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# Ternary Alkali ion Thiogallates, $A_5\text{GaS}_4$ ( $A = \text{Li}$ and $\text{Na}$ ) with Isolated Tetrahedral Building Units and Their Ionic conductivity

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Table S1. Final atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters of the atoms for compounds **I** and **II**.  $U_{(eq)} = 1/3^{rd}$  of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{eq}$  tensor.

Atomic Parameters						
Atom	Wyckoff	Occupancy	x/a	y/b	z/c	$U [\text{\AA}^2]$
<b>Li<sub>5</sub>GaS<sub>4</sub> (<b>I</b>)</b>						
Ga1	2e	1	0.6335	0.25	0.1709	0.0166
S1	4f	1	0.7577	0.015	0.3271	0.0173
S2	2e	1	0.2704	0.25	0.1751	0.0159
S3	2e	1	2418	0.75	0.138	0.0167
Li1	4f	1	0.3577	0.5133	0.3341	0.0247
Li2	2e	1	0.0114	0.25	0.4846	0.0240
Li3	2e	1	0.649	0.75	0.1663	0.0280
Li4	2a	1	0	0	0	0.0420
<b>Na<sub>5</sub>GaS<sub>4</sub> (<b>II</b>)</b>						
Ga1	8c	1	0.4597	0.1673	0.3742	0.01148
S1	8c	1	0.13	0.7947	0.4575	0.0157
S2	8c	1	0.4452	0.8445	0.3782	0.0152
S3	8c	1	0.3574	0.7477	0.6238	0.0157
S4	8c	1	0.3696	0.261	0.2861	0.0163
Na1	8c	1	0.3508	0.9054	0.499	0.0261
Na2	8c	1	0.2852	0.55	0.3645	0.0197
Na3	8c	1	0.5553	0.5599	0.4342	0.0264
Na4	8c	1	0.4109	0.8763	0.2489	0.0272
Na5	8c	1	0.661	0.8877	0.3313	0.0234

Table S2. Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for sad. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2p^2[h^2a^*{}^2U^{11} + \dots + 2hk a^* b^* U^{12}]$

Atoms	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{23}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{12}$
<b><math>\text{Li}_5\text{GaS}_4</math> (I)</b>						
Ga(1)	16(1)	15(1)	18(1)	0	0(1)	0
S(1)	18(1)	16(1)	18(1)	1(1)	-1(1)	1(1)
S(2)	14(1)	14(1)	19(1)	0	1(1)	0
S(3)	18(1)	15(1)	17(1)	0	1(1)	0
Li(1)	36(5)	20(4)	18(4)	-2(3)	-2(4)	3(3)
Li(2)	16(5)	23(6)	33(7)	0	-1(4)	0
Li(4)	25(6)	55(10)	45(9)	5(6)	13(6)	13(6)
Li(3)	48(8)	27(7)	10(5)	0	-3(5)	0
<b><math>\text{Na}_5\text{GaS}_4</math> (II)</b>						
Ga(1)	8(1)	11(1)	11(1)	0(1)	0(1)	0(1)
S(1)	15(1)	16(1)	12(1)	-2(1)	-2(1)	-1(1)
S(2)	13(1)	11(1)	17(1)	1(1)	0(1)	0(1)
S(3)	9(1)	18(1)	16(1)	-1(1)	1(1)	-2(1)
S(4)	15(1)	17(1)	12(1)	2(1)	0(1)	2(1)
Na(1)	27(1)	28(1)	19(1)	5(1)	0(1)	-3(1)
Na(2)	14(1)	17(1)	24(1)	1(1)	-2(1)	2(1)
Na(3)	34(1)	18(1)	21(1)	-3(1)	-9(1)	6(1)
Na(4)	26(1)	33(1)	18(1)	-9(1)	-5(1)	8(1)
Na(5)	13(1)	29(1)	22(1)	-8(1)	-3(1)	5(1)

