

## Electronic Supporting Information:

### Thermally processed Ni-and Co-struvites as functional materials for proton conductivity

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## Methods

### *X-ray diffraction*

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD, XRD) measurements from the powders were performed on a D8 Bruker Diffractometer equipped with a LYNXEYE XE-T detector. The diffraction data were collected with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation (1.5406 Å, 40 kV and 40 mA) from 5-60° using a step size 0.015° (2θ) and a scanning time of 0.5 s per step. All samples were prepared on silicon specimen holders in order to minimize background especially important in the case of the amorphous phases.

### *SEM*

The scanning electron microscopy (SEM) analysis was performed on an XL 30 ESEM equipped with a tungsten cathode (FEI, Eindhoven, in 2020 electronic upgrade by point electronic GmbH) operating with a 20 keV acceleration voltage and using a secondary electron detector (SE). Before the analysis, all samples were coated with a 30 nm thick layer of gold.

### *TGA/DSC*

Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) were performed simultaneously on dry M-struvite powders using a heat flux TGA/DSC 3+ device from Mettler Toledo. All measurements were carried out in a nitrogen atmosphere with a purge gas flow of 100 ml min<sup>-1</sup>. As a reference material for the heat flux, DSC an  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> corundum crucible, was used. All samples were heated from room temperature to 850 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>.

### *Infrared spectroscopy*

FT-IR analysis was performed on a Nicolet Nexus 670 FT-IP (Thermo Fischer Scientific) in attenuated total reflection (ATR) mode with a “Golden Gate” sample holder, to track majorly the water and ammonia compounds in the samples. Before each measurement, the sample holder was cleaned with ethanol and acetone. Air was measured, as a background spectrum. 32 scans were taken with a resolution of 4 cm<sup>-1</sup> per one sample measurement. The spectral range was set to 4000 – 570 cm<sup>-1</sup> and the spectra were recorded in an absorption mode. The software OMNIC was used for acquisition and the spectra were exported in a CSV file format.

### *Raman spectroscopy*

The Raman spectra were obtained on Labram HR 800 Raman microscope system from Horiba Jobin Yvon equipped with a BX41 microscope from Olympus. All data were processed by using the Horiba’s LabSpec 6 software. All measurements were carried out with a continuous diode-pumped solid-state laser with a wavelength of  $\lambda = 532$  nm resulting in power on the sample of 34 mW. A long-working distance 50x/N.A. = 0.55 microscope objective and a spectrometer grating with 1800 grooves mm<sup>-1</sup> was used. The dry powdered samples were flattened on a microscope slide and the focus was set in a light microscopy mode. Afterwards, the laser was turned on, excited the sample and multiple point measurements from the sample were measured. In general, the acquisition parameters were 60 s measurement time per spectrum with five accumulations, but settings were also varied depending on the sample to avoid saturation effects. The centre wavenumber of the spectrum was around 1780 cm<sup>-1</sup> with an entire range of 187-3387 cm<sup>-1</sup> to see phosphate, water and ammonia vibrations.

### *X-ray absorption spectroscopy*

XAS (X-ray absorption spectroscopy) measurements of the solid powders both at the near-edge structure (XANES) and extended fine structure (EXAFS) to resolve the coordination environment of the different phases, were performed at the BAMline (BESSY-II, Helmholtz Centre Berlin for Materials and Energy Berlin, Germany)<sup>1</sup>. The beam was monochromatized using a double-crystal monochromator (DCM) with a Si crystallographic orientation of [111]. The size of the beam was 3 mm (v) x 1 mm (h). The measurements were performed at the Ni-K edge (8333 eV) in transmission geometry, with two

ionization chambers as detectors. The excitation energy was varied from 8230 eV to 9302 eV for Ni, with varying energy steps. For the pre-edge region, the energy was varied in 10 eV steps; for the region around the edge, energy was tuned first in 0.5 eV steps, then in 1 eV steps (XANES) and in the EXAFS region with a constant step in the k-space of  $0.04 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  until  $k = 16 \text{ \AA}$ . The associated uncertainties were experimentally determined by measuring the nickel metal foil, each 10 times. A value of  $\pm 0.3$  eV was obtained for both systems. For the measurement, the samples were mixed with boron nitride, placed in polycarbonate hole plates with a thickness of 1 mm and sealed with a polyimide tape (Kapton) on both sides. Before collecting the sample spectra, a nickel foil was used as a reference for the respective K edge. The relative energies of the spectra were calibrated to the first inflection point of the nickel metal absorption edge.

The resulting XAS data were processed by using ATHENA (for normalization and background removal) and ARTEMIS (to fit known models to the experimental EXAFS data). These two programs belong to the main package IFEFFIT (v. 1.2.11)<sup>2</sup>. The respective Ni-phosphates (Ni-struvite  $\text{NH}_4\text{NiPO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , Ni-dittmarite  $\text{NH}_4\text{NiPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and Ni-pyrophosphate  $\text{Ni}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ ) and Co-phosphates (Co-struvite  $\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , Co-dittmarite  $\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , hydrogencobaltphosphate monohydrate  $\text{HCoPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , anhydrous ammoniumcobaltphosphate  $\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4$  and Co-pyrophosphate  $\text{Co}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ ) were used as model structures and the scattering paths for the first and second coordination sphere were theoretically modelled and fitted to the measured spectra using ARTEMIS.

#### *Proton conductivity measurements*

Proton conductivity (PC) properties were derived by performing alternating-current (AC) impedance measurements using an impedance and gain-phase analyzer (Biologic SP-150e) over a frequency range from 10 mHz to 1 MHz with an input voltage amplitude of 10 mV. Powder samples were pelletized under a pressure of 4.9 MPa for 5 min. Each pellet was coated with a silver paste on both sides and dried in the air overnight. Selected Ni- and Co-phosphate samples, thermally treated at temperatures from 25°C-800°C, were analyzed. All pellets dimension data and PC results are summarized in this SI. The corresponding proton conductivities of all three compounds were measured by inserting the pellet into a custom-made stainless-steel cell with the two-electrode setup (SI: Figure S1). The measurements were carried out over an extensive range of temperatures (25–80 °C) at a constant relative humidity (98%) and relative humidity levels (68–98% RH) at a constant temperature (25°C). The programmable Binder climate-controlled chamber (Model KMF) was used to keep the sample at the desired temperature and the relative humidity during a proton conductivity measurement. The conditions in the chamber for each measurement were allowed to equilibrate for 12 hours.

Impedance spectra were fitted with a minimal circuit model with the software *EIS Spectrum Analyser (Version 07/2013)*<sup>3</sup>. Our equivalent circuit model (Fig. 5B in the main text) comprises a constant-phase element (CPE) and a resistor (R) in parallel connected in series with two parallel Warburg elements (short and open Warburg elements  $W_s$  and  $W_o$ ). Here, the Warburg short and open element can account for semi-finite to finite diffusion of protons as they represent the transmissive and reflective character of the grain boundaries, respectively. The high-frequency R-CPE circuit represents the electronic resistivity of the metal phosphate phase. The proton conductivities were calculated from the intersection of the fits in the Nyquist plots with the abscissa axis (real part of impedance  $Z'$ ). Proton conductivity values were calculated using the following equation (Equation S1):

$$\sigma = \frac{l}{AZ'} \quad [S1]$$

where  $l$  is the distance between the electrodes i.e., the thickness of the pellet and  $A$  is the cross section area of the pellet.  $Z'$  is the through-plane bulk impedance of the sample. Since the other measured

samples ( $T = 300^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $500^\circ\text{C}$  and  $800^\circ\text{C}$ ) changed their chemical composition and structure, only the intersection of the semicircles in the Nyquist plots with the abscissa axis was used for comparison. Here an interpretation of a fitting circuit would be misleading because multiple reactions occur, and assigning a circuit element to a distinct process is impossible. The values obtained from different temperatures at a constant  $\text{RH} = 98\%$  can be used to determine activation energies  $E_A$  of the thermal activated proton migration i.e. ionic conductivity (Equation S2):

$$\ln(\sigma T) = -\frac{E_A}{R} \cdot \frac{1000}{T} + \ln(\sigma_0) \quad [\text{S2}]$$

, where  $\sigma$  is the bulk proton conductivity [ $\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ],  $T$  is the temperature [K],  $\sigma_0$  is the pre-factor of the exponential power law,  $E_A$  activation energy of proton migration [ $\text{kJ}/\text{mole}$ ] and  $R$  is the ideal gas constant  $R = 8.314 \text{ J/mol K}$ .

#### *DVS measurements*

The Dynamic Vapor sorption (DVS) measurements were performed using a DVS resolution Dual Vapor Gravimetric Sorption Analyzer (Surface Measurement Systems) at  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$  from  $\text{RH} = 0 - 95\%$  with steps of 5%. The solid dry powders were pre-heated in the instrument before the measurement at  $T = 65^\circ\text{C}$  with  $\text{RH} = 0\%$  for  $t = 12 \text{ h}$  to remove all adsorbed water.

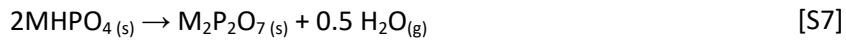
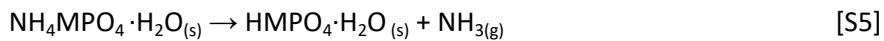
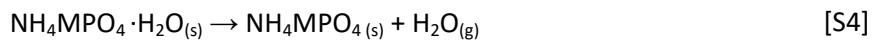
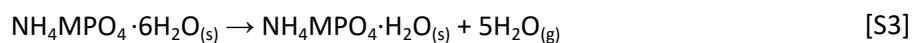
### Supplementary Data Analysis 1: Description of TGA/DSC data

The dry crystalline M-struvite powders were analyzed in TGA/DSC from 25-850 °C with 10°C/min to track the evaporation accompanied by the phase transformation during the thermal treatment (Figure S4) and H<sub>2</sub>O while the exothermic peak correlates with the crystallization process of M-pyrophosphate. As the mass loss indicates, all struvite compounds release nearly five water molecules and lower amounts of NH<sub>3</sub> per structural formula in the first endothermic peak (Figure S4B). The second endothermic peak at around 150°C in Co-struvite points out to the phase transition of COD mainly to stable NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub> and HCoPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O with associated degassing of NH<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O (see the theoretical mass loss of 6 H<sub>2</sub>O at 38.6 % and 5 H<sub>2</sub>O + NH<sub>3</sub> 38.3% in Figure S4B). At temperatures ≥ 300°C, these compounds transform further to HCoPO<sub>4</sub>. The last degassing of the remaining 0.5 H<sub>2</sub>O leading to the condensation of M-pyrophosphates proceeds continuously over a broad T interval of 300°C to the crystallization temperature of Co-pyrophosphate at T = 620°C. Although Co-struvite seems to decompose earlier than Ni-struvite (onset temperature at 73°C), it is also the first which crystallizes.

Ni-struvite evaporates mainly water around 90-130°C and forms remanent amorphous phases in dry conditions. These amorphous phases progressively release their volatiles at higher temperatures, resulting in a smooth continuous DSC curve without sharp endothermic signals. Here, the chemical composition ranges most likely from NH<sub>4</sub>NiPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O at 90°C to HNiPO<sub>4</sub> < 770°C. Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> crystallizes at 770 °C with a sharp exothermic peak. In all samples, the mass change from the crystallization to M-pyrophosphate is not visible in the TGA curve.

In general, the crystallization to Co<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> in the TGA/DSC samples happened at significantly higher temperatures than in the isothermally heated samples. Due to the crystallisation kinetics, the heat ramp with 10°C min<sup>-1</sup> is too fast to track minor proportions of formed Co<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> in the TGA or DSC signal. The heating rate and time can significantly influence the absolute phase transition temperature (Figure S4C). This finding indicates the strongly kinetically controlled nature of phase transitions.

The following reaction mass balance equations (Equation S3-S7) are likely to describe the samples' evolution and may be applicable both sequentially or coincidently, resulting in a complex phase composition.



Equations S3, S4, S5, S6, S7: Possible reaction equations through the thermal history of the transition metal phosphate compounds.

## Supplementary Data Analysis 2: Analysis of the FT-IR/FT-RS spectra

Crystalline precursor M-struvites exhibit IR active vibrations starting with the bending and stretching vibrations of the  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  tetrahedron in the range of 800-550  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for  $\delta(\text{O}-\text{P}-\text{O})$  and 1200-850  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for  $\nu(\text{O}-\text{P}-\text{O})$  (**Error! Reference source not found.**A, C). These signals are followed by two discrete bands at 1434  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1464  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  of the stretching mode of  $\text{NH}_4^+$   $\nu(\text{H}-\text{N}-\text{H})$ . Integration of these bands allows for a semi-quantitative comparison of the amount of bound ammonia in the sample series where the crystalline M-struvite is a reference with one mole  $\text{NH}_4$  per sum formula. The calculated amounts are included in the SI (SI: Table S1 and S2). Afterwards, the deformational bending modes of water  $\delta(\text{H}-\text{O}-\text{H})$  and ammonia  $\delta(\text{H}-\text{N}-\text{H})$  overlap in the range of 1710-1520  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . In the final range of 3800-2200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , multiple water and ammonia stretching modes appear at coinciding positions. An increase in temperature leads to the continuous depletion of water and ammonia, resulting in the extinction of their IR bands. In all samples, the stretching phosphate bands shift towards higher wavenumbers with increasing temperatures up to 500°C. Above these temperatures, these bands remain at the same positions.

Looking at the phosphate  $\delta$ - and  $\nu(\text{O}-\text{P}-\text{O})$  bands of the Co samples, firstly, the two stretching modes at 874 and 969  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in Co-struvite split into four broad stretching bands of Co-dittmarite at 911, 1018, 1069 and 1102  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  while the bending mode shifts from 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in Co-struvite to 766  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in Co-dittmarite. When Co-dittmarite decomposes at 180°C, the two sharp  $\delta(\text{H}-\text{N}-\text{H})$  peaks form one broader peak with lower intensity at 1420  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  while at the same time, the  $\nu(\text{H}-\text{O}-\text{H})$  at 3388  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  peak extinguishes. In addition, multiple phosphate bands in the range of 1150 – 850  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  appear due to possibly several phosphate phases. With progressively increasing temperatures these stretching modes of the phosphate bonding rearrange to two broad peaks at 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 909  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  at 300°C indicative for higher degree of condensation of the phosphate units in  $\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4$ .

