# Ta-doped Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> with enhanced performance for

#### lithium-ion batteries

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### **Supplementary Figures**



Figure S1. CV curves of  $Nb_2O_5$  (a) and  $Ta_{0.2}Nb_2O_{5.5}$  (b) at scan rate of 0.1 to 1.0 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure S2. Cycling tests of  $Ta_{0.2}Nb_2O_{5.5}$  at 4 A  $g^{-1}$  and 6 A  $g^{-1}.$ 



Figure S3. CV curves of  $Ta_{0.2}Nb_2O_{5.5}$  before and after cycling at different current densities at scan rate of 0.1 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure S4. Charge-discharge voltage profiles of LCO//Nb $_2O_5$  at 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, 4 and 6 A g<sup>-1</sup>.

## **Supplementary Tables**

Table S1 Comparison among  $Ta_{0.2}Nb_2O_{5.5}$  and other element-doped  $Nb_2O_5$  anodes reported in literatures.

Materials	Characterized size (μm)	Electrode composition	Electrode density (mg cm <sup>-2</sup> )	High-rate capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Cycling capacity retention after cycles	Refs
Ta <sub>0.2</sub> Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5.5</sub>	2.0 ~ 5.0	90:5:5	1.0 ~ 2.0	86 (20 A g <sup>-1</sup> ) 149 (4 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	64%, 1000 cycles (8 A g <sup>-1</sup> ) 86.8%, 1500 cycles (2 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	This work
W <sup>6+</sup> -doped Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.5~6	7:2:1	N/A	167.1 (20 C)	70.1%, 600 cycles (5 C)	[1]
Cu-doped Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	N/A	7:2:1	~1.0	144.2 (4 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	69.2%, 5000 cycles (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	[2]
Nb <sub>1.94</sub> Mo <sub>0.06</sub> O <sub>5</sub> @C	0.02 ~ 0.2	8:1:1	3.0 ~ 4.0	132.3 (5 C)	90%, 100 cycles (0.2 C)	[3]
Phosphorus-doped urchin-like Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	3.0	7:2:1	~ 1.9	89 (10 C)	93.9%, 1000 cycles (5 C)	[4]
V-doped T-Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> sub-microspheres	~ 1.0	8:1:1	N/A	107 (10 C)	82.2%, 5000 cycles (5 C)	[5]
KNb <sub>6</sub> O <sub>15</sub> F-wired Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.1 ~ 1.0	7:2:1	~ 2.0	80 (20 C)	75%, 200 cycles (0.5 C)	[6]
Hierarchical flower-like N-doped Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> @N- doped carbon composites	2.0 ~ 3.0	7:2:1	N/A	158 (20 C)	81%, 2500 cycles (10 C)	[7]

Note: in this work, 1C is approximately 0.2 A  $g^{\mbox{-}1}$ 

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