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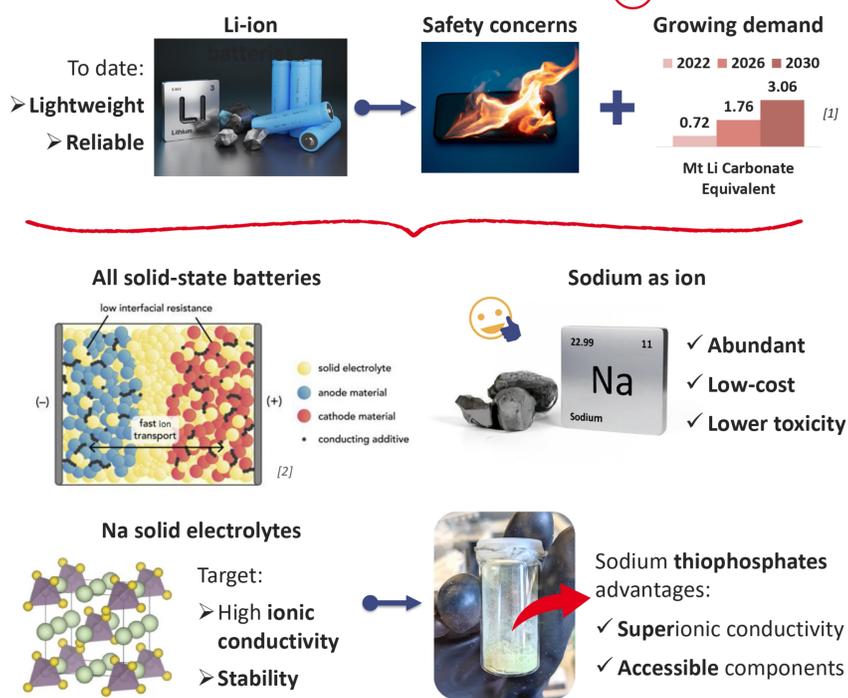
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Introduction

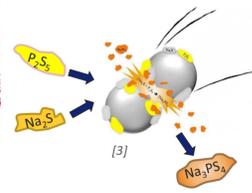


Methodology

Ball milling synthesis

Mechanochemical synthesis conditions:

- ZrO₂ jar + balls



Amorphous Na₃PS₄ (am-NPS)

Semi-crystalline Na₃PS₄ (sc-NPS)

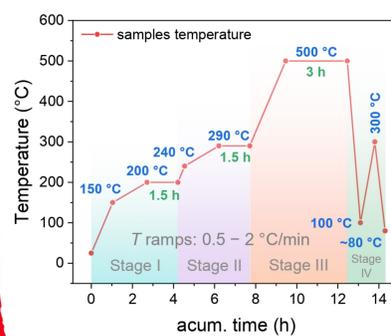
- Rotation speed: 510 rpm
- Balls: 35 g × Ø5 mm
- Milling time: 24 h

Rotation speed: 600 rpm

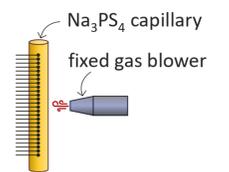
Balls: 35 g × Ø10 mm

Milling time: 10 h

Heat treatment and X-ray diffraction



- Gas blower at fixed position
- 25 diffractograms near the heating region
- Optimal selection of the hot spot



- Data collection looped in time (hence in temperature)

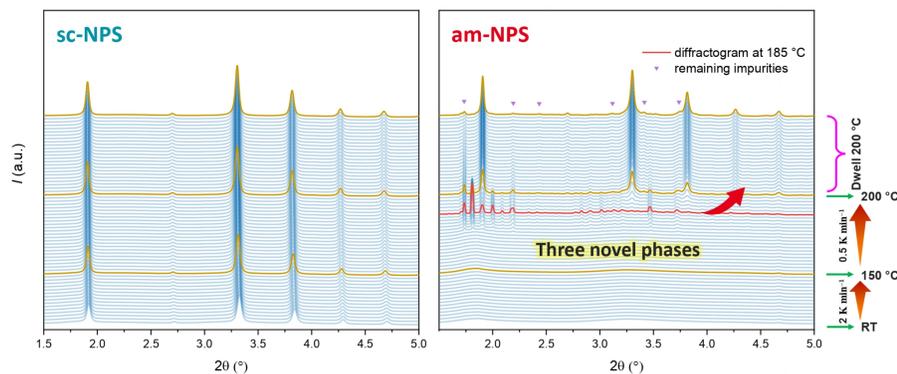
- Identification of crystallization temperatures and kinetics

