

## Supplementary Information

### **Ge inverse opal with porous wall as an anode for lithium ion batteries**

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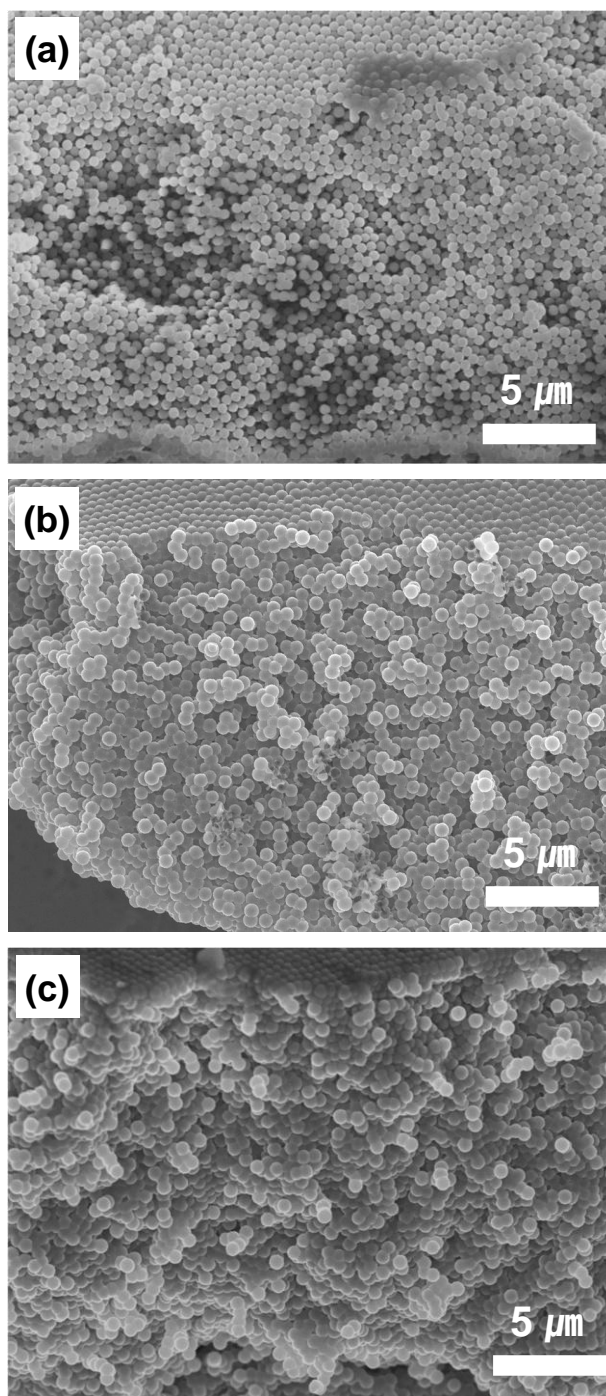


Figure S1. SEM images of silica opal template and Ge inverse opal with different wall microstructures. (a) 45° tilted SEM image of silica opal. (b) 45° tilted SEM image of Ge inverse opal with porous wall. (c) 45° tilted SEM image of Ge inverse opal with dense wall.

