

**Supporting Information
For
Effects of doping high-valence transition metal (V, Nb and
Zr) ions on the structure and electrochemical performance
of LIB cathode material $\text{LiNi}_{0.8}\text{Co}_{0.1}\text{Mn}_{0.1}\text{O}_2$**

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Table S1 The U values of TMs in NCM811

Metal	Ni	Co	Mn	V	Nb	Zr
U value (eV) ^a	6.5	6.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	5.0

^a U values adopted from ref.^{1,2}.

Table S2 The lattice parameters for NCMs based on DFT+D3 calculation and experiment, and the average calculated bond lengths of Li-O

Method	NCM	a (Å)	c (Å)	V (Å ³)	Li-O (Å)
Experiment ^a	Pristine	2.873	14.205	101.552	/
Calculation	Pristine	2.874	14.048	100.434	2.101
	V doped	2.873	14.059	100.486	2.100
	Nb doped	2.874	14.079	100.715	2.101
	Zr doped	2.874	14.090	100.920	2.102

^a The experimental lattice parameter adopted from ref.³

Table S3 The ionic radii of transition metal ions of NCMs from ref.⁴

Metal ion	Radius (Å)	Metal ion	Radius (Å)
Ni ²⁺	0.69	Mn ⁴⁺	0.53
Ni ³⁺	0.56	V ⁵⁺	0.54
Ni ⁴⁺	0.48	Nb ⁵⁺	0.74
Co ³⁺	0.55	Zr ⁴⁺	0.84

Table S4 The oxidation states and electronic configurations of TMs in NCMs

Metal atom	Oxidation state	Electronic configuration
Ni	+2	t _{2g} ⁶ (↓↑ ↓↑ ↓↑) e _g ² (↑ ↑)
	+3	t _{2g} ⁶ (↓↑ ↓↑ ↓↑) e _g ¹ (↑)
	+4	t _{2g} ⁶ (↓↑ ↓↑ ↓↑) e _g ⁰ ()
Co	+3	t _{2g} ⁶ (↓↑ ↓↑ ↓↑) e _g ⁰ ()

	+4	$t_{2g}^5(\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow)$ $e_g^0(\parallel\parallel)$
Mn	+4	$t_{2g}^3(\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow)$ $e_g^0(\parallel\parallel)$
V	+5	$t_{2g}^0(\parallel\parallel)$ $e_g^0(\parallel\parallel)$
Nb	+5	$t_{2g}^0(\parallel\parallel)$ $e_g^0(\parallel\parallel)$
Zr	+4	$t_{2g}^0(\parallel\parallel)$ $e_g^0(\parallel\parallel)$

Table S5 The magnetic moments range and amounts of different Ni ions of the pristine and V-, Nb- and Zr-doped NCMs

NCM	Li content	Ni ²⁺ (μB)	Amount	Ni ³⁺ (μB)	Amount	Ni ⁴⁺ (μB)	Amount
pristine	1	1.63-1.55	6	1.16-0.94	42	/	0
	0.8	1.35	1	0.75-0.52	39	0.27-0.00	8
	0.6	/	0	0.69-0.33	30	0.22-0.01	18
	0.4	/	0	0.66-0.33	13	0.28-0.01	35
	0.2	/	0	0.36-0.31	2	0.22-0.00	46
	0	/	0	/	0	0.08-0.00	48
V doped	1	1.38-1.26	8	0.92-0.60	39	/	0
	0.8	1.32-1.21	3	0.98-0.45	37	0.25-0.03	7
	0.6	1.25	1	0.95-0.34	25	0.27-0.01	21
	0.4	/	0	0.72-0.30	15	0.28-0.00	32
	0.2	/	0	0.39	1	0.27-0.00	46
	0	/	0	/	0	0.10-0.00	47
Nb doped	1	1.43-1.19	9	0.82-0.45	38	/	0
	0.8	1.31-1.26	3	0.77-0.33	37	0.20-0.04	7
	0.6	1.34	1	0.80-0.36	29	0.29-0.03	17
	0.4	/	0	0.70-0.35	18	0.22-0.00	29
	0.2	/	0	0.61-0.37	4	0.15-0.00	43
	0	/	0	/	0	0.06-0.00	47
Zr doped	1	1.44-1.20	7	0.92-0.59	40	/	0
	0.8	1.27-1.25	2	0.87-0.33	38	0.15-0.01	7
	0.6	1.14	1	0.88-0.32	27	0.24-0.00	19
	0.4	/	0	0.70-0.38	15	0.28-0.00	32
	0.2	/	0	0.56-0.35	2	0.25-0.00	45
	0	/	0	/	0	0.05-0.00	47

