



# Development of cross-linked polymer electrolytes for lithium batteries: an overview

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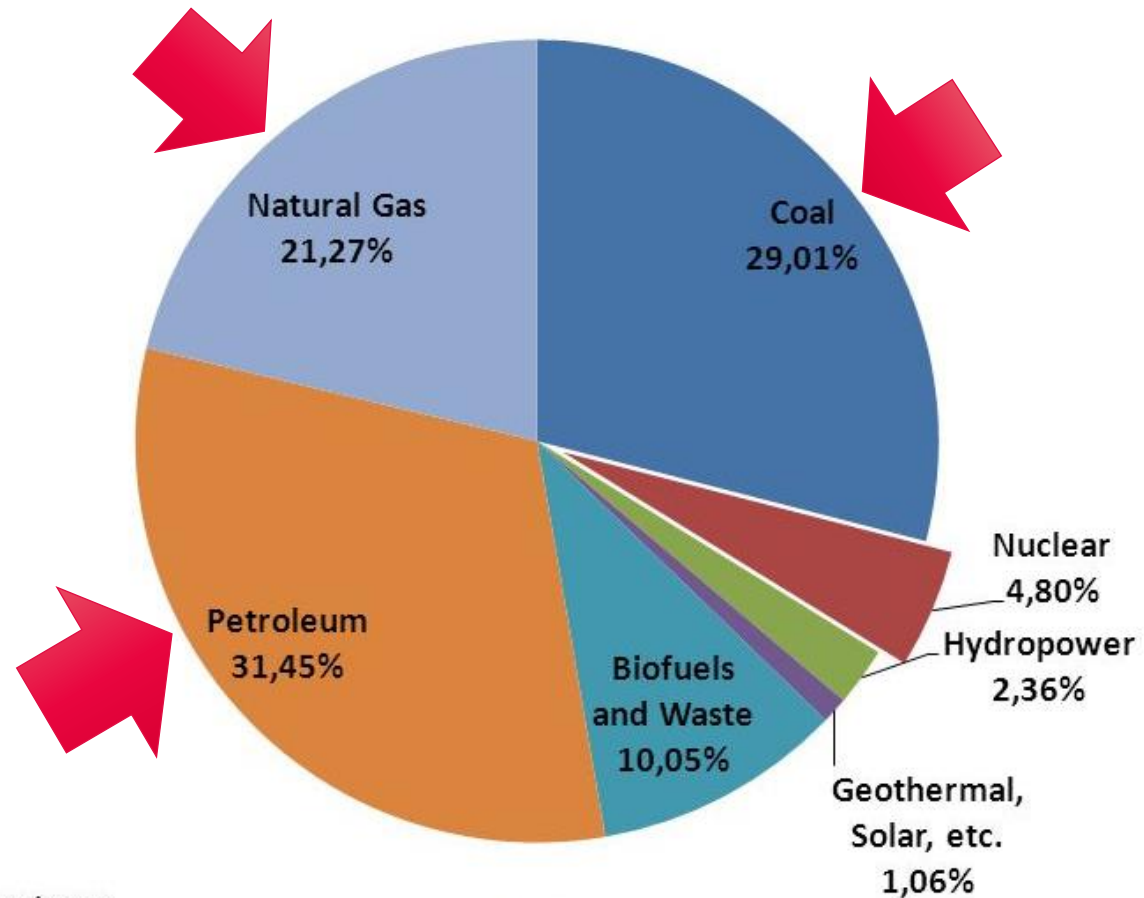
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# ENERGY

## Global Total Primary Energy Supply, 2012

Nuclear provides about 5% of total energy and 10.8% of global electricity generation.



