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壳聚糖单体溶胶-凝胶煅烧合成 LiFePO₄/C 正极

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摘要: 本文以壳聚糖单体为碳源兼凝胶剂, 利用溶胶-凝胶煅烧合成了锂离子电池 LiFePO₄/C 正极材料。使用 XRD 和 SEM 对合成的材料进行表征, 用恒电流充放电测试了 LiFePO₄/C 电极的电化学性能。当壳聚糖单体与 LiFePO₄摩尔比为 1:1.2 时, 600 ℃煅烧的 LiFePO₄/C 电极性能最佳, 其粒径分布均匀(200 ~ 400 nm), 该电极 0.2C 倍率放电比容量为 155 mAh·g⁻¹, 30 周期循环放电比容量仍保持 152 mAh·g⁻¹, 库仑效率为 97.9 %。

关键词: 壳聚糖; 磷酸亚铁锂; 溶胶-凝胶法; 锂离子电池

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LiFePO₄ 价廉、安全和环保, 适用于汽车动力电池^[1-4], 因此含铁化合物锂离子电池正极材料倍受关注。但 LiFePO₄ 电子电导率低, 扩散系数不大, 放电比容量不高, 高倍率放电容量衰减严重。因此, 急需改善其导电率以期提高其大电流充放电性能^[5-8]。碳包覆及其它金属或金属离子掺杂等的效果较佳^[9-12]。添加碳的种类很多, 如炭黑、聚丙乙烯以及蔗糖等^[13-16]。壳聚糖大分子链上分布着许多羟基、氨基或乙酰氨基, 可起到络合作用^[17-18]。本文首次以壳聚糖单体为碳源兼胶凝剂, 溶胶-凝胶煅烧合成 LiFePO₄/C 材料, 并研究煅烧温度及壳聚糖配比对 LiFePO₄/C 电极电化学性能的影响。

1 实验

1.1 LiFePO₄/C 材料的制备

将适量的壳聚糖单体溶解于一定量 2% (by volume) 的醋酸溶液中, 搅拌均匀(2 h)。按 CH₃COOLi·2H₂O: Fe(NO₃)₃·9H₂O:NH₄H₂PO₄ = 1:1:1 (by mole) 的比例加入到壳聚糖单体的醋酸溶液中^[19], 搅拌均匀, 80 ℃水浴下蒸发形成凝胶, 再真空 120 ℃下干燥 24 h 得到干凝胶。该凝胶粉在 N₂ 氛围 600 ℃煅烧 12 h, 冷却后即可得 LiFePO₄/C 正极材料。

1.2 材料表征

采用 X-射线衍射仪 (D/max-TTR III, 日本

Rigaku) 表征材料的物相, Cu K_α 波长 0.154 18 nm, 石墨单色器, 扫描速度 5°·min⁻¹, 阶宽 0.02°(2θ), 用扫描电子显微镜(JSM-6480A, 日本 JEOL) 观察材料的微观结构, 20 kV。材料的碳含量利用化学方法进行分析^[8]。

1.3 LiFePO₄/C 正极的制备

将活性物质、乙炔黑和聚偏氟乙烯(PVDF)按 85:8:7 (by mass) 比混合均匀, 并将其均匀涂敷在铝箔上(厚度 200 μm), 真空 120 ℃干燥 10 h, 10 MPa 下冲压成极片(Φ = 14 mm)即得正极。

1.4 电池组装与性能测试

LiFePO₄/C 正极与金属锂箔负极, 1 mol·L⁻¹ LiPF₆ 的碳酸乙稀酯(EC)/ 碳酸二甲酯(DMC) 溶液电解液和微孔聚丙烯膜(Ceigard-2300)隔膜, 在充满氩气的手套箱(Super1220/750/900, 德国 MIKROUNA) 中用手动封口机组装电池(JH-80, 深圳美森)。采用电池性能检测仪(BTS-5V5mA, 深圳新威尔士) 进行电池充放电及循环寿命曲线测试, 0.2C、0.5C 和 1C 倍率充电, 截止电压 4.2 V, 静置 10 min, 放电至 2.4 V。

2 结果与讨论

2.1 壳聚糖单体配比

图 1 给出不同配比壳聚糖单体 600 ℃煅烧 LiFePO₄/C 电极 0.2C 进行充放电曲线。由图 1 可

知,壳聚糖单体与 LiFePO_4 摩尔比为 1:1.2(碳含量 4.65%)时其电极比容量最高。壳聚糖摩尔比减小为 1:1.1,热解的碳量也少(碳含量 3.23%),不能有效地提高其电导率;壳聚糖单体配比升高(1:1.4, 碳含量 5.698%;1:1.6, 碳含量 7.514%),虽可提高其电导率,但 LiFePO_4 的量相对于活性物质减少,反而使其比容量下降,即 1:1.2 的配比最适宜。

