

Probing the Structural and Electronic Heterogeneity of LiVPO₄F and KVPO₄F Positive Electrode Materials by Combined X-ray Absorption and Emission Spectroscopy

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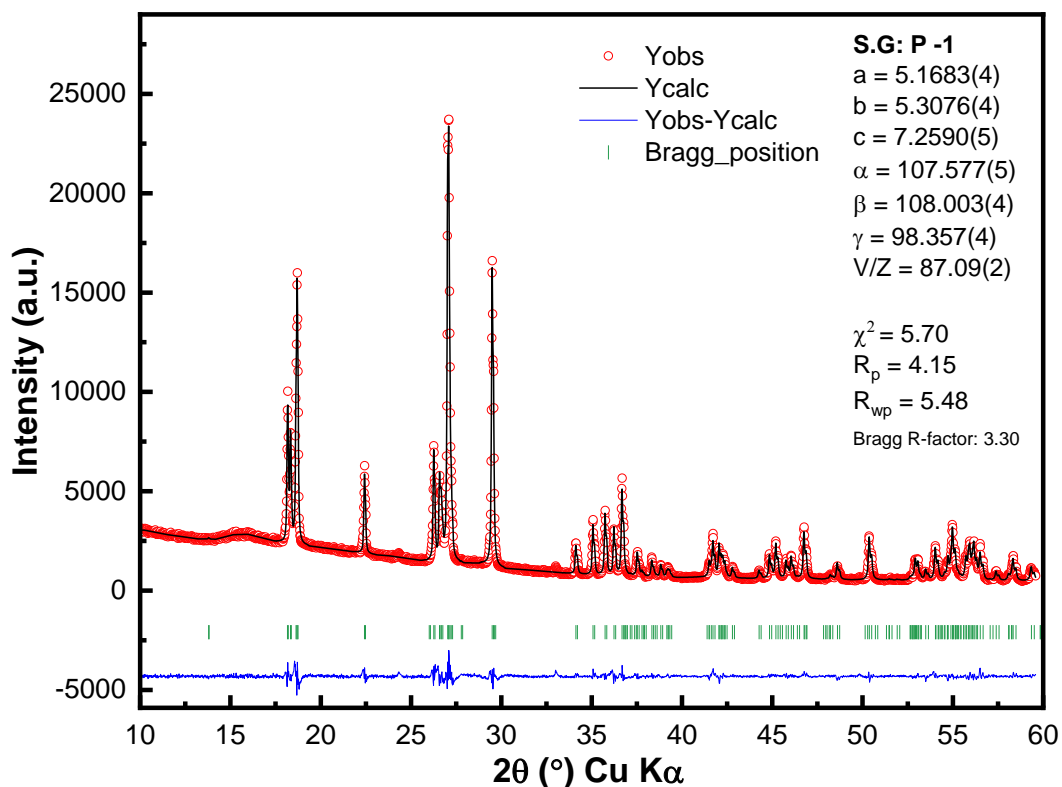
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Supplementary Information

Table S1. Structural information including the lattice and atomic parameters of LiVPO₄F (LVPF), VPO₄F-tavorite (VPF-L), KVPO₄F (KVPF) [1], and VPO₄F-KTP (VPF-K) [2] obtained from Rietveld refinement of the powder XRD data.

