

Supporting Information for

**The interplay between multiple doping elements in high-voltage LiCoO<sub>2</sub>**

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## 1. Figures

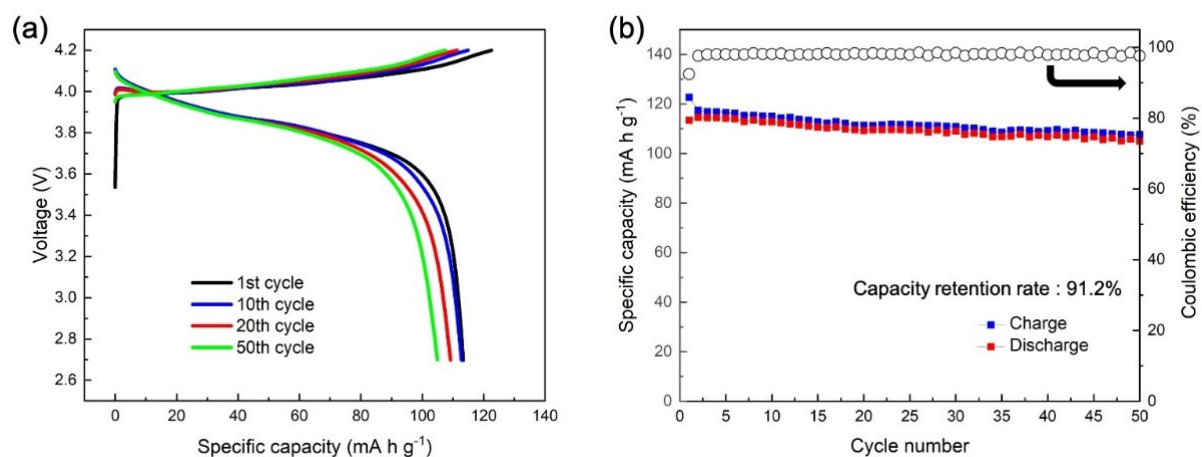


Figure S1. Electrochemical performance of LCO in the voltage range of 2.7-4.2 V using the current density of  $150 \text{ mA g}^{-1}$ . (a) The charge/discharge profiles at selected cycles. (b) The cycling performance of LCO.

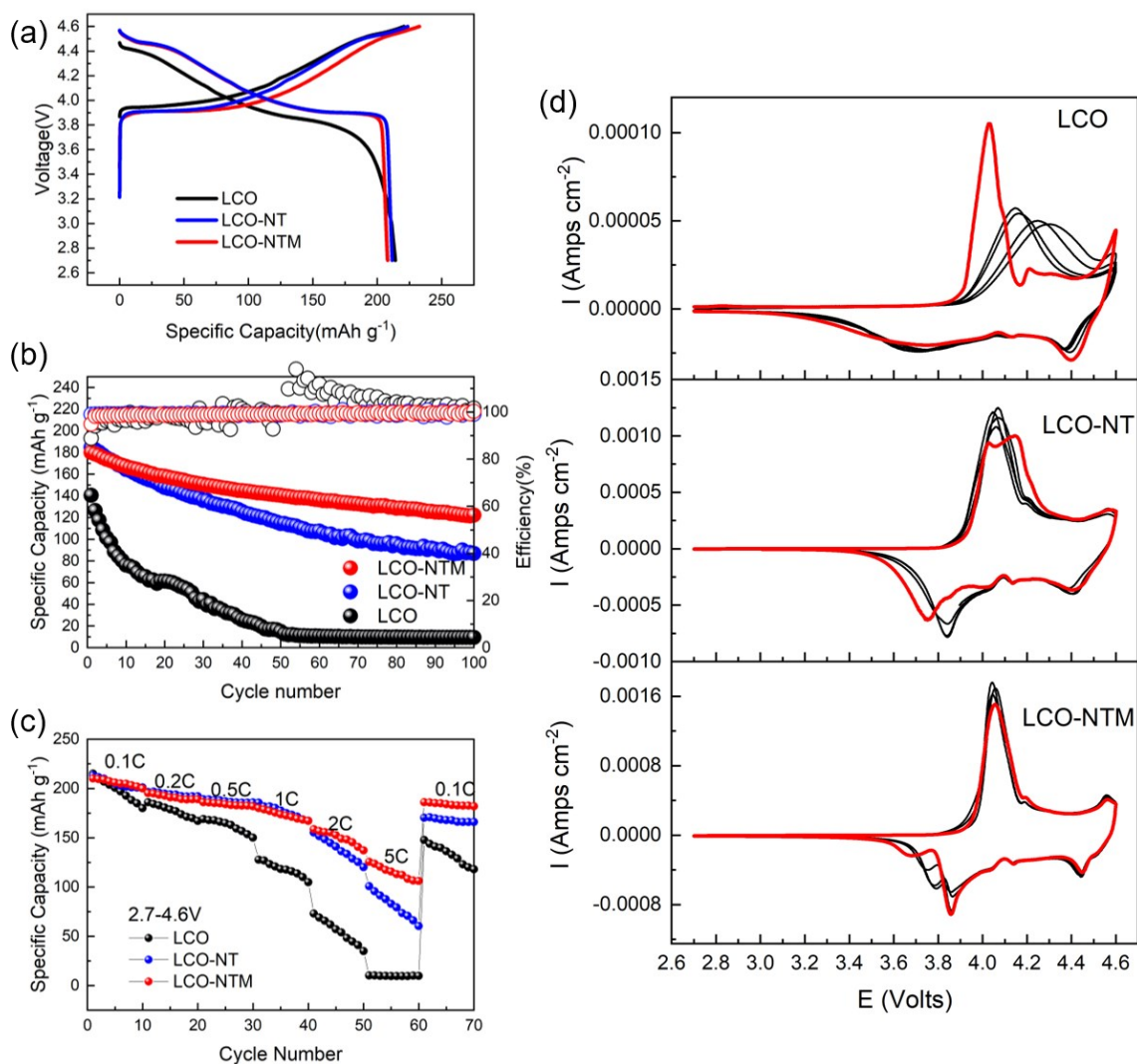


Figure S2. Electrochemical characterization of LCO and co-doped LCO in the voltage range of 2.7–4.6 V. (a) The first charge–discharge voltage profiles at 0.1 C. (b) The cycling performance at 1 C. (c) Rate performance. (d) The CV curves of LCO, LCO-NT and LCO-NTM in the initial five cycles.

