

## Supporting information to

### Garnet to hydrogarnet: Effect of post synthesis treatment on cation substituted LLZO solid electrolyte and its effect on Li ion conductivity

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*Table 1: Substituting and substituted cations for aliovalent substitution in LLZO: Ionic radii<sup>[1]</sup> and coordination in binary oxides, cn = coordination number.*

| Ion              | Radii / Å                          |                                    | Coordination in binary oxide                                                                                         |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                  | Tetrahedral (IV), based on halides | Octahedral (VI), based on halides  |                                                                                                                      |
| Li <sup>+</sup>  | 0.59                               | 0.76                               | -                                                                                                                    |
| Al <sup>3+</sup> | 0.39<br>(V: 0.48)                  | 0.535                              | corundum: octahedral <sup>[2]</sup>                                                                                  |
| Fe <sup>3+</sup> | 0.49                               | Low spin: 0.55<br>High spin: 0.645 | octahedral                                                                                                           |
| Ga <sup>3+</sup> | 0.47                               | 0.62                               | octahedral                                                                                                           |
| Zr <sup>4+</sup> | 0.59                               | 0.72                               | 25°C: Baddeleyite, cn=7<br>>1100°C cn=8 <sup>[2]</sup>                                                               |
| Nb <sup>5+</sup> | 0.48                               | 0.64                               | NbO: Nb <sub>6</sub> -Clusters <sup>[2]</sup><br>Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> : distorted octahedra <sup>[3]</sup> |
| Ta <sup>5+</sup> | -                                  | 0.64                               | Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> cn=7 <sup>[4]</sup> /<br>cn=6 distorted octahedra <sup>[5]</sup>                      |
| W <sup>6+</sup>  | 0.42                               | 0.6                                | Octahedral in WO <sub>3</sub> <sup>[2]</sup>                                                                         |
| La <sup>3+</sup> | VI: 1.032<br>XII: 1.36             |                                    | Octahedral with one additional oxygen, cn= 7 <sup>[6]</sup>                                                          |

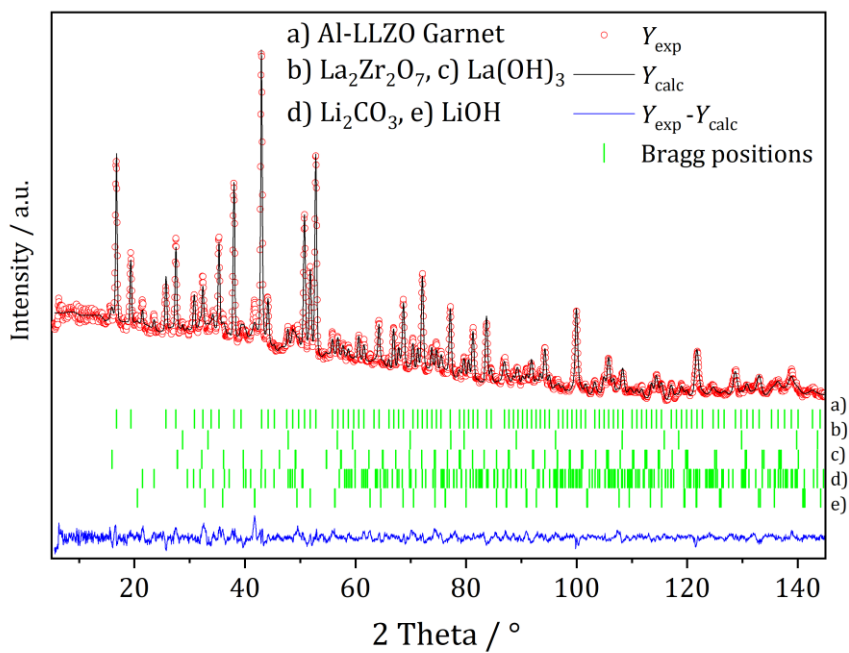
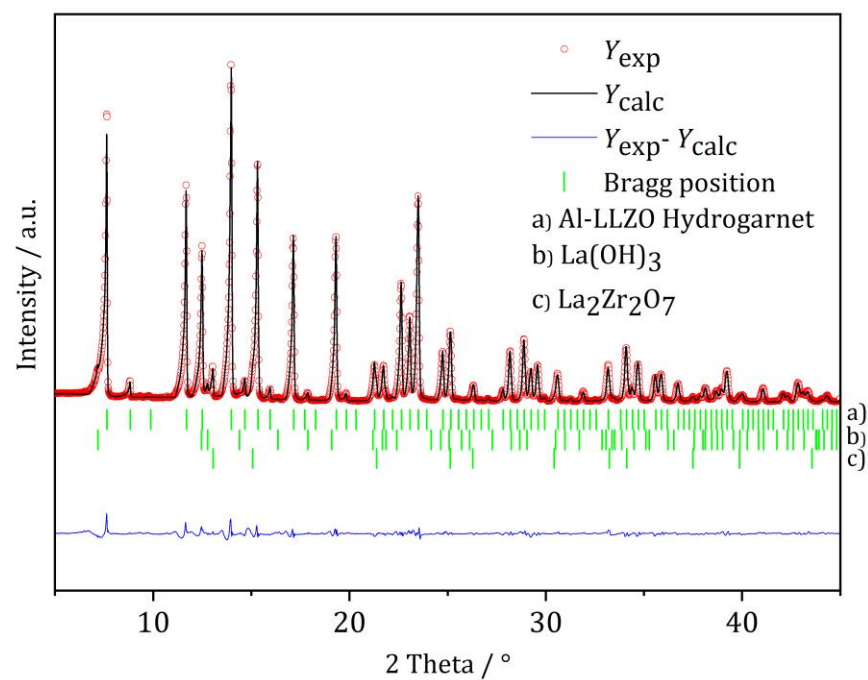


Figure S1: Rietveld co-refinement against, top: X-ray diffraction pattern ( $\text{Mo K}\alpha_1$ ) and bottom: Neutron diffraction pattern ( $\lambda = 1.5482 \text{ \AA}$ ) of commercial Al-substituted LLZO.

