

# Calcium Manganite-Based Materials for High Temperature CSP Thermochemical Energy Storage

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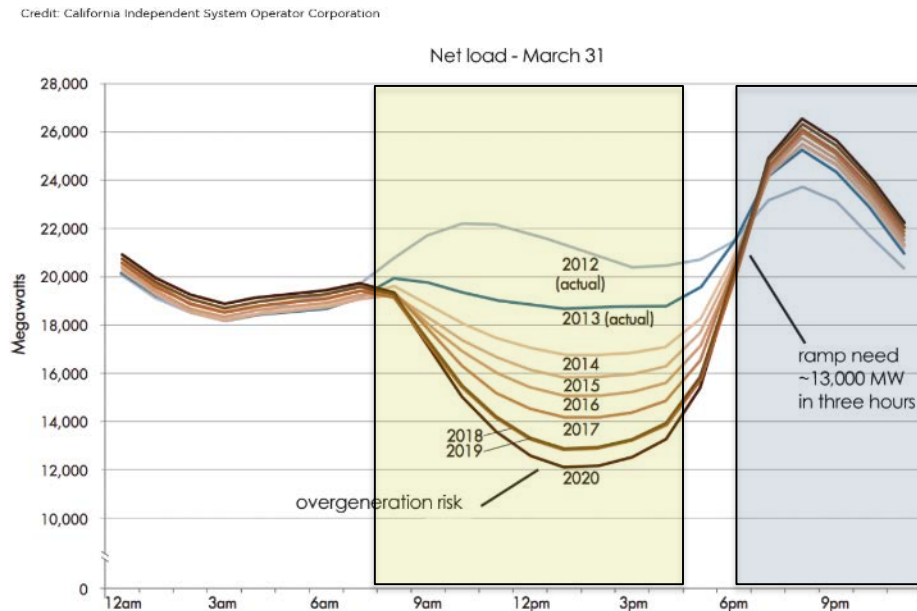
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# Motivation

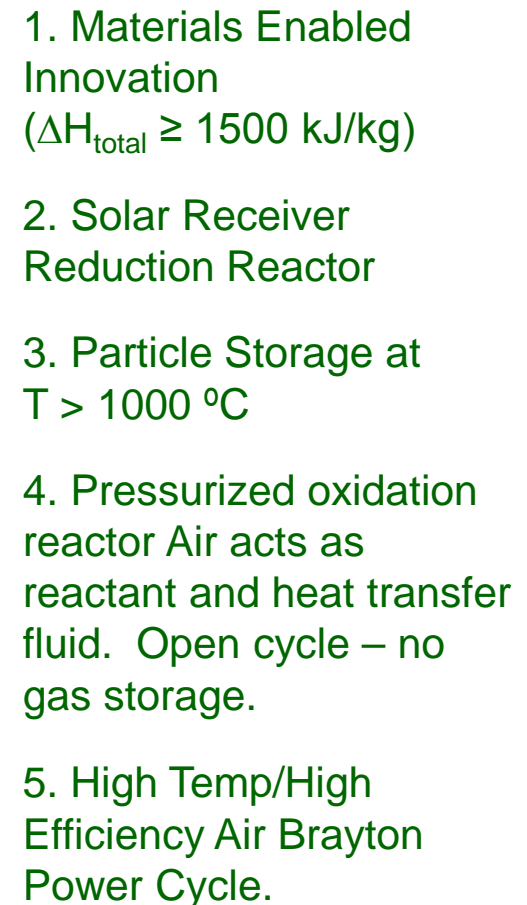
Intermittent, diurnal nature requires energy storage

- Increase the duration of electricity generation
- Shift the period of operation to peak demand



*Enabling technologies are needed to store and deliver thermal energy to high-temperature ( $> 1000\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), high-efficiency power cycles, e.g., Air Brayton. The technology must be low cost ( $\$15/\text{kWh}_{th}$ ), which demands high energy density solutions.*

# High Performance Reduction/Oxidation Metal Oxides for Thermochemical Energy Storage



# Thermochemical Energy Storage

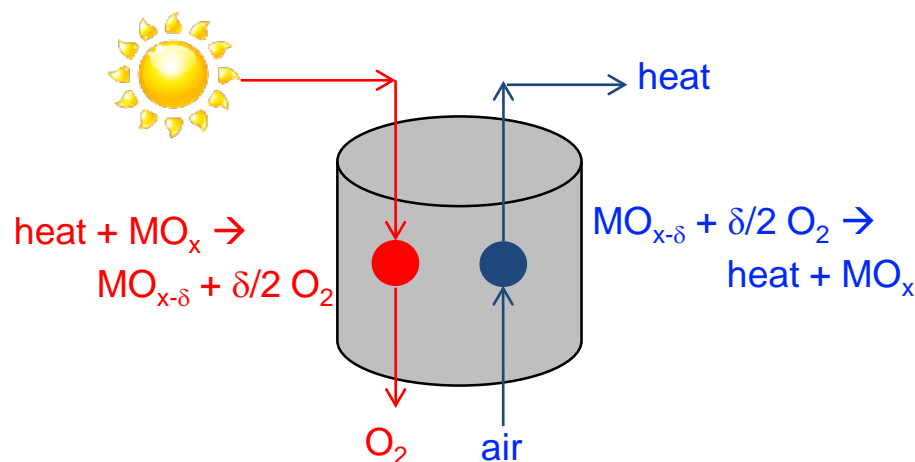
Redox-active metal oxides are ideal materials for storage in high temperature cycles

## Materials Concept:

- Leverage both *sensible heat* and *heat of reaction* for energy storage
- Demonstrate chemical and physical stability at extreme temperatures
- Operate over a broad range of temperatures and pressures
- Develop and tailor materials properties through elegant design and manipulation of metal oxide chemistry

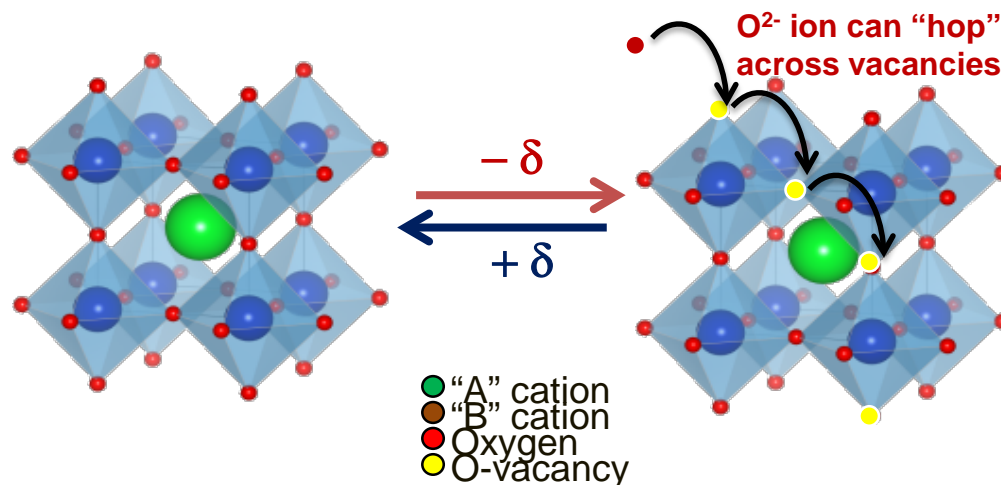
## Advantages of Metal Oxides (MO):

- Open or closed configurations
- Air can act as both the reactant and heat transfer fluid
- Environmentally benign
- No catalyst necessary
- No compression required for storage
- Amenable to multiple scales and temperature ranges