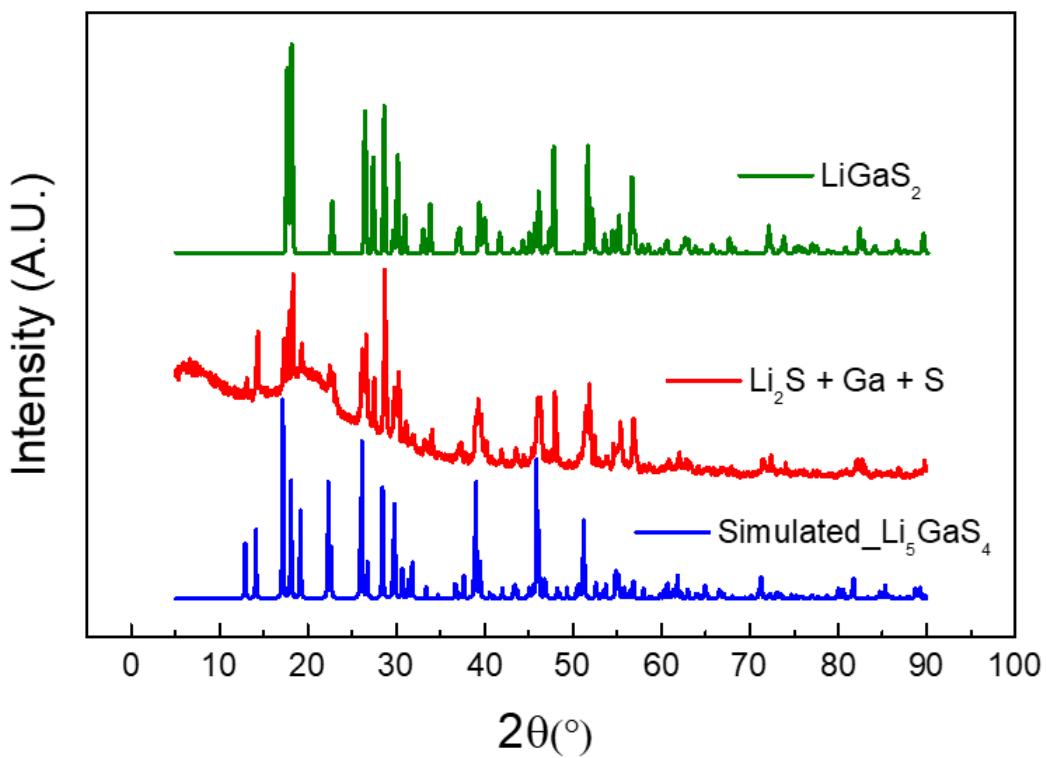


Figure S1: PXRD comparison of product from sealed tube reaction with simulated pattern of  $\text{Li}_5\text{GaS}_4$  and the simulated pattern of the secondary phase  $\text{LiGaS}_2$ .