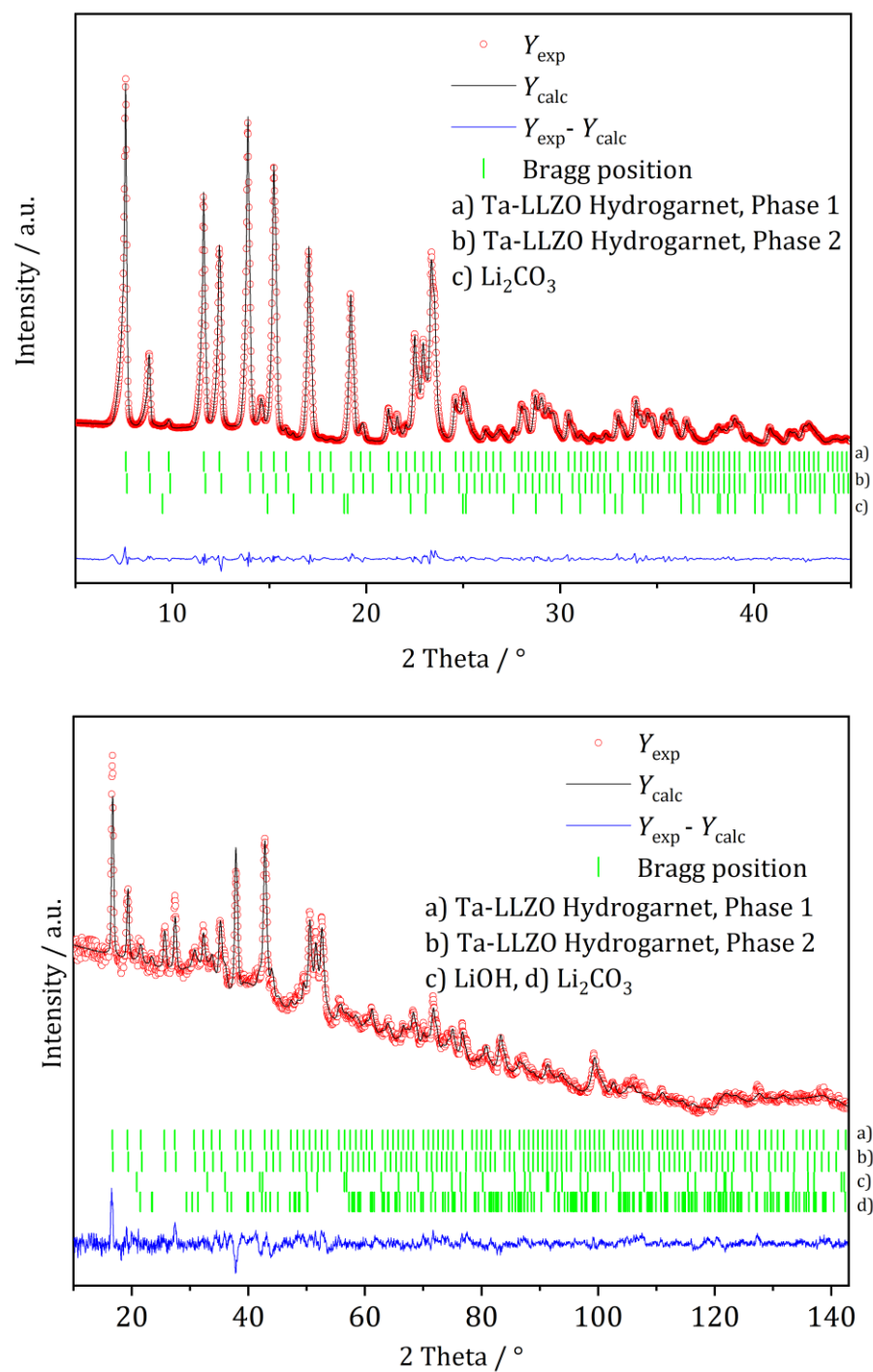


Figure S2: Rietveld co-refinement against, top: X-ray diffraction pattern ( $\text{Mo K}\alpha_1$ ) and bottom: Neutron diffraction pattern ( $\lambda = 1.5482 \text{ \AA}$ ) of commercial Ta-substituted LLZO

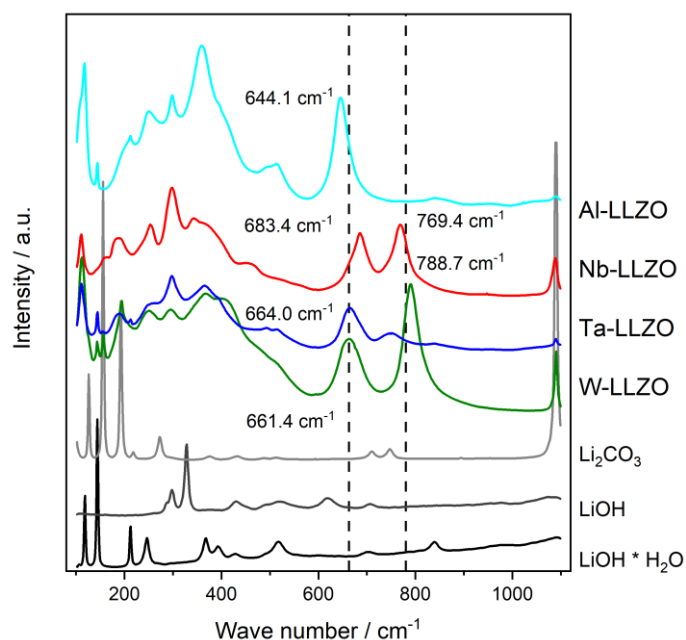


Figure S3: Raman spectra of Al-, Nb-, Ta- and W-substituted LLZO, LiOH, LiOH·H<sub>2</sub>O, and Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.

Table S2: Results of the ICP-OES analysis, n.a.: not analyzed.

| Atom | %        | Al-LLZO |       | Nb-LLZO |      | Ta-LLZO |      | W-LLZO |       |
|------|----------|---------|-------|---------|------|---------|------|--------|-------|
|      |          | Mean    | ±     | Mean    | ±    | Mean    | ±    | Mean   | ±     |
| Li   | (wt-%)   | 4.39    | 0.09  | 4.76    | 0.10 | 4.26    | 0.09 | 5.14   | 0.11  |
| C    | (wt-%)   | 0.956   | 0.083 | 1.30    | 0.11 | 2.52    | 0.22 | 0.620  | 0.054 |
| O    | (wt-%)   | 27.9    | 2.2   | 28.6    | 2.3  | 27.0    | 2.1  | 22.9   | 1.8   |
| Al   | (wt-%)   | 0.632   | 0.016 | n.a.    | -    | n.a.    | -    | n.a.   | -     |
| Zr   | (wt-%)   | 19.5    | 0.4   | 12.7    | 0.3  | 12.8    | 0.3  | 15.7   | 0.3   |
| Nb   | (wt-%)   | n.a.    | -     | 5.78    | 0.01 | n.a.    | -    | n.a.   | -     |
| La   | (wt-%)   | 45.6    | -     | 42.3    | -    | 39.3    | -    | 43.4   | -     |
| Ta   | (wt-%)   | n.a.    | -     | n.a.    | -    | 8.70    | 0.01 | n.a.   | -     |
| W    | (wt-%)   | n.a.    | -     | n.a.    | -    | n.a.    | -    | 6.79   | 0.23  |
| Sum  | (wt-%)   | 98.98   |       | 95.44   |      | 94.58   |      | 94.55  |       |
| Li   | (Atom-%) | 21.5    |       | 23.0    |      | 22.1    |      | 27.5   |       |
| C    | (Atom-%) | -       |       | -       |      | -       |      | -      |       |
| O    | (Atom-%) | 59.3    |       | 60.0    |      | 60.9    |      | 53.1   |       |
| Al   | (Atom-%) | 0.796   |       | -       |      | -       |      | -      |       |
| Zr   | (Atom-%) | 7.27    |       | 4.67    |      | 5.06    |      | 6.39   |       |
| Nb   | (Atom-%) | -       |       | 2.09    |      | -       |      | -      |       |

|     |          |        |        |        |        |
|-----|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| La  | (Atom-%) | 11.2   | 10.2   | 10.2   | 11.6   |
| Ta  | (Atom-%) | -      | -      | 1.73   | -      |
| W   | (Atom-%) | -      | -      | -      | 1.37   |
| Sum | (Atom-%) | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |

Table S3: Results of the Rietveld refinement of synthesized Al-, Nb- Ta-, and W-substituted LLZO.

| Substituent:<br>Stoichiometry                                                               | Crystal structure | Lattice<br>parameter $a$<br>/ Å | Cell volume<br>/ Å <sup>3</sup> | Structural<br>strain<br>[ $dd/d * 10^{-4}$ ] |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Al: Li <sub>6.1</sub> Al <sub>0.3</sub> La <sub>3</sub> Zr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>12</sub>     | Garnet            | 13.002                          | 2198.040                        | 20.87                                        |
| Nb: Li <sub>6.5</sub> La <sub>3</sub> Zr <sub>1.5</sub> Nb <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>12</sub>   | Garnet            | 12.959                          | 2176.422                        | 30.61                                        |
| Li <sub>6.625</sub> La <sub>3</sub> Zr <sub>1.625</sub> Ta <sub>0.375</sub> O <sub>12</sub> | Hydrogarnet       | 13.007                          | 2200.520                        | 31.16                                        |
| W: Li <sub>6.4</sub> La <sub>3</sub> Zr <sub>1.7</sub> W <sub>0.3</sub> O <sub>12</sub>     | Garnet            | 12.926                          | 2159.894                        | 18.08                                        |

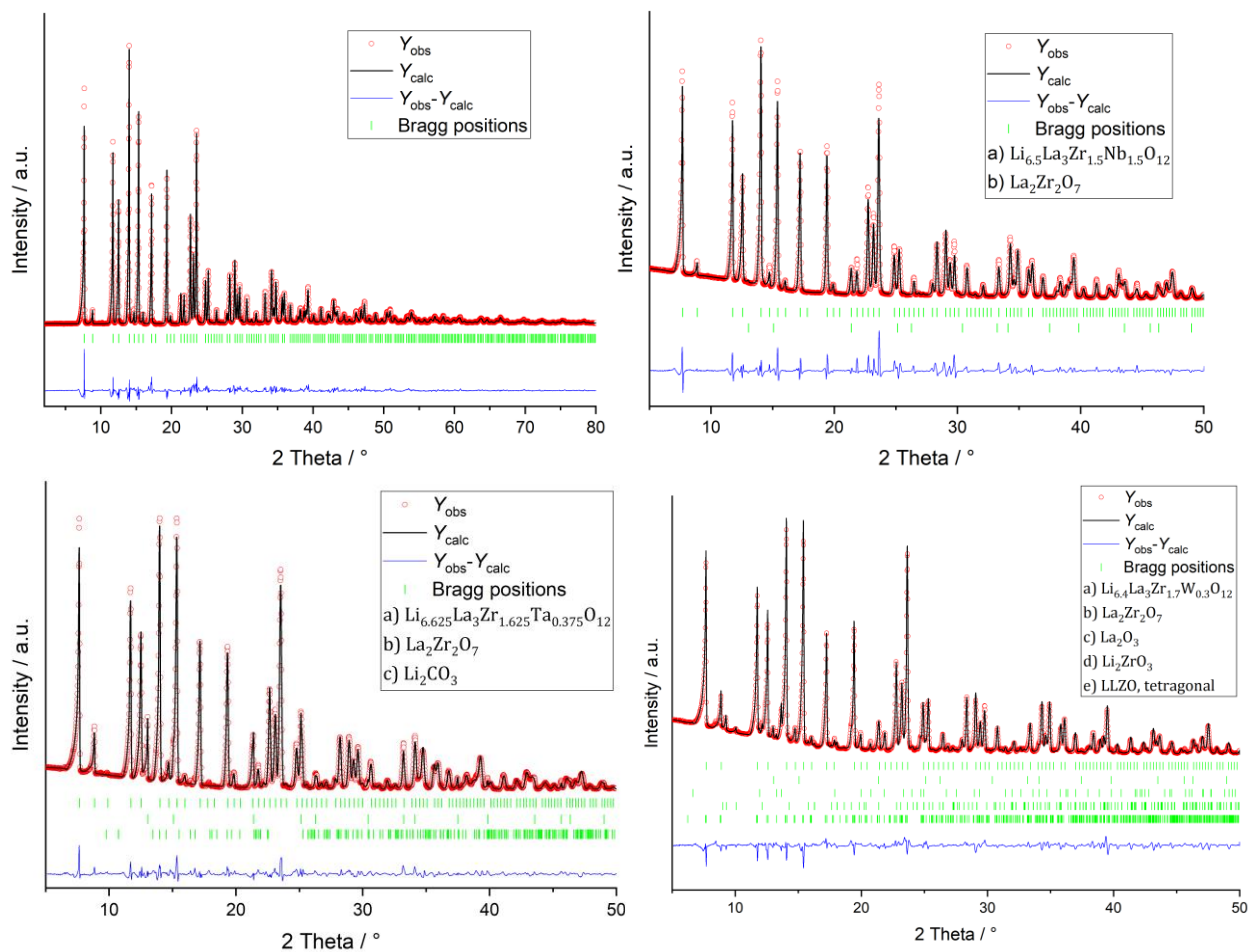


Figure S4: Rietveld refinement based on diffraction patterns ( $Mo K_{\alpha 1}$ ) of synthesized Al-, Nb-, Ta-, and W-substituted LLZO.

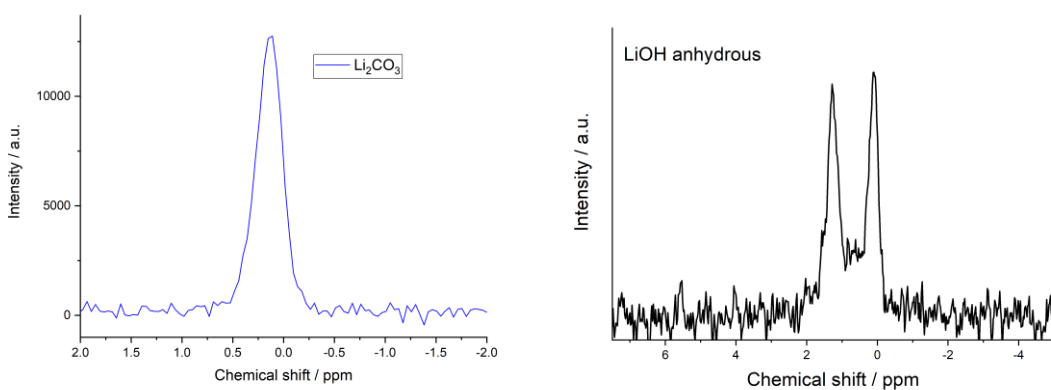


Figure S5: Left:  $^7Li$  MAS NMR spectrum of  $Li_2CO_3$  and right:  $^6Li$  MAS NMR spectrum of dried and anhydrous  $LiOH$ .