The Raman spectra correlate mainly with the IR bands (**Error! Reference source not found.**B, D). Generally, at around 3200-2800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , stretching vibrations of water and ammonia  $\nu(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ ,  $\nu(\text{NH}_3)$  appear in the samples. At around 1600 and 1400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , distinct bending modes of ammonia are observed. In the Ni- and Co systems, from roughly 1250-1050  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , symmetric and asymmetric stretching bands belonging to the phosphate tetrahedron  $\nu_s(\text{PO}_4)$ , and  $\nu_{as}(\text{PO}_4)$  represent the most significant bands. All stretching  $\nu(\text{PO}_4)$  modes show a progressive shift towards higher wavenumbers with increasing temperature (dotted arrow in **Error! Reference source not found.**). Finally, at 750-600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , first, the stretching vibrations of the P-O-P bridges, and secondly, at 600-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  the bending vibrations of the phosphate unit  $\delta(\text{PO}_4)$  and  $\delta(\text{P}-\text{O}-\text{P})$  show up. The general order of modes was observed to be  $\nu_{as}(\text{PO}_4) > \nu_s(\text{PO}_4) > \nu_{as}(\text{P}-\text{O}-\text{P}) > \nu_s(\text{P}-\text{O}-\text{P}) > \delta(\text{PO}_4) > \delta(\text{P}-\text{O}-\text{P})$  in agreement with other phosphate phases reported in the literature<sup>4, 5</sup>. As the temperature increases, the asymmetric stretching vibrations  $\nu_{as}(\text{PO}_4)$  and  $\nu(\text{P}-\text{O}-\text{P})$  increase in both metal systems, indicating a progressive transformation of ortho- to pyrophosphate. Since multiple crystalline phase transitions are involved in the Co-system in the thermal history, the shift of the phosphate modes is not as significant in the Ni-system, which includes mostly the amorphous phase. Amorphous phases form wide Raman bands of low intensity compared to crystalline phases with narrower, more intense bands. Therefore, the trend in the extent of crystallinity is reflected in the changing width of the Raman bands of the samples.

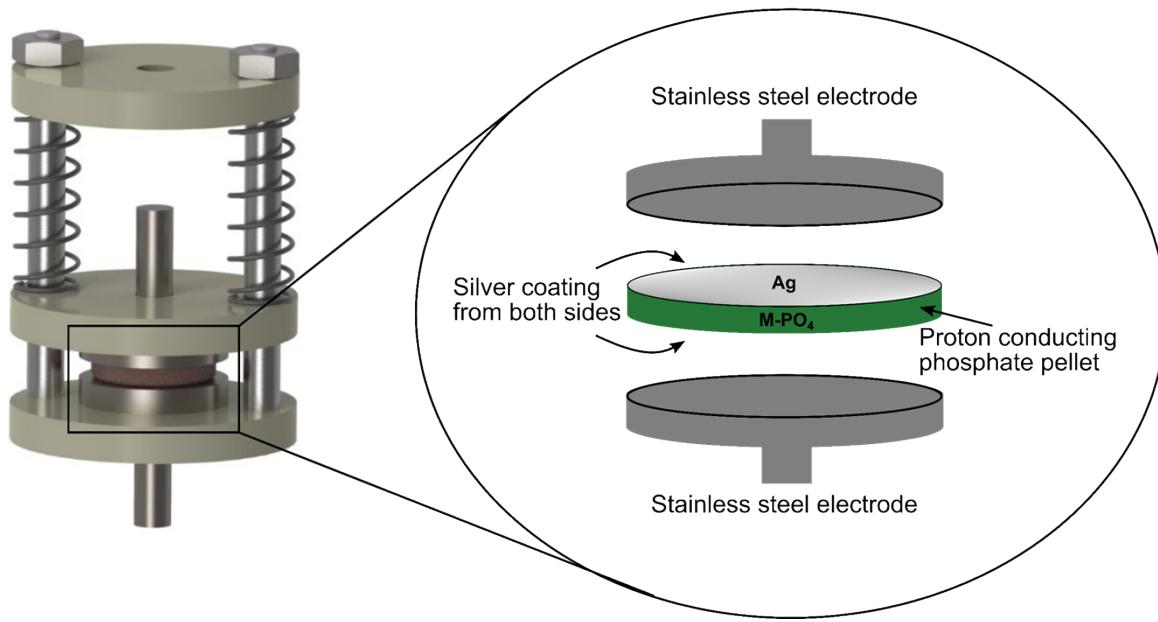


Figure S1: The proton conductivity measurement setup with an overview on the left and an exploded view on the right; The compressed pellet is clamped by two mechanical springs; the conductive metal parts of the spring and bars do not touch the electrode setup to avoid any interference in measuring of the current/voltage.

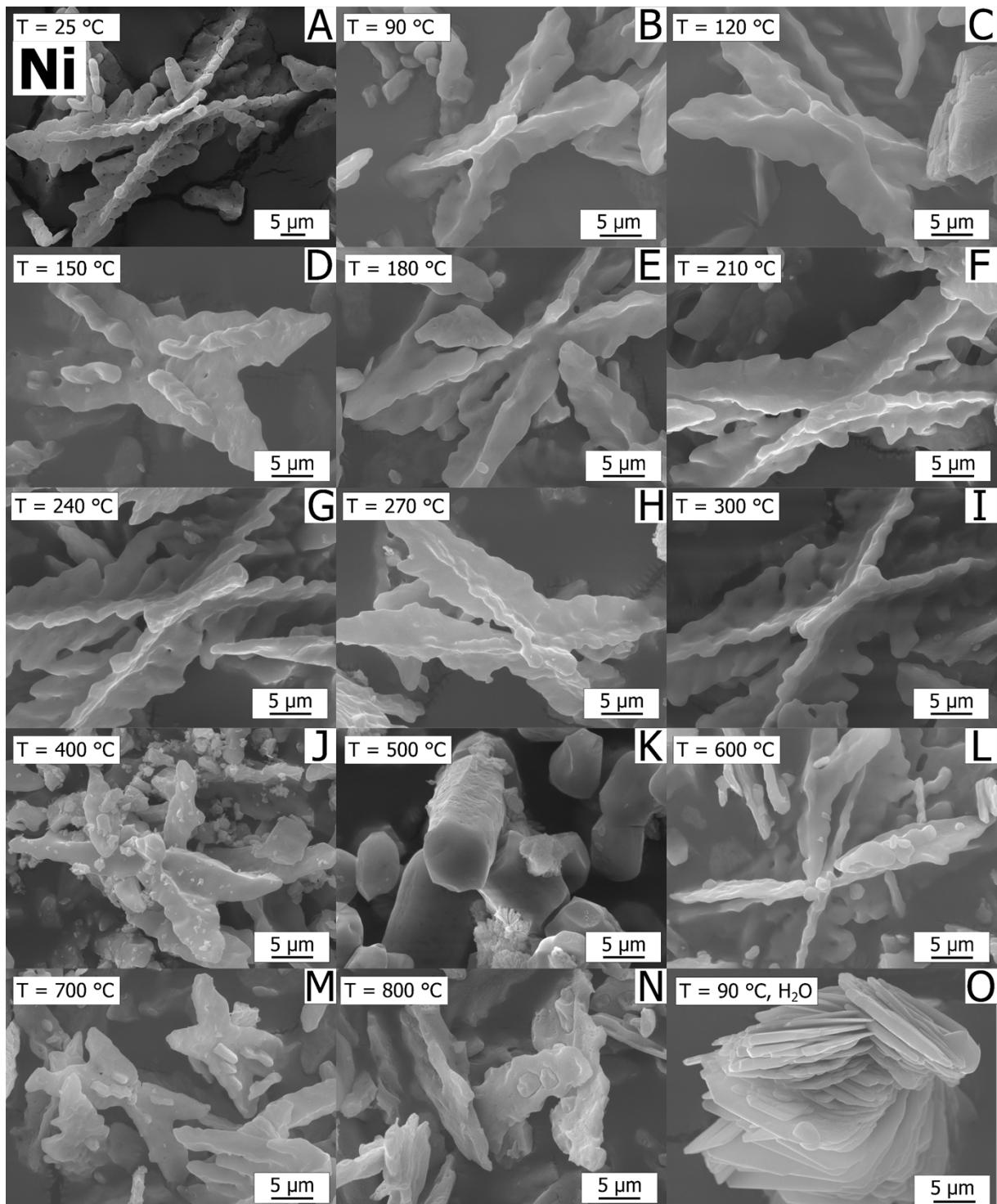


Figure S2: SE images of full T-series of a thermally treated Ni-struvite; (A) precursor Ni-struvite at 25°C; thermally Ni-struvite thermally treated at (B) 90°C; (C) 120°C; (D) 150°C ; (E) 180°C; (F) 210°C; (G) 240°C; (H) 270°C; (I) 300°C; (J) 400°C ; (K) 500°C; (L) 600°C; (M) 700°C; (N) 800°C; (O) Ni-struvite hydrothermally treated at T = 90°C and at RH ~ 100%.

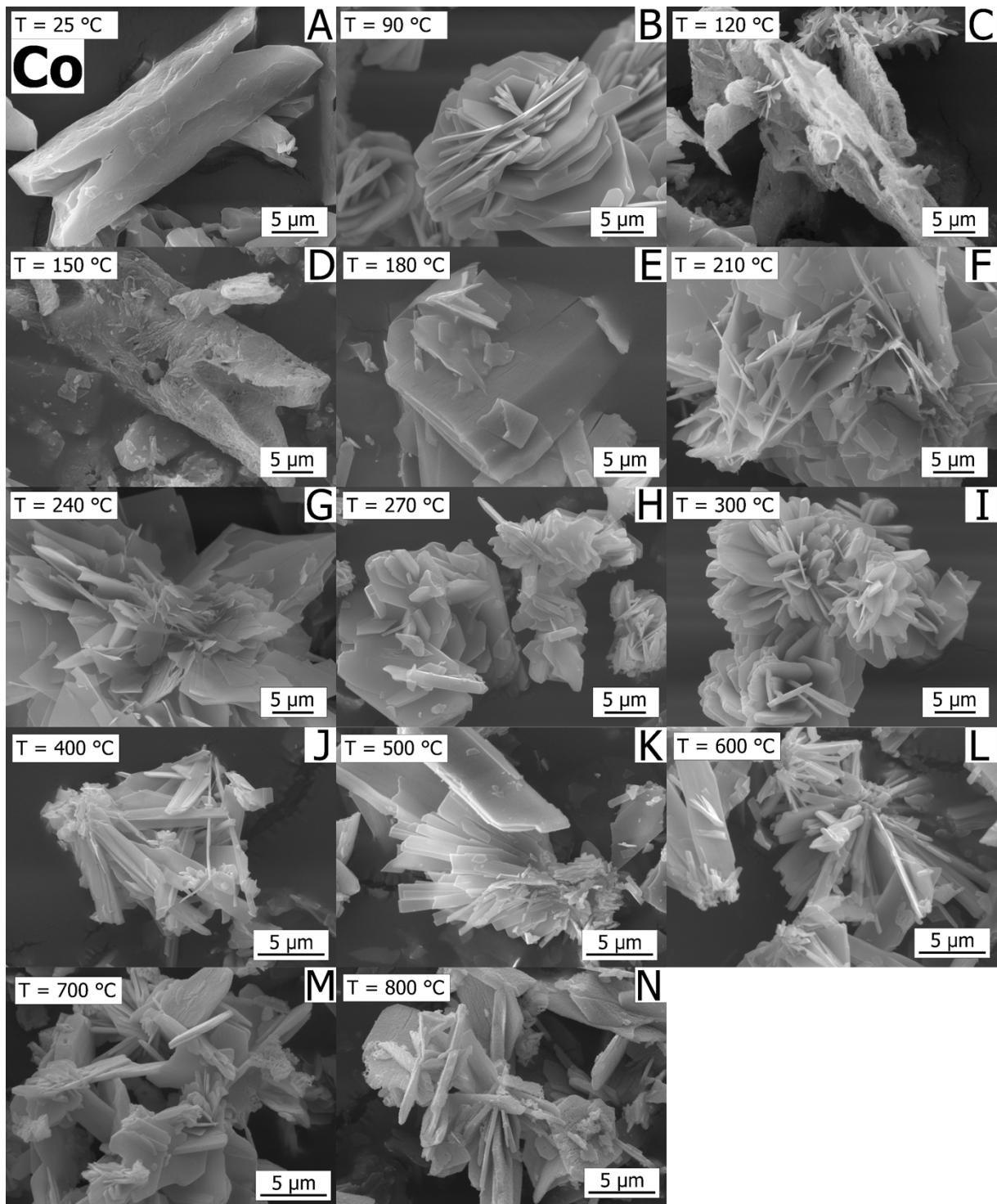


Figure S3: SE images of full T-series of a thermally treated Co-struvite; (A) precursor Co-struvite at 25°C; Co-struvite thermally treated at (B) 90°C; (C) 120°C ; (D) 150°C ; (E) 180°C; (F) 210°C; (G) 240°C; (H) 270°C; (I) 300°C; (J) 400°C ; (K) 500°C; (L) 600°C; (M) 700°C; (N) 800°C.

