

Phase-dependent Performance of Lotus Root Type TiO₂ for Lithium Ion Battery (LIB) by Heat Treatment

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We have recently reported a noteworthy performance of a lotus-root shaped TiO₂ (in short, LR TiO₂) for the anode material of lithium ion batteries (LIBs). The featuring lotus-root shape was built by using a cetyltrimethylammonium hydroxide (CTAOH) template, providing micro-channels for efficient lithium ion diffusion inside each LR TiO₂ mesoporous particle. Meanwhile, the crystal phase (anatase, rutile, or brookite) of LR TiO₂ particles can be controlled by thermal treatment with their lotus-root shape unchanged. Considering the phase transition between anatase and rutile occurs at around 550 °C, we are preparing LR TiO₂ samples thermally treated at three different temperatures, 700, 550, 450 °C. Again, the macro-structure of lotus-root shape would not change, but their electrical performance will be affected by constituent crystal phase of LR TiO₂. Thus, we are comparing three LR TiO₂ samples, in terms of micro-porous structures (by scanning electron microscopy), crystal phase (by X-ray diffraction), and the resulting electrical performance using coin cell tests (by cyclic voltammetry and electron impedance spectroscopy).