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Hydrothermal synthesis and characterization of Sm₂O₃ thin films for supercapacitor application

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Description [en] Samarium oxide (Sm₂O₃) thin films were synthesized by simple and inexpensive hydrothermal method and used for super capacitive application. The synthesized thin films were characterized by X-ray diffraction, field emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM), contact angle (CA) and electrochemical analysis. The X-ray diffraction analysis shows the formation of Sm₂O₃ with cubic crystal structure. FE-SEM image of Sm₂O₃ film shows the elongated groundnuts-like porous surface morphology. The Sm₂O₃ film shows hydrophilic nature with a contact angle of 28.6. The Sm₂O₃ film exhibits specific capacitance value of 113.33 Fg⁻¹ at 5 mVs⁻¹ scan rate and galvanostatic charge discharge study demonstrated energy density (15.74) Wh. kg⁻¹ and power density (1.5 kW. kg⁻¹).(author)

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