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Recent developments on layered 3d-transition metal oxide cathode materials for sodium-ion batteries

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Abstract

Sodium-ion batteries (SIBs) are now intensively developed as a cost-effective technology alternative to lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) for large-scale energy storage because of their various advantages such as huge abundance of sodium resources, highly safe and significantly low cost. Among many other cathode materials, layered 3d-transition metal oxides (LTMO- $\text{Na}(\text{sub})x\text{MO}(\text{sub})2$, $x = 1$ and $M = \text{Co, Ni, Mn, Cr, Cu, Fe}$ and V) have gained an enormous interest and attractive attention among researchers because of their low-cost, high energy density and ease of synthesis. In addition, LTMOs offer higher reversible capacities because of relatively lower molecular weights; however, complex phase transformations limit their cycling life. Based on the previous research, it was examined that the crystalline phase of LTMO highly influences the electrochemical performance of SIBs; therefore, this review mainly focuses on the latest advances of various crystalline phases such as P2-type, P3-type, O3-type and biphas/multiphase materials and its strength as well as future prospects and challenges.