

Supporting information on

Conversion reactions for sodium-ion batteries

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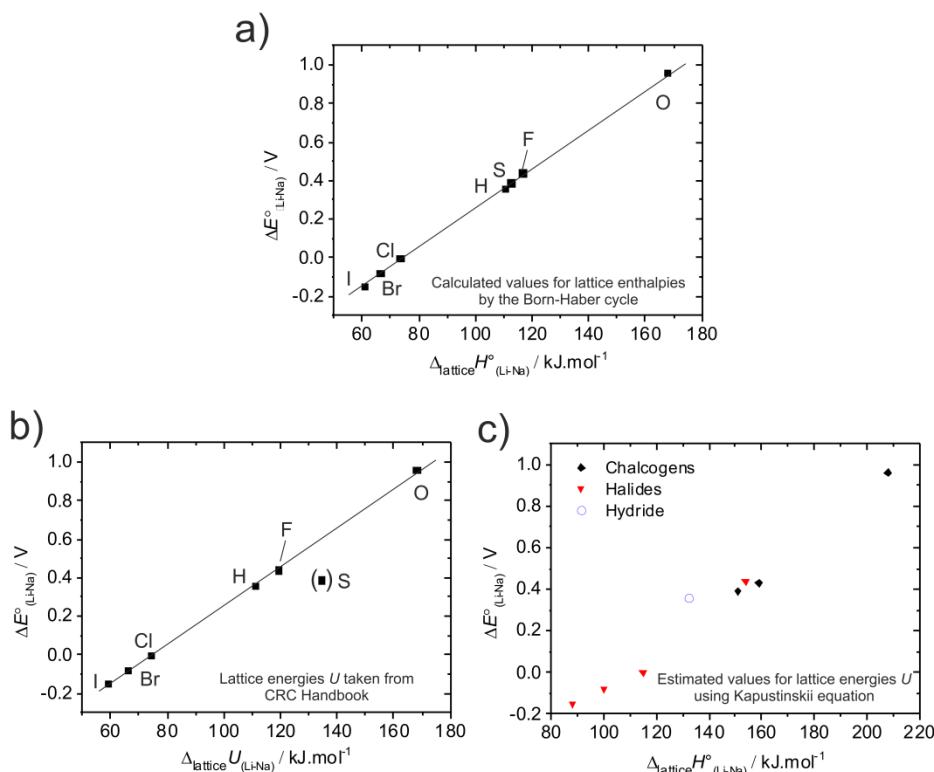


Figure S1

a) Differences in lattice enthalpies $\Delta_{\text{lattice}} H_{(\text{Li-Na})}^{\circ}$ and differences in cell potentials $\Delta E_{\text{Li-Na}}^{\circ}$ for lithium and sodium based compounds (LiI/NaI , LiBr/NaBr , LiCl/NaCl , LiH/NaH , LiF/NaF , $\text{Li}_2\text{S/Na}_2\text{S}$, and $\text{Li}_2\text{O/Na}_2\text{O}$). Values for the lattice enthalpies were calculated by the Born-Haber cycle. Cell potentials have been calculated by using the thermodynamic database from HSC Chemistry 7.0.

As can be seen, a linear relationship between values for $\Delta_{\text{lattice}} H_{(\text{Li-Na})}^{\circ}$ and $\Delta E_{\text{Li-Na}}^{\circ}$ exists ($y=0.0103x-0.7655$).

b) X-axis replaced by the differences in lattice energies $\Delta_{\text{lattice}} U_{(\text{Li-Na})}$. Source for lattice energies U : CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics 84th edition, Chapter 12, page 22. Values for lattice enthalpies can be directly calculated from the lattice energies, however, the differences are negligible (< 0.5 % for the compounds discussed here). The linear behavior is in line with what is shown in a). Interestingly, $\text{Li}_2\text{S/Na}_2\text{S}$ deviates from the linear correlation. This behavior cannot be explained so far but might be due to incorrect thermodynamic data for the reported lattice energies. Estimating the lattice energy by the Kapustinskii equation (c) shows no significant deviation from the linear relationship for sulfides.

