

Supporting Information

Elucidating the Structure-Performance Relationship in Single-Particle

NCM Cathodes *via* Controlled Precursor Synthesis

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	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Mn (%)	Error (ΔNi%)
Target	92	3	5	-
pre-1.0/11.2	91.21	3.51	5.28	0.86
pre-2.0/12.1	91.32	3.41	5.27	0.74
pre-5.0/12.1	91.60	3.27	5.13	0.44

Table S1. ICP-derived transition-metal composition (Ni/Co/Mn atomic fractions) of the precursors.

	BET surface area (m²/g)	BJH Adsorption cumulative volume of pores (cm³/g)
pre-1.0/11.2	12.0856	0.037170
pre-2.0/12.1	8.0514	0.013563
pre-5.0/12.1	4.6153	0.008287

Table S2. BET specific surface area and total pore volume of the precursors.

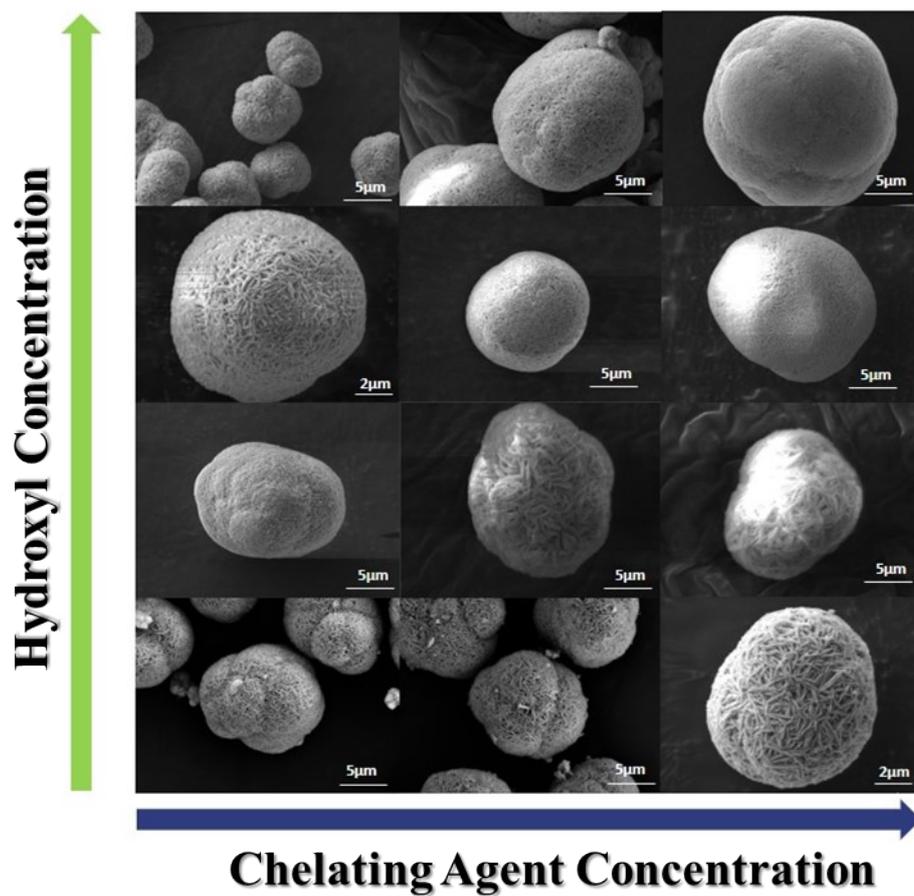


Fig. S1. Summarized scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of $\text{Ni}_{0.92}\text{Co}_{0.03}\text{Mn}_{0.05}(\text{OH})_2$ precursors with varying hydroxyl and chelating agent concentrations.