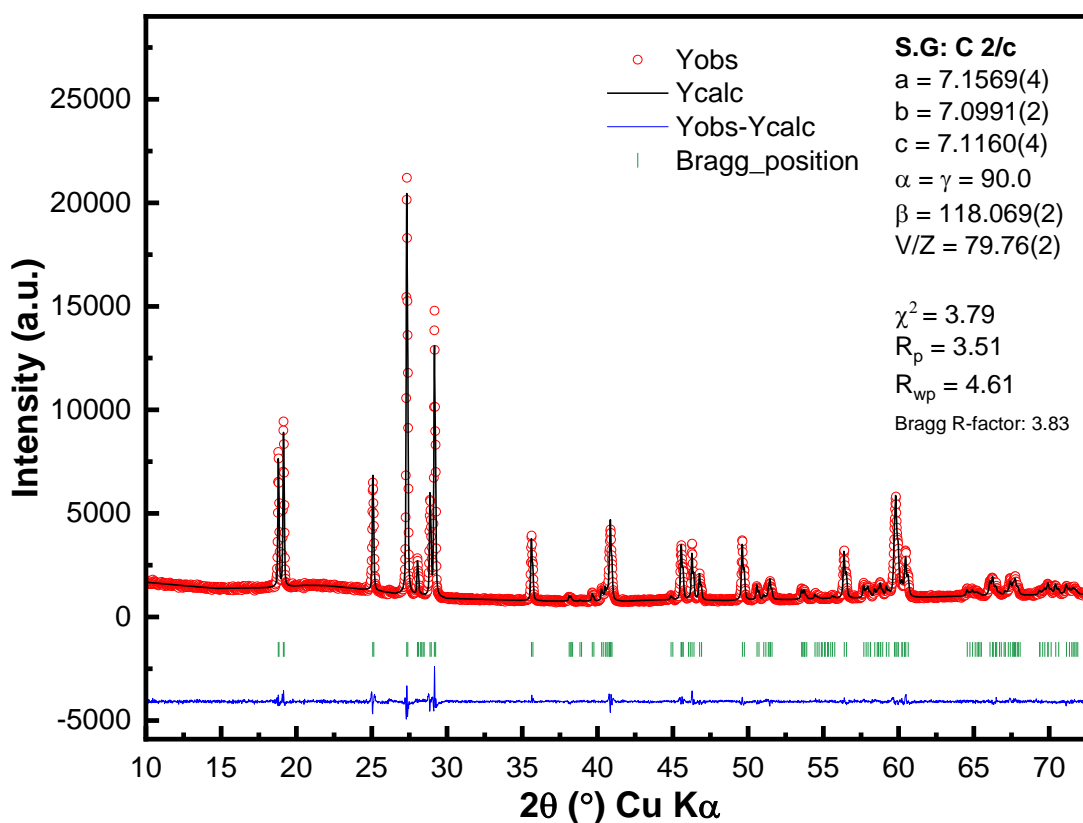
LiVPO₄F / LVPF						
Space group	<i>P</i> -1, (#2)					
Z =	2					
Density	3.28 g/cm ³					
a =	5.1683(4) Å					
b =	5.3076(4) Å					
c =	7.2590(5) Å					
α =	107.577(5)°					
β =	108.003(5)°					
γ =	98.357(4)°					
V =	174.17(2) Å ³					
V/Z =	87.09(2) Å ³					
Atom	Wyckoff	<i>x/a</i>	<i>y/b</i>	<i>z/c</i>	Occ.	B _{iso} (Å ²)
V1(<i>trans</i>)	<i>1a</i>	0	0	0	1	0.40(1)
V2(<i>trans</i>)	<i>1b</i>	0	0	½	1	0.31(1)
P1	<i>2i</i>	0.3288(3)	0.648(5)	0.2495(3)	1	0.56(1)
O1	<i>2i</i>	0.3703(5)	0.2350(2)	0.5865(3)	1	0.42(1)
O2	<i>2i</i>	0.1162(3)	-0.3274(6)	0.3576(3)	1	0.43(1)
O3	<i>2i</i>	0.6961(2)	0.6617(3)	-0.1358(3)	1	0.75(1)
O4	<i>2i</i>	0.2616(2)	0.7886(6)	0.0875(2)	1	0.30(1)
F1	<i>2i</i>	-0.1162(4)	0.0882(5)	0.2424(4)	1	0.84(1)
Li	<i>2i</i>	0.7160(2)	0.3700(5)	0.228(4)	1	2.64(1)



VPO₄F (favorite) / VPF-L

Space group	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> , (#15)
Z =	4
Density	3.43 g/cm ³
a =	7.1569(4) Å
b =	7.0991(2) Å
c =	7.1160(4) Å
α = γ =	90°
β	118.069(2)°
V =	319.02(3) Å ³
V/Z =	79.76 (2) Å ³

Atom	Wyckoff	<i>x/a</i>	<i>y/b</i>	<i>z/c</i>	Occ.	B _{iso} (Å ²)
V1	4 <i>d</i>	¼	-¼	0	1	0.87(4)
P1	4 <i>e</i>	½	0.1218(4)	¼	1	0.64(3)
F1	4 <i>e</i>	0	-0.1664(5)	-¼	1	0.74(2)
O1	8 <i>f</i>	0.3307(5)	0.0076(4)	0.0719(5)	1	0.42(3)
O2	8 <i>f</i>	0.3939(8)	0.2587(5)	0.3449(7)	1	0.42(3)