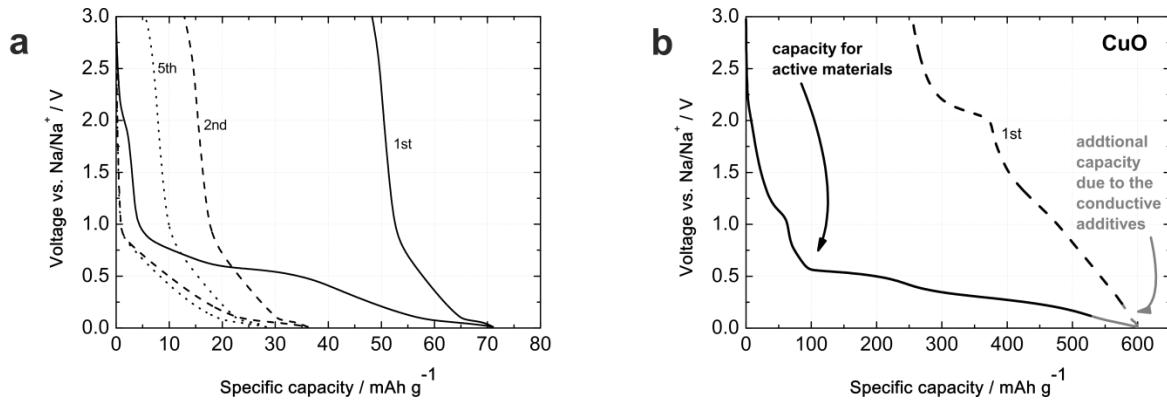


Figure S2 Contribution of the conductive additive (15wt% Super PLi and 10% SFG-44 graphite) to the overall capacity obtained for the CuO electrode.

a: Capacity of an electrode without CuO but the same weight ratio of Super PLi and SFG-44 as the one that is used for the conversion electrodes. The specific capacity has been normalized to the content that is present in the conversion electrode, i.e. 25wt%.

b: Graphical illustration of the amount of capacity that is due to the carbon additive. Upon discharge, the contribution is around 10 %. Upon charge and subsequent cycling, the contribution is below 10 %.

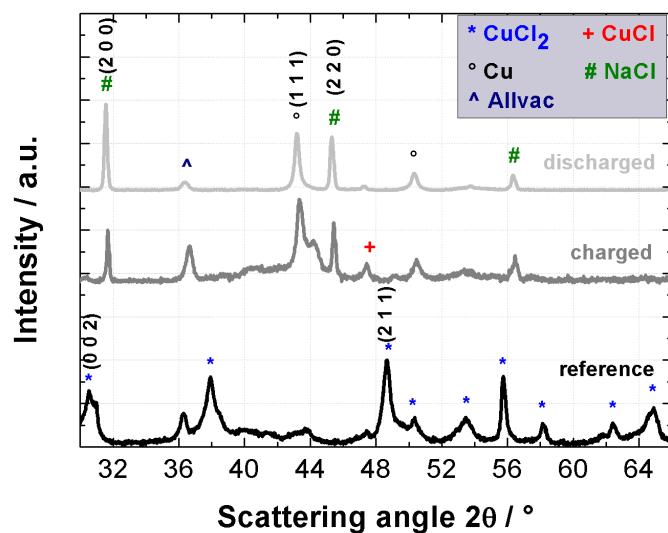


Figure S3 X-ray diffraction pattern of CuCl₂ electrodes before (reference) and after the first discharge and charge.