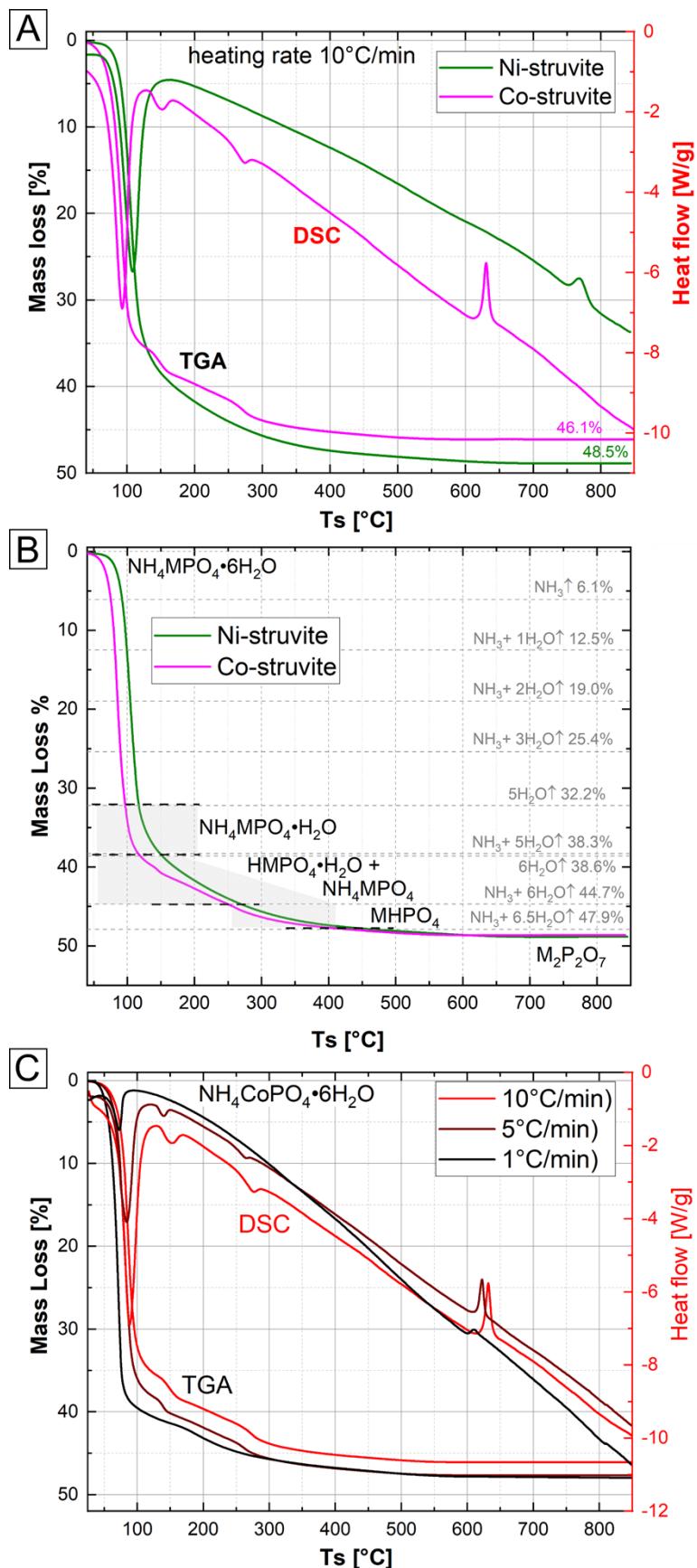


Figure S4: (A) TGA/DSC profiles for the pure M-struvite (M = Ni and Co) with labels indicating the final mass loss; (B) TGA graphs for the pure M-struvite (M = Ni and Co) with the labels indicating theoretical calculated mass loss and associated theoretical phase compositions. (C) TGA/DSC curves of Co-struvite with varying heating rates (1°C, 5°C and 10°C/min) show changes in the occurrence of the thermal events.

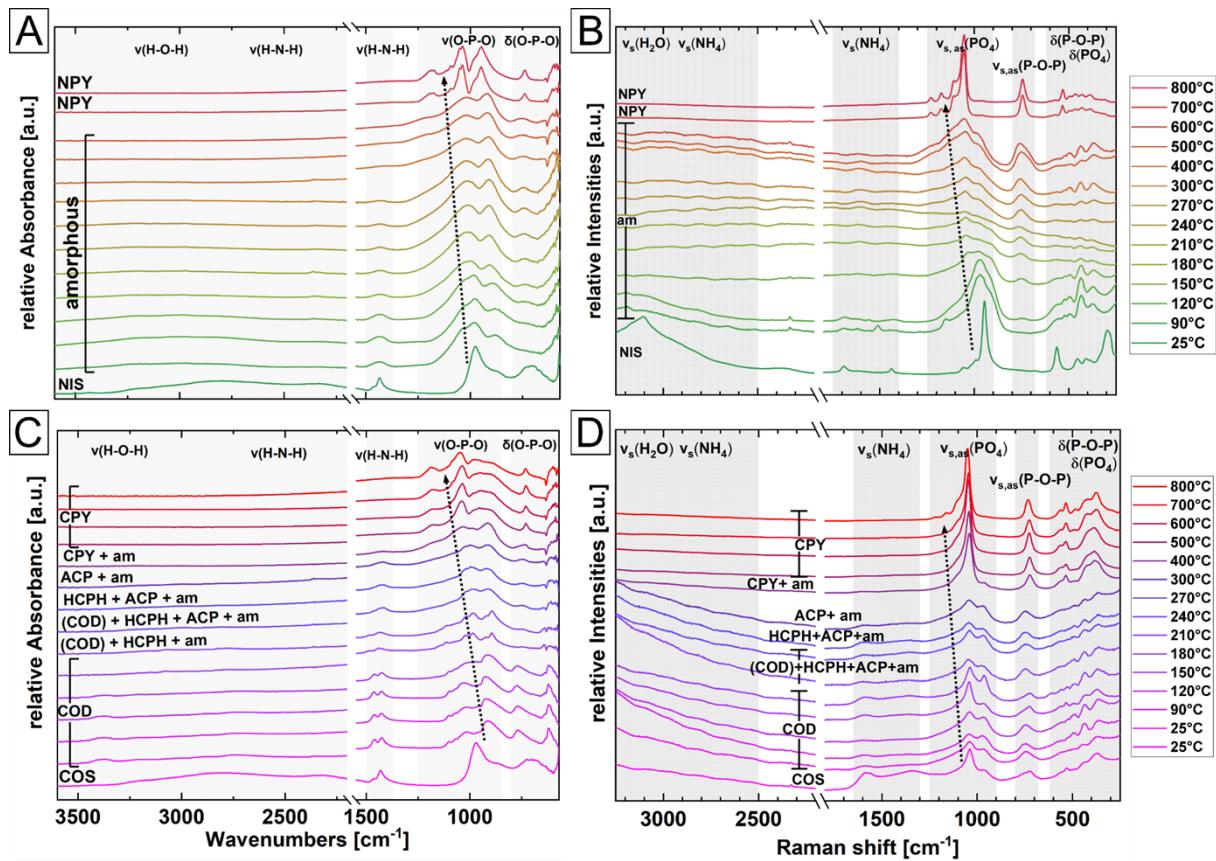


Figure S5: (A) Fourier transformed-infrared (FT-IR) and (B) Raman spectra (FT-RS) of Ni T-series (green-red) and (C) FT-IR + (D) Raman spectra of Co T-series (pink-red) in the range of  $25^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T \leq 800^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; The distinct stretching ( $v$ ) and bending ( $\delta$ ), symmetric ( $s$ ) or asymmetric ( $as$ ) modes of the phosphate, water, and ammonium units are displayed and marked in grey; The degree of pyrophosphatation is marked by the dotted arrow; Raman spectra: All peaks were normalised against the intensity of the  $v_s(\text{PO}_4)$  mode (relative Intensities [a.u.]); the corresponding XRD-derived phase compositions at given temperature were added to the respective spectra.

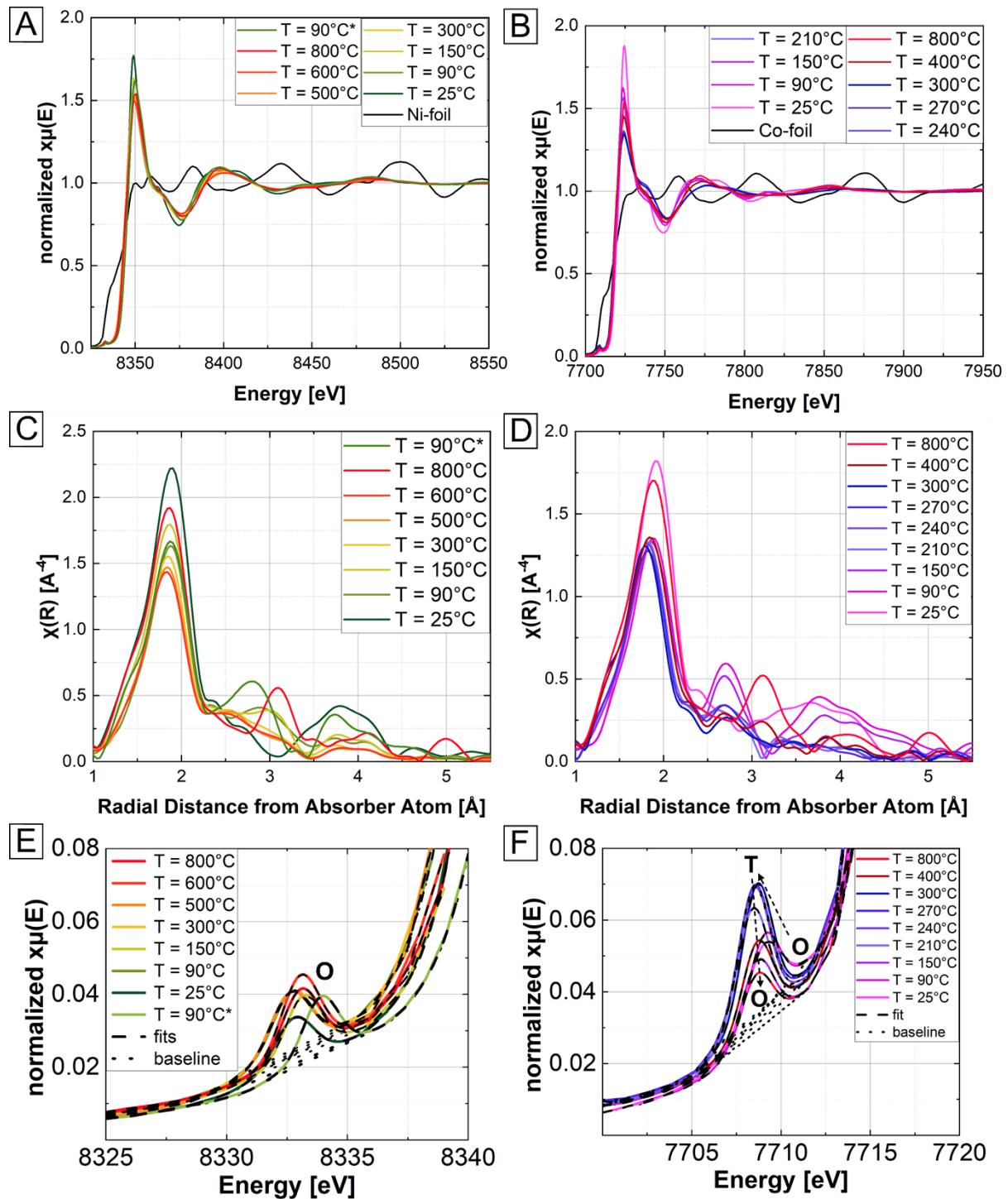


Figure S6: XAS spectra of all thermally processed TMPs plotted in the real space (A,B) and in the R-space (C,D).  $90^\circ\text{C}^*$  = hydrothermal synthesis at RH  $\approx 100\%$  at  $90^\circ\text{C}$ . (E, F) Pre-peak region of Ni- and Co-phosphate and the integration from Gaussian fits, O = Octahedron, T = Tetrahedron.

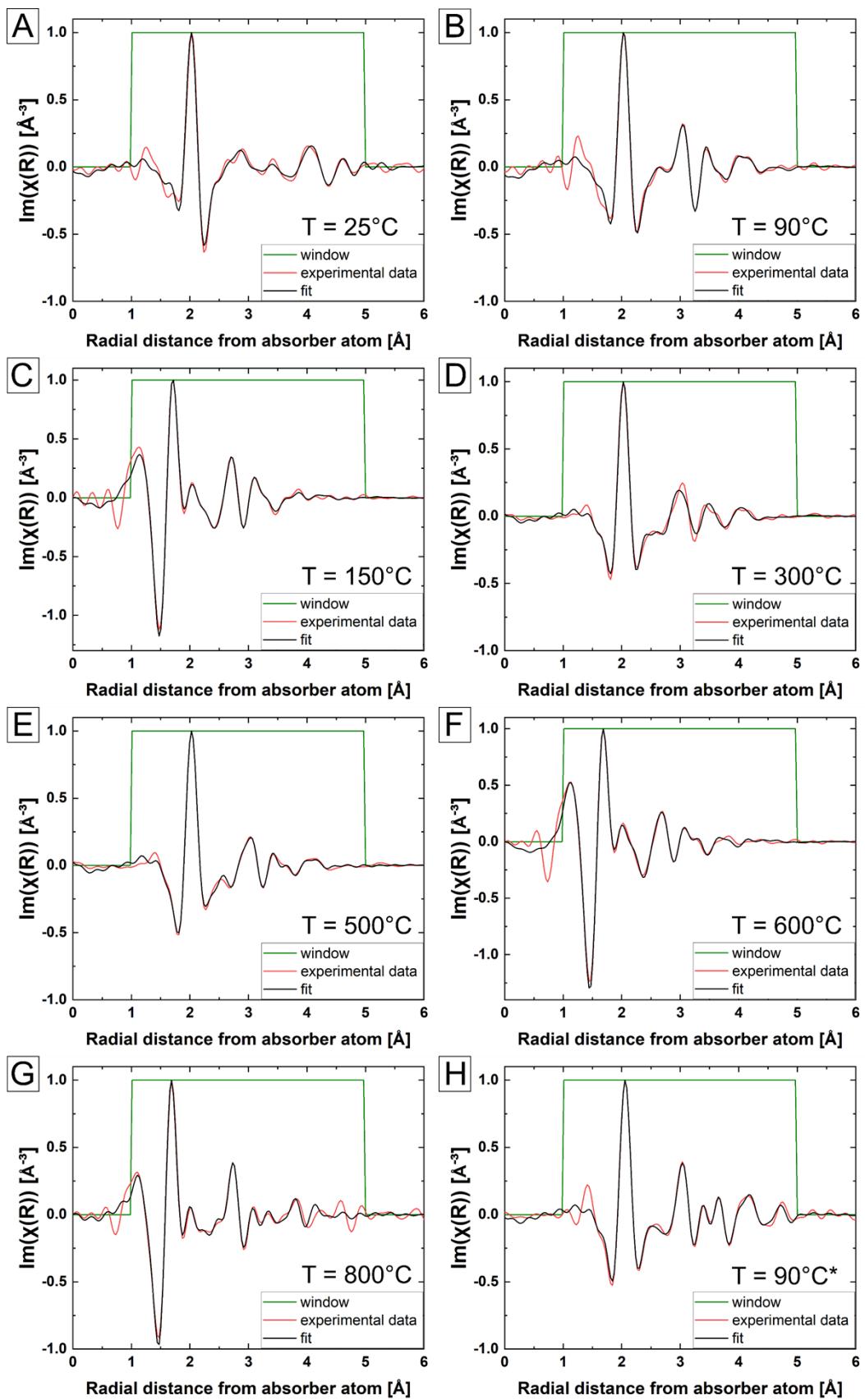


Figure S7: Fits: Ni- K-edge EXAFS data shown in real space for (A) Ni-struvite,  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $R = 0.011$ ; (B) amorphous phase heated at  $90^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $R = 0.008$ ; (C) amorphous phase heated at  $150^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $R = 0.003$ ; (D) amorphous phase heated at  $300^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $R = 0.004$ ; (E) amorphous phase heated at  $500^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $R = 0.003$ ; (F) amorphous phase heated at  $600^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $R = 0.003$ ; (G)  $\text{Ni}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$  heated at  $800^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $R = 0.011$ ; (H) Ni-dittmarite heated hydrothermally at  $90^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $R = 0.008$ .

