CHARGE DISCHARGE STUDIES OF LiNi_{1-x}Co_xFe_yO₂ CATHODE MATERIALS

a.

•

NUR FATIN FARHANAH BINTI NAZARUDIN

Final Year Project Report Submitted in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Hons.) Industrial Physics in the Faculty of Applied Science Universiti Teknologi MARA

JULY 2012

This Final Year Project entitled "Charge Discharge Studies of $\text{LiNi}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{Fe}_y\text{O}_2$ Cathode Materials" was submitted by Nur Fatin Farhanah Binti Nazarudin, in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Hons.) Industrial Physics, in the Faculty of Applied Sciences, and was approved by

2.1.

Prof. Dr. Norlida Binti Kamarulzaman Supervisor B. Sc. (Hons) Physics Faculty of Applied Sciences Universiti Teknologi MARA 40450 Shah Alam Selangor

Prof. Madya Mc Yusof Theeran Project Coordinator B. Sc. (Hons) Physics Faculty of Applied Sciences Universiti Teknologi MARA 40450 Shah Alam Selangor

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd. Salleh Mohd. Deni Chairman School of Physics and Materials Faculty of Applied Sciences Universiti Teknologi MARA 40450 Shah Alam Selangor

Date: 2 3 JUL 2012

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Firstly, I would like to thank Allah for his guidance in the completion of this work. I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to my supervisor, Prof. Dr. Norlida Binti Kamarulzaman for guiding and advising me throughout this work. Profuse thanks to her for being patient and understanding. Without her criticism, comments, timely aid and intervention this may not have materialized.

Also, I would like to thank my co supervisor, Miss Nurul Atikah Bt Mohd Mokhtar for sacrificing her time and energy helping me. Thank you for guiding me, gives suggestions and ideas for my report. Besides, I would like to share my gratitude with my beloved parents and family for encouraging me and never fail to support me.

Lastly, I would like to thank my friends for always being supportive and helping me in achieving my goal.

Nur Fatin Farhanah Binti Nazarudin

TABLE OF CONTENTS

. .

		Page
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TABLE OF CONTENTS LIST OF TABLES LIST OF FIGURES LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS ABSTRACT ABSTRAK		iii iv vi vii ix x xi
CHA	APTER 1 INTRODUCTION	
1.1	Background of Study	1
1.2	· ·	2
1.3	Significance of Study	2 3 3
1.4	Objectives of Study	3
	APTER 2 LITERATURE REVIEW	
2.1		4
2.2	Why use Fe?	6
	APTER 3 METHODOLOGY	
3.1	1 1	8
3.2		8
3.3		8
	3.3.1 Cathode Fabrication	8
	3.3.2 Cell Assemble	9
	3.3.3 Cell Testing	10
CHA	APTER 4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION	
4.1	Charging Discharging Mechanisms in the	12
	Cathode Materials	
4.2	Discharging Analysis	15
4.3	Effects of Stoichiometry	20

ABSTRACT

Three active materials are used for the fabrication of Li-ion cells. They are; $LiNi_{0.8}Co_{0.1}Fe_{0.1}O_2$, $LiNi_{0.7}Co_{0.2}Fe_{0.1}O_2$, and $LiNi_{0.6}Co_{0.3}Fe_{0.1}O_2$ using a mix and cast technique. The fabricated cathode was assembled in a coin cell configuration and all this was done in an Ar filled glove box. The anode used was lithium foil and the electrolyte used was 1M LiPF₆ in EC/DMC (1/1 V/V). The separator used was microporous polypropylene film. The cell was tested using an automated battery cycler. The electrochemical charge discharge cycling was done by using a constant current of 1.0mA (charge-discharge) within a voltage range of 4.3V to 3.0V. Results show charge-discharge time for the three cathode materials from the first cycle to third cycle differs for different stoichiometries.