

Electronic Supplementary Information

High-rate lithium storage of anatase TiO₂ crystals doped with both nitrogen and sulfur

Sample preparation Anatase TiO₂ nanoparticles used in this work were prepared according to the procedures by Chen *et al.* [22]. These anatase TiO₂ nanoparticles were heated at 700 °C for 18 h in gaseous ammonia atmosphere with a flux of 100 mL/min to prepare TiN_x. The resultant TiN_x was then oxidized at 340 °C in static air for 2 h to obtain nitrogen doped TiO₂ (N-TiO₂). Sulfur codoping was realized by treating N-TiO₂ at 400 °C in gaseous H₂S atmosphere with a flux of 50 mL/min for 1 h (N/S-TiO₂). S doped TiO₂ reference (S-TiO₂) was prepared by treating anatase TiO₂ nanoparticles at 400 °C in gaseous H₂S atmosphere with a flux of 50 mL/min for 1 h.

Characterization X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of the samples were recorded on a Rigaku diffractometer using Cu K α irradiation. Their morphology was determined by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) performed on JEOL2010 electron microscope. The Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) specific surface area and pore size was determined by nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm measurements at 77 K (ASAP 2010). The chemical states of dopants in TiO₂ were analyzed using X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (Thermo Escalab 250, a monochromatic Al K α X-ray source). Binding energy was referenced to the C 1s peak (284.6 eV) arising from adventitious carbon. The optical absorbance spectra of the samples were recorded in a UV-visible spectrophotometer (JASCO-550).

Electrochemical measurements The electrochemical properties of TiO₂, N-TiO₂,

N/S-TiO₂ as anode materials in lithium ion batteries were evaluated by a galvanostatic charge/discharge technique. The working electrodes were prepared by mixing the active material, carbon black (Super-P), and poly(vinyl difluoride) at a weight ratio of 80:10:10 and pasted onto pure aluminium foil, and pressed and dried under vacuum at 120 °C for 12 h. Coin cells were assembled in an argon-filled glove box, with metallic lithium as the counter electrode, 1 M LiPF₆ in ethylene carbonate, dimethyl carbonate (1:1 vol) as electrolyte, and Celgard 2400 polypropylene as separator. The electrochemical tests were performed between 1-3 V vs. Li⁺/Li. C-rate currents used were calculated based on an anatase TiO₂ theoretical capacity of 168 mA hg⁻¹.

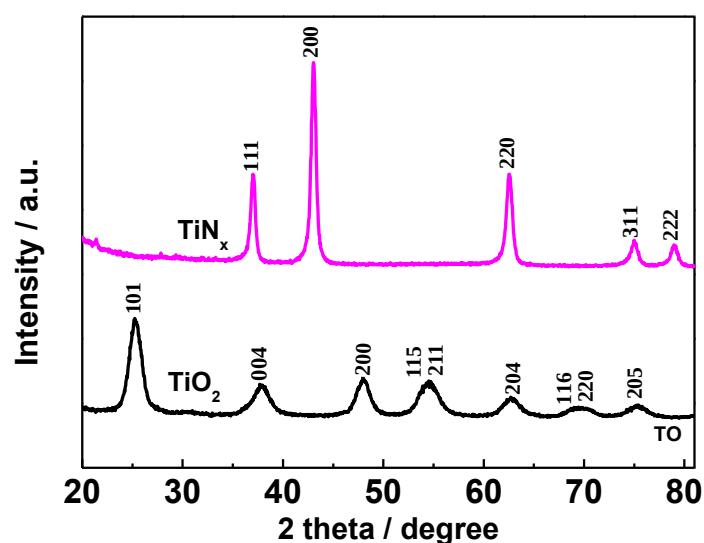


Fig. S1 XRD patterns of TiO₂ and TiN_x.