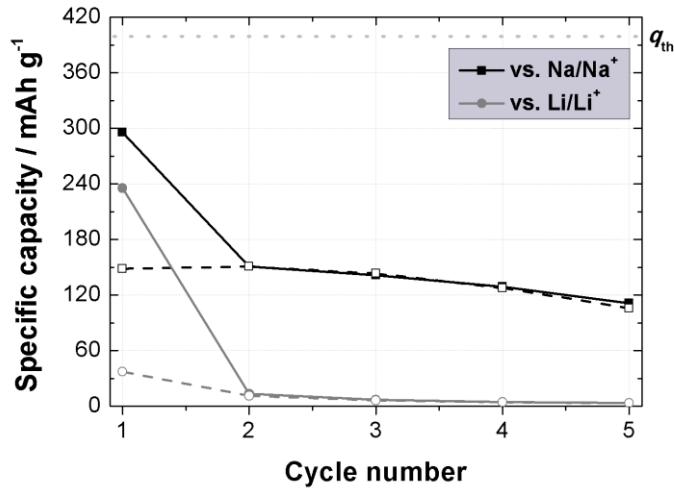
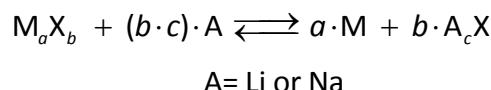


Figure S4 Cycling stability of conversion reactions of CuCl₂ with lithium and sodium.

Table S1: Additional thermodynamic data for lithium and sodium based conversion reactions. The theoretical capacity q [Ah.kg⁻¹] is calculated by $q_{\text{th}}=(z \cdot F)/(3.6 \cdot M)$ with z being the number of transferred electrons, F as Faraday constant and M as molar mass of the compound before conversion. The theoretical energy density w_{th} is calculated by $w_{\text{th}}=E^{\circ} \cdot q$.

The general conversion reaction is



Values for $\Delta E^{\circ}(\text{Li}-\text{Na})$ within a class of compounds (hydrides, oxides, sulfides, fluorides, chlorides, bromides, iodides) are always the same due to the following reactions.

Hydrides



Compound	z	$q_{\text{th}} / \text{Ah.kg}^{-1}$	$\Delta_r G / \text{kJ.mol}^{-1}$		$\Delta E^{\circ} / \text{V}$		$\Delta E^{\circ}(\text{Li}-\text{Na})$	$w_{\text{th}} / \text{Wh.kg}^{-1}$	
			vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺	vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺		Na	Li
TiH ₂	2	1074	38.03	- 31.62	- 0.20	0.16	0.36	- 110	138
CuH	1	415	- 88.68	- 123.9	0.92	1.28	0.36	281	480
MgH ₂	2	2036	- 30.72	- 100.37	0.16	0.52	0.36	118	695
CaH ₂	2	1273	+ 75.43	+ 5.78	- 0.39	- 0.03	0.36	- 238	- 29

Nitrides

Compound	z	$q_{\text{th}} / \text{Ah.kg}^{-1}$	$\Delta_r G / \text{kJ.mol}^{-1}$		$\Delta E^{\circ} / \text{V}$		$\Delta E^{\circ}(\text{Li}-\text{Na})$	$w_{\text{th}} / \text{Wh.kg}^{-1}$	
			vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺	vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺		Na	Li
TiN	3	1299	n/a	180.56	n/a	- 0.62	n/a	n/a	- 606
VN	3	1238	n/a	62.47	n/a	- 0.22	n/a	n/a	- 202
CrN	3	1218	n/a	- 35.8	n/a	0.12	n/a	n/a	115
Mn ₄ N	3	344	n/a	- 24.34	n/a	0.08	n/a	n/a	27
Mn ₃ N ₂	6	834	n/a	- 110.75	n/a	0.19	n/a	n/a	131
Fe ₄ N	3	339	n/a	- 132.33	n/a	0.46	n/a	n/a	142
Co ₃ N	3	421	n/a	- 163.00	n/a	0.56	n/a	n/a	214
Ni ₃ N	3	423	n/a	- 155.47	n/a	0.54	n/a	n/a	205
Cu ₃ N	3	393	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Phosphides