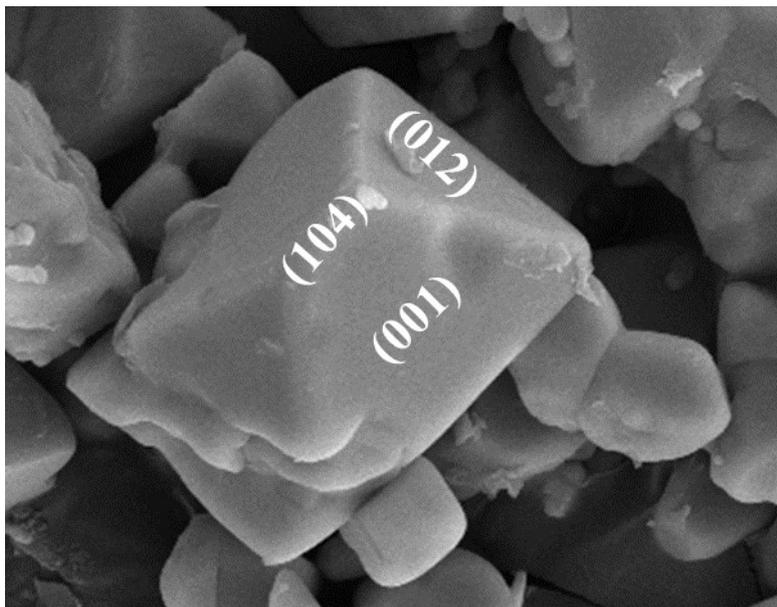
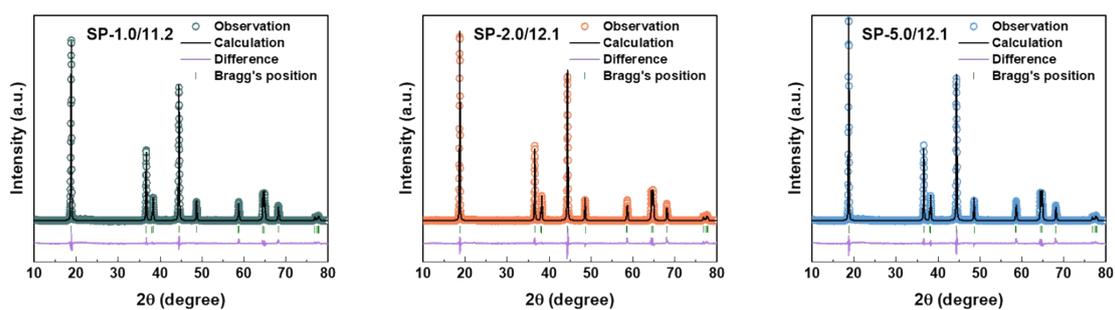


Fig. S2. Representative SEM image of SP-2.0/12.1 sample, showing the well-defined facets on a single particle.



	a (Å)	c (Å)	Volume (Å ³)	Li/TM cation mixing (%)	GOF
SP-1.0/11.2	2.87469	14.19346	101.578	3.61	5.86
SP-2.0/12.1	2.87529	14.1948	101.63	4.49	6.52
SP-5.0/12.1	2.87472	14.1952	101.593	4.14	6.68

Fig S3. Figure S3. Rietveld refinement of XRD patterns for the three SP-NCM samples, including the refinement plots and the extracted lattice parameters and Li/Ni cation-mixing values.

