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Abstract

This paper reports the synthesis, characterization, and electrochemical performance of nickelcobalt hydroxide nanosheets. The hydroxide nanosheets of approximately 0.7 nm thickness were prepared by delamination of layered nickel-cobalt hydroxide lactate in water and formed transparent colloids that were stable for months. The nanosheets were deposited on highly oriented pyrolytic graphite by spin coating, and their electrochemical behavior was investigated by cyclic voltammetry in potassium hydroxide electrolyte. Our method of electrode preparation allows for studying the electrochemistry of nanosheets where the majority of the active centers can participate in the charge transfer reaction. The observed electrochemical response was ascribed to mutual compensation of the cobalt and nickel response *via* electron sharing between these metals in the hydroxide nanosheets, a process that Download English Version:

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