2.2 煅烧温度

图 2 为壳聚糖单体与 LiFePO_4 摩尔比为 1:1.2

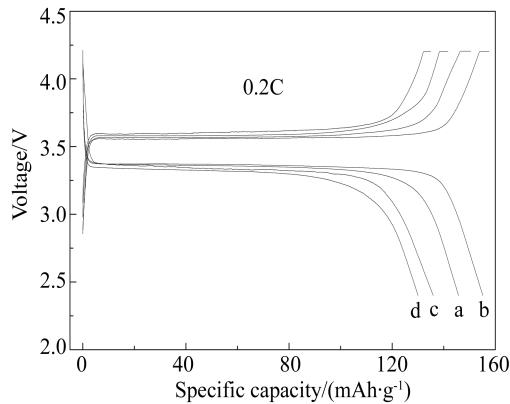


图 1 不同配比壳聚糖单体 600 ℃煅烧合成的 LiFePO_4/C 电极 0.2C 倍率首次充放电曲线

壳聚糖单体与 LiFePO_4 摩尔比: a. 1:1; b. 1:1.2; c. 1:1.4; d. 1:1.6

Fig. 1 The first charge/discharge curves of the LiFePO_4/C cathode calcined at various molar ratios of chitosan monomer to LiFePO_4 at 0.2C rate

Molar ratios of chitosan monomer to LiFePO_4 :
a. 1:1; b. 1:1.2; c. 1:1.4; d. 1:1.6

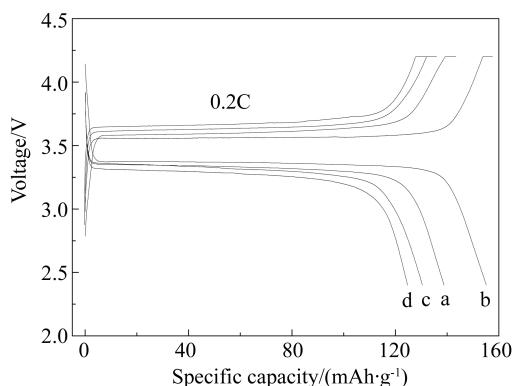


图 2 不同温度煅烧合成的 LiFePO_4/C 电极 0.2C 倍率首次充放电曲线

a. 550 °C; b. 600 °C; c. 650 °C; d. 700 °C

Fig. 2 The first charge/discharge curves of the LiFePO_4/C cathode calcined at various temperatures at 0.2C rate
a. 550 °C; b. 600 °C; c. 650 °C; d. 700 °C

时不同温度煅烧的 LiFePO_4/C 电极 0.2C 充放电曲线。由图 2 可知,煅烧温度升至 600 °C 时(碳含量 4.65%)其比容量最高(充电比容量 158 $\text{mAh} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$, 放电比容量 155 $\text{mAh} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$),库仑效率为 98.4%。超过此煅烧温度,碳含量减少,电导率降低,其充放电容量和库仑效率均下降。即煅烧温度 600 °C 最适宜。

2.3 材料表征

图 3 为壳聚糖单体与 LiFePO_4 摩尔比为 1:1.2 时 550 °C ~ 700 °C 下煅烧 LiFePO_4/C 材料的 XRD 谱图。由图 3 可知,600 °C 下煅烧时,其衍射峰均与 LiFePO_4 标准衍射峰谱图相对应(JCPDS 40-1499),且无明显杂质峰,表明材料具有橄榄石晶型结构。煅烧温度升高(650 °C 或 700 °C),各衍射峰位不变,衍射峰增强,结晶度增强,粒径增大。图

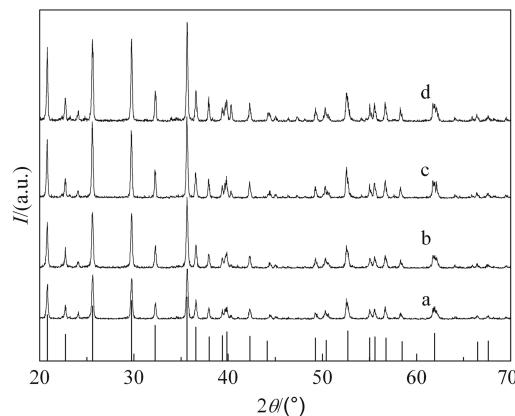


图 3 不同温度煅烧合成的 LiFePO_4/C 材料的 XRD 谱图
a. 550 °C; b. 600 °C; c. 650 °C; d. 700 °C

Fig. 3 X-ray diffraction patterns of the LiFePO_4/C samples calcined at various temperatures

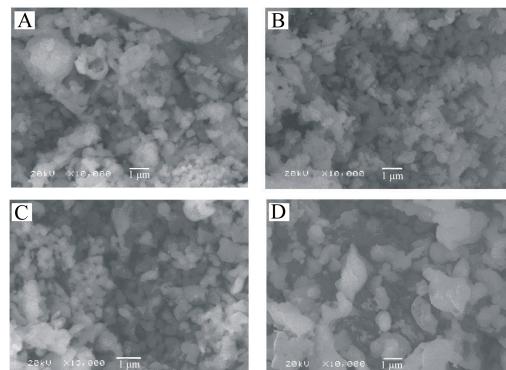


图 4 不同温度合成的 LiFePO_4/C 材料的 SEM 照片

a. 550 °C; b. 600 °C; c. 650 °C; d. 700 °C

Fig. 4 SEM images of LiFePO_4/C samples calcined at various temperatures

4 是壳聚糖单体与 LiFePO₄ 配比 1:1.2(by mole) 不同温度煅烧合成的 LiFePO₄/C 材料的 SEM 照片, 由照片可知, 煅烧温度升高, LiFePO₄ 粒径逐增。600 ℃煅烧 LiFePO₄ 材料粒径分布均匀(约为 200 ~ 400 nm), 颗粒表面光滑, 无团聚, LiFePO₄ 颗粒可均匀地分布于壳聚糖的分解碳中。