KVPO₄F / KVPF

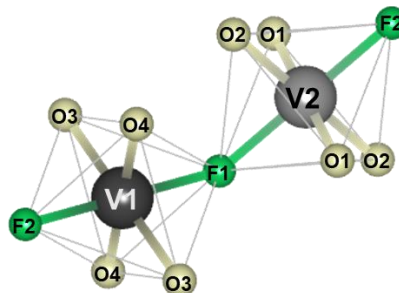
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Density	3.11 g/cm ³					
a =	12.8223(1) Å					
b =	6.39721(3) Å					
c =	10.6203(1) Å					
V =	871.21(1) Å ³					
V/Z =	108.90(1) Å ³					
Atom	Wyckoff	<i>x/a</i>	<i>y/b</i>	<i>z/c</i>	Occ.	B _{iso} (Å ²)
K1	<i>4a</i>	0.3802(1)	0.7788(2)	0.3018(2)	1.02(2)	1.87(3)
K2	<i>4a</i>	0.1044(1)	0.6972(2)	0.0590(2)	0.97(2)	1.88(3)
V1(<i>cis</i>)	<i>4a</i>	0.3854(7)	0.4967(2)	0	1	0.47(1)
V2(<i>trans</i>)	<i>4a</i>	0.2469(1)	0.2514(2)	0.2469(2)	1	0.45(1)
P1	<i>4a</i>	0.4988(2)	0.3311(2)	0.2501(3)	1	0.50(1)
P2	<i>4a</i>	0.1817(1)	0.4991(4)	0.4991(3)	1	0.50(1)
O1	<i>4a</i>	0.4848(4)	0.4865(6)	0.1406(3)	1	0.44(2)
O2	<i>4a</i>	0.5122(4)	0.4682(6)	0.3691(3)	1	0.44(2)
O3	<i>4a</i>	0.4008(3)	0.1959(3)	0.2689(3)	1	0.44(2)
O4	<i>4a</i>	0.5955(3)	0.1935(6)	0.2286(5)	1	0.44(2)
O5	<i>4a</i>	0.1112(3)	0.3107(5)	0.5292(4)	1	0.44(2)
O6	<i>4a</i>	0.1127(3)	0.6910(5)	0.4722(4)	1	0.44(2)
O7	<i>4a</i>	0.2501(4)	0.5377(9)	0.6163(4)	1	0.44(2)
O8	<i>4a</i>	0.2566(4)	0.458(1)	0.3888(4)	1	0.44(2)
F1	<i>4a</i>	0.2706(4)	0.523(1)	0.8788(4)	1	0.71(4)
F2	<i>4a</i>	0.2716(4)	0.4777(9)	0.1266(4)	1	0.71(4)

VPO₄F (KTP) / VPF-K

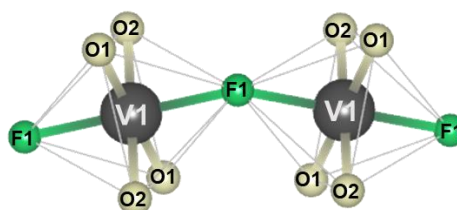
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b =	6.0875(5) Å					
c =	10.462(1) Å					
V =	796.32(1) Å ³					
V/Z =	99.54(1) Å ³					
Atom	Wyckoff	<i>x/a</i>	<i>y/b</i>	<i>z/c</i>	Occ.	B _{iso} (Å ²)
V1(<i>cis</i>)	<i>4d</i>	0.145(1)	¼	¾	1	1.2(2)
V2(<i>trans</i>)	<i>4a</i>	0	0	0	1	1.0(1)
P1	<i>4c</i>	¼	0.070(2)	¼	1	1.3(2)
P2	<i>4d</i>	-0.062(1)	¼	¼	1	1.3(2)
O1a	<i>8e</i>	0.246(2)	0.230(4)	-0.116(2)	1	1.2(2)
O2a	<i>8e</i>	0.149(1)	-0.067(2)	0.010(3)	1	1.2(2)
O1b	<i>8e</i>	-0.133(2)	0.051(4)	0.274(2)	1	1.2(2)
O2b	<i>8e</i>	0.010(2)	0.294(5)	0.367(2)	1	1.2(2)
F1	<i>8e</i>	0.028(2)	0.277(5)	0.626(2)	1	1.2(5)

Table S2. Summary of bond lengths of V-F and V-O for the different compounds.

