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Abstract

This study reports on the thorough investigation into the interaction between nanosized carbon-coated Li₂MnSiO₄ and various electrolytes, which has revealed significant changes of the active material after soaking in the electrolyte. Apart from the standard electrolyte salt lithium hexafluorophosphate (LiPF₆), lithium bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide (LiTFSI) and the F-free salt lithium bis-oxalatoborate (LiBOB) were used for soaking tests and compared in terms of corrosion power with Li₂MnSiO₄. Carbon-coated Li₂MnSiO₄ samples were obtained by solid-state synthesis and stored in contact with the electrolyte. The aged samples were fully characterized by means of several analytical techniques (XRD, XPS, SEM, ATR-FTIR). The results show that Li₂MnSiO₄ decomposes in LiPF₆-based electrolyte at high temperatures, due to the formation of HF, which causes corrosion of the material and dissolution of Mn. No degradation was observed after soaking in the LiBOB-based electrolyte. The corrosion of the active material in standard electrolyte system, together with irreversible structural changes upon Li electrochemical extraction, are considered as the main reasons for the poor capacity retention upon cycling of the Li₂MnSiO₄-based cathode.

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