

Ē

Joint French-Swedish school on X-rays and Neutrons techniques for the study of functional materials for energy

13-17 May 2019 Lund (Sweden)

#### **Materials for Batteries**



#### **Gwenaëlle ROUSSE**

Chimie du Solide et de l'Energie, Collège de France-Sorbonne Université, Paris



#### **Outline of the course**

Introduction to Li-ion batteries: fondamentals

I. Trends in positive electrode materials for Li-ion

 a) Polyanionic compounds: classical redox
 b) Rocksalt-based derivatives: anionic redox

II. Beyond Li-ion batteries

- a) Solid state batteries
- b) Na-ion batteries

#### **Today's energy overview**



#### **Electrochemical energy storage**



### Li-ion batteries: versatility and high energy density



#### **Bright future of Li-ion batteries**

#### Research boosted by business

#### **EVs Dominate Demand for Lithium-Ion Batteries**

Estimated global demand by product, in gigawatt-hours







Sources: Avicenne; BNEF; Current Analysis; Bloomberg reporting

2025: 9% EV's (Bloomberg) 100 \$/kWh, 700 Wh/L, 350 Wh/kg

#### Li-ion battery: How does it work on charge ?



#### Li-ion battery: How does it work on discharge ?



#### Li-ion battery: How does it work?



#### **Outline of the course**

Introduction to Li-ion batteries: fondamentals

I. Trends in positive electrode materials for Li-ion

 a) Polyanionic compounds: classical redox
 b) Rocksalt-based derivatives: anionic redox

II. Beyond Li-ion batteries

- a) Solid state batteries
- b) Na-ion batteries

#### **Electrode materials for Li-ion batteries**



## Li-ion batteries : strategy for new compounds



## New compounds = new structures to determine

Single crystals XRD: method of choice....



Powder: (hkl) reflections overlap

Difficult structural determination

Powders are sometimes the only option



## New compounds = new structures to determine



## New compounds = new structures to determine

Ab initio structural determination, simulated annealing, & direct methods, Fourier maps, charge flipping ...

> X-Ray and neutron scattering techniques







#### from LiFePO<sub>4</sub> to the sulfate wealth



Nature Materials **2010**, 9, 68–74. Nature Materials **2011**, 10, (10), 772-779.

#### From polyanionic compounds to high energy density layered oxides

#### **Polyanionic based compounds**





Tavorite LiVPO<sub>4</sub>F, LiFeSO<sub>4</sub>F



& Borates, Silicates... Masquelier, Croguennec, Chemical Reviews 2013,

113.6552.

#### Moderate voltage & capacity Stable structural framework on cycling

## Layered-type compounds



NMC,  $LiCo_x M_{1-x}O_2$ 

Li-rich NMC, Li<sub>2</sub>MO<sub>3</sub> M=3d, 4d... metals

4.0-4.5 V vs. Li+/Li<sup>0</sup>

## Derivatives from the rocksalt structure



Li<sub>3</sub>NbO<sub>4</sub> Yabuuchi, N. et al. *PNAS* 2015, *112* (25), 7650. and *Chem of Mater* 2016.

#### Li<sub>4</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

Freire, M.; ... Pralong, V. A *Nature Materials* **2015**, *15* (2), 173

Large capacity & high voltage but stability on cycling not yet fully mastered

#### From polyanionic compounds to high energy density layered oxides

LiCoO<sub>2</sub> has been the "stellar" material for numerous years





#### The Li<sub>x</sub>CoO<sub>2</sub> electrode: evolution in the last 25 years



#### **Origin of exacerbated capacity**

## $Li[Li_{0.2}Mn_{0.53}Co_{0.14}Ni_{0.13}]O_{2}$

	¬ [O redev centere] ¬																
Н		[3 redox centers]															Не
Li	Ве													Ν	0	F	Ne
Na	Mg	Лg												Ρ	S	CI	Ar
κ	Са	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Со	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Мо	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Те	Ι	Хе
Cs	Ва	La	Hf	Та	W	Re	Os	lr	Pt	Au	Hg	TI	Pb	Bi	Ро	At	Rn

[1 redox center]

 $Li_2[Ru_{1-x}Sn_x]O_3$ 

 $Li_2IrO_3$ 



Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Hard X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy

#### Anionic redox : $2 O^{2-} \leftrightarrow O_2^{2-} + 2 e^{-}$ Structural signature of oxygen redox?

#### **Structural changes on cycling ?**



#### (hkl) dependent profiles $\rightarrow$ stacking faults



## **Structural description**

Diffax → **FAULTS**, an accessible program for refining powder diffraction patterns of defective layered structures

Montse Casas-Cabanas, Juan Rodríguez-Carvajal

No cell No space group



Superposition of layers stacked with a certain probability



### Example 1: the layered compound Li<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>0.5</sub>Sb<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



## Is this model reflecting reality ???



McCalla, Rousse.., Chemistry of Materials, 2015

## Example 2: Li<sub>2</sub>IrO<sub>3</sub>: (O-O) dimers

Use of the HRPT neutron diffractometer at PSI-SINQ



E. McCalla, A. Abakumov, G. Rousse, M.L. Doublet and J.M. Tarascon, Science; 2015

#### Trends on electrode materials for Li-ion batteries



Anionic oxygen redox in 2D and 3D compounds

#### NMC compounds ?

Cobalt: costly and ethical issues: from NMC 333 to 622, 811...

How to apply in **Li-rich NMC** that in addition suffer from cationic migrations,  $O_2$  release ?



#### **Outline of the course**

Introduction to Li-ion batteries: fondamentals

I. Trends in positive electrode materials for Li-ion

 a) Polyanionic compounds: classical redox
 b) Rocksalt-based derivatives: anionic redox

II. Beyond Li-ion batteries

- a) Solid state batteries
- b) Na-ion batteries

#### a) All-solid-state batteries Recent revival : industrial rush announcements



#### **Emergence of all-solid-state batteries**



#### **Emergence of all-solid-state batteries**



Solid Electrolyte is SAFE!!!

✓ enables 1) the use of Li at the anode ⇒Voltage  $\uparrow$  => energy density  $\uparrow$ 

2) faster charging times

#### **Challenges in all-solid-state batteries**

Solid electrolyte as conductive as liquid ionic conductors ?



#### **Ionic conductors**

## High conducting materials = high structural disorder " What kind of disorder ?

- $\checkmark$  HT phases (high symmetry, disordered)
- ✓ Heterovalent substitution

 $Li_{10}GeP_2S_{12}$  $\sigma_{\rm RT} = 1.2 \times 10^{-2} \, {\rm S} \cdot {\rm cm}^{-1}$ 





# b) The Na-ion technology: an alternative for cost and sustainability reasons.



#### Blooming research on Na insertion electrodes over the last 5 years



#### Demonstrated prototype : Polyanionic Na<sub>3</sub>V<sub>2</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> (NVPF) // 1M 1M NaPF<sub>6</sub>-PC // hard carbon



specific energy > 370 Wh kg<sup>-1</sup>

#### Comparison with other technologies in terms of powder and energy density



Solutions to be found via an european project that is under construction http://battery2030.eu/

