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Particle shapes and surface structures of olivine NaFePO₄ in comparison to LiFePO₄

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Table S1: Interatomic potential parameters for LiFePO₄ and NaFePO₄

a) Two-body Buckingham and shell potential parameters

Interaction	A (eV)	ρ (Å)	C (eV.Å ⁶)	Y (e)	K (eV.Å ⁻²)
Li ⁺ - O ²⁻	632.1010	0.2906	0.0	1.0	99999.0
Na ⁺ - O ²⁻	629.757635	0.317034	0.0	1.0	99999.0
Fe ²⁺ - O ²⁻	1105.2409	0.3106	0.0	2.997	19.26
P ⁵⁺ - O ²⁻	897.2648	0.3577	0.0	5.0	99999.0
O ²⁻ - O ²⁻	22764.3	0.149	44.53	-2.96	65.0

b) Three-body harmonic potential

Bond	k (eVrad ⁻²)	θ_0 (°)
O ²⁻ - P ⁵⁺ - O ²⁻	632.1010	0.2906

Table S2: Calculated properties of surfaces of NaFePO₄

Surface	Tasker surface type	d -spacing d_{hkl} /Å	Surface energy $E_{surface}$ /J m ⁻²	
			Unrelaxed	Relaxed
(010)	III	3.09	1.31	0.52
(110)	II	2.65	3.06	0.54
(221)	II	2.33	2.29	0.58
(120)	III	1.48	2.95	0.59
(021)	II	1.31	2.14	0.62
(201)	III	3.56	1.25	0.63
(211)	III	3.08	2.36	0.63
(011)	III	3.85	2.54	0.64
(210)	III	3.96	2.33	0.68
(111)	III	3.60	2.64	0.68
(100)	III	5.16	1.73	0.68
(101)	III	4.44	1.41	0.74
(121)	II	2.54	2.21	0.70
(212)	III	2.09	2.27	0.75
(012)	II	1.14	4.24	0.77
(112)	III	2.23	2.46	0.79
(122)	II	1.89	3.43	0.81
(102)	III	2.39	2.90	0.82
(001)	III	2.46	2.29	0.90

Table S3: Comparison of energies of low index surfaces of NaFePO₄ and LiFePO₄

Na surface	Tasker surface type	Relaxed $E_{surface}/\text{Jm}^{-2}$	Li surface	Tasker surface type	Relaxed $E_{surface}/\text{Jm}^{-2}$
(010)	III	0.52	(201)	III	0.71
(110)	II	0.54	(011)	III	0.75
(221)	II	0.58	(010)	III	0.75
(120)	III	0.59	(211)	III	0.80
(021)	II	0.62	(122)	III	0.80
(201)	III	0.63	(021)	II	0.82
(211)	III	0.63	(221)	II	0.84
(011)	III	0.64	(212)	III	0.86
(210)	III	0.68	(120)	III	0.86
(111)	III	0.68	(100)	III	0.87
(100)	III	0.68	(101)	III	0.88
(101)	III	0.74	(111)	III	0.89
(121)	II	0.70	(210)	III	0.90
(212)	III	0.75	(110)	II	0.92
(012)	II	0.77	(112)	III	0.94
(112)	III	0.79	(012)	III	0.94
(122)	II	0.81	(121)	II	0.94
(102)	III	0.82	(102)	III	0.96
(001)	III	0.90	(001)	III	1.11

Table S4: Literature survey of LiFePO₄ morphologies, dimensions and synthesis conditions.