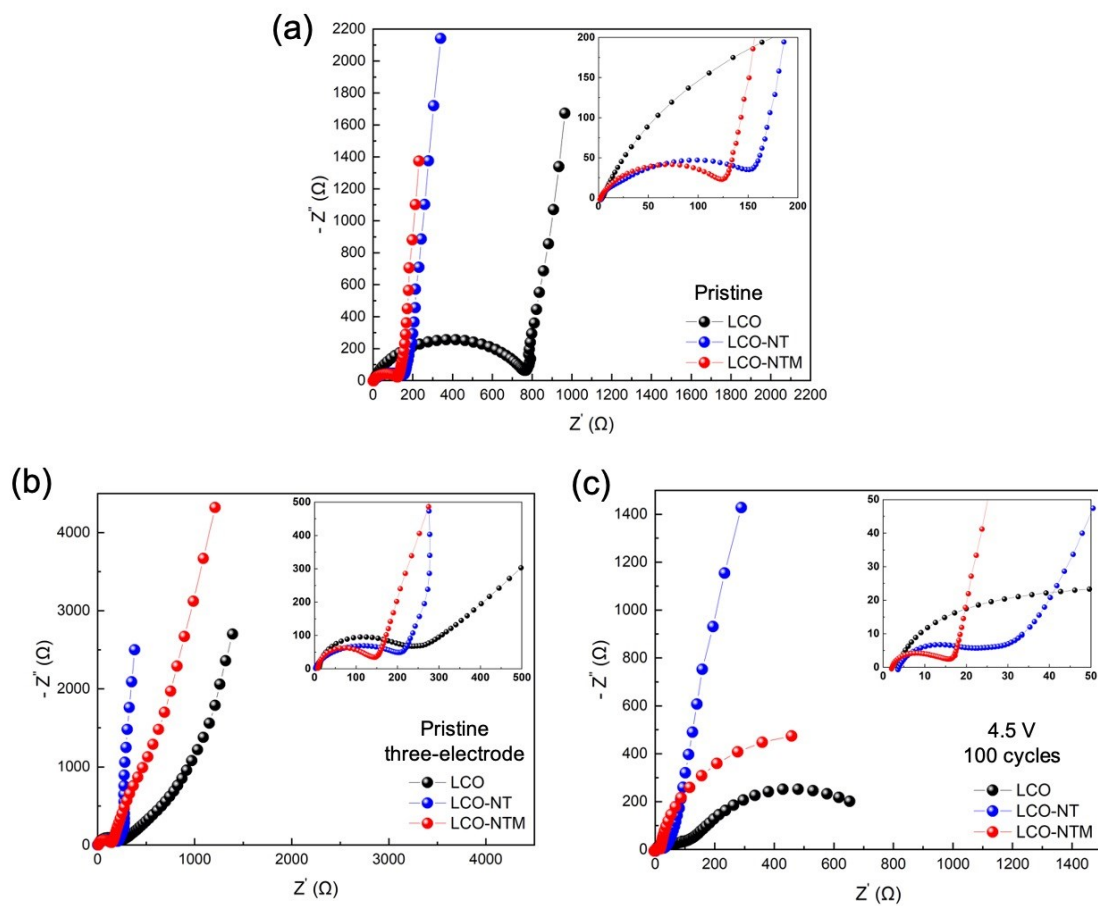


Figure S3. Electrochemical impedance spectra for LCO, LCO-NT and LCO-NTM cathodes, respectively, before cycling using coin-cell setup (a), before cycling using three-electrode setup (b), and after 100 cycles using coin-cell setup (c). In the three-electrode setup, Pt electrode and Ag/AgCl electrode were used as the work electrode and the reference electrode, respectively.