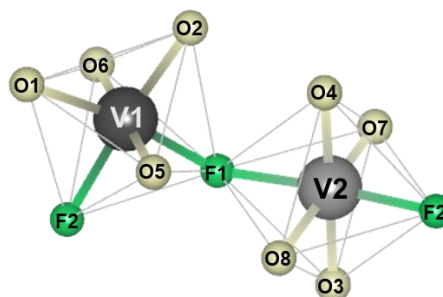
LVPF	Bond length(Å)
V1-O3	1.954(6)
V1-O3	1.954(6)
V1-O4	1.957(7)
V1-O4	1.957(7)
V1-F1	1.978(8)
V1-F1	1.978(8)
V2-O1	1.924(7)
V2-O1	1.924(7)
V2-O2	2.013(7)
V2-O2	2.013(7)
V2-F1	1.998(7)
V2-F1	1.998(7)



VPF-L	Bond length (Å)
V1-O1	1.913(3)
V1-O1	1.913(3)
V1-O2	1.831(6)
V1-O2	1.831(6)
V1-F1	1.930(3)
V1-F1	1.930(3)



KVPF	Bond length (Å)
V1-O1	1.961(4)
V1-O2	1.928(2)
V1-O5	2.032(2)
V1-O6	1.978(4)
V1-F1	1.964(5)
V1-F2	1.984(6)
V2-O3	2.018(4)
V2-O4	1.983(2)
V2-O7	1.947(2)
V2-O8	2.010(4)
V2-F1	2.039(4)
V2-F2	1.957(4)



VPF-K	Bond length (Å)
V1-O1	1.895(3)
V1-O1	1.895(3)
V1-O3	1.852(5)
V1-O3	1.852(5)
V1-F1	1.951(3)
V1-F1	1.951(3)
V2-O2	1.900(2)
V2-O2	1.900(2)
V2-O4	1.879(4)
V2-O4	1.879(4)
V2-F1	1.930(4)
V2-F1	1.930(4)

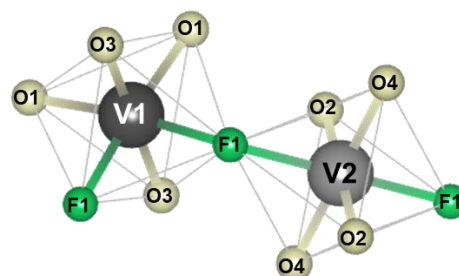


Table S3. LVPF input file for the FDMNES calculation

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! FDMNES indata file
! Calculation for the V VtC_Kbeta LiVPO4F
! Finite difference method calculation with convolution

Filout
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Range      ! Energy range of calculation (eV)
-30. 0.2 -10 0.1 -5 0.05 0. 0.05 5 0.1 10. .2 40. 1 45. ! first energy, step, intermediary
energy, step ..., last energy

Radius     ! Radius of the cluster where final state calculation is performed
10.0

SCF        ! Activation of the self consistent field calculation
Green      ! Inclusion of the green function
Density_all ! Densities of state results
Edge
K
XES
Z_absorber
23
Spgroup
P-1

Cif_file
3_LiVPO4F.cif

!!!Convolution keyword : broadening with a width increasing versus energy as an arctangent

Estart
-20
Efermi
0.0
Convolution
42 11 10
Gaussian
0.7

End
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Table S4. VPF-L (Tavorite) input file for the FDMNES calculation

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! FDMNES indata file
! Calculation for the V VtC_Kbeta VPO4F (tavorite)
! Finite difference method calculation with convolution

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energy, step ..., last energy

Radius     ! Radius of the cluster where final state calculation is performed
10.0

SCF        ! Activation of the self consistent field calculation
Green      ! Inclusion of the green function
Density_all ! Densities of state results
Edge
K
XES
Z_absorber
23
Spgroup
15:b1

Cif_file
4_VPO4F-Tavorite.cif

!!!Convolution keyword : broadening with a width increasing versus energy as an arctangent

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Efermi
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Convolution
42 11 10
Gaussian
1.2

End
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Table S5. KVPF input file for the FDMNES calculation

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! FDMNES indata file
! Calculation for the V VtC_Kbeta KVPO4F
! Finite difference method calculation with convolution

Filout
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Range      ! Energy range of calculation (eV)
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energy, step ..., last energy

Radius     ! Radius of the cluster where final state calculation is performed
10.0

SCF        ! Activation of the self consistent field calculation
Green      ! Inclusion of the green function
Density_all ! Densities of state results
Edge
K
XES
Z_absorber
23
Spgroup
33

Cif_file
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!!!Convolution keyword : broadening with a width increasing versus energy as an arctangent

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Efermi
0.0
Convolution
42 11 10
Gaussian
1.2

End
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Table S6. VPF-K input file for the FDMNES calculation

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! FDMNES indata file
! Calculation for the V VtC_Kbeta VPO4F (KTP)
! Finite difference method calculation with convolution

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Range      ! Energy range of calculation (eV)
-30. 0.2 -10 0.1 -5 0.05 0. 0.05 5 0.1 10. .2 40. 1 45. ! first energy, step, intermediary
energy, step ..., last energy

Radius     ! Radius of the cluster where final state calculation is performed
10.0

SCF        ! Activation of the self consistent field calculation
Green      ! Inclusion of the green function
Density_all ! Densities of state results
Edge
K
XES
Z_absorber
23
Spgroup
52:a-cb

Cif_file
2_VPO4F-KTP.cif

!!!Convolution keyword : broadening with a width increasing versus energy as an arctangent

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Efermi
0.0
Convolution
42 11 10
Gaussian
1.2

End
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Table S7. Calculated bond valence sum (BVS) for the pristine materials and their respective deintercalated phases.

