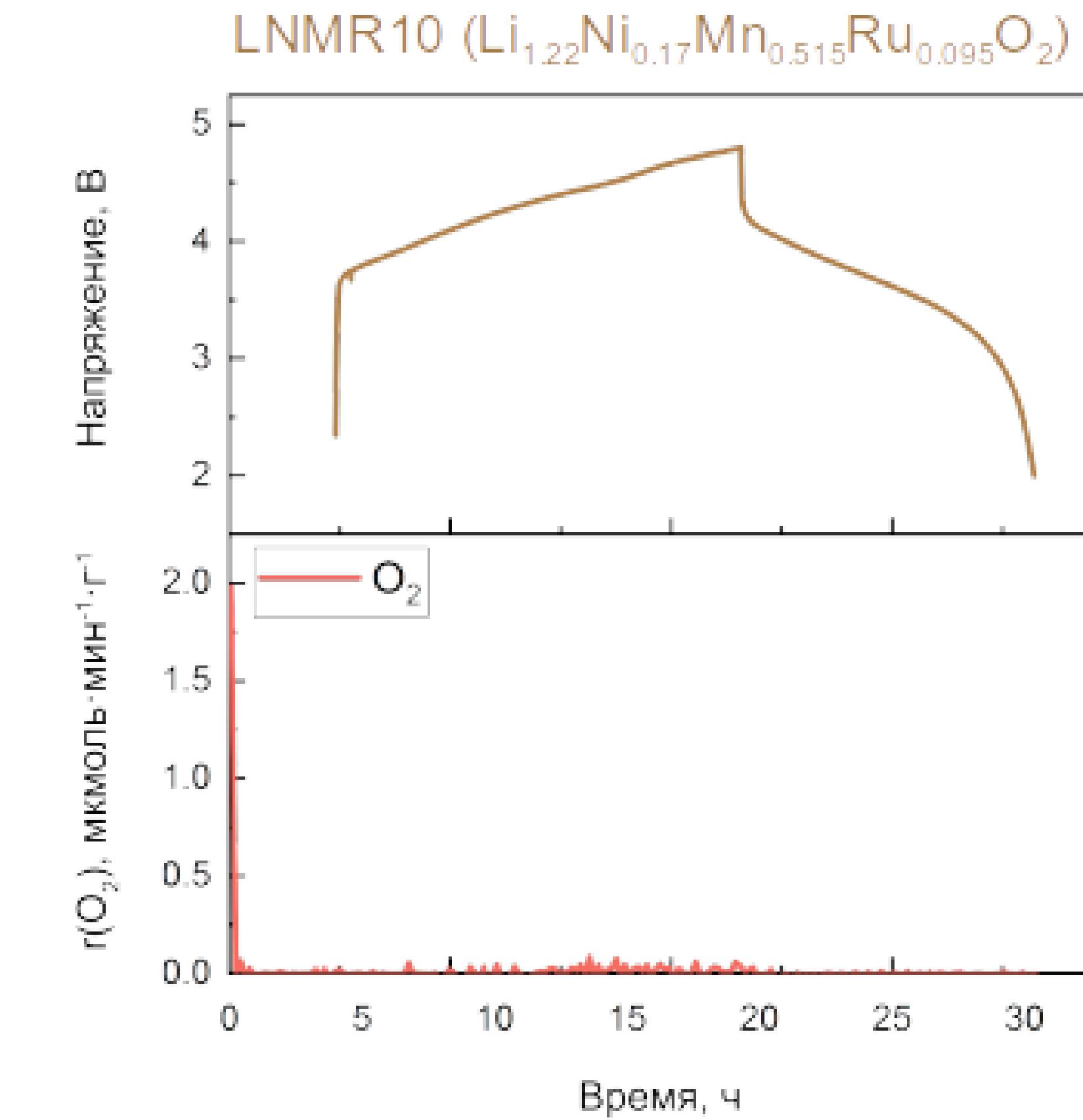
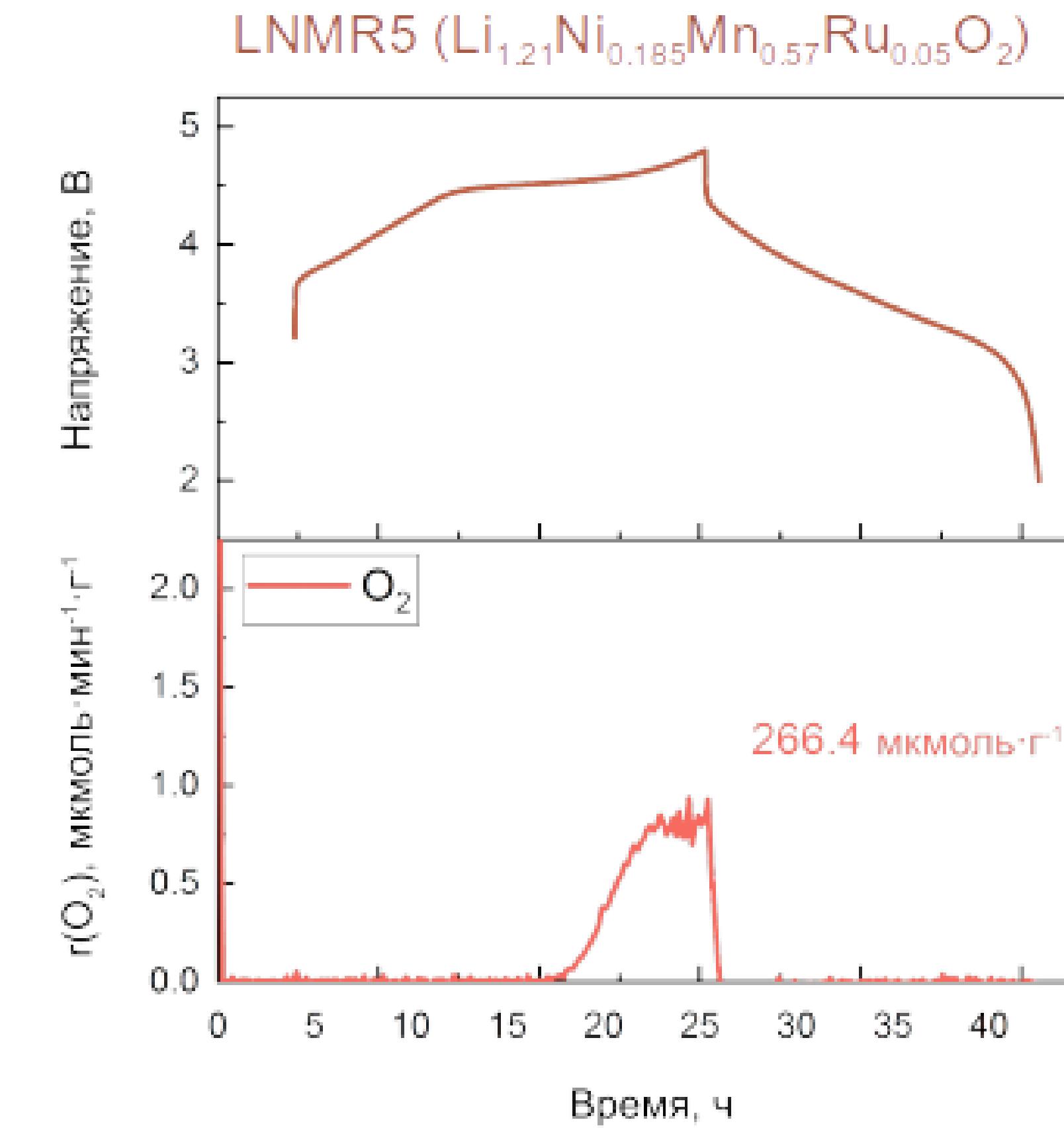
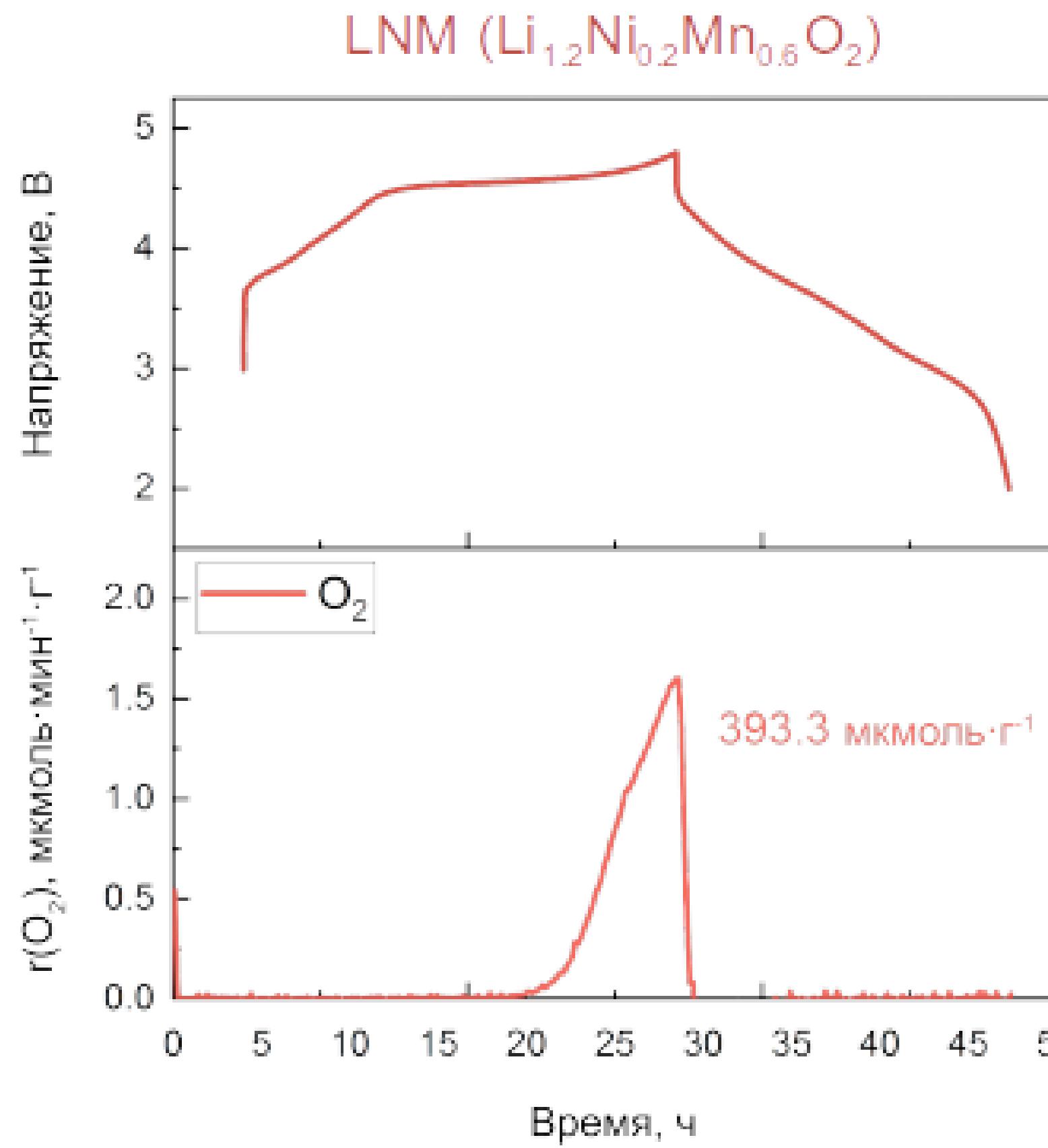
Anomalous metal segregation in Li-rich material

“Ruthenium segregates out as metallic nanoclusters on the reconstructed surface. Our calculations show that the unexpected ruthenium metal segregation is due to its thermodynamic insolubility in the oxygen deprived surface.“



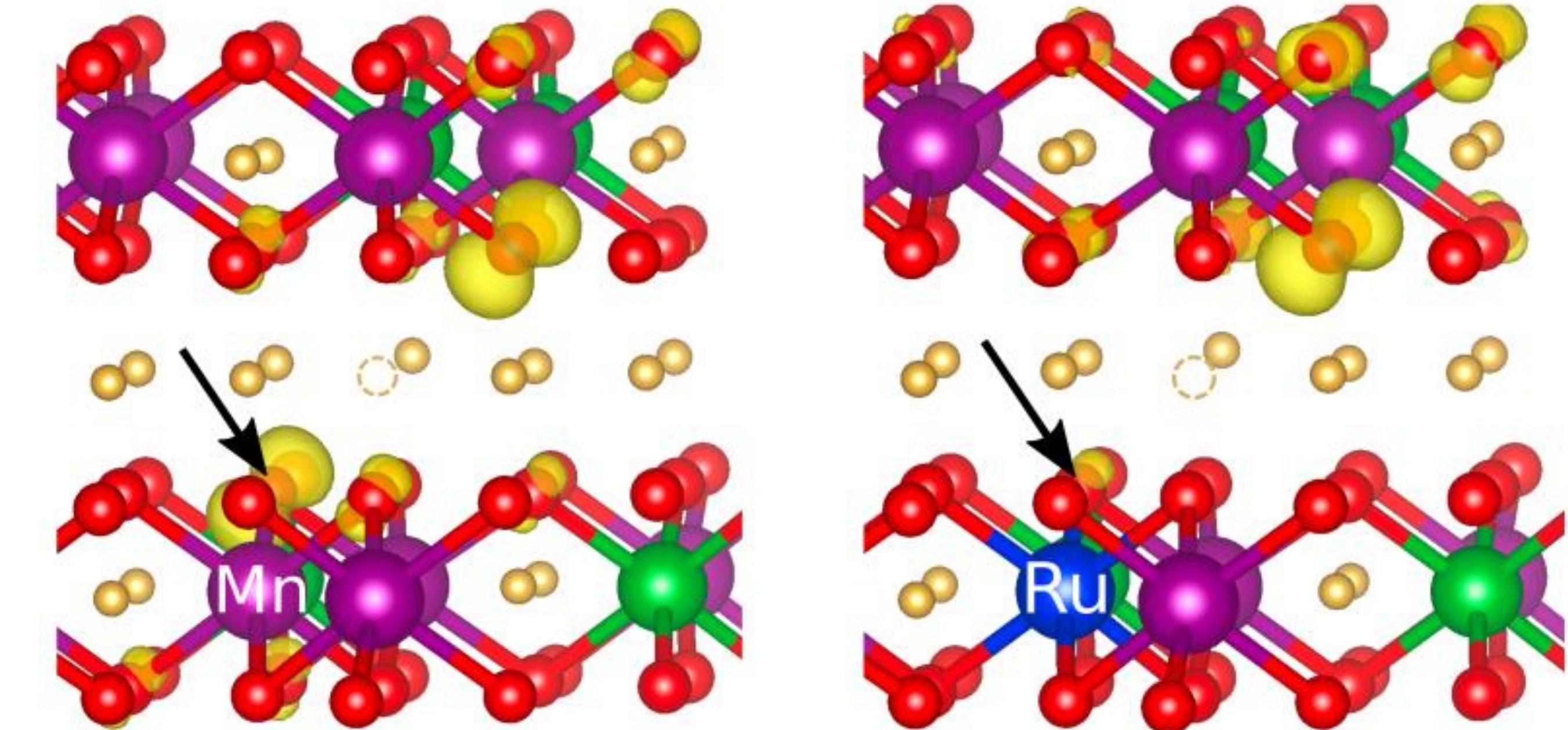
Ru-doped Li-rich NMC

Кривые зависимости напряжения и скорости выделения O_2 от времени при проведении исследований методом дифференциальной электрохимической масс-спектрометрии

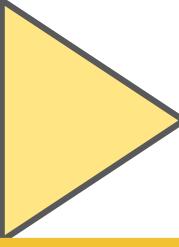


Ru-doped Li-rich NMC

Зарядовая плотность (желтые области), соответствующая окисленным состояниям кислорода (чёрная стрелка) вблизи вакансии лития (пустой кружок) по результатам ТФП расчётов



Зная этот эффект мы можем проверить хоть всю таблицу Менделеева и прогнозировать влияние допанта на окисление кислорода



Computational Screening of Cathode Coatings

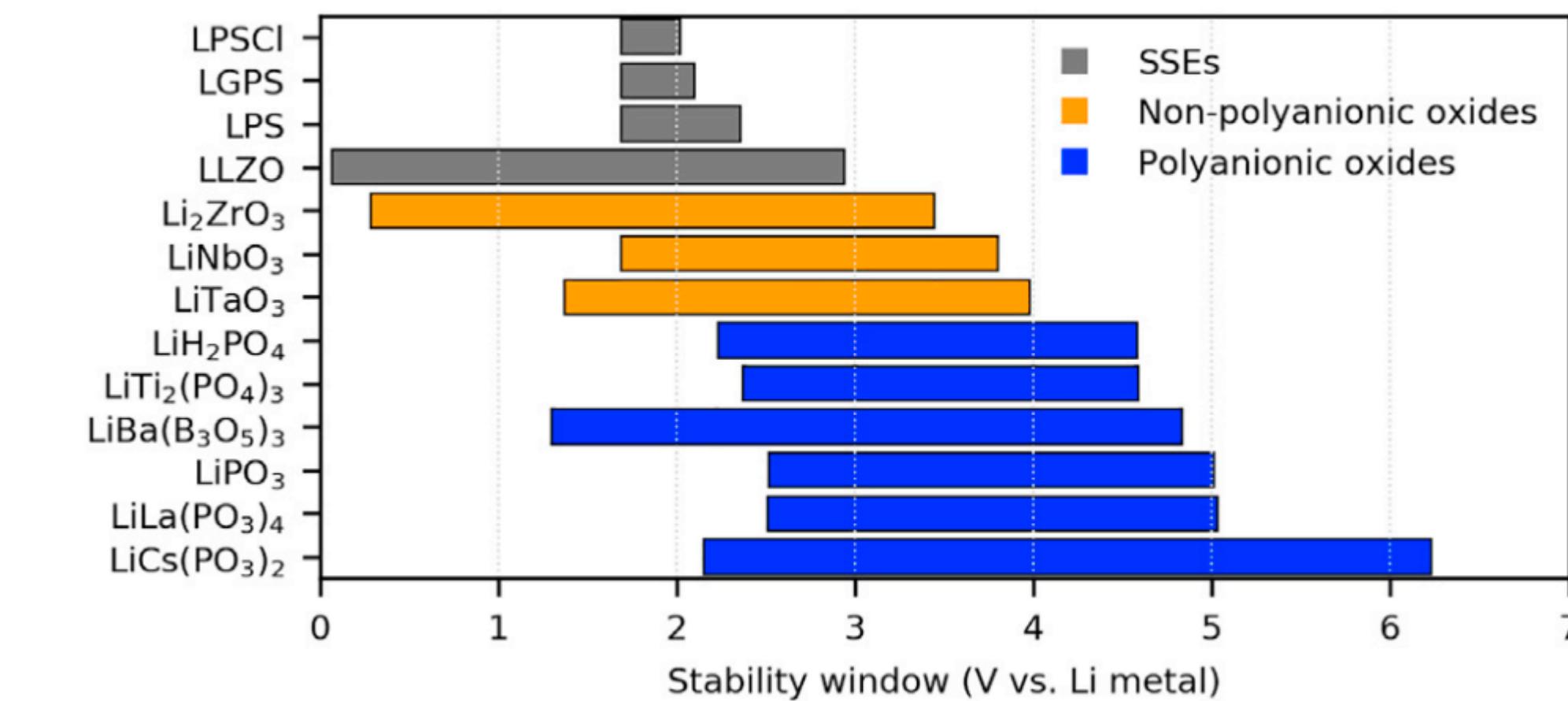
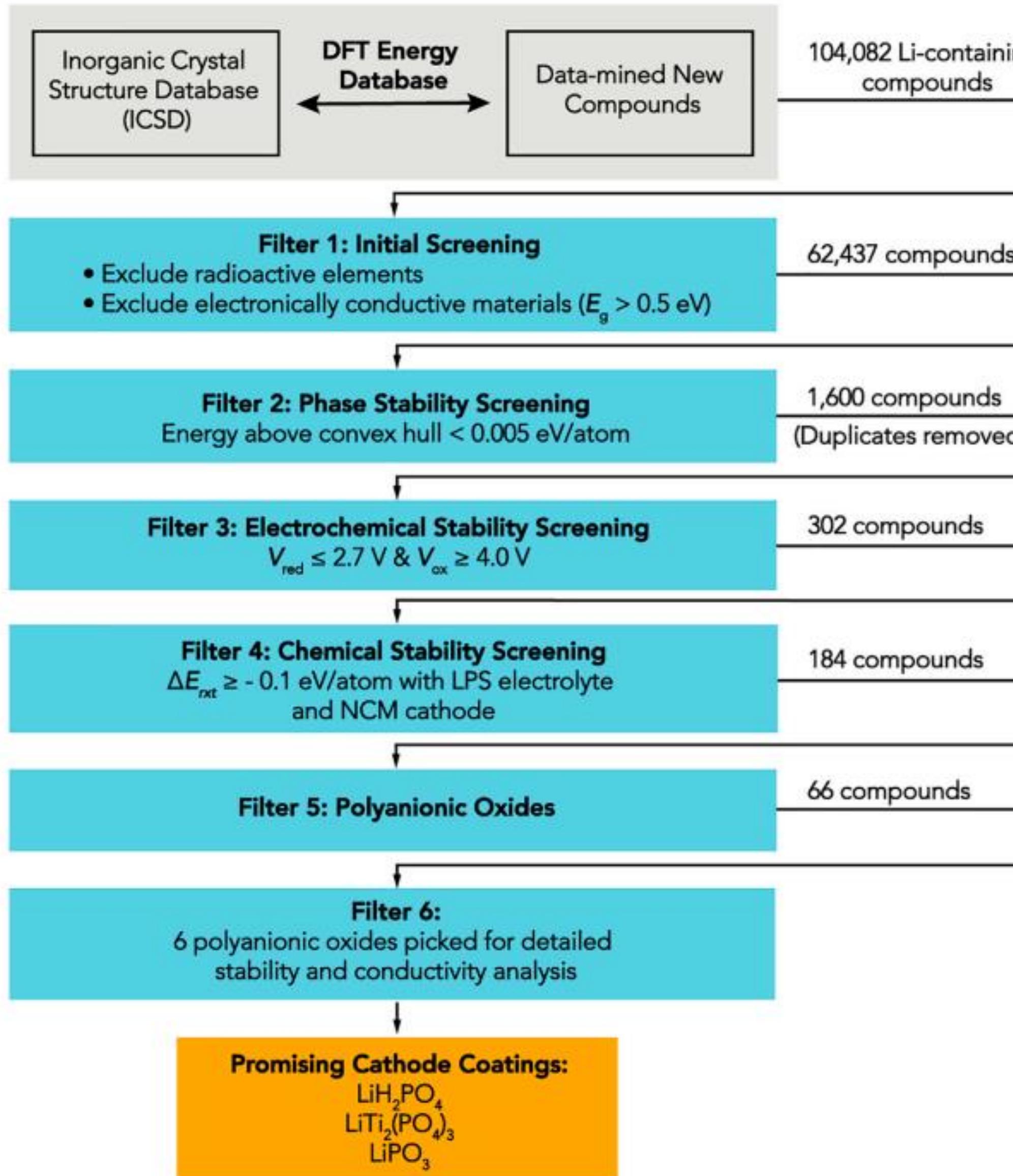
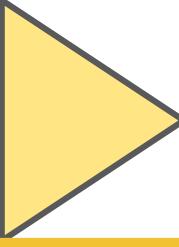


Table S4. Chemical reaction products from the most favorable reactions at cathodes/coating interfaces or cathode/SSE interfaces. Related to Figure 5.

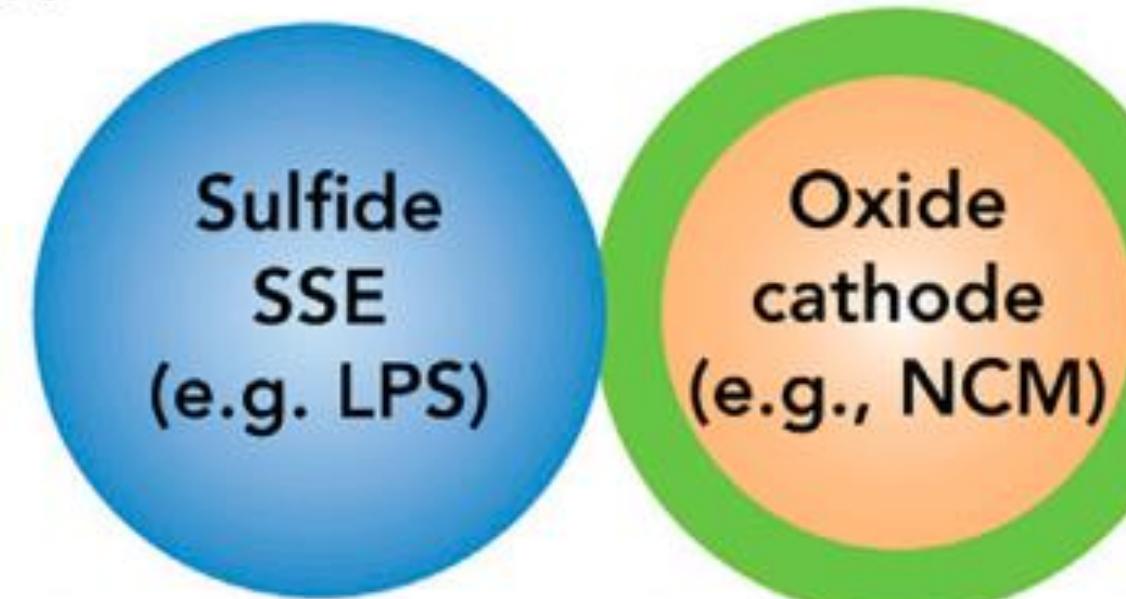
Interfaces	Fully lithiated cathode	Half-lithiated cathode
NCM/Li ₂ ZrO ₃	stable	LiNiO ₂ , NiO, Li ₂ MnO ₃ , ZrO ₂ , Li ₂ Co ₃ NiO ₈
LiCoO ₂ / Li ₂ ZrO ₃	stable	Li ₂ Co ₃ , LiCoO ₂ , ZrO ₂
LiMn ₂ O ₄ /Li ₂ ZrO ₃	LiMnO ₂ , Li ₂ MnO ₃ , ZrO ₂	Li ₂ MnO ₃ , LiMnO ₂ , ZrO ₂
LiFePO ₄ /Li ₂ ZrO ₃	Li ₃ PO ₄ , FeO, ZrO ₂	ZrO ₂ , Li ₃ PO ₄ , Fe ₃ O ₄ , FeO
NCM/LiNbO ₃	Li ₃ NbO ₄ , LiMnCoO ₄ , NiO	stable
LiCoO ₂ /LiNbO ₃	stable	stable
LiMn ₂ O ₄ /LiNbO ₃	stable	Mn ₂ O ₃ , Li ₅ Mn ₇ O ₁₆ , Nb ₂ O ₅
LiFePO ₄ /LiNbO ₃	Nb ₂ FeO ₆ , Li ₃ PO ₄	Li ₃ PO ₄ , Nb ₂ FeO ₆ , Fe ₂ O ₃ , Nb ₂ O ₅
NCM/LiT ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	stable	stable
LiCoO ₂ /LiTaO ₃	stable	stable
LiMn ₂ O ₄ /LiTaO ₃	stable	Li ₅ Mn ₇ O ₁₆ , LiTa ₃ O ₈ , Mn ₂ O ₃
LiFePO ₄ /LiTaO ₃	Ta ₂ FeO ₆ , Li ₃ PO ₄	Li ₃ PO ₄ , TaFeO ₄ , Ta ₂ FeO ₆ , TaPO ₅
NCM/LiH ₂ PO ₄	HCoO ₂ , Li ₃ PO ₄ , Li ₂ Mn ₃ NiO ₈ , Ni(HO) ₂	Ni ₃ P ₂ (HO) ₁₆ , O ₂ , Li ₃ PO ₄ , LiMnCoO ₄ , Ni ₃ (PO ₄) ₂

Coatings	ICSD #	Calculated Migration Barrier (eV)
Li ₂ ZrO ₃	31941	0.48
LiH ₂ PO ₄	100200	0.33
LiTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	95979	0.42
LiBa(B ₃ O ₅) ₃	93013	1.96
LiPO ₃	51630	0.40
LiLa(PO ₃) ₄	416877	1.39
LiCs(PO ₃) ₂	62514	1.27



Computational Screening of Cathode Coatings

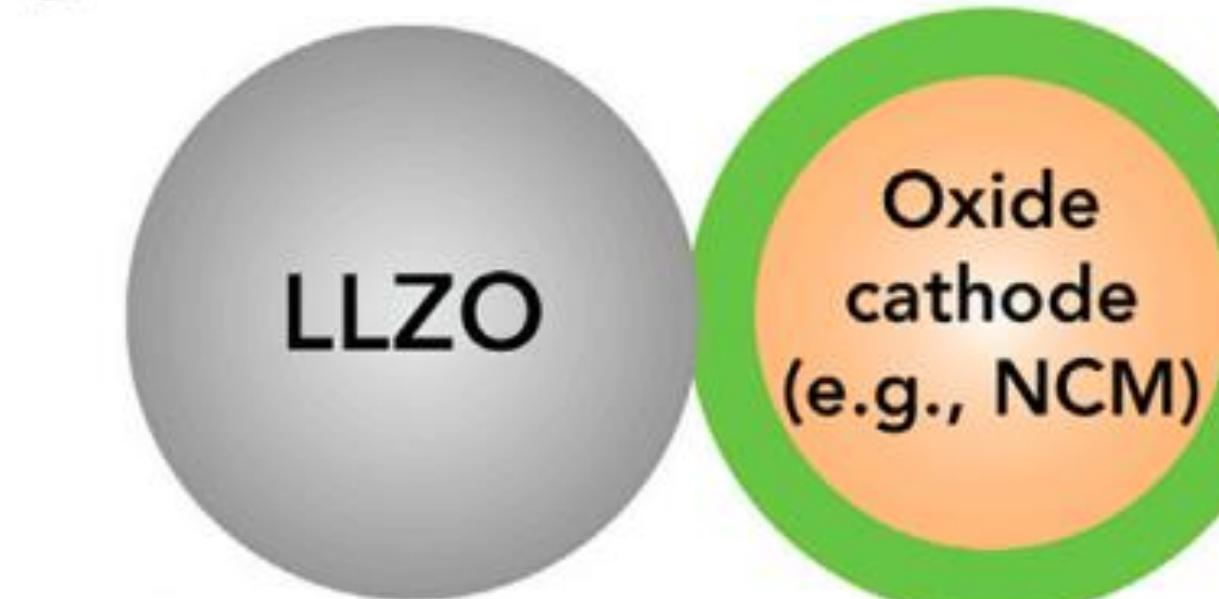
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Sintering/Hot-pressing/Cold-pressing

- Borates
- Phosphates

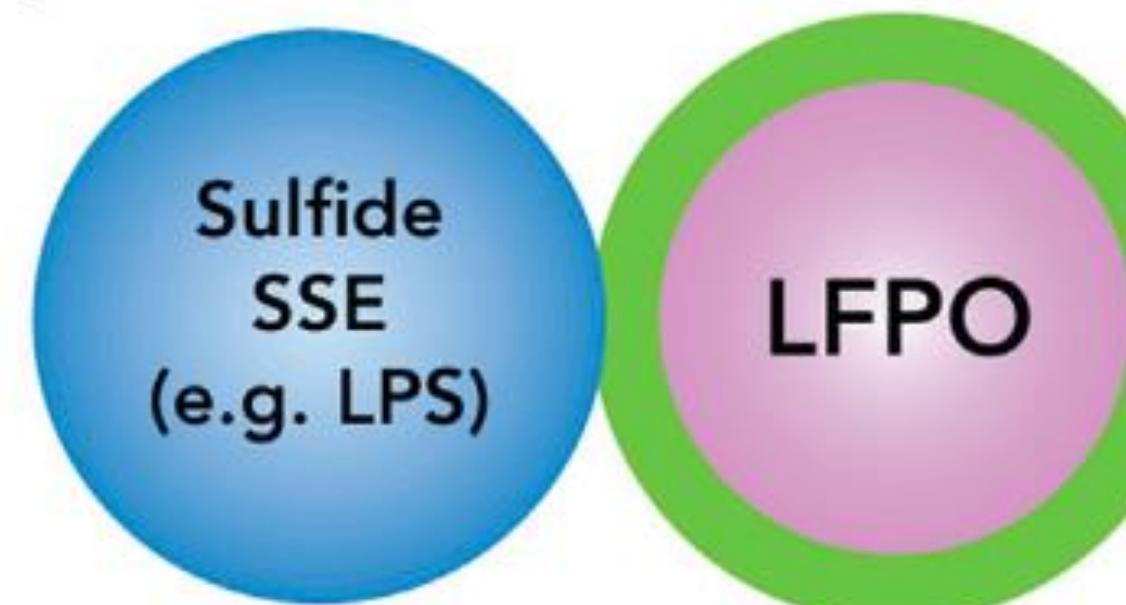
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Sintering/Hot-pressing

- Borates
- Oxides (when charging voltage is limited)

C



Sintering/Hot-pressing/Cold-pressing

- Borates
- Phosphates

D



Sintering/Hot-pressing

- Borates
- Oxides

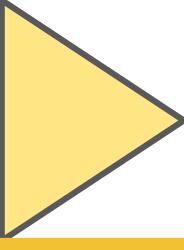
Examples:

- Borates: $\text{LiBa}(\text{B}_3\text{O}_5)_3$
- Phosphates: LiH_2PO_4 , $\text{LiTi}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3$, LiPO_3
- Oxides: Li_2ZrO_3 , LiNbO_3 , LiTaO_3

Step 2. Determine the recipe

Case 1. Recipe is absolutely unknown

Answer: Use database of recipes



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LiCoO₂



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Target Material Formula: LiCoO₂

TARGET MATERIAL

LiCoO₂

PRECURSOR MATERIALS

Li₂CO₃

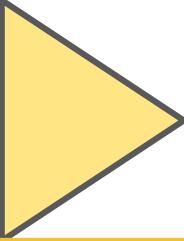
Co₃O₄



PARAGRAPH EXCERPT

"Reference Co₃O₄ and LiCoO₂ phases were obtained by a classical ceramic method. Co₃O₄ was ..."