2.4 LiFePO₄/C 电极充放电倍率性能

图 5 是壳聚糖单体与 LiFePO₄ 摩尔比为 1:1.2 时在 600 ℃下煅烧 LiFePO₄/C 电极不同倍率的首次充放电曲线。从图 5 中可以看出, LiFePO₄/C 电极首次放电比容量分别为 155 mAh·g⁻¹(a)、137 mAh·g⁻¹(b) 和 127 mAh·g⁻¹(c), 大电流充放电过程中的极化加大。

图 5 为壳聚糖单体与 LiFePO₄ 摩尔比为 1:1.2

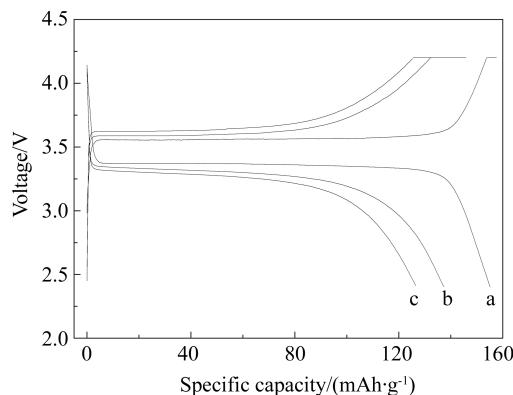


图 5 不同倍率 LiFePO₄/C 电极的首次充放电曲线

a. 0.2C; b. 0.5C; c. 1.0C

Fig. 5 The first charge/discharge curves of the LiFePO₄/C cathode at various rates
a. 0.2C; b. 0.5C; c. 1.0C

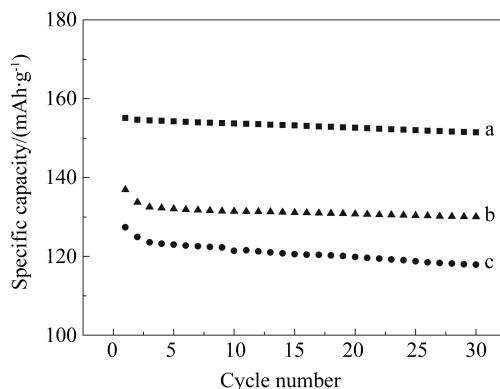


图 6 不同倍率充放电时 LiFePO₄/C 的电极的循环寿命曲线 a. 0.2C; b. 0.5C; c. 1.0C

Fig. 6 The cycling life of the LiFePO₄/C cathode at various rates a. 0.2C; b. 0.5C; c. 1.0C

时在 600 ℃煅烧合成的 LiFePO₄/C 电极的循环寿命曲线。从图 6 可知, 0.2C 首周期放电比容量为 155 mAh·g⁻¹, 30 周期循环其放电比容量仍保持 152 mAh·g⁻¹, 衰减量为 2.1%, 该电极循环寿命较优异。

3 结 论

壳聚糖作为碳源、溶胶 - 凝胶法煅烧合成的 LiFePO₄/C 材料, 其粒径分布均匀(200 ~ 400 nm)。壳聚糖单体与 LiFePO₄ 配比 1:1.2(by mole) 在 600 ℃煅烧 LiFePO₄/C 电极 0.2C 倍率首周期充电比容量为 158 mAh·g⁻¹, 放电比容量为 155 mAh·g⁻¹, 库仑效率为 98.4%; 30 周期循环其放电比容量为 152 mAh·g⁻¹, 库仑效率达 97.9%。

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Synthesis of LiFePO₄/C Cathode by Sol-Gel and Calcining Method with Chitosan Monomer

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Abstract: The LiFePO₄/C cathode materials for Li-ion battery were synthesized by sol-gel and calcining method using chitosan monomer as a carbon source and a gelating agent. The structures and morphologies were characterized by X-ray diffraction spectroscopy (XRD) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). The electrochemical performance was investigated by the galvanostatic charge-discharge test. When the molar ratios between chitosan monomer and LiFePO₄ were 1:1.2, the LiFePO₄/C cathode calcined at 600 °C showed the best performance. The particle sizes ranged 200 ~ 400 nm. The initial discharge capacity of 155 mAh·g⁻¹ was achieved at room temperature with discharge rate of 0.2C, while the capacity of 152 mAh·g⁻¹ could be maintained after 30 charge-discharge cycles. The coulombic efficiency was 97.9%.

Key words: chitosan; LiFePO₄/C; sol-gel method; Li-ion battery