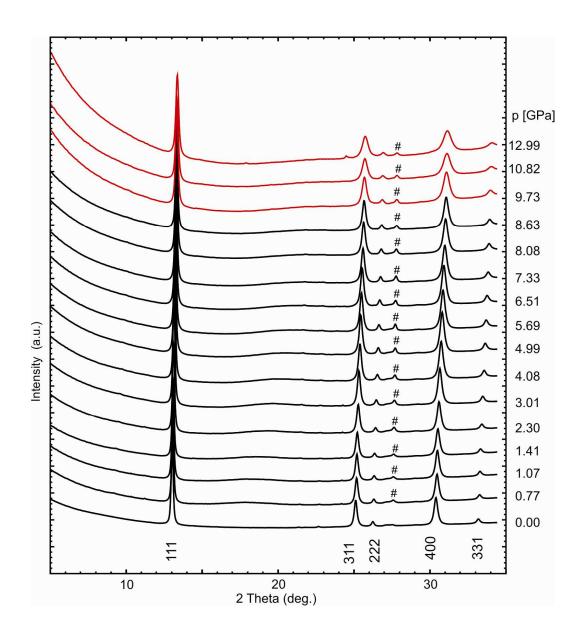
## Unusual compressional behavior of lithiummanganese oxides: A case study of Li<sub>4</sub>Mn<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub>

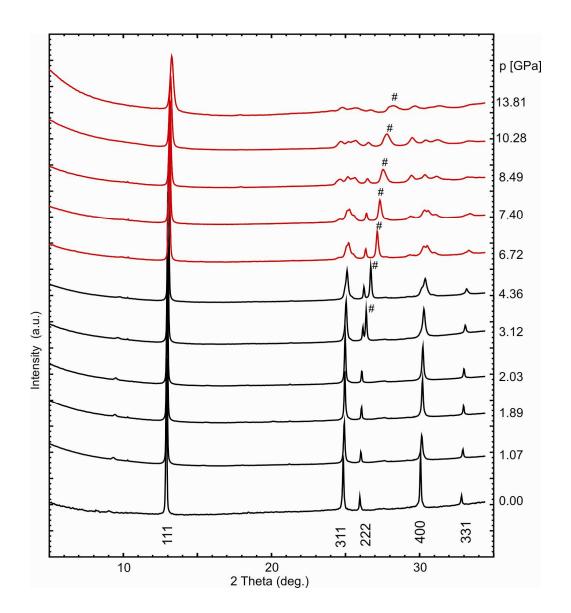
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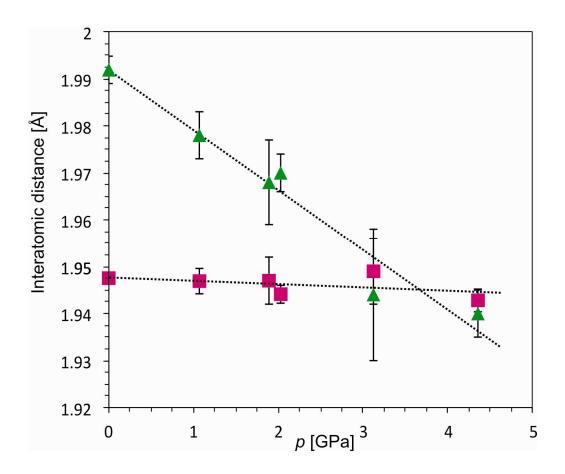
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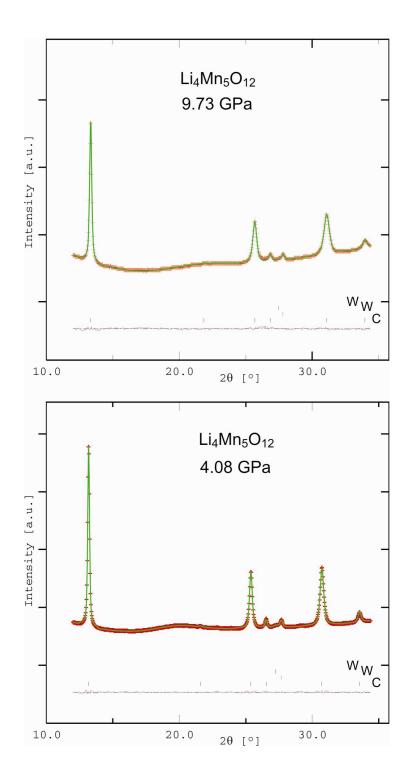
**Figure S1.** Evolution of the X-ray diffraction patterns of  $Li_4Mn_5O_{12}$  powder in a mixture of methanol-ethanol as a function of pressure up to ~13 GPa. Systematic shifts toward higher 20 (smaller d-spacing) were observed at pressures below 8.63 GPa due to the compression of the cubic lattice. Patterns in red are obtained under nonhydrostatic compression. # represents the peak from the tungsten gasket. Miller indices for the spinel cubic phase are given at the bottom.



