





Illustration of the zigzag shaped Li<sup>+</sup> diffusion path along the c-axis (adapted from the cif file of our single crystal XRD refinement). Light blue plane (010) and grey dash line (lithium ions diffusion path) are guides for the eyes



XRD patterns of non-carbon coated LiFeBO<sub>3</sub> (sample A) and carbon-coated LiFeBO<sub>3</sub>/C (Sample C, ascorbic acid decomposition), recorded with a Bruker D8 diffractometer



Full-pattern matching refinement conducted on XRD diffraction pattern recorded from LiFeBO<sub>3</sub>/C sample prepared by self-combustion; (left inset) comparison of partial XRD patterns of self-combustion prepared LiFBO<sub>3</sub>/C (green) and non-carbon coated LiFeBO<sub>3</sub> (red); (right inset) TEM image of sample B (self-combustion), LiFeBO<sub>3</sub> grains are surrounded by carbon

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: *in-situ* XRD patterns recorded during battery operation (1st charge to 4.5 V and 1st discharge down to 1.5 V vs. Li<sup>+</sup>/Li) with a Bruker D8 diffractometer using the CuK<sub> $\alpha$ </sub> radiation. The cell was cycled at C/50 rate, meanwhile XRD patterns were collected every 2 hours for a 10°-40° 20 range. The red and blue dash lines are guided for eyes

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