

## **Supplementary Information**

**Figure SI1**: comparison of the 25-29.5° angular range in situ XRD of SnSb/Li at the end of discharge (from x=3.8 to 4.3) with different LixSn calculated XRD: the best agreement is obtained with LiSn.



**Figure SI2**: Magnified regions of the *in situ* X-ray diffraction patterns of the (Sn+Sb)/Li cell.



Figure SI3 : a) Galvanostatic derivative curves for SnSb/Li, (Sn+Sb)/Li and Sb/cell.