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TARGET MATERIAL

LiCoO₂

PRECURSOR MATERIALS

Li₂CO₃ **Co₃O₄**

TARGET MATERIAL

LiCoO₂

PRECURSOR MATERIALS

Co **LiOH**



PARAGRAPH EXCERPT

"Reference Co₃O₄ and LiCoO₂ phases were obtained by a classical ceramic method. Co₃O₄ was ..."

REACTION EQUATION



SYNTHESIS PROCEDURES

1. synthesized 2. calcination at 450 °C, for 15 h, in oxygen 3. heated at 850 °C, for 2 day, in oxygen

SYNTHESIS TYPE

solid-state

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TARGET MATERIAL

LiCoO₂

PRECURSOR MATERIALS

Li₂O **Co(NO₃)₂** **H₄N₂O₃**



TARGET MATERIAL

LiCoO₂

PRECURSOR MATERIALS

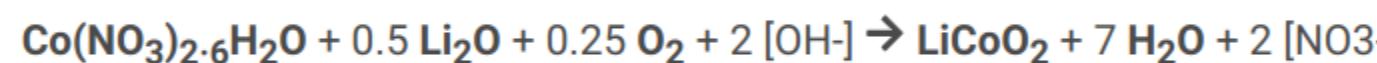
Co(OH)₂ **LiOH** **H₅NO**



PARAGRAPH EXCERPT

"LiCoO₂ was prepared as support material by solid-state reaction of Li₂O and Co(NO₃)₂·6H₂O. ..."

REACTION EQUATION



SYNTHESIS PROCEDURES

1. prepared 2. mixed 3. heated 4. prepared 5. prepared 6. calcined at 300 °C, for 3 h 7. heated at 900, 800, 700, 600, 500 °C

SYNTHESIS TYPE

solid-state

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PARAGRAPH EXCERPT

"The LiNi_{0.5-y}Mn_{0.5-y}Co_{2y}O₂ samples with 0 ≤ 2y ≤ 0.58 were prepared by firing the coprecipitated ..."

REACTION EQUATION



SYNTHESIS PROCEDURES

1. prepared 2. firing at 900 °C, for 24 h, in air, air 3. adding 4. washing using water 5. prepared 6. synthesized

SYNTHESIS TYPE

solid-state

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TARGET MATERIAL

LiCoO₂

PRECURSOR MATERIALS

Co(OH)₂ **LiOH** **H₅NO**

PARAGRAPH EXCERPT

"The metal oxides LiMO₂ (M = Co, Ni) and Li₂MO₃ (M = Mn, Mo, Sn) were synthesized directly by solid-..."

REACTION EQUATION



SYNTHESIS PROCEDURES

1. synthesized 2. cooling 3. synthesized 4. drying 5. heating at 900 °C, for 12 h

SYNTHESIS TYPE

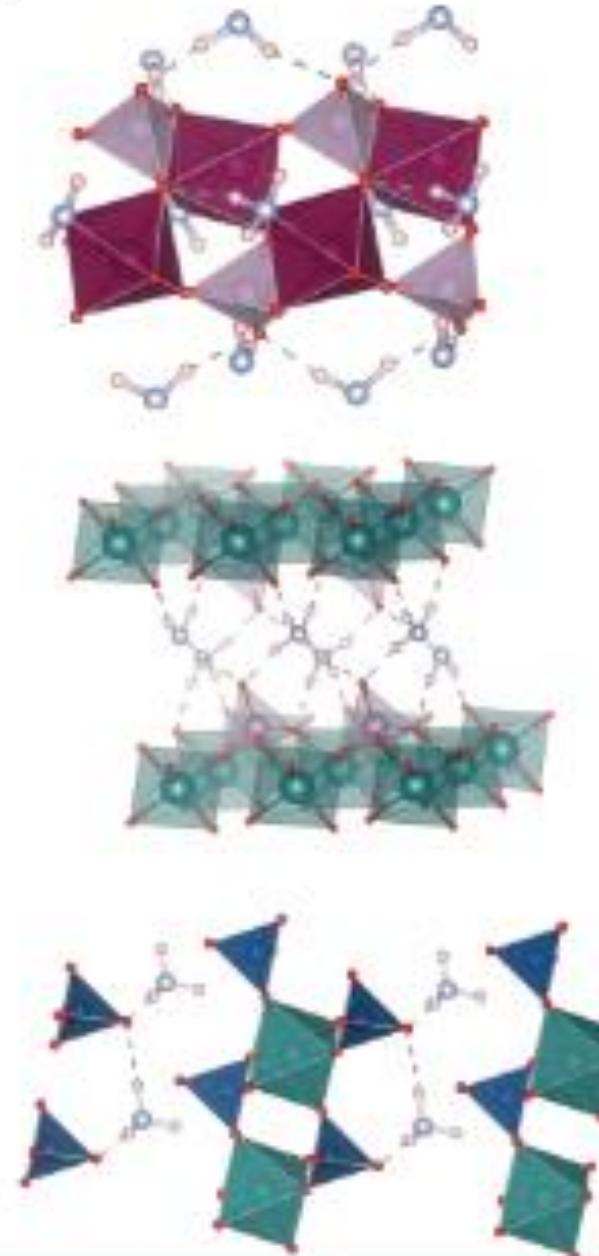
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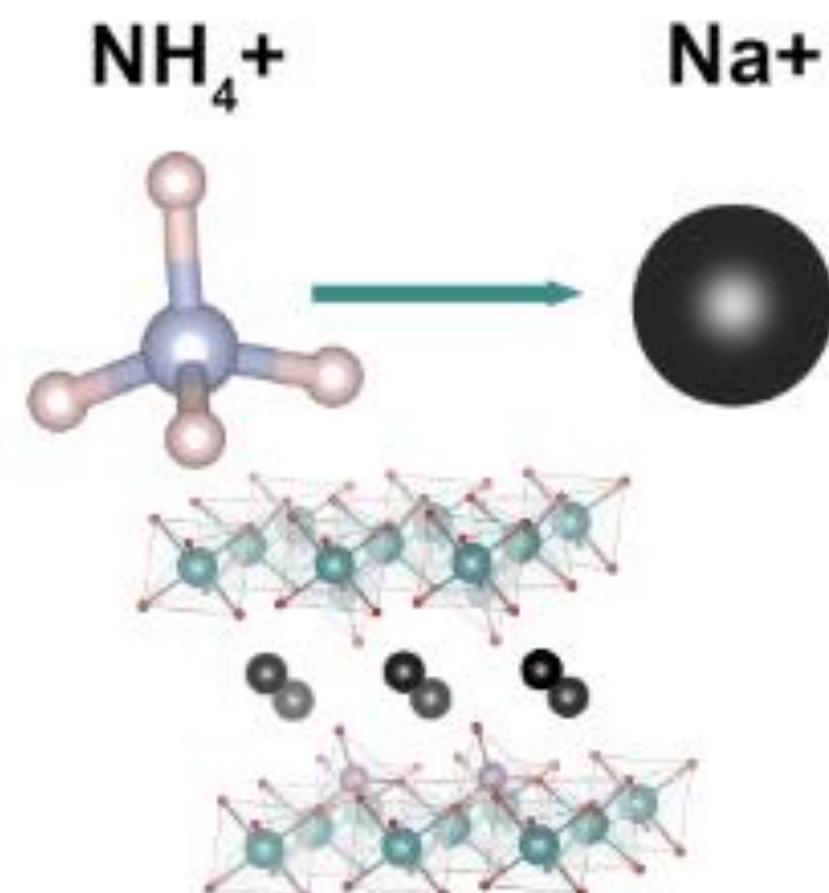
Ion exchange reaction

Pipeline and Results



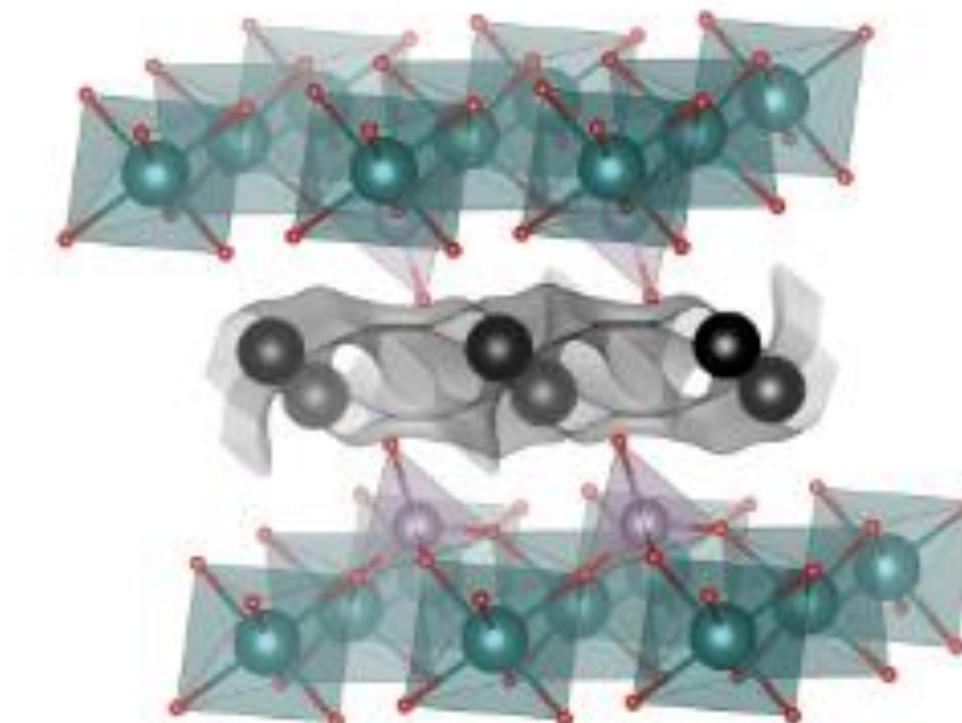
1. Query precursor

Na is placed at N site
H is removed



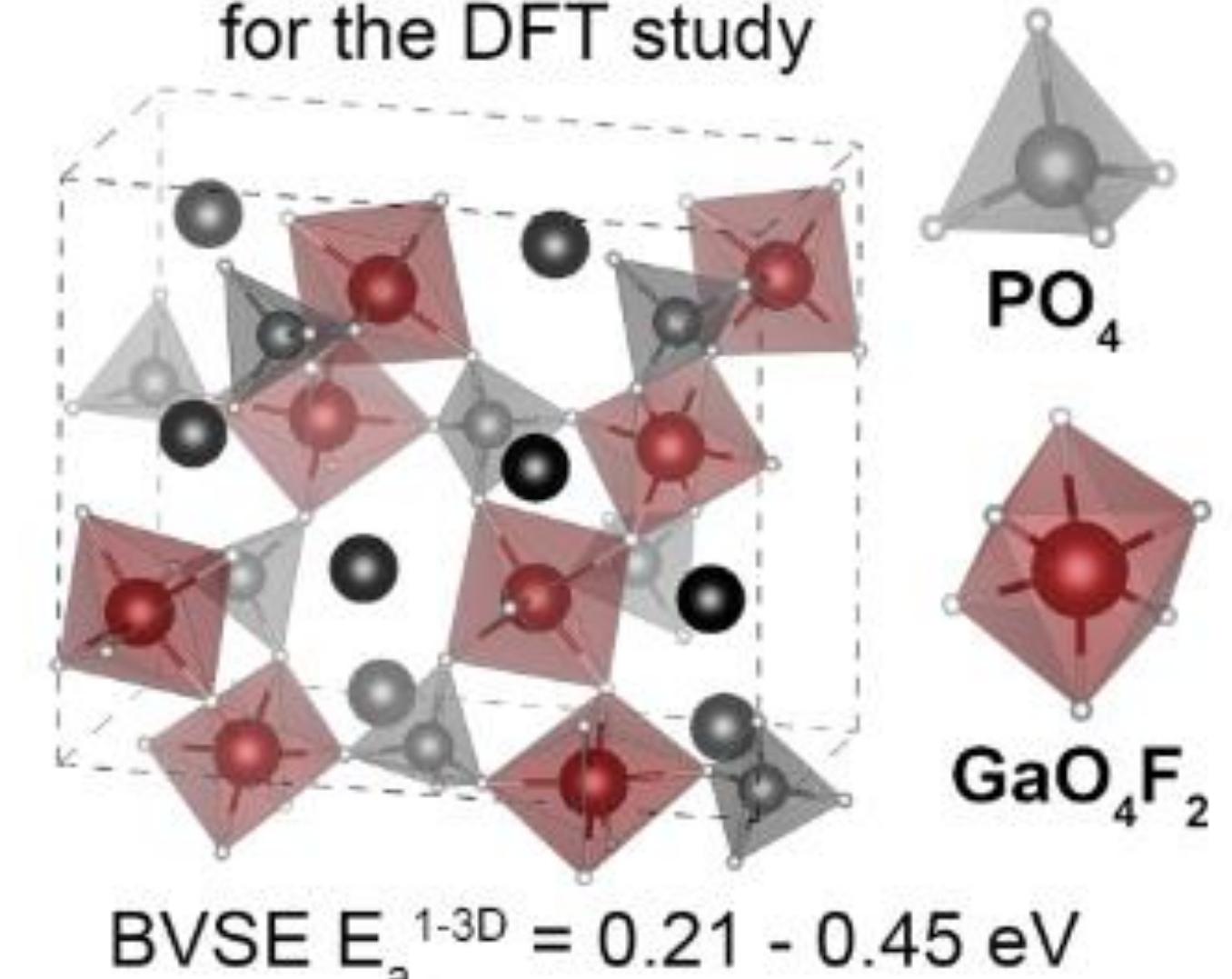
2. Ion exchange

Na percolation barriers
Diffusion topology



3. BVSE calculations

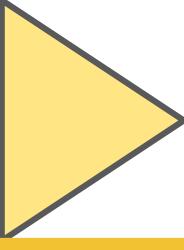
NaGaPO₄F was selected
for the DFT study



4. DFT validation

Case 2. Recipe is known but the conditions
are not suitable

Answer: Use DFT phase diagrams



Pourbaix diagram

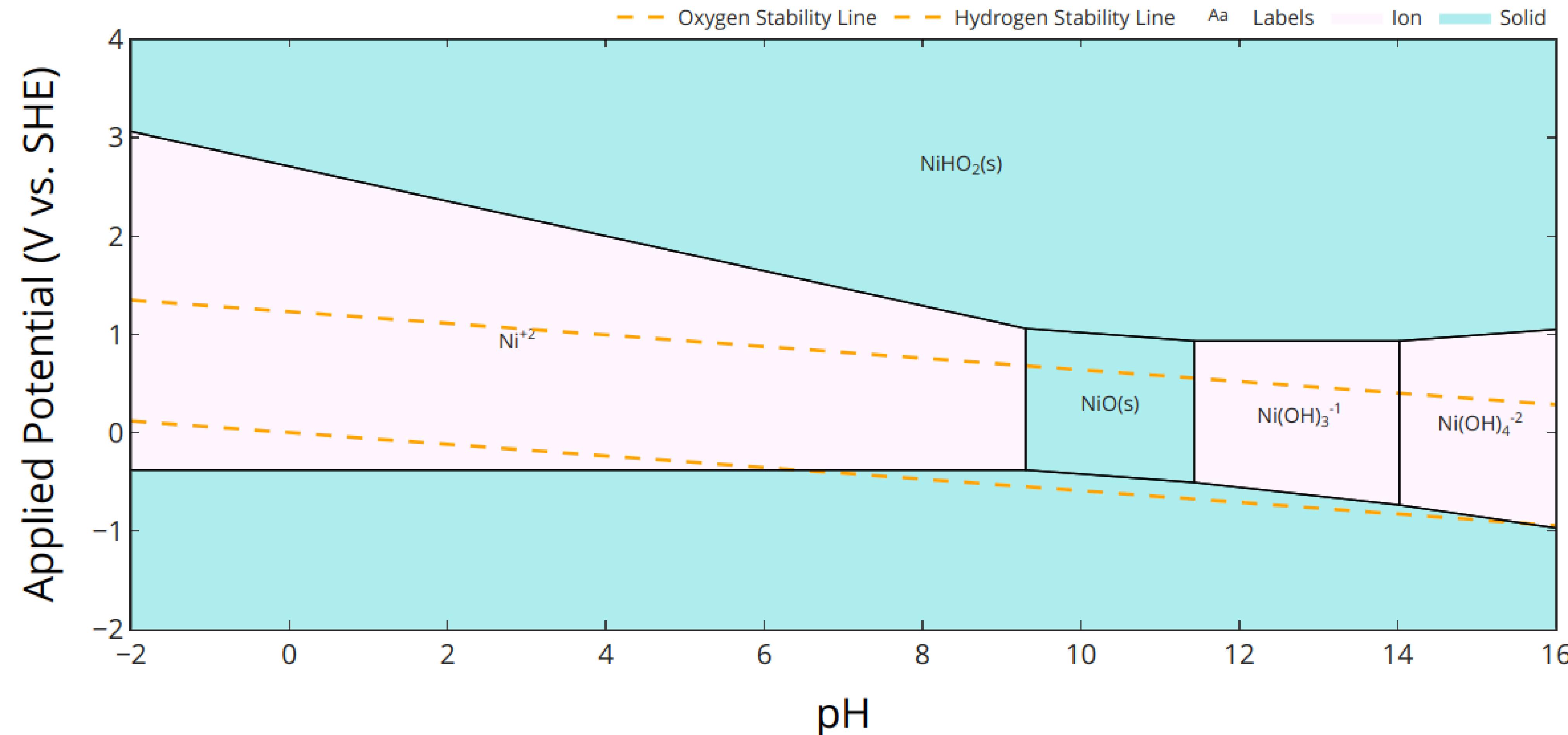
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Pourbaix diagram

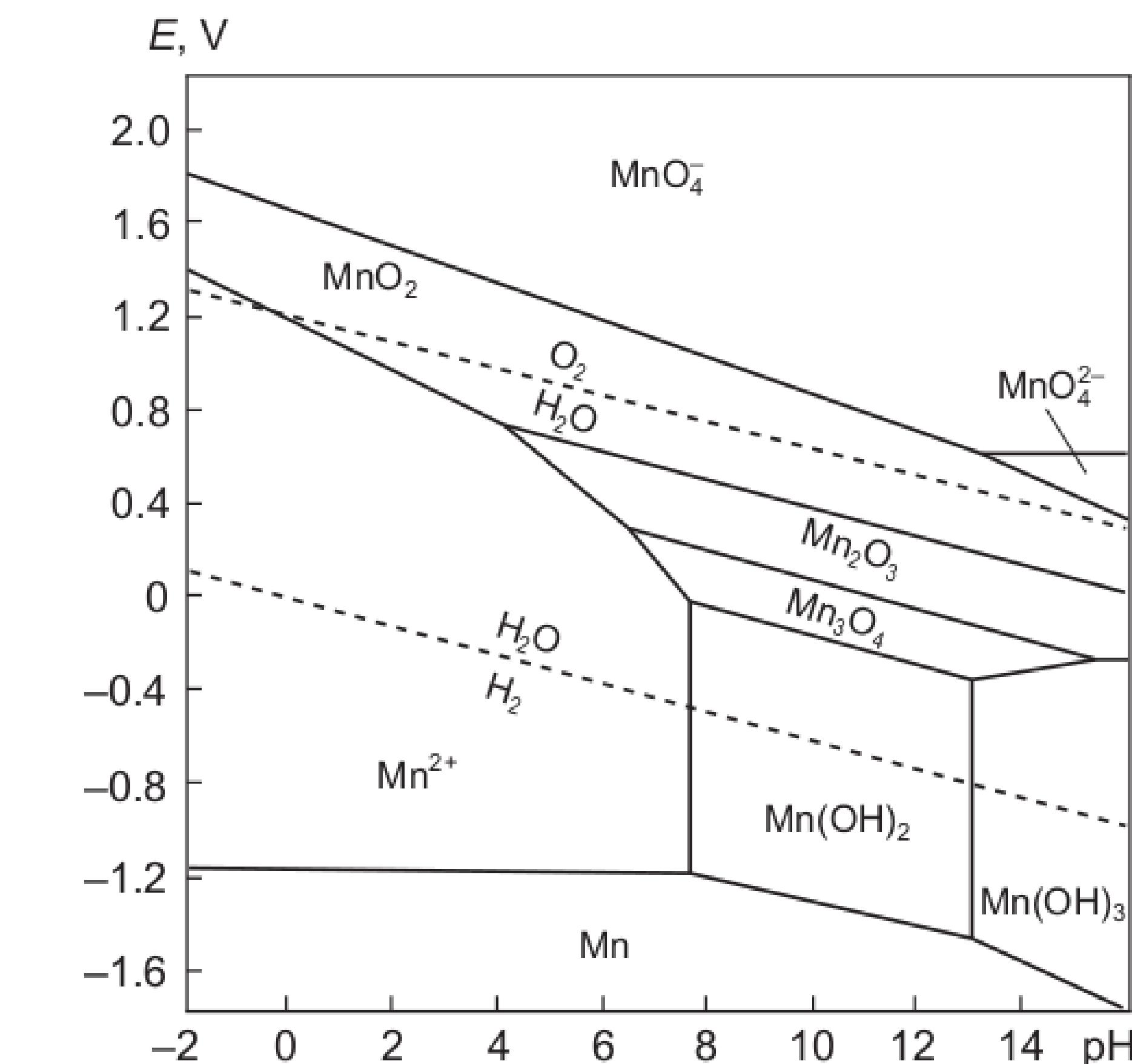
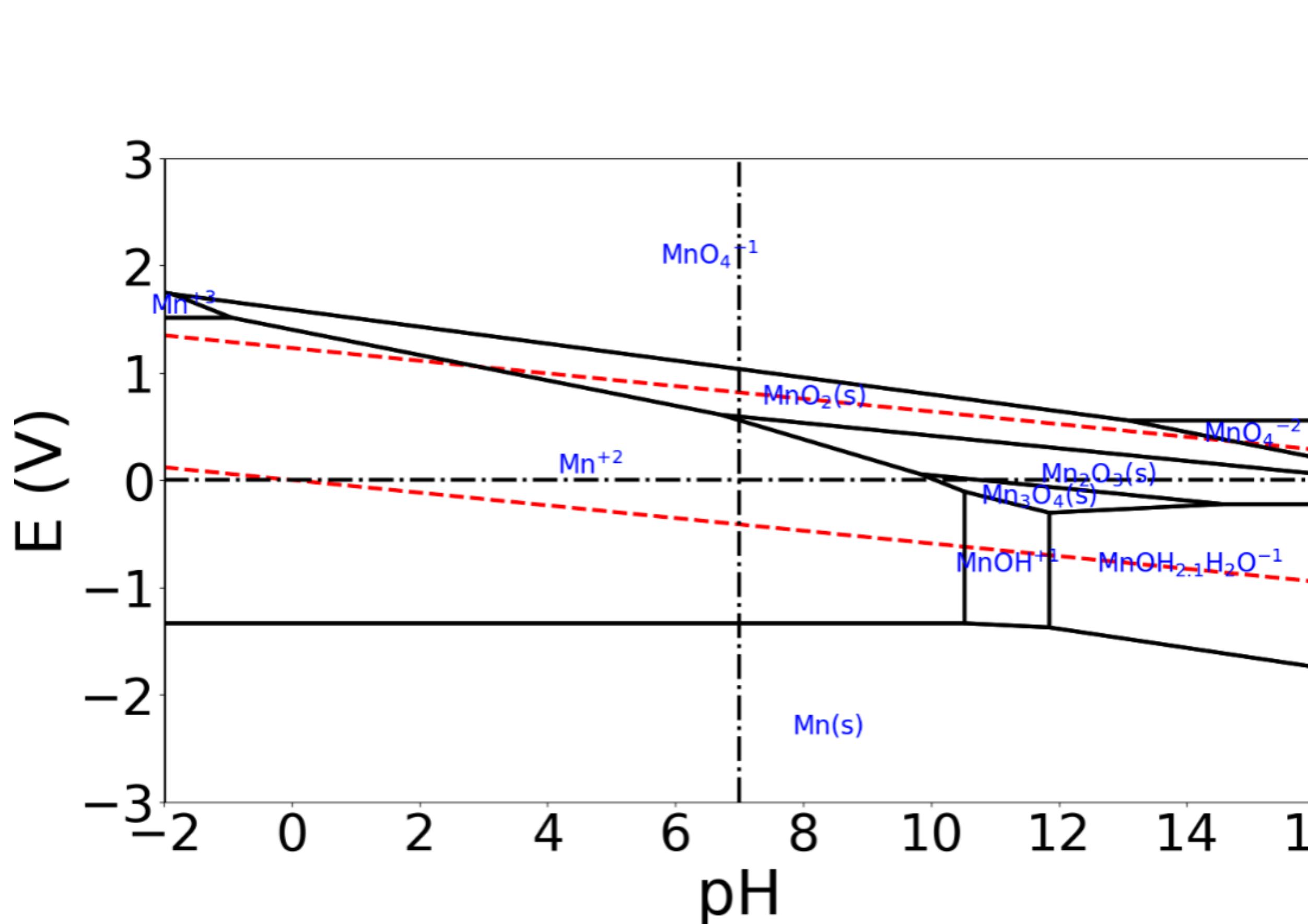
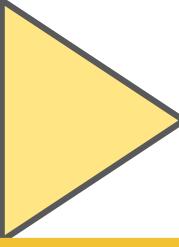
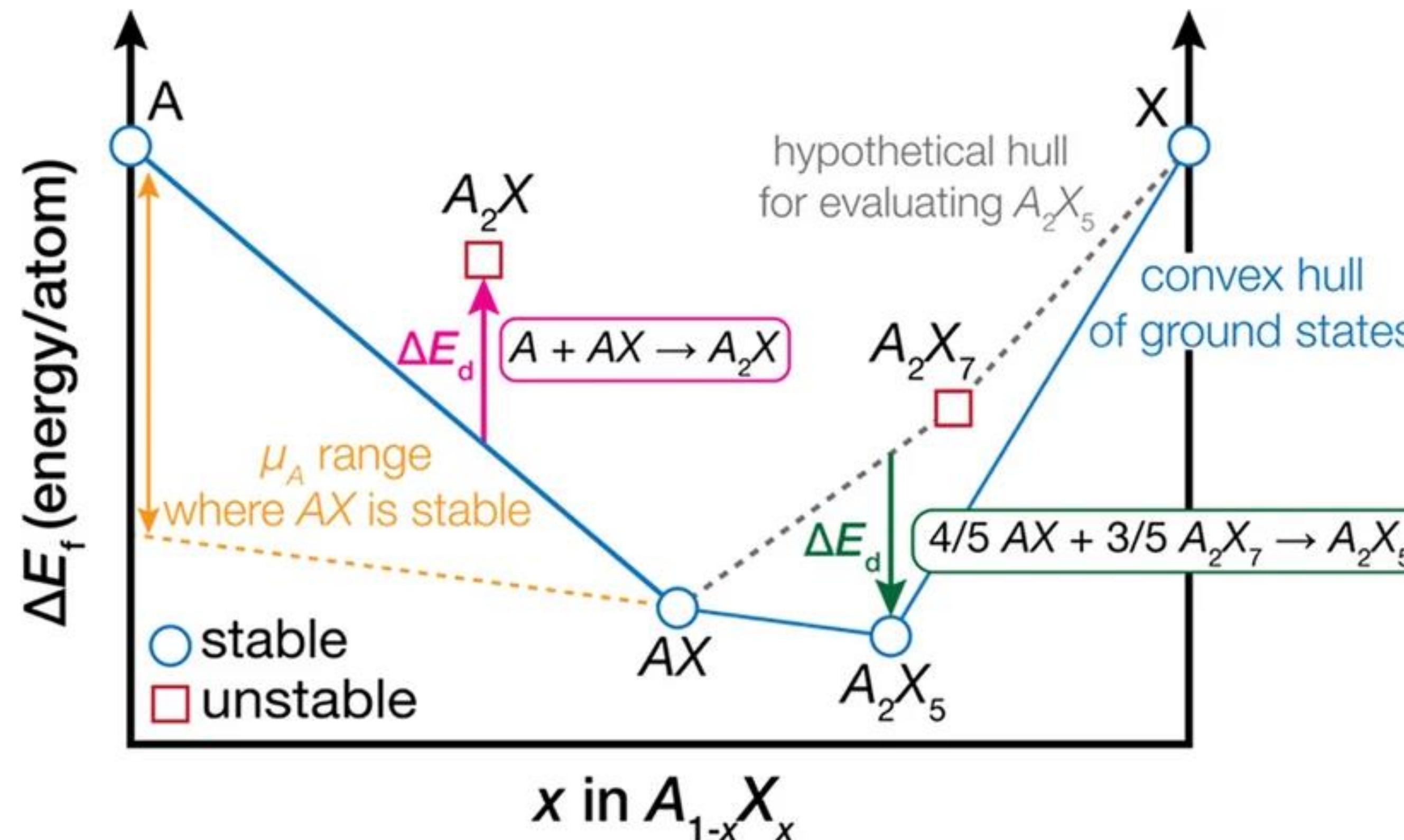


Figure 34. Pourbaix diagram for the Mn–H₂O system (without taking into account the formation of Mn^{II} amminocomplexes). Dashed lines define E –pH dependences for the reactions $O_2 + 2H_2O + 4e^- \rightarrow 4OH^-$ and $2H_2O + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2 + 2OH^-$. The figure was created by the authors of the review based on data from the Ref. 205.