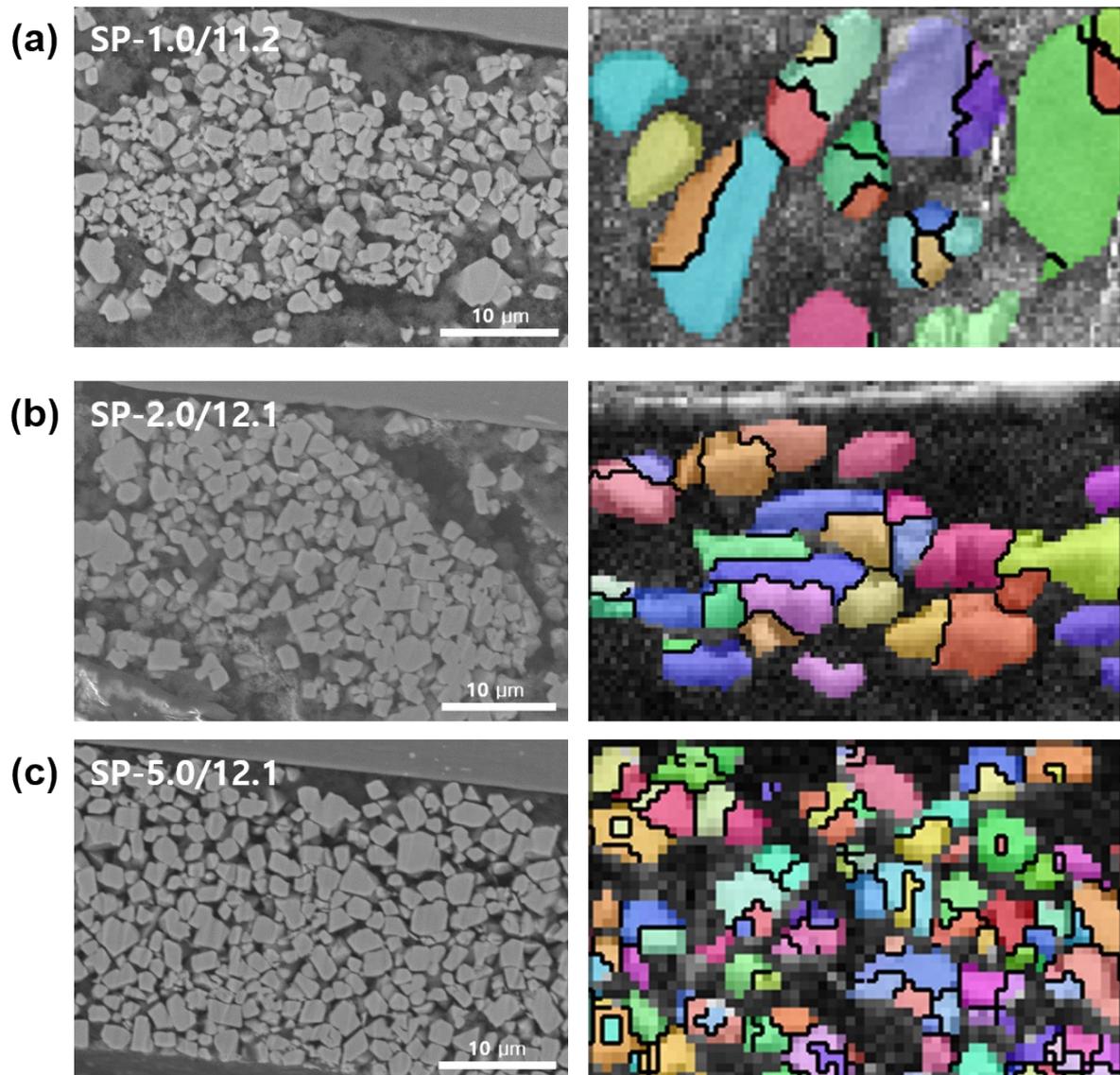
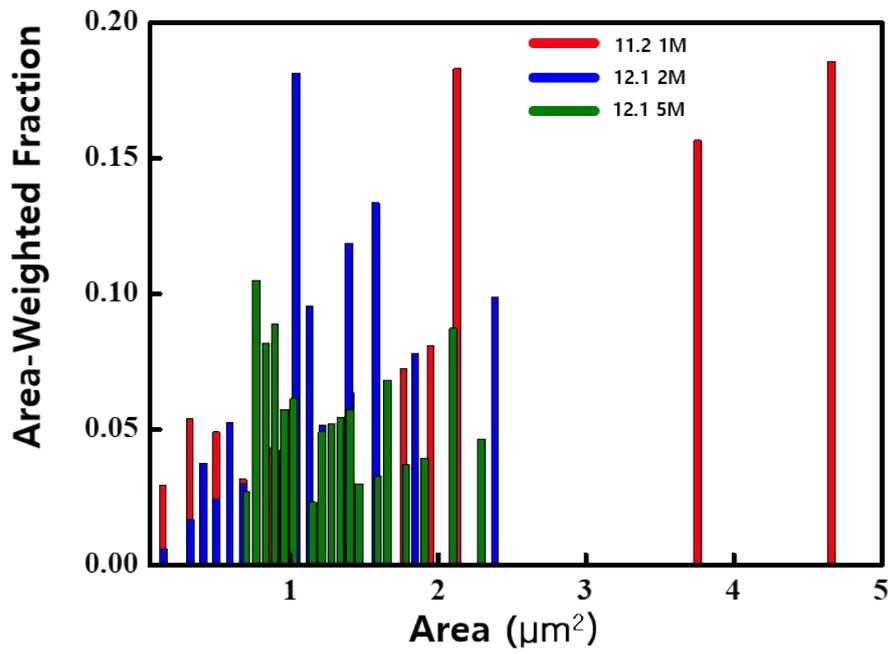


Fig S4. Cross-sectional SEM images and EBSD domain maps of (a) SP-1.0/11.2, (b) SP-2.0/12.1, and (c) SP-5.0/12.1.



	Area-weight. Mean (μm ²)
11.2 1M	2.522
12.1 2M	1.303
12.1 5M	1.288

Fig S5. EBSD domain-size distributions (area vs. area-weighted fraction) for the three samples, with a summary table of the area-weighted mean domain area.

