**Figure 1.** Structural and chemical transformations observed within the Cu$^{3+}$X$_2$(PO$_4$)$_3$ [X = Ti, Zr, Hf & Sn] series

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**MS17-P5** Real-time XRD nd XAS investigation on the influences of vanadium additives to the structural chemical state evolutions of LiFePO$_4$ of a lithium-ion

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The influence of adding vanadium on the structure evolution and electrochemical performance of LiFePO$_4$ were systematically investigated by in-situ x-ray powder diffraction and x-ray absorption near edge structure spectroscopy. Our results indicate that the addition of a small amount of vanadium (less than at 1%) significantly reduces the formation of non-crystalline (highly disordered) triphylite and remnant heterosite phases in the cathode of battery especially at higher C rates. By adding vanadium, the cycle stability of LiFePO$_4$ cathode is improved by 14.9% compared to that of pristine LiFePO$_4$ cathode in the batteries. Such an enhancement could be attributed to the improved ion diffusion kinetics and reduced inactive LiFePO$_4$ in cathode by the reversible excess charge – vacancy effects of supervalent-vanadium additive in cathode during electrochemical redox cycles. The most interesting point is the difference between diffraction intensity ratio determined by XRD and ratio of oxidation state of Fe ion determined XAS. Without V additives, this difference is much larger after cycling, which implies the disorder irreversible phase persists.

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