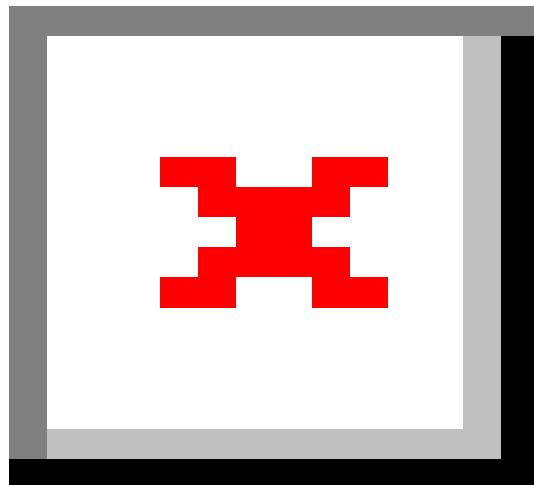


Figure S8: Fits of Co- K-edge EXAFS data shown in real space for (A) Co-struvite at 25°C, R = 0.014; (B) Co-dittmarite at 90°C, R = 0.007; (C) Co-dittmarite at 150°C, R = 0.011; (D) HCPH , ACP, amorphous phase and Co-dittmarite at 210°C, R = 0.007; (E) ACP, HCPH and amorphous phase at 240°C, R = 0.011; (F) ACP, HCPH and amorphous phase at 270°C, R = 0.007; (G) ACP and amorphous phase at 300°C, R = 0.010; (H)  $\text{Co}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$  and amorphous phase at 400°C, R = 0.005; (I)  $\text{Co}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$  at 800°C, R = 0.015

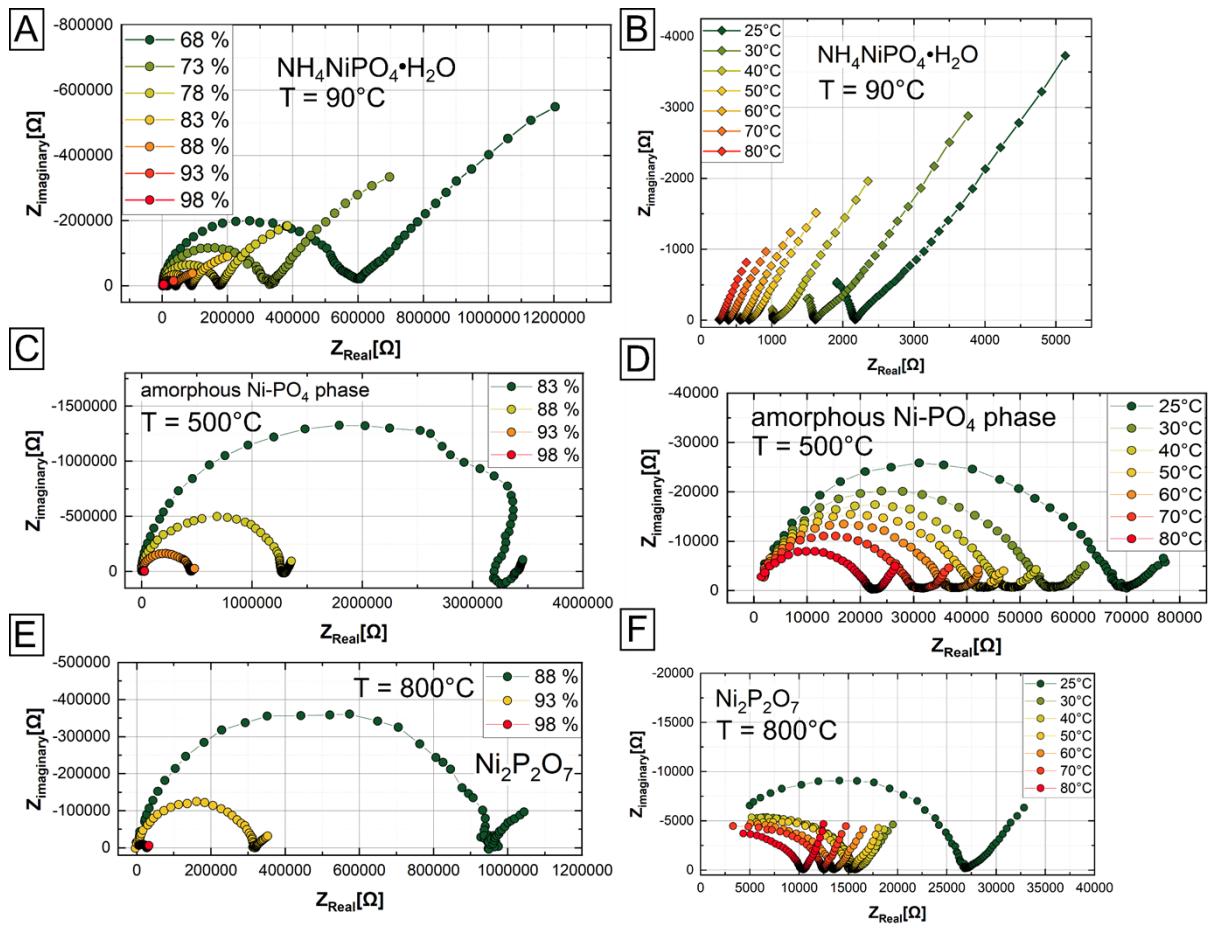


Figure S9: Nyquist plots of PC data at relative humidity values RH = 68%-98% at a constant temperature T = 25°C, and at different temperatures 25°C – 90°C at constant RH of 98%; Nyquist plots show real and imaginary impedance on x- and y-axis, respectively. Nyquist plots of Ni-dittmarite NH<sub>4</sub>NiPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O Pmn<sub>2</sub>1 heated at T = 90°C (A) at various RH and (B) at various temperatures; Nyquist plots of amorphous Ni-PO<sub>4</sub> phase heated at T = 500°C (D) at various RH and (E) at various temperatures; Nyquist plots of NPY heated at T = 800°C (E) at various RH and (F) at various temperatures.

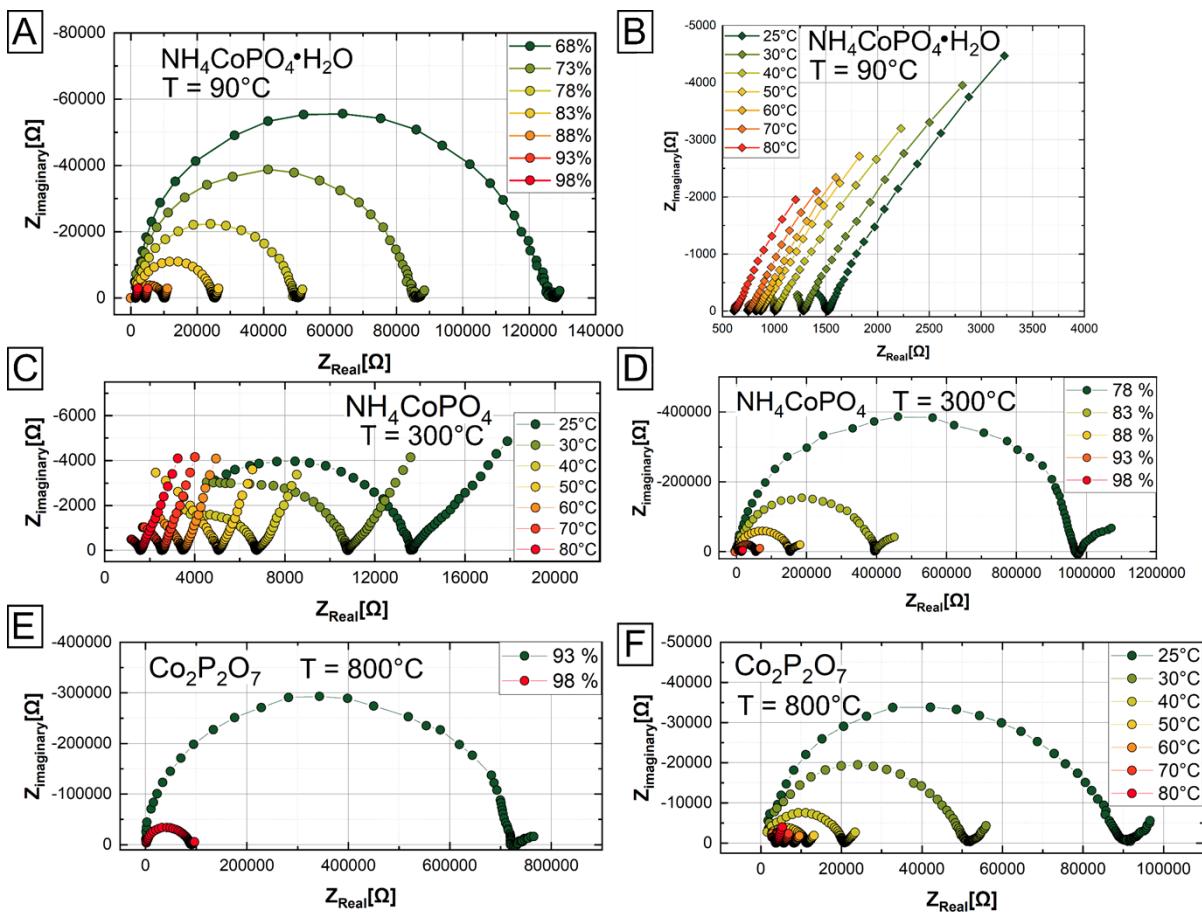


Figure S10: Nyquist plots of PC data at different relative humidities  $\text{RH} = 68\%-98\%$  with a constant temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , at different temperatures  $25^\circ\text{C} - 90^\circ\text{C}$  with a constant RH of 98 % Nyquist plots of Co-dittmarite  $\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$   $\text{Pmn}_2_1$  heated at  $T = 90^\circ\text{C}$  (A) at various RH and (B) at various temperatures; Nyquist plots of ACP,  $\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4$  heated at  $T = 300^\circ\text{C}$  (C) at various RH and (D) at various temperatures; Nyquist plots of CPY heated at  $T = 800^\circ\text{C}$  (E) at various RH and (F) at various temperatures.

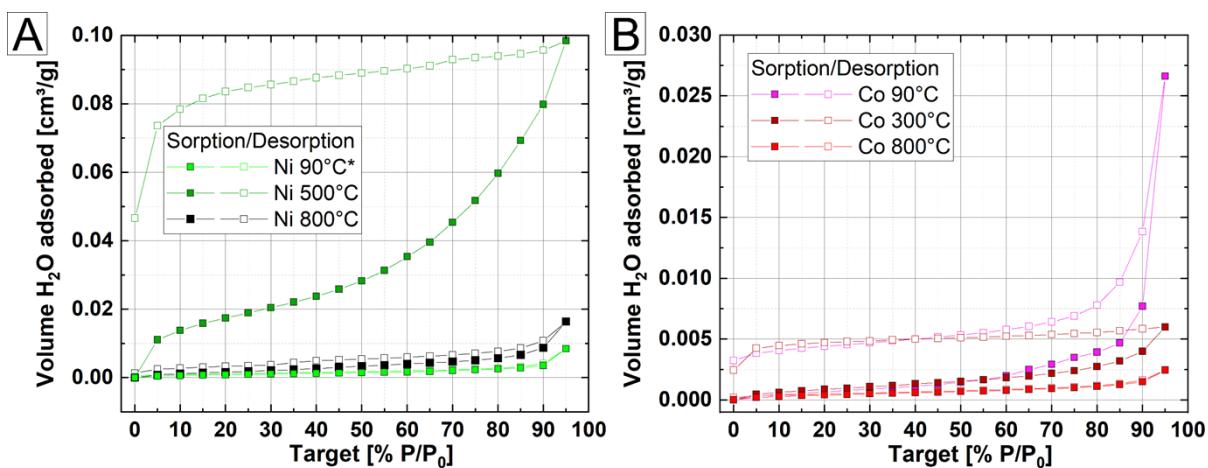


Figure S11: DVS isotherms of (A) Ni- and (B) Co-phosphate compounds;  $\text{Ni } 90^\circ\text{C}^*$  = hydrothermal synthesized at  $T = 90^\circ\text{C}$  and nearly 100% RH.