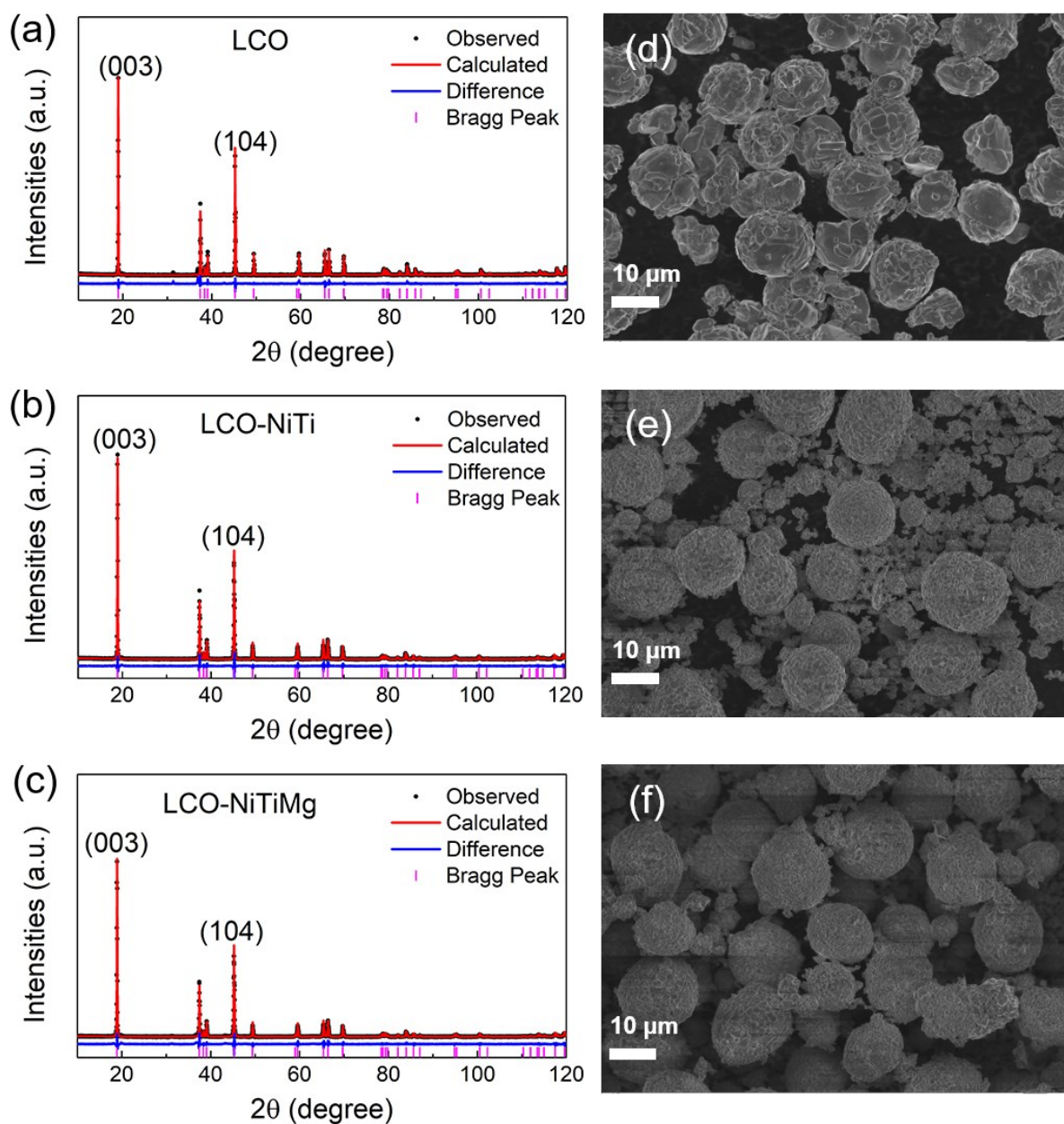


Figure S4. XRD patterns and Rietveld refinements of LCO (a), LCO-NT (b) and LCO-NTM (c). scanning electron microscope (SEM) images of LCO(d), LCO-NT (e) and LCO-NTM (f).



