

Synthesis and Electrochemical properties of $\text{Li}[(\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{0.5})_{1-x}\text{Co}_x]\text{O}_2$ cathode materials prepared by ultrasonic spray pyrolysis

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The layered lithium metal oxides, LiMO_2 ($M=\text{Co}, \text{Ni}, \text{Mn}$) and the LiMn_2O_4 are most widely studied 4 V class cathode materials for lithium secondary batteries with high energy density. The LiCoO_2 has been commercialized but has still some problems, such as its high cost, moderate, and toxicity. LiNiO_2 and LiMnO_2 also have been extensively studied as possible alternatives to LiCoO_2 . In this work, the layered $\text{Li}[(\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{0.5})_{1-x}\text{Co}_x]\text{O}_2$ powders have been synthesized by ultrasonic spray pyrolysis method. $\text{Li}[(\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{0.5})_{1-x}\text{Co}_x]\text{O}_2$ powders were characterized by means of X-ray diffraction, Rietveld refinements, charge/discharge cycling, and cyclic voltammetry. The prepared powders has a hexagonal $\alpha\text{-NaFeO}_2$ structure and delivered a specific discharge capacity of 170 mAh g^{-1} in the voltage range of 2.8 - 4.4 V.