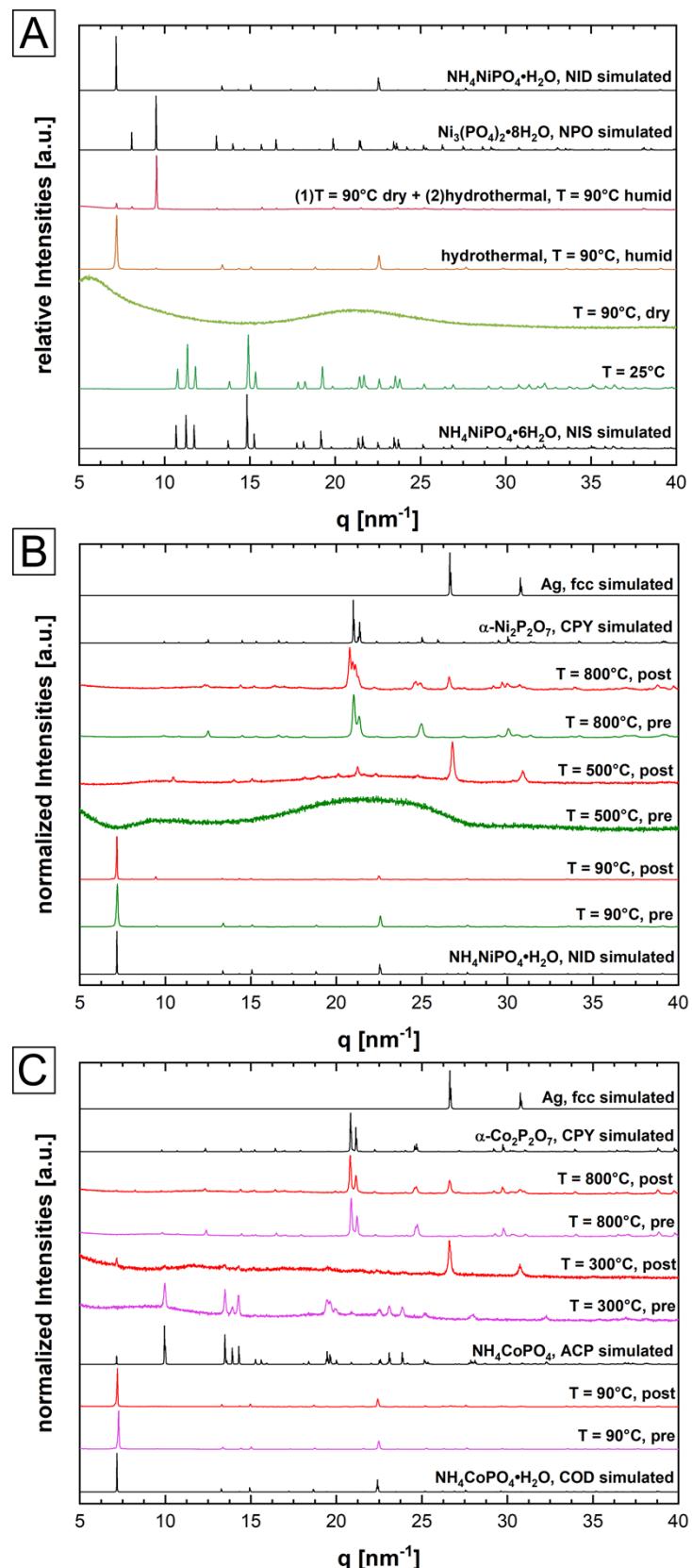


Figure S12: XRD patterns of (A) Ni-struvite thermal processed in different conditions, (B) of Nickel phosphate phases and (C) Cobalt phosphate phases before and after the proton conductivity measurement; Ni-struvite (NIS) reference database ICSD 403058; Ni-dittmarite (NID) reference database ICSD 424553; Ni-phosphate octahydrate (NPO) reference database ICSD 240946;  $\alpha\text{-Ni}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$  (NPY) reference ICSD 403058; Co-dittmarite (COD) with COD reference database 2008122;  $\alpha\text{-NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4$  (ACP) reference PDF 00-018-0402;  $\alpha\text{-Co}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$  (CPY) reference database ICSD 280959; Ag (fcc) COD reference database 9013045.

Table S1: Calculated amount of ammonia normalized on the Ni-struvite from the FT-IR spectra of the Ni-samples with their respective phase composition based on the integration of the modes of H-N-H at 1464 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1434 cm<sup>-1</sup> (NIS = Ni-Struvite NH<sub>4</sub>NiPO<sub>4</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O, NPY = Nickelpyrophosphate Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, am = amorphous phase, N.P. = not present).

phase composition	T[°C]	NH <sub>4</sub> content (FT-IR)
Ni-struvite	25	100
am	90	67
am	120	78
am	150	71
am	180	36
am	210	35
am	240	31
am	270	26
am	300	24
am	400	9
am	500	N.P.
am	600	N.P.
NPY	700	N.P.
NPY	800	N.P.

Table S2: Calculated amount of ammonia normalized on the Co-struvite from the FT-IR spectra of the Co-samples with their respective phase composition based on the integration of the modes of H-N-H at 1464 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1434 cm<sup>-1</sup> (COS = Co-struvite NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O, COD = Co-dittmarite NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, HCPH = hydrogencobalt(II)phosphate hydrate HCoPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, ACP = ammoniumcobalt(II)phosphate NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>, CPY = cobaltpyrophosphate Co<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, am = amorphous phase, N.P. = not present).

phase composition	T[°C]	NH <sub>4</sub> content (FT-IR)
COS	25	100
COD	25	100
COD	90	71
COD	120	68
COD	150	60
COD	180	40
HCPH+ACP+am+(COD)	210	39
HCPH+ACP+am	240	39
HCPH+ACP+am	270	32
ACP + am	300	31
CPY + am	400	8
CPY + am	500	N.P.
CPY	600	N.P.
CPY	700	N.P.
CPY	800	N.P.

Table S3: Calculated integration results [ $R^2$ , integrated area App, Full Width Half Maximum (FWHM), centre of the peak and maximum height] from the pre-peak region of the thermal treated Ni- and Co-Phosphate samples with their respective phase composition; The distinct peak was fitted by a Gaussian model and then integrated over this region; The calculated pre-peak area values  $A_{pp}$  represent more semi-quantitative and are of a comparative purpose rather than show absolute values.

T [°C]	Sample	chemical formula	fit function: Gaussian				
			$R^2$ value	Pre-peak Area $A_{pp}$ (err)	FWHM	Center	Max. Height
25	Co-struvite	$\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.990	0.026(1)	2.15	7709.0	0.011
90	Co-dittmarite	$\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.991	0.032(1)	1.99	7709.0	0.015
150	Co-dittmarite	$\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.990	0.041(2)	1.99	7708.7	0.019
210	HCPH, ACP, am, (COD)	$\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4, \text{HCoPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , am	0.996	0.071(1)	2.08	7708.0	0.032
240	HCPH, ACP, am	$\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4, \text{HCoPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , am	0.991	0.077(3)	2.02	7708.5	0.036
270	HCPH, ACP, am	$\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4, \text{HCoPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , am	0.992	0.078(3)	2.03	7708.5	0.036
300	ACP, am	$\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4$ , am	0.994	0.075(3)	2.03	7708.0	0.035
400	CPY, am	$\text{Co}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ , am	0.994	0.048(1)	1.98	7708.7	0.023
800	CPY	$\text{Co}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$	0.995	0.033(1)	1.99	7708.7	0.016
25	Ni-struvite	$\text{NH}_4\text{NiPO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.992	0.028(2)	1.97	8333.3	0.013
90	am	am	0.999	0.032(2)	1.86	8333.0	0.016
150	am	am	0.999	0.030(1)	1.71	8333.2	0.016
300	am	am	0.985	0.034(2)	1.95	8333.0	0.016
500	am	am	0.993	0.036(1)	1.97	8333.0	0.017
600	am	am	0.999	0.041(2)	1.83	8333.1	0.021
800	NPY	$\text{Ni}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$	0.998	0.033(1)	1.78	8333.1	0.017
90, 100% $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Ni-dittmarite	$\text{NH}_4\text{NiPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.999	0.029(2)	1.69	8333.9	0.016

Table S4: Fit parameter for Ni-struvite at room temperature T = 25°C, R-factor= 0.011.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	R <sub>diff</sub> [Å]	R <sub>diff</sub> <sup>2</sup> [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	R <sub>model</sub> [Å]	R <sub>fit</sub> [Å]
<b>Ni-struvite (25°C)</b>	Ni1-O1	<b>6.7(7)</b>	0.008	3.00E-04	9.00E-08	2.046	2.046
<b>NH<sub>4</sub>NiPO<sub>4</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	Ni1-H1	2	0.046	6.31E-02	3.98E-03	2.365	2.428
<b>R-factor</b>	Ni1-H2	5	0.046	6.31E-02	3.98E-03	2.586	2.649
<b>0.011</b>	Ni1-H3	2	0.046	6.31E-02	3.98E-03	2.627	2.690
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup>(err)</b>	Ni1-H4	2	0.046	6.31E-02	3.98E-03	2.668	2.731
<b>1.7(4)</b>	Ni1-N1	1	0.023	-6.53E-01	4.26E-01	4.022	3.369
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Ni1-N2	2	0.023	-6.53E-01	4.26E-01	4.111	3.458
<b>2.6(7)</b>	Ni1-O2	4	0.005	2.87E-01	8.24E-02	4.084	4.371
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Ni1-O3	2	0.005	2.87E-01	8.24E-02	4.200	4.487
<b>1.0</b>	Ni1-O4	3	0.005	2.87E-01	8.24E-02	4.272	4.559
	Ni1-O5	2	0.005	2.87E-01	8.24E-02	4.329	4.616
	Ni1-P1	2	0.005	2.87E-01	8.24E-02	4.368	4.655
	Ni1-O6	2	0.005	2.87E-01	8.24E-02	4.820	5.107

Table S5: Fit parameter for amorphous Ni-PO<sub>4</sub> phase heated at T = 90°C, R-factor= 0.008.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	R <sub>diff</sub> [Å]	R <sub>diff</sub> <sup>2</sup> [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	R <sub>model</sub> [Å]	R <sub>fit</sub> [Å]
<b>Ni 90°C, am</b>	Ni1-O1	<b>5.5(4)</b>	0.008	5.24E-02	2.75E-03	2.089	2.037
	Ni1-O2	2	0.009	2.15E-01	4.61E-02	3.283	3.069
<b>R-factor</b>	Ni1-P1	2	0.041	3.43E-02	1.18E-03	3.187	3.152
<b>0.008</b>	Ni1-P2	1	0.041	3.43E-02	1.18E-03	3.274	3.240
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Ni1-O3	2	0.009	2.15E-01	4.61E-02	3.546	3.331
<b>2.7(8)</b>	Ni1-Ni2	4	0.019	2.21E-01	4.87E-02	3.673	3.452
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Ni1-O4	2	0.009	2.15E-01	4.61E-02	3.767	3.552
<b>-0.7(8)</b>	Ni1-O5	2	0.009	2.15E-01	4.61E-02	3.800	3.585
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Ni1-O6	1	0.027	-3.91E-01	1.53E-01	3.878	4.269
<b>1.0</b>	Ni1-O7	2	0.027	-3.91E-01	1.53E-01	4.111	4.502
	Ni1-O8	2	0.027	-3.91E-01	1.53E-01	4.160	4.551
	Ni1-O9	2	0.027	-3.91E-01	1.53E-01	4.224	4.615
	Ni1-O10	1	0.027	-3.91E-01	1.53E-01	4.498	4.889
	Ni1-O11	2	0.027	-3.91E-01	1.53E-01	4.733	5.124

Table S6: Fit parameter for amorphous Ni-PO<sub>4</sub> phase heated at T = 150°C, R-factor= 0.003.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	R <sub>diff</sub> [Å]	R <sub>diff</sub> <sup>2</sup> [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	R <sub>model</sub> [Å]	R <sub>fit</sub> [Å]
<b>Ni 150°C, am</b>	Ni1-O1	<b>6.3(4)</b>	0.009	9.44E-03	8.91E-05	2.046	2.055
	Ni1-P1	1	0.013	9.26E-02	8.58E-03	2.734	2.827
<b>R-factor</b>	Ni1-P2	2	0.013	9.26E-02	8.58E-03	3.187	3.279
<b>0.003</b>	Ni1-P3	1	0.013	9.26E-02	8.58E-03	3.274	3.367
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Ni1-O2	2	0.002	9.49E-02	9.00E-03	3.283	3.378
<b>1.0(4)</b>	Ni1-Ni2	4	0.026	-1.62E-01	2.62E-02	3.673	3.511
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Ni1-O3	4	0.010	2.57E-02	6.61E-04	3.546	3.571
<b>3.6(9)</b>	Ni1-O4	2	0.026	-1.62E-01	2.62E-02	3.767	3.605
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Ni1-O5	1	0.026	-1.62E-01	2.62E-02	3.878	3.717
<b>0.91</b>	Ni1-O6	2	0.010	2.57E-02	6.61E-04	3.800	3.826
	Ni1-O7	2	0.026	-1.62E-01	2.62E-02	4.111	3.949
	Ni1-O8	2	0.026	-1.62E-01	2.62E-02	4.160	3.998
	Ni1-O9	2	0.026	-1.62E-01	2.62E-02	4.224	4.063
	Ni1-O10	1	0.026	-1.62E-01	2.62E-02	4.498	4.336
	Ni1-O11	2	0.026	-1.62E-01	2.62E-02	4.690	4.528
	Ni1-O12	2	0.026	-1.62E-01	2.62E-02	4.733	4.572
	Ni1-Ni3	2	0.026	-1.62E-01	2.62E-02	4.747	4.585

Table S7: Fit parameter for amorphous Ni-PO<sub>4</sub> phase heated at T = 300°C, R-factor= 0.004.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	R <sub>diff</sub> [Å]	R <sub>diff</sub> <sup>2</sup> [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	R <sub>model</sub> [Å]	R <sub>fit</sub> [Å]
<b>Ni 300°C, am</b>	Ni1-O1	<b>5.5(4)</b>	0.008	3.60E-03	1.30E-05	2.043	2.040
	Ni1-P1	1	0.009	-3.76E-02	1.42E-03	2.734	2.772
<b>R-factor</b>	Ni1-P2	2	0.041	-3.76E-02	1.42E-03	3.187	3.224
<b>0.004</b>	Ni1-P3	1	0.041	-3.76E-02	1.42E-03	3.274	3.312
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Ni1-Ni2	4	0.009	2.19E-01	4.79E-02	3.673	3.454
<b>3(2)</b>	Ni1-O2	2	0.019	-2.27E-01	5.13E-02	3.283	3.510
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Ni1-O3	2	0.009	-2.27E-01	5.13E-02	3.546	3.772
<b>-0.3(4)</b>	Ni1-N1	1	0.009	2.19E-01	4.79E-02	4.028	3.810
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Ni1-O4	2	0.027	-2.27E-01	5.13E-02	3.767	3.993
<b>0.87</b>	Ni1-O5	2	0.027	-2.27E-01	5.13E-02	3.800	4.027
	Ni1-O6	2	0.027	-1.42E-01	2.01E-02	4.111	4.253
	Ni1-O7	2	0.027	-1.42E-01	2.01E-02	4.160	4.302
	Ni1-O8	2	0.027	-2.27E-01	5.13E-02	4.224	4.451
	Ni1-O9	1	0.027	-1.42E-01	2.01E-02	4.498	4.640

Table S8: Fit parameter for amorphous Ni-PO4 phase heated at T =500°C, R-factor= 0.003.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	$R_{\text{diff}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{diff}}^2$ [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	$R_{\text{model}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{fit}}$ [Å]
<b>Ni 500°C, am</b>	Ni1-O1	<b>5.3(2)</b>	0.009	3.38E-02	1.14E-03	2.060	2.026
	Ni1-Ni2	1	0.006	2.26E-01	5.10E-02	3.191	2.966
<b>R-factor</b>	Ni1-P1	1	0.001	1.34E-02	1.81E-04	3.017	3.004
<b>0.003</b>	Ni1-P2	2	0.001	1.34E-02	1.81E-04	3.223	3.210
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Ni1-P3	1	0.001	1.35E-02	1.81E-04	3.371	3.357
<b>-3.2(3)</b>	Ni1-O2	1	0.013	-2.42E-01	5.86E-02	3.311	3.553
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Ni1-O3	1	0.013	-2.42E-01	5.86E-02	3.423	3.665
<b>0.7(1)</b>	Ni1-O4	1	0.013	-2.42E-01	5.86E-02	3.459	3.701
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Ni1-O5	1	0.013	-2.42E-01	5.86E-02	3.570	3.812
<b>0.87</b>	Ni1-O6	1	0.013	-2.42E-01	5.86E-02	3.640	3.882
	Ni1-O7	1	0.013	-2.42E-01	5.86E-02	3.747	3.989
	Ni1-P4	1	0.007	-2.07E-01	4.26E-02	3.997	4.204
	Ni1-O8	1	0.013	-2.42E-01	5.86E-02	3.985	4.227
	Ni1-O9	4	0.013	-2.42E-01	5.86E-02	4.264	4.507

Table S9: Fit parameter for amorphous Ni-PO4 phase heated at T =600°C, R-factor= 0.003.