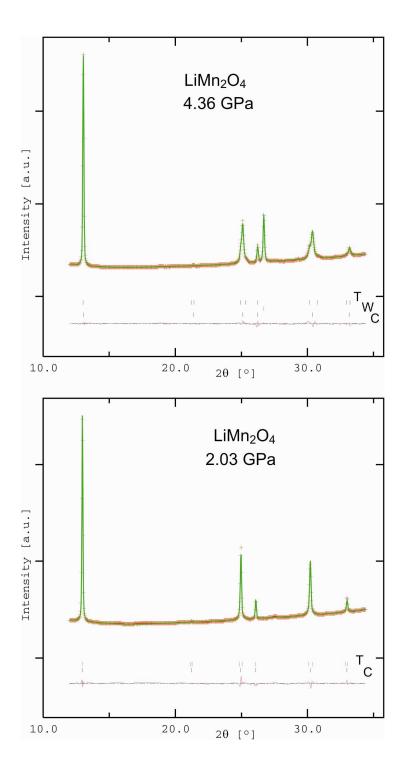
**Figure S2.** Evolution of the X-ray diffraction patterns of  $LiMn_2O_4$  powder in a mixture of methanol—ethanol as a function of pressure up to ~13.8 GPa. Systematic shifts toward higher 20 (smaller d-spacing) were observed at pressures below 4.36 GPa due to the compression of the cubic lattice. Patterns in red are obtained under nonhydrostatic compression. # represents the peak from the tungsten gasket. Miller indices for the spinel cubic phase are given at the bottom.



**Figure S3.** Interatomic distances in  $LiMn_2O_4$  as a function of pressure; square -  $(Mn,Li)O_6$  octahedra, triangle -  $LiO_4$  tetrahedra.



**Figure S4.** Structure refinement of Li<sub>4</sub>Mn<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub> spinel (Fd3m, Nr. 227; Z = 8; pressure 4.08 GPa: a = 8.05873 (9) Å, u = 0.26154(9); pressure 9.73 GPa: a = 7.9707 (6) Å, u = 0.2606(1)) showing observed (red crosses) and calculated (green solid line) intensities. Tick marks refer to Li<sub>4</sub>Mn<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub> – C and tungsten gasket – W.



**Figure S5.** Structure refinement of  $LiMn_2O_4$  spinel showing observed (red crosses) and calculated (green solid line) intensities. Tick marks refer to  $LiMn_2O_4 - C$  (Fd3m, Nr. 227; pressure 2.03 GPa: a = 8.1992(2) Å, u = 0.2636(3); pressure 4.36 GPa: a = 8.1544(3) Å, u = 0.

2624(3)), – T ( $I4_1/amd$ , Nr. 141; pressure 4.36 GPa: a = 5.8078(6) Å, c = 8.060(2)) and tungsten gasket – W.