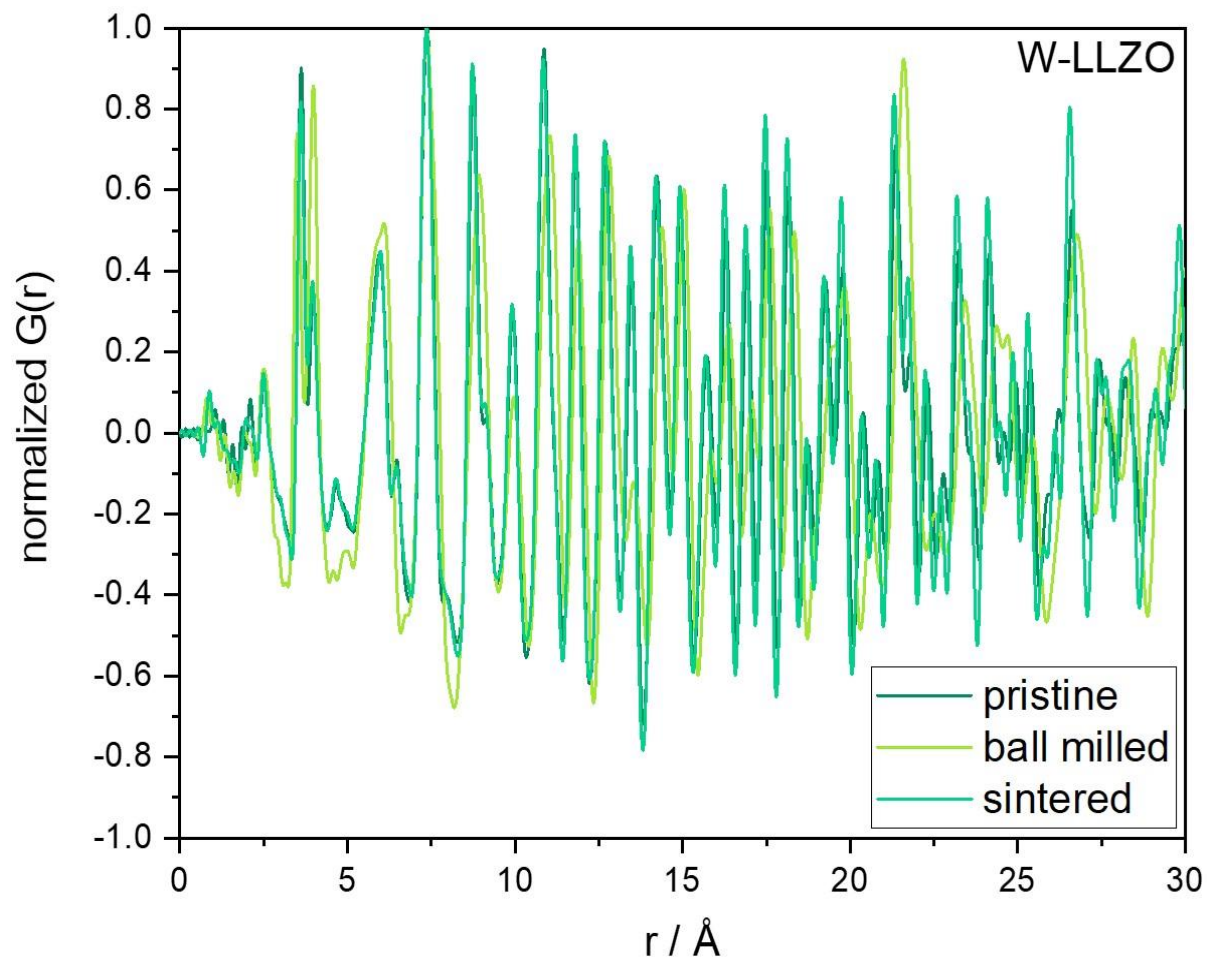


Figure S6: normalized (by max) pair distribution function of pristine, ball milled and sintered W-LLZO. Note that the lowered intensity of PDF peaks at higher  $r$  in the pristine PDF is due to a higher dampening factor ( $Q_{\text{damp}}$ ).

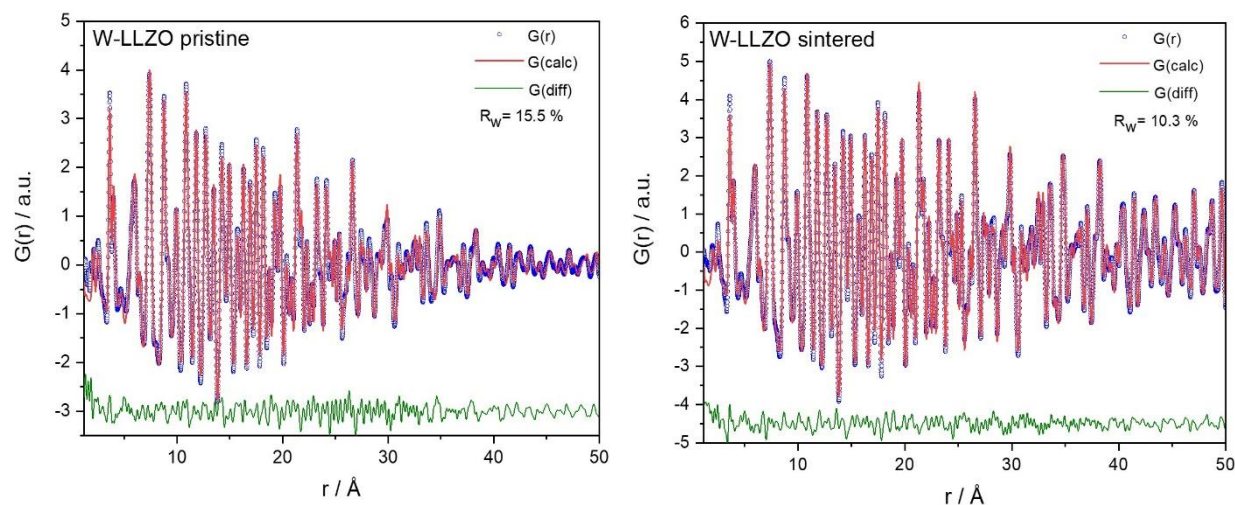


Figure S7: Real space Rietveld refinement based on PDFs of pristine and sintered W-substituted LLZO.