Sample	Scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	R <sub>diff</sub> [Å]	R <sub>diff</sub> <sup>2</sup> [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	R <sub>model</sub> [Å]	R <sub>fit</sub> [Å]
<b>Ni 600°C am</b>	Ni1-O1	<b>5.5(2)</b>	9.57E-03	-5.06E-02	2.56E-03	2.060	2.009
	Ni1-Ni2	1	2.75E-02	-2.23E-01	4.97E-02	3.191	2.969
<b>R-factor</b>	Ni1-O2	1	5.52E-03	-1.07E-02	1.14E-04	3.311	3.300
<b>0.003</b>	Ni1-P1	1	1.75E-02	3.18E-01	1.01E-01	3.017	3.335
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Ni1-O3	1	5.52E-03	-1.07E-02	1.14E-04	3.423	3.412
<b>2.7(4)</b>	Ni1-O4	1	5.52E-03	-1.07E-02	1.14E-04	3.459	3.448
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Ni1-P2	2	1.75E-02	3.18E-01	1.01E-01	3.223	3.541
<b>-5.6(4)</b>	Ni1-O5	1	5.52E-03	-1.07E-02	1.14E-04	3.570	3.560
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Ni1-O6	1	5.52E-03	-1.07E-02	1.14E-04	3.640	3.629
<b>0.91</b>	Ni1-P3	1	1.75E-02	3.18E-01	1.01E-01	3.371	3.688
	Ni1-O7	1	1.92E-02	6.42E-02	4.13E-03	3.747	3.811
	Ni1-O8	1	1.92E-02	6.42E-02	4.13E-03	3.985	4.049
	Ni1-P4	1	1.75E-02	3.18E-01	1.01E-01	3.997	4.315
	Ni1-O9	4	1.92E-02	6.42E-02	4.13E-03	4.264	4.329

Table S10: Fit parameter for Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> heated at T =800°C, R-factor= 0.011.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	R <sub>diff</sub> [Å]	R <sub>diff</sub> <sup>2</sup> [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	R <sub>model</sub> [Å]	R <sub>fit</sub> [Å]
<b>Ni 800°C</b>	Ni1-O1	<b>5.6(3)</b>	7.23E-03	-3.02E-02	9.14E-04	2.060	2.030
Ni <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ni1-P1	1	5.31E-03	3.51E-02	1.23E-03	3.017	3.052
<b>R-factor</b>	Ni1-Ni2	1	8.40E-03	-1.09E-01	1.19E-02	3.191	3.082
<b>0.011</b>	Ni1-O2	1	8.40E-03	-1.09E-01	1.19E-02	3.311	3.202
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Ni1-P2	2	5.31E-03	3.51E-02	1.23E-03	3.223	3.258
<b>0.9(2)</b>	Ni1-O3	1	2.50E-04	-8.46E-02	7.16E-03	3.423	3.338
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Ni1-O4	1	2.50E-04	-8.46E-02	7.16E-03	3.459	3.374
<b>-0.8(6)</b>	Ni1-P3	1	5.31E-03	3.51E-02	1.23E-03	3.371	3.406
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Ni1-O5	1	2.50E-04	-8.46E-02	7.16E-03	3.570	3.486
<b>0.91</b>	Ni1-O6	1	2.50E-04	-8.46E-02	7.16E-03	3.640	3.555
	Ni1-O7	1	2.50E-04	-8.46E-02	7.16E-03	3.747	3.662
	Ni1-P4	1	5.31E-03	3.51E-02	1.23E-03	3.997	4.032
	Ni1-O8	1	5.50E-03	7.58E-02	5.74E-03	3.985	4.061
	Ni1-Ni3	1	8.40E-03	-1.09E-01	1.19E-02	4.223	4.114
	Ni1-P5	1	5.31E-03	3.51E-02	1.23E-03	4.275	4.310
	Ni1-O9	4	5.50E-03	7.58E-02	5.74E-03	4.264	4.340
	Ni1-O10	1	5.50E-03	7.58E-02	5.74E-03	4.393	4.468
	Ni1-O11	1	5.50E-03	7.58E-02	5.74E-03	4.450	4.526
	Ni1-O12	2	5.50E-03	7.58E-02	5.74E-03	4.513	4.589
	Ni1-O13	2	5.50E-03	7.58E-02	5.74E-03	4.751	4.827

Table S11: Fit parameter for Ni-dittmarite heated hydrothermally (100% H<sub>2</sub>O) at T =90°C, R-factor= 0.008.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	R <sub>diff</sub> [Å]	R <sub>diff</sub> <sup>2</sup> [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	R <sub>model</sub> [Å]	R <sub>fit</sub> [Å]
<b>Ni 90°C, H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	Ni1-O1	<b>6.6(4)</b>	7.99E-03	2.22E-02	4.94E-04	2.043	2.066
<b>NH<sub>4</sub>NiPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	Ni1-P1	1	2.50E-02	4.23E-02	1.79E-03	2.734	2.776
<b>R-factor</b>	Ni1-O2	2	1.02E-02	-1.91E-01	3.65E-02	3.283	3.092
<b>0.008</b>	Ni1-P2	3	2.50E-02	4.23E-02	1.79E-03	3.187	3.229
<b>S<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Ni1-P3	1	2.50E-02	4.23E-02	1.79E-03	3.274	3.316
<b>2.5(4)</b>	Ni1-O3	8	1.02E-02	-1.91E-01	3.65E-02	3.546	3.355
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Ni1-Ni2	4	1.47E-02	-1.10E-01	1.20E-02	3.673	3.563
<b>-0.8(4)</b>	Ni1-O4	2	1.02E-02	-1.91E-01	3.65E-02	3.767	3.576
<b>S<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Ni1-O5	8	1.02E-02	-1.91E-01	3.65E-02	3.878	3.687
<b>0.91</b>	Ni1-O6	4	1.47E-02	-1.10E-01	1.20E-02	3.800	3.690
	Ni1-O7	4	1.05E-02	-2.84E-01	8.07E-02	4.160	3.876
	Ni1-O8	4	1.47E-02	-1.10E-01	1.20E-02	4.111	4.001
	Ni1-O9	4	1.47E-02	-1.10E-01	1.20E-02	4.224	4.115
	Ni1-O10	1	1.05E-02	-2.84E-01	8.07E-02	4.498	4.214
	Ni1-O11	2	1.05E-02	-2.84E-01	8.07E-02	4.690	4.406
	Ni1-O12	2	1.05E-02	-2.84E-01	8.07E-02	4.733	4.449
	Ni1-Ni3	2	1.47E-02	-1.10E-01	1.20E-02	4.747	4.637
	Ni1-Ni4	1	1.47E-02	-1.10E-01	1.20E-02	4.831	4.721

Table S12: Fit parameter for Co-struvite at room temperature T = 25°C, R-factor= 0.014.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	$R_{\text{diff}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{diff}}^2$ [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	$R_{\text{model}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{fit}}$ [Å]
<b>Co-struvite (25°C)</b>	Co1-O1	<b>6.4(5)</b>	0.008	2.65E-02	7.02E-04	2.058	2.084
<b>NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	Co1-H1	2	0.003	-1.09E-01	1.20E-02	2.616	2.506
<b>R-factor</b>	Co1-H2	2	0.003	3.15E-01	9.94E-02	2.211	2.527
<b>0.014</b>	Co1-H3	1	0.003	-1.09E-01	1.20E-02	2.686	2.577
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Co1-H4	2	0.003	3.15E-01	9.94E-02	2.451	2.766
<b>1.0(3)</b>	Co1-H5	1	0.004	3.15E-01	9.94E-02	2.507	2.822
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Co1-H6	4	0.004	3.15E-01	9.94E-02	2.549	2.865
<b>3.2(7)</b>	Co1-N1	1	0.004	-1.09E-01	1.20E-02	4.027	3.917
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Co1-N2	2	0.001	-1.09E-01	1.20E-02	4.133	4.023
<b>0.9</b>	Co1-O2	4	0.004	3.33E-01	1.11E-01	4.105	4.438
	Co1-P1	3	0.001	1.08E-01	1.17E-02	4.393	4.501
	Co1-O3	4	0.001	3.33E-01	1.11E-01	4.199	4.532
	Co1-O4	3	0.000	3.33E-01	1.11E-01	4.288	4.621
	Co1-O5	1	0.015	0.333	1.11E-01	4.362	4.694
	Co1-P2	2	0.015	0.108	1.17E-02	4.758	4.866
	Co1-O6	2	0.015	0.108	1.17E-02	4.826	4.934

Table S13: Fit parameter for Co-dittmarite T = 90°C, R-factor= 0.007.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	$R_{\text{diff}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{diff}}^2$ [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	$R_{\text{model}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{fit}}$ [Å]
<b>Co 90°C</b>	Co1-O1	<b>6.0(4)</b>	0.003	-3.21E-02	1.03E-03	2.055	2.094
<b>NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	Co1-P1	1	0.012	1.50E-04	2.25E-08	2.797	2.791
<b>R-factor</b>	Co1-P2	2	0.012	1.50E-04	2.25E-08	3.209	3.203
<b>0.007</b>	Co1-P3	1	0.012	1.50E-04	2.25E-08	3.305	3.299
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Co1-O2	2	0.014	3.08E-02	9.49E-04	3.313	3.322
<b>1.6(4)</b>	Co1-O3	2	0.014	3.08E-02	9.49E-04	3.592	3.601
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Co1-Co2	4	0.013	-1.75E-02	3.06E-04	3.712	3.687
<b>2.1(6)</b>	Co1-O4	1	0.014	3.08E-02	9.49E-04	3.753	3.762
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Co1-O5	3	0.014	3.08E-02	9.49E-04	3.813	3.822
<b>1.0</b>	Co1-O6	1	0.014	3.08E-02	9.49E-04	3.944	3.953
	Co1-N1	1	0.013	-1.75E-02	3.06E-04	4.010	3.985
	Co1-O7	4	0.007	3.44E-01	1.18E-01	4.182	4.529
	Co1-Co3	2	0.013	-1.75E-02	3.06E-04	4.797	4.772
	Co1-O8	1	0.007	3.44E-01	1.18E-01	4.528	4.874
	Co1-O9	4	0.007	3.44E-01	1.18E-01	4.762	5.108

Table S14: Fit parameter for Co-dittmarite heated T = 150°C, R-factor= 0.011.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	$R_{\text{diff}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{diff}}^2$ [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	$R_{\text{model}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{fit}}$ [Å]
<b>Co 150°C</b>	Co1-O1	<b>6.1(5)</b>	0.009	1.20E-02	1.43E-04	2.055	2.067
<b>NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>, am</b>	Co1-P1	<b>1</b>	0.017	-4.22E-02	1.78E-03	2.797	2.755
<b>R-factor</b>	Co1-P2	<b>2</b>	0.017	-4.22E-02	1.78E-03	3.209	3.167
<b>0.011</b>	Co1-O2	<b>4</b>	0.022	-7.79E-02	6.07E-03	3.313	3.235
<b>S<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Co1-P3	<b>1</b>	0.017	-4.22E-02	1.78E-03	3.305	3.263
<b>2.2(5)</b>	Co1-O10-P4	<b>1</b>	0.022	4.34E-01	-6.56E-02	3.554	3.488
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Co1-O3	<b>4</b>	0.022	-7.79E-02	6.07E-03	3.592	3.514
<b>0.4(7)</b>	Co1-Co2	<b>4</b>	0.022	-6.56E-02	4.31E-03	3.712	3.647
<b>S<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Co1-O5	<b>2</b>	0.022	-7.79E-02	6.07E-03	3.753	3.675
<b>0.85</b>	Co1-O6	<b>3</b>	0.022	-7.79E-02	6.07E-03	3.813	3.735
	Co1-O7	1	0.022	-7.79E-02	6.07E-03	3.944	3.866
	Co1-O8	4	0.012	3.25E-01	1.06E-01	4.182	4.507
	Co1-Co9	2	0.022	-7.79E-02	6.07E-03	4.797	4.719
	Co1-O10	1	0.012	3.25E-01	1.06E-01	4.528	4.853
	Co1-O12	3	0.022	-7.79E-02	6.07E-03	4.949	4.871
	Co1-O13	4	0.012	3.25E-01	1.06E-01	4.762	5.087