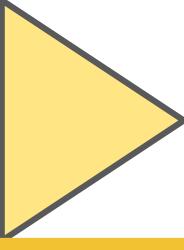


Convex hull

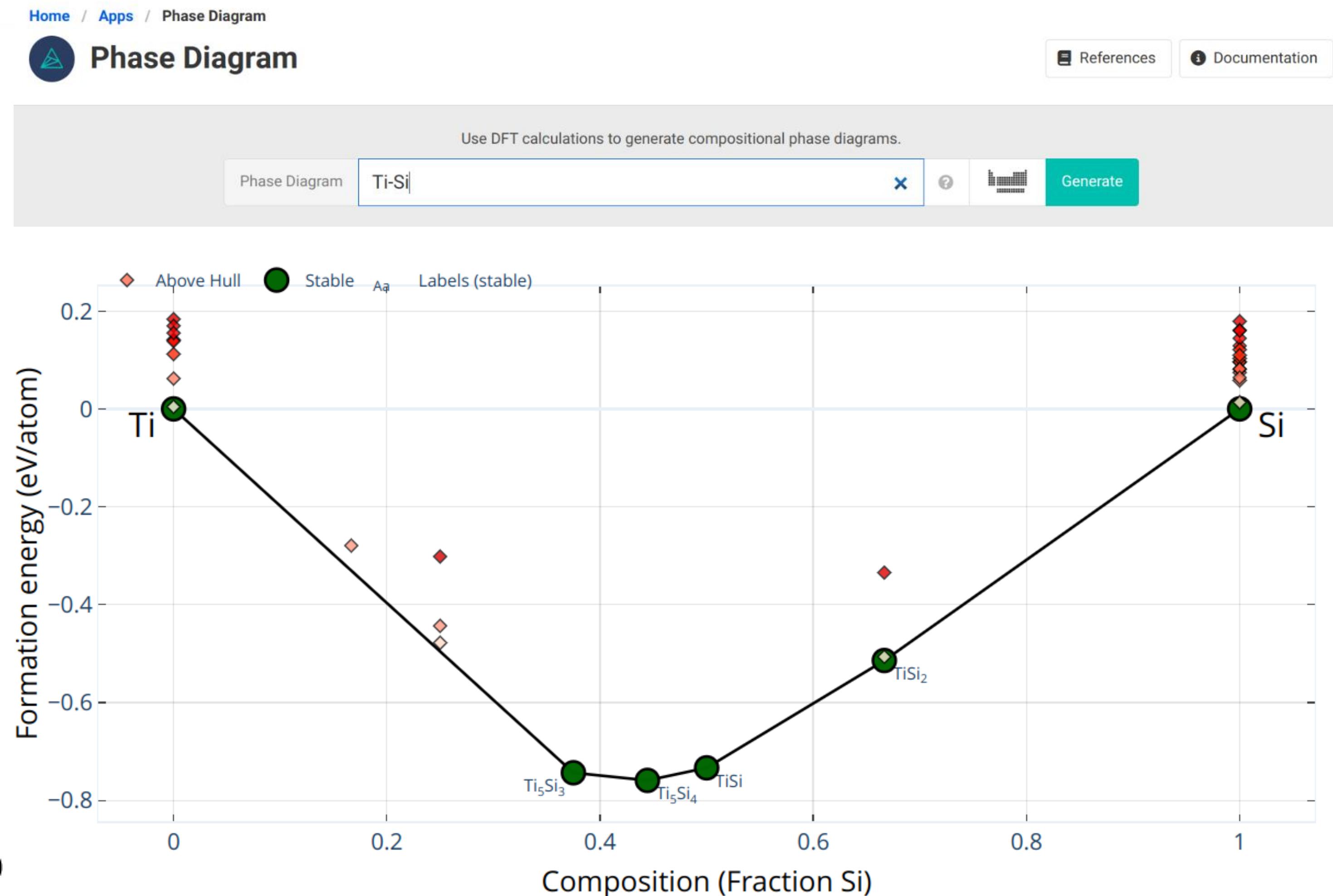
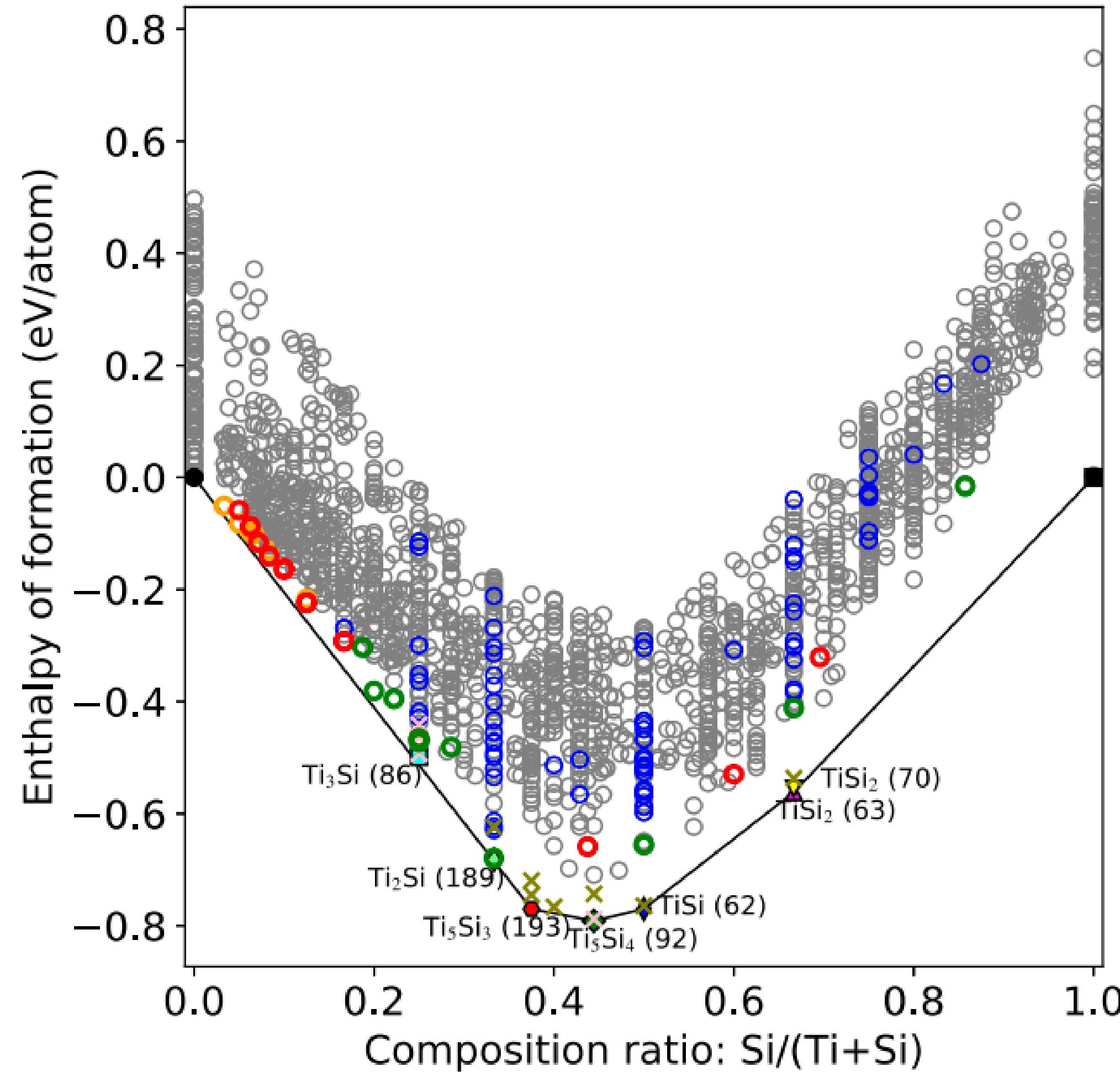


Phase diagram at 0 K and 0 atm.
For systems comprising primarily of condensed phases, the PV term can be neglected and at 0K, the expression for G simplifies to just E.

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Convex hull (Binary)



Poletaev, D. O., Aksyonov, D. A., & Lipnitskii, A. G.
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Convex hull (Ternary)

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Phase Diagram

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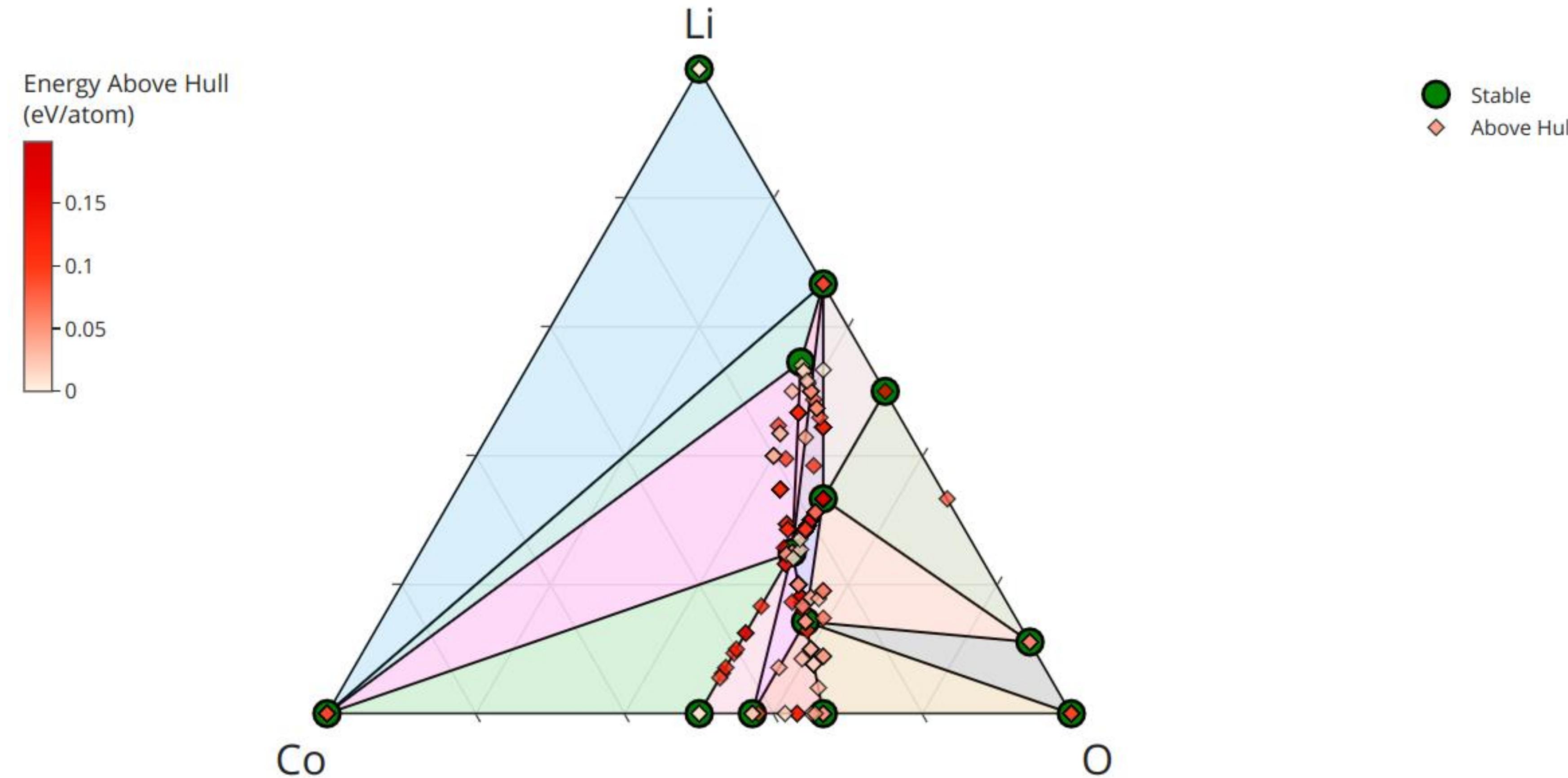
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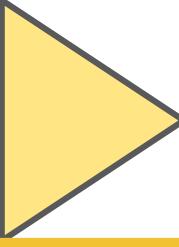
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Li-Co-O

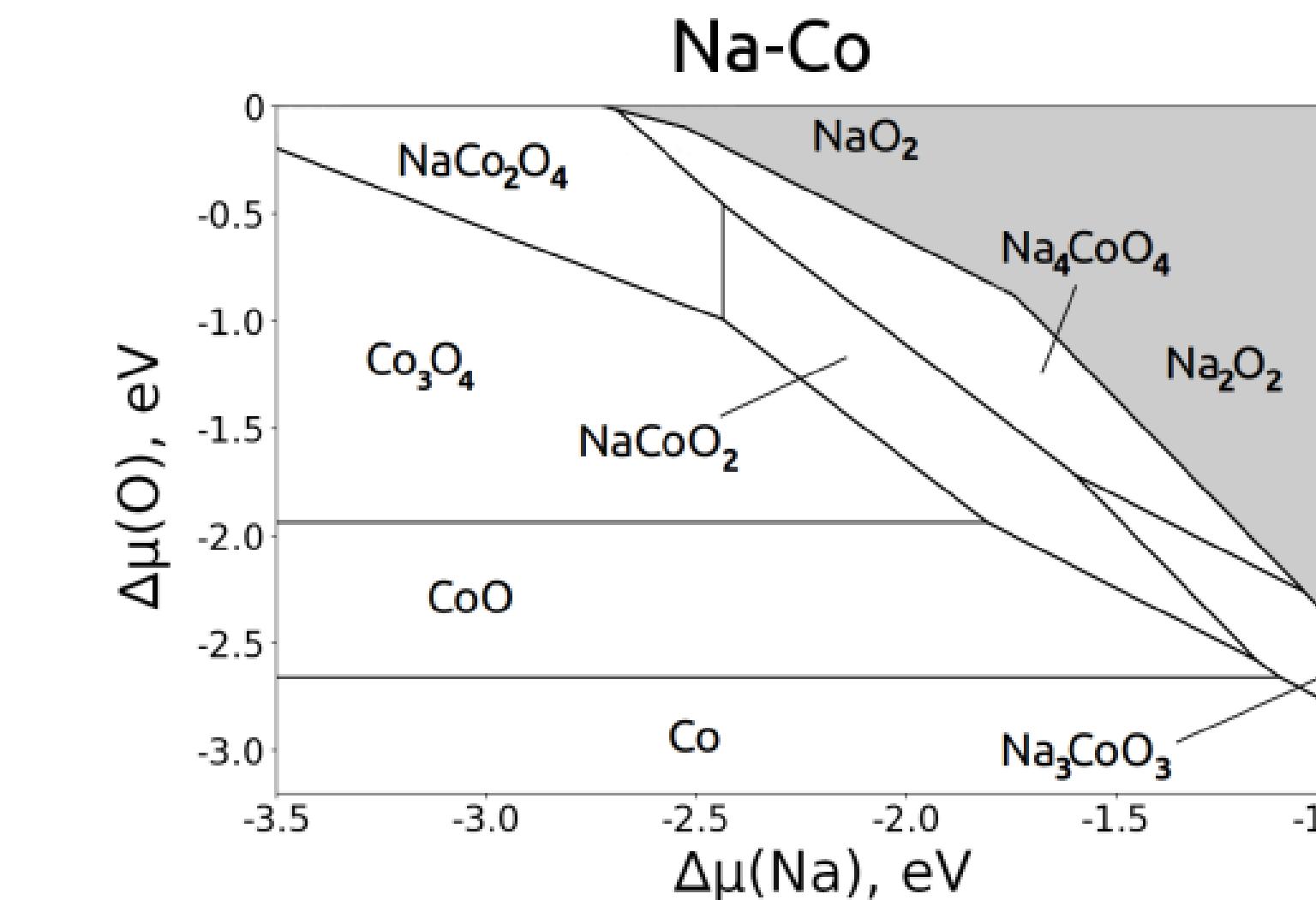
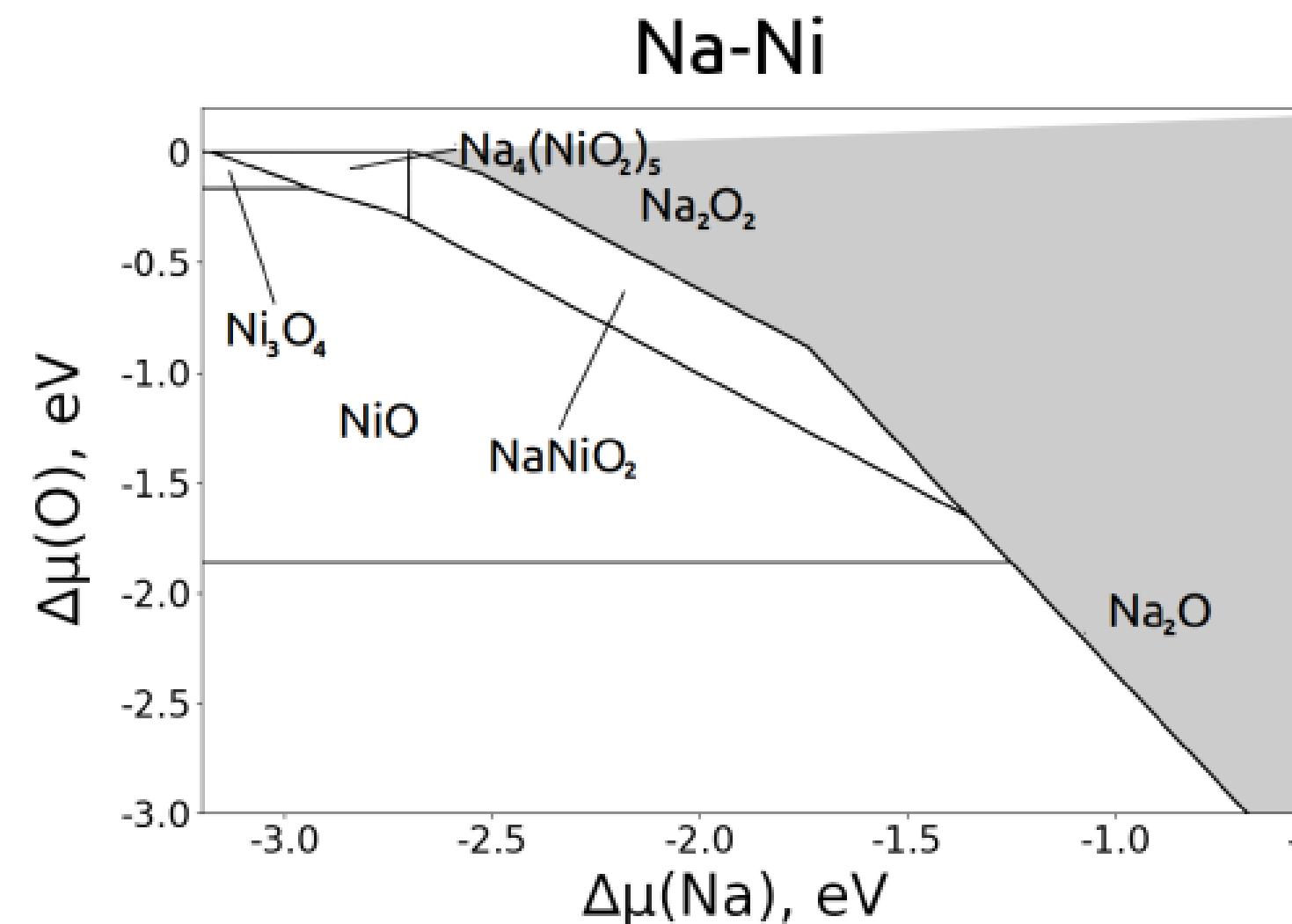
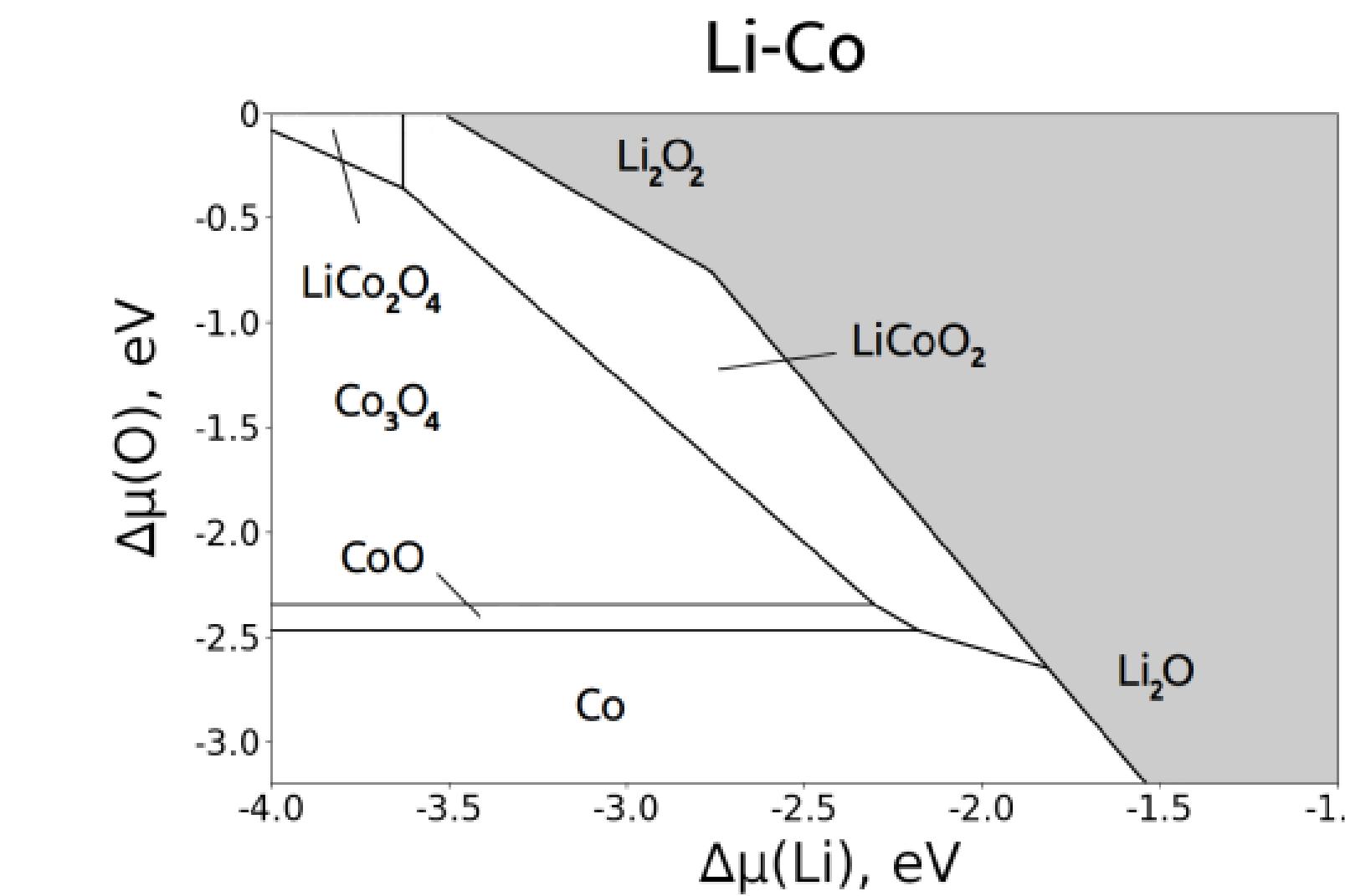
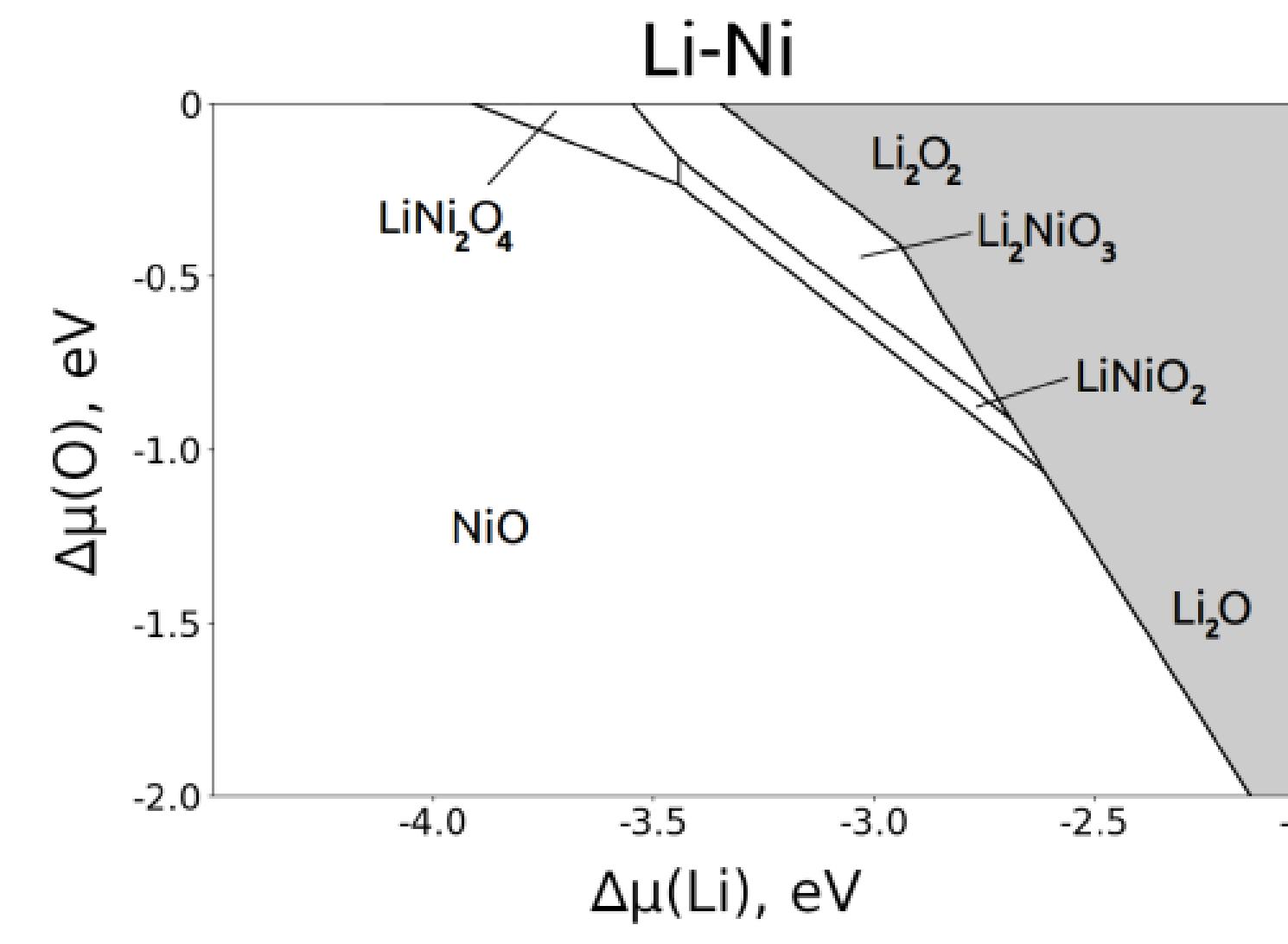


