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Abstract

The synthesis of NMCCO3 precursors for lithium and manganese rich materials was carried out via the coprecipitation method. Co-precipitation method is a widely used process in various applications to carry down by precipitate of substances normally soluble under the conditions employed. For this study, carbonate coprecipitation was used to synthesize our materials using the continuous stirred tank reactor (CSTR). The advantage of using carbonate co-precipitation is that most of the transition metal cations remains in the divalent oxidation state. The intensions of this study were to investigate the electrochemical properties for Mn-rich NMC's. After the synthesis of NMCCO3 precursors, tap density was measured, morphology, particle size distribution and XRD's were determined. A particle size distribution of 9.7 µm was observed, while the morphology shows secondary particles of the material. This findings implies that layered Mn rich LiNMCO2 is so far a good material for cathodes in lithium ion batteries.

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