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cswang@umd.edu Abstract

Sodium ion batteries (SIB) have potential for large scale renewable energy storage due to geopolitical abundance of Na. However, the high capacity Na-ion anodes still suffer from poor cycling stability and low Coulombic efficiency (CE). Herein, uniform $Sn_4P_3@C$ spheres were synthesized by a facile aerosol spray-pyrolysis-phosphidation method. By tuning the electrolyte, a reversible capacity of ~800 mAh/g with an extremely low capacity decay rate of 0.09 % per cycle was achieved with a record-high initial CE (>90%) and high cyclic CE (~99.9%). The $Sn_4P_3@C$ in the stable ether-based electrolyte shows the highest accumulated cycling capacities in the reported SIB anodes.

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