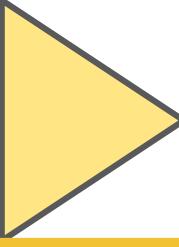
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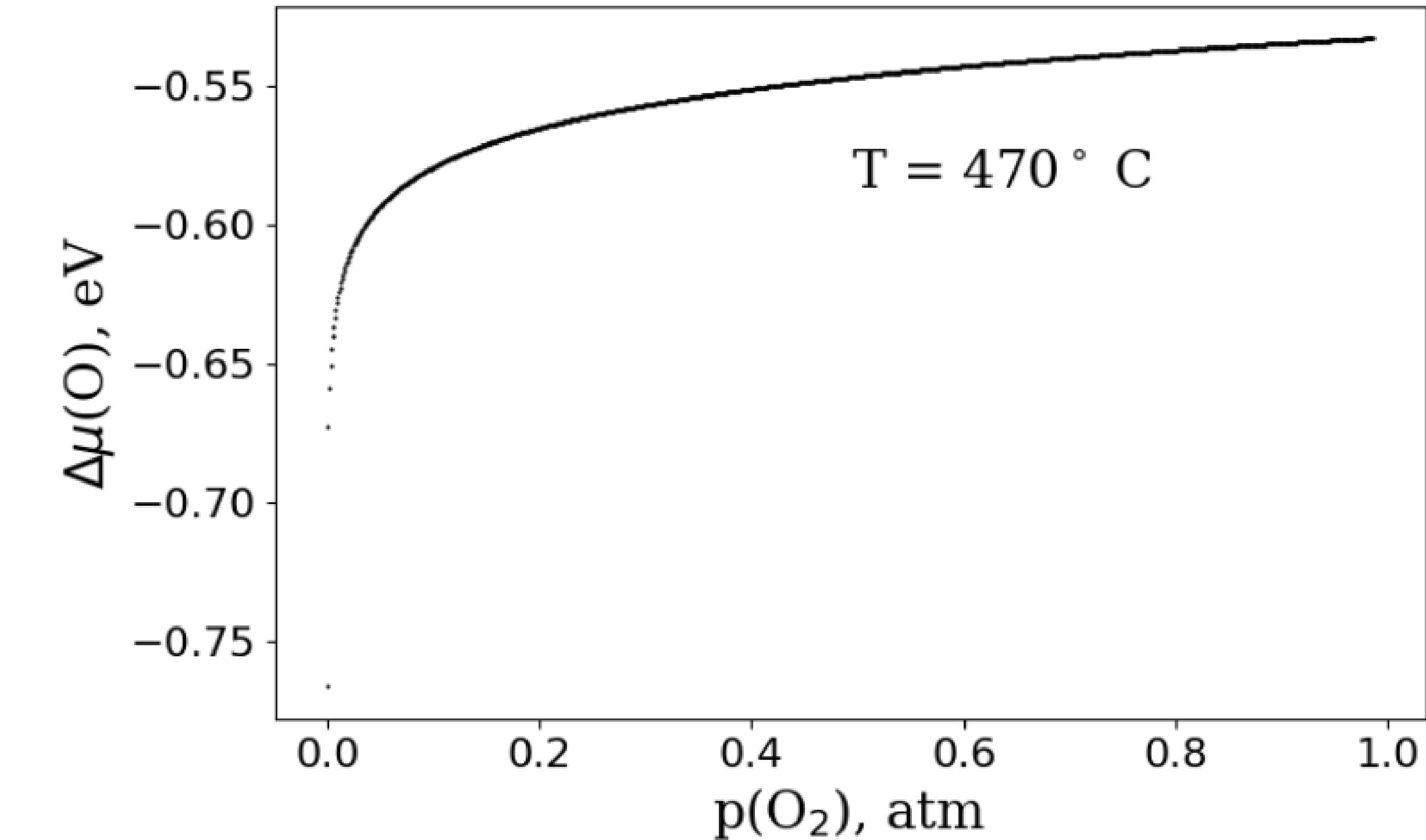
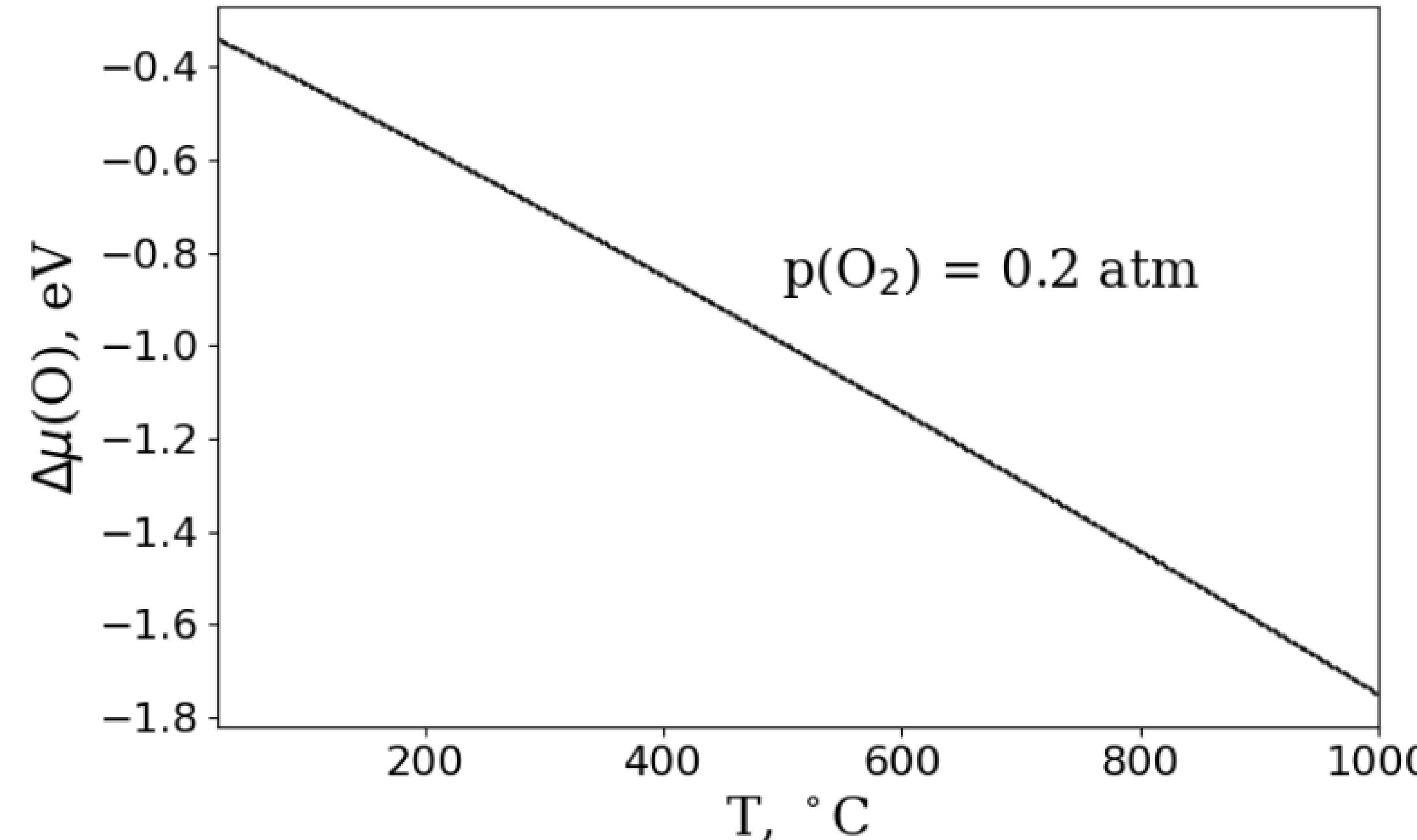


Chemical potential space diagram





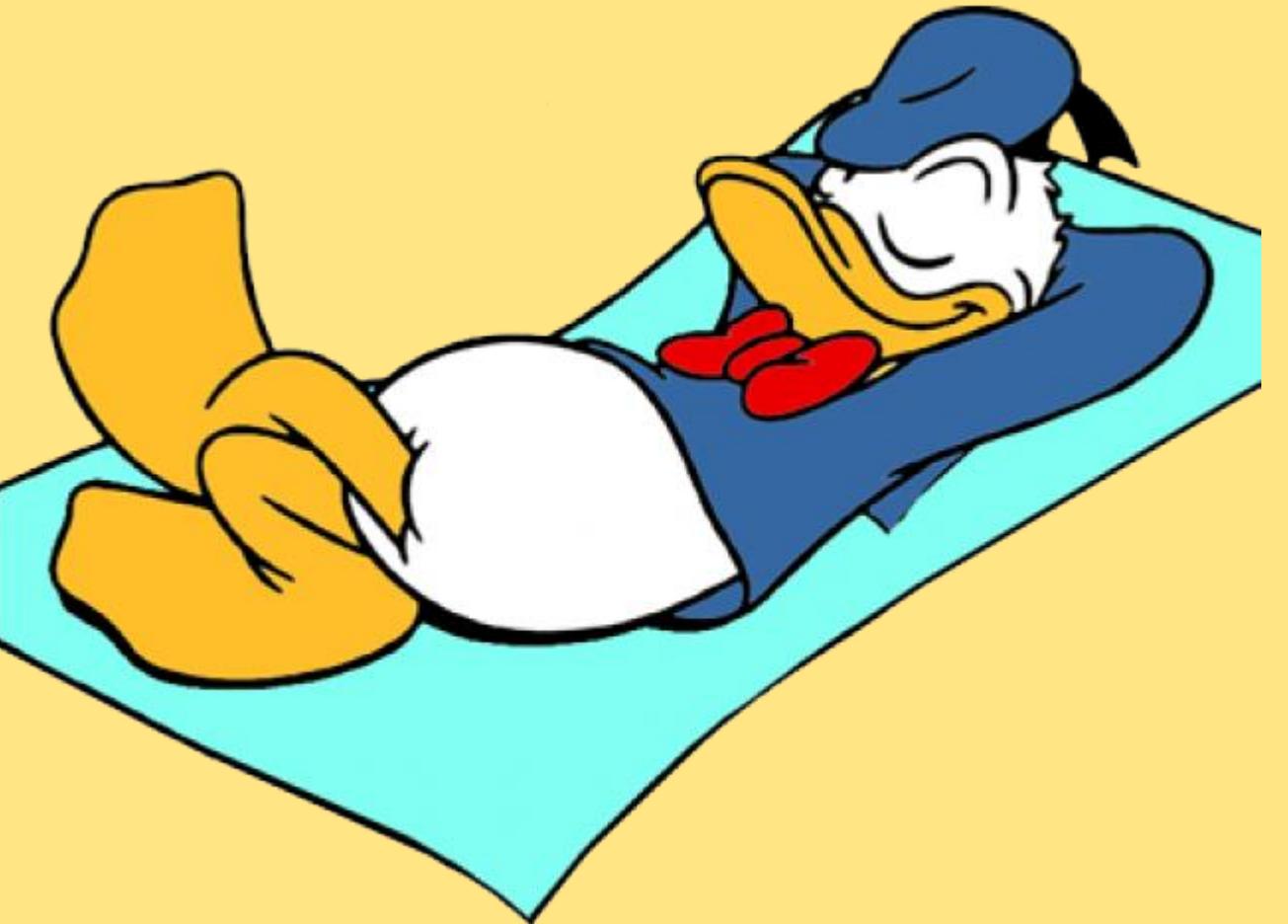
Oxygen chemical potential



$$\mu(\text{O}_2; T, p) = \mu(\text{O}_2, 0 \text{ K}) + \Delta G^\circ(\text{O}_2, T) + RT \ln p(\text{O}_2)$$

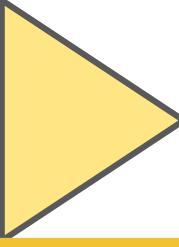
Step 3. Follow the recipe

A computational dude has a rest

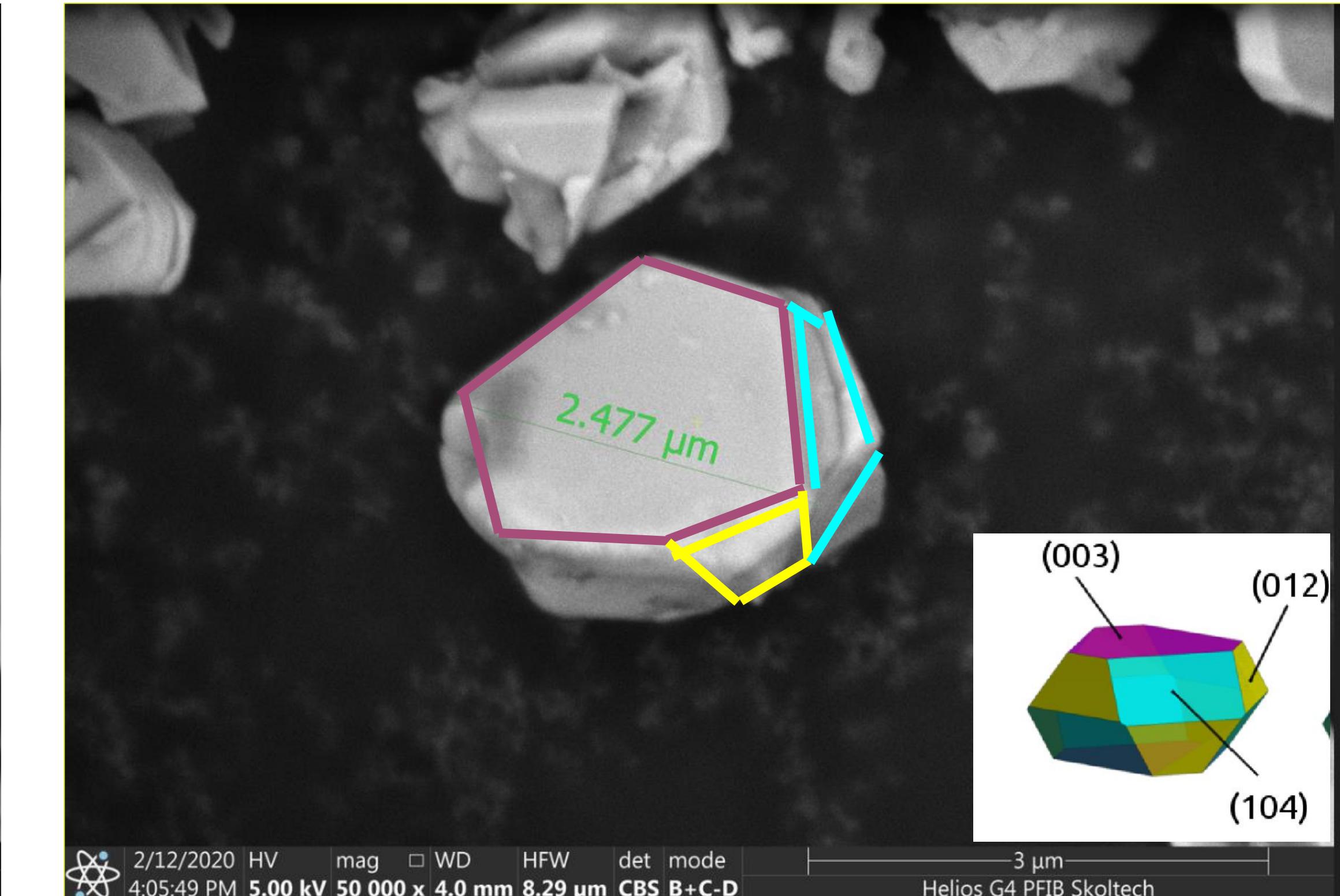
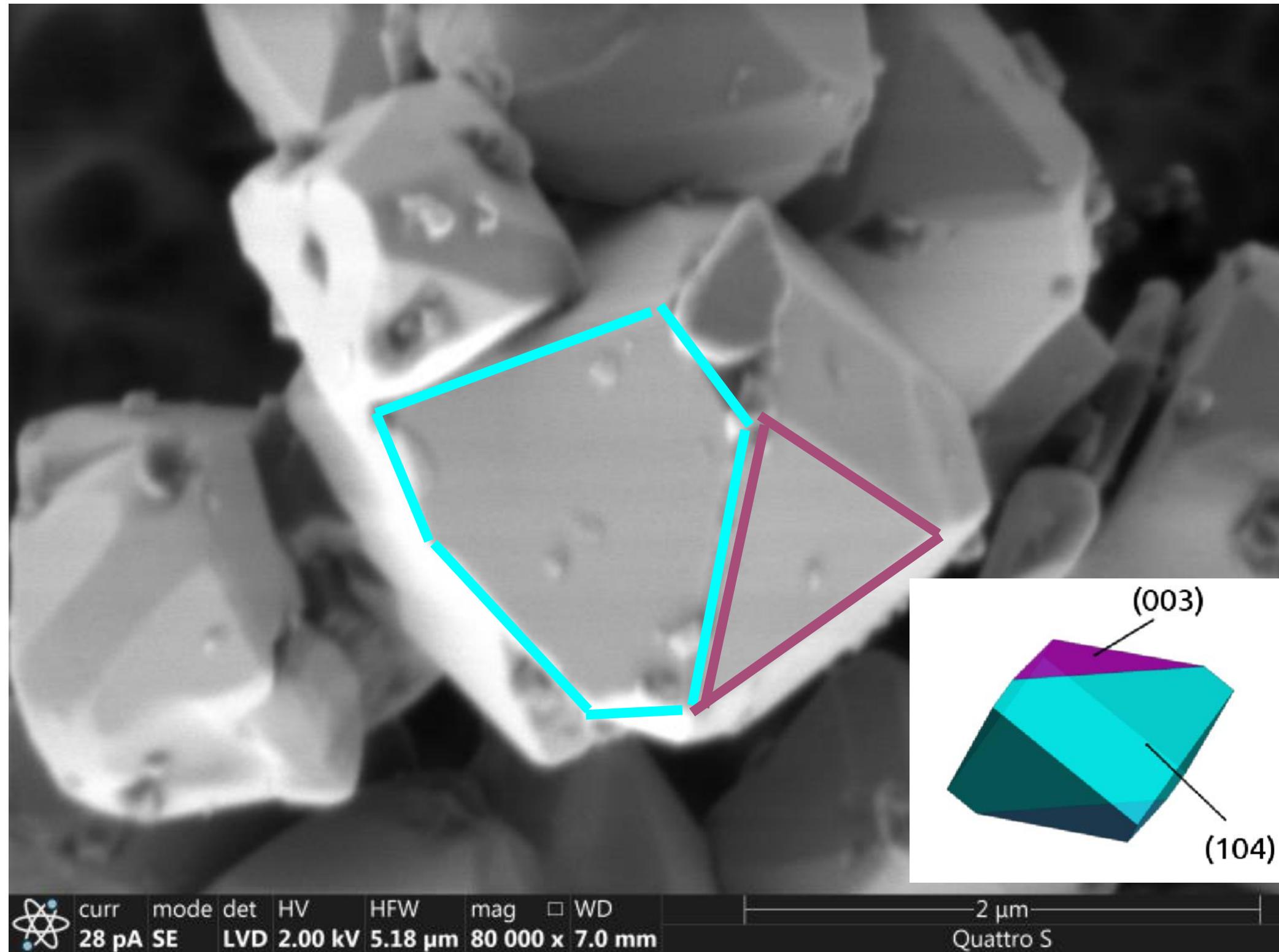


Step 4. Enjoy your result

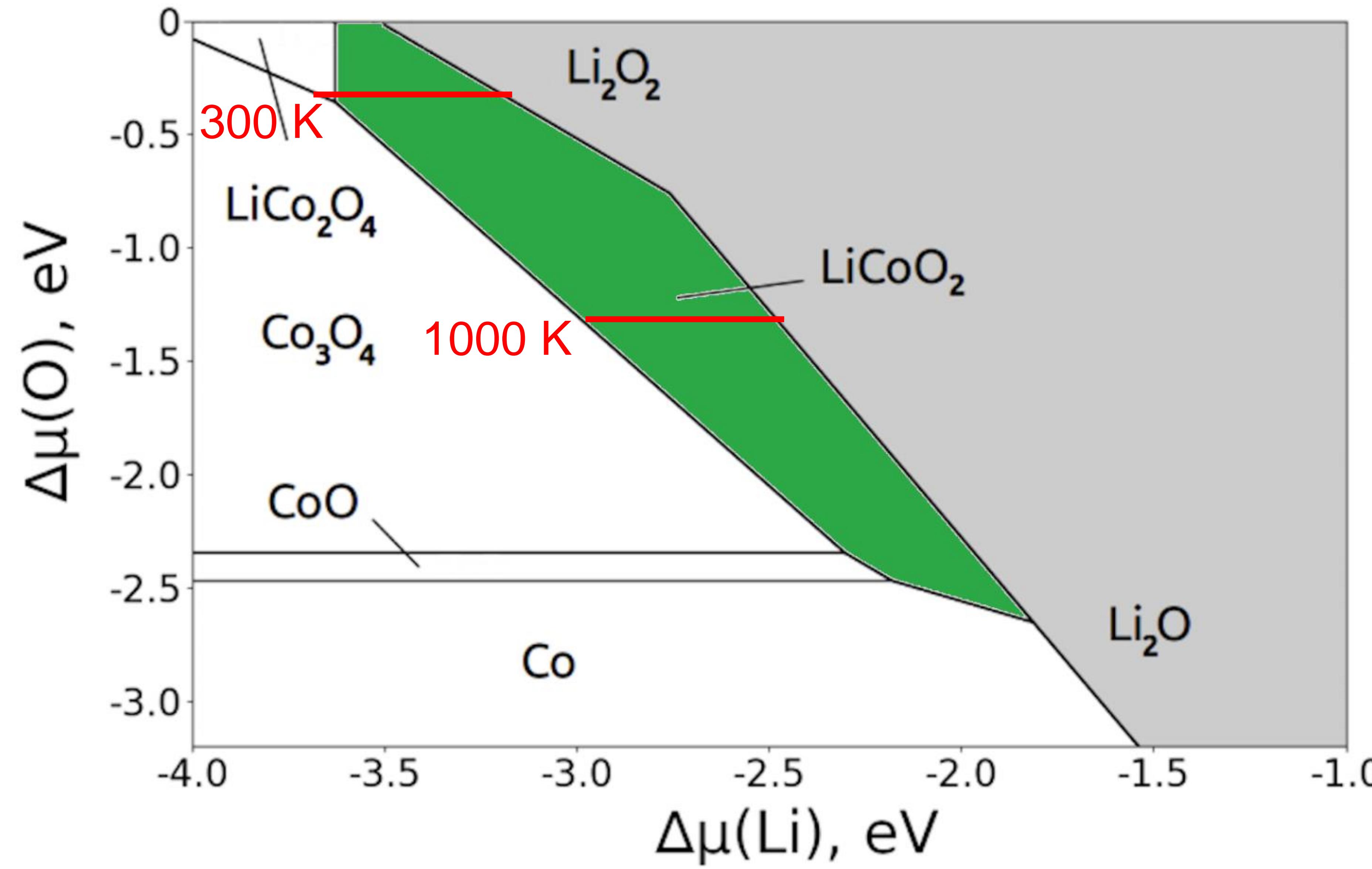
**Step 4. Enjoy your result
... Or not?**

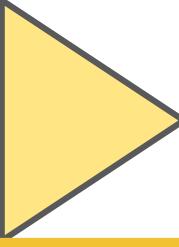


Resulting particle shape is not suitable

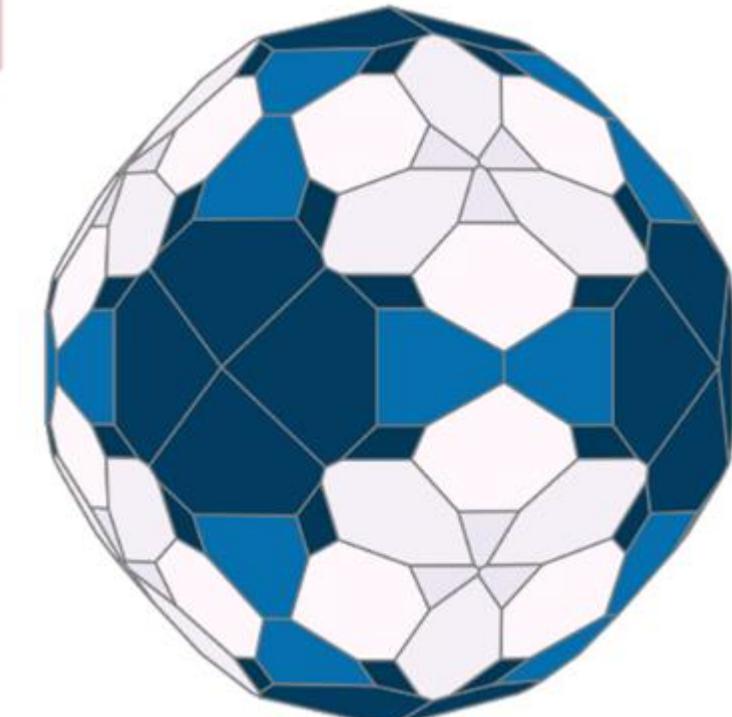
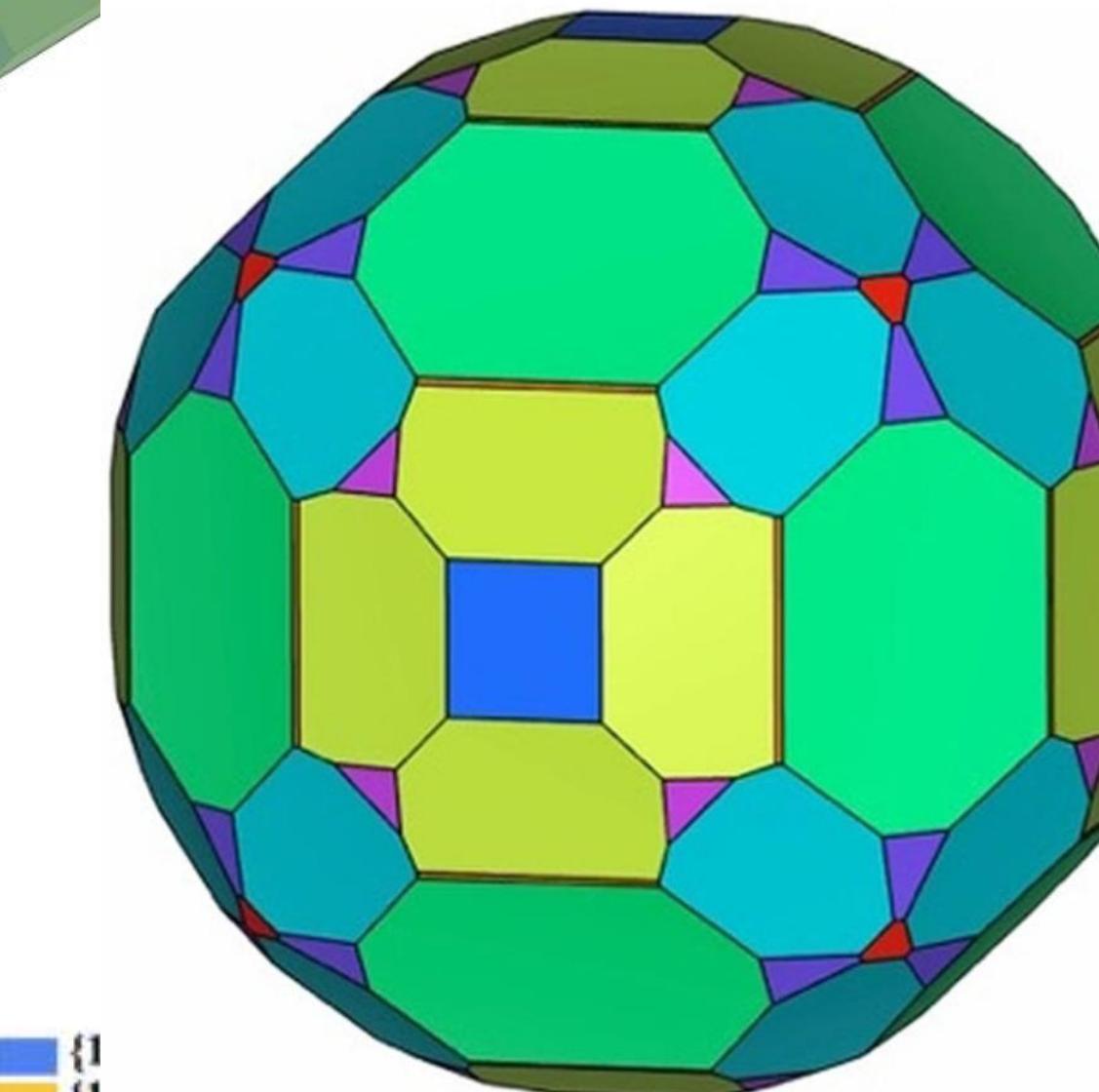
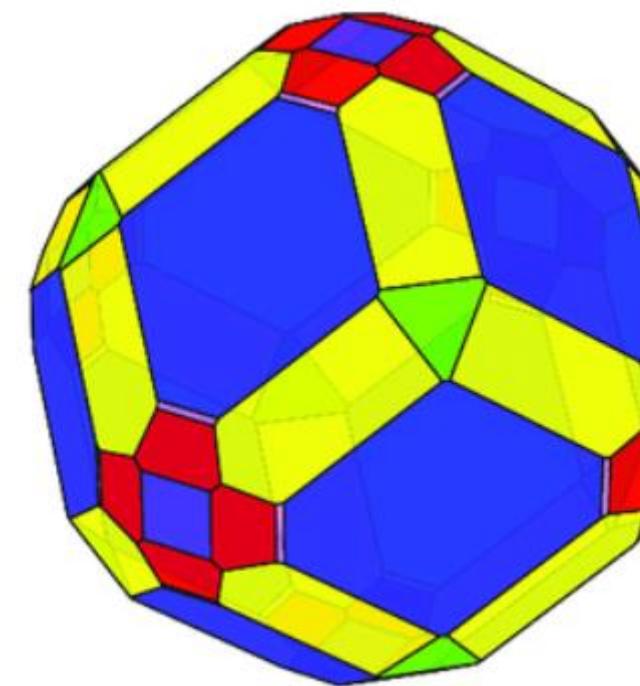
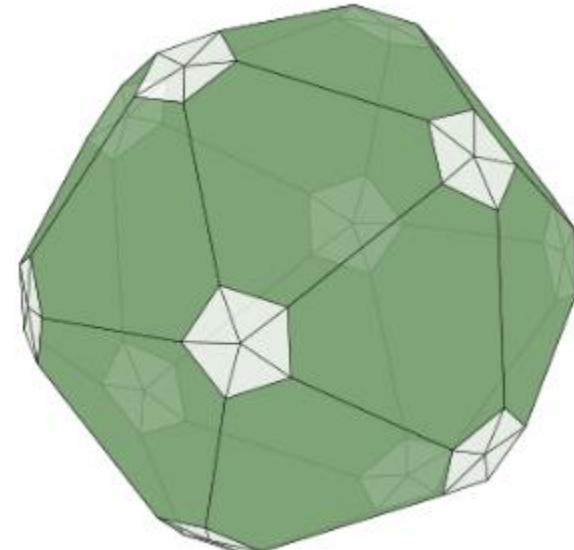
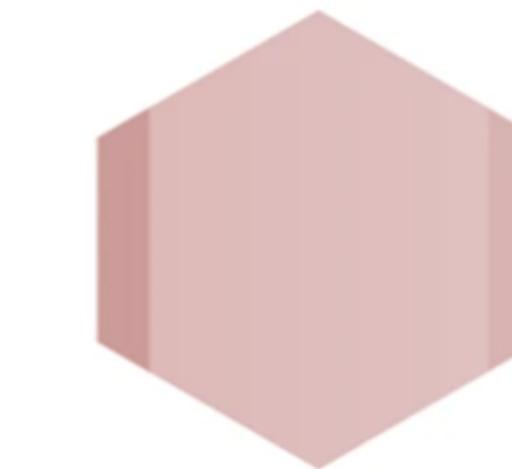
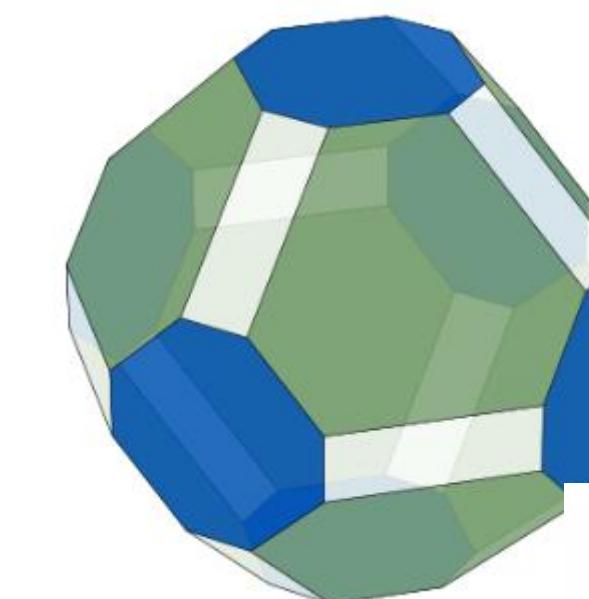
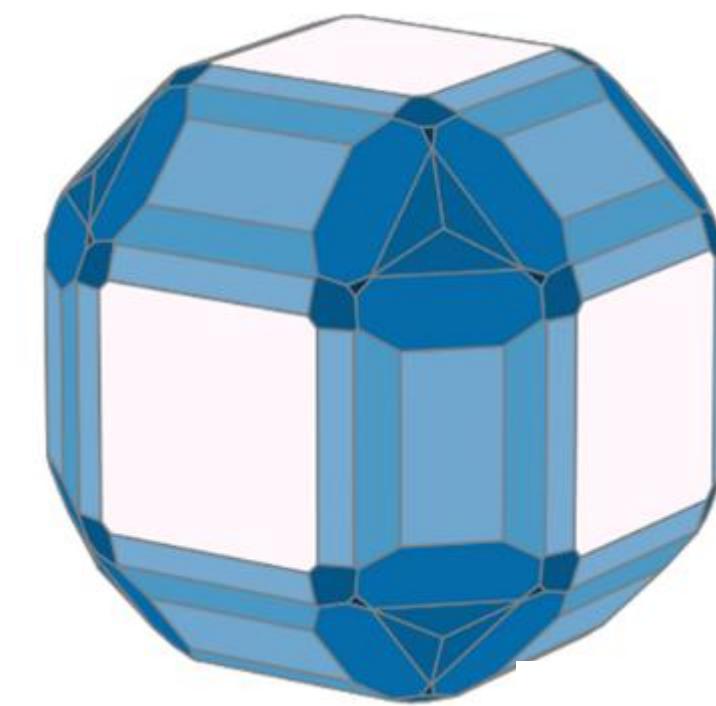
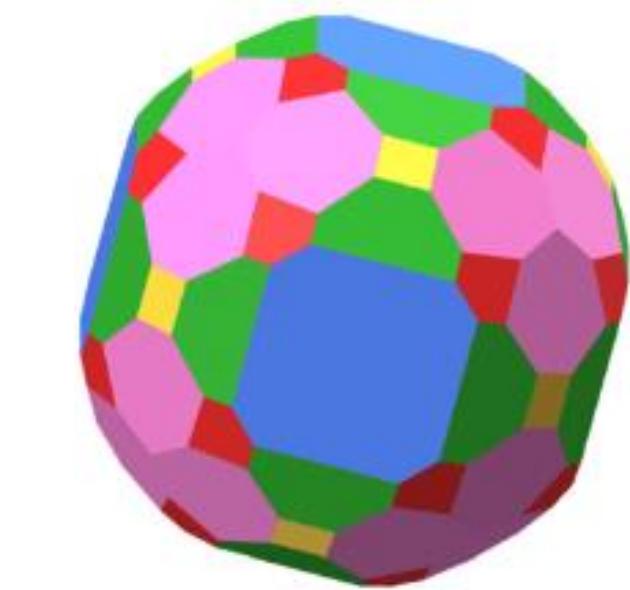


