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Abstract

Li₃OX (X=Cl, Br, and I) called lithium rich anti-perovskite materials recently reported as super ionic conductors with 3-dimensional Li migrating channels. Li₃OX with antiperovskite structure as solid electrolytes exhibits the ionic conductivity up to $\sim 10^{-3}$ S/cm and also showing good electrochemical stability due to low interfacial resistance. Li₃OX with anti-perovskite structure as solid electrolytes exhibits thermodynamic stability and shows compatible with lithium metal anode and has a large band gap to hinder electric conductor. These materials have low melting point and high electrochemical stability. But Li₃OX phase tends to decompose into more stable LiX and Li₂O phases at service temperature of interest for LIBs. As the Li₂O phase is a rather poor ionic conductor, it would be useful in examining the feasibility in substitution of O by other chalcogen elements such as S. It is recognized that Li₂S is better ionic conductor than Li₂O. To prevent the decomposition of the substance, Li₃SX(X=Cl, Br, and I) anti-perovskite was synthesized by replacing S with O.

The Li₆PS₅Cl argyrodite solid electrolyte is known as solid electrolyte with high ionic conductivity of 10^{-2} ~ 10^{-4} S/cm⁻¹ at room temperature. Moreover, the high ionic conductivity could be achieved by optimizing the mechanical milling and the annealing processes. However, there is a disadvantage in that electrochemical stability is so lower than Li₃SI.

Based on above studies, we have synthesize $(100-x)Li_3SI-xLi_6PS_5Cl(x=0, 10, 20 \text{ and} 30)$ to increase the lithium ionic conductivity and electrochemical stability of them. $Li_3SI-Li_6PS_5Cl$ was mixed by milling process. We analyzed the crystal structures of them by XRD. The morphologies, contents, and distribution of the elements in the materials were analyzed by SEM and EDS. As the electrochemical analysis, electrochemical impedance spectroscopy with various temperatures was conducted to evaluate Li^+ conductivity of the materials. Further, the electrochemical performance such as cyclic voltammetry, DC-cycling, and charge and discharge tests were conducted to make synergic effects.

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Chapter 1. Introduction

1-1. Lithium ion batteries

Rechargeable batteries are used in various electronic devices such as laptops, mobile phones, and home appliances. Among commercially available batteries, lithium-ion batteries show the highest energy (250Wh Kg-1), powder density, and long life. Recently, lithium-ion batteries are the subject of intense research aimed at further improving performance and safety at a lower cost to suit higher power densities and more demanding applications. Besides, various studies are being conducted to apply lithium-ion batteries to large-scale energy devices such as electric vehicles (EV), hybrid electric vehicles (HEV), and energy storage systems (ESS). However, the current lithium secondary battery has several disadvantages. First of all, there is the stability issue of the lithium secondary battery. Lithium secondary batteries have safety issues such as the explosion of Samsung and Apple mobile phones in 2016. Also, to apply to electric vehicles, fast charging is required, so a lot of research and effort is required to solve these problems.

1-1-1. Composition of lithium secondary batteries

The cathode is made of a mixture of active material, a conductive agent, and a binder coated on a thin Al substrate, and the capacity and voltage of the battery are determined depending on which cathode electrode active material is used. Typical cathode active materials include follow material1-D olivine: LFP (Lithium Iron Phosphate, LiFePO₄) 2-D layered: LCO (Lithium Cobalt Oxide, LiCoO₂), NCA (Lithium Nickel Cobalt Aluminum Oxide, LiNiCoAlO₂), NMC (Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt Oxide), Li[NiCoMn]O₂), 3-D spinel: LMO (Lithium Manganese Oxide, LiMn₂O₄). Like the cathode electrode, the anode electrode is also composed of a Cu base material coated with an active material, and the anode electrode active material reversibly absorbs/discharges lithium ions from the cathode electrode and flows current through an external circuit. Representative anode active materials include Amorphous Carbon, Graphite, Lithium Titanate (LTO, Li₄Ti₅O₁₂), and Metallic Anode Materials (Silicon, Tin).

The separator is inserted between both electrodes to prevent short circuits in the battery. It prevents electrons from flowing directly through the electrolyte and allows only desired ions to move through fine pores inside. Currently, commercially available separators include polyolefins such as polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP).

Lastly, the electrolyte serves as a medium for transferring ions, stabilizing the surfaces of the cathode and anode electrodes, and improving the battery life and cell characteristics. It is generally composed of a solvent, salt, and additive. When the solvent is a liquid, it is a liquid electrolyte, a solid electrolyte such as an inorganic compound or a polymer is called a solid electrolyte, and when the solvent is a polymer, it is called a polymer electrolyte. Currently, a liquid electrolyte is most commonly used. In a liquid electrolyte, salt acts as a passage through which lithium ions can move, and LiPF₆, which has excellent ion mobility, solubility, and chemical stability, is most often used. The solvent plays a role in helping lithium to move smoothly by dissolving salts well. To dissolve the salt well, the solvent must have a high dielectric constant and have low viscosity for the smooth movement of lithium. Besides, the solvent should have low chemical reactivity because it may cause safety problems when reacting with the anode and the cathode while the battery is operating. Usually, Ethylene Carbonate (EC) is most often used as a solvent. The additive is first decomposed so as not to decompose the solvent, thereby forming a protective film on the surface of the cathode or anode electrode, helping lithium to move smoothly between the cathode electrode and the anode electrode and preventing deterioration of battery performance. The electrolyte must be chemically and electrically stable so as not to cause side reactions to degrade the battery's performance during operation and must have a low freezing point and a high boiling point so that the battery can operate at any time.

1-1-2. Principle of lithium secondary batteries.

The operating principle of a lithium secondary battery is presented in Figure 1.1. For example, at the charging step, the cathode and anode materials are oxidized and reduced respectively first. The chemical reactions during charging and discharging can be represented as follows equation.

Cathode:
$$LiCoO_2 \leftrightarrow Li1-xCoO_2 + xLi + xe$$
 (1.1)

Anode: $C_6 + xLi + xe \rightarrow LixC_6$ (1.2)

Overall:
$$\text{LiCoO}_2 + \text{C}_6 \leftrightarrow \text{Li}_1 - \text{xCoO}_2 + \text{LixC}_6$$
 (1.3)

Throughout this chemical reaction, the electrons move through the external circuit connected to the current collectors to anode materials and make them reduce. After the chemical reaction of two electrode materials, lithium ions are released from the cathode to paint the ain electronic charge neutrality of the materials. The ions released are diffused and intercalated to the surface and the structure of an anode is reduced by accept electrons. During this step, chemical energy made by the chemical reaction can be converted and stored to electronic energy by followed the Nernst equation (eq. 1.4).

$$\Delta G = -nFE \tag{1.4}$$

Where G is Gibbs energy, n is the number of electrons, F is Faraday's constant number, and E is electric potential. This equation means that electric potential energies are proportional to chemical energies, which means that large chemical potential difference between cathode and anode induce large electric potential and energy. The electric potential proportioning to chemical energies are called to open-circuit voltage (OCV) and is determined within the bandgap of the electrolyte, which is the determined the energy difference between the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) of the electrolyte in Figure 1.2 [1-3].

1-1-3. Properties and limitation of organic liquid electrolyte

Commercial organic liquid electrolytes consist of a mixture of two or more carbonatebased materials and a lithium salt such as ethyl carbonate (EC)/di-methyl carbonate (DMC)=1:1 in 1M LiFP₆. The electrolytes have been applied to many lithium based batteries due to its good dielectric constant and electrochemical stability compare with aqueous electrolyte. But, in order to be applied to a large scale energy devices, the electrolytes must be satisfy several requirements such as : [4]

- 1) Retention of the SEI during charge and discharge.
- 2) A Li+ ion conductivity $\sigma_{Li} > 10^{-4} S/cm$.
- 3) An electronic conductivity $\sigma_e < 10^{-10} S/cm$.
- 4) A transference number $\sigma_{Li}/\sigma_{total} \approx 1$, where σ_{total} includes conductivities by other ions in the electrolyte.
- 5) Chemical stability over wide temperature ranges.

