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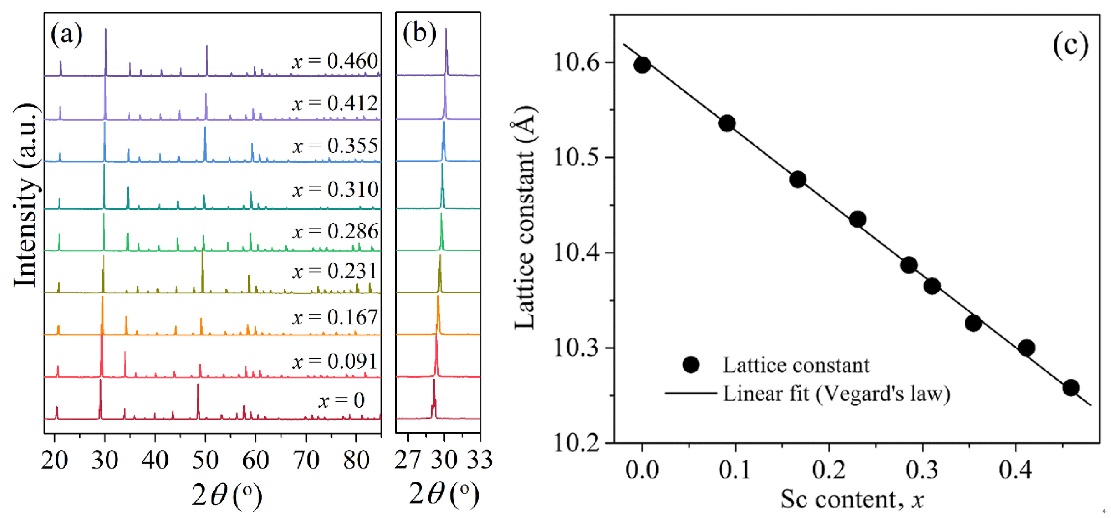


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| Time (day)  Mass (kg) | Case 1 | | | Case 2 | | | Case 3 | | |
| 202.9\* | 300 | 400 | 70.2\* | 100 | 150 | 205.7\* | 300 | 400 |
| Orbital averaging | 197.52 | 182.82 | 175.15 | 36.45 | 30.58 | 29.75 | 199.32 | 177.07 | 171.82 |
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