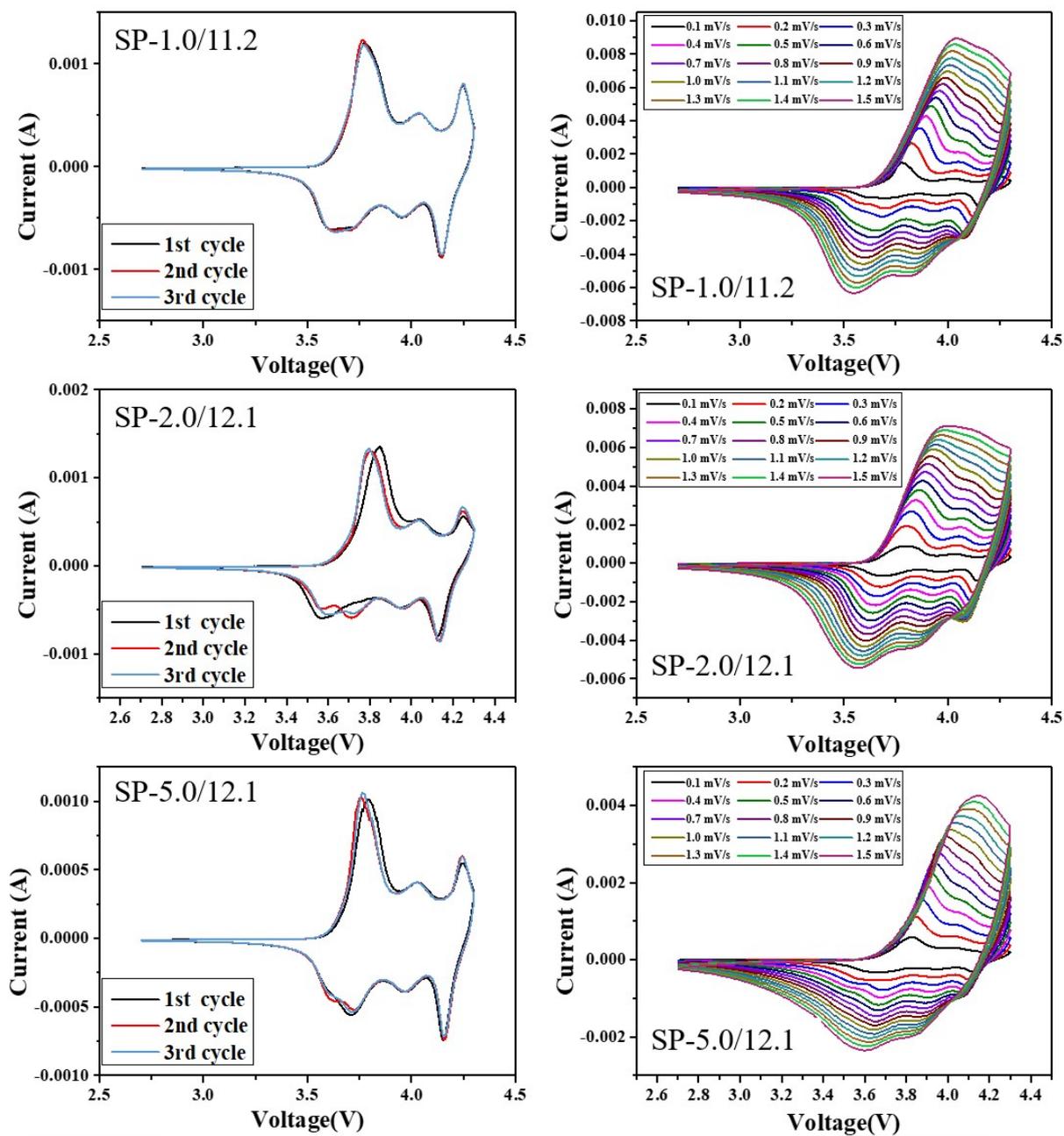


Fig. S6. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) curves of all SP-NCMs for the first three cycles at a fixed scan rate of 0.1 mV/s (left) and with varying scan rates (right).