Summaries of real space Rietveld small box fits using PDFgui:

### PDF Fit Summary pristine W-LLZO

#### PDF REFINEMENT

Using PDFFIT version : 1.1

PHASE 1 : 20200305\_cf\_w-llzo\_mse

Scale factor : 0.411362 (0.01)

Particle diameter : not applied

Step cutoff : not applied

Quad. corr. factor : 0

Lin. corr. factor : 1.68761

Low r sigma ratio : 1

R cutoff [Å] : 0

Lattice parameters : 12.9587 (0.0017) 12.9587 (0.0017) 12.9587 (0.0017)

& angles : 90 90 90

DATA SET : 1 (string)

Data range in r [Å] : 1.19 -> 50 Step dr : 0.01

Calculated range : 1.19 -> 51.3906

Refinement r range : 1.19 -> 50 Data pts : 0 -> 4881

Reduced chi squared : 0.0227414

Rw - value : 0.154591

Experimental settings :

Radiation : X-Rays

Termination at Qmax : 27.11 A<sup>-1</sup>

DQ dampening Qdamp : 0.0468316 (0.0011) A<sup>-1</sup>

DQ broadening Qbroad : not applied

Scale factor : 1

Selected phases and atoms for this data set :

Phase 1 :

Atoms (i) : LA ZR W LI O

Atoms (j) : LA ZR W LI O

Relative phase content in terms of

| atoms      | unit cells | mass |
|------------|------------|------|
| Phase 1 :1 | 1          | 1    |

PARAMETER INFORMATION :

Number of constraints : 1110

Number of refined parameters : 10

Number of fixed parameters : 1

Refinement parameters :

|                      |                        |                         |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1:12.9587 (0.0017)   | 2:0.411362 (0.01)      | 3:1.68761               |
| 6:0.0468316 (0.0011) | 14:0.0108977 (0.00064) | 15:0.00918106 (0.00076) |
| 16:0.0170382 (0.018) | 17:0.0408885 (0.0076)  | 21:0.0999987 (0.0016)   |
| 22:0.202442 (0.0022) | 23:0.280528 (0.0023)   |                         |

REFINEMENT INFORMATION:

Number of iterations : 5

Reduced chi squared : 0.0227414

Rw - value : 0.154591

Correlations greater than 0.8 :

\*\*\* none \*\*\*

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PDF REFINEMENT

Using PDFFIT version : 1.1

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PHASE 1 : 220\_W\_LLZO

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Scale factor : 0.400113 (0.011)

Particle diameter : not applied

Step cutoff : not applied

Quad. corr. factor : 0

Lin. corr. factor : 1.68

Low r sigma ratio : 1

R cutoff [A] : 0

Lattice parameters :13.0381 (0.0024) 13.0381 (0.0024) 13.0381 (0.0024)

& angles :90 90 90

DATA SET : 1 (string)

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Data range in r [A] : 1.19 -> 40 Step dr : 0.01

Calculated range : 1.19 -> 41.5425

Refinement r range : 1.19 -> 40 Data pts : 0 -> 3881

Reduced chi squared : 0.030492

Rw - value : 0.189065

Experimental settings :

Radiation : X-Rays

Termination at Qmax : 24.44 A\*\*<sup>-1</sup>

DQ dampening Qdamp : 0.02 A\*\*<sup>-1</sup>

DQ broadening Qbroad : not applied

Scale factor : 1

Selected phases and atoms for this data set :

Phase 1 :

Atoms (i) : LA ZR W LI O

Atoms (j) : LA ZR W LI O

Relative phase content in terms of

|            | atoms | unit cells | mass |
|------------|-------|------------|------|
| Phase 1 :1 | 1     | 1          |      |

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PARAMETER INFORMATION :

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Number of constraints : 1253  
Number of refined parameters : 17  
Number of fixed parameters : 1

Refinement parameters :

1:13.0381 (0.0024) 2:0.400113 (0.011) 3:1.68  
15:0.013892 (0.0021) 16:3.19792 (1.8) 17:0.0443428 (0.011)  
21:0.131876 (0.0007) 261:0.0104125 (0.00038) 1781:0.112816 (0.0043)  
1782:0.188424 (0.0054) 1783:0.280637 (0.0048) 2261:0.953836 (0.005)  
2262:0.344739 (0.0031) 2263:0.978239 (0.0054) 2274:0.0132193 (0.0036)  
2275:0.0233563 (0.0039) 2276:0.0109719 (0.003) 2279:0.00776589 (0.002)

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REFINEMENT INFORMATION:

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Number of iterations : 5  
Reduced chi squared : 0.030492  
Rw - value : 0.189065

Correlations greater than 0.8 :

\*\*\* none \*\*\*

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**PDF Fit Summary of sintered W-LLZO**

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PDF REFINEMENT

Using PDFFIT version : 1.1

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PHASE 1 : UNNAMED

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Scale factor : 0.492705 (0.0085)  
Particle diameter : not applied  
Step cutoff : not applied  
Quad. corr. factor : 0  
Lin. corr. factor : 1.31527  
Low r sigma ratio : 1  
R cutoff [Å] : 0  
Lattice parameters : 12.9311 (0.00083) 12.9311 (0.00083) 12.9311 (0.00083)

& angles :90 90 90

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DATA SET : 1 (string)

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Data range in r [Å] : 1.19 -> 50 Step dr : 0.01  
Calculated range : 1.19 -> 51.5559  
Refinement r range : 1.19 -> 50 Data pts : 0 -> 4881  
Reduced chi squared : 0.0234903  
Rw - value : 0.103677

Experimental settings :

Radiation : X-Rays  
Termination at Qmax : 24.23 Å<sup>-1</sup>  
DQ dampening Qdamp : 0.0298057 (0.00064) Å<sup>-1</sup>  
DQ broadening Qbroad : not applied  
Scale factor : 1

Selected phases and atoms for this data set :

Phase 1 :

Atoms (i) : LA ZR W LI O

Atoms (j) : LA ZR W LI O

Relative phase content in terms of

| atoms      | unit cells | mass |
|------------|------------|------|
| Phase 1 :1 | 1          | 1    |

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PARAMETER INFORMATION :

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Number of constraints : 1110  
Number of refined parameters : 10  
Number of fixed parameters : 1

Refinement parameters :

1:12.9311 (0.00083) 2:0.492705 (0.0085) 3:1.31527  
6:0.0298057 (0.00064) 14:0.00997342 (0.00032) 15:0.00867781 (0.00042)  
16:0.0252504 (0.015) 17:0.0368109 (0.0047) 21:0.102233 (0.0015)  
22:0.20137 (0.0017) 23:0.27939 (0.0016)

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REFINEMENT INFORMATION:

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Number of iterations : 6  
Reduced chi squared : 0.0234903