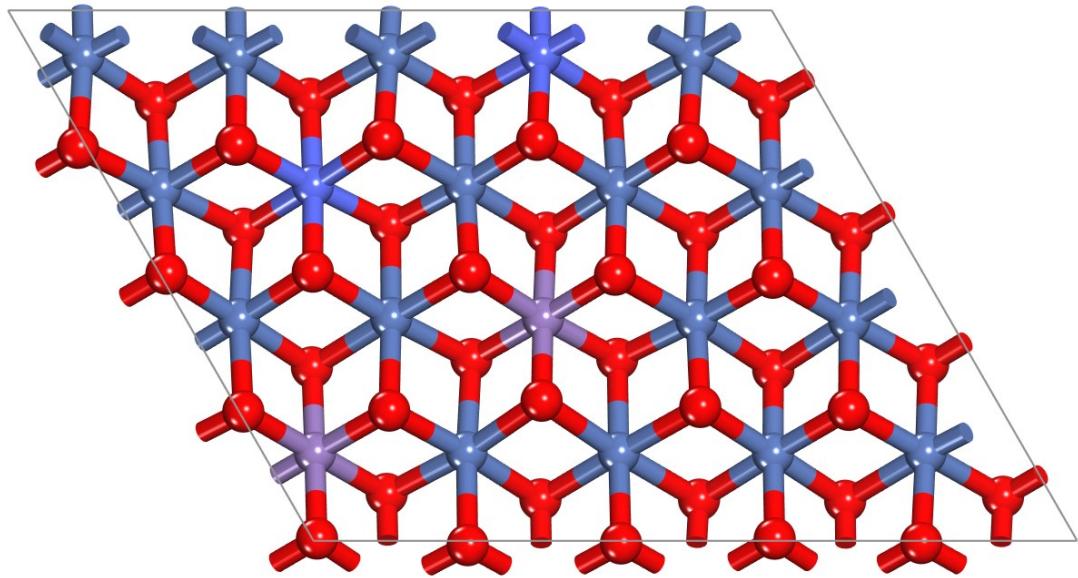


Fig. S1 The TM ordering of the model 1 from Ref. ⁵.