Results and discussion

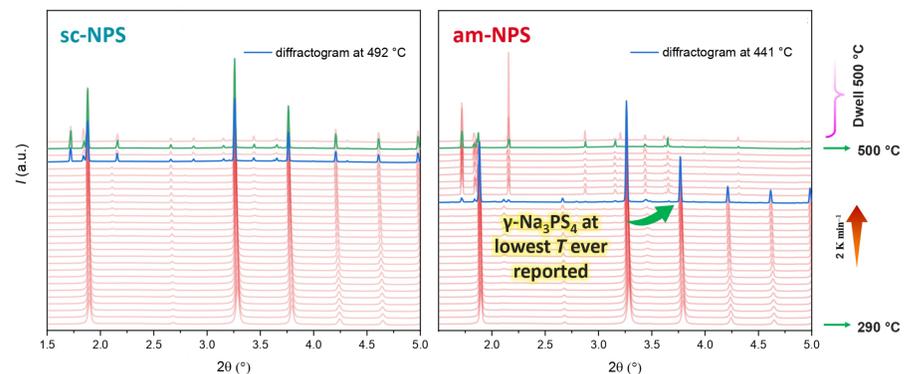
Crystallization process

RT → 200 °C

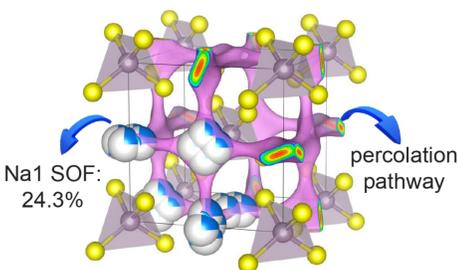
290 °C → 500 °C



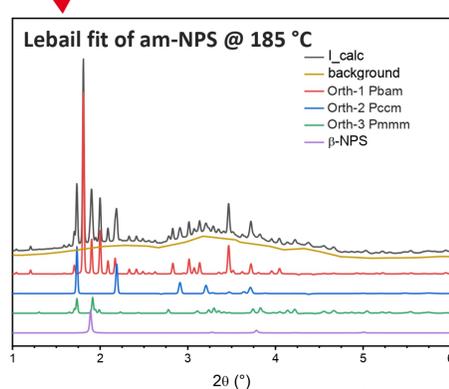
The am-NPS presents the formation of the three novel orthorhombic phases at 185 °C



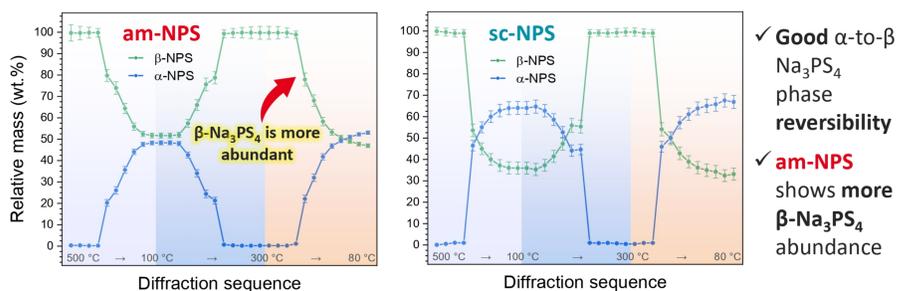
Blue curves → γ-Na₃PS₄ peaks appear. The β-to-γ phase transition is only complete for am-NPS, while sc-NPS exhibits β-Na₃PS₄ even after a 3 h plateau at 500 °C



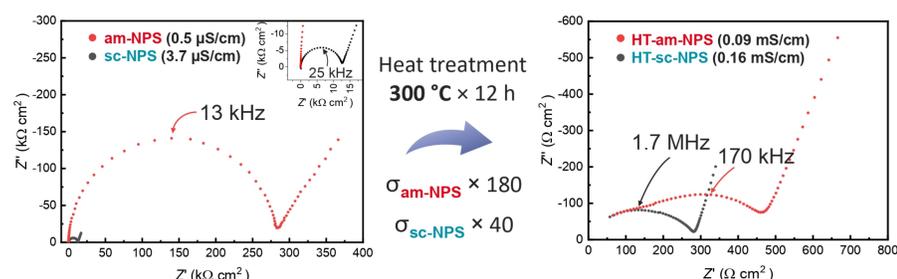
Structure of pristine sc-NPS from NPD and SXRD data refinement



Reversibility of α-to-β Na₃PS₄ phase transition



Evolution in ionic conductivity



Conclusions

- The ball milling conditions strongly affect the crystallinity of the pristine product
- The crystallinity of the samples impacts on the reaction pathway
- The heat treatment is essential to obtain high ionic conductivities

Perspectives

- Dope Na₃PS₄ with aliovalent elements (W, Mo, etc.) and compare with these results
- Try other ball milling conditions, e.g. in liquid

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