COMPOSITE CATHODES AS A SUBSTITUTE CATHODE

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As far as we know, composite cathode with LiF was first reported by Kim [1]. According to his report, LiFeF₃ was obtained by the mixing of LiF and FeF₃ as follows;

 $\text{LiF} + \text{FeF}_2 \rightarrow \text{FeF}_3 + \text{Li}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{LiFeF}_3$

Here, we tried similar technique to obtain LiFeOF as follows;

$$\text{LiF} + \text{FeO} \rightarrow \text{FeOF} + \text{Li}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{LiFeOF}$$

Because it is also difficult to synthesize the LiFeOF single phase as well as LiFeF₃[2].

As the substitute cathode for rocksalt-type LiFeOF, LiF and FeO composite was prepared by the dry ball-milling method under ambient pressure. The reversible capacity was 274 mAh/g with an average voltage of 2.6 V. As shown in Table 1, the energy density was over 712 mWh/g and it means that the composite cathode has the highest energy density among iron-based insertion-type cathode active materials. The electrochemical activity was also confirmed by the charge and discharge reactions in the full cell with LiFeOF cathode and Li₄Ti₅O₁₂ anode. In this presentation, the other examples of iron-based composite cathode will be introduced such as and LiSO₄-FeSO₄ and LiF-Fe [3].

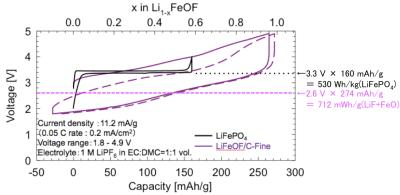




Table 1 Comparison of the cathode properties between LiFePO₄ and LiF-FeO composite cathode.

Cathode	Discharge capacity	Discharge voltage	Energy density
LiFePO ₄	150 mAh/g	3.3 V	495 mAh/g
LiFeOF(LiF + FeO)	290 mAh/g	2.5 V	725 mAh/g

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