	V(1)	V(2)	V _{average}
LVPF	3.10	3.17	3.14
VPF-L	4.12	-	4.12
KVPF	3.10	2.96	3.03
VPF-K	4.03	3.95	3.99

Bonding	<i>R_o</i>	<i>b</i>
V^{III}-O⁽⁻²⁾	1.743	0.37
V^{III}-F⁽⁻¹⁾	1.702	
V^{IV}-O⁽⁻²⁾	1.784	
V^{IV}-F⁽⁻¹⁾	1.700	

$$BVS = \sum_{R_{exp}=1}^6 e^{\frac{R_o - R_{exp}}{b}}$$

Table S8. Calculated distortion index for the pristine materials and their respective deintercalated phases.

The distortion index is an estimate of the deviation from a regular octahedron and was calculated using the formula below:

	$\bar{d}_{V(1)}$	Distortion index V(1)	$\bar{d}_{V(2)}$	Distortion index V(2)
LVPF	1.963(7)	2.96 x 10 ⁻⁵	1.978(7)	3.87 x 10 ⁻⁴
VPF-L	1.891(4)	5.19 x 10 ⁻⁴		
KVPF	1.975(4)	2.52 x 10 ⁻⁴	1.993(4)	2.74 x 10 ⁻⁴
VPF-K	1.903(3)	4.56 x 10 ⁻⁴	1.899(4)	1.24 x 10 ⁻⁴

$$Distortion\ index = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^6 \frac{(d_i - \bar{d})^2}{\bar{d}^2}$$

Where d_i corresponds to each V-X bond of the octahedron and \bar{d} is the average bond length