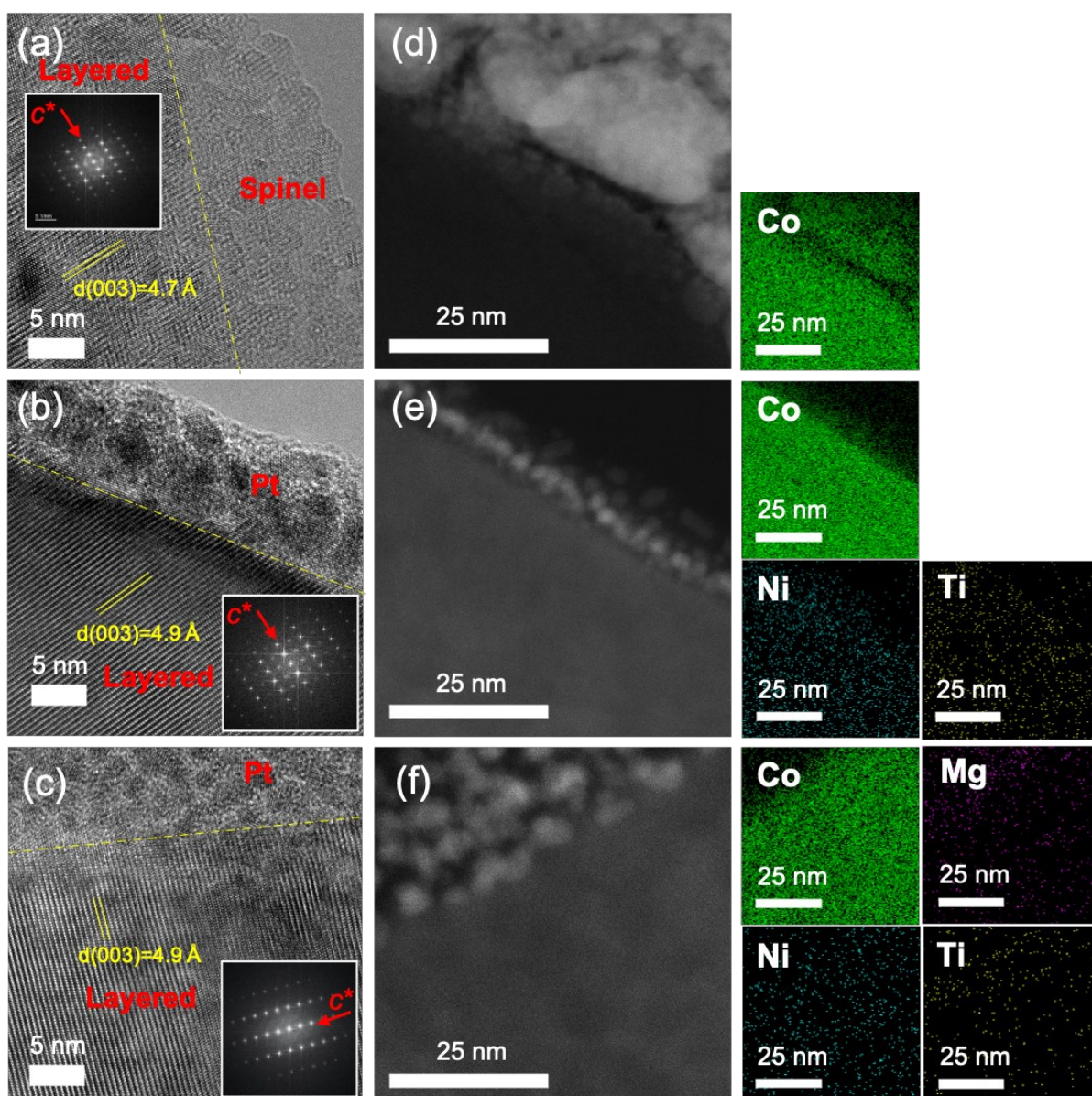


Figure S5. HRTEM images at the particle surface of LCO (a), LCO-NT (b) and LCO-NTM (c). The corresponding TEM-EDX mapping of LCO (d), LCO-NT (e) and LCO-NTM (f).

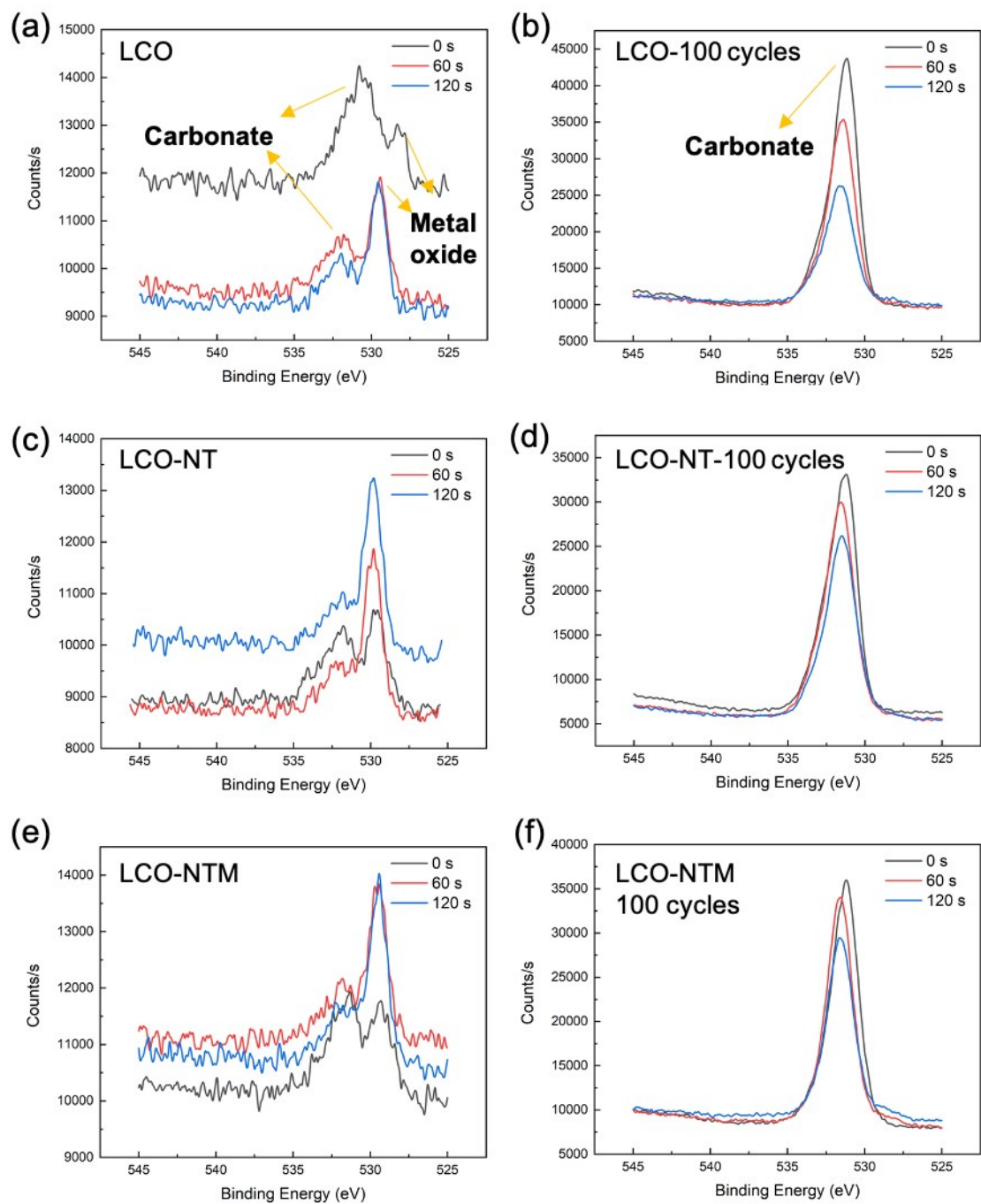


Figure S6. O 1s spectra of LCO (a, b), LCO-NT (c, d), and LCO-NTM (e, f) before cycling and after 100 cycles.