Among these requirements, there are conditions that the organic electrolyte not meet such as low transference number, chemical stability, and electrochemical stability. Usually, lithium salt electrolytes have showed a low transference number of lithium ions (0.3~0.5/l) which occur a poor high-rate performances and limits the powder output of the cell [1] because of their dielectric mechanism such as solvation and dissociation. However, the most important thing to solve is safety related with thermal stability and leakage of the liquid types. As the organic electrolytes are decomposed and occur high thermal energy at high temperature, the lithium batteries expand and induce shrinkage of the membrane. And finally, the short between cathode and anode occurs and leads to explosion. To solve these problems, various type of electrolytes have been developed such as gel-type and solid state electrolyte due to their no leak properties and good thermal and electrochemical stability.



Figure 1.1. Illustration of operating principle of lithium secondary batteries.



Figure 1.2. Schematic open-circuit energy diagram of a lithium cell.

1-2. Solid electrolytes

Lithium-ion batteries have been widely used as rechargeable power sources for portable electronics and large-scale devices such as cell phones, laptop computers, and hybrid electronic vehicles [5]. Usually, the traditional organic liquid electrolytes used in lithium-ion batteries come with serious problems due to risks of leakage and flammability [6]. Therefore, the replacement of liquid electrolytes with a solid electrolyte could enhance the electrochemical performance, safety, reliability of these batteries as well as give a higher energy density [7]. Moreover, solid electrolytes have received much interest due to their potential for good ionic conductivity and a high lithium transference number (~1) compared to aprotic electrolytes (0.2~0.5) [8, 9] Among these advantages, the solid electrolytes for large scale electric devices have been intensively studied due to its attractive advantages for the safety of lithium secondary batteries such as its electrochemical and thermal stability [1, 2]. The solid electrolytes are widely divided into ceramics and polymers. In the case of polymer electrolytes, they have good flexibility and also can be flexible batteries and devices. However, the poor mechanical properties and low ionic conductivity offset these electrolytes from practical applications. Therefore, recently many researchers have been studying ceramic solid electrolytes.

1-2-1. Oxide solid electrolyte

Most oxide-based solid electrolytes produced have focused on using NASICON, perovskite, garnet, and LISICON structures. The NASICON structures such as $Li_{1.3}Al_{0.3}Ti_{1.7}(PO_4)_3$ have a high electrochemical oxidative voltage window (~6V versus Li+/Li) [15] as well as stability from air and moisture. However, the NASICON electrolytes containing Ti are unstable with Li metal at low potentials. The perovskite such as $Li_3La_{(2/3)-x}d$ (1/3)-2xTiO₃ (LLTO, 0 < x < 0.16), is representative material due to its high ionic conductivity at room temperature (10⁻³ S/cm). In the case of the garnet structure, the grain boundaries can go through dendrite and have large interfacial resistance due to their being no wet surface next to the Li metal [16]. The LISICON structures such as $Li_{3x}La_{2/3-x}TiO_3$ and $Li_{3/8}Sr_{7/16}Zr_{1/4}Ta_{3/4}O_3$, have low contact with Li metal due to the reduction of Ti and Ta ions

[16].

1-2-1-1. NASICON

NASICON-like structures are generally known as a rhombohedral unit cell and R⁻³ c with monoclinic and orthorhombic few phases [17]. Representatively, а $L_1+6xM4+2-xM'3+x(PO_4)_3$ phosphates (L = Li or Na and M = Ti, Ge, Sn, Hf, or Zr and M' = Cr, Al, Ga, Sc, Y, In, or La) are composed with MO₆ octahedra connected by corner-sharing with PO₄ tetrahedral to form 3D interconnected channels and two types of interstitial positions where mobile cations are distributed in the Figure. 1.3 [18]. The M1 sites which are 6-fold coordination located between two MO₆ octahedral while M₂ sites that are 8-fold coordinated and located between two columns of MO₆ octahedra [19]. The lithium ions diffuse from one site to another through bottlenecks.

NASICON-like materials $LiA_2IV(PO_4)_3$ showed ionic conductivity 10^{-5} S/cm at room temperature in 2009 [20]. To solve the size mismatch between Li+ and TiO₆ octahedral, a few materials have been developed and exhibited improved ionic conductivity such as the $Li_{1.3}Al_{0.3}Ti_{1.7}(PO_4)_3$ (10^{-3} S/cm) [21]. Also, the materials have a high electrochemical oxidative voltage window (~6V versus Li+/Li) [15] as well as stability from air and moisture. However, the NASICON electrolytes containing Ti are unstable with Li metal at low potentials.

1-2-1-2. Perovskite

Perovskite materials having chemical formula ABO₃ is well known as the representative cubic phase with space group Pm⁻³ m. Among the structural materials, lithium-lanthanumtitanates, Li₃La_{(2/3)-x}d _{(1/3)-2x}TiO₃ (LLTO, 0 < x < 0.16), is representative material due to its high ionic conductivity at room temperature (10⁻³ S/cm) [10]. The crystal structure of the LLTO is in Figure 1.4 [20]. The A-site cations, which were Li⁺ and La³⁺ in the cubic α -phase, were randomly distributed, while the A sites of the ordered β -LLTO had a doubled perovskite structure, with an alternating arrangement of La⁺ rich and Li vacancy rich layers along the c axis [21]. Not only high ionic conductivity, but the materials also have many advantages such as stability in air and moisture, wide stability temperature window (to 1600K), good electrochemical stability (>8V). However, the materials have not been applied to commercial solid battery system because of its unsuitable for use with lithium and graphite negative electrodes [3, 10], high-temperature sintering for synthesis, lower ionic conductivity than that of the single crystal due to tot blocking grain boundaries [15, 22].



Figure 1.3 Structural schematic of perovskite (LLTO).

1-2-1-3. Garnet

The garnets exhibit a general chemical formula of $A_3B_2(XO_4)_3$ (A = Ca, Mg, Y, La or rareearth; B = Al, Fe, Ga, Ge, Mn, Ni or X = Si, Ge, Al) where A, B, and C are eight, six and four oxygen coordinated cation sites, which crystalize in a face-centered cubic structure with the space group Ia⁻³ d (Figure 1.5) [23]. Because the garnet electrolytes high Li⁺ concentration of 5~7 Li atoms per formula unit and can accommodate excess Li⁺ at octahedral sites than that of the number of lithium at the tetrahedral sites [23], the ionic conductivity of the electrolytes can be controlled by increasing Li concentration. For example, Li₅La₃M₂O₁₂ has a low ionic conductivity of 10⁻⁶ S/cm at room temperature. However, the low conductivity can be improved when La and M sites are substituted with cations of higher or lower oxidation state than La³⁺ and M⁵⁺ with controlling the content of substitution elements such as Li_{6.6}La₃Zr_{1.6}Sb_{0.4}O₁₂ (7.7x10⁻⁴ S/cm) and Li_{6.2}La₃Zr_{1.2}Sb_{0.8}O₁₂ (4.5x10⁻⁴ S/cm) [24,25]. Also, the ionic conductivity of the garnet electrolytes can be improved by controlling shape control. For example, the particle shape of Li₇La₃Zr₂O₁₂ changes by contents of the substitution element (Ga), and can be more dense pellets with the same pressure [26]. As a result, the interface resistance by grain boundary was reduced.

Although garnet electrolytes have high lithium concentration and ionic conductivity, the materials couldn't be commercialized because of their unstable reactivity with cathode materials at the positive voltage window [27].



Figure 1.4 Structural schematic of (a) garnet and (b) garnet-related Li₅La₃M₂O₁₂.