Shape	Synthesis conditions	Particle size (single particle)	Identified surface planes, notes	Ref.
Nanoplate	Hydrothermal at 120 °C for 5 h; pH 7.56	3 μm long		1
	Hydrothermal at 220 °C for 3 h; pH ~7	4 μm × 2 μm × 200nm	010, long in <i>c</i>	2
	Hydrothermal at 170 °C for 12 h; pH 5.15	1-2 μm long	010	3
	Hydrothermal at 190 °C for 5 h	~2 μm long	010	4
	Hydrothermal at 170 °C for 12 h; pH 6.5	~3 μm long	010	5
	Hydrothermal at 190 °C for 12 h; pH 5	~2 μm long	010	6
	Hydrothermal at 150-220 °C for 5 h; ascorbic acid	1-3 μm × 100 nm		7
	Hydrothermal at 200 °C for 6 h; pH 10 with hydrazine	0.5 μm thick		7
	Hydrothermal at 150-175 °C; with PEG	1-3 μm × 200-300 nm		7
	Hydrothermal at 180 °C for 3 h; with PEG	~5 μm long		7
	Hydrothermal at 180 °C for 3 h, pH 8.5	~4 μm × ~400 nm	010	8
	Solvothermal in 3:5 ethanol/water at 180 °C for 3 h, pH 8.5	~1 μm × ~200 nm	010	8
	Solvothermal in 3:5 ethanol/water at 180 °C for 3 h w/C, pH 8.5	~1 μm × ~200 nm	010	8
	Solvothermal in 2:3 PEG400/water at 140 °C for 24 h	800 nm × 100 nm	010	9
	Solvothermal in 2:3 PEG400/water at 180 °C for 9 h	3 μm × 300 nm	010	9
	Hydrothermal at 120 °C for 3 h	2 μm × 200 nm	010, long in <i>c</i>	10
	Solvothermal at 170 °C for 2 h in DEG	~250 nm	100	11
	Solvothermal at 170 °C for 8 h in DEG	~600 nm (broadly distributed)		11
	Solvothermal at 170 °C for 16 h in DEG	~450 nm		11
	Solvothermal at 170 °C for 36 h in DEG	~450 nm		11
Solvothermal at 230 °C for 6 h in DEG	100 × 100 × 20nm	010	12	
Orthorhombic or rhombic	Hydrothermal at 335 °C for 16 h with TTEG	20 × 40nm	010	13
	Hydrothermal at 180 °C for 3-5 h, pH ~7 with citric acid and ammonia	5 μm		14
Rod or needle	Solvothermal in DEG at 230 °C for 16 h	200-250 nm × 180 nm × 100 nm		15
	Hydrothermal at 220C for 1 h	30 μm long		16
	Hydrothermal at 170 °C for 12 h; pH 3.5	(~2 μm × 600 nm)	Large in <i>bc</i> plane, long in <i>c</i>	5
	Microwave solvothermal in TEG at 300 °C w/ 5 min hold	100 nm × 25 nm × ? nm	Long in 001, wide in 100	17
	Microwave hydrothermal at 235 °C w/ 15 min hold	300 × 225 × ? nm	Long axis perpendicular to <i>b</i>	17
	Microwave solvothermal in TEG at 300 °C w/ 5 min hold	(~ 100 × 30 × ? nm)	Long in 001, wide in 100	18
	Aqueous under reflux for 24 h at ambient pressure	40 nm × 35 nm × 13 nm (60 nm × 15 nm × ?)	010 × 001 × 100	19
	Solvothermal in ionic liquids at 250 °C for 24h	10-100μm × 1μm	Long in <i>b</i>	20
	Reflux in TEG at 320 °C for 3-20h	Primary particles 1μm × <100nm	Primary particles long in 101	21
	Hydrothermal at 180 °C for 3 h pH ~7	15 × 50 nm - 25 × 100 nm	Long in <i>c</i>	10
	Reflux in TEG for 4 h	~300 nm long		10
		38 nm × 46 nm × 56 nm (68 nm × 26 nm)	100, 010, 001; long in <i>c</i>	22
		40 nm × 20 nm × 58 nm (195 nm × 37 nm)	100, 010, 001; long in <i>c</i>	
	Reflux in tEG for 4 h	24 nm × 25 nm × 40 nm (90 × 40nm)	100, 010, 001; long in <i>c</i>	22
		36 nm × 15 nm × 62 nm (600 × 39 nm)	100, 010, 001; long in <i>c</i>	
	Hydrothermal at 260 °C for 48 h	80-120 μm long	Long in <i>b</i>	23
Hydrothermal at 260 °C for 10 days	300-350 μm long	Long in <i>b</i>	23	
Hydrothermal at 260 °C for 48 h with EMI-TFSI IL	170 × 50 μm	Long in <i>b</i>	23	
Tabular	Hydrothermal at 180 °C for 5 days, pH ~7 with citric acid and ammonia	4 μm × 6 μm	010, 100, 101, 011	14
	Hydrothermal at 260 °C for 30 days with EMI-TFSI ionic liquid	700 μm × 250μm × 150 μm		23

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