# Mixed Ionic-Conducting (MIEC) Oxides

- Redox-active materials which efficiently conduct both  $\text{O}^{2-}$  and electrons
- No crystallographic phase change occurs during redox
- Vacancies facilitate oxide ion transport
- Redox activity continuous over variety of  $T$  and  $p\text{O}_2$



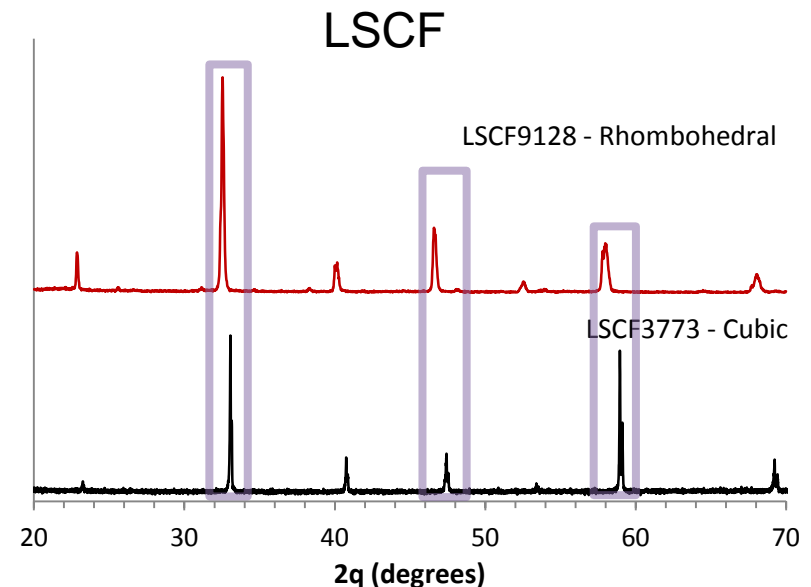
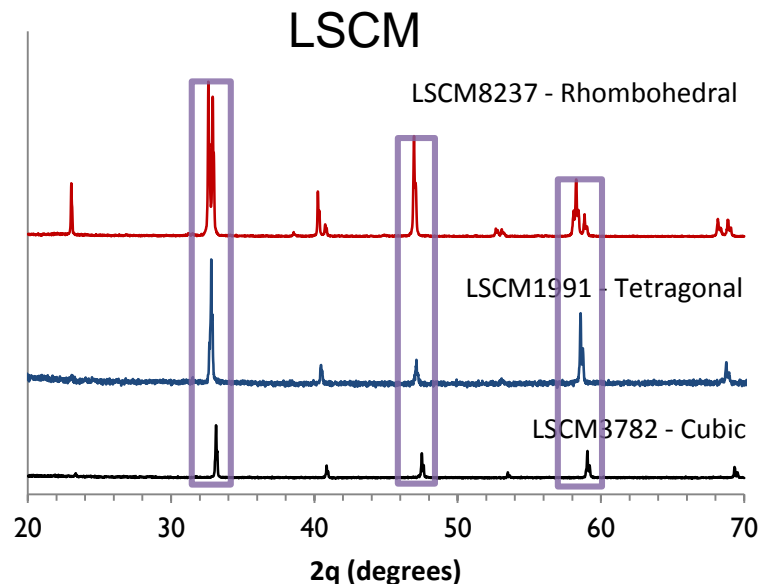
## Parameter Space:

- Energy storage capacity,  $\Delta H_{\text{tot}} = \Delta H_{\text{rxn}} + C_p \Delta T = 1500 \text{ kJ/kg}$
- Cycling between  $T_H$  of  $1000 - 1350^\circ\text{C}$  and  $T_L$  of  $200^\circ\text{C}$
- $p\text{O}_2$  during reduction  $\geq 10^{-3} \text{ atm}$
- $p\text{O}_2$  during oxidation  $\leq 1 \text{ atm}$

# Doped $\text{LaCoO}_3$

## $\text{La}_x\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Co}_y\text{Mn}_{1-y}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ (LSCM) and $\text{La}_x\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Co}_y\text{Fe}_{1-y}$ (LSCF)

- Known redox-active perovskite materials
- Large solid solubility range
- Crystallize in several perovskite-related space groups
- In general: more symmetric space groups show higher redox capacities

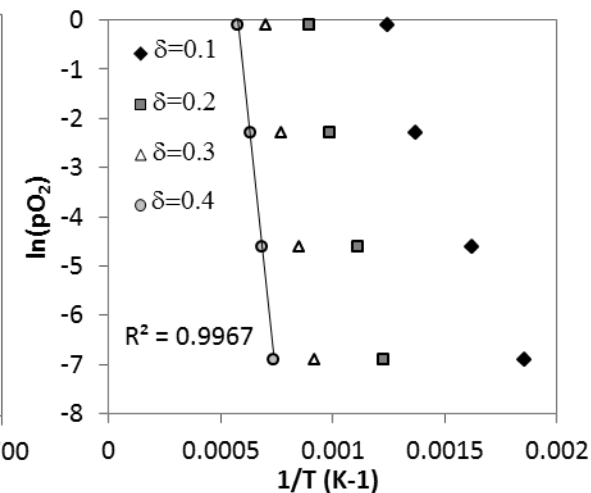
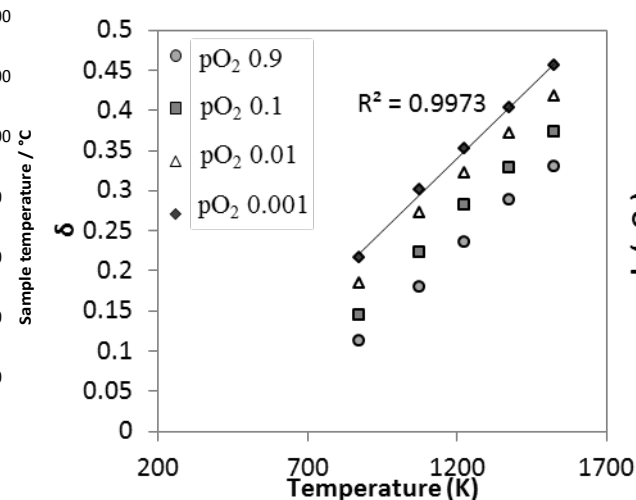
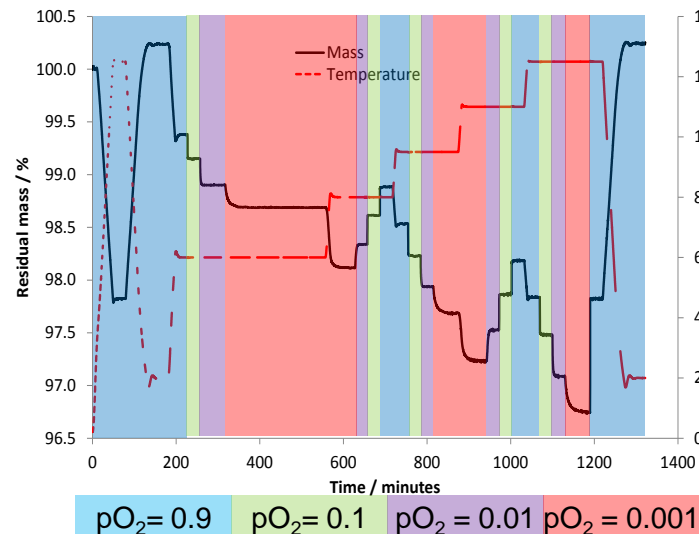


# High-Resolution Equilibrium TGA

- Used to estimate thermodynamic parameters
- Isothermal holds at 600, 800, 950, 1100, and 1250 °C;  $pO_2$  varied at each temperature and held until equilibrium
- Thermodynamic parameters extracted by van't Hoff approach:

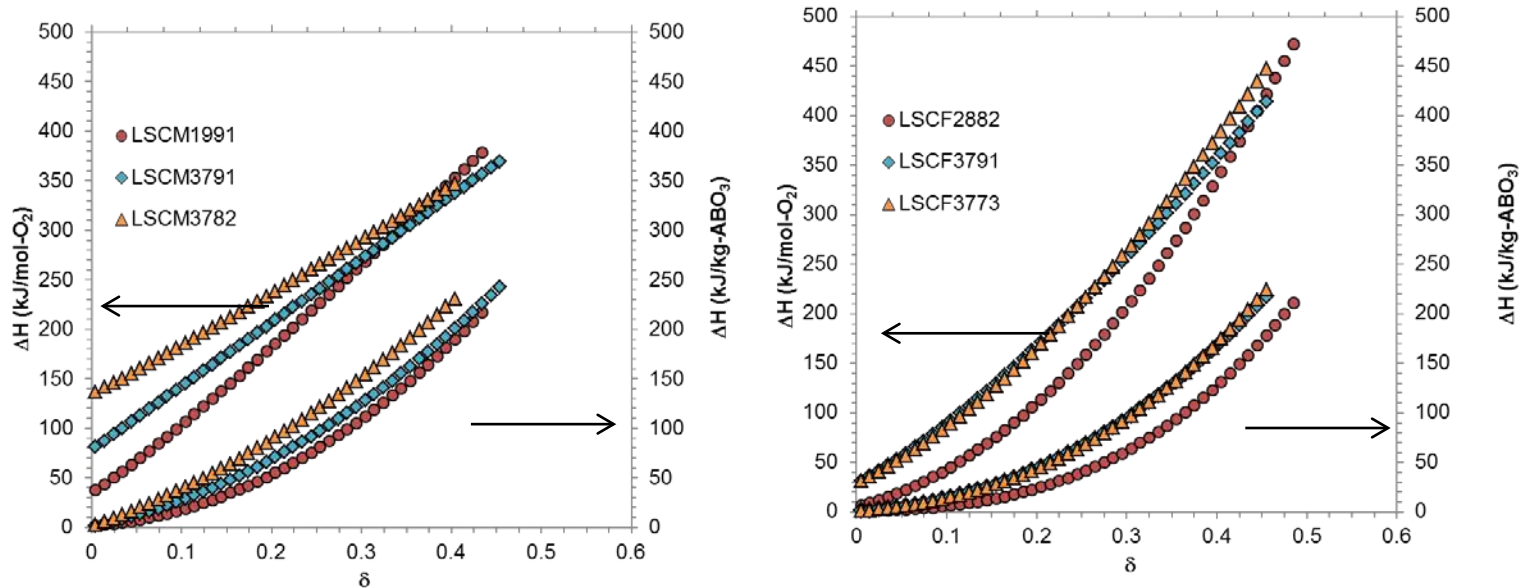
$$\ln(pO_2) = 2 \frac{-\Delta G_{rxn}}{RT} = 2 \left( \frac{1}{T} \cdot \frac{-\Delta H_{rxn}}{R} + \frac{\Delta S_{rxn}}{R} \right)$$

- Enthalpy determined by slope, entropy by intercept for each value of  $\delta$



# LSXM Enthalpy

- Partial molar: describes energy to remove a mole of  $O_2$  at a specific  $\delta$
- Enthalpies must be integrated over  $\delta$  to describe continuous reaction by series of discrete reactions



**Material**

**Reduction onset (°C)**

**Maximum  $\delta$**

**Enthalpy at  $\delta_{\max}$  (kJ/kg)**

**LSCM1991**

432

0.434

216

**LSCM3791**

343

0.460

242

**LSCM3782**

359

0.412

236

**LSCF2882**

357

0.486

212

**LSCF3791**

352

0.461

223

**LSCF3773**

348

0.455

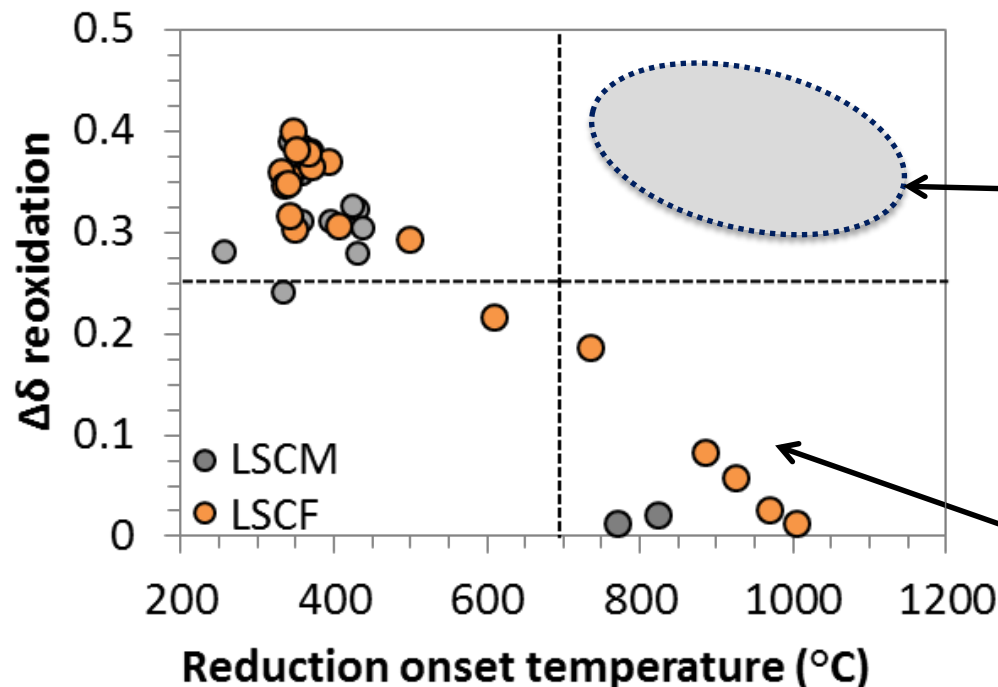
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# Increasing Reaction Enthalpy

$$\Delta G_{\text{red}} = \Delta H_{\text{red}} - T\Delta S_{\text{red}}$$

- $\Delta G_{\text{red}} = 0$  is the onset of reduction (equilibrium)
  - Assuming entropy term is similar between materials (i.e., constant), a change in reduction enthalpy necessitates a change in reduction temperature



Ideal materials show a favorable balance of increased reduction onset temperature without large decrease in reduction capacity. **New compositions focus on materials in this window.**