1-2-1-4. LISICON

The crystal structure of LISICON-like compounds is related to the γ -Li₃PO₄ structure with an orthorhombic unit cell and pnma space group, where all cations are tetrahedrally coordinated [10,28]. The oxide LISICON-like materials such as Li₁₄ZnGe₄O₁₆ showed low ionic conductivity (~10⁻⁷ S/cm) at room temperature by trapping of the mobile Li⁺ ions by the immobile sublattice at lower temperatures via the formation of defect complexes [20]. Recently, the thio-LISICON changed O²⁻ to S²⁻ have been studied for high lithium-ion conductivity by 3 orders of magnitude at room temperature [10]. Many thio materials such as Li₁₀MP₂S₁₂ (M=Si,Ge, and Sn), Li₁₁Si₂PS₁₂ showed high ionic conductivity [29-31]. Especially, Li₁₀GeP₂S₁₂ showed highest lithium-ion conductivity (~10⁻² S/cm) at 27°C [29] among current ceramic electrolytes (Figure. 9) [10]. As the radius of S²⁻ is higher than O²⁻, this substitution can significantly enlarge the size of Li⁺ transport bottlenecks. Also, S²⁻ has better polarization capability than O^{2-} . Consequently, the interaction between a skeleton and Li^+ ions is weaker and makes the mobility of Li_+ [32]. The thio-LISICON materials also have a favorable advantage, which is the reduction of grain boundary resistance by simple cold-press of electrolytes powders because of its good ductility compare with hard oxide materials [20].



Figure 1.5 Structural schematic of LISICON

1-2-2. Sulfide solid electrolyte

Sulfide-based solid electrolytes have a smaller grain boundary and higher ionic conductivity compared with oxide-based electrolytes due to the high polarizability of sulfur ions and their low binding force with lithium ions [33, 34]. In particular, the sulfide solid electrolyte has received a lot of attention because it has a high conductivity($\sim 10^{-4}$ S/cm) comparable to that of a liquid electrolyte among solid electrolytes. Sulfide-based solid electrolytes derived from oxide-based solid electrolytes are formed by replacing oxygen ions with sulfur ions.[68] Even the ionic migration of S²⁻ is larger than that of O²⁻ due to the large ionic radius of S²⁻ compared to O₂ [35]. Depending on the crystal structure and composition, sulfide solid electrolytes are classified into Li₂S-P₂S₅ glass and glass ceramics, and anion-doped Li₂S-P₂S₅, argyrodite, etc. [69] Actually, almost thio materials react and are

decomposed with cathode materials and anode materials including Li metal [46, 47]. In addition, the materials are difficult to synthesis in the general atmosphere because they are very sensitive to air and moisture.

1-2-2-1. Glass-ceramics

The representative solid electrolyte of glass-ceramics is a solid electrolyte called LPS based on $Li_2S-P_2S_5$. $Li_2S-P_2S_5$ based glass-ceramics are of special interest because of its high ionic conductivity of up to 1.7×10^{-2} S/cm at room temperature and its wide electrochemical window [36 - 40]. In addition to the advantages described above $Li_7P_3S_{11}$ (LPS) glass-ceramic can be synthesized easily by methods such as ball milling and by solution techniques where another component can be mixed with the LPS [41, 42]. One synthesis method used mechanical wet milling with solvent to acquire the solid electrolyte $Li_7P_3S_{11}$ which showed particularly high ionic conductivity. Moreover, after heat treatment, obtained powders can be applied easily in the fabrication of electrolytes for bulk type ASSLBs [43]. However, LPS has large interfacial resistance with lithium metal, which restricts its application in an all-solid-state battery due to the reaction between the LPS and Li metal [41]. Even the Li₂S-P₂S₅ system can generate H₂S gas in the case of a reaction with any moisture which is why the system is thought to have low chemical stability.



Figure 1.6 Crystal structures of $Li_7P_3S_{11}$ metastable crystal projected onto the a-c and b-c planes

1-2-2-2. Argyrodite

An Argyrodite-type Li-ion solid electrolyte is typically $\text{Li}_6\text{PS}_5\text{X}$ (X = Cl, Br, I). It has a structure similar to Cu⁺ and Ag⁺ argyrodites. Six sulfur and halogen atoms form 136 tetrahedral pores, of which four are formed only by the sulfur atom (S1) and occupied by the P atom. The remaining 132 holes are formed by a sulfur atom (S2) and a halogen atom (X), partially occupied by a Li atom.[71]. Li₆PS₅X (X = Cl, Br, I) argyrodite solid electrolyte exhibits very high ionic conductivity at room temperature, but it has a disadvantage that its capacity decreases significantly in more than 20 cycles in the battery charge/discharge test. also similar to other sulfide-type solid electrolytes, argyrodite-type solid electrolytes could not be exposed to air, which restricts its application to a large extent. Effective and convenient battery construction technologies are required to conquer the stability problems.[70]



Figure 1.7 Section of the crystal structure Li₆PS₅I

1-2-3. Lithium rich anti-perovskite

An antiperovskite material with the formula M_3AX (M, transitional metal; A, metal or semiconducting element and X, interstitial light element) has been developed and applied to a few filed. Various beneficial properties including magneto volume effects [48], magnetostriction [49], magnetocaloric effects [50], magnetoresistance [51], low-temperature coefficients [52, 53], functional mechanical properties, and superconductivity have been obtained in antipervoskites. Recently, A₃BO type (A = M⁺¹ alkali metal, B = X⁻¹ anion, and oxygen) such as Na₃OX and Li₃OX materials have been received attention as the superionic solid electrolytes [54]. This class of solid electrolytes exhibit Li conductivities on the order of 1 mS/cm, wich a maximum conductivity of 1.94mS/cm achieved for a solid solution mixture of Li₃OCl and Li₃OBr [54, 55] cause of the simple cubic-like structure and benefit properties, the materials have been applied to various study. Among the characteristics of the antiperovskites, the best of the advantage is stable with lithium anode. In this section, we introduce the antiperovskite materials for lithium superionic conductors for lithium secondary batteries and explain our experimental purpose.

Recently, superionic conductivity in Li-rich antiperovskites such as Li_3OX and Li_2OHX (X = Cl, Br) have received attention as a potential new solid electrolyte in Li secondary batteries. [56 - 63]. Li_2OHX (X = Cl, Br) has many advantages that are stable in contact with Li metal and a wide energy window up to 9V (vs. Li^+/Li) [56]. Comparison with Li_3OX types, the best advantage of Li_2OHX is easy and simple synthesis. The products are usually produced by solid-state synthesis as followed by the equation.

$LiX + LiOH \rightarrow Li_2OHX$

The synthesis for Li₂OHX is required only one grinding or ball-mill and calcination with low temperature (300~350°C) and a short time (30min~4h). Because the Li₂OHX materials are stable at room temperature unlike Li₃OX type, the materials are easy to handling and synthesis. Also, the pseudo-anti-perovskites have a self-stabilizing characteristic similar to Li₃OX. Figure 1.12 and 1.13 shows the results of cross-section SEM images and DC-cycling of Li₂OHCl/SEI/Li. As a results, the electrochemical stability versus Li is stable and the materials form stable SEI during cycling. However, Li₂OHX (X = Cl, Br) materials display low ionic conductivity at room temperature ($10^{-7} \sim 10^{-6}$ Scm⁻¹) because Li⁺ migration is interrupted by coulombic repulsion and steric hindrance from the H⁺ ion in the fixed O-H bonds of the hydroxide ion [56].

1-2-3-1. Crystal structure and lithium diffusion mechanism

The Li3OX anitperovskite materials were developed by replacing the electronegative anion element in the traditional perovskite system by the electropositive lithium metal, and continue the electronic inversion to $X^{-}O^{2-}Li^{+13}$, where monovalent anion (halogen), O^{2-} , and Li^{+} . Figure 1.7 shows the crystal structure of antiperovskite Li₃OX (X=Cl, Br) with cubic symmetry and space group pm3m [64]. OLi₆ octahedra share their corners with each other to form a three-dimensional framework (B-site) and the halogen anions occupy the 12-coordinated dodecahedral center A-site. Unlike usual solid electrolyte having substantial disorder and high vacancy concentration due to incomplete filling of particular crystallographic sites and thermodynamic effect [57, 64], The lithium-rich antiperovskite materials consist of highly ordered Li sublattices. Therefore, Li migration is mediated by defects including Li vacancy (Shockkey style) and interstitials (Frenkel style) [57]. Because

the main migration is separated with two factors, the activation energy for Li^+ migration is also different from the migration mechanism. The results of the calculated energy are that the Li migration into a vacancy is 340 meV and the migration of interstitial is 145 meV in Li₃OC1 crystal. As the result, the Li migration in Li₃OX crystal prefers the Frenkel migration than the shockkey style. Figure 1.9 shows lithium migration illustration by Frenkel migration. When a Li atom from an octahedron moves to an interstitial site leaving behind vacancy, the excess Li prefers to form a dumbbell configureuration with a Li of an octahedron. The center of the dumbbell resides at the octahedron corner of the displaced Li-ion. The stable orientations of the Li dumbbell are parallel to the cubic axes of the perovskite crystal [57].