Li-Co-O phase diagram





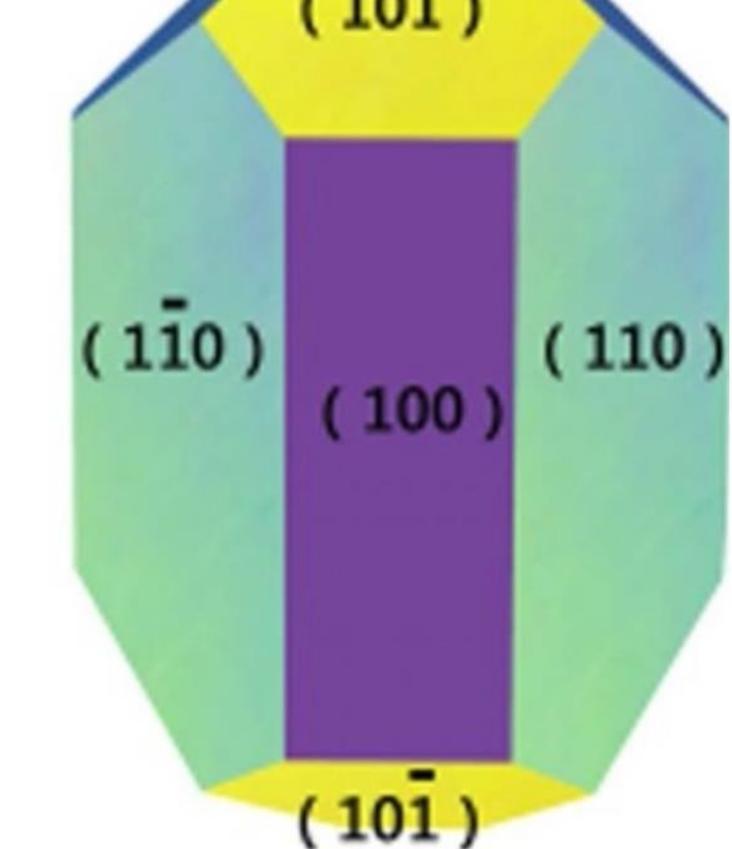
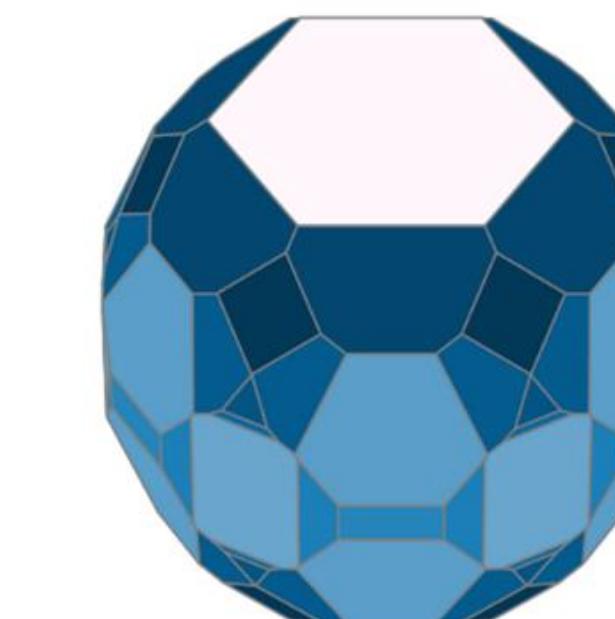
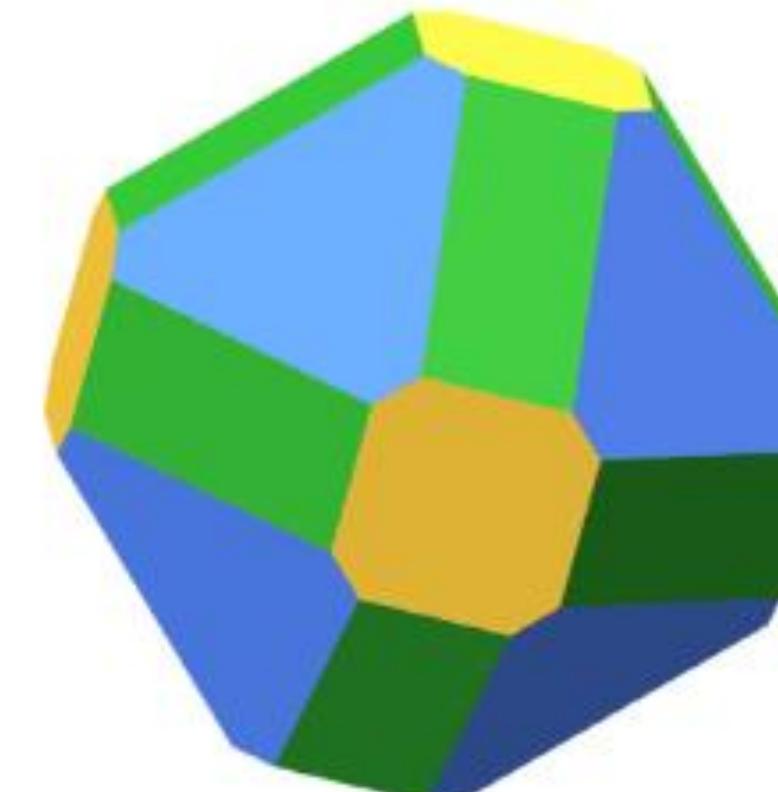
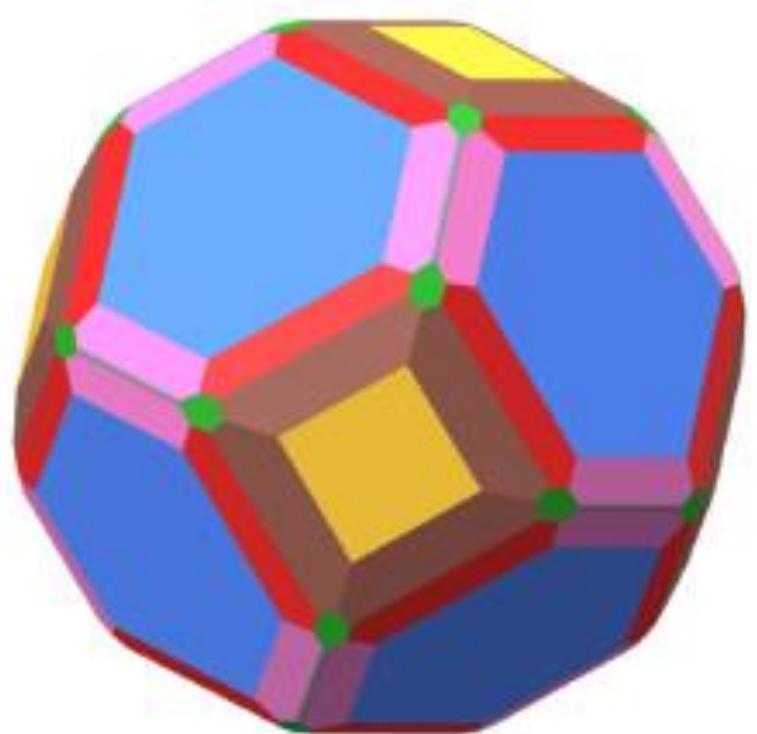
Wulff shapes. Examples

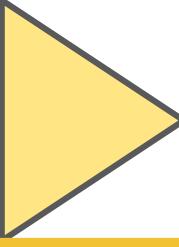


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Main surfaces of layered oxides

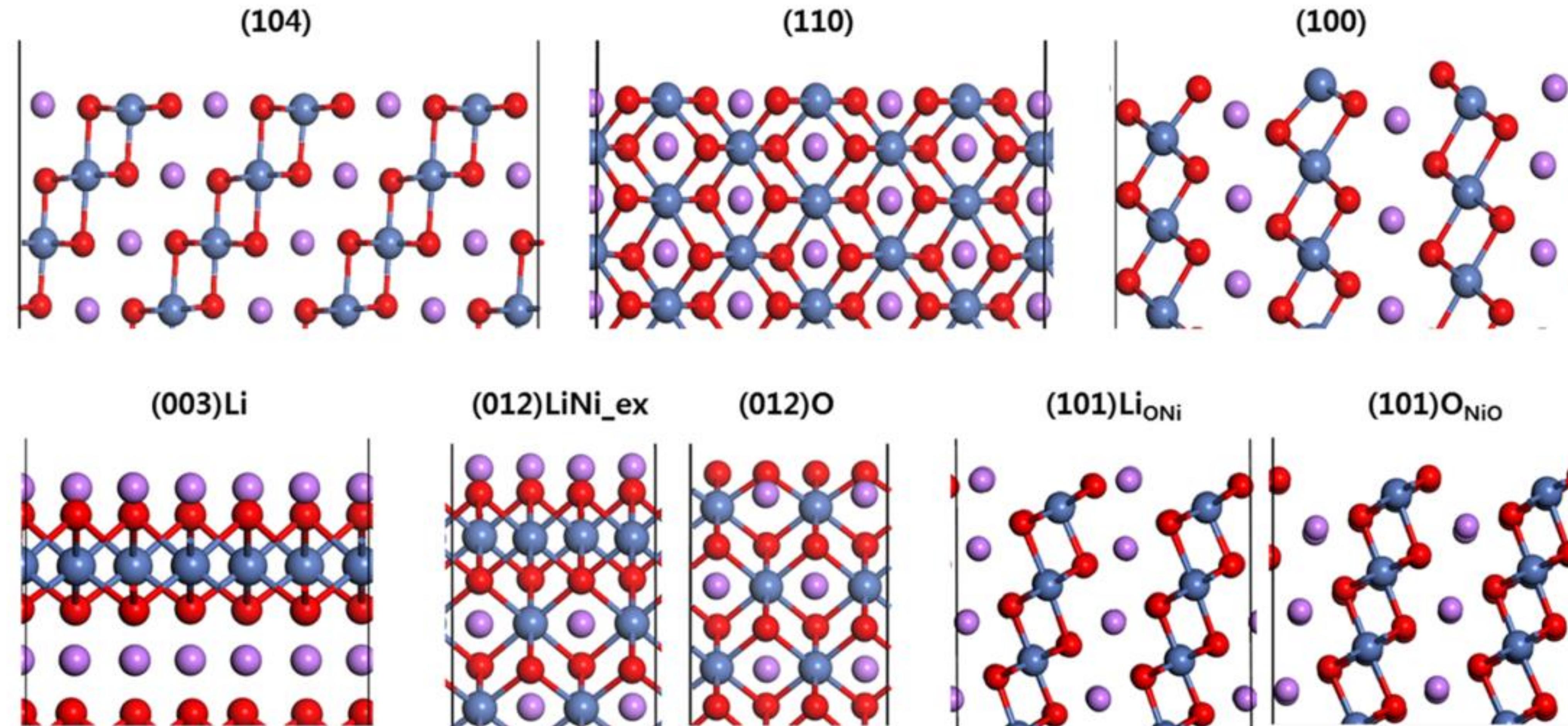
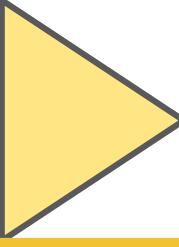
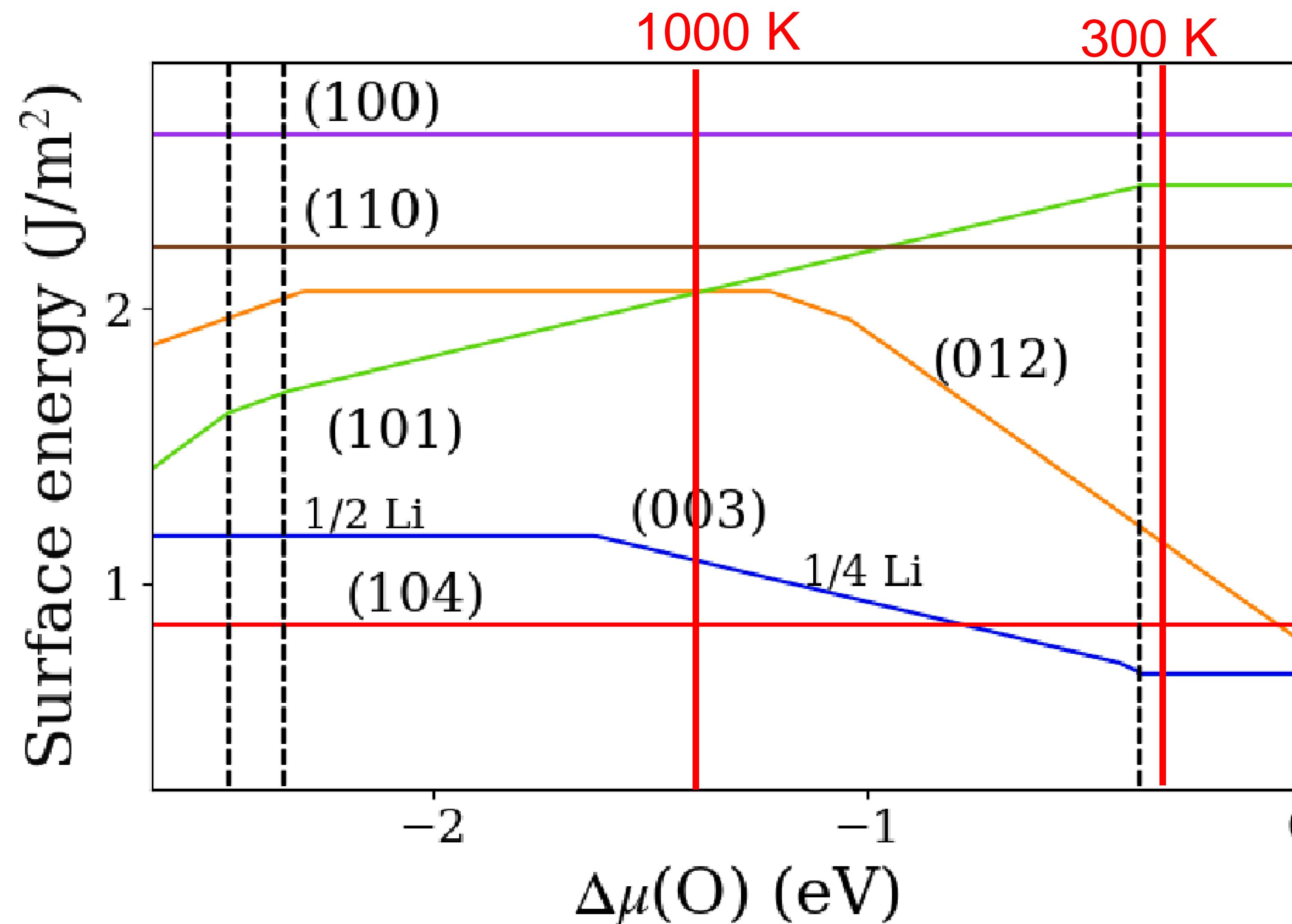
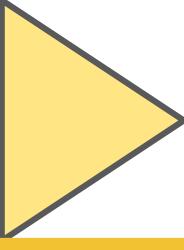


Figure 2. Relaxed surface geometries of nonpolar surfaces, (104), (110), and (100) facets, together with representative relaxed structures of polar surfaces, (003), (012), and (101) facets. Violet: Li, red: O, royal blue: Ni.

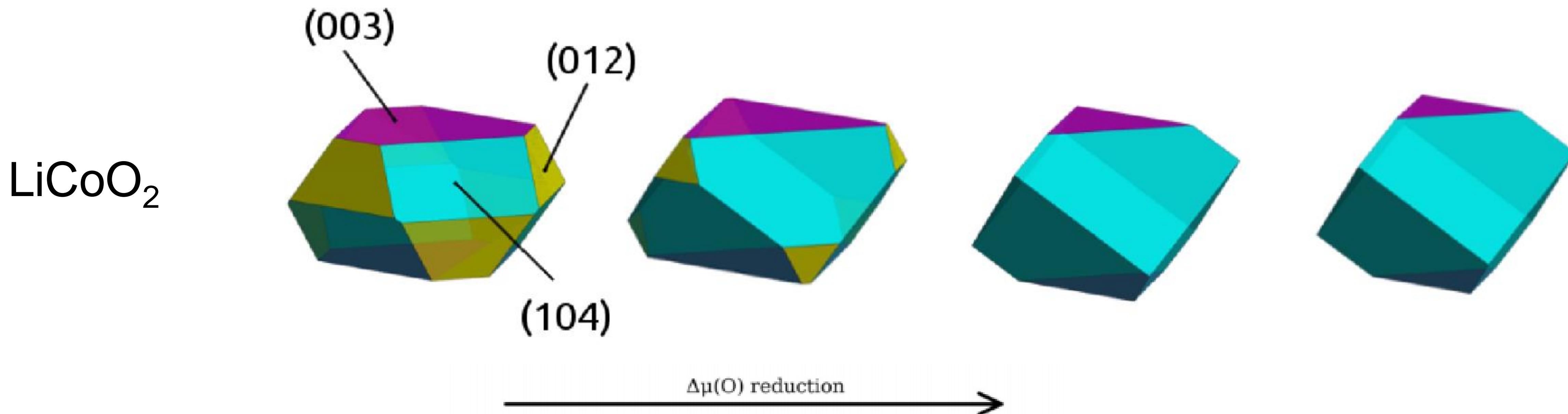
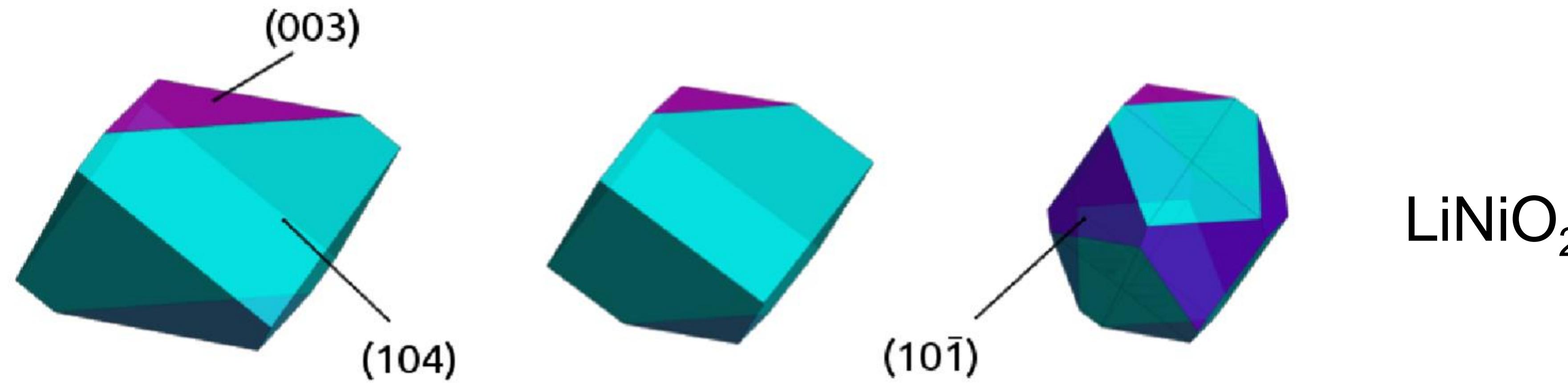


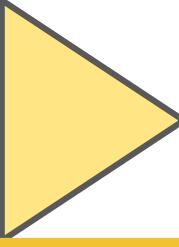
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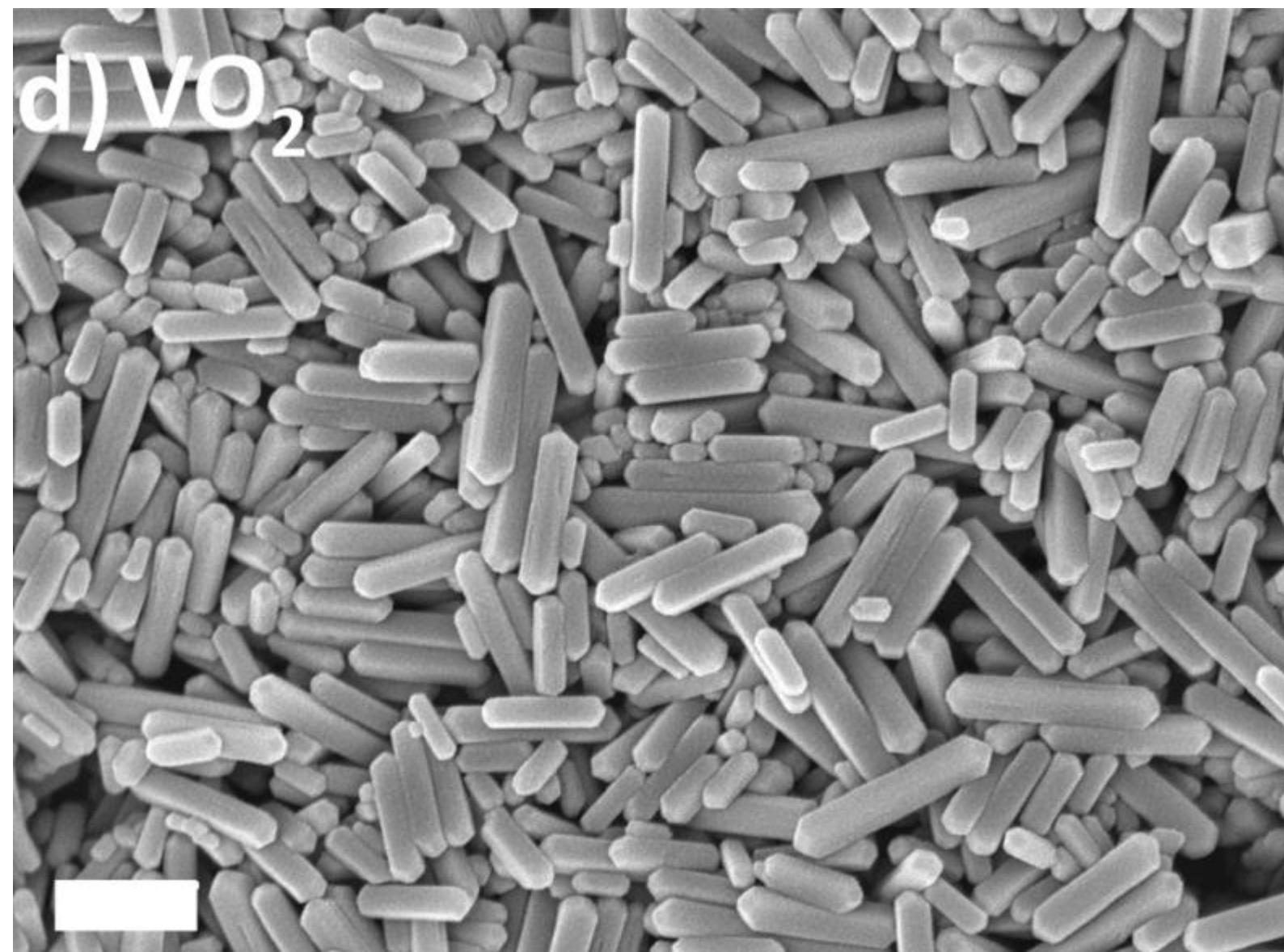
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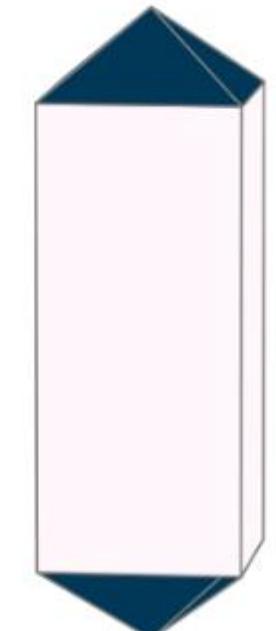


Couple of examples of particle shape prediction

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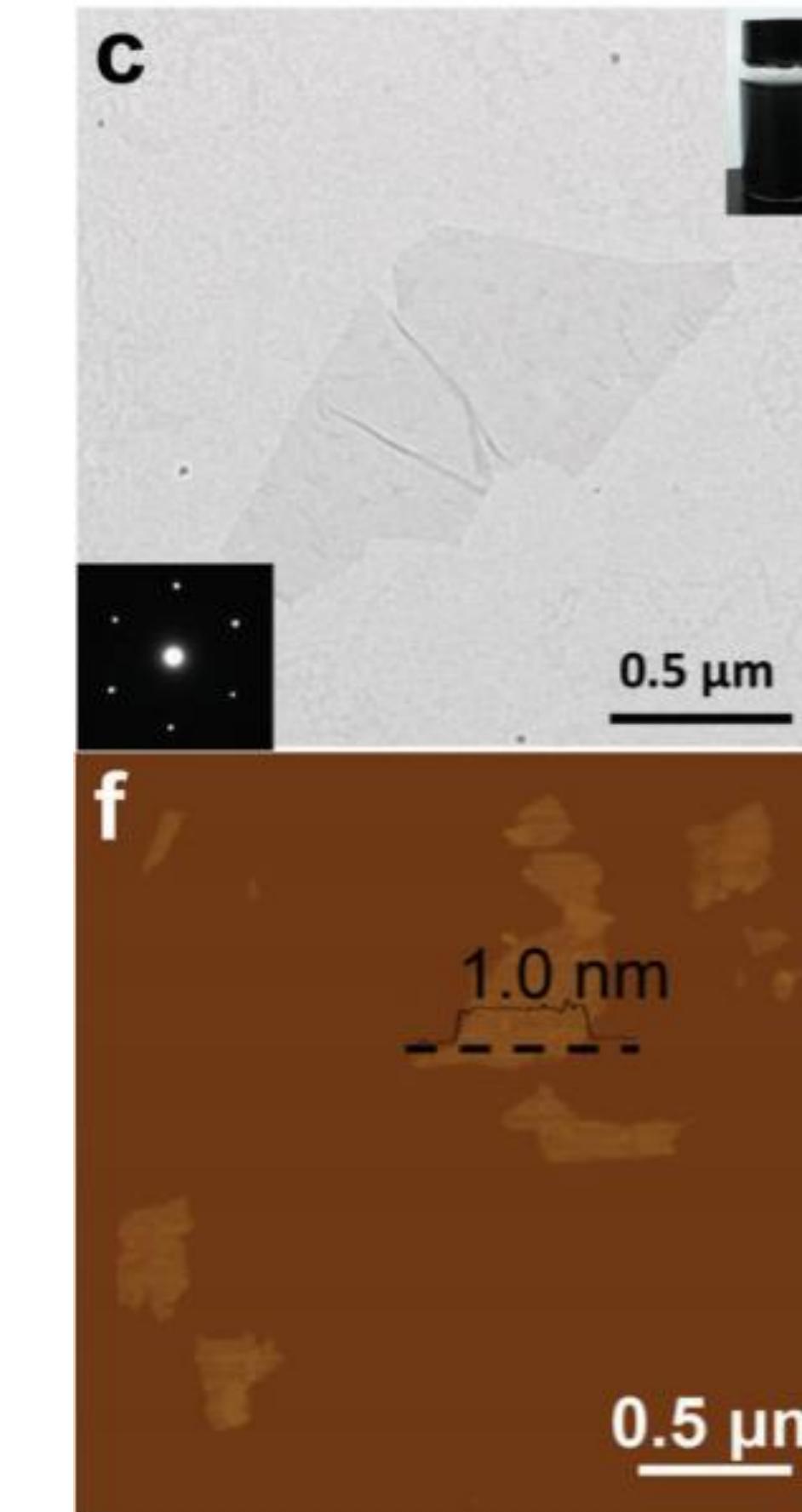