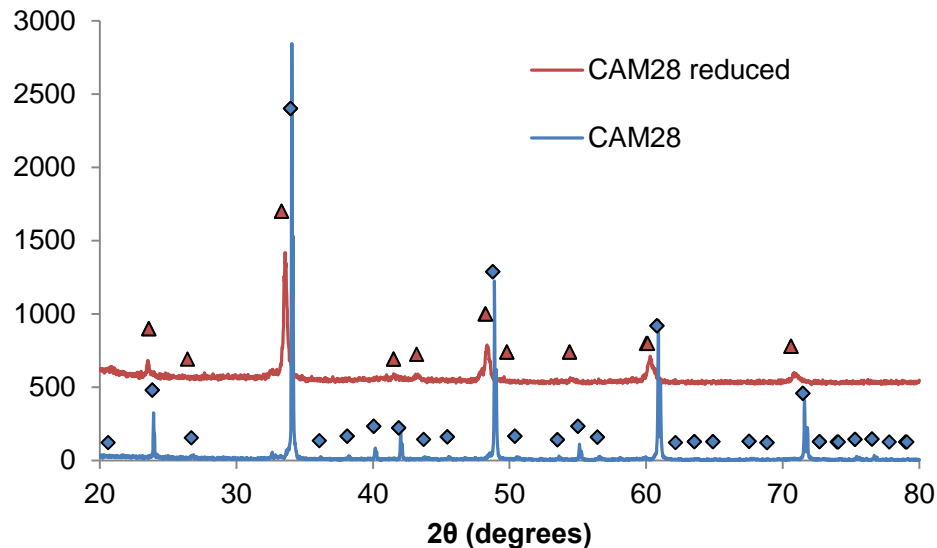
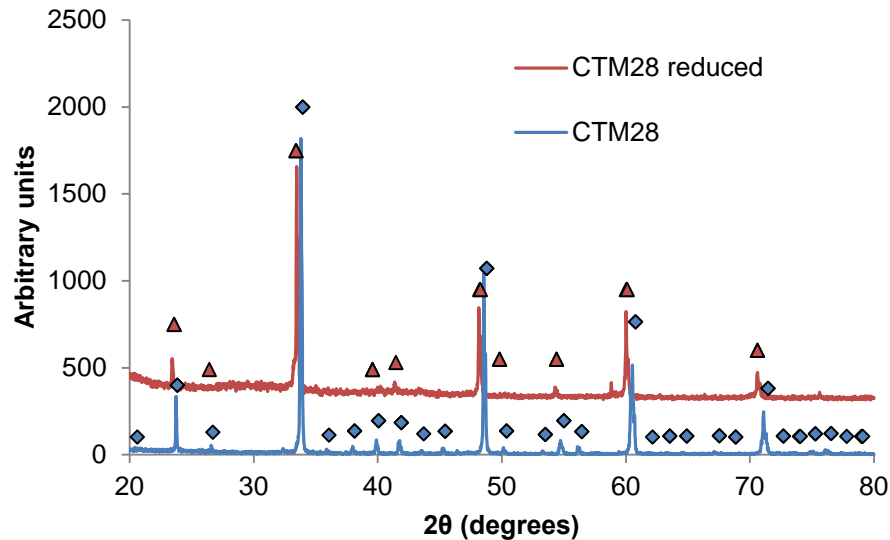
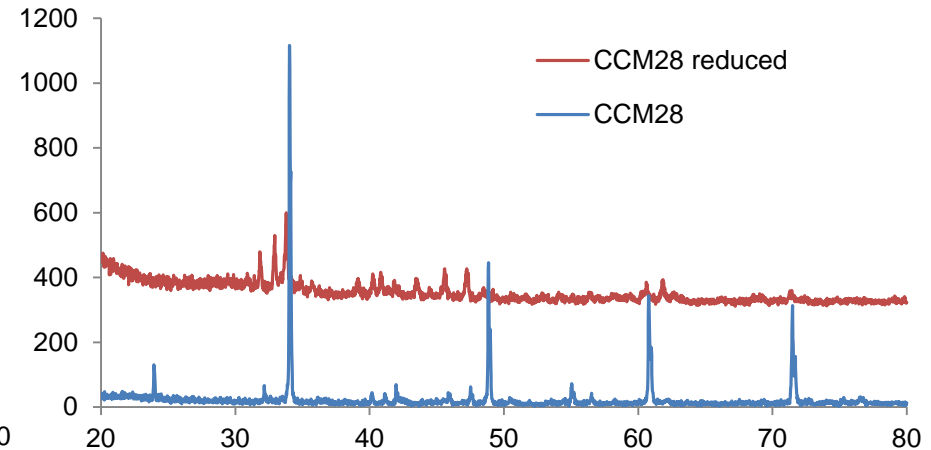
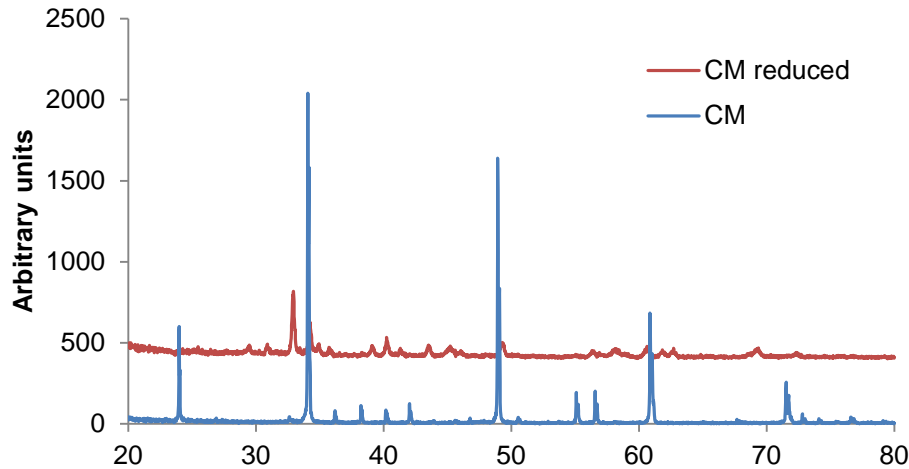
In the LSCX system, materials with high reduction temperatures had low redox capacity ( $\delta < 0.25$ ).

# Doped $\text{CaMn}_{1-y}\text{B}_y\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ Perovskites

- Ca is a +2 element, forcing the B-site, e.g. Mn, to adopt a higher oxidation state (+4)
- Ca as the main element in the A-site lowers the molecular weight dramatically (Ca = 40.078 g/mol)
- Ca more abundant and less expensive than Sr or La
- Calcium-based perovskites reduce at high temperatures,
  - Higher reduction temperatures indicative of stronger M-O bonds, resulting in increased partial molar reduction enthalpies
- $T_{\text{red}}$  of  $\text{CaMnO}_3$  = 875 °C (vs. 432 °C for LSCMI99I)
  - However, decomposes under reducing conditions
  - Doping CMO can help stabilize the structure

# Stability Under Reducing Conditions

- CCM28 and CM decompose under 1000 °C Ar anneal
- CTM28 and CAM28 convert from orthorhombic (blue) to tetragonal (red)



# Total Storage Potential

$$\Delta H_{\text{tot}} = \Delta H_{\text{rxn}} + C_p \Delta T$$

Latent heat assumes  $p\text{O}_2$  swing of 0.001 to 0.9

Sensible heat assumes  $C_p = 15\text{R}$ ,  $T_L = 200\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

## LSCM3791

Temperature ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	Sensible (kJ/kg)	Latent (kJ/kg)	Total (kJ/kg)
1100	536	192	728
1200	595	225	820
1350*	684	289*	973