- B site \rightarrow Li₆O (Oxygen in O_h)
- A site → halogen site (dodecahedral site)

Figure 1.8 Schematic illustration of structure of lithium rich anti-perovskites.

1. Shokkey migration: vacancy → vacancy (Li ion pathway)



2. Frenkel migration: interstitial \rightarrow interstitial



Figure 1.9 Schematic illustration of lithium diffusion mechanism in the structure of lithium rich anti-perovskites.



Figure 1.10 Schematic illustration of lithium diffusion mechanism of by Shockkey migration and Frenkel migration.



Figure 1.11 Schematic illustration of lithium diffusion mechanism of solid electrolyte.

1-2-3-2. Anodic stability of lithium-rich antiperovskites

One of the effective physical properties of lithium-rich antiperovskites is stable with lithium anode [65]. The stable electrochemical window of Li₃OCl is listed in Figure. 1.11. Compare with sulfide materials, the theoretical voltage window of the antiperovskites is in at stable anodic voltages from 0V to 3V versus Li/Li⁺. The theoretical calculation explains that the antiperovskite materials are almost not reacted with an anode such as graphite, Li₄Ti₅O₁₂, and Li metal. Figure 1.12 exhibits example data of DC-cycling of Li₃OCl (direct current-cycling) [66]. DC-cycling is a measurement for the investigation of correct electrochemical stability versus Li metal. The measurement is conducted as contacting between Li and solid electrolyte using the symmetric cell of Li/electrolyte/Li by applying a constant direct-current (DC) with periodically changed polarity [66, 67]. Compare with unstable LGPS, the antiperovskite material such as Li₂OHBr, Li₃OCl showed a stable voltage profile. Except for

initial cycling, the voltage changes which means reactivity with Li almost not occurs during the cycling. This means that the electrolyte has good electrochemical stability. In the case of voltage change during the initial cycle, Li₃OCl react with Li metal and form stable SEI via self-stabilizing feature such as Al₂O₃ formation on Al aluminum to protect the metals from oxidation. Because of this physical characteristic, lithium-rich antiperovskites can be promising candidates for ASSLB.



Figure 1.12 Calculated electrochemical stability window of the solid.



Figure 1.13 Example DC-cycling data of Li₃OCl.



Figure 1.14 SEM images of Li/Li₂OHCl/Li cell after 160 charge/discharge cycles.

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Chapter 2. General experimental

2-1. Physical characterization

2-1-1. X-ray diffraction (XRD)

X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) is an essential technique that uses the diffraction of Xrays on powder or microcrystalline samples for the study of crystal structures and those of volume. The most popular analysis method for structural changes by crystal structures and environments (atmosphere, temperature, etc.) of the powder samples. It is based on the constructive interference of a monochromatic X-ray and a crystalline sample. Therefore, it is possible to Figure out the shape of crystallines from the diffraction of a crystal in any direction, the structure of a material is also contained in the forward scattering. The inorganic powders were usually used as the sample for the diffraction analysis. The samples interacted with the incident X-ray beam as followed by Bragg's Law equation (Fig 2.1).

Bragg equation :
$$n\lambda = 2d_{hkl}\sin\theta_{hkl}$$
 (n=1, 2, 3 ...) (2.1)

Where λ is the frequency of the incident beam, d is d-spacing, θ is the diffraction angles when the samples interact with the incident beam, hkl is miller index. This law-related the wavelength of electromagnetic radiation to the diffraction angle and the lattice spacing in a crystalline powder. The difference in path length between reflections on neighboring planes is d_hkl sin θ _hkl. For example, the smaller the distance d-spacing, the larger the diffraction angle θ . When the wavelength λ increase, the diffraction angle θ increase. Because the difference of path length means the different interference between the diffraction wavelength, the angle is the main scale for determining the crystals. From the equations, the d-spacing can be calculated by considering Miller indices and unit cell parameters it was related to 7 types of crystal system. Figure 2.2 is the table of the crystal system and d-spacing [1, 2]. The crystals depend on three cell parameters (a, b, c) and three angles (α , β , γ). The crystals are different symmetries from the cubic crystal composed with three same parameter values and three 90 degrees angles to triclinic. According to the rotational symmetry, there are 14 different Bravais Lattices in which similar points can be arranged in a three-dimensional space not 28 cases by French crystallographer August Bravais in 1848. The 14 Bravais Lattices are combined with 32-point group symmetries and finally, give the 230 space groups. This powerful analysis can be applied to almost inorganic materials which have quite electronic density except for low periodic number such as Li due to its low electronic density.



Figure 2.1 Bragg reflection on a set of atomic planes.

Bravais	Parameters	Simple (P)	Volume	Base	Face
lattice		• F	centered (I)	centered (C)	centered (F)
Triclinic	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} \neq \alpha_{23} \neq \alpha_{31}$				
Monoclinic	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^\circ$ $\alpha_{12} \neq 90^\circ$				
Orthorhombic	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^\circ$				
Tetragonal	$a_1 = a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^{\circ}$				
Trigonal	$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} < 120^{\circ}$				
Cubic	$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^{\circ}$				
Hexagonal	$a_1 = a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = 120^\circ$ $\alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^\circ$				

Figure 2.2 Seven crystal system and 14 Bravais lattice.

2-1-2. Filed emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM)

FE-SEM is a Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope that operates with a highenergy electron beam in a scan pattern instead of a light source. These electrons are released by a field emission source in a field emission gun. These electron emitters can produce up to 1000x the emission of a tungsten filament with a high vacuum atmosphere to prevent unnecessary interaction between gas molecules and the electron beam. After the electrons beam exit the electron gun, a monochromatic beam uses metal apertures and magnetic lenses. And Finally, the detectors of each type of electrons are placed in the microscopes that collect signals to produce an image of the patterns [3]. The electrons from the primary beam spread out in the sample to form the interaction volume. The size of the interaction volume depends on the accelerating voltage value of the primary electron beam and the atomic number of the sample. The interaction volume increase with a larger accelerating voltage, but smaller for samples with a higher atomic number. Secondary electrons are produced from the surface of the sample or topmost part of the interaction volume and X-rays are generated within the whole of the interaction volume [4]. FE-SEM is used to visualized information of the local areas on the surface of chemicals. Also, the analysis can be combined with Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) for good elemental analysis such as elemental composition near the surface of the samples with atomic number (Z)>3. The combination can also visualize the element distribution in a sample by mapping which showing the concentration of one element over a selected area of images of the sample. SEM-EDS mapping analysis is an effective elemental mapping that showing how to concentrate one element varies over an area of images of material.

2-1-3. Laser Raman spectroscopy

Raman spectroscopy is a spectroscopic technique typically used to determine vibrational modes of molecules, although rotational and other low-frequency modes of systems may also be observed. Raman spectroscopy is commonly used in chemistry to provide a structural fingerprint by which molecules can be identified. The light source used in Raman spectroscopy is a laser. The laser light is used because it is a very intense beam of nearly monochromatic light that can interact with sample molecules. When the radiation is absorbed, a molecule jumps to a higher vibrational or rotational energy level. Raman spectroscopy relies upon the inelastic scattering of photons, known as Raman scattering. A source of monochromatic light, usually from a laser in the visible, near-infrared, or near ultraviolet range is used, although X-rays can also be used. The laser light interacts with molecular vibrations, phonons, or other excitations in the system, resulting in the energy of the laser photons being shifted up or down. The energy shift gives information about the vibrational modes in the system. Infrared spectroscopy typically yields similar, complementary,

information. That's why we can detect the structure of material using an excitation wavelength.