Rw - value : 0.103677

Correlations greater than 0.8 :

\*\*\* none \*\*\*

## Comparison of crystal structures of the same symmetry *Ia-3d* ( No. 230 )

### Structure #1 pristine W-LLZO

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230
12.95870 12.95870 12.95870 90.00000 90.00000 90.00000
5
La      1      24c      0.125000      0.000000      0.250000
Zr      1      16a      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000
Li      1      24d      0.375000      0.000000      0.250000
Li      2      96h      0.431000      0.144000      0.172000
O       1      96h      0.100000      0.202440      0.280530
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### Structure #2 sintered W-LLZO

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230
12.93110 12.93110 12.93110 90.00000 90.00000 90.00000
5
La      1      24c      0.125000      0.000000      0.250000
Zr      1      16a      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000
Li      1      24d      0.375000      0.000000      0.250000
Li      2      96h      0.431000      0.144000      0.172000
O       1      96h      0.102230      0.201370      0.279390
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## Description of Structure #2 in the most similar configuration to Structure #1

230

12.931100 12.931100 12.931100 90.000000 90.000000 90.000000

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|    |   |     |          |          |          |
|----|---|-----|----------|----------|----------|
| La | 1 | 24c | 0.125000 | 0.000000 | 0.250000 |
| Zr | 1 | 16a | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| Li | 1 | 24d | 0.375000 | 0.000000 | 0.250000 |
| Li | 2 | 96h | 0.431000 | 0.144000 | 0.172000 |
| O  | 1 | 96h | 0.102230 | 0.201370 | 0.279390 |

**Transformation matrix (P, p): a,b,c ; 0,0,0**

Matrix form:

$$(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{p}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Atom pairings and distances

| Atom Mappings   |      |                               |      |                               |  |
|-----------------|------|-------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|--|
| WP              | Atom | Coordinates in S <sub>1</sub> | Atom | Coordinates in S <sub>2</sub> |  |
| 24c (1/8,0,1/4) | La1  | (0.125000,0.000000,0.250000)  | La1  | (0.125000,0.000000,0.250000)  |  |
| 16a (0,0,0)     | Zr1  | (0.000000,0.000000,0.000000)  | Zr1  | (0.000000,0.000000,0.000000)  |  |
| 24d (3/8,0,1/4) | Li1  | (0.375000,0.000000,0.250000)  | Li1  | (0.375000,0.000000,0.250000)  |  |
| 96h (x,y,z)     | Li2  | (0.431000,0.144000,0.172000)  | Li2  | (0.431000,0.144000,0.172000)  |  |
| 96h (x,y,z)     | O1   | (0.100000,0.202440,0.280530)  | O1   | (0.102230,0.201370,0.279390)  |  |

| WP              | Atom | Atomic Displacements |                |                |        |
|-----------------|------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
|                 |      | u <sub>x</sub>       | u <sub>y</sub> | u <sub>z</sub> | u      |
| 24c (1/8,0,1/4) | La1  | 0.0000               | 0.0000         | 0.0000         | 0.0000 |
| 16a (0,0,0)     | Zr1  | 0.0000               | 0.0000         | 0.0000         | 0.0000 |

|     |             |     |        |         |         |        |
|-----|-------------|-----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| 24d | (3/8,0,1/4) | Li1 | 0.0000 | 0.0000  | 0.0000  | 0.0000 |
| 96h | (x,y,z)     | Li2 | 0.0000 | 0.0000  | 0.0000  | 0.0000 |
| 96h | (x,y,z)     | O1  | 0.0022 | -0.0011 | -0.0011 | 0.0353 |

NOTE:  $u_x$ ,  $u_y$  and  $u_z$  are given in relative units.  $|u|$  is the absolute distance given in Å

### Evaluation of the structure similarity

| S      | $d_{\max}$ . (Å) | $d_{\text{av}}$ . (Å) | $\Delta$ |
|--------|------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 0.0012 | 0.0353           | 0.0132                | 0.001    |

- Lattice and atomic position criteria:
  - The [degree of lattice distortion \(S\)](#) is the spontaneous strain (sum of the squared eigenvalues of the strain tensor divided by 3). For the given two structures, the **degree of lattice distortion (S)** is **0.0012**.
  - The maximum distance ( $d_{\max}$ ) shows the maximal displacement between the atomic positions of the paired atoms. The **maximum distance ( $d_{\max}$ )** in this case is: **0.0353 Å**
- The [arithmetic mean \( \$d\_{\text{av}}\$ \)](#) of the distance. In this case, the **arithmetic mean ( $d_{\text{av}}$ )** is **0.0132 Å**
- The [measure of similarity \( \$\Delta\$ \)](#) (Bergerhoff *et al.*, 1998) is a function of the differences in atomic positions (weighted by the multiplicities of the sites) and the ratios of the corresponding lattice parameters of the structures. The **measure of similarity ( $\Delta$ )** calculated for this case is **0.001**.

## Comparison of crystal structures of the same symmetry *I*-43d ( No. 220 )

### Structure #1 hydrogarnet W-LLZO (r = 50 Å)

220

13.03710 13.03710 13.03710 90.00000 90.00000 90.00000

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|    |   |     |          |          |          |
|----|---|-----|----------|----------|----------|
| La | 1 | 24d | 0.131560 | 0.000000 | 0.250000 |
| Zr | 1 | 16c | 0.010540 | 0.010540 | 0.010540 |
| Li | 1 | 12a | 0.375000 | 0.000000 | 0.250000 |
| Li | 2 | 12b | 0.875000 | 0.000000 | 0.250000 |
| Li | 3 | 48e | 0.396390 | 0.195550 | 0.083330 |
| Li | 4 | 48e | 0.945550 | 0.646390 | 0.166670 |
| O  | 1 | 48e | 0.108650 | 0.198960 | 0.285820 |
| O  | 2 | 48e | 0.444910 | 0.849510 | 0.479940 |

## Structure #2 hydrogarnet W-LLZO (r = 6.5 Å)

220

13.04560 13.04560 13.04560 90.00000 90.00000 90.00000

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|    |   |     |          |          |          |
|----|---|-----|----------|----------|----------|
| La | 1 | 24d | 0.131800 | 0.000000 | 0.250000 |
| Zr | 1 | 16c | 0.010700 | 0.010700 | 0.010700 |
| Li | 1 | 12a | 0.375000 | 0.000000 | 0.250000 |
| Li | 2 | 12b | 0.875000 | 0.000000 | 0.250000 |
| Li | 3 | 48e | 0.396390 | 0.195550 | 0.083330 |
| Li | 4 | 48e | 0.945550 | 0.646390 | 0.166670 |
| O  | 1 | 48e | 0.114210 | 0.189550 | 0.271240 |
| O  | 2 | 48e | 0.455580 | 0.850640 | 0.473200 |

## Description of Structure #2 in the most similar configuration to Structure #1

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13.045600 13.045600 13.045600 90.000000 90.000000 90.000000