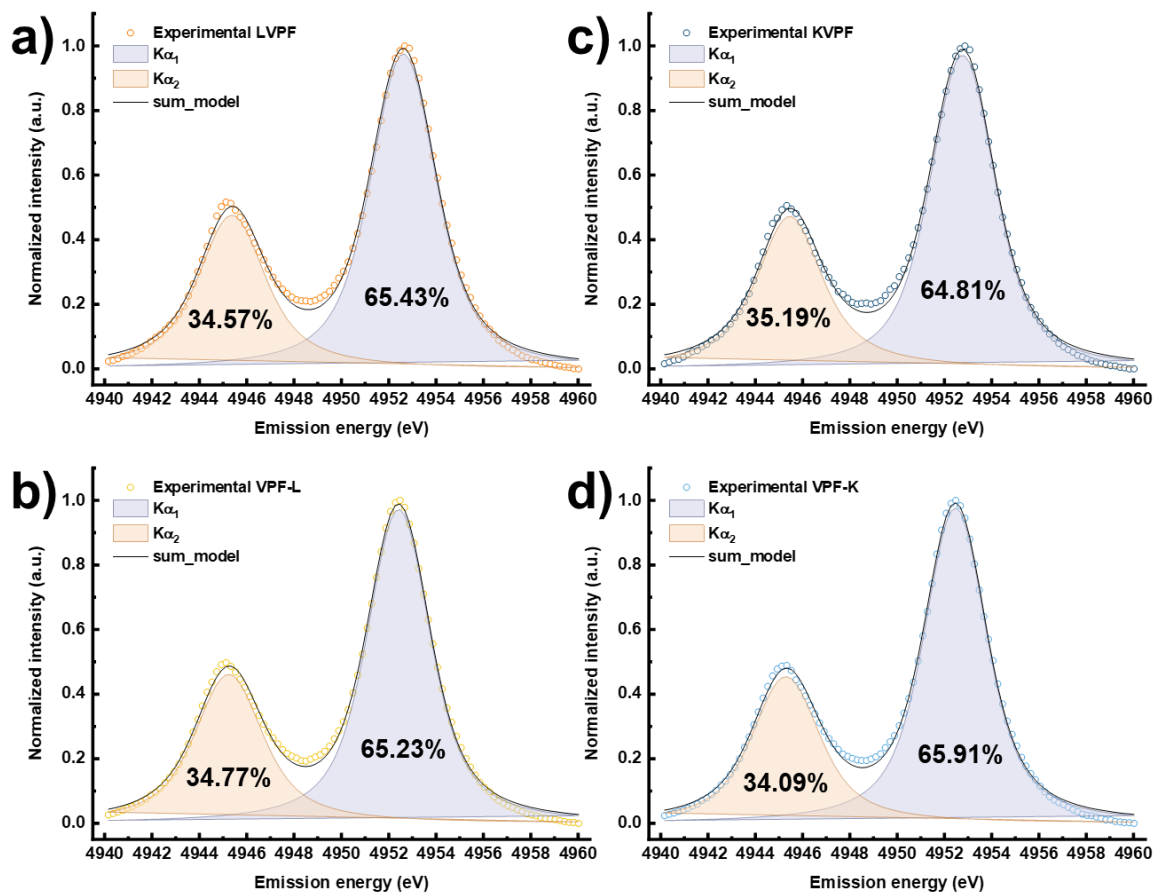


Figure S1. The deconvolution of CtC $K\alpha$ emission line using two symmetrical Voigt functions for a) LVPF, b) VPF-L, c) KVPF, and d) VPF-K

Table S9. Summary of the Curve-fitting parameters and calculated contributions of CtC K α

LVPF	Position, eV	FWHM, eV	Area, %	Gaussian FWHM, eV	Lorentzian FWHM, eV	Weighted Sum of Squared Residuals
K α_1	4952.62	3.32	65.43	2.03	2.03	1.03 x 10 ⁻²
K α_2	4945.37	3.41	34.57	1.64	2.57	
VPF-L	Position, eV	FWHM, eV	Area, %	Gaussian FWHM, eV	Lorentzian FWHM, eV	Weighted Sum of Squared Residuals
K α_1	4952.42	3.19	65.23	1.93	1.97	1.29 x 10 ⁻²
K α_2	4945.24	3.45	34.77	1.78	2.48	
KVPF	Position, eV	FWHM, eV	Area, %	Gaussian FWHM, eV	Lorentzian FWHM, eV	Weighted Sum of Squared Residuals
K α_1	4952.77	3.28	64.81	2.07	1.92	3.10 x 10 ⁻²
K α_2	4945.48	3.37	35.19	1.38	2.75	
VPF-K	Position, eV	FWHM, eV	Area, %	Gaussian FWHM, eV	Lorentzian FWHM, eV	Weighted Sum of Squared Residuals
K α_1	4952.46	3.17	65.91	1.90	1.98	2.91 x 10 ⁻²
K α_2	4945.29	3.44	34.09	1.87	2.37	

