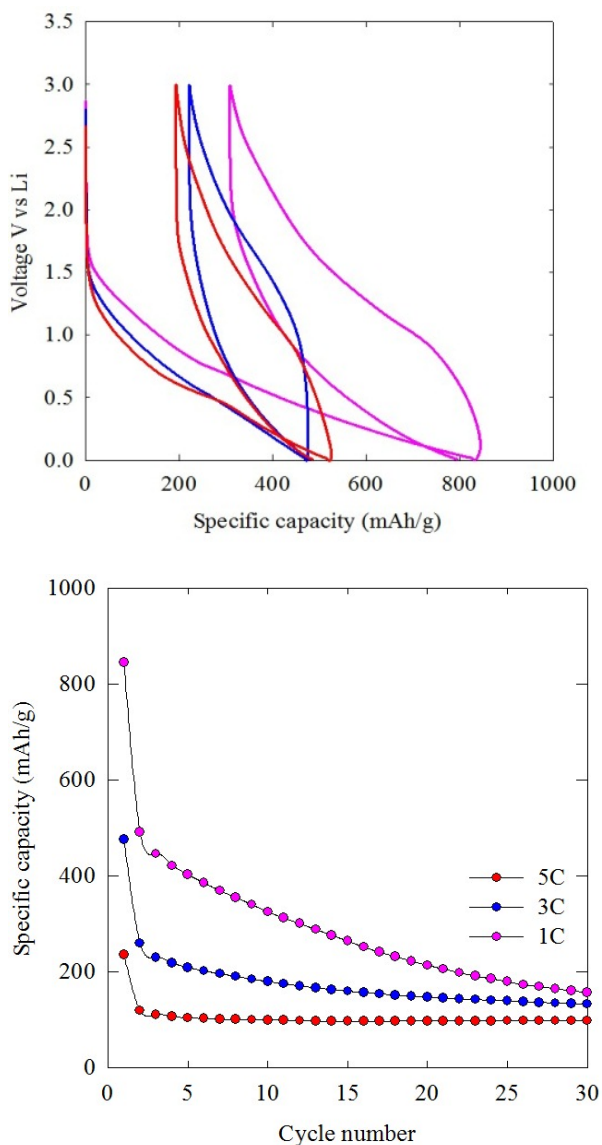


**Supplementary information file - Performance of nanocrystalline Ni<sub>3</sub>N as a negative electrode for sodium-ion batteries (Li, Hasan, Hector and Owen)**



**Fig. S1** Voltage versus specific capacity (top) and reduction specific capacity versus cycle number (bottom) of Ni<sub>3</sub>N-lithium half cells cycled between 3 V and 1 mV at different current rates for 30 cycles (5C = 2115, 3C = 1269 and 1C = 423 mA<sub>g</sub><sup>-1</sup>). The counter electrode was lithium foil and the electrolyte was 1 M LiPF<sub>6</sub> in EC:DEC (1:1).

**Table S1** Refined parameters from Rietveld refinements of Ni<sub>3</sub>N

Parameter (both patterns refined in P6 <sub>3</sub> 22 with Ni at <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> ,0,0 and N at <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> , <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> , <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> )	Data from fit in Fig. 1(Ni <sub>3</sub> N obtained by ammonolysis of [Ni(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ].2NO <sub>3</sub> )	Data from fit in Fig. 2 (Ni <sub>3</sub> N obtained by ammonolysis of [Ni(EDA) <sub>3</sub> ].2NO <sub>3</sub> )
a / Å	4.62231(14)	4.5937(4)
c / Å	4.30630(13)	4.3258(7)
R <sub>wp</sub> / %	13.0	13.5
R <sub>p</sub> / %	9.1	10.3
Ni U <sub>iso</sub> × 100 / Å <sup>2</sup>	0.23(7)	2.93(15)
N U <sub>iso</sub> × 100 / Å <sup>2</sup>	1.00(-)	7.2(15)