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|    |   |     |          |          |          |
|----|---|-----|----------|----------|----------|
| La | 1 | 24d | 0.131800 | 0.000000 | 0.250000 |
| Zr | 1 | 16c | 0.010700 | 0.010700 | 0.010700 |

|    |   |     |          |          |          |
|----|---|-----|----------|----------|----------|
| Li | 1 | 12a | 0.375000 | 0.000000 | 0.250000 |
| Li | 2 | 12b | 0.875000 | 0.000000 | 0.250000 |
| Li | 3 | 48e | 0.396390 | 0.195550 | 0.083330 |
| Li | 4 | 48e | 0.945550 | 0.646390 | 0.166670 |
| O  | 1 | 48e | 0.114210 | 0.189550 | 0.271240 |
| O  | 2 | 48e | 0.455580 | 0.850640 | 0.473200 |

**Transformation matrix (P, p): a,b,c ; 0,0,0**

Matrix form:

$$(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{p}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Atom pairings and distances

| Atom Mappings |             |                               |                              |                               |                              |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WP            | Atom        | Coordinates in S <sub>1</sub> | Atom                         | Coordinates in S <sub>2</sub> |                              |
| 24d           | (x,0,1/4)   | La1                           | (0.131560,0.000000,0.250000) | La1                           | (0.131800,0.000000,0.250000) |
| 16c           | (x,x,x)     | Zr1                           | (0.010540,0.010540,0.010540) | Zr1                           | (0.010700,0.010700,0.010700) |
| 12a           | (3/8,0,1/4) | Li1                           | (0.375000,0.000000,0.250000) | Li1                           | (0.375000,0.000000,0.250000) |
| 12b           | (7/8,0,1/4) | Li2                           | (0.875000,0.000000,0.250000) | Li2                           | (0.875000,0.000000,0.250000) |
| 48e           | (x,y,z)     | Li3                           | (0.396390,0.195550,0.083330) | Li3                           | (0.396390,0.195550,0.083330) |
| 48e           | (x,y,z)     | Li4                           | (0.945550,0.646390,0.166670) | Li4                           | (0.945550,0.646390,0.166670) |
| 48e           | (x,y,z)     | O1                            | (0.108650,0.198960,0.285820) | O1                            | (0.114210,0.189550,0.271240) |
| 48e           | (x,y,z)     | O2                            | (0.444910,0.849510,0.479940) | O2                            | (0.455580,0.850640,0.473200) |

| WP  |             | Atom | Atomic Displacements |                |                |        |
|-----|-------------|------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
|     |             |      | u <sub>x</sub>       | u <sub>y</sub> | u <sub>z</sub> | u      |
| 24d | (x,0,1/4)   | La1  | 0.0002               | 0.0000         | 0.0000         | 0.0031 |
| 16c | (x,x,x)     | Zr1  | 0.0002               | 0.0002         | 0.0002         | 0.0036 |
| 12a | (3/8,0,1/4) | Li1  | 0.0000               | 0.0000         | 0.0000         | 0.0000 |
| 12b | (7/8,0,1/4) | Li2  | 0.0000               | 0.0000         | 0.0000         | 0.0000 |

|     |         |     |        |         |         |        |
|-----|---------|-----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| 48e | (x,y,z) | Li3 | 0.0000 | 0.0000  | 0.0000  | 0.0000 |
| 48e | (x,y,z) | Li4 | 0.0000 | 0.0000  | 0.0000  | 0.0000 |
| 48e | (x,y,z) | O1  | 0.0056 | -0.0094 | -0.0146 | 0.2376 |
| 48e | (x,y,z) | O2  | 0.0107 | 0.0011  | -0.0067 | 0.1652 |

NOTE:  $u_x$ ,  $u_y$  and  $u_z$  are given in relative units.  $|u|$  is the absolute distance given in Å

## Evaluation of the structure similarity

| S      | $d_{\max.}$ (Å) | $d_{\text{av.}}$ (Å) | $\Delta$ |
|--------|-----------------|----------------------|----------|
| 0.0004 | 0.2376          | 0.0760               | 0.008    |

- Lattice and atomic position criteria:
  - The [degree of lattice distortion \(S\)](#) is the spontaneous strain (sum of the squared eigenvalues of the strain tensor divided by 3). For the given two structures, the **degree of lattice distortion (S)** is **0.0004**.
  - The maximum distance ( $d_{\max.}$ ) shows the maximal displacement between the atomic positions of the paired atoms. The **maximum distance ( $d_{\max.}$ )** in this case is: **0.2376 Å**
- The [arithmetic mean \( \$d\_{\text{av}}\$ \)](#) of the distance. In this case, the **arithmetic mean ( $d_{\text{av}}$ )** is **0.0760 Å**
- The [measure of similarity \( \$\Delta\$ \)](#) (Bergerhoff *et al.*, 1998) is a function of the differences in atomic positions (weighted by the multiplicities of the sites) and the ratios of the corresponding lattice parameters of the structures. The **measure of similarity ( $\Delta$ )** calculated for this case is **0.008**.

## Comparison of crystal structures of the different symmetries Ia-3d (No. 230) [= pristine W-LLZO) I-43d (No. 220) [= ball milled W-LLZO, $r = 50$ Å)

Atom pairings and distances (W was omitted in calculation, because problems with calculations occurred)

### Atom Mappings

|     | WP          | Atom | Coordinates in S <sub>1</sub> | Atom | Coordinates in S <sub>2</sub> |
|-----|-------------|------|-------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|
| 24d | (x,0,1/4)   | La1  | (0.125000,0.000000,0.250000)  | La1  | (0.131560,0.000000,0.250000)  |
| 16c | (x,x,x)     | Zr1  | (0.000000,0.000000,0.000000)  | Zr1  | (0.010540,0.010540,0.010540)  |
| 12a | (3/8,0,1/4) | Li1  | (0.375000,0.000000,0.250000)  | Li1  | (0.375000,0.000000,0.250000)  |
| 12b | (7/8,0,1/4) | Li12 | (0.875000,0.000000,0.250000)  | Li2  | (0.875000,0.000000,0.250000)  |
| 48e | (x,y,z)     | Li2  | (0.431000,0.144000,0.172000)  | Li3  | (0.396390,0.195550,0.083330)  |
| 48e | (x,y,z)     | Li22 | (0.894000,0.681000,0.078000)  | Li4  | (0.945550,0.646390,0.166670)  |
| 48e | (x,y,z)     | O1   | (0.100000,0.202440,0.280530)  | O1   | (0.108650,0.198960,0.285820)  |
| 48e | (x,y,z)     | O12  | (0.452440,0.850000,0.469470)  | O2   | (0.444910,0.849510,0.479940)  |

| WP  |             | Atom | Atomic Displacements |                |                |        |
|-----|-------------|------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
|     |             |      | u <sub>x</sub>       | u <sub>y</sub> | u <sub>z</sub> | u      |
| 24d | (x,0,1/4)   | La1  | -0.0066              | 0.0000         | 0.0000         | 0.0855 |
| 16c | (x,x,x)     | Zr1  | -0.0105              | -0.0105        | -0.0105        | 0.2380 |
| 12a | (3/8,0,1/4) | Li1  | 0.0000               | 0.0000         | 0.0000         | 0.0000 |
| 12b | (7/8,0,1/4) | Li12 | 0.0000               | 0.0000         | 0.0000         | 0.0000 |
| 48e | (x,y,z)     | Li2  | 0.0346               | -0.0515        | 0.0887         | 1.4112 |
| 48e | (x,y,z)     | Li22 | -0.0515              | 0.0346         | -0.0887        | 1.4112 |
| 48e | (x,y,z)     | O1   | -0.0086              | 0.0035         | -0.0053        | 0.1398 |
| 48e | (x,y,z)     | O12  | 0.0075               | 0.0005         | -0.0105        | 0.1683 |

