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#### Li<sub>2</sub>FeSiO<sub>4</sub> CATHODE MATERIAL: THE STRUCTURE AND ELECTROCHEMICAL PERFORMANCES

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Monoclinic Li<sub>2</sub>FeSiO<sub>4</sub> that crystallizes in  $P2_1/n$  space group was investigated as a potential cathode material for lithium-ion batteries. A combined X-ray diffraction and Mössbauer spectroscopy study was used for the structural investigation. It was found that the crystal structure is prone to an "antisite" defect, the one in which the Fe ion and the Li ion exchange places. This finding was also confirmed by the Mössbauer spectroscopy. In order to obtain composites of Li<sub>2</sub>FeSiO<sub>4</sub> and carbon, several synthesis techniques that use different carbon sources were involved. Electrochemical performances were investigated through galvanostatic charge/discharge tests. Discharge curve profile did not reflect a two-phase intercalation reaction (no obvious voltage plateau) due to the low conductivity at room temperature.

#### O.S.A.4

### RHEED STUDY OF THE EARLY STAGES OF OXIDE FILM FORMATION AND QUANTIFICATION OF THE GROWTH KINETICS

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RHEED was applied for in situ study of homoepitaxial SrTiO3 (STO) film growth with the aim to find accordance between estimations following from theoretical growth models and real film parameters measured by AFM, XRD and RHEED. Pulsed Laser Deposition (PLD) with constant pulse rate up to 5 Hz was used and relaxation kinetics of the deposited particles was estimated from RHEED intensity changes caused by the surface layer ordering. The proposed data treatment allowed us to estimate the relaxation rate in the deposited surface layer and the overall relaxation of the structure of homoepitaxial thin film. It has been shown that growth at temperatures above 650 °C is characterized by presence of surface phase. It mean, that experimental estimations of a kinetic processes at the surface are attributing first of all to the surface phase properties, whereas a growing film structure is formed deeper, under film-surface layer interface and determined by the conditions of phase stability. This structural transition occurs at depth, which exceeds the number of not completely filled monolayers. In this connection, the evolution of the theory of Smooth Multilayer Growth (SML) seems promising enough.