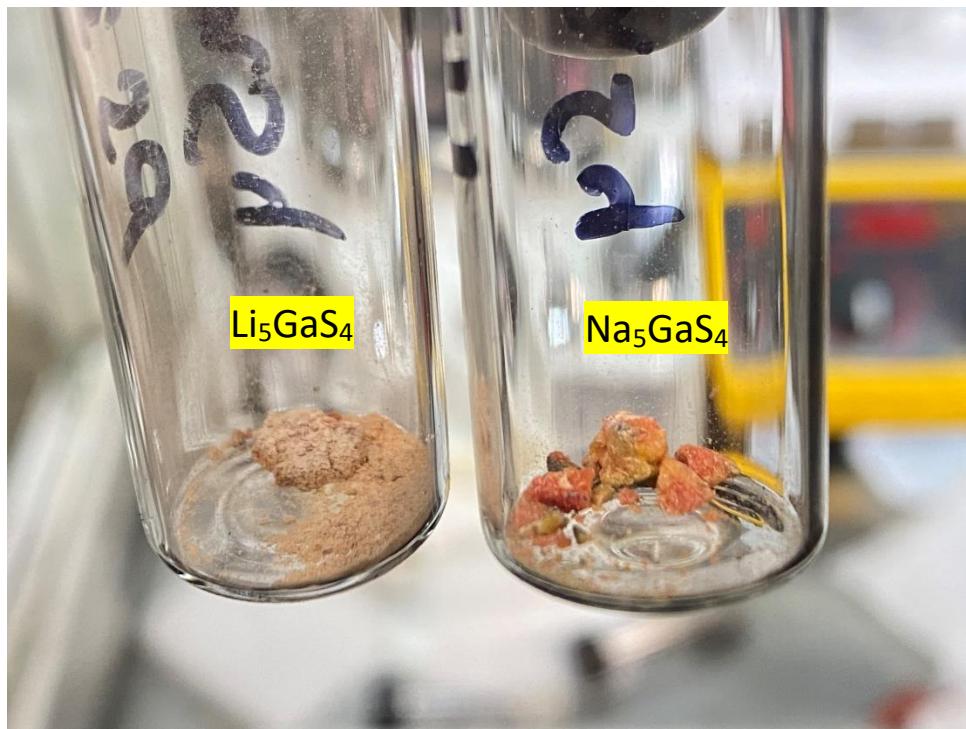


Figure S2: Photographs of the as synthesized crystals of compounds  $\text{Li}_5\text{GaS}_4$  (**I**) and  $\text{Na}_5\text{GaS}_4$  (**II**).

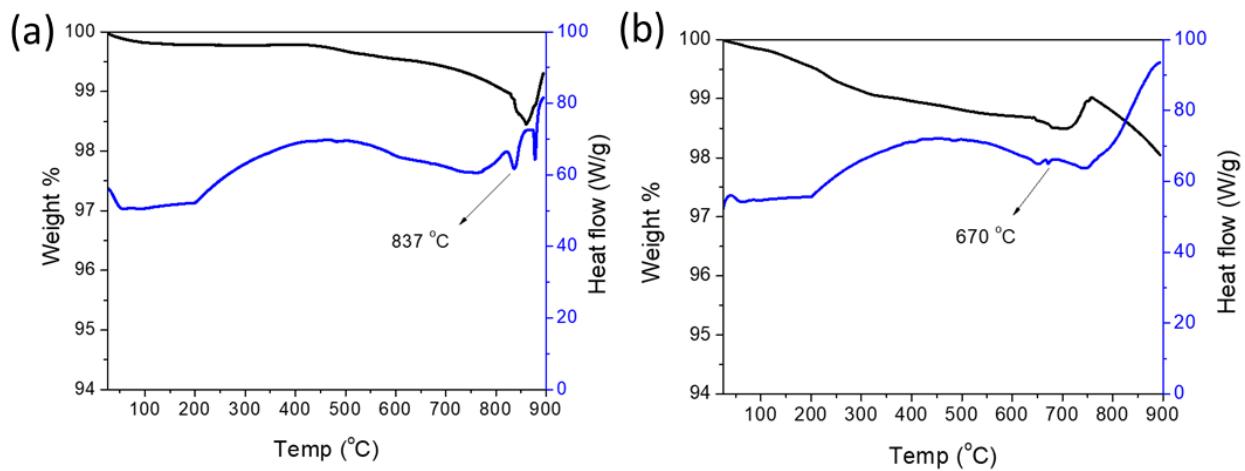


Figure S3: TGA and DSC plots of (a) compound **I**,  $\text{Li}_5\text{GaS}_4$  and (b) compound **II**,  $\text{Na}_5\text{GaS}_4$ .