NOTE: u<sub>x</sub>, u<sub>y</sub> and u<sub>z</sub> are given in relative units. |u| is the absolute distance given in Å

## Evaluation of the Global Distortion

| S      | d <sub>max.</sub> (Å) | d <sub>av.</sub> (Å) | Δ     |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 0.0035 | 1.4112                | 0.6099               | 0.066 |

- Lattice and atomic position criteria:
  - The [degree of lattice distortion \(S\)](#) is the spontaneous strain (sum of the squared eigenvalues of the strain tensor divided by 3). For the given two structures, the **degree of lattice distortion (S)** is **0.0035**.
  - The [maximum distance \(d<sub>max.</sub>\)](#) shows the maximal displacement between the atomic positions of the paired atoms. The **maximum distance (d<sub>max.</sub>)** in this case is: **1.4112 Å**

- The average distance ( $d_{av}$ ) is defined as the average over the primitive unit cell of the distances between the atomic positions of the paired atoms. For this case the **average distance ( $d_{av}$ )** is calculated as **0.6099 Å**.
- The measure of compatibility ( $\Delta$ ) (Bergerhoff *et al.*, 1998) is a function of the differences in atomic positions (weighted by the multiplicities of the sites) and the ratios of the corresponding lattice parameters of the structures (the comparison being between the transformed high symmetry structure into the low symmetry structure's setting and the reference low symmetry structure). The **measure of compatibility ( $\Delta$ )** calculated for this case is **0.066**.

#### Electrochemical impedance spectra of commercial LLZO

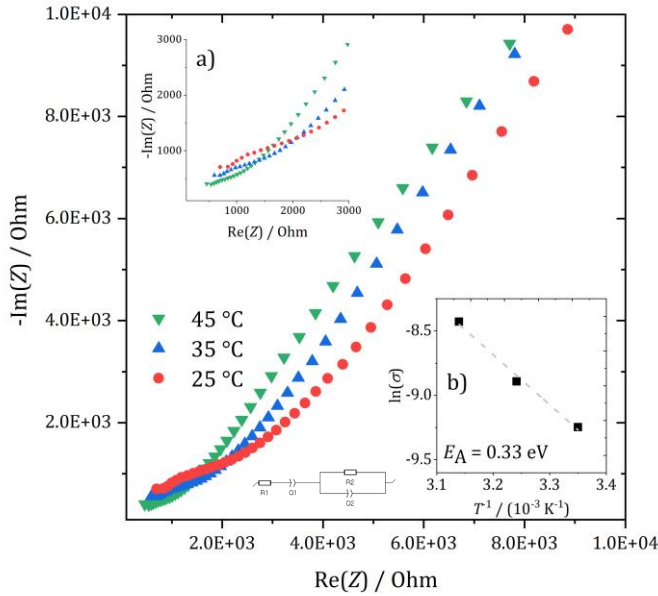


Figure S8: Nyquist Plot of impedance spectroscopy measurement of a sintered Nb-LLZO Pellet, a) Zoom, b) Arrhenius approach, dashed line shows a fit according to **Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden..**

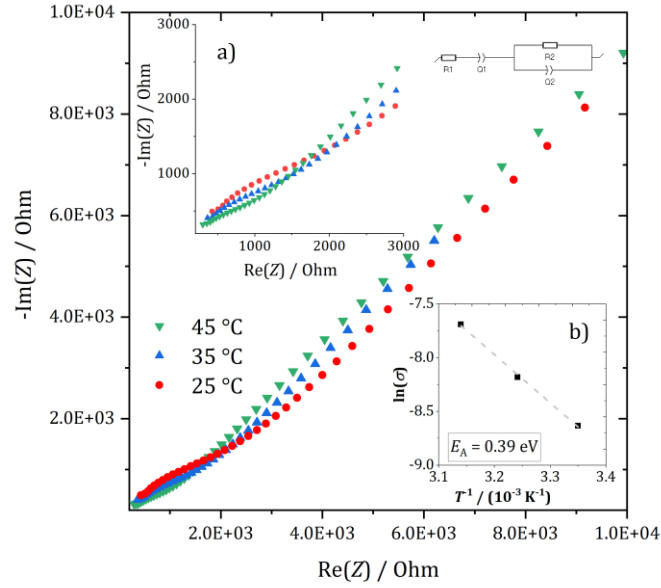


Figure S9: Nyquist Plot of impedance spectroscopy measurement of a sintered Ta-LLZO Pellet, a) Zoom, b) Arrhenius approach, dashed line shows a fit according to **Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden..**

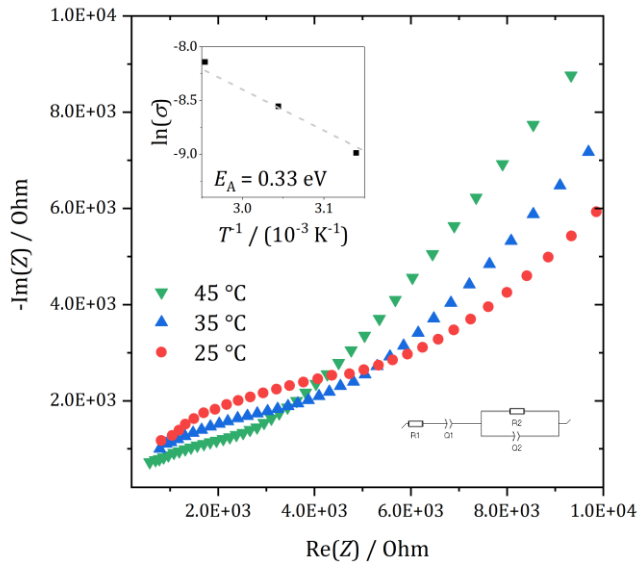


Figure S10: Nyquist Plot of impedance spectroscopy measurement of a sintered W-LLZO pellet, Inset: Arrhenius approach, dashed line shows a fit according to **Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden..**

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