Table S15: Fit parameter for HCPH an associated phases at T = 210°C, R-factor= 0.007.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	$R_{\text{diff}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{diff}}^2$ [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	$R_{\text{model}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{fit}}$ [Å]
<b>Co 210°C</b>	Co1-O1	<b>5.1(3)</b>	0.007	-6.75E-02	4.56E-03	2.055	1.987
<b>HCoPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>, am, (NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O)</b>	Co1-H1	1	0.018	-1.94E-01	3.78E-02	2.348	2.153
	Co1-H2	1	0.018	-1.94E-01	3.78E-02	2.758	2.564
	Co1-P1	1	0.038	-2.33E-01	5.44E-02	3.217	2.984
	Co1-Co2	2	0.018	-1.94E-01	3.78E-02	3.192	2.998
<b>0.007</b>	Co1-P2	2	0.038	-2.33E-01	5.44E-02	3.279	3.046
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Co1-P3	1	0.038	-2.33E-01	5.44E-02	3.312	3.078
<b>1.3(3)</b>	Co1-P4	1	0.038	-2.33E-01	5.44E-02	3.413	3.179
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Co1-O2	1	0.019	1.89E-01	3.56E-02	3.401	3.590
<b>0.3(8)</b>	Co1-O3	2	0.019	1.89E-01	3.56E-02	3.468	3.656
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Co1-O4	1	0.019	1.89E-01	3.56E-02	3.490	3.678
<b>0.75</b>	Co1-O5	1	0.019	1.89E-01	3.56E-02	3.621	3.810
	Co1-O6	1	0.019	1.89E-01	3.56E-02	3.821	4.009
	Co1-O7	1	0.019	1.89E-01	3.56E-02	3.871	4.060
	Co1-O8	1	0.019	1.89E-01	3.56E-02	4.095	4.284
	Co1-O9	1	0.019	1.89E-01	3.56E-02	4.147	4.335
	Co1-O10	3	0.019	1.89E-01	3.56E-02	4.203	4.391
	Co1-O11	3	0.019	1.89E-01	3.56E-02	4.346	4.535

Table S16: Fit parameter for ACP and associated phases at T = 240°C, R-factor=.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	$R_{\text{diff}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{diff}}^2$ [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	$R_{\text{model}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{fit}}$ [Å]
<b>Co 240°C</b>	Co1-O1	<b>4.4(3)</b>	0.006	-7.69E-02	5.91E-03	2.055	1.978
<b>NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>, HCoPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, amorphous</b>	Co1-P1	2	0.020	-1.45E-01	2.11E-02	3.192	3.047
	Co1-P2	1	0.020	-1.45E-01	2.11E-02	3.217	3.072
	Co1-P3	2	0.020	-1.45E-01	2.11E-02	3.279	3.134
<b>R-factor</b>	Co1-P4	1	0.020	-1.45E-01	2.11E-02	3.312	3.166
<b>0.011</b>	Co1-O2	1	0.011	1.77E-01	3.15E-02	3.401	3.579
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> Amplitude</b>	Co1-P5	1	0.020	-1.45E-01	2.11E-02	3.413	3.267
<b>0.7(2)</b>	Co1-O3	2	0.011	1.77E-01	3.15E-02	3.468	3.645
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Co1-O4	1	0.011	1.77E-01	3.15E-02	3.490	3.667
<b>1.0(6)</b>	Co1-O5	1	0.011	1.77E-01	3.15E-02	3.621	3.799
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Co1-O6	1	0.011	1.77E-01	3.15E-02	3.821	3.998
<b>0.75</b>	Co1-O7	1	0.011	1.77E-01	3.15E-02	3.871	4.049
	Co1-O8	1	0.011	1.77E-01	3.15E-02	4.095	4.273
	Co1-O9	1	0.006	-7.69E-02	5.91E-03	4.147	4.070
	Co1-O10	3	0.014	9.33E-02	8.70E-03	4.203	4.296
	Co1-O11	3	0.014	9.33E-02	8.70E-03	4.346	4.440
	Co1-O12	2	0.014	9.33E-02	8.70E-03	4.410	4.503
	Co1-O13	1	0.014	9.33E-02	8.70E-03	4.456	4.550
	Co1-O14	2	0.014	9.33E-02	8.70E-03	4.504	4.597
	Co1-O15	1	0.014	9.33E-02	8.70E-03	4.580	4.673
	Co1-Co2	1	0.017	1.89E-01	3.57E-02	4.841	5.030
	Co1-O16	1	0.014	9.33E-02	8.70E-03	4.855	4.949
	Co1-P6	1	0.017	1.89E-01	3.57E-02	4.882	5.071
	Co1-O17	4	0.006	9.33E-02	8.70E-03	4.952	5.045
	Co1-O18	2	0.014	9.33E-02	8.70E-03	4.998	5.091
	Co1-Co3	2	0.017	1.89E-01	3.57E-02	5.147	5.336
	Co1-O19	1	0.017	1.89E-01	3.57E-02	5.187	5.376
	Co1-O20	1	0.006	1.89E-01	3.57E-02	5.288	5.477
	Co1-P7	1	0.017	1.89E-01	3.57E-02	5.321	5.510

Table S17: Fit parameter for ACP and associated phases at T = 270°C, R-factor=.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	$R_{\text{diff}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{diff}}^2$ [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	$R_{\text{model}}$ [Å]	$R_{\text{fit}}$ [Å]
<b>Co 270°C</b>	Co1-O1	<b>3.7(2)</b>	0.00	5.82E-02	3.39E-03	1.925	1.983
<b>NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>, HCoPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, amorphous</b>	Co1-P1	1	0.02	1.30E-01	1.70E-02	2.999	3.129
	Co1-P2	1	0.02	1.30E-01	1.70E-02	3.092	3.223
	Co1-P3	1	0.02	1.30E-01	1.70E-02	3.137	3.268
<b>R-factor</b>	Co1-O2	1	0.00	4.21E-01	1.77E-01	2.944	3.366
<b>0.011</b>	Co1-P4	1	0.02	1.30E-01	1.70E-02	3.277	3.407
<b>S<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	Co1-O4	1	0.00	1.17E-01	1.38E-02	3.452	3.569
<b>1.1(2)</b>	Co1-O3	1	0.00	4.21E-01	1.77E-01	3.248	3.670
<b>ΔE (err)</b>	Co1-O5	1	0.00	1.17E-01	1.38E-02	3.645	3.763
<b>1.1(5)</b>	Co1-O6	1	0.00	1.17E-01	1.38E-02	3.691	3.809
<b>S<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	Co1-O7	1	0.00	1.17E-01	1.38E-02	3.814	3.931
<b>0.75</b>	Co1-O8	1	0.00	1.17E-01	1.38E-02	3.932	4.049
	Co1-Co2	2	0.01	-1.00E-	1.00E-04	4.318	4.308
	Co1-O10	1	0.00	1.17E-01	1.38E-02	4.269	4.386
	Co1-O11	1	0.00	1.17E-01	1.38E-02	4.324	4.441
	Co1-O12	1	0.00	1.17E-01	1.38E-02	4.370	4.487
	Co1-O9	1	0.00	4.21E-01	1.77E-01	4.152	4.573
	Co1-O13	1	0.00	1.17E-01	1.38E-02	4.911	5.028

Table S18: Fit parameter for ACP and amorphous phases at T = 300°C, R-factor= 0.010.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	$R_{\text{diff}} [\text{\AA}]$	$R_{\text{diff}}^2 [\text{\AA}^2]$	$R_{\text{model}} [\text{\AA}]$	$R_{\text{fit}} [\text{\AA}]$
<b>Co 300°C</b>	O1	<b>3.6(2)</b>	0.007	6.1E-03	3.71E-05	1.968	1.974
<b>NH<sub>4</sub>CoPO<sub>4</sub>,</b>	P1	2	0.030	-2.5E-01	6.31E-02	3.137	2.886
<b>R-factor</b>	P2	1	0.026	1.4E-01	1.92E-02	2.999	3.138
<b>0.010</b>	P3	1	0.026	1.4E-01	1.92E-02	3.092	3.231
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> (err)</b>	P4	1	0.048	1.4E-01	1.86E-02	3.277	3.413
<b>3.0(8)</b>	O2	1	0.048	1.4E-01	1.86E-02	3.452	3.588
<b><math>\Delta E</math> (err)</b>	O3	1	0.048	1.4E-01	1.86E-02	3.645	3.781
<b>-0.9(4)</b>	O4	1	0.048	1.4E-01	1.86E-02	3.691	3.827
<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> O1 (set)</b>	O5	1	0.048	1.4E-01	1.86E-02	3.814	3.950
<b>0.85</b>	O6	1	0.041	-1.7E-01	2.99E-02	4.318	4.145
	O7	2	0.048	1.4E-01	1.86E-02	4.152	4.288
	O8	1	0.048	1.4E-01	1.86E-02	4.269	4.405
	O9	1	0.048	1.4E-01	1.86E-02	4.324	4.460
	O10	1	0.048	1.4E-01	1.86E-02	4.370	4.506
	O11	1	0.048	1.4E-01	1.86E-02	4.911	5.047
	O12	1	0.048	1.4E-01	1.86E-02	4.965	5.101

Table S19: Fit parameter for  $\text{Co}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$  with amorphous phases heated  $T = 400^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $t = 1\text{d}$ , R-factor= 0.005.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	$R_{\text{diff}} [\text{\AA}]$	$R_{\text{diff}}^2 [\text{\AA}^2]$	$R_{\text{model}} [\text{\AA}]$	$R_{\text{fit}} [\text{\AA}]$
<b>Co 400°C</b>	Co1-O1	1	0.010	-4.58E-02	2.09E-03	2.076	2.030
<b><math>\text{Co}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7</math>, am</b>	Co1-Co2	1	0.017	-1.96E-01	3.83E-02	3.155	2.959
<b>R-factor</b>	Co1-P1	1	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	3.239	3.032
<b>0.005</b>	Co1-Co3	1	0.017	-1.96E-01	3.83E-02	3.249	3.053
<b><math>S_0^2 (\text{err})</math></b>	Co1-Co4	1	0.017	-1.96E-01	3.83E-02	3.279	3.083
<b>1.3(3)</b>	Co1-P2	2	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	3.295	3.088
<b><math>\Delta E (\text{err})</math></b>	Co1-P3	2	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	3.326	3.119
<b>-1.1(6)</b>	Co1-O2	1	0.002	-9.34E-02	8.72E-03	3.271	3.178
<b><math>S_0^2 \text{ O1 (set)}</math></b>	Co1-P4	1	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	3.530	3.324
<b>0.85</b>	Co1-O3	1	0.002	-9.34E-02	8.72E-03	3.497	3.403
	Co1-O4	1	0.002	-9.34E-02	8.72E-03	3.579	3.486
	Co1-O5	1	0.002	-9.34E-02	8.72E-03	3.703	3.610
	Co1-O6	1	0.002	-9.34E-02	8.72E-03	3.758	3.665
	Co1-O7	3	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	3.862	3.794
	Co1-O8	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	3.929	3.862
	Co1-Co5	1	0.017	-1.96E-01	3.83E-02	4.123	3.927
	Co1-O9	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	3.998	3.931
	Co1-P5	1	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	4.153	3.946
	Co1-O10	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.080	4.013
	Co1-P6	1	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	4.290	4.084
	Co1-O10	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.228	4.161
	Co1-O11	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.371	4.303
	Co1-O12	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.436	4.369
	Co1-O13	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.475	4.408
	Co1-O14	3	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.525	4.457
	Co1-O15	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.554	4.487
	Co1-O16	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.706	4.638
	Co1-O17	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.733	4.666
	Co1-O18	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.832	4.765
	Co1-P7	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.865	4.798
	Co1-O19	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.913	4.846
	Co1-Co6	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.934	4.866
	Co1-Co7	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.971	4.904
	Co1-Co8	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	5.019	4.951
	Co1-O20	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	5.208	5.141

Table S20: Fit parameter for  $\text{Co}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$  heated  $T = 800^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $t = 1\text{d}$ , R-factor= 0.015.

sample	scattering path	N	$\sigma^2$	$R_{\text{diff}}$ [ $\text{\AA}$ ]	$R_{\text{diff}}^2$ [ $\text{\AA}^2$ ]	$R_{\text{model}}$ [ $\text{\AA}$ ]	$R_{\text{fit}}$ [ $\text{\AA}$ ]
<b>Co 800°C</b>	Co1-O1	<b>5.6(3)</b>	0.010	-4.58E-02	2.09E-03	2.076	2.030
<b><math>\text{Co}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7</math></b>	Co1-Co2	1	0.017	-1.96E-01	3.83E-02	3.155	2.959
<b>R-factor</b>	Co1-P1	1	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	3.239	3.032
<b>0.015</b>	Co1-Co3	1	0.017	-1.96E-01	3.83E-02	3.249	3.053
<b><math>S_0^2</math> (err)</b>	Co1-Co4	1	0.017	-1.96E-01	3.83E-02	3.279	3.083
<b>2(2)</b>	Co1-P2	2	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	3.295	3.088
<b><math>\Delta E</math> (err)</b>	Co1-P3	2	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	3.326	3.119
<b>-1(1)</b>	Co1-O2	1	0.002	-9.34E-02	8.72E-03	3.271	3.178
<b><math>S_0^2</math> O1 (set)</b>	Co1-P4	1	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	3.530	3.324
<b>0.85</b>	Co1-O3	1	0.002	-9.34E-02	8.72E-03	3.497	3.403
	Co1-O4	1	0.002	-9.34E-02	8.72E-03	3.579	3.486
	Co1-O5	1	0.002	-9.34E-02	8.72E-03	3.703	3.610
	Co1-O6	1	0.002	-9.34E-02	8.72E-03	3.758	3.665
	Co1-O7	3	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	3.862	3.794
	Co1-O8	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	3.929	3.862
	Co1-Co5	1	0.017	-1.96E-01	3.83E-02	4.123	3.927
	Co1-O9	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	3.998	3.931
	Co1-P6	1	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	4.153	3.946
	Co1-O10	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.080	4.013
	Co1-P7	1	0.042	-2.07E-01	4.27E-02	4.290	4.084
	Co1-O11	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.228	4.161
	Co1-O12	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.371	4.303
	Co1-O13	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.436	4.369
	Co1-O14	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.475	4.408
	Co1-O15	3	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.525	4.457
	Co1-O16	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.554	4.487
	Co1-O17	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.706	4.638
	Co1-O18	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.733	4.666
	Co1-O19	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.832	4.765
	Co1-P6	2	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.865	4.798
	Co1-O20	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.913	4.846
	Co1-Co6	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.934	4.866
	Co1-Co7	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	4.971	4.904
	Co1-Co8	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	5.019	4.951
	Co1-O21	1	0.037	-6.73E-02	4.53E-03	5.208	5.141