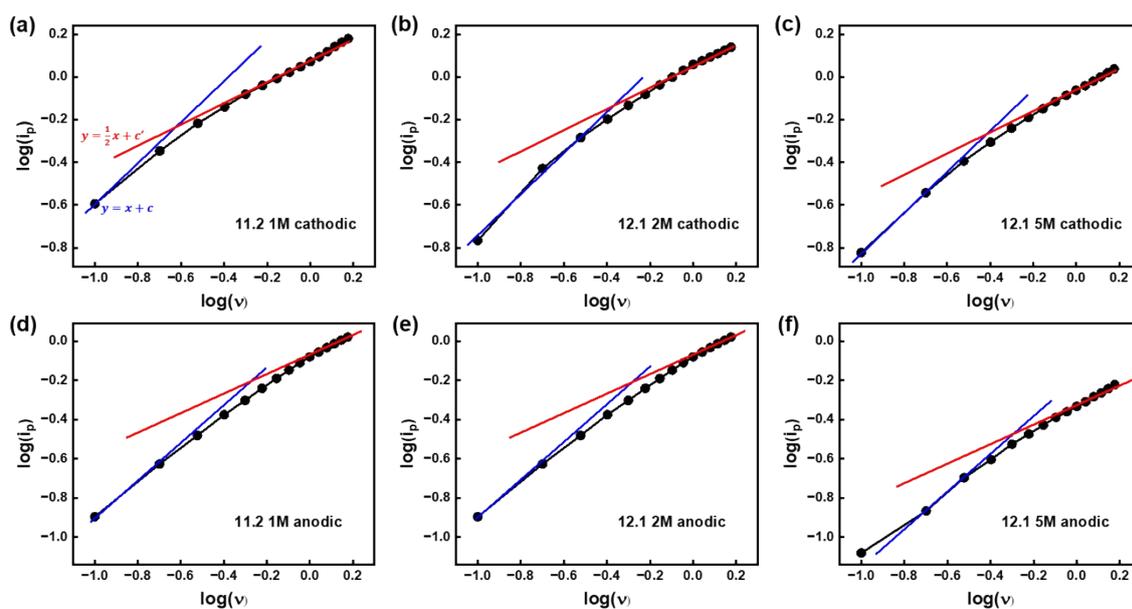


Fig S7. Log–log plots of peak current versus scan rate ($\log i_p$ vs. $\log \nu$) for (a) SP-1.0/11.2 cathodic, (b) SP-2.0/12.1 cathodic, (c) SP-5.0/12.1 cathodic, (d) SP-1.0/11.2 anodic, (e) SP-2.0/12.1 anodic, and (f) SP-5.0/12.1 anodic peaks; the fitted slopes b in $i_p = a\nu^b$ are indicated.

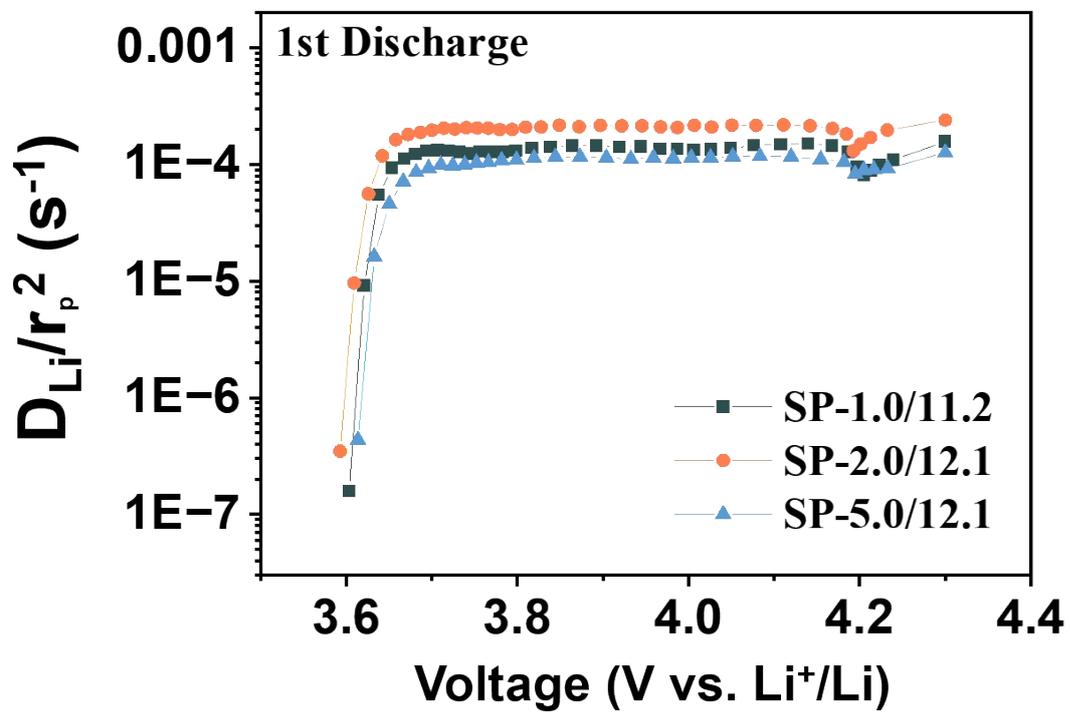


Fig S8. Normalized GITT-derived Li^+ diffusion metric (D/r_p^2) for the three SP-NCM samples.