Compound	z	$q_{\text{th}} / \text{Ah} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$	$\Delta_r G / \text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$		$\Delta E^\circ / \text{V}$		$\Delta E^\circ(\text{Li}-\text{Na})$	$w_{\text{th}} / \text{Wh} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$	
			vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺	vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺		Na	Li
CrP	3	969	- 67.41	n/a	0.23	n/a	n/a	123	n/a
MnP	3	936	- 62.87	n/a	0.22	n/a	n/a	113	n/a
FeP	3	926	- 91.87	n/a	0.32	n/a	n/a	164	n/a
Fe₂P	6	1365	- 228.93	n/a	0.40	n/a	n/a	249	n/a
Fe₃P	3	405	- 28.87	n/a	0.10	n/a	n/a	0	n/a
Fe₂P	3	564	- 49.56	n/a	0.17	n/a	n/a	65	n/a
CoP	3	894	- 40.59	n/a	0.14	n/a	n/a	71	n/a
CoP₃	3	1589	- 296.36	n/a	0.34	n/a	n/a	229	n/a
NiP₂	6	1333	- 252.88	n/a	0.44	n/a	n/a	272	n/a
NiP₃	9	1591	- 418.95	n/a	0.48	n/a	n/a	325	n/a
Ni₂P	3	542	- 14.49	n/a	0.05	n/a	n/a	19	n/a
CuP₂	6	1281	- 258.76	n/a	0.45	n/a	n/a	273	n/a
Cu₃P	3	363	- 14.99	n/a	0.05	n/a	n/a	14	n/a

Note: The standard free enthalpy of formation of Na₃P is an estimate taken from ref JM Sangster,
 Journal of Phase Equilibria and Diffusion, Vol. 31, No 1, 2010, pages 62-67

Oxides



Compound	z	$q_{\text{th}} / \text{Ah.kg}^{-1}$	$\Delta_r G / \text{kJ.mol}^{-1}$		$\Delta E^\bullet / \text{V}$		$\Delta E^\circ(\text{Li}-\text{Na})$	$w_{\text{th}} / \text{Wh kg}^{-1}$	
			vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺	vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺		Na	Li
TiO ₂	4	1342	137.00	-232.88	-0.35	0.60	0.96	-221	601
VO ₂	4	1293	-93.37	-463.07	0.24	1.20	0.96	148	1162
CrO ₂	4	1276	-223.24	-592.93	0.58	1.54	0.96	352	1474
MnO	2	756	-13.47	-198.31	0.07	1.03	0.96	32	649
MnO ₂	4	1233	-287.48	-657.18	0.74	1.70	0.96	446	1592
Mn ₂ O ₃	6	1019	-247.93	-802.47	0.43	1.39	0.96	233	1117
FeO	2	746	-125.72	-310.56	0.65	1.61	0.96	296	1006
Fe ₂ O ₃	6	1007	-384.66	-939.20	0.66	1.62	0.96	359	1296
CoO	2	715	-162.10	-346.95	0.84	1.80	0.96	372	1085
Co ₃ O ₄	8	891	-710.30	-1449.68	0.92	1.88	0.96	465	1359
NiO	2	718	-164.72	-349.56	0.85	1.81	0.96	379	1096
CuO	2	674	-246.71	-431.55	1.28	2.24	0.96	546	1283
Cu ₂ O	2	375	-230.44	-415.29	1.19	2.15	0.96	338	735
ZnO	2	659	-58.15	-243.00	0.30	1.26	0.96	129	724
RuO ₂	4	806	-499.94	-869.64	1.30	2.25	0.96	617	1502
Al ₂ O ₃	6	1577	453.51	-101.17	-0.78	0.17	0.96	-525	196
Ga ₂ O ₃	6	858	-130.51	-685.05	0.23	1.18	0.96	111	831
In ₂ O ₃	6	579	-298.17	-852.71	0.52	1.47	0.96	199	742

