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AN ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESS FOR PRODUCING NANOPARTICLES OF CUPRATE HYDROXYCHLORIDES

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Abstract (en)

The present invention relates to an electrochemical process for producing nanoparticles of mixed copper hydroxide-chloride compounds responding to the chemical formula  $M_{x}Cu_{4-x}(OH)_{y}Cl_{z}$  wherein M is one or more metal cations from the group comprising a divalent earth alkali metal cation, a divalent transition metal cation or a trivalent transition metal cation, and wherein  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $5.5 \leq y \leq 6.5$  and  $1.5 \leq z \leq 3$ , the method comprising the steps of (1) supplying to a cathode compartment of an electrochemical cell, wherein the cathode compartment comprises a catholyte and is equipped with a cathode comprising a gas diffusion electrode with a porous electrochemically active material, a liquid water based mixture containing dissolved therein  $Cl^{+}$  ions, at least one precursor salt containing the one or more metal cations M, and at least one  $Cu^{2+}$  precursor salt, wherein the ratio of the concentration of  $Cu^{2+}$  to M is smaller than 10:1, (2) adjusting the pH of the reaction mixture to a value between 2.0 and 6.0, (3) supplying an  $O_2$  containing oxidant gas to the gas diffusion electrode, (4) subjecting the cathode to an electrochemical potential which is below the thermodynamic limit of  $O_2$  reduction at the pH of the reaction mixture, (5) applying a potential to the gas diffusion electrode to cause reduction of the  $O_2$  contained in the oxidant gas to one or more of the corresponding peroxide,  $OH^{+}$ , ionic and/or radical reactive O containing species, and isolating nanoparticles of  $M_xCu_{4-x}(OH)_yCl_z$ .

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