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Ion-texturing & Dynamics in Layered Compounds: From Electric Automobiles to Frustrated Magnetism

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The drastic change from an insulating antiferromagnet to a superconducting state in cuprates, is probably the best example of how a slight change in carrier-density governs the magnetic/electronic properties of a material. Further, also ion-order within the intermediate charge-reservoir layers is of importance e.g. charge-order in the battery-type material NaxCoO2. In this compound, a novel low-

temperature magnetic phase was presented, connected to the thermal history above 200K i.e. also ion-dynamics is crucial. From the context of rechargeable batteries for electrical automobiles, we present a novel experimental method [Sugiyama-PRL/103/147601/(2009)] to investigate microscopic ion-dynamics in lithium-transition-metal-oxides (Li-TMO's). By using muon-spin relaxation we

obtained unique results from many different Li-TMO's. Here we summarize these results and the importance for development of novel thin-film batteries is discussed. Finally, we will present our latest results, regarding Na-dynamics in magnetically frustrated NaxCoO2 so as to understand the possibility of tuning it's magnetic/electronic properties.

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