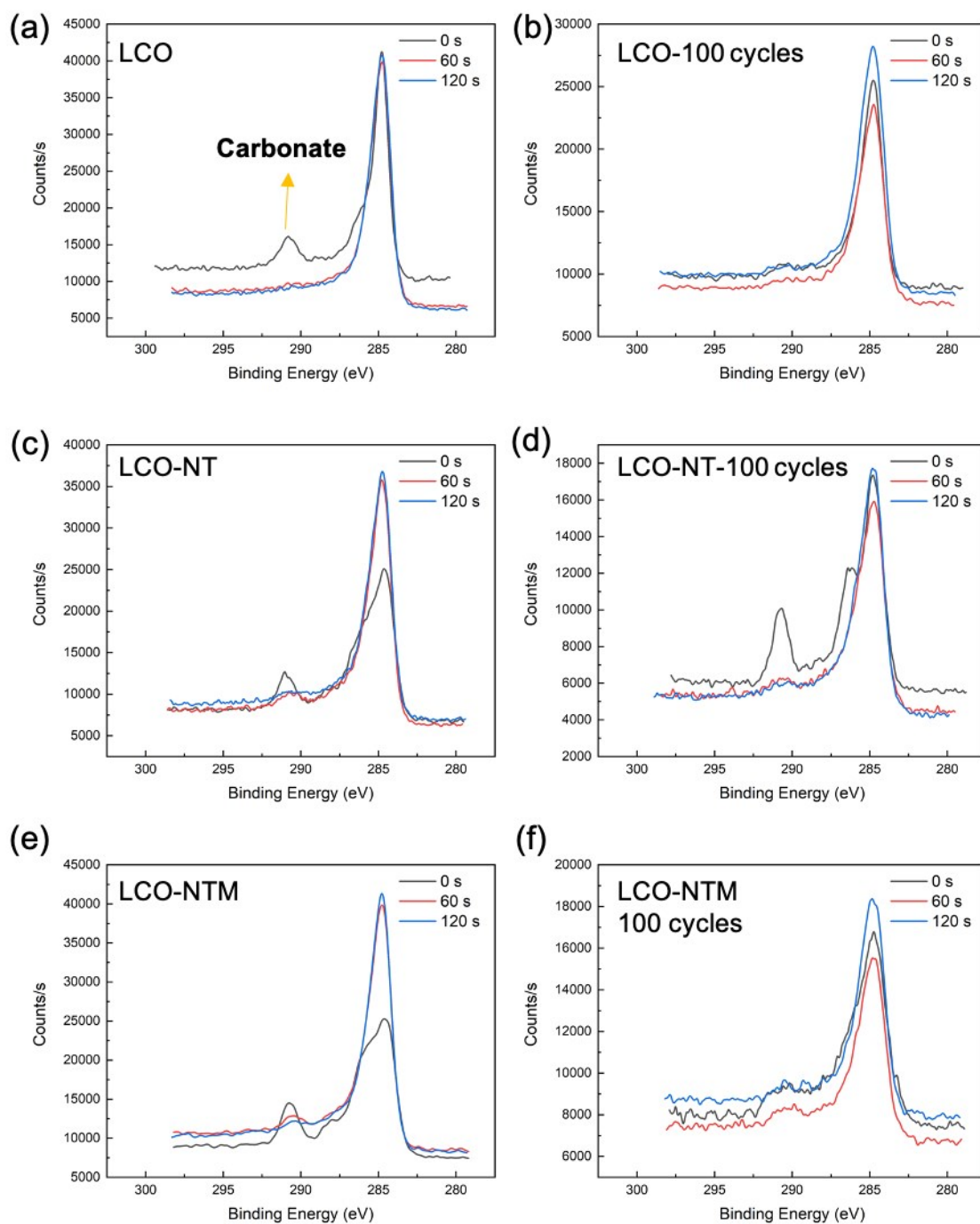


Figure S7. C 1s spectra of LCO (a, b), LCO-NT (c, d), and LCO-NTM (e, f) before cycling and after 100 cycles.



