

Structure and Cycling Behavior of $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ Cathode for Lithium-ion Batteries

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Abstract The anion-cation multiple doped $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ used as cathode material was synthesized by sol-gel method. X-ray diffraction showed that the sample has perfect spinel structure. Scanning electron microscope showed that the particles of the material are submicron with regular shape. The results of the charge-discharge curves showed that $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ had better performance than undoped LiMn_2O_4 material.

Key words Anion-cation multiple doped sol-gel method $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$; electrochemical property

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The spinel LiMn_2O_4 has recently attracted much attention as the promising cathode material^[1-2]. However, the application of spinel LiMn_2O_4 has been restricted because of Mn solubility and Jahn-Teller distortion causing structural instability and capacity attenuation fast^[3]. In order to conquer the problems, Cu and F ion doped lithium manganese oxides is prepared by sol-gel method. In this paper we investigated its structural characteristics and electro-chemical properties with satisfactory results.

1 Experiments

The spinel LiMn_2O_4 and $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ were prepared using a sol-gel method. The details of the powder synthesis have been reported elsewhere^[4].

The structure of the compound was determined by X-ray diffraction. SEM was performed with a JSM-6360 LV scanning electron microscope. The cycling performance of the cathode materials was evaluated using LR2032 coin type cells. The powders were mixed with acetylene black and polytetrafluoroethylene binder in a weight ratio of 85:10:5. Lithium metal pellet was used for the anode and Celgard 400 membrane as separators. The electrolyte was 1:1 mixture of EC and DMC containing 1 mol LiPF_6 . The electrochemical properties was analyzed (0.1 C) over a potential range of 3.0~4.3 V.

2 Results and discussion

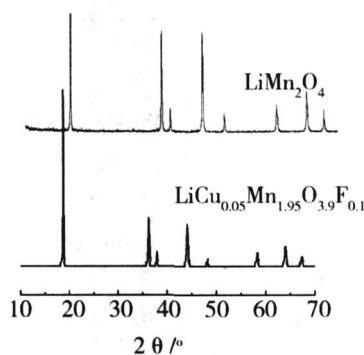


Fig 1 XRD Patterns of LiMn_2O_4 and $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$

Power XRD patterns for the samples are presented in Fig 1. The observed peaks of the samples were identified as a single phase of cubic spinel. The cubic lattice parameter of $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ is 0.824 2 nm. As compared with that of LiMn_2O_4 ($a = 0.824 5 \text{ nm}$), the lattice parameter decreased with the substituted Cu and F ion.

Fig 2 shows the Scanning electron microscope of the LiMn_2O_4 and $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$. The particles of the $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ have regular shapes with well defined crystal faces, whereas the particles of the LiMn_2O_4 are aggregate.

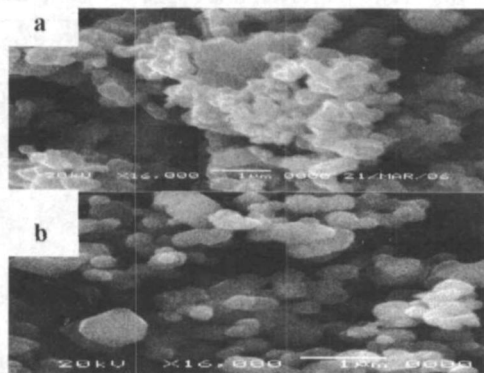


Fig. 2 SEM spectra of LiMn_2O_4 (a) and $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ (b)

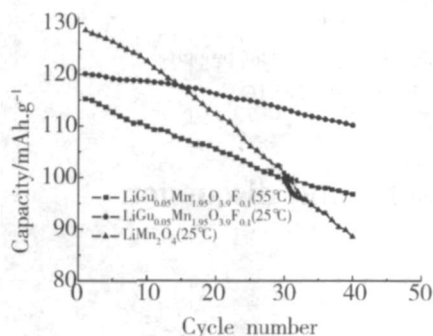


Fig. 3 Cycle life performance of LiMn_2O_4 (25 °C) and $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ (25 °C and 55 °C)

Fig. 3 shows the cycling behavior of LiMn_2O_4 at room temperature and $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ at room temperature and elevated temperature. Obviously, the

substituted spinel phase is more stable than the LiMn_2O_4 spinel phase at room temperature, especially at elevated temperature, the capacity of the cell maintained 83.9% of the initial capacity at the 40th cycle.

3 Conclusion

The spinel material $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ was prepared by sol-gel method. XRD and SEM showed that the sample has a single phase of cubic spinel with regular shape. The charge-discharge test indicate that the material has good structure stability and cycling performance at room temperature and elevated temperature.

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锂离子电池正极材料 $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ 的结构与电化学特性

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摘要: 以溶胶—凝胶法合成了阴阳离子复合掺杂尖晶石型锰酸锂正极材料 $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$, XRD表征合成产物具有良好的尖晶石结构; SEM测试表明所合成产物的颗粒达到了亚微米级, 且分布均匀, 形貌较好。以该物质作为锂离子电池的正极材料组装成扣式电池, 经充放电循环测试可知: $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$ 材料比 LiMn_2O_4 正极材料能够更好地抑制电池的可逆容量在充放电过程中的衰减, 循环性能有了很大改善, 表现出很好的电化学可逆特性。

关键词: 阴阳离子复合掺杂; 溶胶—凝胶法; $\text{LiCu}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.95}\text{O}_{3.9}\text{F}_{0.1}$; 电化学性能

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