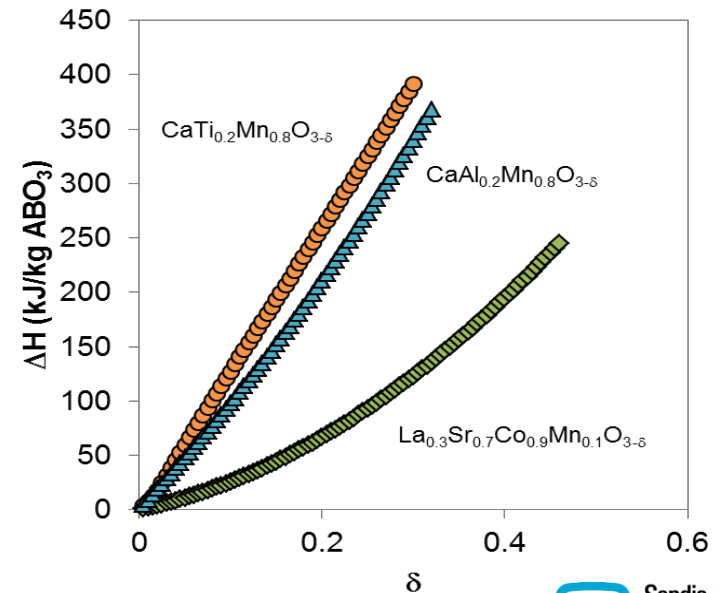
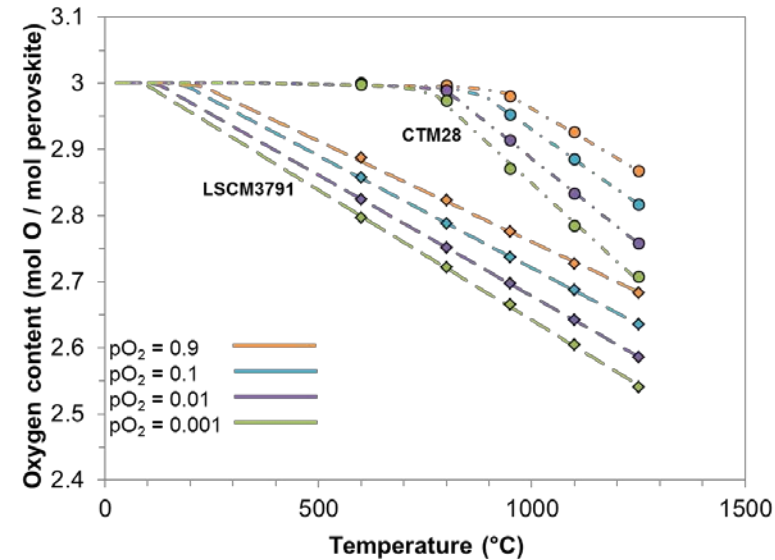
## CTM28

Temperature ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	Sensible (kJ/kg)	Latent (kJ/kg)	Total (kJ/kg)
1100	793	290	1083
1200	881	362	1243
1350*	1013	481*	1494

## CAM28

Temperature ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	Sensible (kJ/kg)	Latent (kJ/kg)	Total (kJ/kg)
1100	826	293	1119
1200	918	351	1269
1350*	1056	450*	1506

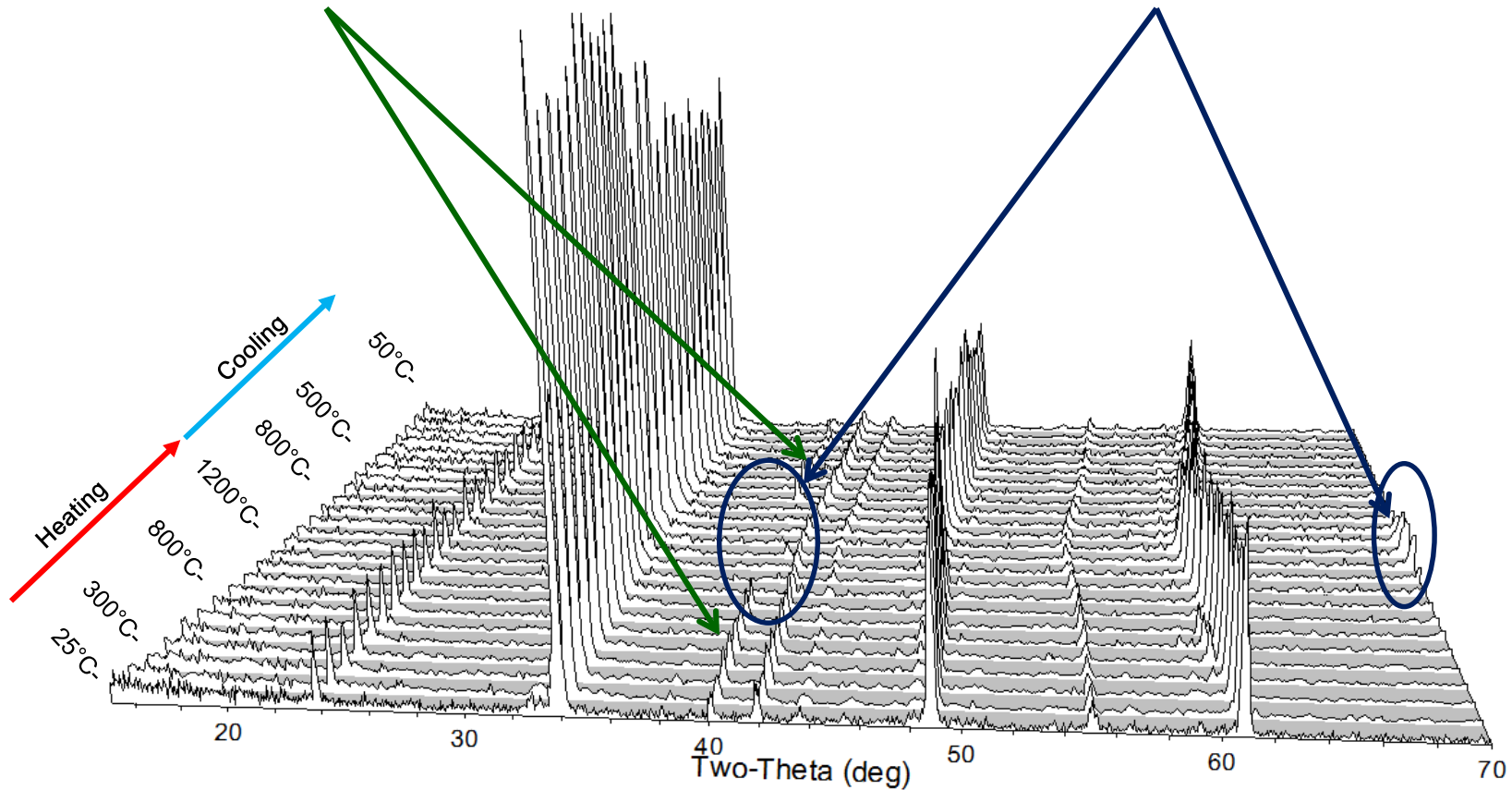
\*Values at 1350  $^\circ\text{C}$  are extrapolated from  $\delta$  vs T data



# CAM28 In-situ XRD

Indicators of phase transition from Orthorhombic to Cubic-like phase at High Temperature (1000 °C to 1200 °C)