2-2. Electrochemical analysis

2-2-1. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS)

Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) is a powerful technique to measure the electrical impedance resistance of an electrode or a whole-cell system. The impedance of an electrochemical system is defined as the resistance when an AC voltage or current is applied over a range of frequencies. The current-voltage relationship of the impedance can be expressed as a followed equation.

$$Z(w) = \frac{V(t)}{I(t)} = \frac{V_m sin(wt)}{I_m sin(wt-\theta)} = Zexp(j\theta)$$
(2.2)

Where v(t) and I(t) are AC voltage and current, Z(w) is impedance, w is frequency (w=2 π f). The equation is derived by Euler's rule as below:

$$Z(w) = Z_{re} + iZ_{im} \tag{2.3}$$

Where Z_{re} and Z_{im} are the real and imaginary parts of the impedance in the Nyquist plot which is one of the methods for expressing impedance like Figure 2.3. From the obtained result, an equivalent circuit is deduced and is proved by the fitting procedure. The equivalent circuit gives the resistance component. For example, the real impedance value on the x-axis from the O to the initial value is mass transfer resistance considered as electrolyte resistance, the real value of the diameter of the semicircle is charge transfer resistance related to a surface area of an electrode, and the Warburg region which is the tail is Warburg impedance related with a lithium diffusion coefficient of active material.

In the case of the solid electrolyte, the way to interpret the equivalent circuit is different. Figure 8 shows a suitable example for an equivalent circuit of a solid electrolyte. The real value from 0 to the first semicircle means bulk resistance by a crystal structure and the insufficient contact between the particles of an active material and a solid electrolyte material. The second semicircle is the resistance by the grain boundary meaning a crack of solid electrolyte pellet. These factors are the main resistance by solid electrolytes. The ionic conductivity of the solid electrolyte is calculated by the below equation.

$$\sigma = \frac{l}{RA} = S/cm$$
(2.4)

Where l is thickness of a solid electrolyte pellet, R is the resistance, and A is the area of the pellet.

2-2-2. Cyclic voltammetry

Cyclic voltammetry is a typical technique that the current flow can be measured by controlling the potential of the working electrode. This method is a principle of observing the change of current while applying a voltage at a constant scan rate (mV/s). This electrochemical analysis provides much information such as the oxidation and reduction mechanism of a material, reversibility from the voltage gap of oxidation and reduction, and reactivity from the area of current x voltage [4-6]. The measurement can also calculate the diffusion coefficient of lithium ions diffused into an active material through a current change that varies with the scan rate [7, 8].

When the cyclic voltammetry is applied to solid electrolytes, its purpose is to evaluate the electrochemical stability of solid electrolyte [9, 10]. The configureuration of the cell for the cyclic voltammetry is mainly composed of symmetric Li/electrolyte/SUS or Cu (reference/working/counter electrodes) [9]. The stability of the solid electrolyte is evaluated by comparing the current change while the voltage is being scanned at a constant rate. This method is not accurate for comparing the degree of reaction of the solid electrolytes but is good at observing the reaction voltage of the electrolytes.

2-2-3. Direct current cycling (DC-cycling)

DC-cycling measurement is one of the galvanostatic measurements such as galvanostatic charge-discharge and galvanostatic intermittent titration technique. The simple electrochemical analysis is conducted by applying the constant current to a cell during charge and discharge with time cut off condition. Recently, this measurement has been used to evaluate the electrochemical stability of solid electrolyte materials (versus Li metal Li/SE/Li) [10]. Compare with cyclic voltammetry, DC-cycling is good for comparing electrochemical reactivity as well as the resistance of solid electrolytes. The example of DC-cycling is in Figure 1.12 [10]. When the solid electrolyte reacts with the lithium metal, the voltage of the

cell changes in an increasing direction. The reason for increasing voltage is the resistance by SEI formation. As followed by the simple ohm's law (V=IR), the voltage increases by some resistance factor when the constant current (mA/cm2) is applied. Because other conditions are the same, the resistance is considered by SEI formation between solid electrolyte and Li metal like Li/SEI/SE. Conversely, when the voltage is maintained at a constant value, the solid electrolyte material is considered stable with Li metal. The electrolyte may not react with Li metal or form the SEI at a very slow rate. In other cases, the solid electrolyte reacts with Li metal at initial cycles and formed stable SEI. Therefore, the voltage changes do not occur after the first few cycles. This analysis is simple but gives much information about the electrochemical stability of a material.

2-2-4. Galvanostatic charge-discharge measurements (CD)

During the galvanostatic cycling of batteries, the charge and discharge currents are often expressed as a C-rate which is a measure of the rate. A C-rate of 1 C means that the necessary current is applied or drained from the battery to completely charge or discharge it in 1 hour. Since the capacity is expressed in ampere per hour,

0. calculating the current necessary to charge or discharge a battery is straightforward.



Figure 2.3 (a) The Li⁺ diffusion mechanism of lithium ion batteries, (b) Nyquist plot of an

electrode, and (c) equivalent circuit from the Nyquist plot

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Chapter 3. Electrochemical performance of the mixed solid electrolyte (100-x)Li₃SIxLi₆PS₅Cl (x=0, 10, 20 and 30) for all solid state lithium batteries

3-1. Introduction

Battery technology for chemical energy storage, such as lead-acid batteries, nickel system batteries, and lithium-ion batteries (LiBs), is considered to be the most promising energy storage technologies in the industry. In particular, LiBs are preferred and used in many electronic devices due to its compactness, high energy and power density, and long cycle life[1]. However, the organic electrolyte in LiBs has a large side reaction with the electrode and there is a risk of fire due to external shock or heat[2]. Also, known non-aqueous electrolytes used in LiBs are thermodynamically unstable over a wide voltage window[3][4].To solve the shortcomings of such liquid electrolytes, solid electrolytes with higher electrochemical stability and high durability are attracting attention[5][6]. However, when we use solid electrolytes, compared to a liquid electrolyte is high, and cycle stability is low[5][6]. In addition, there is a problem of volume expansion due to the formation of a lithium dendrite due to chemical instability between the lithium metal and the solid electrolyte.[7][8].

To solve this problem, solid electrolytes of various materials have been developed, but it is not easy to apply them to all solid batteries due to problems with each material. These problems can also be found in representative solid electrolytic materials such as sulfide-based SE and oxide-based SE. Sulfide-based solid electrolytes have relatively high ionic conductivity but produce unstable and toxic H₂S gases in the atmosphere. Also, due to side reactions with lithium metal, dendrite composed of Li₂S and Li₃P is formed[9][10]. Oxidebased solid electrolytes are chemically stable in the atmosphere but have low ionic conductivity[10][11]. Accordingly, recent efforts have been made to synthesize mixed solid electrolytes and apply them to ASSLBs in order to reduce the disadvantages of each material and maximize the advantages[12][13][14][15][16][17][18]. For example, in Tatsumisago et al group, Li_3PS_4 and $LiBH_4$ were mixed to increase the stability with lithium metal and synthesized a solid electrolyte that improved lithium ion conductivity[12]. In the Xu et al group, $Li_7P_3S_{11}$ was doped with LiPO₄ to reduce side reactions between the cathode and the solid electrolyte and the lithium ion conductivity was improved[13].