Sulfides



Compound	z	$q_{\text{th}} / \text{Ah.kg}^{-1}$	$\Delta_r G / \text{kJ.mol}^{-1}$		$\Delta E^\bullet / \text{V}$		$\Delta E^\circ(\text{Li}-\text{Na})$	$w_{\text{th}} / \text{Wh.kg}^{-1}$	
			vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺	vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺		Na	Li
TiS ₂	4	957	-320.46	-470.06	0.83	1.22	0.39	436	934
MnS	2	616	-138.57	-213.37	0.72	1.11	0.39	289	588
MnS ₂	4	900	-488.78	-638.38	1.27	1.65	0.39	643	1208
FeS	2	610	-257.48	-332.28	1.33	1.72	0.39	534	907
FeS ₂	4	894	-548.77	-698.38	1.42	1.81	0.39	719	1313
Co ₃ S ₄	8	703	-1095.73	-1394.94	1.42	1.81	0.39	622	1075
CoS	2	589	-261.00	-335.80	1.35	1.74	0.39	529	889
NiS	2	591	-266.41	-341.21	1.38	1.77	0.39	541	906
Ni ₃ S ₂	4	446	-505.20	-654.80	1.31	1.70	0.39	422	679
CuS	2	561	-304.02	-378.82	1.58	1.96	0.39	596	961
Cu ₂ S	2	337	-269.15	-343.95	1.39	1.78	0.39	364	552
ZnS	2	550	-159.25	-234.06	0.83	1.21	0.39	308	584
Al ₂ S ₃	6	1071	-435.51	-659.92	0.75	1.14	0.39	420	956
Ga ₂ S ₃	6	682	-567.56	-791.97	0.98	1.37	0.39	422	793
In ₂ S ₃	6	494	-731.95	-956.36	1.26	1.65	0.39	438	723

Fluorides



Compound	z	$q_{\text{th}} / \text{Ah.kg}^{-1}$	$\Delta_r G / \text{kJ.mol}^{-1}$		$\Delta E^\bullet / \text{V}$		$\Delta E^\circ(\text{Li-Na})$	$w_{\text{th}} / \text{Wh.kg}^{-1}$	
			vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺	vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺		Na	Li
ScF ₃	3	789	- 99.18	- 226.10	0.34	0.78	0.44	161	512
TiF ₃	3	767	- 277.17	- 404.09	0.96	1.40	0.44	443	893
VF ₂	2	603	- 146.77	- 231.38	0.76	1.20	0.44	302	625
VF ₃	3	745	- 412.54	- 539.46	1.43	1.86	0.44	648	1164
CrF ₃	3	738	- 548.75	- 675.67	1.89	2.33	0.44	856	1446
MnF ₂	2	577	- 280.24	- 364.86	1.45	1.89	0.44	560	949
FeF ₂	2	571	- 424.06	- 508.68	2.20	2.64	0.44	842	1312
FeF ₃	3	712	- 714.06	- 840.98	2.47	2.91	0.44	1091	1748
CoF ₂	2	553	- 464.67	- 549.28	2.41	2.85	0.44	903	1377
NiF ₂	2	554	- 482.81	- 567.42	2.50	2.94	0.44	940	1425
CuF ₂	2	528	- 597.13	- 681.74	3.09	3.53	0.44	1124	1641
ZnF ₂	2	518	- 379.19	- 463.81	1.96	2.40	0.44	705	1099

Chlorides



Compound	z	$q_{\text{th}} / \text{Ah.kg}^{-1}$	$\Delta_r G / \text{kJ.mol}^{-1}$		$\Delta E^\bullet / \text{V}$		$\Delta E^\circ(\text{Li-Na})$	$w_{\text{th}} / \text{Wh.kg}^{-1}$	
			vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺	vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺		Na	Li
ScCl ₃	3	531	- 299.32	- 299.12	1.03	1.03	0.00	377	483
TiCl ₄	4	565	- 801.12	- 800.86	2.08	2.08	0.00	1018	1023
VCl ₂	2	440	- 362.64	- 362.51	1.88	1.88	0.00	600	742
VCl ₃	3	511	- 640.93	- 640.73	2.21	2.21	0.00	787	999
MnCl ₂	2	426	- 327.73	- 327.59	1.70	1.70	0.00	530	651
FeCl ₂	2	423	- 466.26	- 466.16	2.42	2.42	0.00	750	921
FeCl ₃	3	496	- 818.22	- 818.02	2.83	2.83	0.00	983	1242
CoCl ₂	2	413	- 498.56	- 498.43	2.58	2.58	0.00	788	963
NiCl ₂	2	414	- 509.10	- 508.97	2.64	2.64	0.00	805	985
CuCl	1	271	- 264.52	- 264.45	2.74	2.74	0.00	602	693
CuCl ₂	2	399	- 593.22	- 593.09	3.07	3.07	0.00	913	1111
ZnCl ₂	2	393	- 397.83	- 397.70	2.06	2.06	0.00	606	736