Table S21: Comparison of calculated degeneracies of Oxygens around the metal cation in the T-series

Chemical system	phase composition	T [°C]	degeneracy of Oxygen	Pre-peak Area App (err)
Ni	NH <sub>4</sub> NiPO <sub>4</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	25	6.7(7)	0.025(1)
	amorphous	90	5.5(4)	0.032(1)
	amorphous	150	6.3(5)	0.030(1)
	amorphous	300	5.5(4)	0.034(2)
	amorphous	500	5.3(2)	0.036(1)
	amorphous	600	5.4(2)	0.041(2)
	Ni <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	800	5.6(3)	0.033(1)
	NH <sub>4</sub> NiPO <sub>4</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	90 (H <sub>2</sub> O)	6.6(4)	0.029(2)
Co	NH <sub>4</sub> CoPO <sub>4</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	25	6.4(5)	0.026(1)
	NH <sub>4</sub> CoPO <sub>4</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	90	6.0(4)	0.032(1)
	NH <sub>4</sub> CoPO <sub>4</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	150	6.7(6)	0.041(2)
	NH <sub>4</sub> CoPO <sub>4</sub> , HCoPO <sub>4</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O, amorphous	210	5.1(3)	0.071(1)
	NH <sub>4</sub> CoPO <sub>4</sub> , HCoPO <sub>4</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O, amorphous	240	4.4(3)	0.077(3)
	NH <sub>4</sub> CoPO <sub>4</sub> , HCoPO <sub>4</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O, amorphous	270	3.7(2)	0.078(3)
	NH <sub>4</sub> CoPO <sub>4</sub> , amorphous	300	3.6(2)	0.075(3)
	Co <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> , amorphous	400	5.3(4)	0.048(1)
	Co <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	800	5.6(6)	0.033(1)

Table S22: summarized Proton conductivity data in variable temperatures and relative humidities (RH), -- no proton conductivity could be calculated.

thermal treated T [°C]	90°C, H2O	90°C	300°C	500°C	800°C	800°C
compound	NID	COD	ACP	amorphous	NPY	CPY
chemical formula	$\text{NH}_4\text{NiPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4$	$(\text{Ni-PO}_4)$	$\text{Ni}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$	$\text{Co}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$
Measurement conditons	Variable RH at RT = 25°C, variable T at RH = 98%					
RH, RT	$\sigma$ , conductivity [ $\text{Scm}^{-1}$ ]					
68%	1.519E-07	1.542E-06	--	--	--	--
73%	2.787E-07	2.287E-06	--	--	--	--
78%	5.214E-07	3.913E-06	1.045E-07	--	--	--
83%	1.015E-06	7.752E-06	2.580E-07	--	--	--
88%	2.196E-06	1.933E-05	6.617E-07	8.490E-08	9.798E-08	--
93%	5.781E-06	4.486E-05	1.859E-06	2.430E-07	2.922E-07	1.23E-07
98%	4.220E-05	1.357E-04	7.479E-06	1.564E-06	3.443E-06	9.90E-07
Slope log( $\sigma$ [S/cm]) vs. log( $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ , [atm])	16±2	13±1	18±1	35±7	2.1±0.4	8.8
25°C	4.228E-05	1.304E-04	7.485E-06	1.569E-06	3.443E-06	9.897E-07
30°C	5.691E-05	1.541E-04	9.430E-06	1.976E-06	5.907E-06	1.720E-06
40°C	8.851E-05	1.952E-04	1.508E-05	2.240E-06	5.938E-06	4.287E-06
50°C	1.352E-04	2.254E-04	2.014E-05	2.536E-06	6.127E-06	7.772E-06
60°C	1.656E-04	2.377E-04	2.923E-05	2.860E-06	6.897E-06	1.083E-05
70°C	2.364E-04	2.618E-04	3.994E-05	3.443E-06	7.409E-06	1.557E-05
80°C	3.495E-04	3.201E-04	6.422E-05	4.778E-06	8.914E-06	2.374E-05
Slope log( $\sigma$ [S/cm]) vs. log(1000/T [K <sup>-1</sup> ])	-4.2±0.1	-1.9±0.1	-4.3±0.2	-1.7±0.1	-9.4±0.9	-5.7±0.4
Ea [eV/proton]	0.362	0.162	0.367	0.149	0.811	0.488
Ea [kJ/mole]	34.9	15.6	35.4	14.3	78.2	47.1

Table S23: Fit parameter of an equivalent circuit for Ni- and Co-dittmarite ( $T=90^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) in variable relative humidities (RH) and temperatures: R - resistance of resistor [ $\Omega$ ], P – pre-exponential factor of constant phase element (CPE), n – exponential factor [n = 1: pure capacitor, n = 0: pure resistor],  $W_s, W_o$ - Warburg coefficients (Ohm s-0.5); -- =no error could be calculated.

sample	VH / VT	R [ $\Omega$ ]	Err %	P	Err %	n	Err %	$W_s [\Omega\text{s}^{-0.5}]$	Err %	$W_o [\Omega\text{s}^{-0.5}]$	Err %	$W_s/W_o$	Err %
Ni-dittmarite $\text{NH}_4\text{NiPO}_4\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$	68%	579720	1	5.07E-10	5.7	0.77	0.7	236020	4.1	364880	5.4	<b>0.65</b>	<b>9.6</b>
	73%	317870	0.9	3.35E-10	4.6	0.81	0.5	116530	2.5	288350	5.8	<b>0.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>
	78%	170060	1.1	2.79E-10	6.5	0.84	0.6	65981	3.5	140130	7	<b>0.47</b>	<b>10.5</b>
	83%	85712	1.3	2.23E-10	8.1	0.86	0.7	51261	6	47823	5.4	<b>1.07</b>	<b>11.4</b>
	88%	40077	1.1	2.73E-10	7.1	0.85	0.6	25303	5.9	21439	4.5	<b>1.18</b>	<b>10.4</b>
	93%	15539	0.8	4.71E-10	6.3	0.82	0.5	10103	4.2	8868	3.3	<b>1.14</b>	<b>7.5</b>
	98%	2794	0.7	4.36E-11	10	0.98	0.7	4153	4	1842	1.6	<b>2.25</b>	<b>5.7</b>
	25°C	2159	0.4	2.34E-10	7.5	0.87	0.5	955	1	4541	5	<b>0.21</b>	<b>6</b>
	30°C	1609	0.5	1.86E-10	3	0.88	0.8	752	1.2	2396	4.2	<b>0.31</b>	<b>5.4</b>
	40°C	1035	0.5	1.12E-10	9	0.92	1	513	1.2	919	3	<b>0.56</b>	<b>4.2</b>
	50°C	679	0.5	3.47E-09	6	0.77	4.9	404	1.3	488	2.5	<b>0.83</b>	<b>3.8</b>
	60°C	558	0.6	6.93E-07	7	0.81	10.8	337	1.5	292	2.4	<b>1.16</b>	<b>3.9</b>
	70°C	388	0.6	2.44E-09	8	0.85	4.2	267	1.5	184	2.3	<b>1.45</b>	<b>3.8</b>
	80°C	264	0.8	3.92E-07	8	0.83	9.1	250	1.9	109	2	<b>2.31</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Co-dittmarite $\text{NH}_4\text{CoPO}_4\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$	68%	126860	0.5	9.03E-11	2.9	0.92	0.3	9.85E-13	--	439	67.6	<b>0</b>	--
	73%	86063	0.6	8.35E-11	3.3	0.93	0.3	8.94E-14	--	499	66.2	<b>0</b>	--
	78%	50120	0.4	9.55E-11	4	0.93	0.3	1.21E-12	--	537	47.1	<b>0</b>	--
	83%	25151	0.5	1.17E-10	3.2	0.91	0.3	1259	13	734	11	<b>1.72</b>	<b>23.9</b>
	88%	10056	0.5	2.87E-10	4.1	0.85	0.3	1314	10.6	464	10.1	<b>2.83</b>	<b>20.7</b>
	93%	4352	0.4	4.32E-11	4.5	0.98	0.3	1303	11	280	4.8	<b>4.66</b>	<b>15.8</b>
	98%	1452	0.7	1.13E-10	5.5	0.89	2.1	1280	10.1	199	4.3	<b>6.45</b>	<b>14.4</b>
	25°C	1500	0.6	6.44E-11	6.3	0.96	0.7	1558	2	308	1.4	<b>5.06</b>	<b>3.4</b>
	30°C	1274	0.6	4.91E-11	7.1	0.98	0.6	1347	1.8	246	1.4	<b>5.47</b>	<b>3.2</b>
	40°C	1006	0.6	3.65E-11	7.9	1	1	1089	2	201	1.6	<b>5.41</b>	<b>3.6</b>
	50°C	870	0.5	5.11E-10	4	0.82	4.7	981	2.5	178	1.8	<b>5.51</b>	<b>4.3</b>
	60°C	819	0.6	8.45E-11	5	0.95	3.9	901	2.6	166	1.6	<b>5.44</b>	<b>4.1</b>
	70°C	748	0.5	1.13E-10	6	0.92	3.8	860	2.4	139	1.3	<b>6.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>
	80°C	610	0.5	4.28E-10	6	0.82	9.3	818	2.1	121	1.1	<b>6.73</b>	<b>3.2</b>

Table S24: Proton conductivity data of selective transition metal phosphate compounds reported in literature;  
o.w. = our work.

<i>material</i>	<i>chemical composition</i>	<i>T [°C]/ RH [%]</i>	$\sigma [S/cm]$	$E_a (eV)$	<i>Ref.</i>
ionomer	NAFION®	25/98	$7.80 \times 10^{-2}$	-	6, 7
Ba-Nd-Ca-Sc-oxide	$BaNd_{0.8}Ca_{0.2}ScO_{3.9}$	900/-	$2.10 \times 10^{-4}$		8
Ba-Nd-Ca-Sc-oxide	$BaNd_{0.8}Ca_{0.2}ScO_{3.9}$	800/-	$3.10 \times 10^{-4}$		8
Ba-Nd-Sc-oxide	$BaNdScO_4$	800/-	$1.10 \times 10^{-2}$		8
Ba-Er-Al-Zr-oxide	$Ba_5Er_2Al_2ZrO_{13}$	300-1200/-	$> 10^{-3}$	0.58-1.17	9
La-Nb-oxide	$LaNbO_4$	950/2% H <sub>2</sub> O	$\approx 10^{-3}$	-	10
Sr-Gd-Ga-oxides	$Gd_{2.9}Sr_{0.1}GaO_{5.95}$	600°C/wet Ar	$10^{-3}$		11
Ba-La-In-oxide	$BaLaInO_4$	400°C/humidified air	$2 \times 10^{-7}$	-	12
Ba-In-oxides	$Ba_2In_2O_5$	300°C/humidified air	$1.3 \times 10^{-6}$	0.6	13
Sr-vanadates	$Sr_3V_2O_8$	600°C/humidified air	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$		14
Na-Al-PO <sub>4</sub>	$Na_6[(AlPO_4)_8(OH)_6] \cdot 9H_2O$	20/98	$3.60 \times 10^{-3}$	0.21	15
Al-PO <sub>4</sub>	amorphous				
doped Sn <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	$In_{0.1}Sn_{0.9}P_2O_7$	300/-	0.195	-	16
Sn-PO <sub>4</sub>	$Sn(HPO_4)_2 \cdot 3H_2O$	100/-	$1.00 \times 10^{-2}$	-	17
ZrP <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	$Zr(P_2O_7)_{0.81}(O_3POH)_{0.38}$	20/98	$1.30 \times 10^{-3}$	-	18
Sn-PO <sub>4</sub>	-	30/90	$1.35 \times 10^{-4}$	5.52	19
Zr-PO <sub>4</sub>	-	30/90	$1.25 \times 10^{-4}$	0.24	
Sn-Zr-PO <sub>4</sub>	-	30/90	$1.47 \times 10^{-4}$	5.50	
TiP <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	TiP <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	100/-	$4.40 \times 10^{-3}$	0.14	20
Ti-PO <sub>4</sub>	$Ti_2(HPO_4)_4$	20/95	$1.20 \times 10^{-3}$	0.13	21
org./inorg. Mn-PO <sub>4</sub> -comp.	$(C_2H_{10}N_2)[Mn_2(HPO_4)_3](H_2O)$	20/99	$1.60 \times 10^{-3}$	0.22	22
org./inorg. Mn-PO <sub>4</sub> -comp.	$(C_2H_{10}N_2)[Mn_2(PO_4)_2] \cdot 2H_2O$	20/99	$7.00 \times 10^{-3}$	0.22	22
org./inorg. Fe-PO <sub>4</sub> -comp.	$(NH_3(CH_2)_3NH_3)_2[Fe_4(OH)_3(HPO_4)_2](PO_4)_3 \cdot 4H_2O$	40/H <sub>2</sub> O-NH <sub>3</sub> vapour	$5.00 \times 10^{-2}$	-	23
org./inorg. Fe-PO <sub>4</sub> -comp.	$(C_4H_{12}N_2)_{1.5}[Fe_2(OH)(H_2PO_4)(HPO_4)_2](PO_4) \cdot 0.5(H_2O)$	40/98	$5.10 \times 10^{-4}$	-	24
Fe-PO <sub>4</sub> -comp.	$(C_4H_{12}N_2)_{1.5}[Fe_2(OH)(H_2PO_4)(HPO_4)_2](PO_4) \cdot 0.5(H_2O)$	40/98	$5.10 \times 10^{-4}$	-	24
org./inorg. Co-PO <sub>4</sub> -comp.	$(C_2N_2H_{10})_{0.5}CoPO_4$	56/98	$2.00 \times 10^{-3}$	1.01	25
org./inorg. Zn-PO <sub>4</sub> -comp.	$NMe_4Zn[HPO_4][H_2PO_4]$	30/98	$1.30 \times 10^{-2}$	0.92	26
K-V-PO <sub>4</sub>	$K_2[(VO)_2(HPO_4)_2(C_2O_4)]$	40/95	$1.15 \times 10^{-2}$	-	27
NH <sub>4</sub> -Ni-PO <sub>4</sub>	$NH_4NiPO_4 \cdot H_2O$	25/98	$4.20 \times 10^{-5}$	0.36	o.w.
NH <sub>4</sub> -Co-PO <sub>4</sub>	$NH_4NiPO_4 \cdot H_2O$	25/98	$1.40 \times 10^{-4}$	0.16	o.w.

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