Inspired by the above research, we are inspired by the experiment above to synthesize a mixed solid electrolyte. One of the materials we have chosen is anti-perovskite material. Li₃OCl is the most well-known anti-perovskite solid electrolyte. It has excellent stability with lithium metal and has superionic lithium-ion conductivity and low electrical conductivity. Besides, it has the advantage that the activation energy barrier required for ion transfer through three-dimensional conduction is low[19]. However, it decomposes into Li₂O and LiCl at operating temperature, and Li₂O has low ionic conductivity, which is not good for lithium diffusion[20]. Therefore, attention has been paid to substances that replace O in Li₃OCl with S[21]. We applied Li₃SI to the mixed solid electrolyte, which has a relatively lower tolerance coefficient t=0.81 than the ordered structure of Li₃OCl (t=0.85), which provides greater ionic mobility[22][23]. Li₃SI forms Anti-perovskite with a structure with BCC anion packing through the phase transition between Li₂S and LiI. Since the S²⁻ and I⁻ bcc anion packing of lithium sulfide is difficult to synthesize because of its low stability, a method of increasing the synthesis temperature has been proposed as a solution to this problem[21][22].

However, as a result of synthesis at various temperatures, the material synthesized at room temperature had the highest ionic conductivity, and the XRD results all showed the same pattern. We predicted these substances as anti-perovskite Li₃SI and conducted experiments. The other material for mixed solid electrolyte synthesis is the argyrodite material. Argyrodites are a type of chalcogenide structure s containing fast cation Ag^+ or Cu^+ in the form of Ag_6PS_5X or $Cu_6PS_5X[24][25][26][27][28][29]$. Recently, Deiseroth et al synthesized Li + argyrodite by converting Cu or Ag cation to lithium. The synthesized Li + argyrodite has a very high ionic conductivity[30]. Li₆PS₅X (X = Cl, Br, I) is an argyrodite structure in which Li is removed from Li₇PS₆ and S is replaced by an additional element, with a very high ionic conductivity at room temperature(10^{-2} ~ 10^{-3} S/cm) due to the soft lattice shape[9][31]. As shown on the structure of Li₆PS₅X, four of the 136 tetrahedral holes formed by P and S atoms in the unit cell are structures in which the PS₄ tetrahedron does not share a common S atom, and the remaining 132 tetrahedral holes are partially occupied disorderly by Li⁺. Due to this disorder, the movement of lithium becomes smooth and, accordingly, high lithium-ion conductivity[30][32]. But, Li₆PS₅I has a structure aligned with the large ionic radius of iodine, so it has low ionic conductivity, and Li₆PS₅Cl containing the smallest halogen element has the highest ionic conductivity[33].

However, despite the very high ionic conductivity of Li₆PS₅Cl, side reactions occur frequently at the interface between the electrode and the electrolyte, and it is particularly unstable when Li metal is used as an anode. Due to this effect, the cycle stability of the battery and capacity decreases[34][35][36][37].

The synthesis of a solid electrolyte of $(100-x)Li_3SI-xLi_6PS_5Cl(x = 0, 10, 20, and 30)$ resulted in better solid electrolyte performance than when Li_3SI and Li_6PS_5Cl were each single electrolyte. The mixed $(100-x)Li_3SI-xLi_6PS_5Cl(x = 0, 10, 20, and 30)$ solid electrolyte improved the stability of lithium metal compared to Li_3SI and Li_6PS_5Cl electrolytes, and improved battery capacity and cycle stability when applied to ASSLBs.

3-2. Experimental

Argyrodite Li₆PS₅Cl mixes Li₂S(99.98%, Sigma-Aldrich), P₂S₅(99%,Sigma-Aldrich), and LiCl(\geq 99.98%, Sigma-Aldrich) stoichiometrically at 5:1:2 in a glove box in an Ar atmosphere. The well-mixed sample is synthesized by a mechanical dry milling process with 10mm ZrO₂ balls (79g) at 400 rpm for 15 hours. The synthesized Li₆PS₅Cl was crystallized by sintering at 550 °C (heating rate: 2 °C/min) for 10 hours at Ar atmosphere. Anti-perovskite Li₃SI is synthesized by a mechanical dry milling process with 10mm ZrO₂ balls (79g) at 400rpm for 24 hours after mixing Li₂S(99.98%, Sigma-Aldrich) and LiI(99% \geq , Sigma-Aldrich) stoichiometrically at 1:1 in a glove box in an Ar environment. The synthesized Li₆PS₅Cl and Li₃SI were mixed well in a glove box in an Ar atmosphere according to their respective molar ratios and then performed to a mechanical dry milling process with 10mm ZrO₂ balls (79g) at 400rpm for 12 hours.

XRD (X-Ray Diffraction) measurements were performed by applying Cu-K α radiation (λ = 1.54 18Å) using an X-ray diffractometer (Rigaku-Ultima (IV)). At a step size of 0.01s⁻¹, the crystallinity of the powder was measured in the 2 θ range of 10 to 80 °. Field emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM) images were measured using JEOL, JSM-7610F with an accelerating voltage of 15 kV to confirm the elemental distribution in solid electrolyte samples.

To measure the ionic conductivity and calculate the activation energy of the electrolyte, electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) analysis was performed in the frequency range of 7 MHz to 1 Hz with an amplitude of 50 mV using an SP-300 analyzer. The measurements were made using In/SE/In symmetric cells. For this measurement, 0.25 g (thickness: 2 mm) solid electrolyte was compressed at 300 bar using a 10 mm diameter mold. The indium foils used for the EIS measurement were 50um thick foil made by Nilaco. Cyclic voltammetry was measured with SUS(stainless steel)/SE/Li cells of solid electrolyte with a scan rate of 1 mV/s in a voltage window of -0.5 V to 5 V at room temperature using WonATech. Electrolyte pellets were compressed at 300 bar to make pellets, then lithium foil and SUS plates were placed on both sides of the pellets and compressed together at 30 bar. DC-cycling was measured by applying a constant direct current of 1.0 mAcm⁻² to a Li/SE/Li symmetric cell for 100 hours at room temperature using WonATech. Cathode composite was made by mixing Li(Ni_{0.8}Co_{0.1}Mn_{0.1})O₂ called NCM811 and Li₆PS₅Cl solid electrolyte, Super P in a ratio of 70:28:2. To make cathode composite uniform, the 300 bar compression and the grinding process were repeated 3 times. As the anode, Li-In alloy was used to prevent instability between lithium metal and solid electrolyte. Li-In alloy was made by mixing lithium and indium powders for 3 times using mixer in a ratio of Li:In=1:2.0.2g solid electrolyte was compressed at 300bar using a 16mm diameter mold, and a positive electrode mixture and Li-In alloy were added to each side of the solid electrolyte and then compressed again to 300bar to produce a cell. Li-In alloy/SE/Li(Ni_{0.8}Co_{0.1}Mn_{0.1})O₂cells were performed to charge galvanostatic cycle measurements in the range of 2.00 to 3.80V at a current density

of 0.1C (23.8 mA / g) using WonATech.

3-3. Results and discussion

3-3-1. Characterization

Figure.1 shows the XRD diffraction patterns of solid electrolyte (100-x)Li₃SI-xLi₆PS₅Cl mixed through a ball-mill process. As the mixing ratio of Li₆PS₅Cl increases, the XRD diffraction patterns appear amorphous. This reason can be seen in figure.2 After going through the ball-mill process in the synthesis process, the Li₆PS₅Cl samples crystallized through the annealing process are mixed with Li₃SI and molar ratio and then go through the ball-mill process again. In this process, Li₆PS₅Cl is not completely formed, leaving unconsumed Li₂S. Accordingly, it is shown that as the amount of Li₆PS₅Cl increases, the intensity of the XRD diffraction peak of Li₂S increases at 27° and the intensity of the main diffraction peak of Li₃SI decreases at 26°. The main diffraction patterns of Li₃SI at 25°, 26°, 29°, 42°, 44°, 50°, and 52° indicate anti-perovskite structure. Li₆PS₅Cl exhibits major XRD diffraction patterns at 15°, 17°, 25°, 29°, 31°, 39°, 45°, 47°, and 52° indicating an argyrodite structure[36]. The diffraction pattern of 90Li₃SI-10Li₆PS₅Cl shows that the main peak intensity of Li₃SI decreases at 25°, and the diffraction patterns of Li₆PS₅Cl are not confirmed. However, XRD of 80Li₃SI-20Li₆PS₅Cl, the diffraction pattern of Li₆PS₅Cl indicate at 15°, 30°, and 44°, and the diffraction pattern of Li₂S not consumed at 26° is shown. The XRD of 70Li₃SI-30Li₆PS₅Cl shows the main diffraction patterns of Li₆PS₅Cl at 15°, 28°, 30°, 44°, and 52°. Besides, the intensity of the diffraction pattern of Li₂S that was not consumed is also increased. As the mixing ratio of Li₆PS₅Cl increases, the diffraction pattern of Li₆PS₅Cl increases in the diffraction pattern of the mixed solid electrolyte, confirming that mixing is well performed. Besides, the peak intensity of the Li2S diffraction pattern that is not consumed to form Li₆PS₅Cl tends to increase. As unconsumed Li₂S increases, SEI layers of Li₂S and Li₂S₂ are formed on the lithium metal, causing a side reaction that changes the characteristics of the electrode[38]. For this reason, it is shown in figure.4 that when the mixing ratio of Li₆PS₅Cl exceeds 30, the width of the increase in ion conductivity decreases. Also, in figure.8, it can be seen that the performance of the ASSLB battery is also reduced at



Figure. 3.1. XRD for (100-x)Li₃SI -xLi₆PS₅Cl (x = 0, 10, 20, and 30).