Bromides



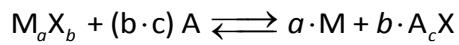
Compound	z	$q_{\text{th}} / \text{Ah.kg}^{-1}$	$\Delta_r G / \text{kJ.mol}^{-1}$		$\Delta E^\bullet / \text{V}$		$\Delta E^\circ(\text{Li}-\text{Na})$	$w_{\text{th}} / \text{Wh.kg}^{-1}$	
			vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺	vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺		Na	Li
ScBr ₃	3	282	-329.81	-308.10	1.14	1.06	-0.08	259	280
TiBr ₄	4	292	-805.66	-776.71	2.09	2.01	-0.08	487	546
VBr ₂	2	277	-350.34	-335.86	1.82	1.74	-0.08	379	415
VBr ₃	3	291	-633.87	-612.15	2.19	2.11	-0.08	447	546
CrBr ₃	3	276	-674.75	-653.04	2.33	2.26	-0.08	520	580
MnBr ₂	2	250	-327.08	-312.6	1.69	1.62	-0.08	348	380
FeBr ₂	2	249	-460.85	-446.37	2.39	2.31	-0.08	489	540
FeBr ₃	3	272	-802.39	-780.67	2.77	2.70	-0.08	611	685
CoBr ₂	2	245	-496.87	-482.39	2.57	2.50	-0.08	521	576
NiBr ₂	2	245	-504.07	-489.59	2.61	2.54	-0.08	529	585
CuBr	1	187	-248.01	-240.76	2.57	2.50	-0.08	414	445
CuBr ₂	2	240	-576.19	-561.71	2.99	2.91	-0.08	594	658
ZnBr ₂	2	238	-385.69	-371.21	2.00	1.92	-0.08	395	431

Iodides



Compound	z	$q_{\text{th}} / \text{Ah.kg}^{-1}$	$\Delta_r G / \text{kJ.mol}^{-1}$		$\Delta E^\bullet / \text{V}$		$\Delta E^\circ(\text{Li}-\text{Na})$	$w_{\text{th}} / \text{Wh.kg}^{-1}$	
			vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺	vs. Na/Na ⁺	vs. Li/Li ⁺		Na	Li
ScI ₃	3	189	-291.96	-248.92	1.01	0.86	-0.15	164	156
TiI ₄	4	193	-767.74	-710.44	1.99	1.84	-0.15	329	338
VI ₂	2	176	-305.18	-276.53	1.58	1.43	-0.15	242	241
VI ₃	3	186	-573.51	-530.54	1.98	1.83	-0.15	318	326
MnI ₂	2	174	-325.84	-297.19	1.69	1.54	-0.15	255	256
FeI ₂	2	173	-457.44	-428.79	2.37	2.22	-0.15	357	368
FeI ₃	3	184	-747.02	-704.04	2.58	2.43	-0.15	410	428
CoI ₂	2	171	-474.05	-445.40	2.46	2.31	-0.15	367	379
NiI ₂	2	172	-474.95	-446.30	2.46	2.31	-0.15	368	380
CuI	1	140	-215.36	-201.03	2.23	2.08	-0.15	280	283
ZnI ₂	2	168	-358.91	-330.26	1.86	1.71	-0.15	273	275

Table S2: Volume expansion for a series of lithium (A = Li) and sodium (A = Na) based conversion reactions.



$$\text{volume expansion (\%)} = 100 \cdot \left(\frac{V(b \cdot A_c X) + V(a \cdot M)}{V(M_a X_b)} \right) - 100$$

Hydrides

Compound	Volume expansion / %	
	Na	Li
TiH ₂	239.3	125.5
MgH ₂	167.2	83.8
CaH ₂	144.3	82.7

Nitrides

Compound	Volume expansion / %	
	Na	Li
TiN	n/a	220.9
VN	n/a	239.5
CrN	n/a	209.8
Mn ₄ N	n/a	n/a
Mn ₃ N ₂	n/a	n/a
Fe ₄ N	n/a	54.6
Co ₃ N	n/a	n/a
Ni ₃ N	n/a	n/a
Cu ₃ N	n/a	n/a