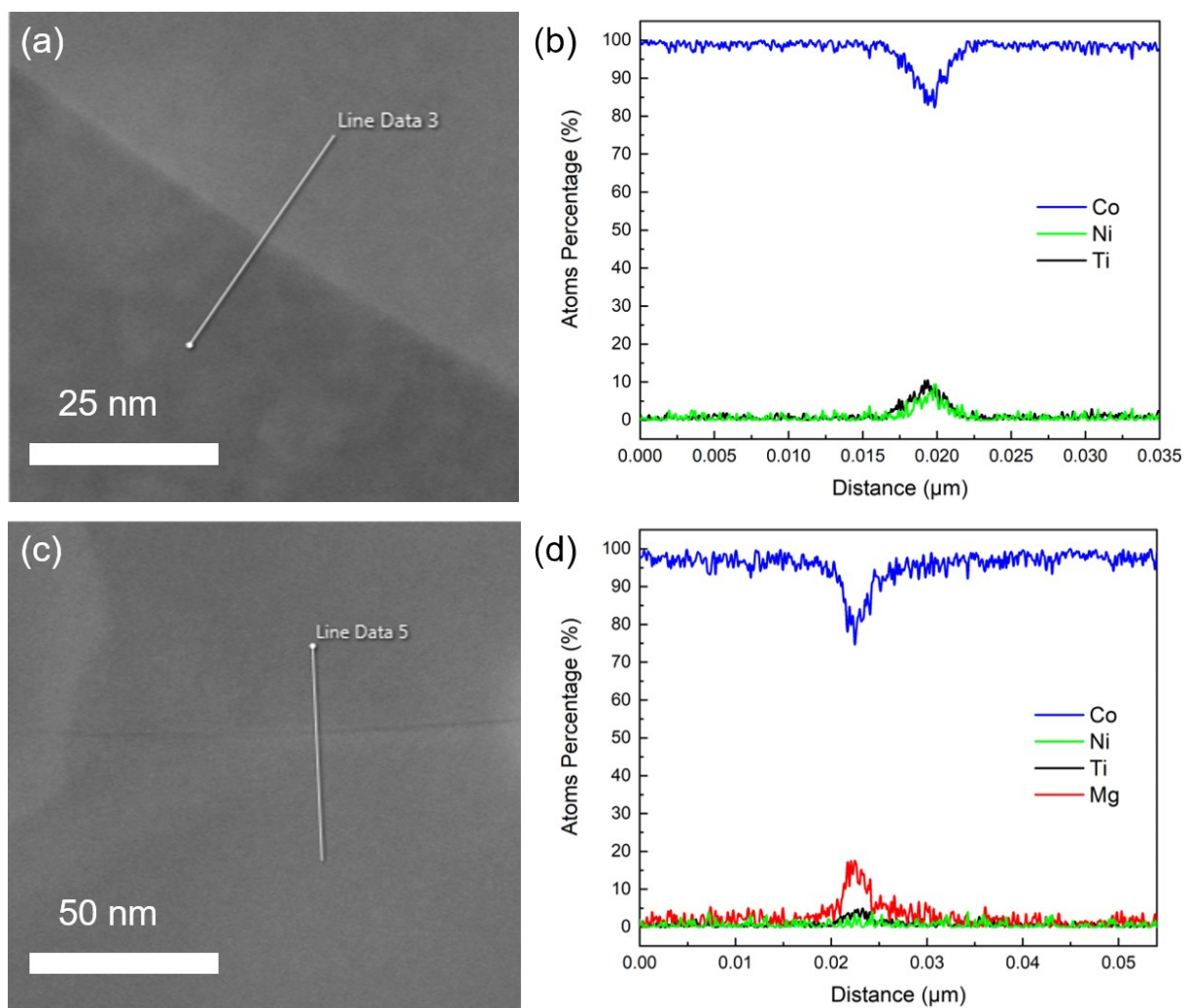


Figure S8. TEM images of the grain boundaries for LCO-NT (a) and LCO-NTM (c). EDX line scanning of LCO-NT (b) and LCO-NTM (d) perpendicular to the grain boundary in the corresponding TEM images (labelled by the white lines). The total content of all metal elements is normalized to 100%.

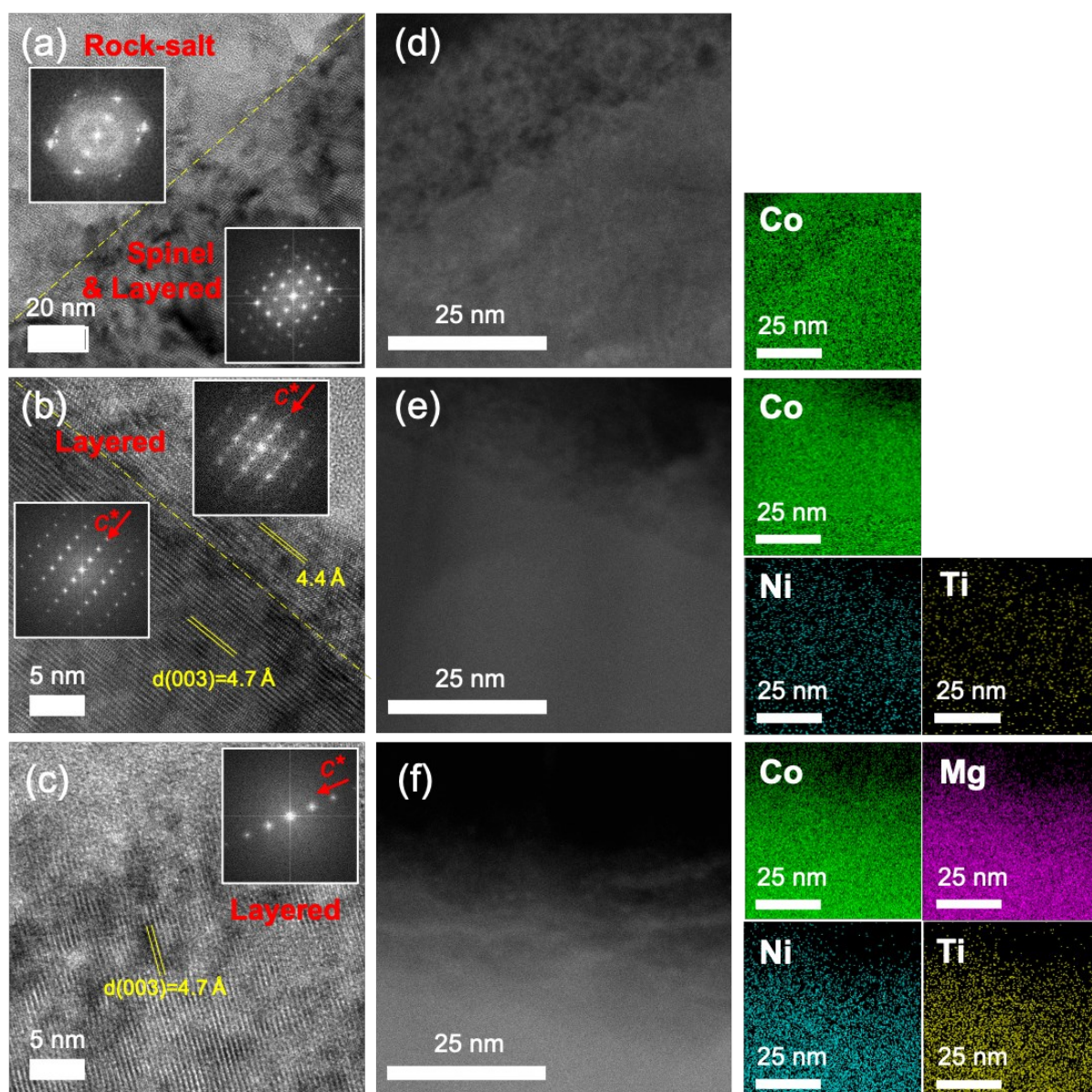


Figure S9. HRTEM images at the particle surface of LCO (a), LCO-NT (b) and LCO-NTM (c) after 100 cycles at 4.5 V. The corresponding TEM-EDX mapping of LCO (d), LCO-NT (e) and LCO-NTM (f) after 100 cycles at 4.5 V.