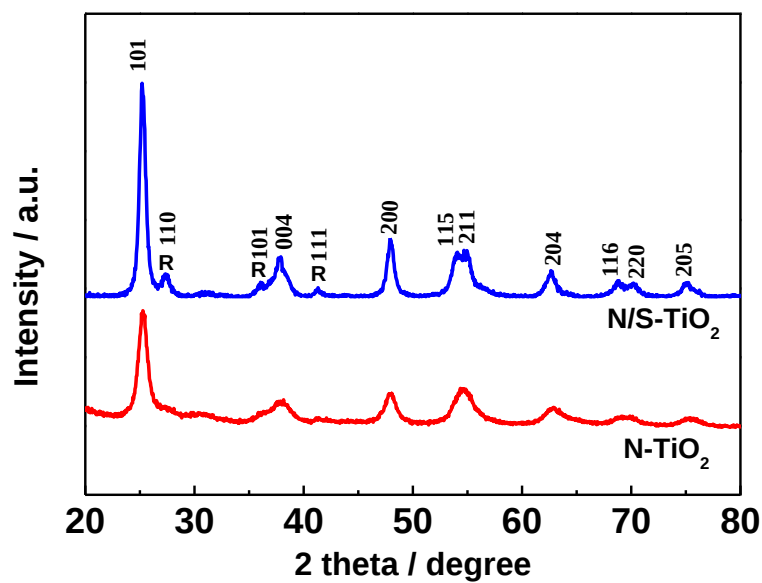


Fig. S2 XRD patterns of N-TiO₂ and N/S-TiO₂. R: rutile.

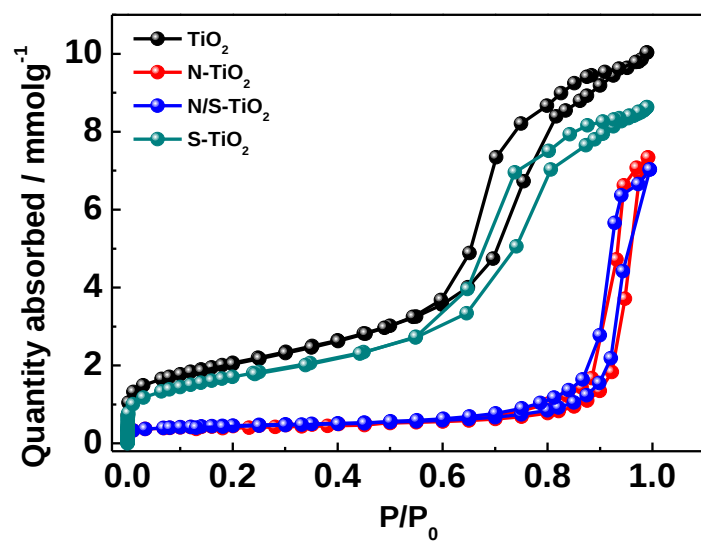


Fig. S3 N₂ isotherm adsorption-desorption curves of TiO₂, N-TiO₂, S-TiO₂ and N/S-TiO₂.

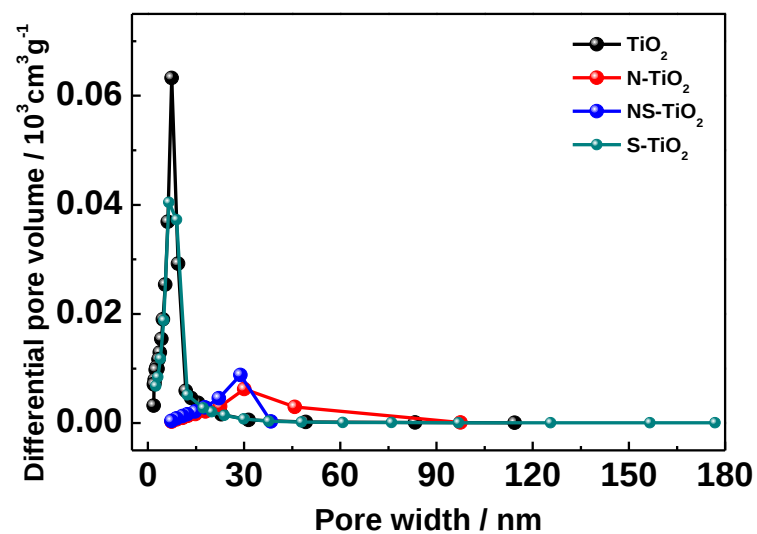


Fig. S4 Pore size distribution curves of TiO_2 , N-TiO_2 , S-TiO_2 and N/S-TiO_2 .