Phosphides

Compound	Volume expansion / %	
	Na	Li
CrP	327.9	217.7
MnP	314.3	207.8
FeP	n/a	n/a
FeP₂	429.2	284.6
Fe₃P	167.4	110.8
Fe₂P	241.5	162.1
CoP	374.7	251.4
Co₃P	n/a	n/a
NiP₂	392.3	257.3
NiP₃	n/a	n/a
Ni₂P	248.9	166.6
CuP₂	308.2	196.7
Cu₃P	130.9	82.0

Oxides

Compound	Volume expansion / %	
	Na	Li
TiO₂	245.4	113.5
VO₂	230.4	100.0
CrO₂	260.0	114.9
MnO	162.7	68.3
MnO₂	262.3	116.7
Mn₂O₃	176	69
FeO	187.4	83.3
Fe₂O₃	215.4	92.8
CoO	192.3	85.0
Co₃O₄	227.8	101.3
NiO	205.0	92.9
CuO	172.8	74.0
Cu₂O	74.0	21.7
ZnO	151.2	65.3
RuO₂	190.0	100.5
Al₂O₃	296.2	150.9
Ga₂O₃	262.5	134.1
In₂O₃	193.0	96.4

Sulfides

Compound	Volume expansion / %	
	Na	Li
TiS ₂	185.0	100.5
MnS	127.3	62.8
MnS ₂	166.1	84.5
FeS	165.0	89.4
FeS ₂	281.6	164.2
Co ₃ S ₄	199.8	110.3
CoS	191.7	107.6
NiS	193.2	108.6
Ni ₃ S ₂	153.8	85.3
CuS	144.7	74.8
Cu ₂ S	97.9	48.5
ZnS	109.1	51.8
Al ₂ S ₃	96.6	40.0
Ga ₂ S ₃	132.0	66.7
In ₂ S ₃	115.2	58.7

Fluorides

Compound	Volume expansion / %	
	Na	Li
ScF ₃	55.1	14.5
TiF ₃	58.9	14.1
VF ₂	72.1	25.4
VF ₃	67.8	18.6
CrF ₃	83.2	28.2
MnF ₂	61.0	16.0
FeF ₂	62.6	16.8
FeF ₃	79.8	25.6
CoF ₂	69.6	21.2
NiF ₂	78.9	27.8
CuF ₂	55.4	11.6
ZnF ₂	88.5	38.1

Chlorides

Compound	Volume expansion / %	
	Na	Li
ScCl₃	51.7	20.9
TiCl₄	n/a	n/a
VCl₂	65.8	31.3
VCl₃	70.8	33.6
MnCl₂	45.2	14.5
FeCl₂	52.3	19.9
FeCl₃	57.4	22.6
CoCl₂	56.7	23.2
NiCl₂	65.9	30.4
CuCl₂	53.8	21.1
CuCl	42.5	15.4
ZnCl₂	34.8	7.0

Bromides

Compound	Volume expansion / %	
	Na	Li
ScBr₃	53.2	24.1
TiBr₄	27.6	1.7
VBr₂	58.2	27.5
VBr₃	44.4	15.3
CrBr₃	66.2	32.3
MnBr₂	46.3	17.5
FeBr₂	53.4	23.1
FeBr₃	57.5	25.3
CoBr₂	59.1	27.5
NiBr₂	65.3	32.4
CuBr	36.1	11.7
CuBr₂	52.4	22.2
ZnBr₂	46.7	18.5

Iodides

Compound	Volume expansion / %	
	Na	Li
ScI₃	52.3	25.8
TiI₄	54.0	27.4
VI₂	61.5	32.0
VI₃	58.6	29.7
CrI₃	48.7	22.0
MnI₂	45.8	19.7
FeI₂	52.4	20.0
CoI₂	60.8	31.8
NiI₂	65.1	35.3
CuI	43.0	19.3
ZnI₂	35.1	11.4