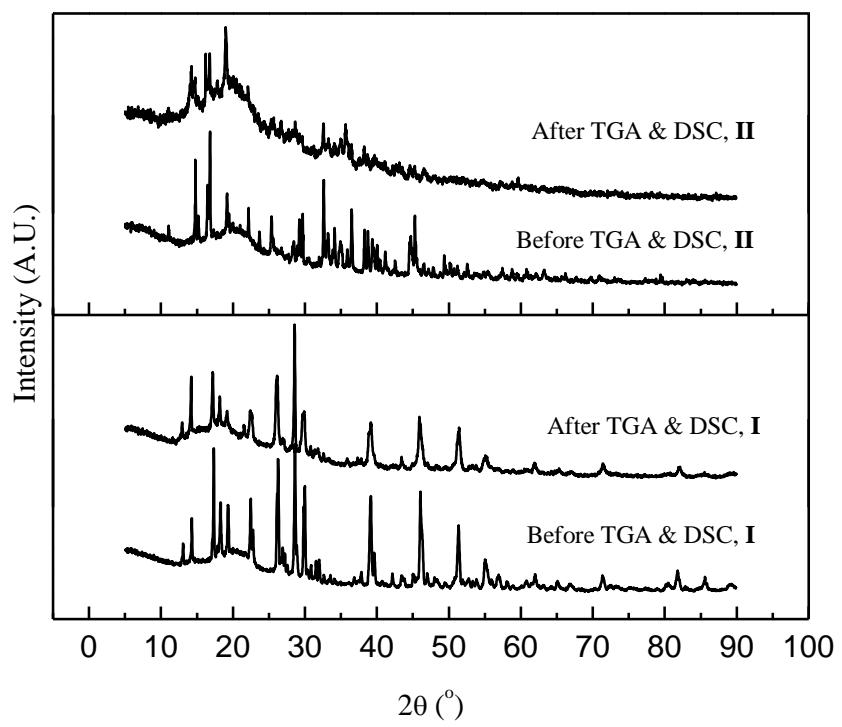


Figure S4: Comparison of PXRDs of **I** and **II** before and after simultaneous TGA & DSC.

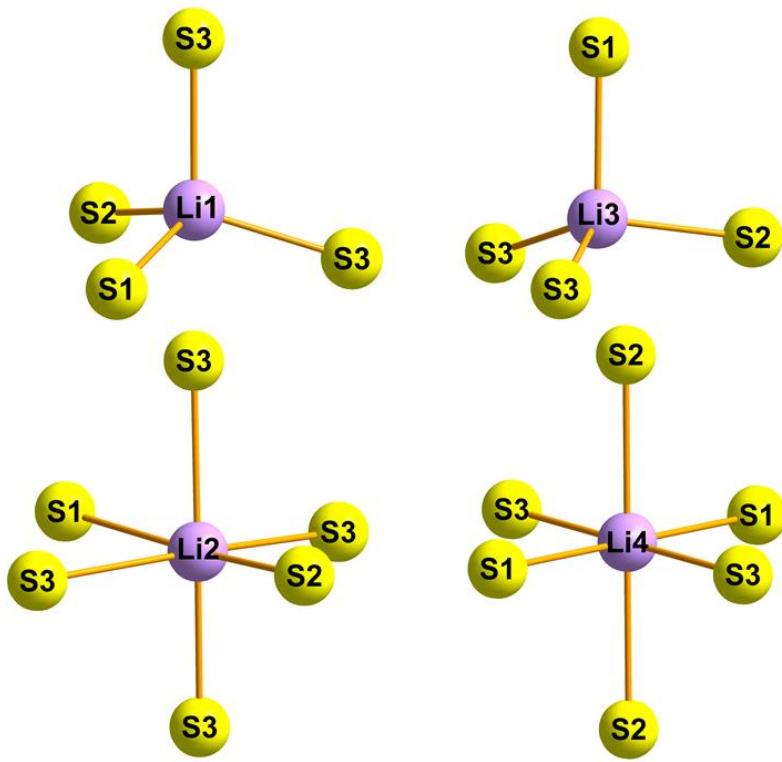


Figure S5: Coordination environment of Li atoms in  $\text{Li}_5\text{GaS}_4$  (I).