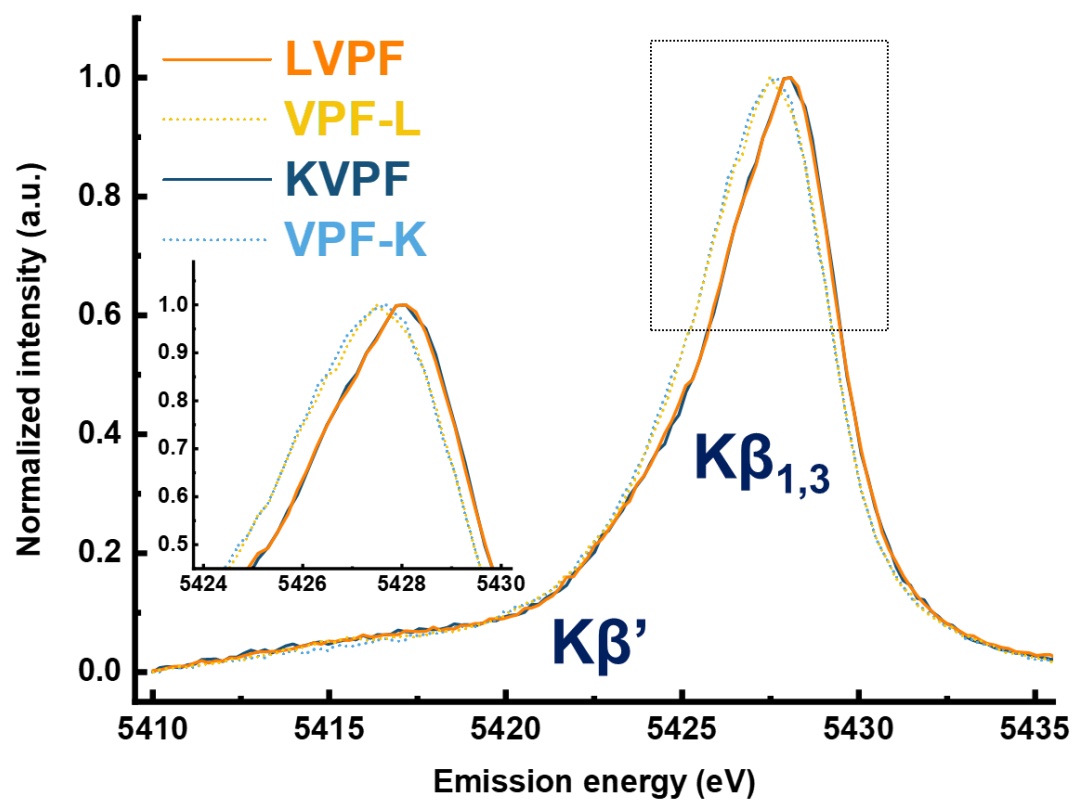


Figure S2. The CtC $K\beta$ X-ray emission lines of the pristine LVPF and KVPF, and their corresponding deintercalated phases, VPF-L and VPF-K. Inset shows the maximum peak position at the $K\beta_{1,3}$.

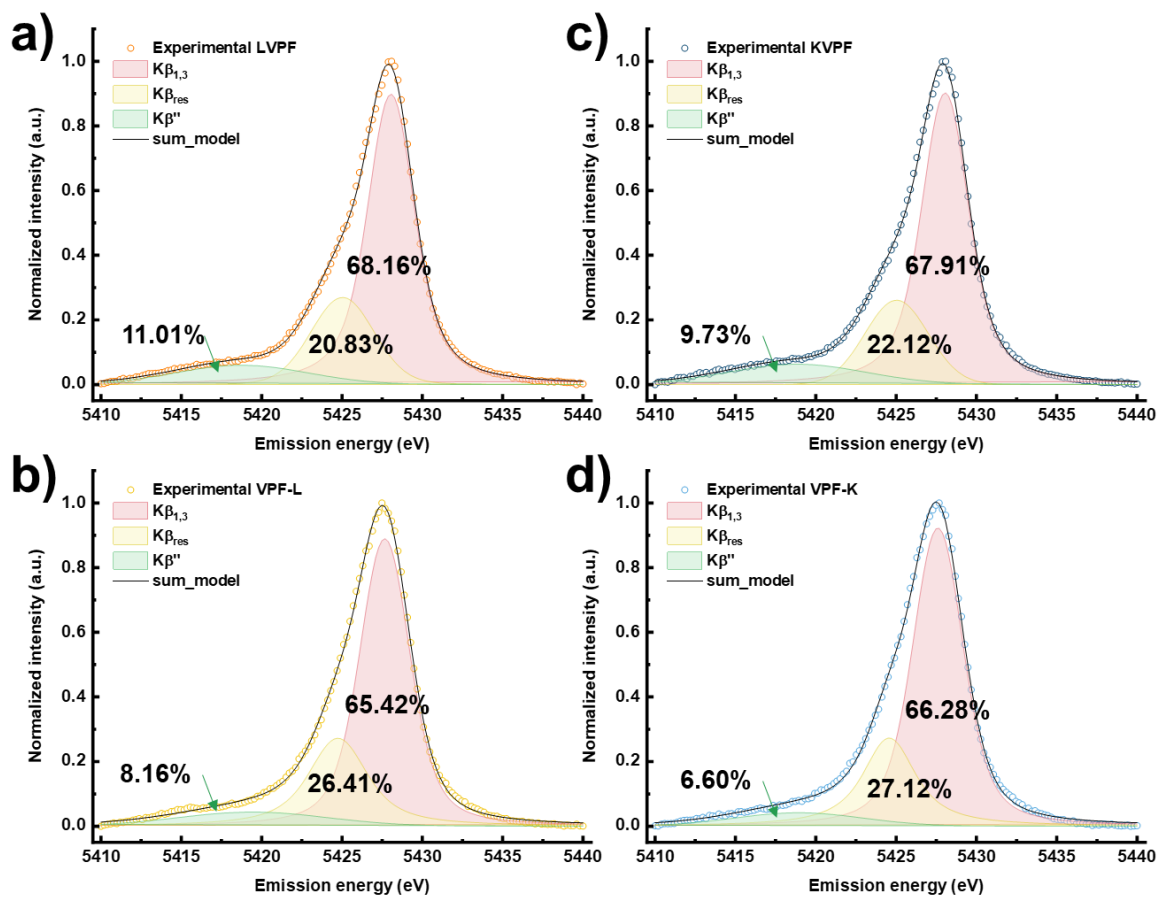


Figure S3. The deconvolution of CtC K β emission line using three symmetrical Voigt functions for a) LVPF, b) VPF-L, c) KVPF, and d) VPF-K

