Synthesis and electrochemical characterizations of Li doped Mn and Ni based layered oxides as stable cathode materials for Na-ion batteries

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Layered transition-metal oxides have attracted increasing interest as cathode materials for sodiumion batteries for their large specific capacity and high operating potential. However, they suffer of irreversible phase transitions that may lead to a poor cyclic stability. Here we report the synthesis and the electrochemical characterization of P2 type, Li doped, manganese and nickel based layered oxides. The materials have been synthetized through a solid-state route and calcined at 900°C. Galvanostatic cycling performed in the 1.5-4.5V voltage range reveals an extraordinary cycling stability for material with composition Na0.90Li0,1Ni0,27Mn0,63O2. The oxygen redox activity in the high potential range has been monitored through XPS analysis and cyclic voltammetry.

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