**Supporting information (SI)** 

## Observation of lithiation induced structural variations in TiO<sub>2</sub> nanotube arrays by X-ray absorption fine structures

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Figure S1 EDS spectra of the amorphous TiO<sub>2</sub> NT.



Figure S2 2-D display of excitation energy across the Ti L<sub>3,2</sub>-edge and O K edge (yaxis) vs. fluorescence/scattered X-ray energy (x-axis) from Ti and O detected with a silicon drift detector (SDD). The fluorescence X-ray energy from Ti L<sub>3,2</sub> shell and O K shell, respectively, are marked with a vertical dotted line with the intensity colour coded. The Ti L and O K edge XANES is also shown (black trace).



Figure S3 O K edge XANES of Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> powder.



Figure S4 FLY spectrum of amorphous TiO<sub>2</sub> rooted on Ti foil.



Figure S5 First derivative spectra of Ti K edge XAFS for amorphous and anatase TiO<sub>2</sub>, both before and after lithiation



Figure S6. Ti K-edge EXAFS spectra ( $k^3$ -weighted) of (a) anatase and (b) amorphous TiO<sub>2</sub> both before and after lithiation.