Table S10. Summary of the Curve-fitting parameters and calculated contributions of CtC K β

LVPF	Position, eV	FWHM, eV	Area, %	Gaussian FWHM, eV	Lorentzian FWHM, eV	Weighted Sum of Squared Residuals
K $\beta_{1,3}$	5428.05	3.53	68.16	2.34	1.91	0.75 x 10 ⁻⁶
K β_{res}	5425.03	4.64	20.83	4.64	0.45	
K β''	5418.83	10.13	11.01	10.06	0.12	
VPF-L	Position, eV	FWHM, eV	Area, %	Gaussian FWHM, eV	Lorentzian FWHM, eV	Weighted Sum of Squared Residuals
K $\beta_{1,3}$	5427.66	3.71	65.42	2.83	1.50	1.81 x 10 ⁻⁶
K β_{res}	5424.75	4.34	26.41	2.27	3.09	
K β''	5419.44	11.02	8.16	10.95	0.13	
KVPF	Position, eV	FWHM, eV	Area, %	Gaussian FWHM, eV	Lorentzian FWHM, eV	Weighted Sum of Squared Residuals
K $\beta_{1,3}$	5428.05	3.51	67.91	2.28	1.98	2.03 x 10 ⁻⁶
K β_{res}	5425.03	4.63	22.12	4.42	0.38	
K β''	5418.74	9.73	9.97	9.72	0.01	
VPF-K	Position, eV	FWHM, eV	Area, %	Gaussian FWHM, eV	Lorentzian FWHM, eV	Weighted Sum of Squared Residuals
K $\beta_{1,3}$	5427.60	3.75	66.28	2.83	1.55	1.04 x 10 ⁻⁶
K β_{res}	5424.57	3.91	27.12	2.52	3.28	
K β''	5418.93	9.45	6.60	9.41	0.07	

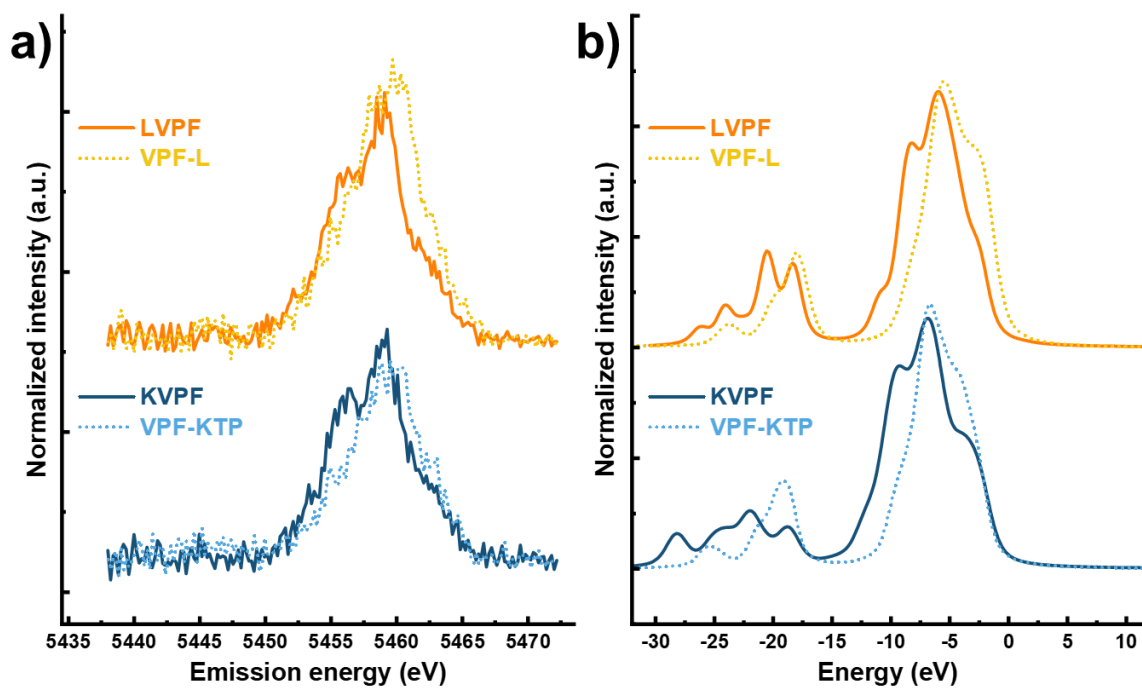


Figure S4. The a) experimental and b) simulated XES VtC K β emission line of LVPF, VPF-L, KVPF, and VPF-K. Overall features obtained especially at the VtC K $\beta_{2,5}$ are in good agreement with our previous work. [3]

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