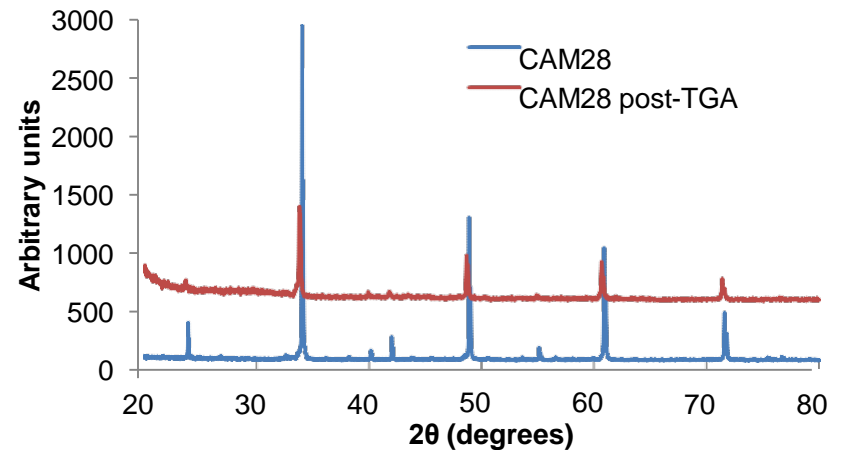
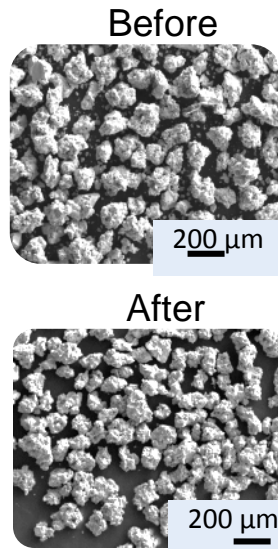
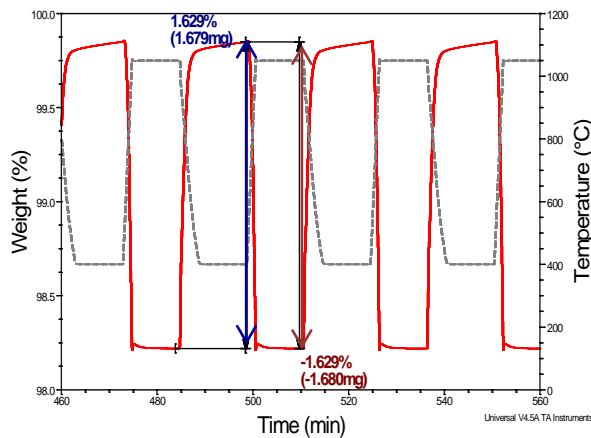
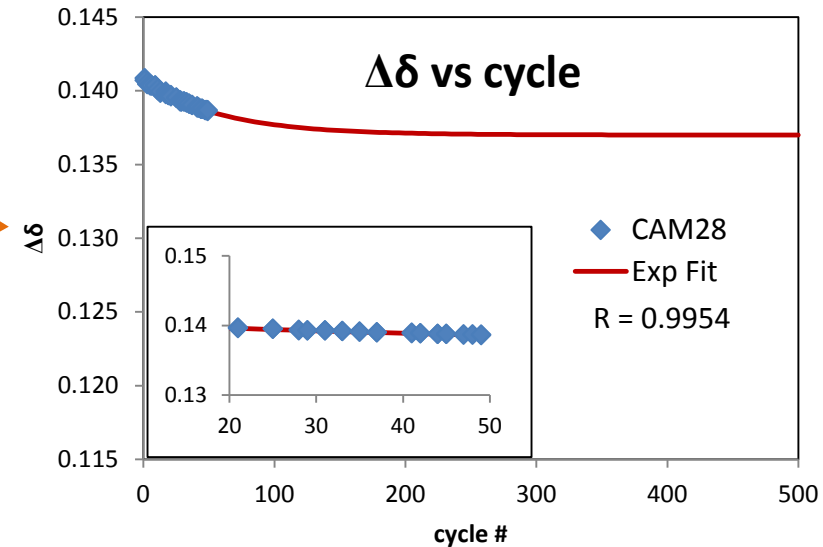
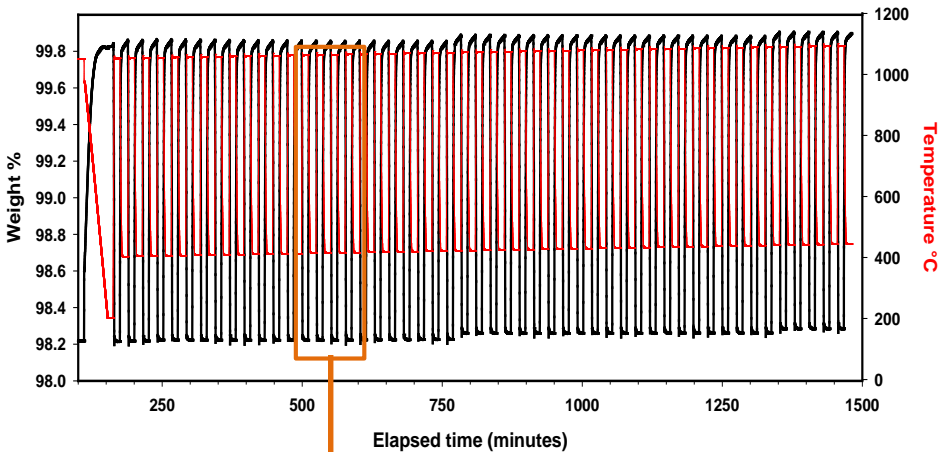
Orthorhombic Phase