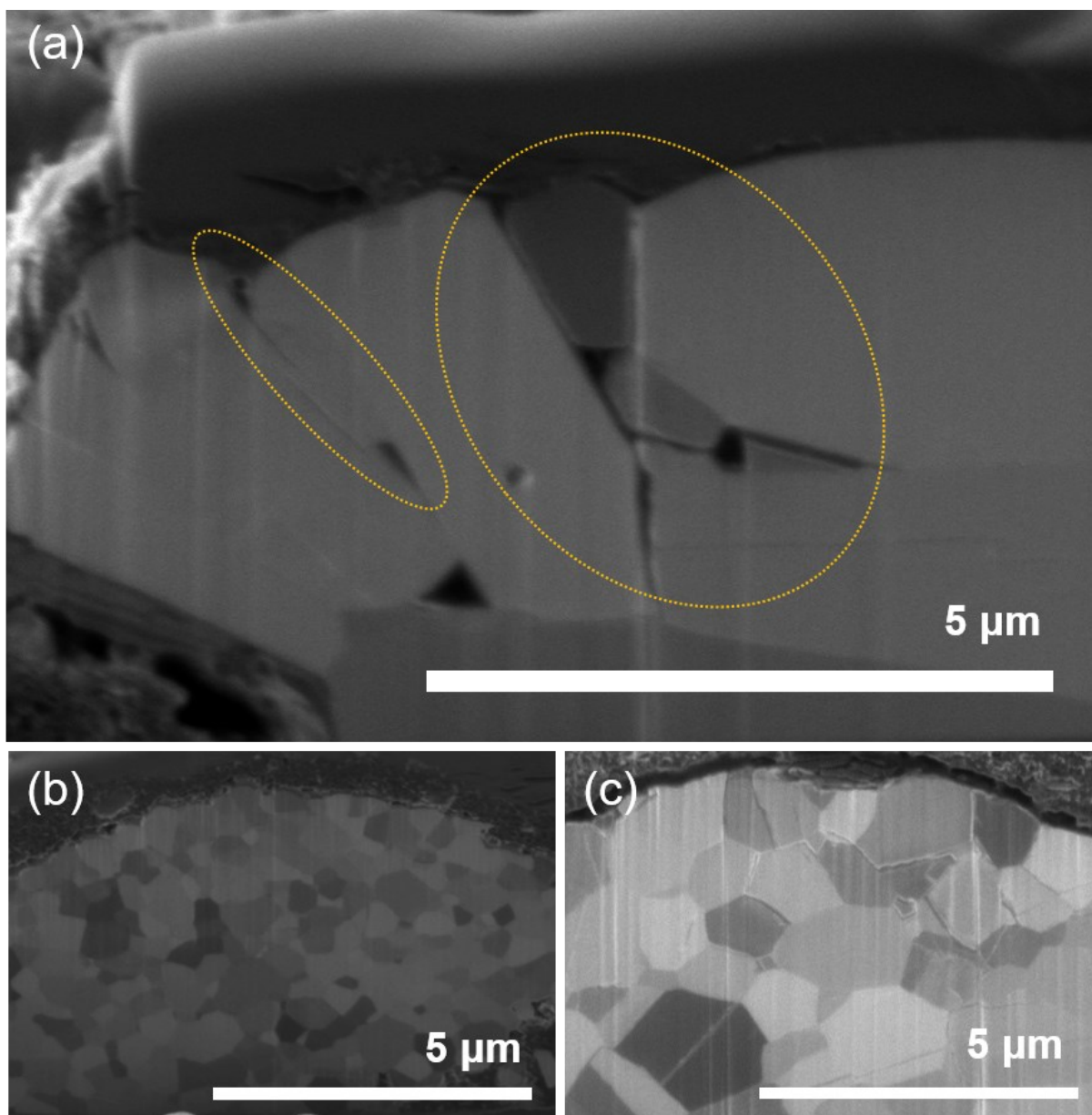


Figure S10. Ion-induced secondary electron (ISE) images of the cross sections for LCO (a), LCO-NT (b) and LCO-NTM (c) after 100 cycles at 4.5 V. The cross-section samples were prepared by FIB.