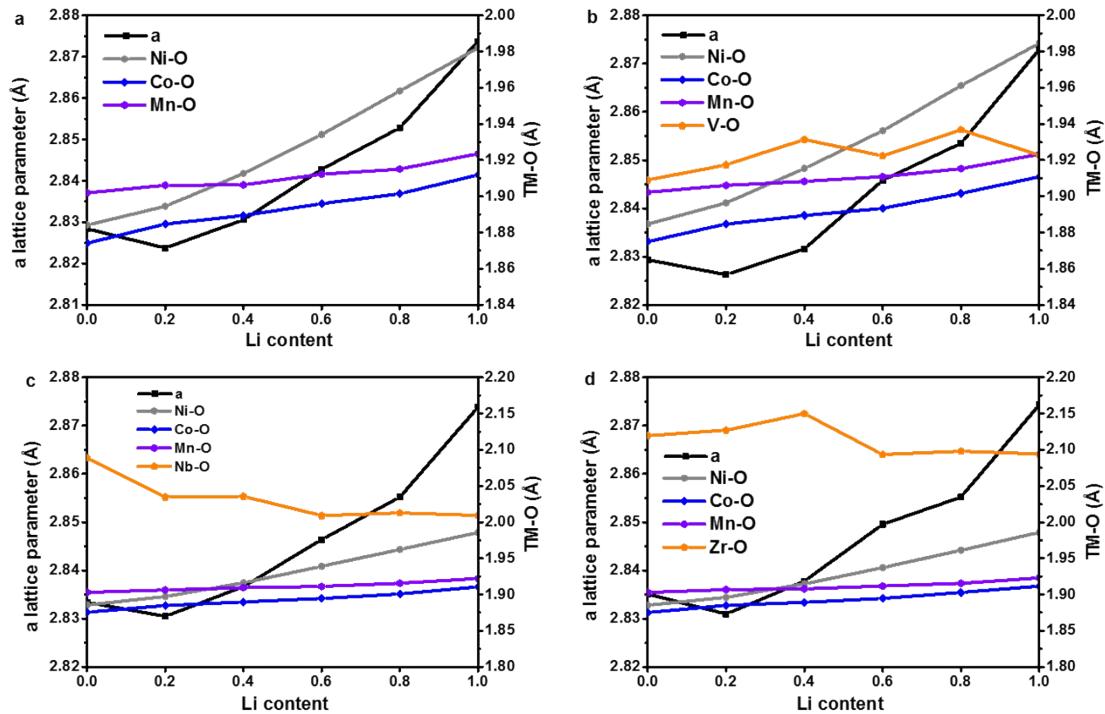


Fig. S2 (a-d) The a lattice parameters and TM-O bond lengths of the pristine and V-, Nb- and Zr-doped NCMs, respectively.

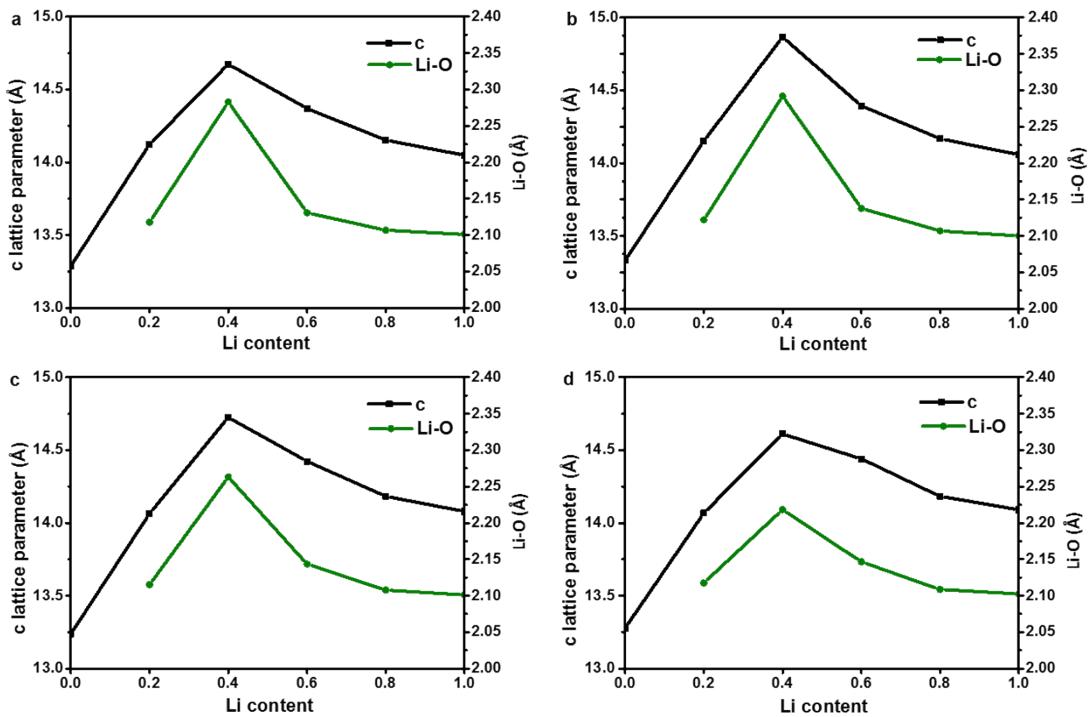


Fig. S3 (a-d) The c lattice parameters and Li-O bond lengths of the pristine and V-, Nb- and Zr-doped NCMs, respectively.

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