Figure. 3.2. XRD comparison of Li₆PS₅Cl and Li₆PS₅Cl-ballmill process after annealing.

SEM measurements were performed to observe the morphology of the mixed solid electrolyte (100-x)Li₃SI-xLi₆PS₅Cl. Figure.3 shows SEM images of mixed solid electrolytes. Li₃SI synthesized by mechanical milling method has a non-uniform particle size of 1um<,<10um. Li₆PS₅Cl has a more non-uniform particle size and has a size of 1um<,<20um. The mixed solid electrolytes have similarly very non-uniform particle size, and as Li₆PS₅Cl is added, agglomeration is observed. These results are similar to the phenomenon of changing to the amorphous diffraction pattern seen in XRD. We believe that this phenomenon is caused by Li₂S, which is not consumed, and Li₆PS₅Cl, which is formed amorphous by it.



Figure. 3.3. SEM image for Li₃SI, 10Li₃SI -90Li₆PS₅Cl, 20Li₃SI -80Li₆PS₅Cl, 30Li₃SI-70Li₆PS₅Cl, and Li₆PS₅Cl.

3-3-1. Electrochemical measurements

Figure.4(a) shows the Nyquist plot of Li3SI and mixed solid electrolytes. The equivalent circuit in Figure.4(a) means bulk resistance (R1), grain boundary resistance of the electrolyte (R2), solid electrolyte/indium interface resistance (R3) and Warburg impedance (W)[39][40]. The ionic conductivity of Li₃SI was 6.12×10^{-5} S/cm⁻¹ at room temperature. Solid electrolytes mixed with Li₆PS₅Cl (3.85x10⁻³S/cm⁻¹)[30][32] and Li₃SI. The semicircle in Nyquist plots is

due to charge transfer(R1) and grain boundary resistance(R2)[41]. The significant improvement in battery performance, as shown in figure.8, is due to the improved ionic conductivity of these solid electrolytes. The size of the semicircle decreases as the x value increases, which means that the resistance in ion transport decreases and the ionic conductivity increases. The ionic conductivity of $(100-x)Li_3SI-xLi_6PS_5Cl$ is $1.19x10^{-4}S/cm^{-1}(x=10)$, $5.84x10^{-4}S/cm^{-1}(x=20)$, $6.60 \times 10^{-4}S/cm^{-1}(x=30)$ at room temperature and the ionic conductivity increases as the ratio of Li_6PS_5Cl increases. The activation energy of $(100-x)Li_3SI-xLi_6PS_5Cl$ (x=0, 10 20, and 30) for Li+ ion conduction at the interface was analyzed using the measured ionic conductivity results in the temperature range of 25 °C to 100 °C. The activation energy can be calculated through Arrhenius equation $\sigma T = A \exp(-E_a/kT)$ in Figure. 5. The activation energy was calculated using the following equations (1) to (3) and the slope of the graph. The calculated values ranged from 0.29 eV to 0.34 eV, and were very similar to the calculated values of 0.27ev of Li_3SI[23] and 0.33 to 0.35ev of Li_6PS_5Cl[42].



Figure. 3.4. Impedance profiles of (a) Nyquist plot of In | Li₆PS₅Cl | In symmetric cell and(b) Arrhenius plots of the (100-x)Li₃SI-x Li₆PS₅Cl.

To evaluate the stability of the electrolytes for lithium metal, a CV curve was measured by applying 1mV/S in a potential range of -0.5 to 5V. CV curves of cells composed of stainless steel/(100-x)Li₃SI-xLi₆PS₅Cl/Li are shown on Figure.5 Lithium deposition (Li⁺ + e⁻ \rightarrow Li) occurs at a cathodic current near 0V, and dissolution (Li \rightarrow Li⁺ + e⁻) occurs at anodic current. Except for 70Li₃SI-30Li₆PS₅Cl, all electrolytes showed stable curves without electrolyte decomposition at -0.5 to 5V vs Li/Li⁺, showing stability against lithium metal with an electrochemical window of 5V or higher. In the CV curve of 70Li₃SI-30Li₆PS₅Cl, a side reaction curve occurring at a potential in the range of -0.5 to 0V appears. This is because it contains more unconsumed Li₂S than other mixed electrolytes, so many side reaction species are generated at the interface between Li metal and solid electrolyte[43]. For this reason, the ionic conductivity of 70Li₃SI-30Li6PS₅Cl is higher than that of other electrolytes, but we think that is the reason why the battery performance is lower than that of 80Li3SI-20Li₆PS₅Cl(Figure. 8).



Figure. 3.5. Cyclic-voltammetry curve of (100-x)Li₃SI-x Li₆PS₅Cl materials.

To confirm the stability between the lithium metal and the electrolyte, a DC-cycling test for 100 hours was performed by applying a current of 0.5 mA/cm2 to a Li/(100-x)Li₃SIxLi₆PS₅Cl/Li symmetric cell. As shown on figure.6, Li₃SI shows a very stable cycle for 100 hours. This result means that it is very stable electrochemically and that lithium deposition in reaction with lithium occurs without any side reaction. The (100-x)Li₃SI-xLi₆PS₅Cl mixed solid electrolytes maintain a high voltage profile compared to Li₃SI, so their stability is slightly lower than that of Li₃SI, but exhibits a stable cycle except for noise indicated during the initial cycle measurement. 10Li₃SI-90Li₆PS₅Cl shows noise during the measurement process until the initial 15th cycle, but in subsequent cycles, it shows a stable cycle without any side reaction, and 20Li₃SI-80Li₆PS₅Cl also maintains a constant voltage profile after the 30th cycle and shows a stable cycle. Among the mixed electrolytes, 20Li₃SI-80Li₆PS₅Cl shows the most stable lithium deposition with lithium metal, showing the best ASSLB battery performance as shown in figure.8. 30Li₃SI-70Li₆PS₅Cl shows a relatively stable cycle except that over-potential occurs due to side reactions at the 15th, 27th, 48th, and 77-82th cycles as the ratio of Li₆PS₅Cl increases[44].



Figure. 3.6. DC cycling of (100-x)Li₃SI-x Li₆PS₅Cl materials.

Impedance spectra were performed to measure the resistance of Li-In/(100-x)Li₃SIxLi₆PS₅Cl/Li(Ni_{0.8}Co_{0.1}Mn_{0.1})O₂ composite ASSLB cells. Matches the equivalent circuit shown on figure.7 of the Nyquist plot, and R1: bulk resistance, R2: intergranular resistance, R3: positive/SE resistance, R4: negative/SE resistance[40][45]. As shown on figure.7, the first semicircle R3 is the resistance between Li-In/SE, and the second semicircle R4 is the resistance between cathode complex/SE[46]. The magnitude of the total resistance tends to decrease as Li₆PS₅Cl is added, which is mostly consistent with the results in figure4. However, the size of the R3 resistance semicircles of 80Li₃SI-20 Li₆PS₅Cl and 70Li3SI-30Li6PS5Cl is 184 Ω and 158 Ω , respectively, showing very little difference. As shown on figure.1 XRD diffraction patterns, the amount of Li₂S that was not consumed increases as the mixing ratio of Li₆PS₅Cl R3 resistance is largely due to the increase of side reactions with lithium at the anode. The 70Li₃SI-30Li₆PS₅Cl has a higher ionic conductivity than 80Li₃SI-20Li₆PS₅Cl, however, as the interfacial resistance between Li-In and the solid electrolyte increases, the Li deposition/dissolution is tricky, which degrades battery performance.