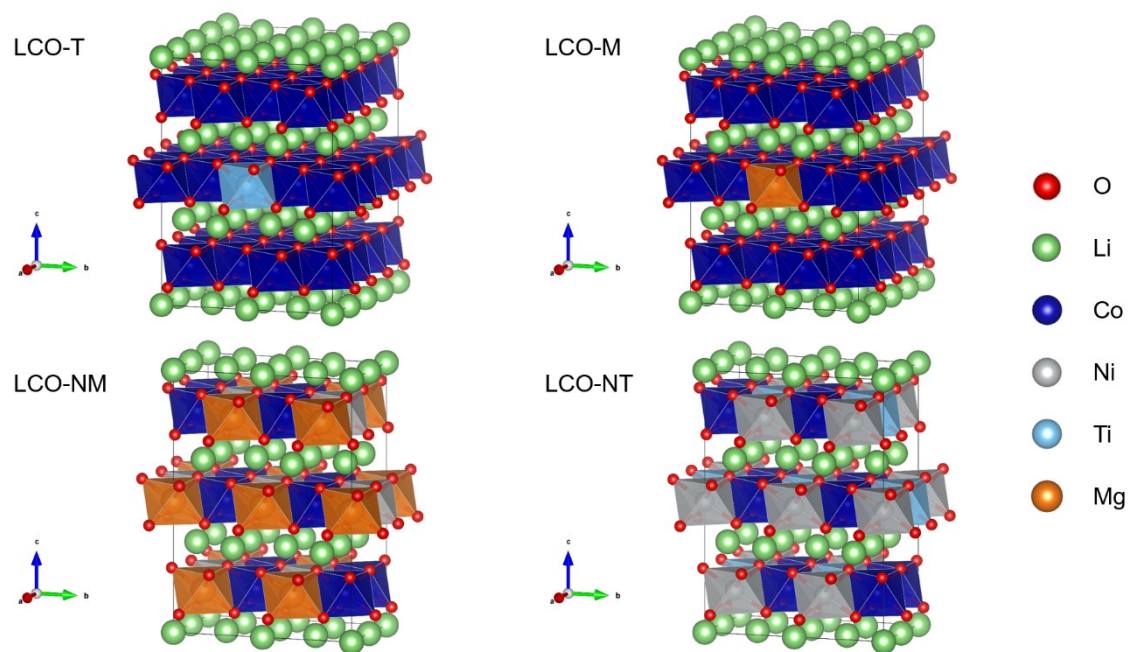


Figure S11. Structure models of Ti doped LCO (LCO-T), Mg doped LCO (LCO-M), Ni/Mg co-doped LCO (LCO-NM) and Ni/Ti co-doped LCO (LCO-NT) for DFT calculations.

## 2. Tables

Table S1. The elemental compositions determined by ICP-AES. The sum of Co, Ni, Ti, Mg was normalized to 1.0. The Li content was normalized accordingly.

Sample	molar ratio				
	Li	Co	Mg	Ni	Ti
LCO	1.0504	1.000	-	-	-
LCO-NT	1.0609	0.9830	-	0.0071	0.0099
LCO-NTM	1.0615	0.9688	0.0111	0.0097	0.0102



Table S2. Refinement parameters for XRD patterns of LCO, LCO-NT and LCO-NTM.

Samples	LCO	LCO-NT	LCO-NTM
Space group	$R\bar{3}m$	$R\bar{3}m$	$R\bar{3}m$
$R_{wp}$	4.02	4.92	4.59
$R_p$	2.48	3.04	3.05
$a$ (Å)	2.815194(17)	2.814625(28)	2.814282(33)
$c$ (Å)	14.05060(14)	14.07512(24)	14.07566(28)
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	96.4366(15)	96.5659(25)	96.5461(30)
grain size (nm)	457(10)	247.2(39)	217.5(35)
$z(O)$	0.24153(18)	0.24154(17)	0.24141(18)
Li-slab (Å)	2.5798(19)	2.5840(34)	2.5878(36)
TM-slab (Å)	2.1038(28)	2.1077(27)	2.1041(30)

Table S3. The BET surface areas for three samples.

Samples	BET surface area (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )
LCO	0.5113
LCO-NT	0.0113
LCO-NTM	0.0291

Table S4. The calculated total energies ( $E_{total}$ ), formation energies ( $E_f$ ) and the lattice parameter  $c$  of eight structure models in Figure 6a and S10.

Compounds	Structural models	$E_{total}$ (eV)	$E_f$ (eV/atom)	$c$ (Å)
LCO	$\text{Li}_{48}\text{Co}_{48}\text{O}_{96}$	-227295.378	-2.9919	13.077
LCO-N	$\text{Li}_{48}\text{Co}_{47}\text{NiO}_{96}$	-227798.420	-2.9867	13.083
LCO-T	$\text{Li}_{48}\text{Co}_{47}\text{TiO}_{96}$	-225175.048	-2.9340	13.100
LCO-M	$\text{Li}_{48}\text{Co}_{47}\text{MgO}_{96}$	-225095.915	-3.0164	13.081
LCO-NT	$\text{Li}_{24}\text{Co}_{12}\text{Ni}_6\text{Ti}_6\text{O}_{48}$	-104032.479	-3.1579	13.433
LCO-TM	$\text{Li}_{24}\text{Co}_{12}\text{Mg}_6\text{Ti}_6\text{O}_{48}$	-87822.279	-3.5651	13.588
LCO-NM	$\text{Li}_{24}\text{Co}_{12}\text{Ni}_6\text{Mg}_6\text{O}_{48}$	-103474.161	-3.2766	13.315
LCO-NTM	$\text{Li}_{24}\text{Co}_6\text{Ni}_6\text{Mg}_6\text{Ti}_6\text{O}_4$	-90839.312	-3.4903	13.468

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Notes. The atomic energies for Li, Co, O, Ni, Ti and Mg are -190.9905, -3676.6141, -427.8742, -4180.6497, -1567.3877, -1472.4343 eV, respectively.

Table S5. The formation energies ( $E_f$ ) of four systems: (1) the coexistence of LCO and LCO-NTM; (2) the coexistence of LCO-N and LCO-TM; (3) the coexistence of LCO-T and LCO-NM; (4) the coexistence of LCO-M and LCO-NT.

Four cases	$E_f$ (eV/atom)
6 LCO + LCO-NMT	-3.0302
6 LCO-N + LCO-TM	-3.0312
6 LCO-T + LCO-NM	-2.9604
6 LCO-M + LCO-NT	-3.0273