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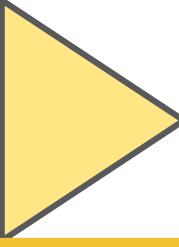
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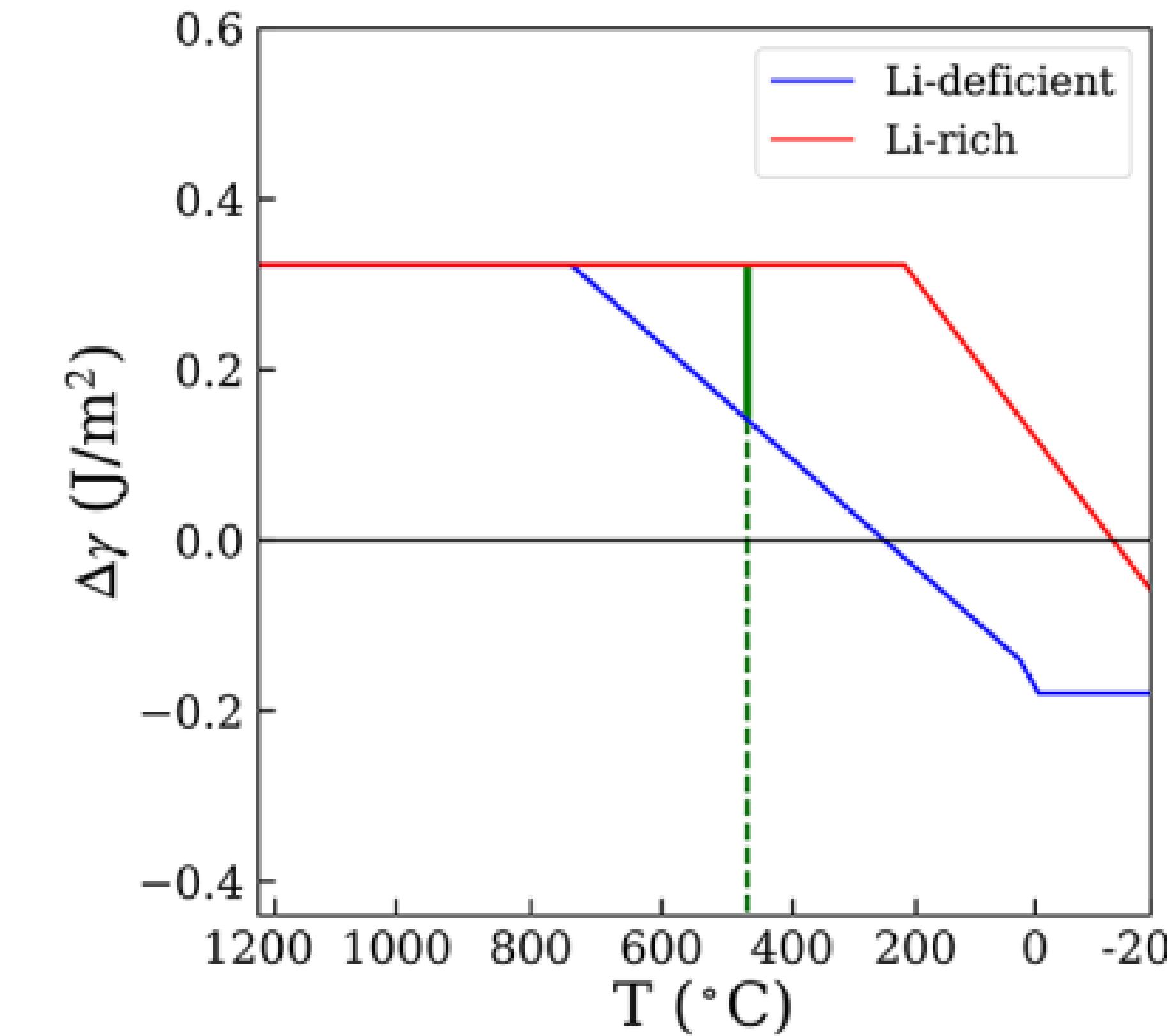
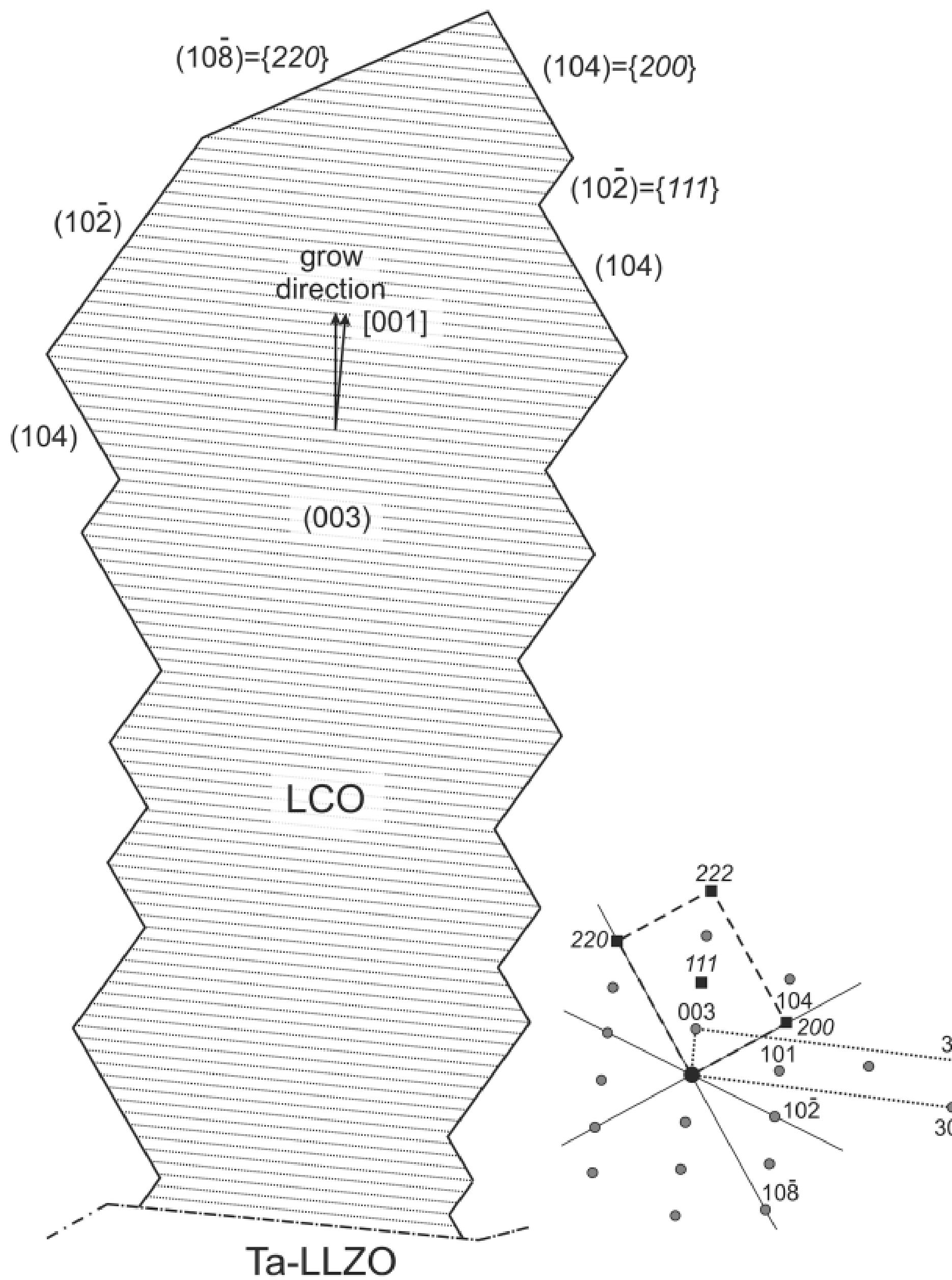
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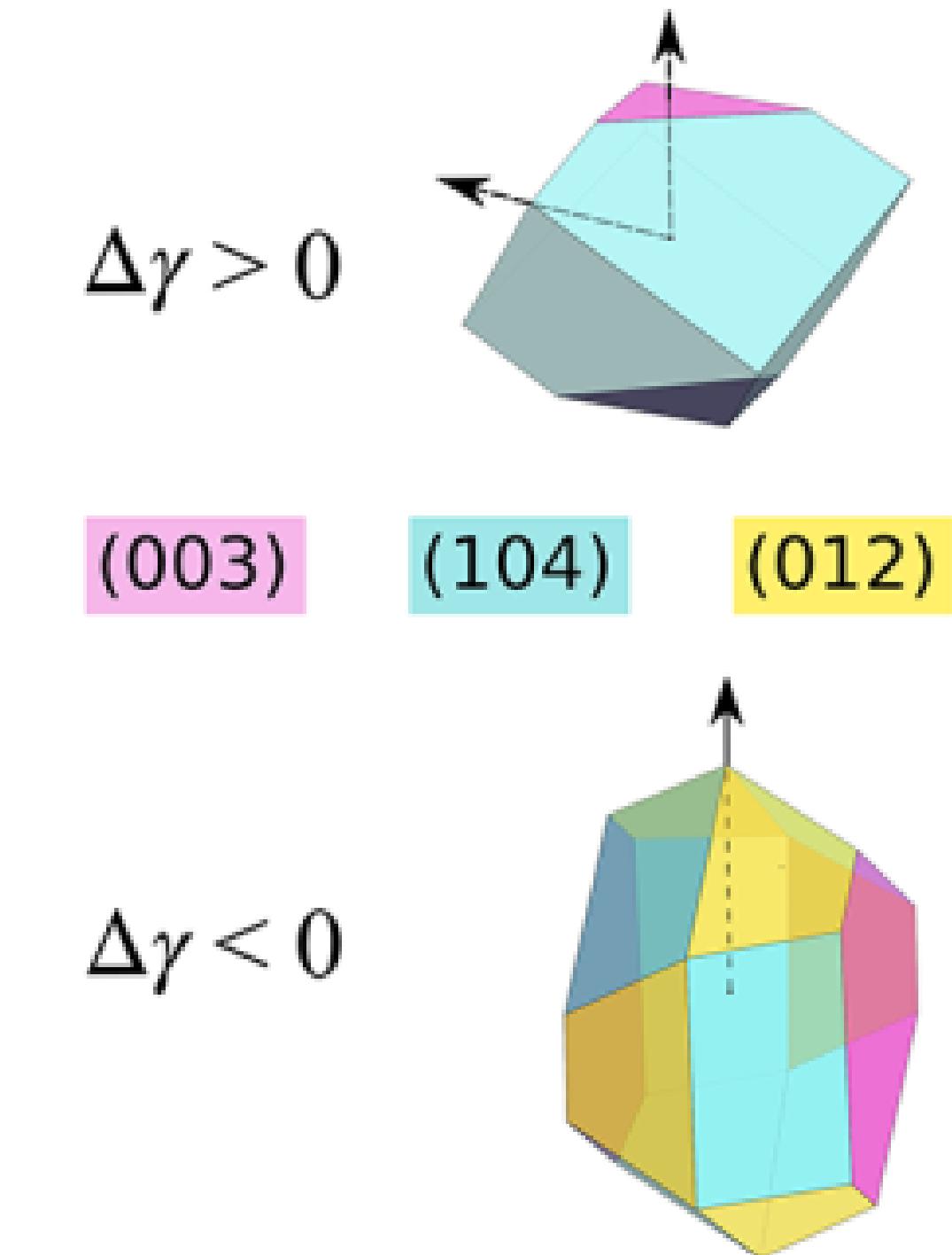
EM and (f) AFM of TiS_2 nanosheets.



Example: LCO film growth



$$\Delta\gamma = \gamma(003) - \gamma\{104\}$$



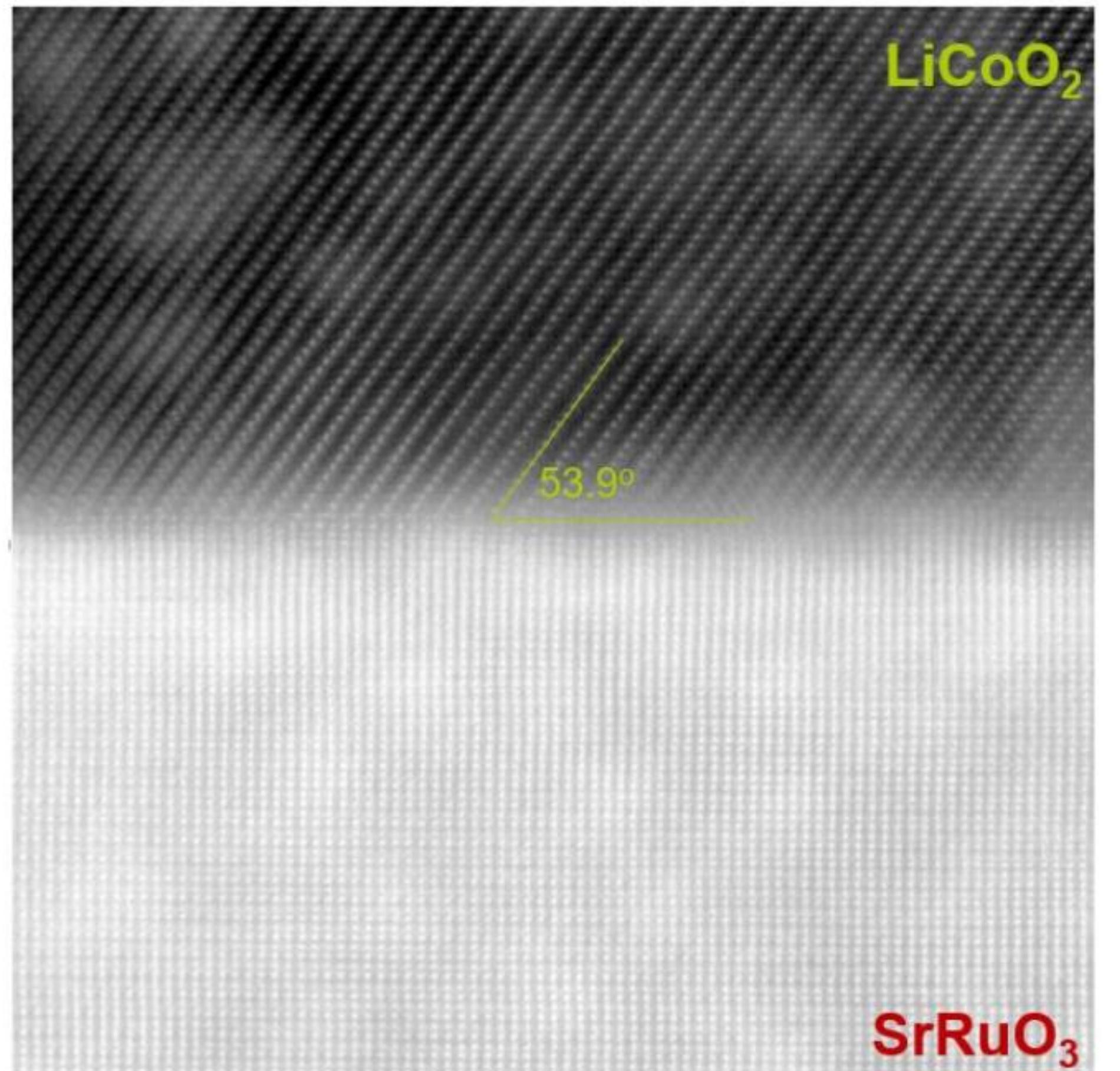
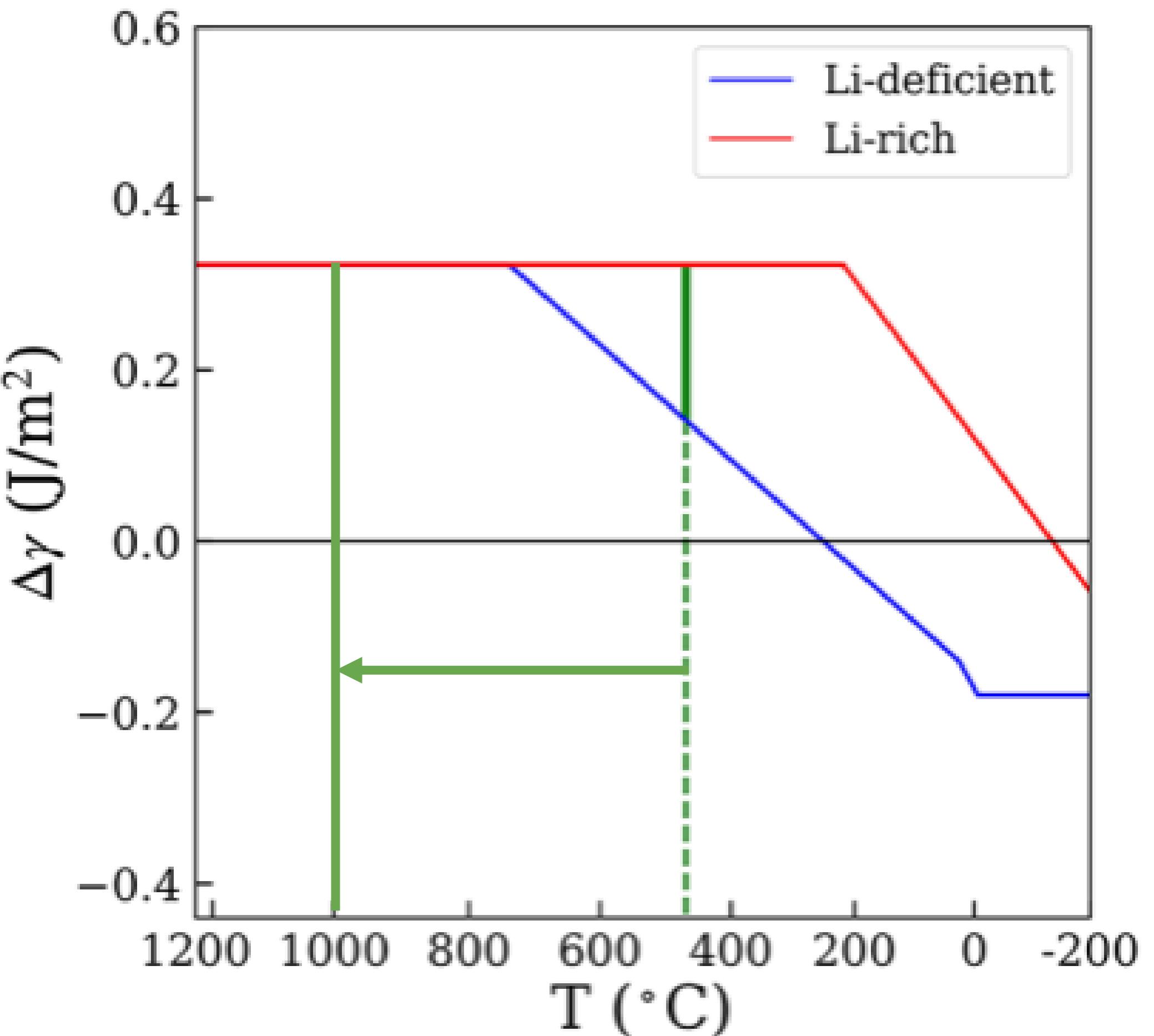
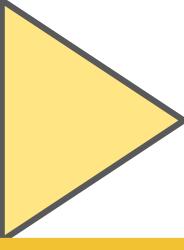


Figure S21. Atomic resolution HAADF-STEM image of the LCO/SRO interface in the LCO/SRO/STO sample obtained using optimized deposition conditions. The formation of {104}-oriented LCO layer is explicitly demonstrated.



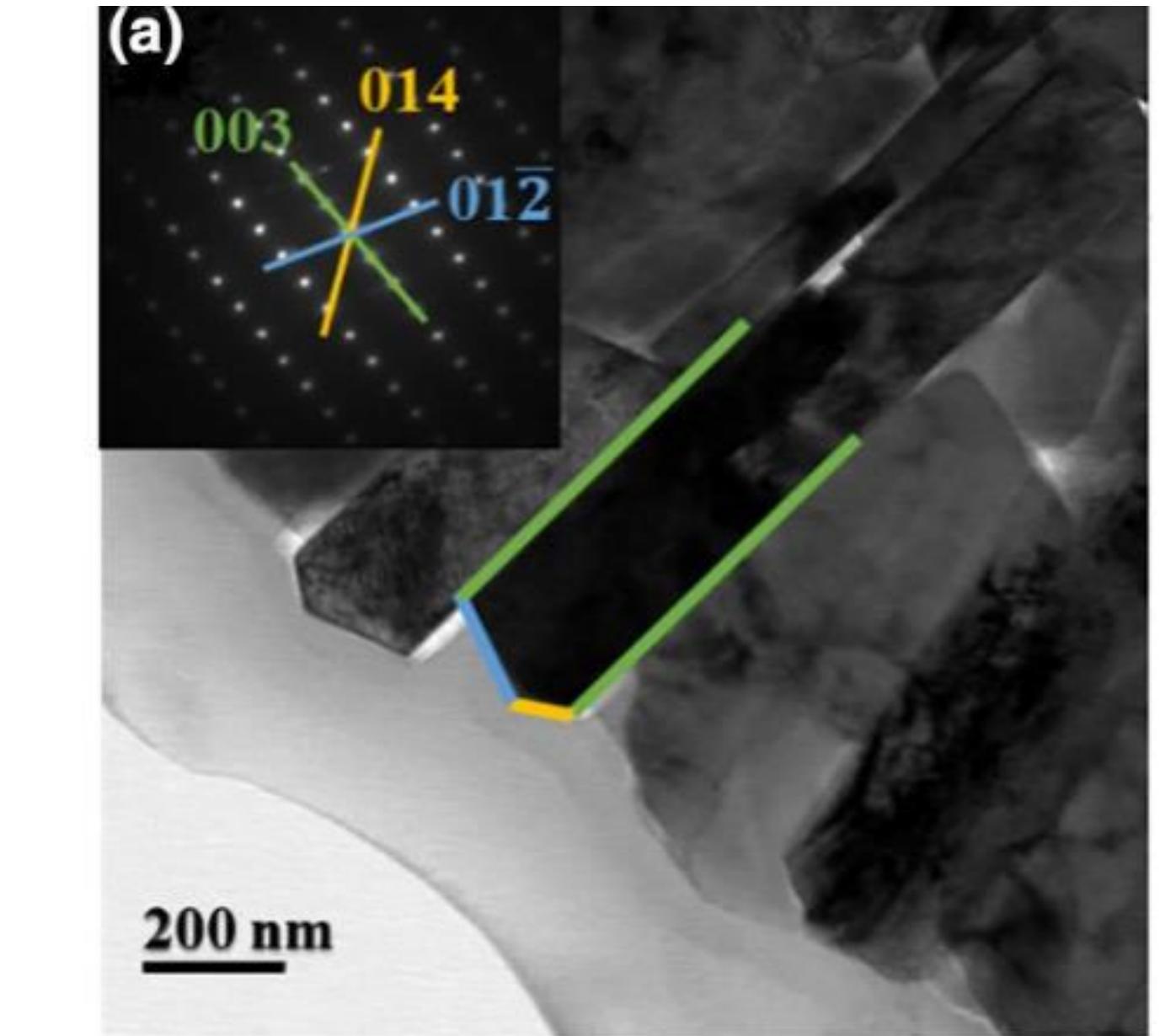
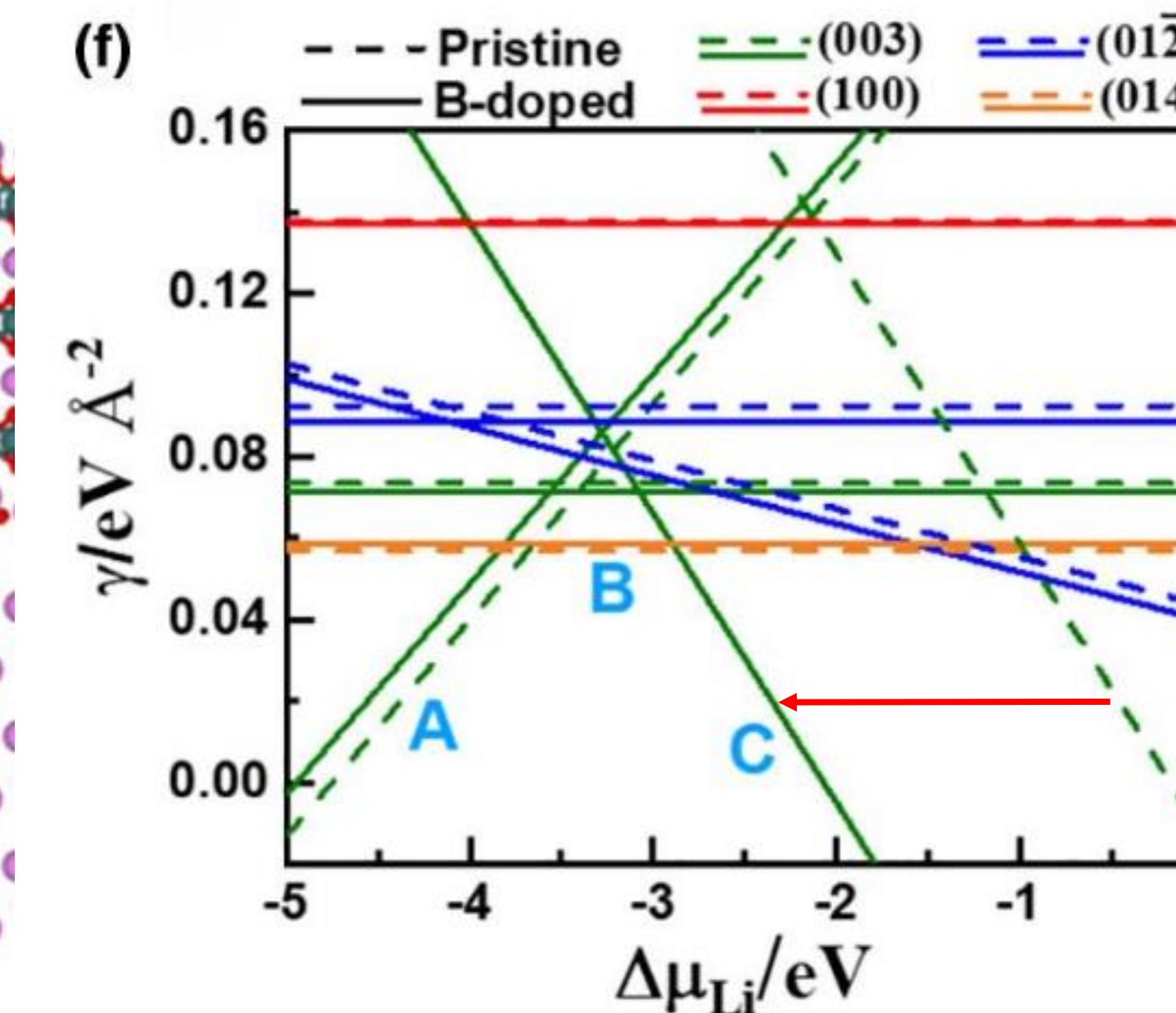
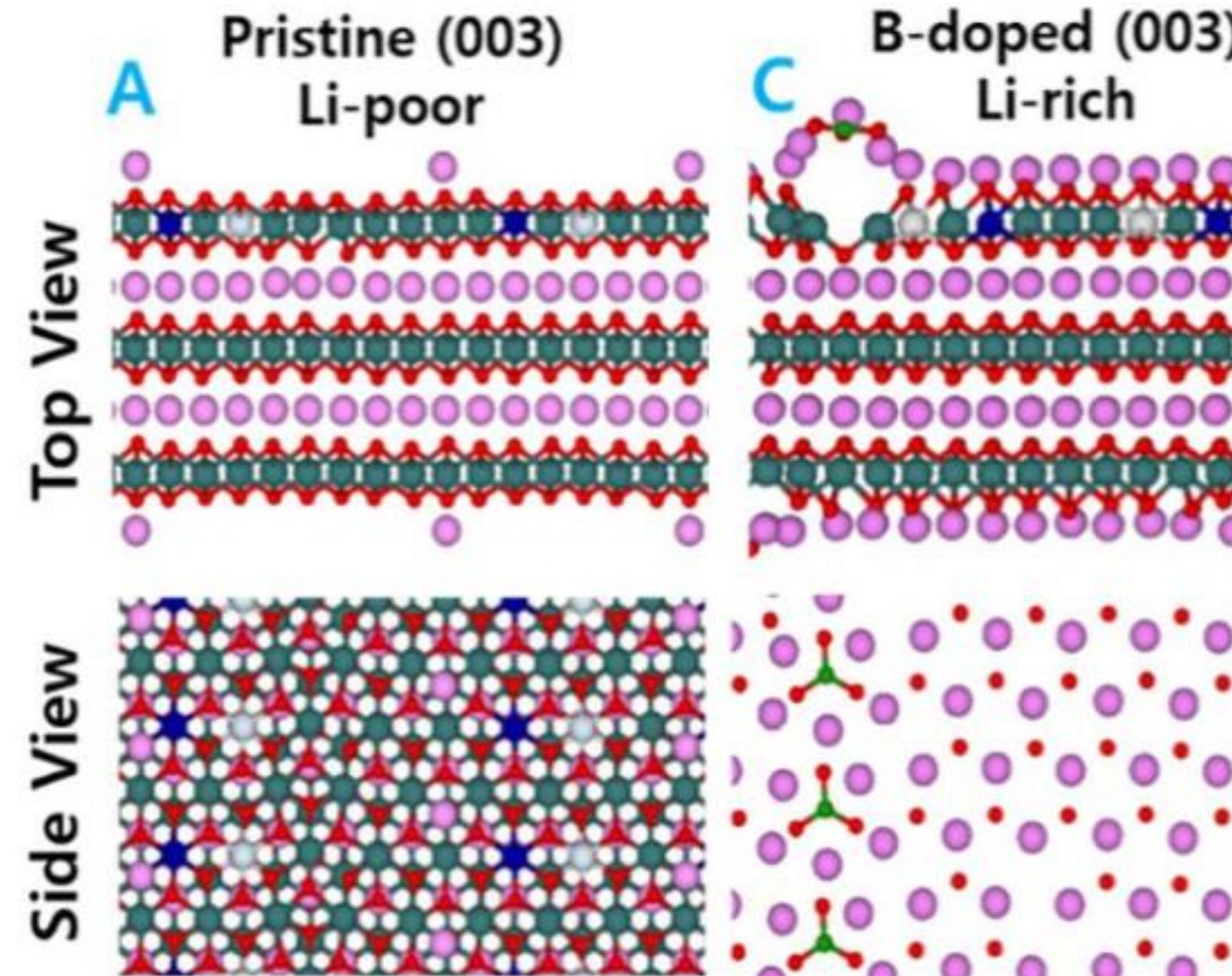
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Example: B solubility in NMC

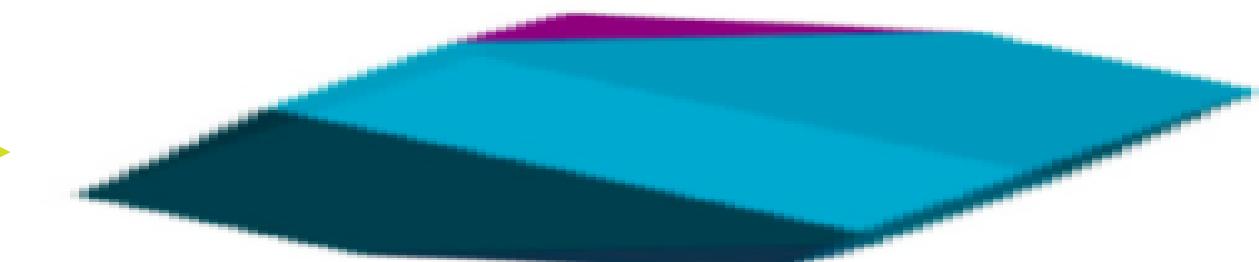


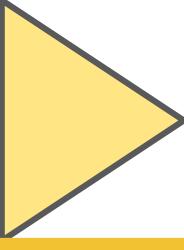
B-doping of NMC

Task: We have no idea which position B takes in layered NMC structure. Help!