Data: International Energy Agency

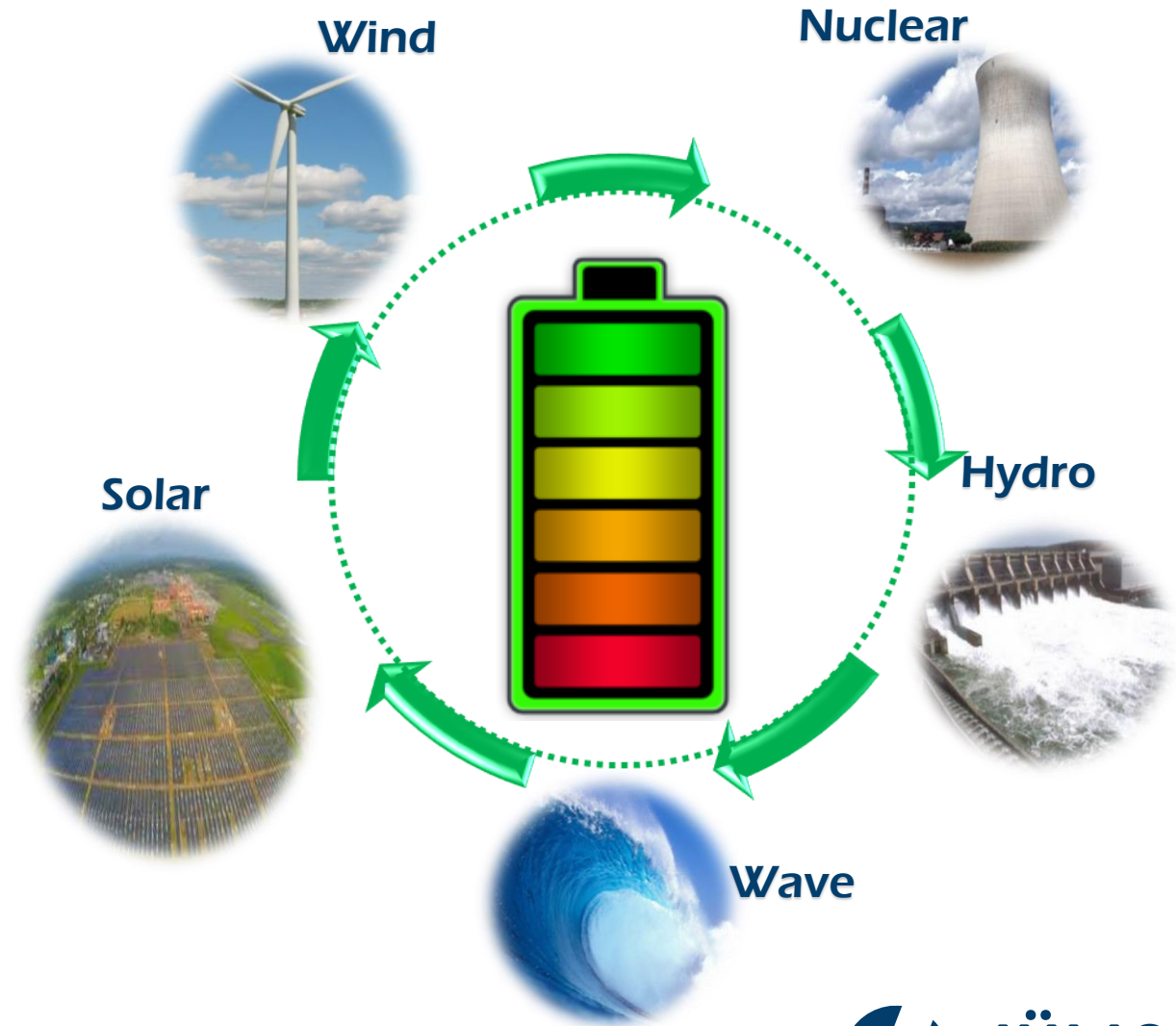
# THE ENERGY SCENARIO

## Fluctuating price and limited resources



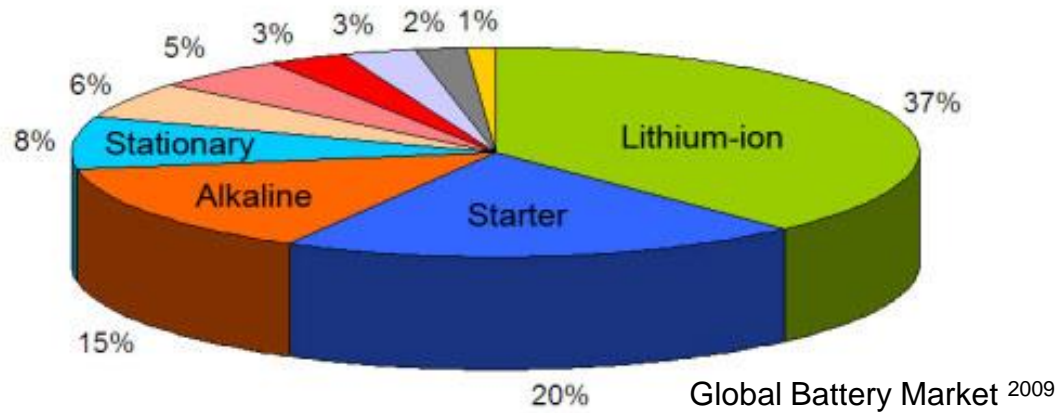
Crude Oil Price History Chart

## Pollution



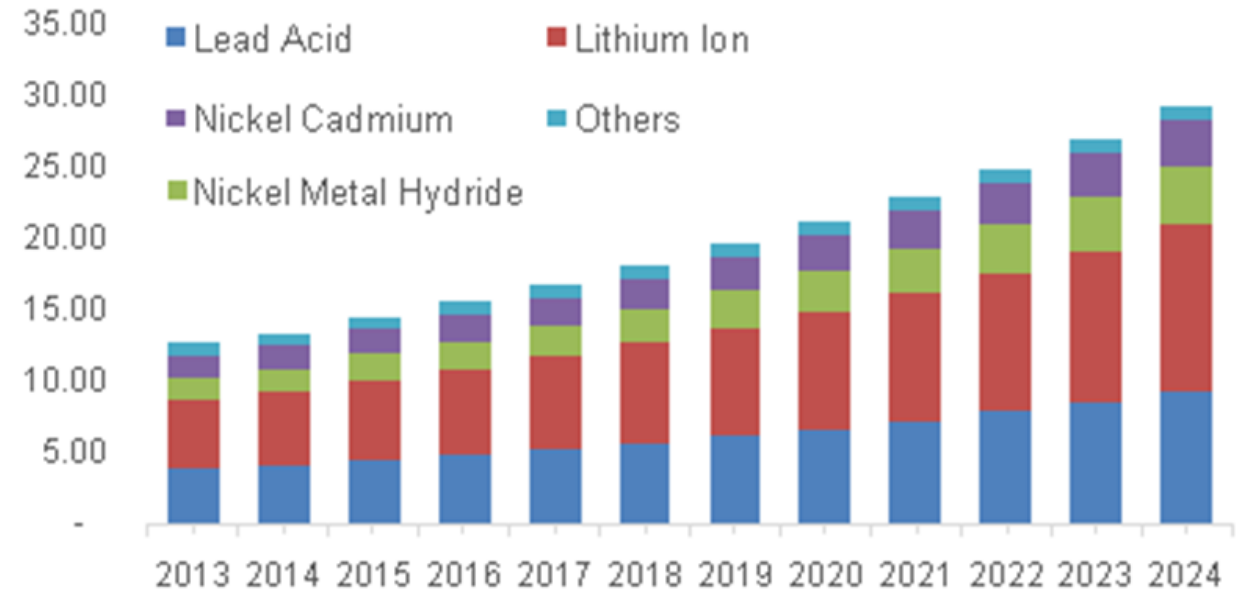


# THE PRESENT BATTERY SCENARIO



Lithium-ion (37%)	SLI (Starter Battery) (20%)	Alkaline (15%)
Stationary Lead Acid (8%)	Primary Carbon Zinc (6%)	Deep Cycle Lead Acid (5%)
Nickel Metal Hydride (3%)	Primary Lithium (3%)	Nickel Cadmium (2%)
Other (1%)		