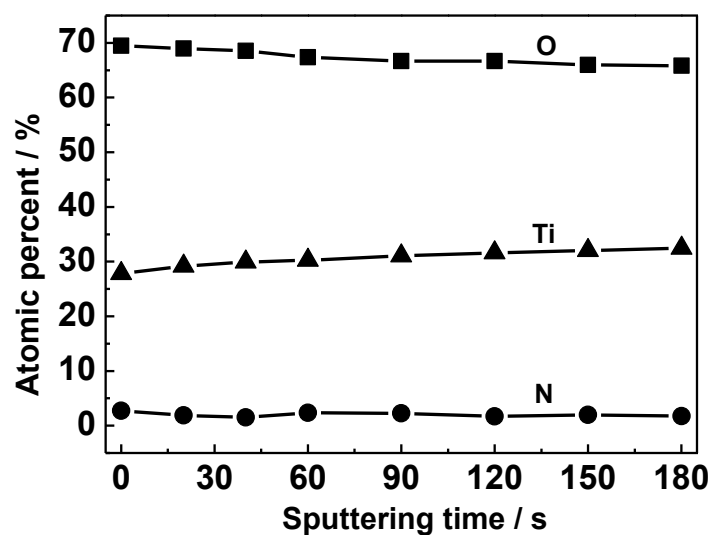


Fig. S5 XPS depth profiles of the elements of Ti, O and N in N-TiO_2 upon Ar^+ sputtering.

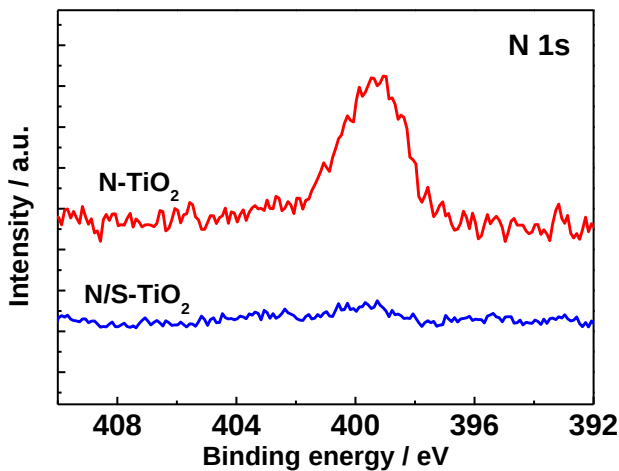


Fig. S6 High resolution N 1s XPS spectra recorded from the pristine surface of N-TiO₂ and N/S-TiO₂.

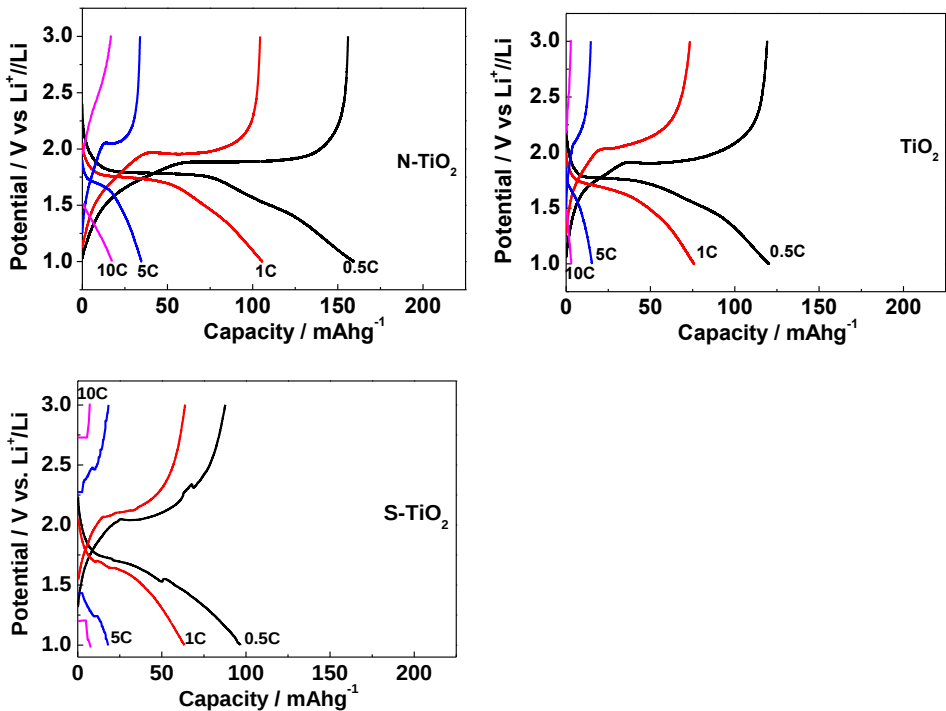


Fig. S7 Galvanostatic charging/discharging curves of the N-TiO₂, S-TiO₂ and TiO₂ electrodes at different rates.

Table S1 Impedance parameters calculated from equivalent circuits.

Materials	R _e (Ω)	R _{ct} (Ω)
TiO ₂	13.7	282.0
N-TiO ₂	11.2	181.6
S-TiO ₂	11.4	248.3
N/S-TiO ₂	9.4	89.6