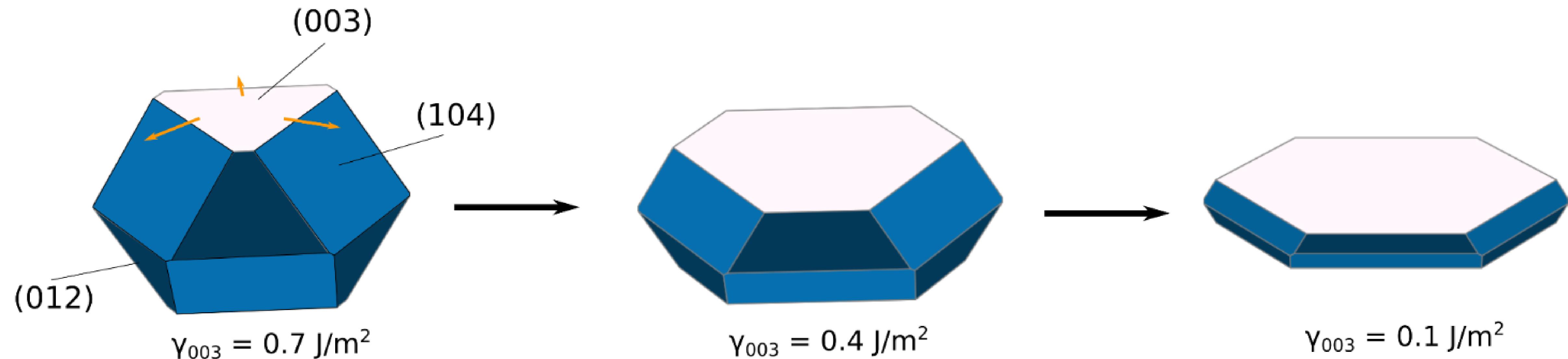


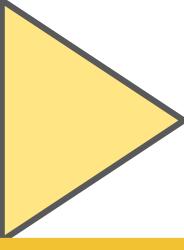
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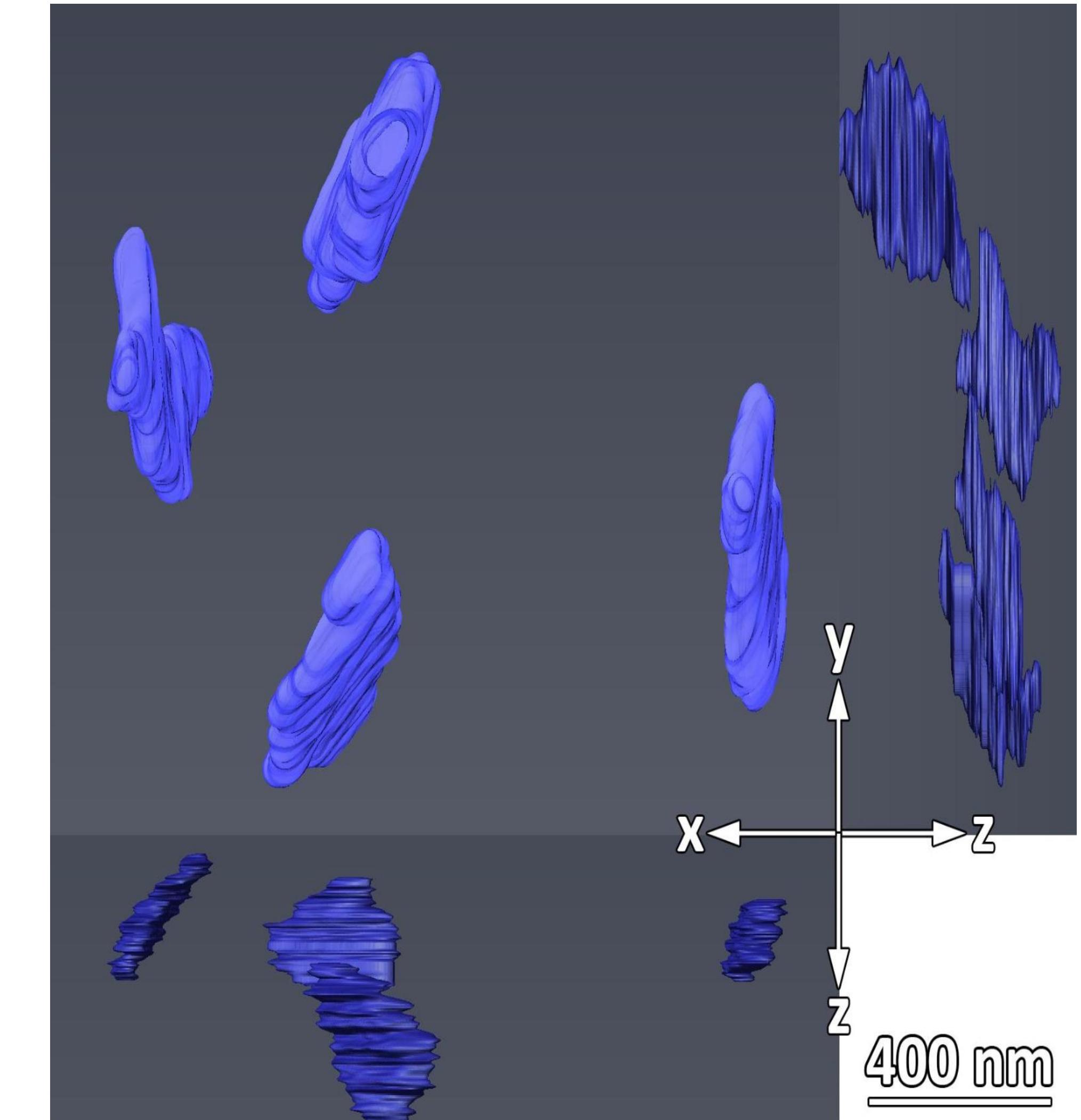
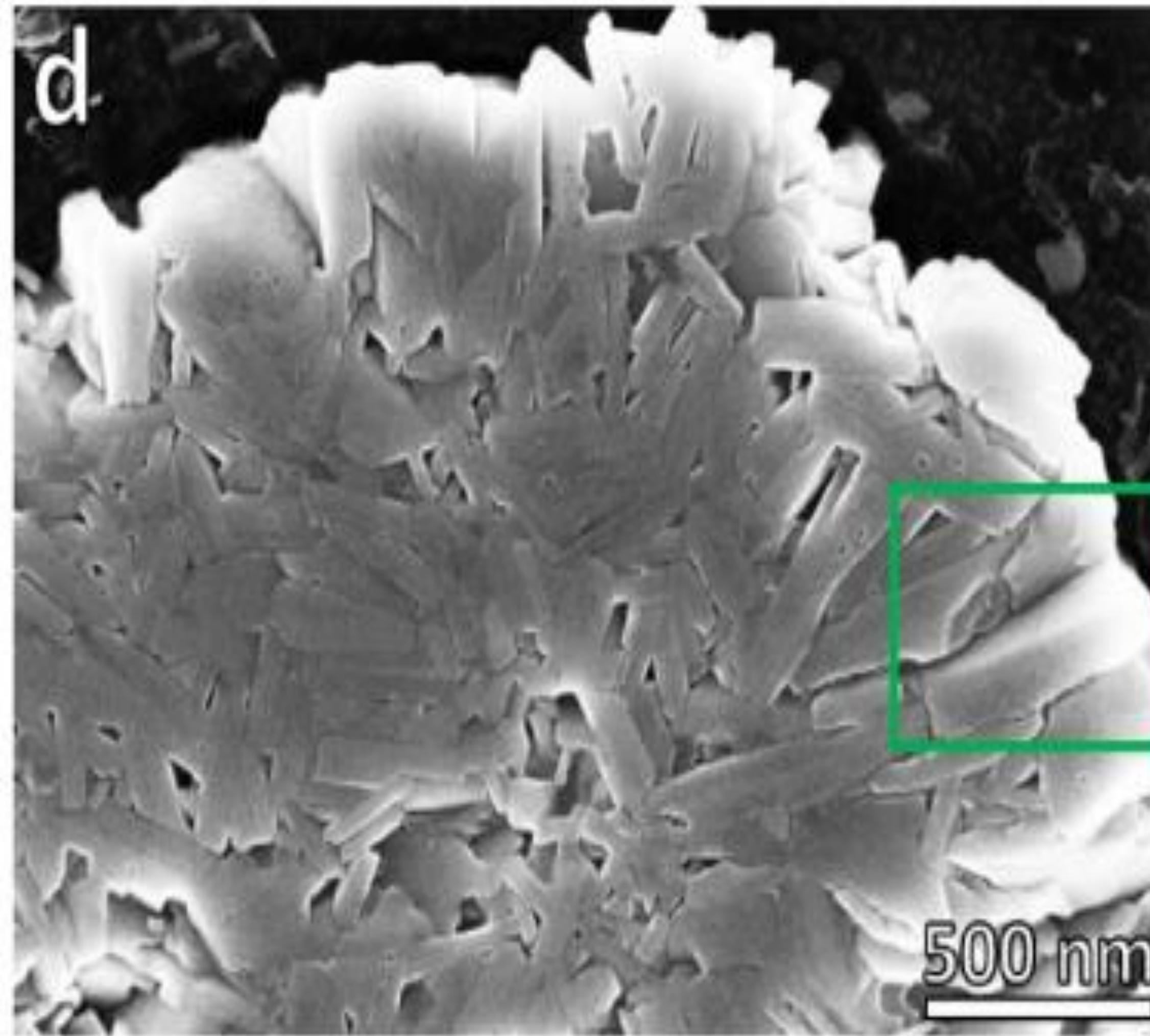


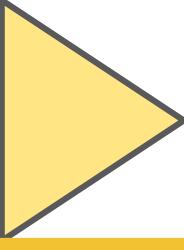
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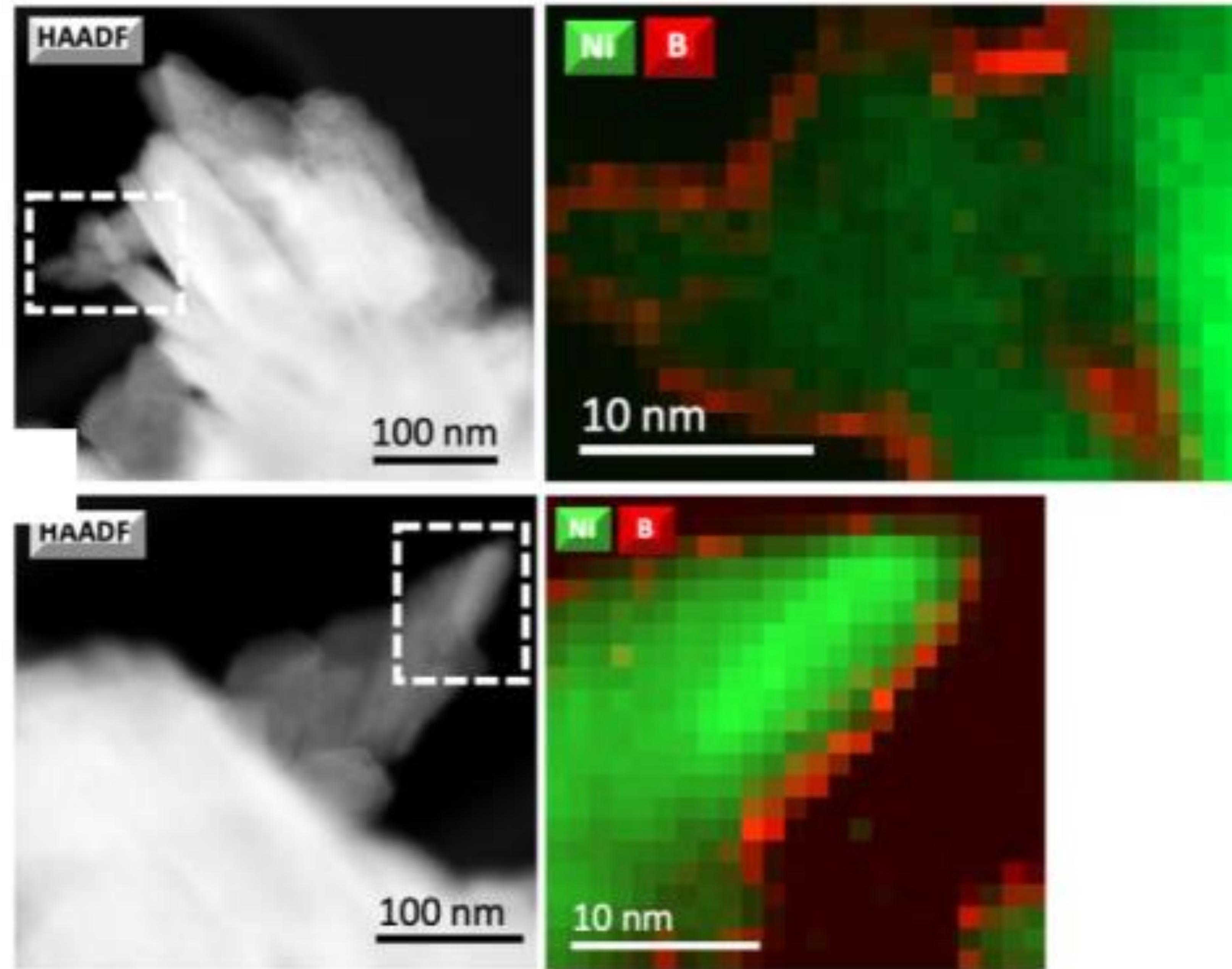


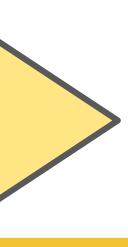
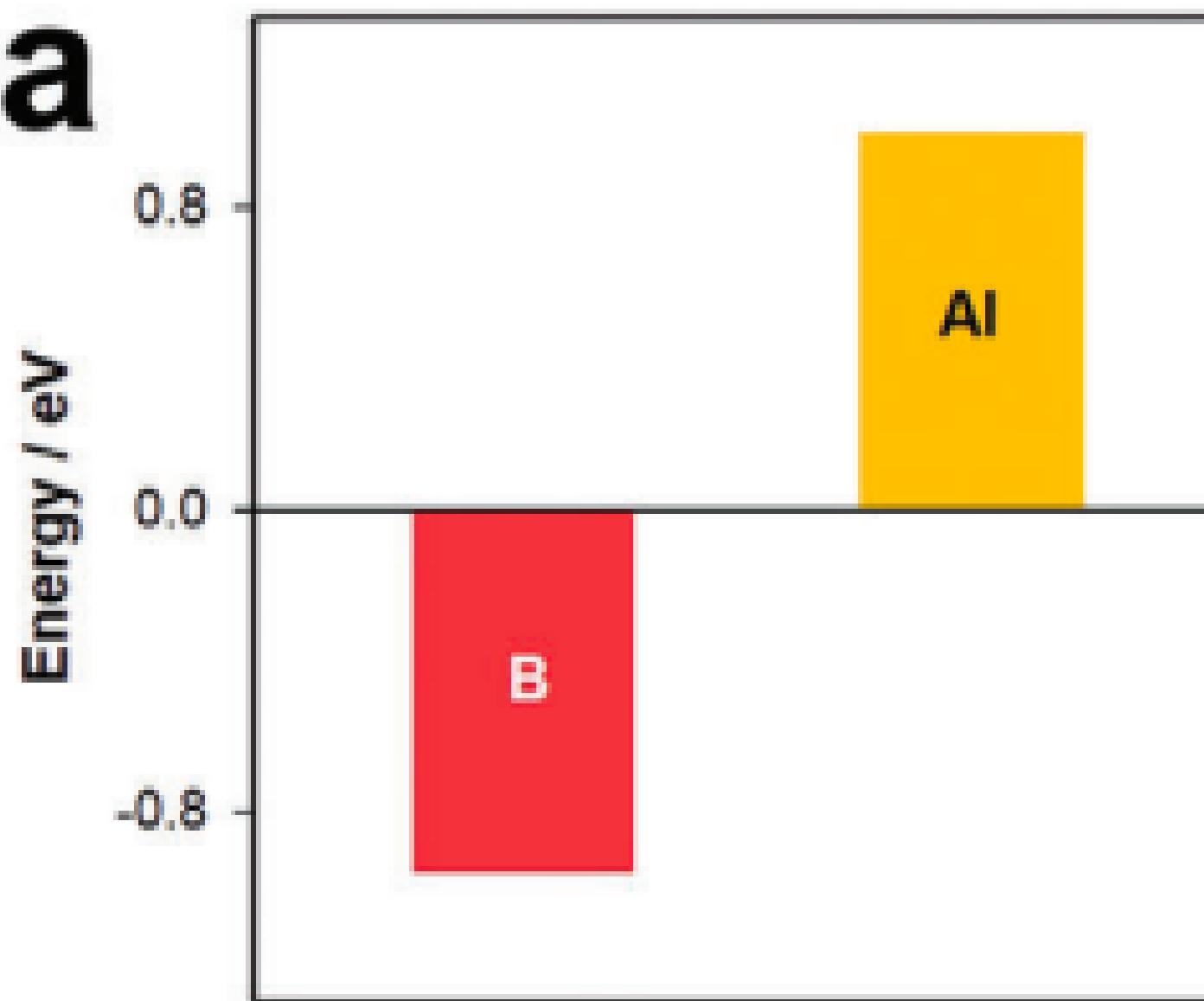
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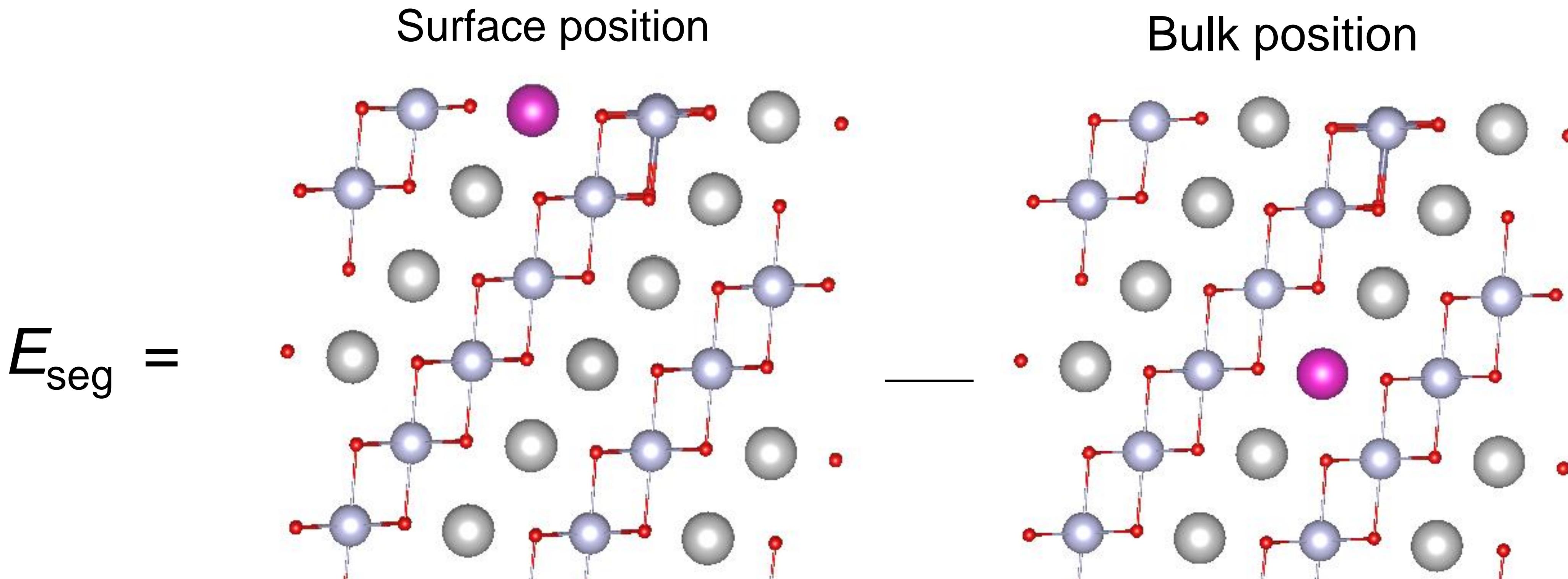
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Youngjin Kim, Hanseul Kim, Woochul Shin, Eunmi Jo, and Arumugam Manthiram*

erally prefers octahedral coordination.^[17] Therefore, B^{3+} would tend to be on the surface as it can be coordinated to less number of neighbors on the surface, unlike Al^{3+} . This also supports that

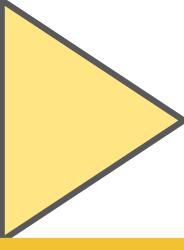
a) total segregation energy of B and Al species in LNO;

Negative value means tendency to segregation here



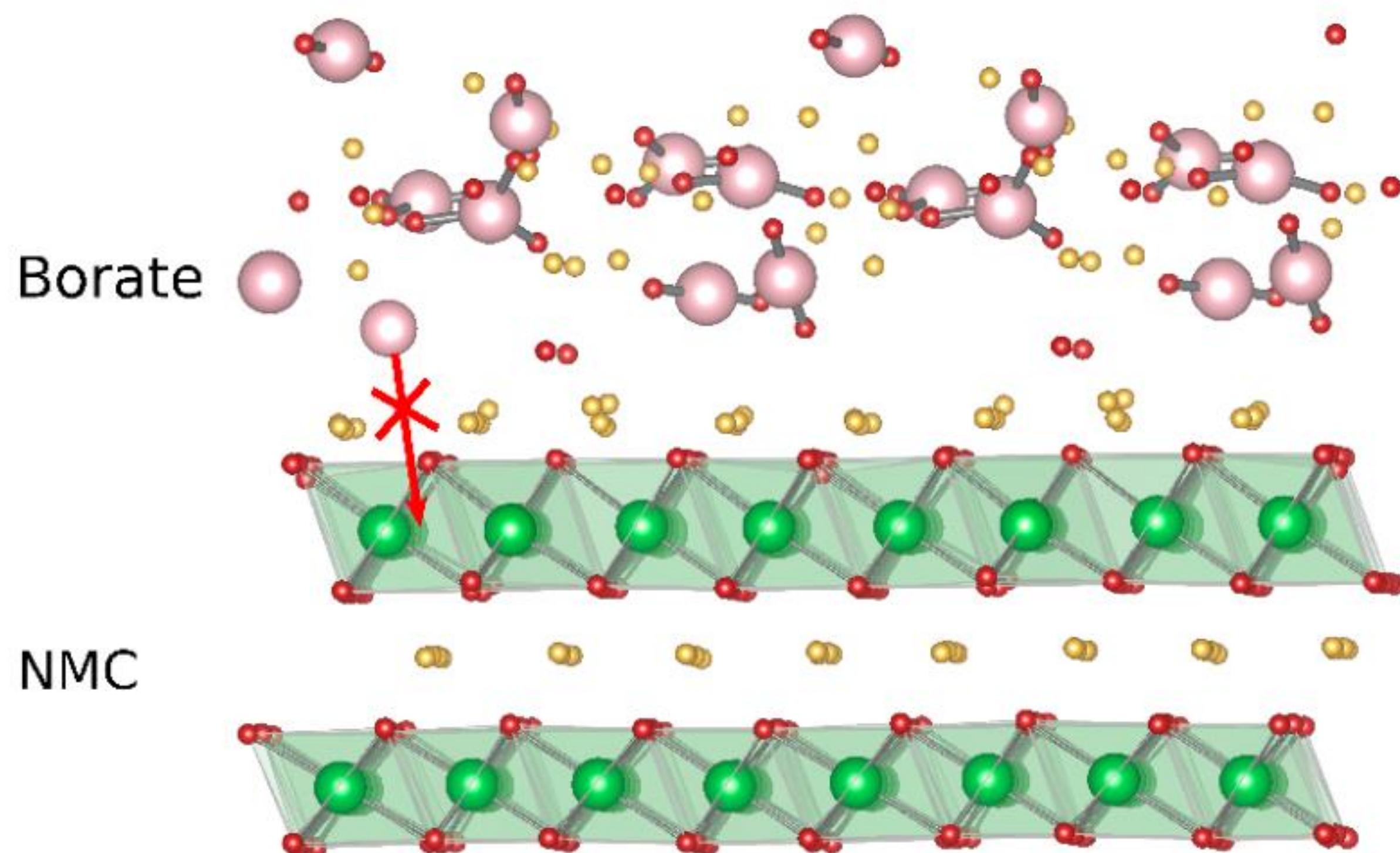
Using our values, we have: $2 \text{ eV} - 3 \text{ eV} = -1 \text{ eV}$,
that technically means tendency to segregation

However, **Boron is insoluble** both in bulk and at surface

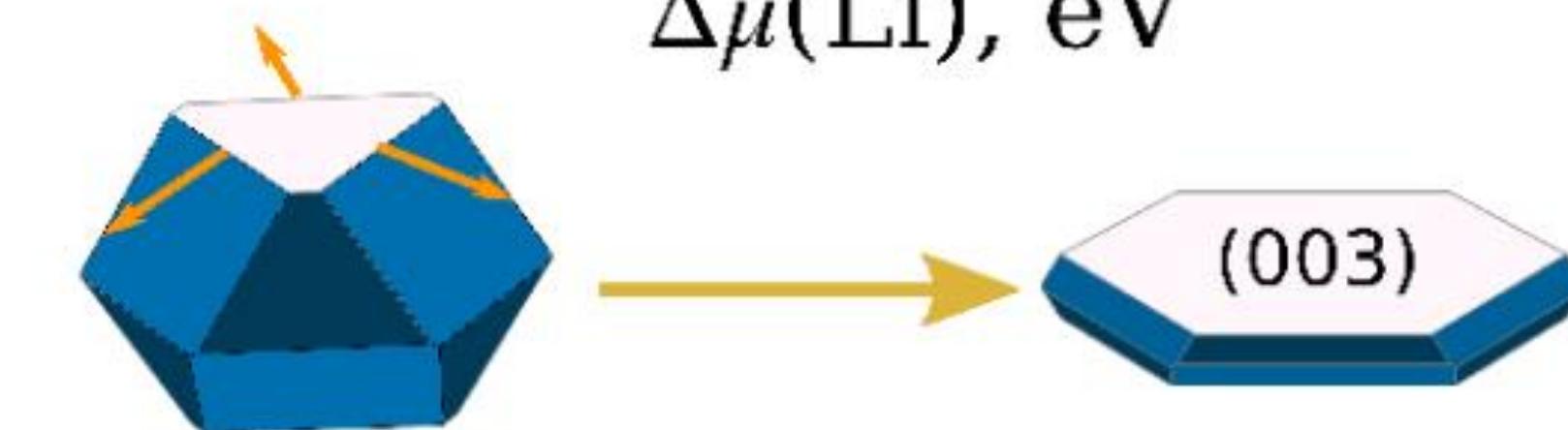
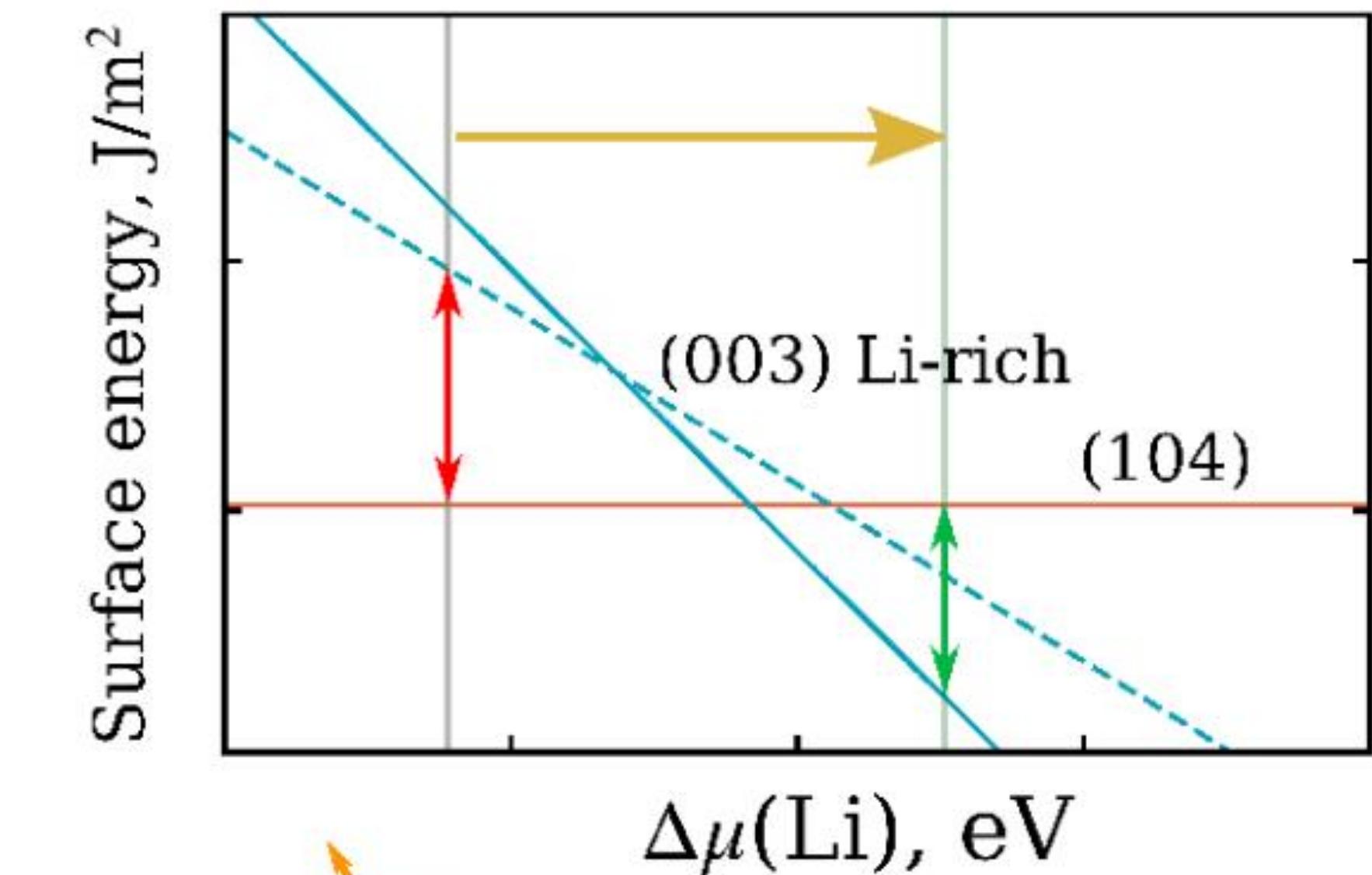


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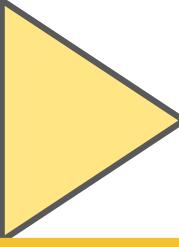
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Discovering of new phases: Mo_2NiB_2 - Ni cermet

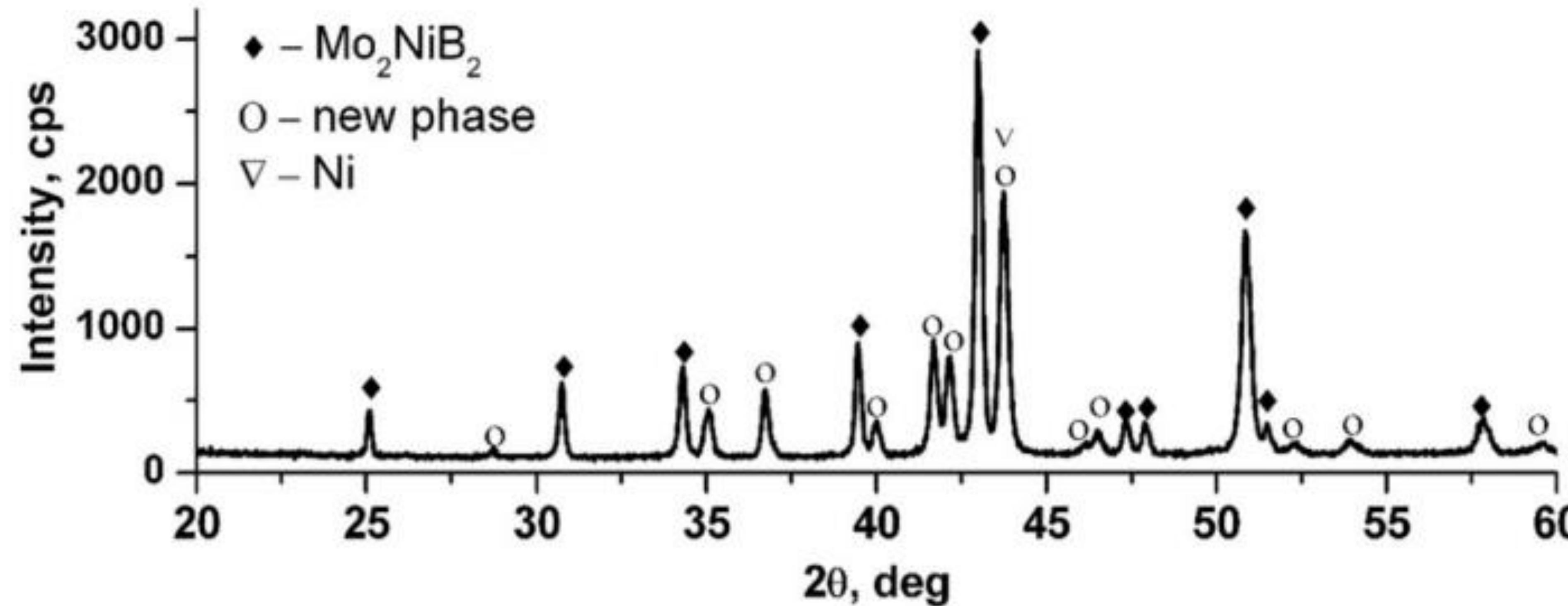
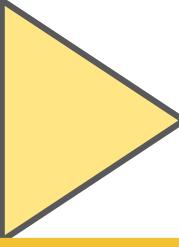


Fig. 2. XRD pattern of Mo_2NiB_2 -Ni cermet doped with carbon.