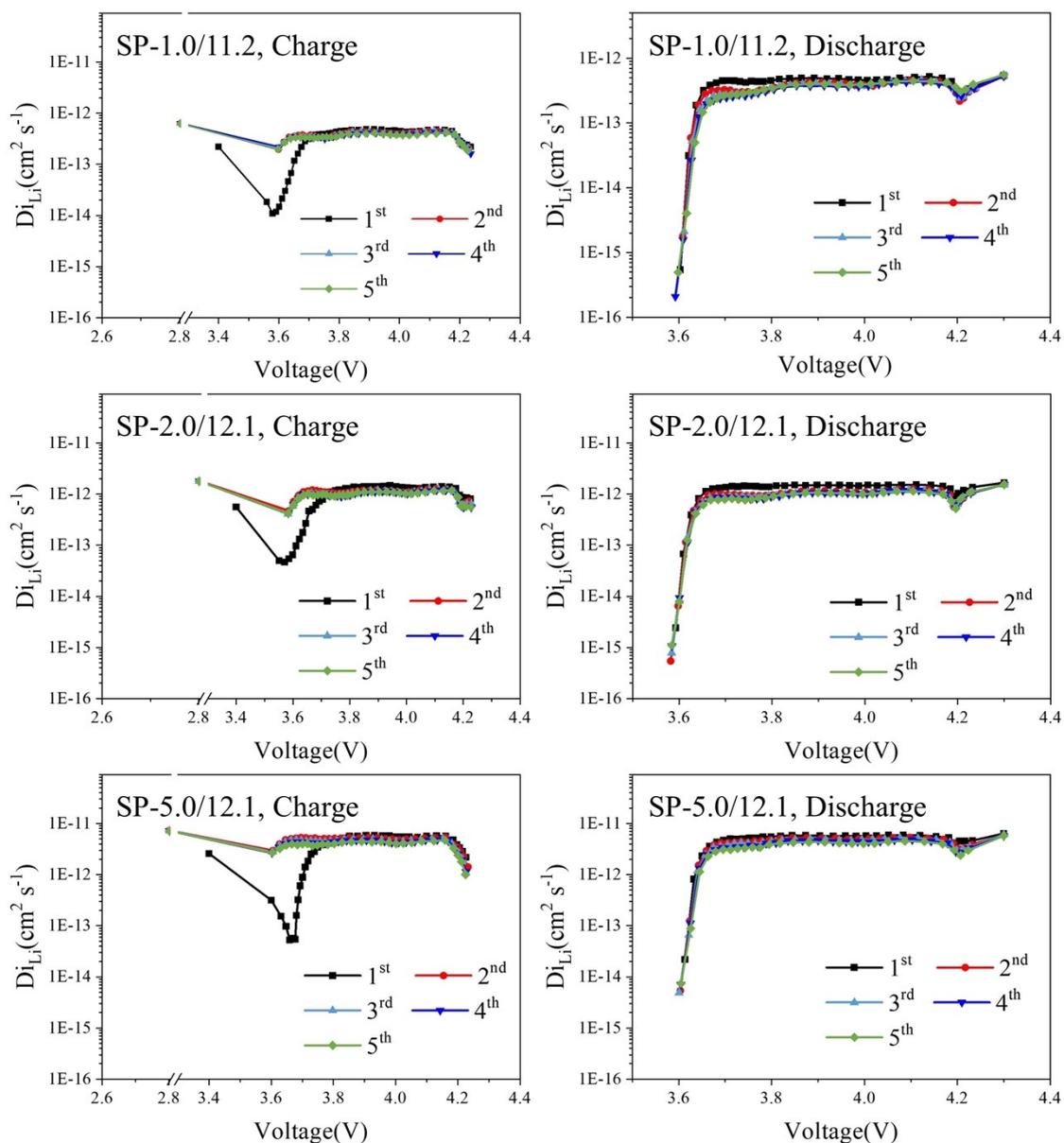


Fig. S9. Galvanostatic intermittent titration technique (GITT) curves of all SP-NCMs during the first five cycles.