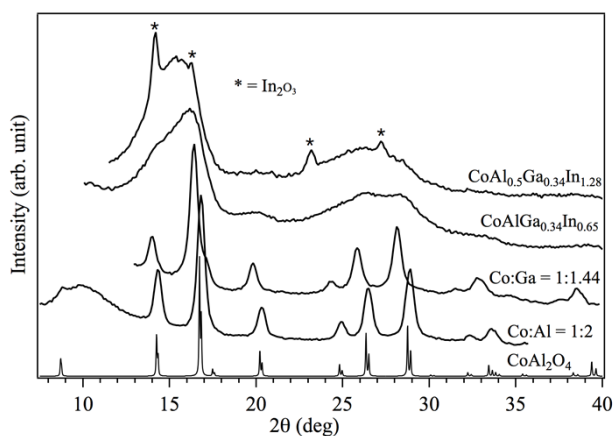


Supplementary Information



SI Fig. 1 Powder x-ray diffraction patterns for CoAl_2O_4 (with literature¹⁴), $\text{Co}_{1.56}\text{Ga}_{1.44}\text{O}_4$, $\text{CoAl}_{0.5}\text{Ga}_{0.34}\text{In}_{1.28}\text{O}_4$, $\text{CoAlGa}_{0.34}\text{In}_{0.65}\text{O}_4$. The well known CoAl_xO_4 and CoGa_xO_4 phases^{14,15} exhibit the spinel structure with variable Al or Ga content when $x \leq 2$ and are fully miscible, e.g. $\text{Co}_{3-x}(\text{Al,Ga})_x\text{O}_4$. The expected lattice expansion is observed upon addition of Ga. The incorporation of 22 cation % In (upper middle pattern) disorders the lattice and only broad diffraction humps are observed (the broad peak near 16° is due to the fused silica fiber and the vacuum grease used to support the powder crystals). The upper most pattern contains 41 cation % In and phase segregated In_2O_3 is detectable.