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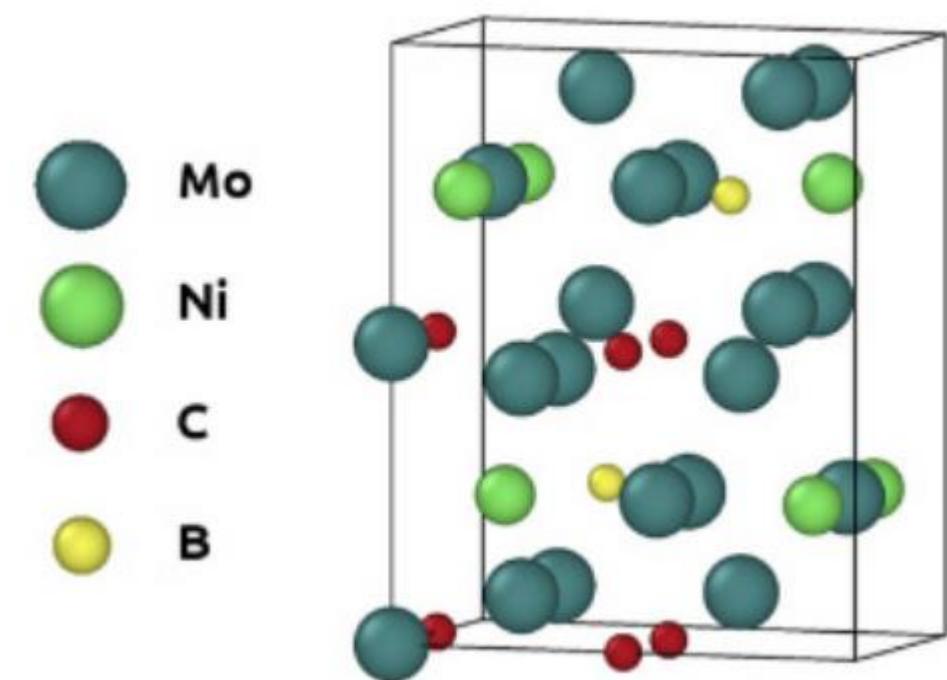


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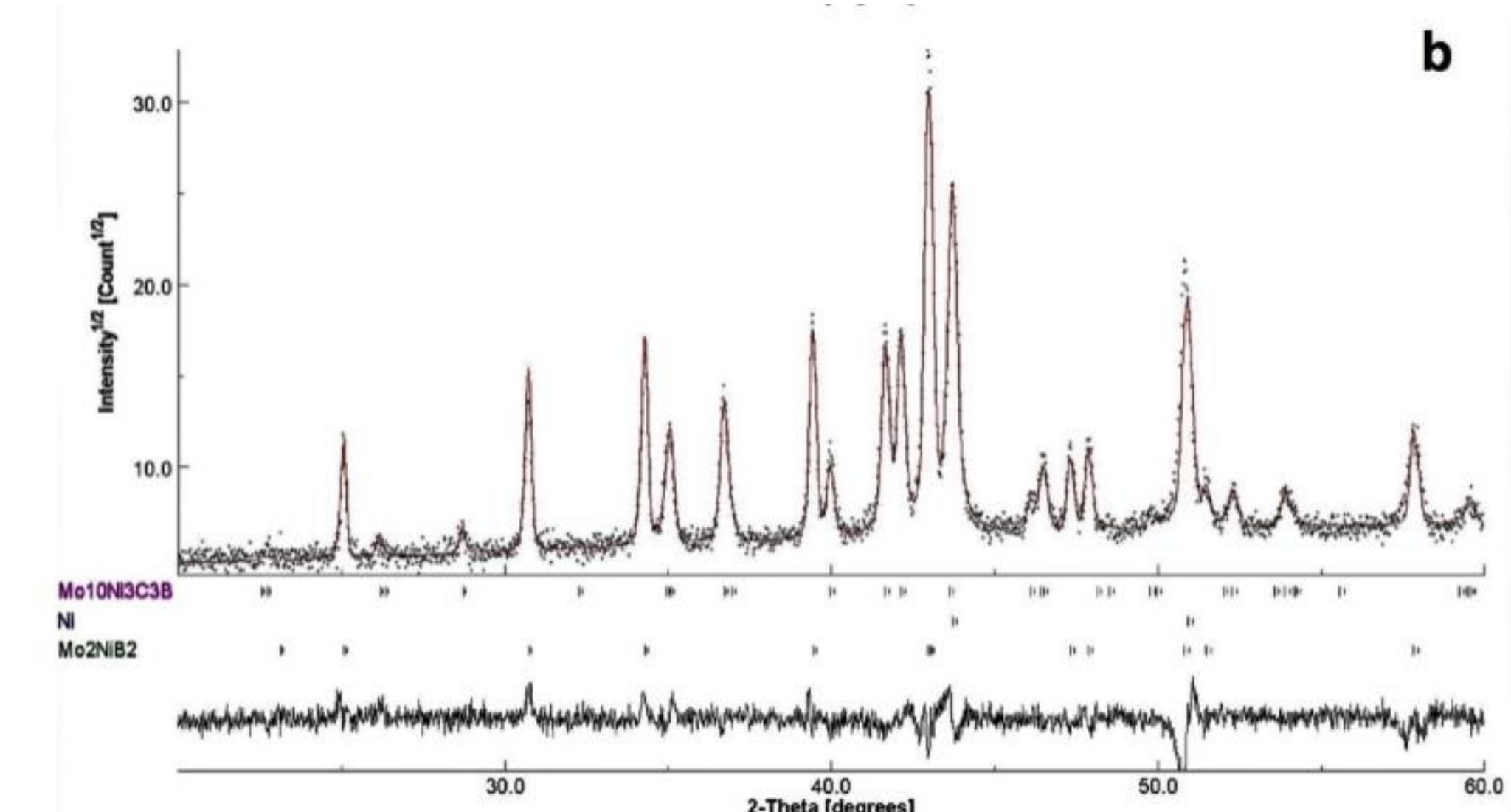
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DFT calculated formation energies (in eV) of supercells with different configurations of $\text{Mo}_9\text{Ni}_3\text{C}_3\text{B}$ -type and $\text{Mo}_{10}\text{Ni}_3\text{C}_3\text{B}$ -type phases.

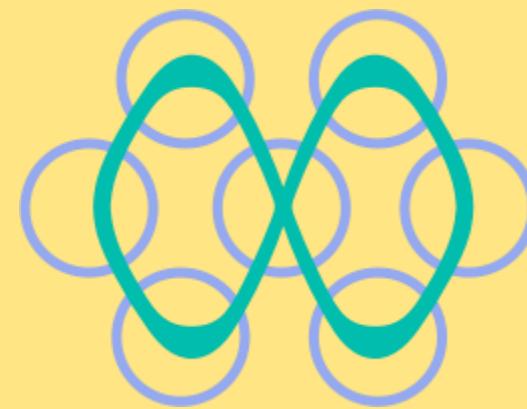
Mo ₉ Ni ₃ C ₃ B-type			Mo ₁₀ Ni ₃ C ₃ B-type		
Composition	E_f , eV	V, Å ³	Composition	E_f , eV	V, Å ³
Stoichiometric					
$\text{Mo}_{18}\text{Ni}_6\text{C}_6\text{B}_2$ (1)	-0.46	405.34	$\text{Mo}_{20}\text{Ni}_6\text{C}_6\text{B}_2$ (1)	-5.88	420.79
$\text{Mo}_{18}\text{Ni}_6\text{C}_6\text{B}_2$ (2)	3.85	409.49	$\text{Mo}_{20}\text{Ni}_6\text{C}_6\text{B}_2$ (2)	2.93	433.25
$\text{Mo}_{18}\text{Ni}_6\text{C}_6\text{B}_2$ (3)	1.38	406.53	$\text{Mo}_{20}\text{Ni}_6\text{C}_6\text{B}_2$ (3)	-1.80	425.25
Boron partially substituted					
$\text{Mo}_{18}\text{Ni}_6\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	2.55	420.68	$\text{Mo}_{20}\text{Ni}_6\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	-3.94	430.71
Boron fully substituted					
$\text{Mo}_{18}\text{Ni}_6\text{B}_8$	0.89	419.52	$\text{Mo}_{20}\text{Ni}_6\text{B}_8$	-5.76	433.60
Carbon fully substituted					
$\text{Mo}_{18}\text{Ni}_6\text{C}_8$	1.55	404.72	$\text{Mo}_{20}\text{Ni}_6\text{C}_8$	-3.82	417.68
Mo-substituted					
$\text{Mo}_{19}\text{Ni}_5\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	-0.50	409.85	$\text{Mo}_{21}\text{Ni}_5\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	-4.78	426.28
$\text{Mo}_{20}\text{Ni}_4\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	-0.65	414.05	$\text{Mo}_{22}\text{Ni}_4\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	-4.33	432.21
$\text{Mo}_{21}\text{Ni}_3\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	-0.25	419.05	$\text{Mo}_{23}\text{Ni}_3\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	-3.57	437.27
Ni-substituted					
$\text{Mo}_{17}\text{Ni}_7\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	0.63	401.33	$\text{Mo}_{19}\text{Ni}_7\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	-4.46	416.86
$\text{Mo}_{16}\text{Ni}_8\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	1.14	397.16	$\text{Mo}_{18}\text{Ni}_8\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	-3.57	413.22
$\text{Mo}_{15}\text{Ni}_9\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	1.98	392.66	$\text{Mo}_{17}\text{Ni}_9\text{C}_2\text{B}_6$	-2.57	409.54



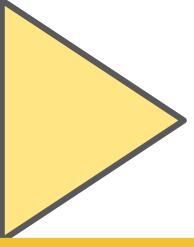
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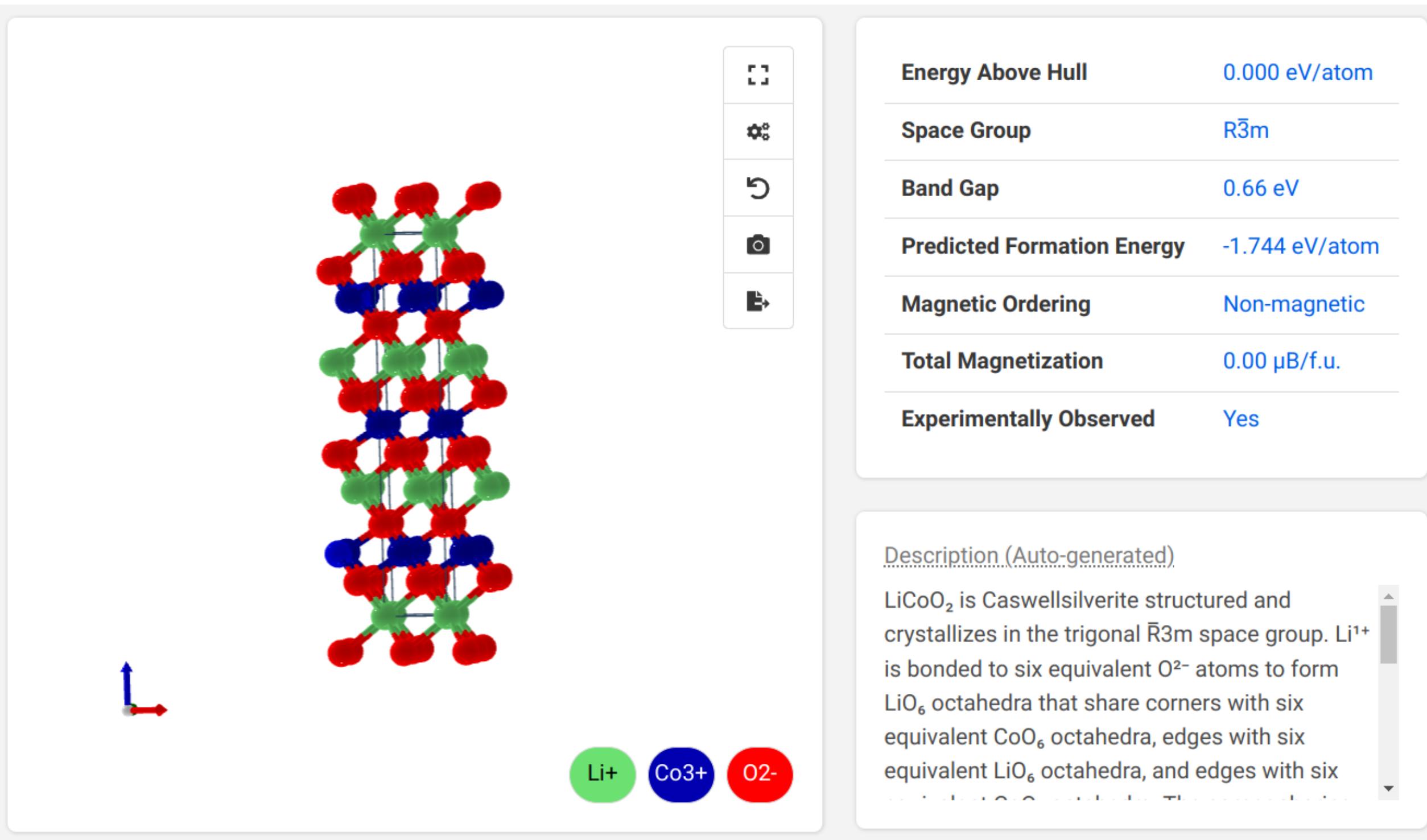
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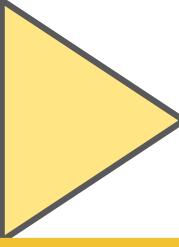
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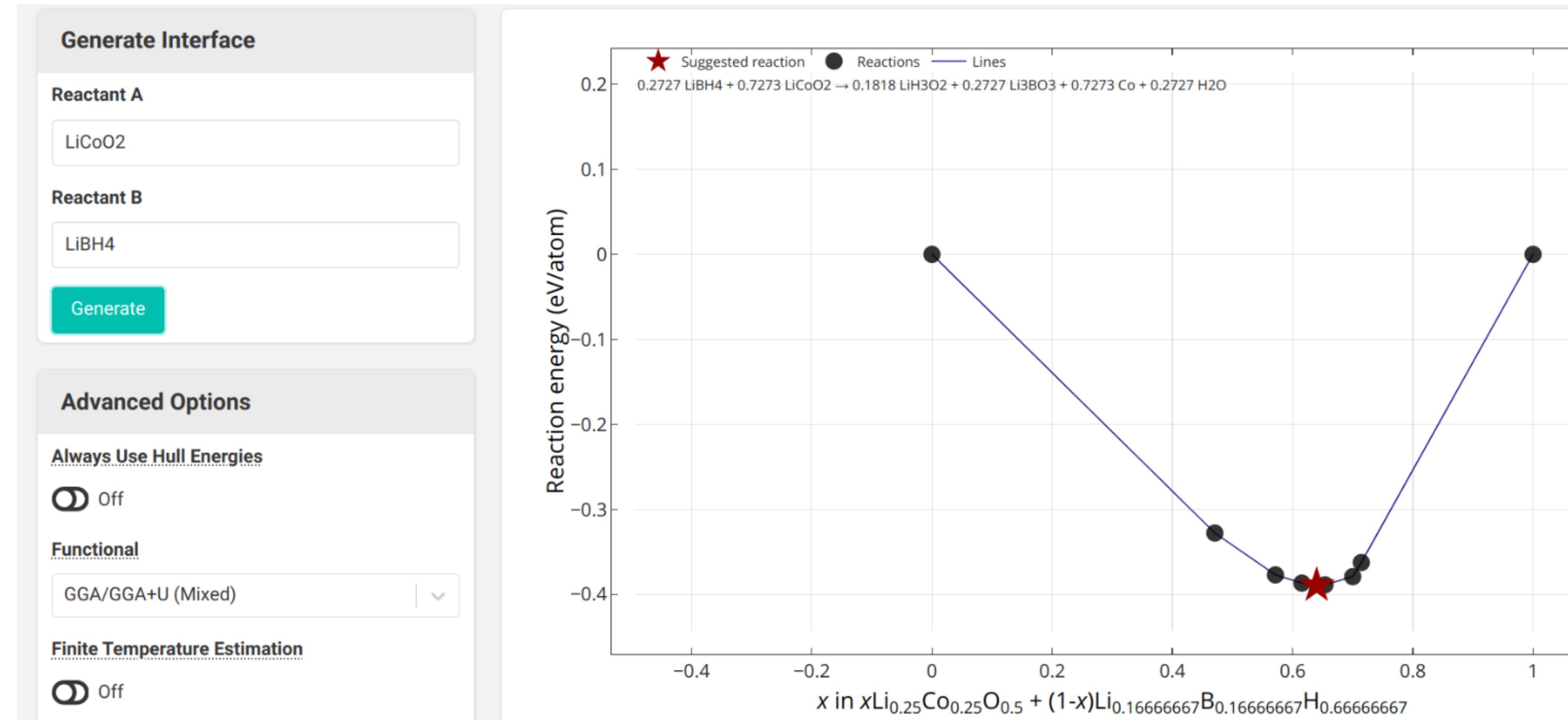
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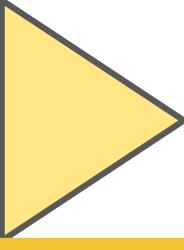
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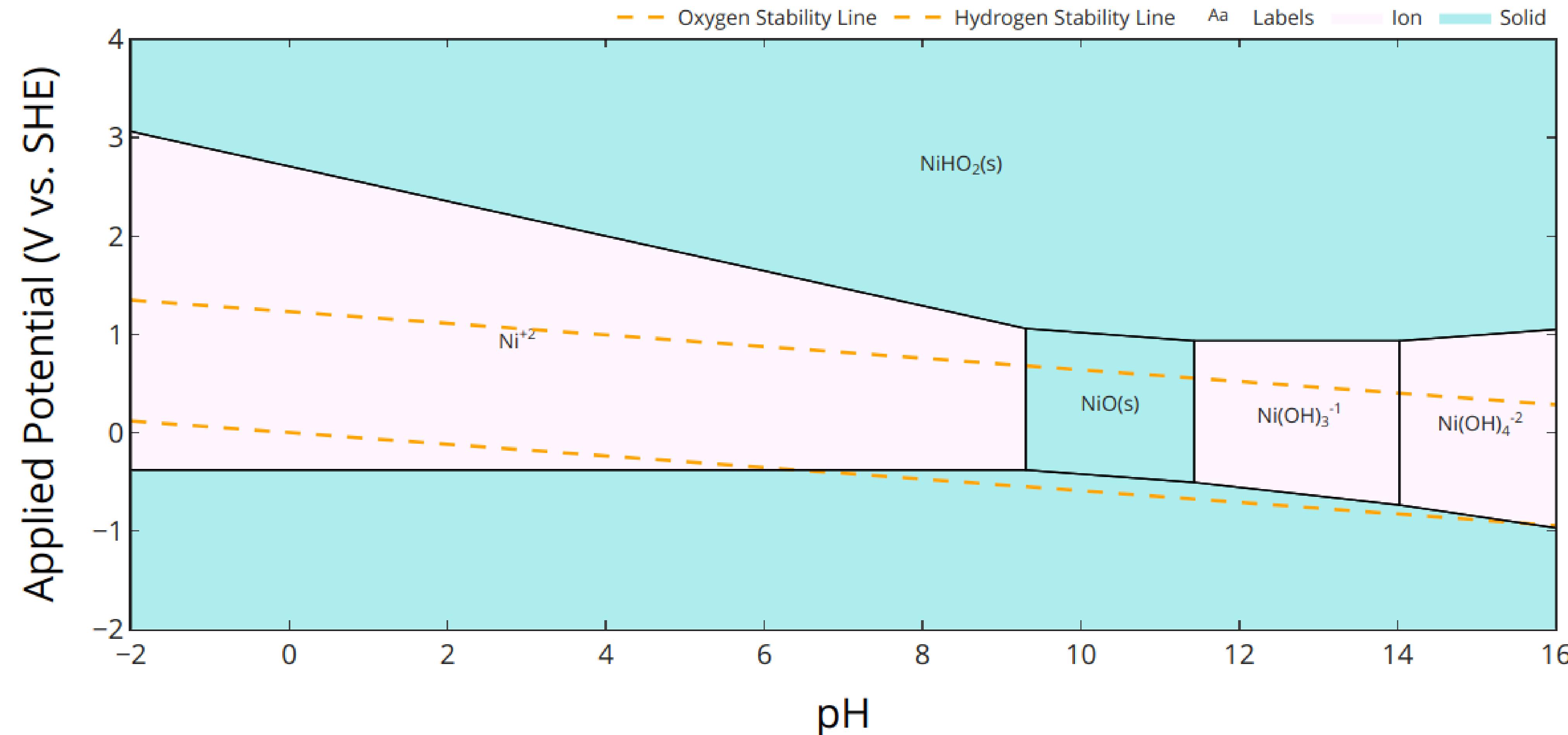
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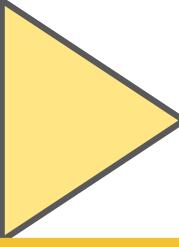


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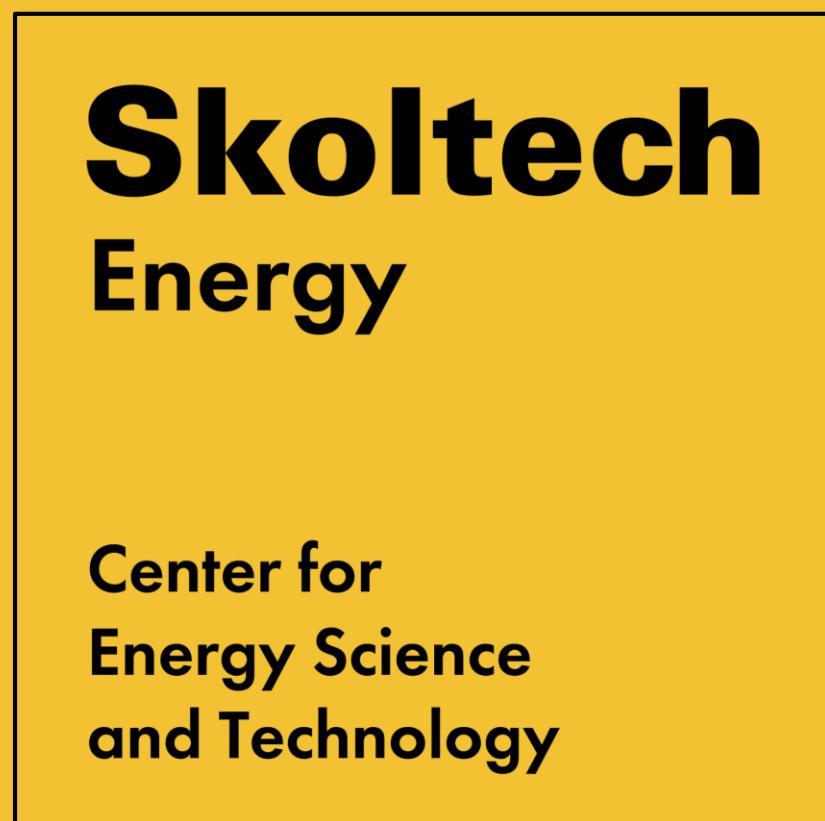


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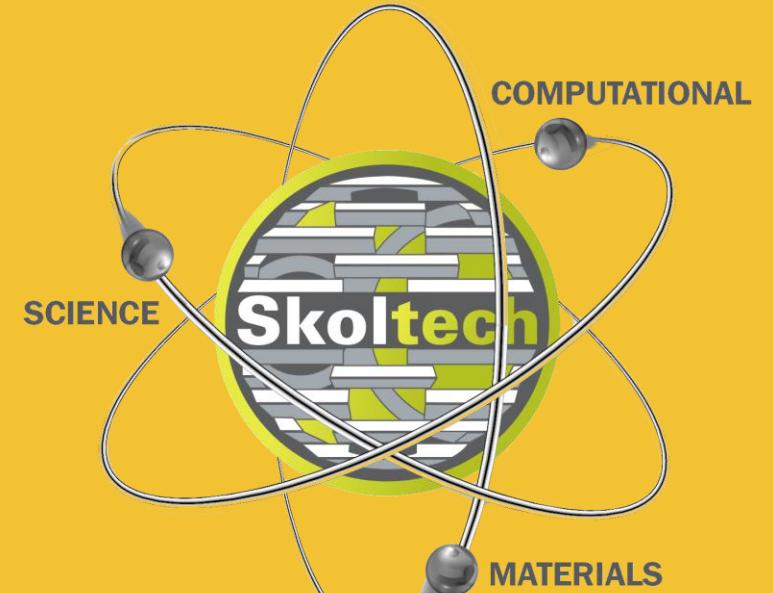
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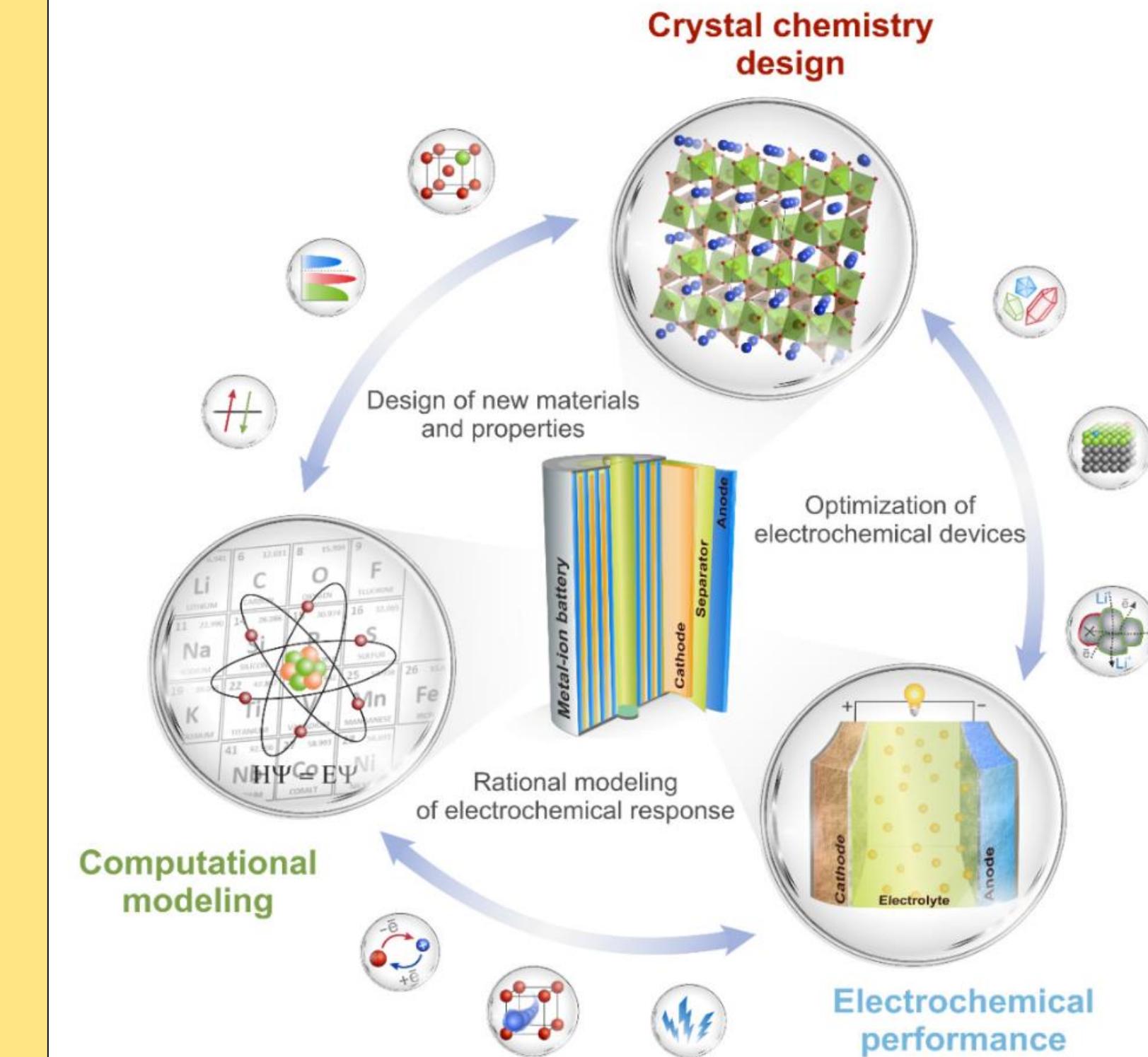
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