Electrochemical Properties of Aluminum-Graphene Composite Anodes

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Properties of several aluminum-graphene composites obtained by three different methods are investigated by Raman spectroscopy, SEM and electrochemical techniques. A two-phase synthesis method under halide melt above the melting point of aluminum yielded the most uniform distribution of graphene flakes in the metal matrix. It is shown that anodic polarization of the Al-graphene composites is different from pure aluminum and dramatically depends on the method of composite synthesis. Composites with uniform distribution of graphene flakes possessing improved electrochemical properties can be considered as perspective anode materials for an aluminum-air battery.

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