HT XRD results for: Cam28 low\_pO2

# CAM28 Cyclic Behavior

## Extended thermal redox cycling in TGA

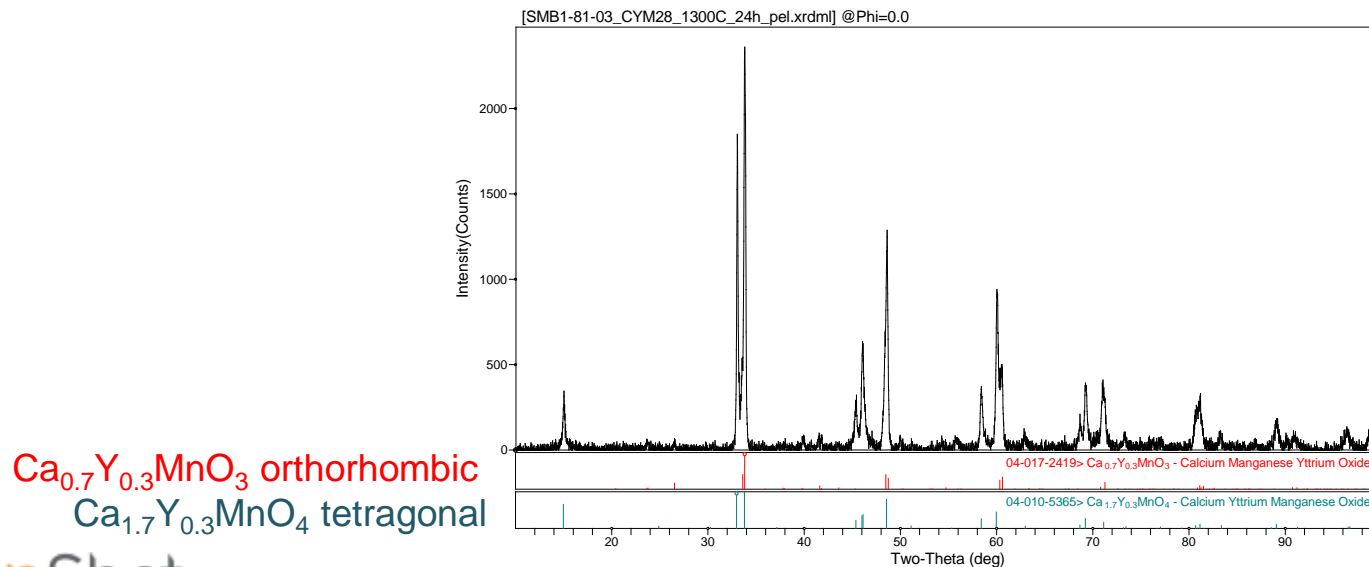


SEM of cycled particles

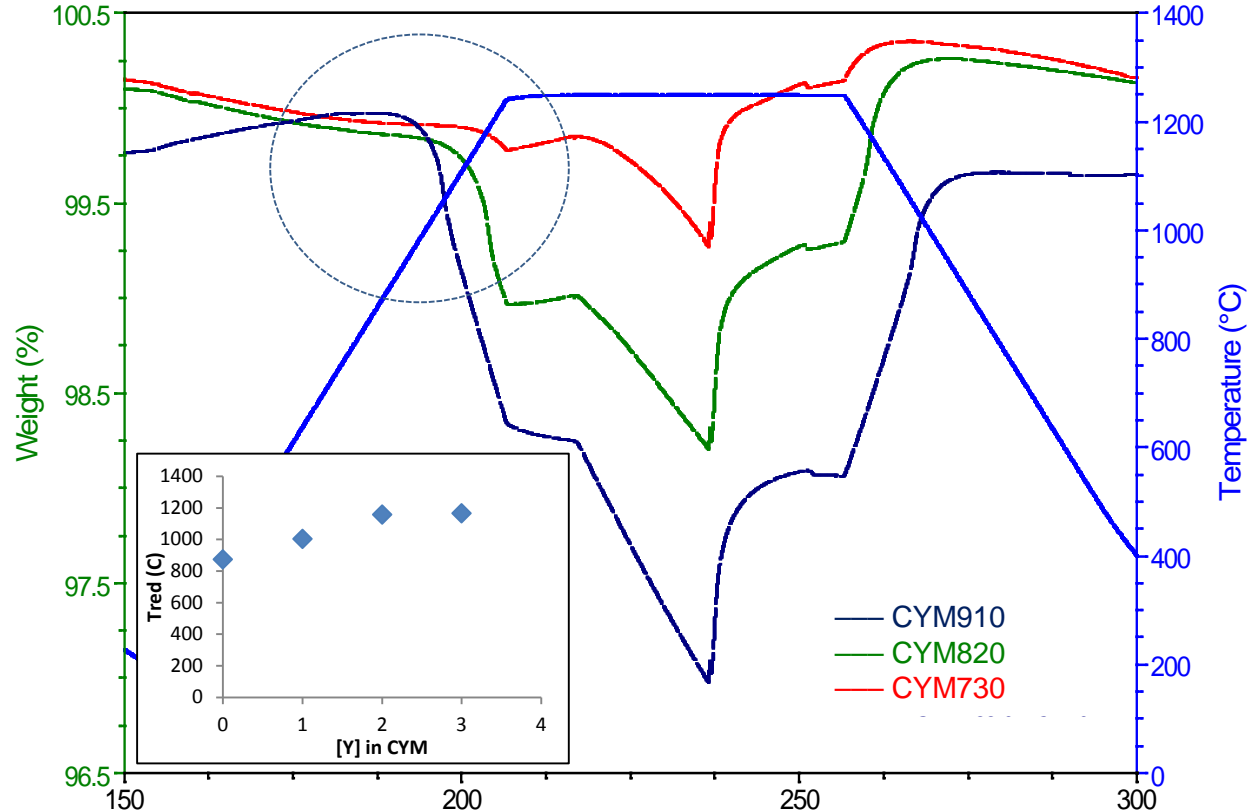
# A-Site Doping in $\text{CaMnO}_3$

## CYM28

- Analogue of CAM28
- Large increase of  $T_{\text{red}}$  - 1022 °C in air
- Not single phase
- Poor redox capacity
- Y seems to substitute on the A-site (for Ca) rather than on the B-site
  - Increase in  $T_{\text{red}}$  observed in other A-site doped  $\text{CaMnO}_3$  compositions
  - *Can A-site doping result in an increased  $T_{\text{red}}$  while maintaining the higher redox properties of the parent compound?*



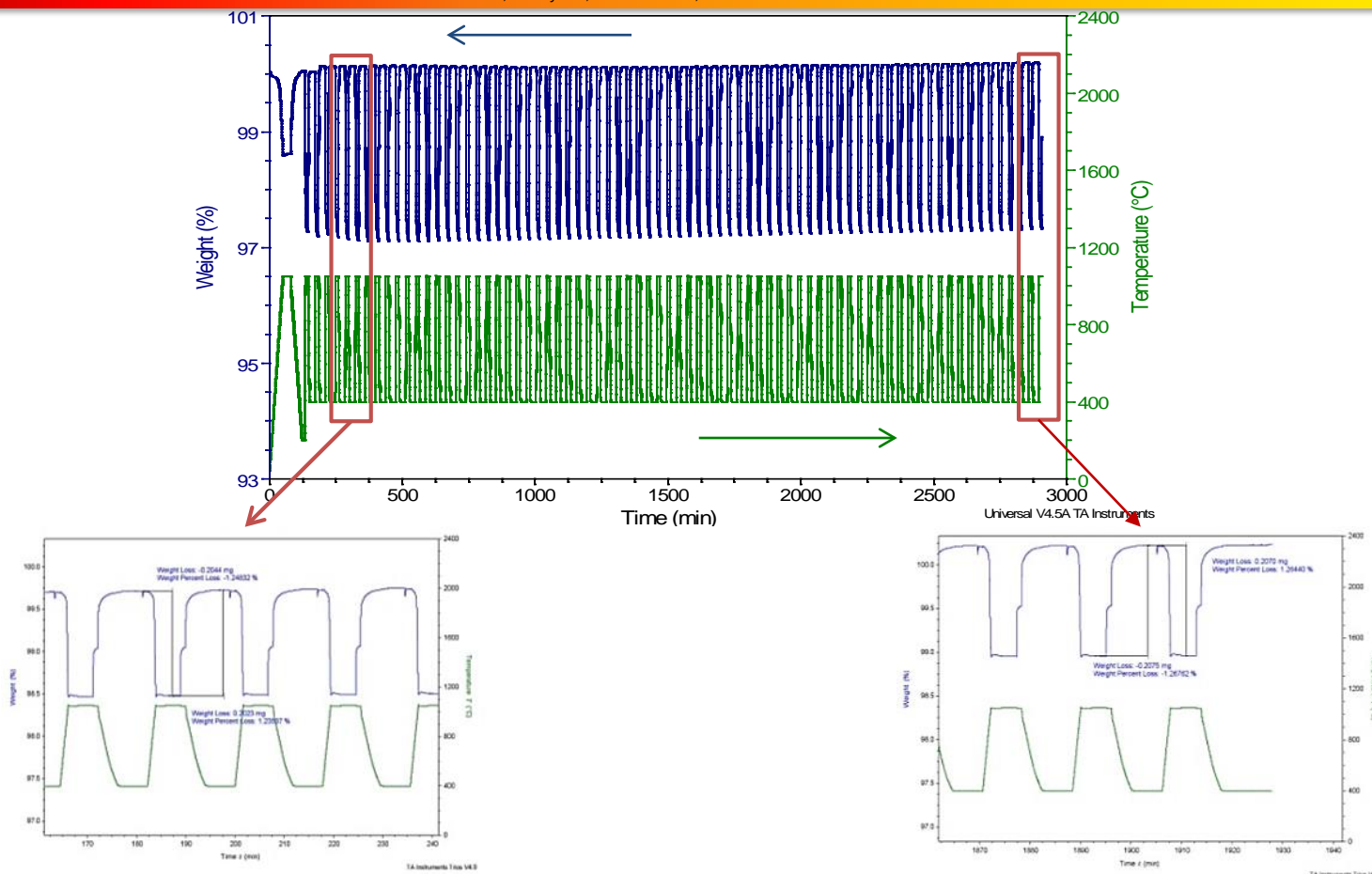
# $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Y}_x\text{MnO}_3$ ( $0 < x < 0.5$ )



- $T_{\text{red}}$  increases with increasing [Y]
- Corresponding  $\delta$  decreases with increasing [Y]
- Balance between  $T_{\text{red}}$  and reduction extent ( $\delta$ )
- At what point does  $T_{\text{red}}$  become too high?