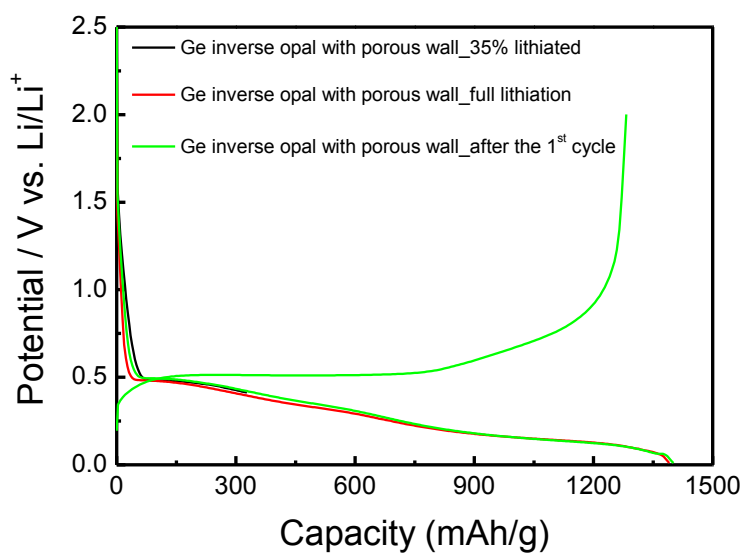
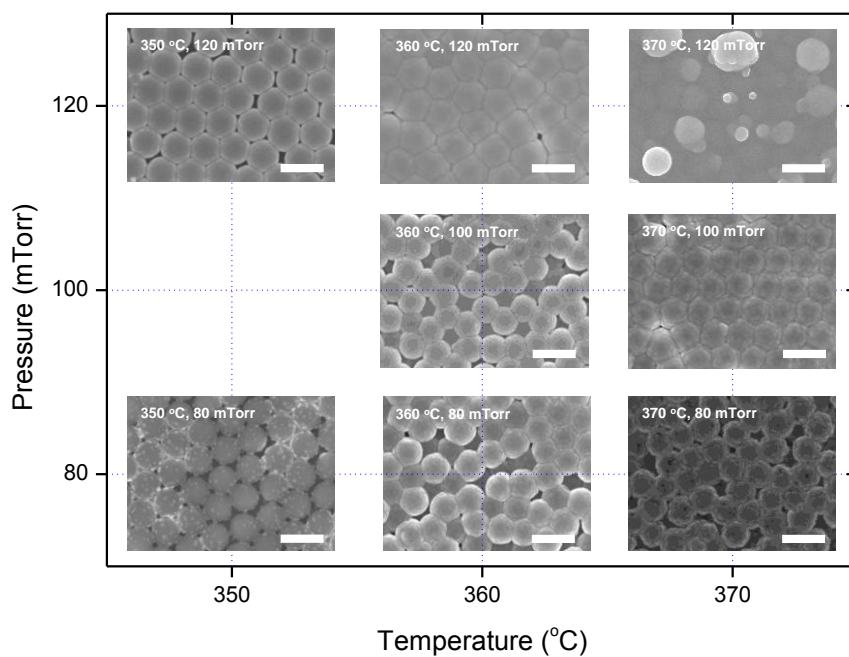


Figure S2. Voltage profiles of Ge inverse opal with porous wall electrode in a coin-type half cell after 35% lithiation and full lithiation of the first cycle and 1 cycle at a rate of 0.2C.



**Figure S3.** Morphological changes in Ge film on the silica opal as functions of the processing temperature and pressure. Scale bar is 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Table S1.** The initial coulombic efficiencies and internal resistances of both the Ge inverse opal electrodes with dense wall and porous wall.

	The 1st coulombic efficiency	Internal resistance ( $\Omega$ )							
		x ( $\text{Li}_x\text{Ge}$ ) during lithiation				x ( $\text{Li}_x\text{Ge}$ ) during delithiation			
Porous wall	93%	1.502 x $10^6$	1.567 x $10^6$	1.257 x $10^6$	1.064 x $10^6$	9.694 x $10^6$	6.753 x $10^6$	7.328 x $10^6$	9.763 x $10^6$
		x=0.539	x=1.482	x=2.291	x=2.965	x=3.459	x=2.785	x=1.976	x=1.166
Dense wall	93.6%	2.078 x $10^6$	2.039 x $10^6$	1.906 x $10^6$	1.586 x $10^6$	1.115 x $10^6$	8.737 x $10^6$	1.079 x $10^6$	1.402 x $10^6$
		x=0.539	x=1.482	X=2.291	x=2.965	x=3.495	x=2.822	x=2.013	x=1.204