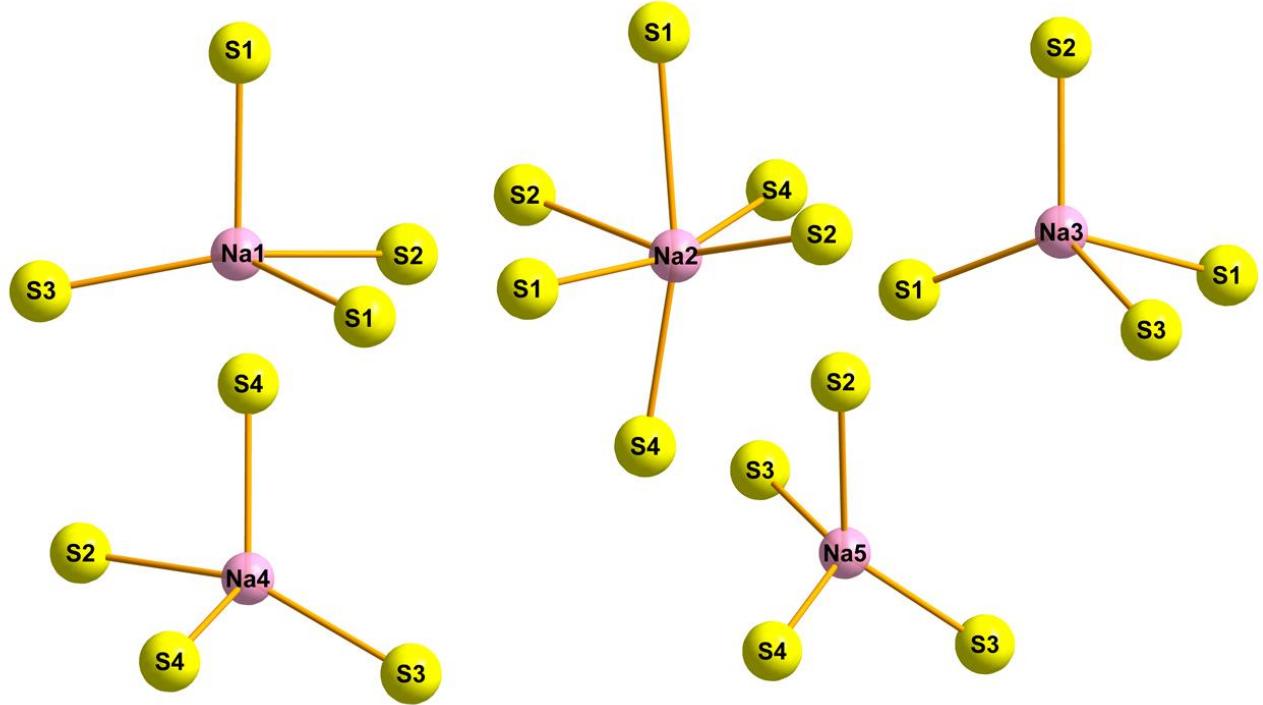


Figure S6: Coordination environment of Na atoms in  $\text{Na}_5\text{GaS}_4$  (**II**).

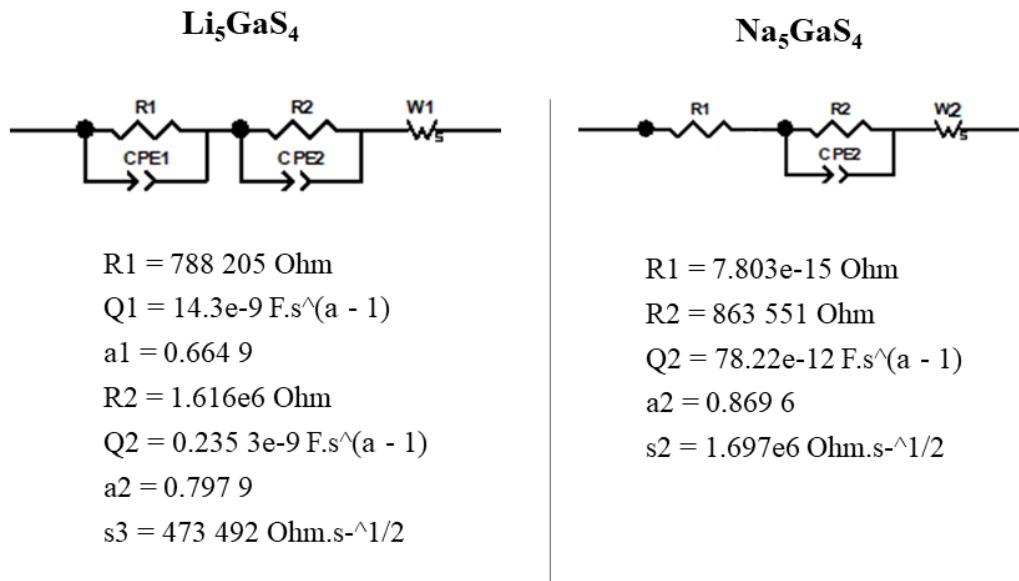


Figure S7: Equivalent circuit and the parameters used to fit the impedance data for  $\text{Li}_5\text{GaS}_4$  (**I**) and  $\text{Na}_5\text{GaS}_4$  (**II**).