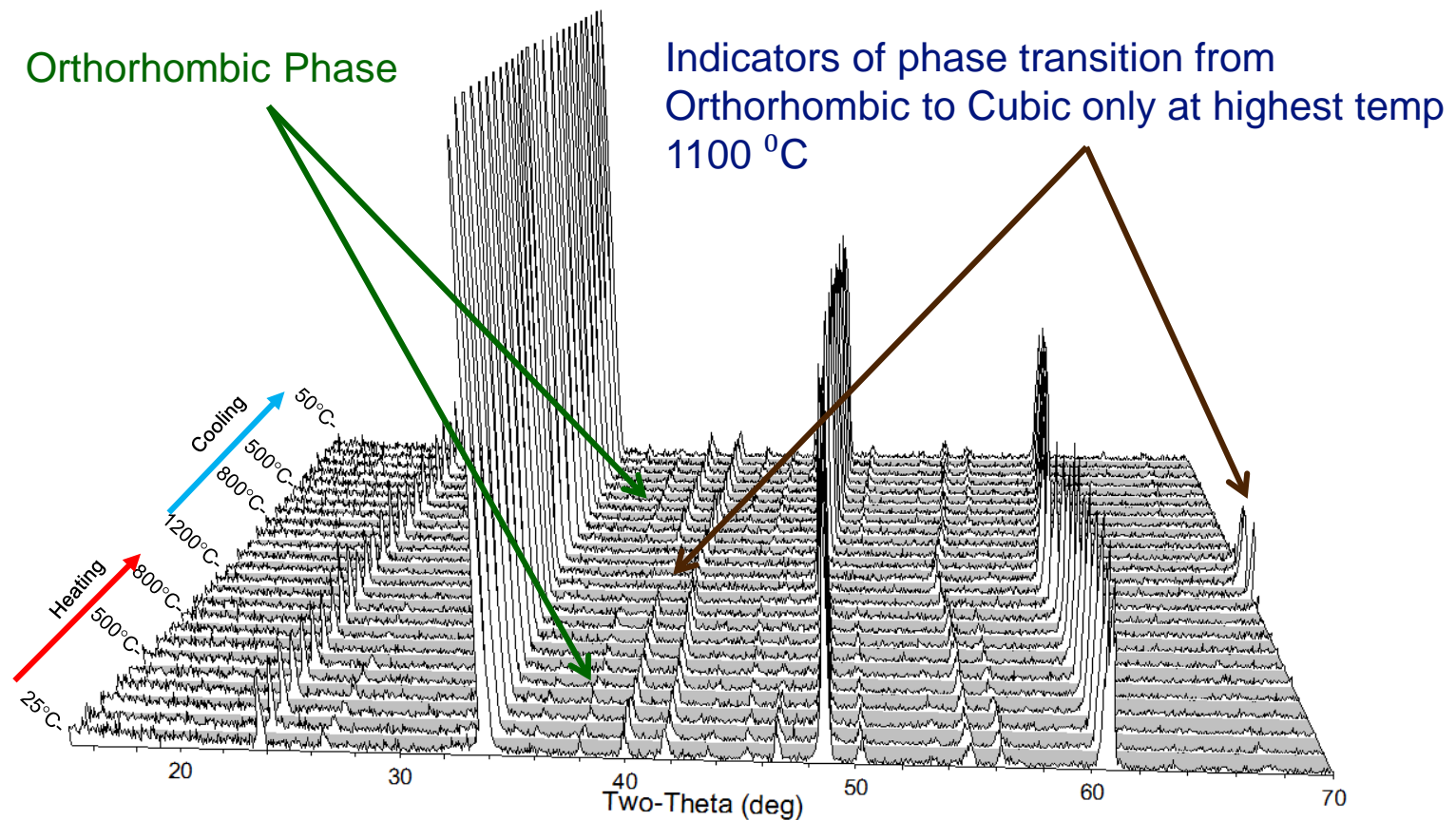
# Multi-cycle TGA CYM910



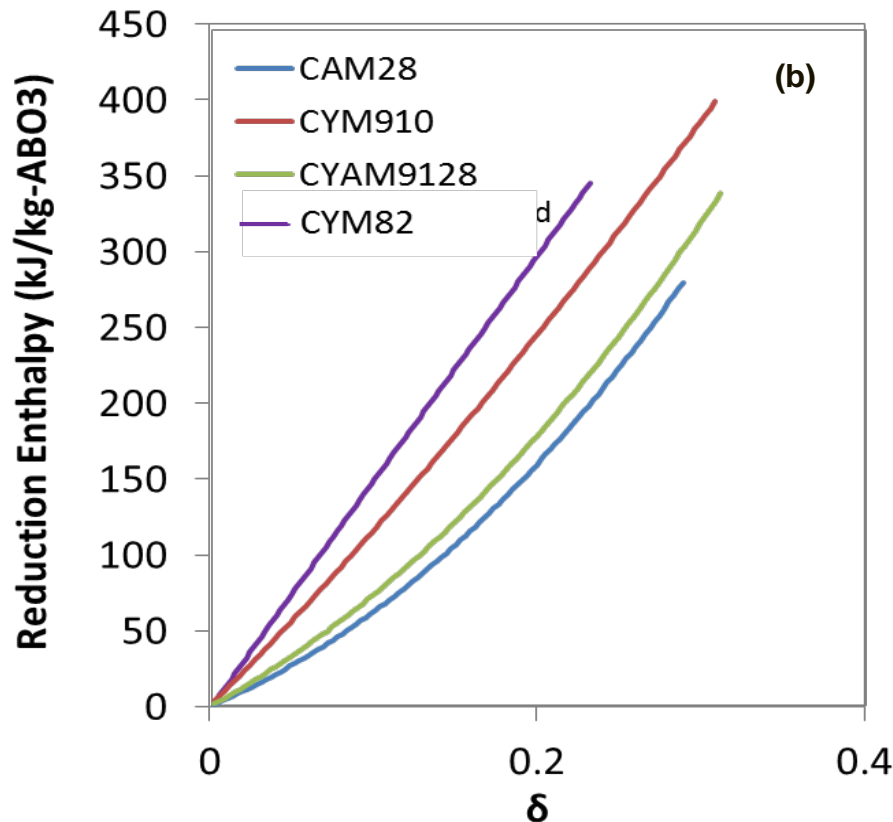
- Reduction at 1050 °C/ 10% air:Ar; Oxidation at 400 °C/ air
- Reproducibility over 100 cycles
- Symmetry transition does not seem to affect kinetics
- Post-cycle XRD shows no structural change

# In-situ XRD CYM910

- Orthorhombic → Cubic transition also observed, but at higher temperature than CAM28
- Consistent with higher-temperature exotherm and  $T_{\text{red}}$



# Enthalpy of Y-doped $\text{CaMnO}_{3-\delta}$



- Y-doping improves enthalpy over CAM28
- CYM910  $\Delta H \sim 400$  kJ/kg
- Potential of higher enthalpy with increasing [Y] if effective  $\delta$  can be increased
- Tradeoffs between higher enthalpy and costs of [Y] must be determined

*While  $T_{\text{red}}$  eventually becomes impractical, insights gleaned from these trends can aid in design of future materials with tunable enthalpies and reduction temperatures*

# Conclusions

- Initial LSCX investigation provided insight on structural/thermal properties of TCES perovskites
  - Promising  $\Delta H_{\text{total}}$  values achieved, but reduction extent is adequate, but reaction enthalpy falls short of 1500 kJ/kg goal
- Reduction onset temperature ( $T_{\text{red}}$ ) was identified as a key indicator of  $\Delta H_{\text{rxn}}$
- $\text{CaMnO}_3$  displays high  $T_{\text{red}}$  but decomposes under reducing conditions
- B-site doping with non-labile cations (Al, Ti) mitigates decomposition while maintaining redox properties
  - $\Delta H_{\text{total}}$  approaching 1500 kJ/kg
  - Increase in reaction enthalpy of over 50% compared to LSXM
  - *To our knowledge these materials outperform any reported oxide TCES material operating above 1000 °C*
- A-site doping with Y further increases  $T_{\text{red}}$ 
  - Sacrifice redox extent
  - What is the ideal balance between  $T_{\text{red}}$  and  $\delta$ ?
- Judicious choice of A- and B- sited dopants in  $\text{CaMnO}_3$  can result in effective TCES materials across a wide range of operating parameters

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