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1 SUMMARY

The LiRichFCC consortium has successfully synthesized a first set of test materials and distributed it to the partners. In the following, the nature of the synthesized materials is briefly described and basic characterization data are shown. Lastly, shipment documents prove distribution of materials to the project partners.

2 MATERIAL SYNTHESIS

The Li₂VO₂F compound sent to the project partners was synthesized by a simple mechanochemical ball milling approach using a Fritsch Pulverisette 6 planetary ball mill. The precursor compounds Li₂O, V₂O₃ and LiF were loaded into a Si₃N₄ milling vial with Si₃N₄ balls under argon atmosphere in a glove box. The powder mixture was milled in the sealed vial at 600 rpm for 40 h.

Electrodes films were prepared by ball milling the active material Li_2VO_2F with acetylene black under argon atmosphere in a Si_3N_4 milling vial with Si_3N_4 balls. Afterwards, the active material/ acetylene black composite was added to a solution of Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) binder dissolved in N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) and mixed at high rpm in a ball mill. The resulting electrode slurry was casted on Al foil using a doctor blade. The final composition of the electrode film was 70 wt.% Li_2VO_2F , 20 wt.% acetylene black and 10 wt.% PVDF-binder.

3 MATERIAL CHARACTERIZATION

The Li_2VO_2F compound shipped to the project partners was characterized through powder X-Ray Diffraction (XRD).

Obtained diffraction patterns show an almost pure compound with a small apparent V_2O_3 impurity amount. A Rietveld refinement of the shipped compound was undertaken with the Fullprof software, in order to quantify the obtained or remaining phases. The chosen space group for this disordered rock salt structure was Fm-3m and 18 profile and structure parameters were refined. The refinement reliability parameters were very good as presented in the refinement outcome in Figure 1. It confirms the samples purity: 98% of Li₂VO₂F with only 2% of unreacted V₂O₃, in weight.



Phase 1 : Li ₂ VO ₂ F		
R _{bragg}	2.58	
Cell		
parameter	4.108(2)	
a (Å)		
wt%	98	
Phase 2 : V ₂ O ₃		
Cell		
parameter	4.96(2)	
a (Å)		
Cell		
parameter	14.02(8)	
c (Å)		
wt%	2	

Figure 1: Rietveld refinement outcome of the XRD pattern of the Li_2VO_2F compound.





Further characterization of the Li_2VO_2F compound was conducted by galvanostatic cycling of the prepared electrodes. 2-electrode Swagelok-type cells were assembled in a glovebox using Li metal as counter electrode, glass fiber separators (Whatman) and LP30 electrolyte (1 M LiPF₆ in EC/DMC 1:1 by weight). The discharge capacity within the first 20 cycles is depicted in Figure 2. The measured discharge capacity is in agreement with the literature¹.



Figure 2: Discharge capacity of Li_2VO_2F / Li half cells cycled at 25 °C at a C/5 rate with LiPF₆ 1 M in EC/DMC 1:1 (by weight) electrolyte.

Figure 3 shows the voltage profile of Li_2VO_2F / Li half cells. The sloping profile of the charge/discharge curves indicates a single-phase intercalation process as described in the literature¹.



Figure 3: Voltage profile of Li₂VO₂F / Li half cells cycled at 25 °C at a C/5 rate with LiPF₆ 1 M in EC/DMC 1:1 (by weight) electrolyte.

¹ R. Chen, S. Ren, M. Knapp, D. Wang, R. Witter, M. Fichter, H. Hahn, *Adv. Energy Mater.* **2015**, 1401814





4 SHIPMENT DOCUMENTATION

The pure compound has been shipped to the following project partners (Figure 3: Shipment documentation 1.; Figure 4: Shipment documentation 2.):

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Figure 5: Shipment documentation 2.



