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Abstract: The flexible electrode material of SnO<sub>2</sub>/carbon cloth (SnO<sub>2</sub>/CC) is fabricated by RF magnetron

sputtering method. As an anode material of lithium ion batteries, the SnO<sub>2</sub>/CC electrode exhibits more

excellent cycling stability and rate capability than that of the pure carbon cloth or SnO<sub>2</sub>. The reversible

capacity always maintain about 1.98mAh/cm<sup>2</sup> during 50 cycles, which is higher than that of the pure CC

(about 1.61 mAh/cm<sup>2</sup>) and SnO<sub>2</sub> (about 0.08 mAh/cm<sup>2</sup>). After 100 cycles, the capacity of SnO<sub>2</sub>/CC

sample is 1.85 mAh/cm<sup>2</sup>, still retaining 89.4% of the initial capacity. The good electrochemical properties

of SnO<sub>2</sub>/CC are mainly caused by the high surface area, porous structure and the intrinsic soft

characteristics of CC, which can effectively accommodate the volume charge during charge and discharge

process.

Keywords: SnO<sub>2</sub>/carbon cloth; flexible electrodes; lithium ion batteries; sputtering; composite materials

1. Introduction

Lithium ion batteries (LIBs) have attracted tremendous attention due to their advantages of high

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