Figure. 3.7. Impedance profiles of Nyquist plot of Li-In alloy | (100-x)Li₃SI-xLi₆PS₅Cl

| Li(Ni_{0.8}Co_{0.1}Mn_{0.1})O₂ ASSLB cells.

Figure.8 shows the initial charge and discharge capacity of Li-In/(100-x)Li₃SIxLi₆PS₅Cl/Li(Ni_{0.8}Co_{0.1}Mn_{0.1})O₂ composite ASSLB. Each full solid battery has an initial charge capacity of 141 (x = 0), 205 (x = 10), 233 (x = 20), 217 (x = 30), 237 (x = 100). The initial discharge capacity is 86 (x = 0), 144 (x = 10), 165 (x = 20), 153 (x = 30), 157 (x = 100) mAh/g. As shown on figure.4 and figure.7, battery performance is significantly improved compared to the case of using Li₃SI single solid electrolyte due to the improvement of ionic conductivity through mixing. In addition, the mixed solid electrolyte shows better performance by reducing the problem of contact resistance with the lithium metal that occurs in the Li₆PS₅Cl single solid electrolyte[44]. 80Li₃SI-20Li₆PS₅Cl mixed solid electrolyte has lower ionic conductivity than Li₆PS₅Cl, 70Li₃SI-30Li₆PS₅Cl, but 80Li₃SI-20Li₆PS₅Cl improves stability against lithium metal, providing excellent all-solid battery performance. This is consistent with the result of the side reaction of 70Li₃SI-30Li₆PS₅Cl to lithium metal shown in the CV curve of figure.5. Figure.9 (a), (b), and (c) show the battery cycle performance of ASSLBs up to 30 cycles. Figure.9(a) shows the discharge capacity up to 30 times, and each discharge capacity at 30 times is 59 (x = 0), 113 (x = 10), 132 (x = 20), 122 (x = 30), and 99 (x = 100). Besides, in the cycle holding graph in figure.9(b), the cycle stability of the mixed solid electrolyte is better than that of the single solid electrolyte. It can be seen that not only the internal resistance decreased due to the improvement of ionic conductivity through the mixing of the solid electrolyte, but also the performance of the entire solid-state battery was improved due to the increased stability with lithium metal. Compared to the whole solid battery composed of Li₃SI and Li₆PS₅Cl single electrolyte, the battery composed of mixed solid electrolyte (100-x) Li₃SI-xLi₆PS₅Cl can be seen to maintain better discharge capacity after 30 cycles, especially best with 80Li₃SI-20Li₆PS₅Cl. You can check that the discharge capacity is maintained. This proves that 80Li₃SI-20Li₆PS₅Cl is the most optimal mixing ratio with improved ionic conductivity than Li₃SI and improved stability to lithium metal than Li₆PS₅Cl. Figure.9(c) shows a graph of Coulomb efficiency for up to 30 cycles. All initial coulombic efficiencies are low due to the initial resistance between electrode and electrolyte[47][48]. Not only single electrolytes but also mixed solid electrolytes exhibit excellent coulombic efficiency.



Figure. 3.8. Initial cycle curve of Li-In alloy | (100-x)Li₃SI-xLi₆PS₅Cl | Li(Ni_{0.8}Co_{0.1}Mn_{0.1}) O₂ASSLB.



Figure. 3.9. (a) Cycle performance, (b) capacity retention, and (c) Coulombic efficiency of Li-In alloy | (100-x)Li₃SI-xLi₆PS₅Cl | Li(Ni_{0.8}Co_{0.1}Mn_{0.1})O₂ASSLB.

4. Conclusions

After each of the Li₃SI and Li₆PS₅Cl, solid electrolytes were prepared, a (100-x)Li₃SI xLi_6PS_5Cl (x= 0, 10, 20, and 30) having the stability of Li_3SI with lithium metal and the high ionic conductivity of Li₆PS₅Cl was prepared through a mechanical ball mill process. As the x value increased, it was confirmed that the amorphous argyrodite peak before annealing appeared in the XRD pattern and that the Li₃SI peak gradually increased. When argyrodite is gradually added, the ionic conductivity increases, and especially when x=30, it has a relatively high ion conductivity of 6.60x10⁻⁴S/cm. However, when x=30, noise can be checked below 0V, as can be seen in CV measurement. In the DC-Cycling test conducted to evaluate compatibility and stability with lithium metal, some noise was generated, but it was confirmed that the cycle proceeded stably for 100 hours at a high current density of 1mA/cm2.In addition, ion conductivity increased due to the addition of argyrodite, resulting in ASSLBs(Li-In/(100-x) Li₃SI -xLi₆PS₅Cl (x = 0, 10, 20, and 30)/Li(Ni_{0.8}Co_{0.1}Mn_{0.1})O₂ composites) show excellent performance, especially, in 80Li₃SI -20Li₆PS₅Cl with the highest capacity (165mAh/g) and the best cycle stability. This result confirms that the ASSLB cell using 80Li₃SI -20Li₆PS₅Cl shows better battery performance than the ASSLB cell using argyrodite single solid electrolyte. Therefore, it was confirmed that mixing a certain amount of Li₆PS₅Cl and Li₃SI helps improve battery performance while maintaining stability with Li metal.

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Chapter 5. Summary

We studied a solid electrolyte mixed with anti-perovskite Li₃SI and argyrodite Li₆PS₅Cl to increase battery performance by improving the ionic conductivity of solid electrolytes and stability against lithium metal.

The mixed solid electrolyte we studied is (100-x)Li₃SI-xLi₆PS₅Cl, which is mixed with antiperovskite Li₃SI and argyrodite Li₆PS₅Cl in a certain molar ratio. These mixed solid electrolytes were synthesized and mixed through a mechanical ball mill process. As shown on the mixed XRD pattern, it was confirmed that as x increased, the intensity of the main peak of L Li₃SI decreased and the intensity of the main peak of Li₆PS₅Cl (before annealing) increased. This is because Li₆PS₅Cl, which has undergone a crystallization process through annealing, becomes amorphous again during the mixing process through a mechanical ball mill process, and a peak of Li6PS5Cl (before annealing) appears. As a result of electrochemical experiments, it was confirmed that Li₆PS₅Cl has high ionic conductivity (3.85x10⁻³S/cm), so the ionic conductivity increases as it is added. However, since Li₆PS₅Cl has poor stability against lithium metal, it was confirmed that noise occurs below 0V of CV measurement when x=30. Based on these data, we predicted that the best battery performance when x=20, which has relatively high ionic conductivity and no problem in terms of stability against lithium metal, manufactured ASSLB and conducted a cycle test. ASSLB is manufactured in the form of Li-In alloy | (100-x)Li₃SI-xLi₆PS₅Cl | Li (Ni_{0.8}Co_{0.1}Mn_{0.1})O₂. The results of the ASSLB cycle test resulted in results that match what we expected. It was confirmed that it has the best cycle stability and discharge capacity (165mAh/g) when x=20. Therefore, when a certain amount of Li₆PS₅Cl is added to Li₃SI, synergistic effects of high ionic conductivity, which is the advantage of Li₆PS₅Cl, and stability with lithium metal, which is an advantage of anti-perovskite, can be obtained. The (100-x)Li₃SI-xLi₆PS₅Cl electrolytes that mixes the two materials improves the electrochemical performance, and 80 Li₃SI -20Li₆PS₅Cl in particular could be a promising candidate as a solid electrolyte for ASSLB.