## Market research and consulting services



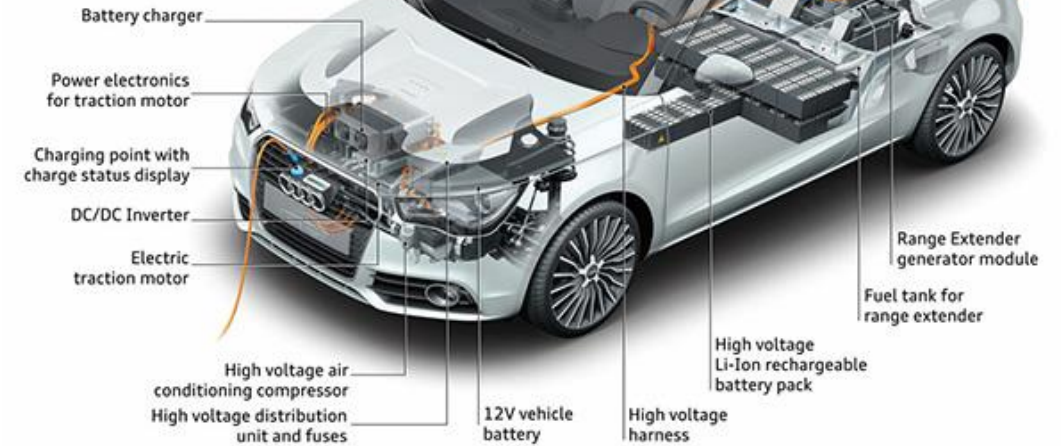


# THE ENERGY SCENARIO

## Consumer Electronics



## EV, PHEV



## Smart Grid



# PRESENT MOBILE BATTERY



**Martin Cooper**  
**Motorola**  
**DynaTAC 8000X**  
**\$3995**  
**(Ni-Cd) battery**  
**10 hours to Recharge**



**Today:**  
8GB RAM  
256 GB Hard disk  
Octa core processor  
No Display to OLED  
4-6 Ah Batteries  
Fast Charging





# LI-ION CELLS: Working principle and characteristics

Li-ion batteries are based on fully mature technology with a wide range of applications

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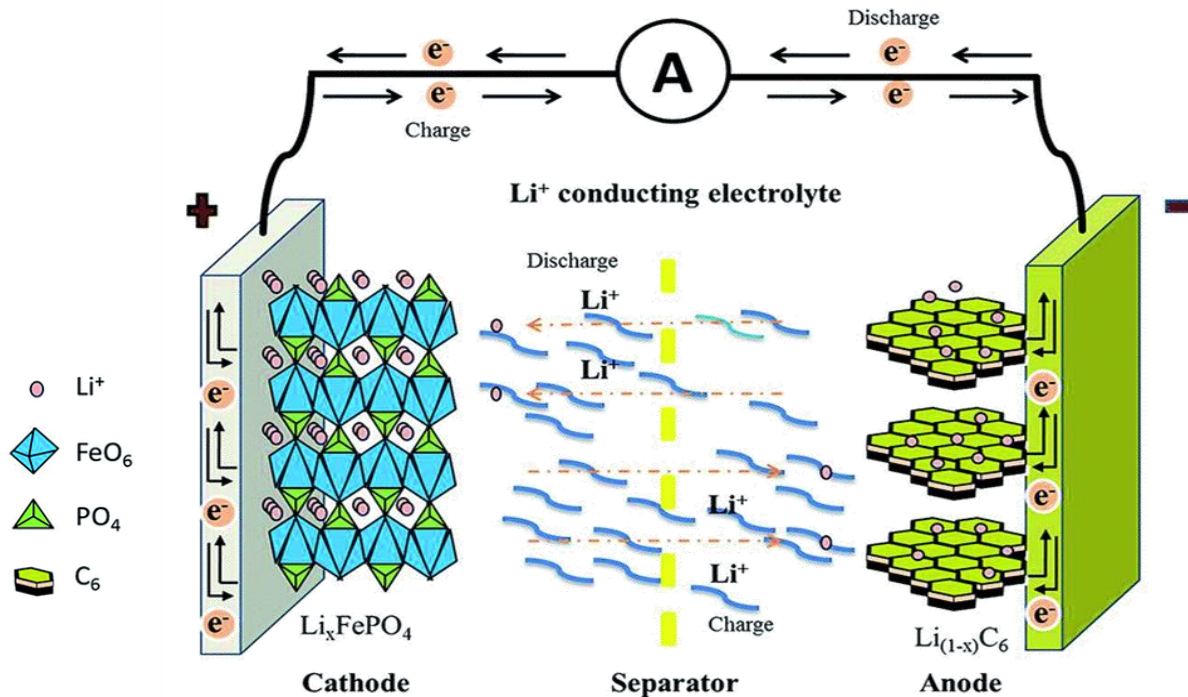
## TYPICAL SETUP:

Cathode: Li-TMOs supported on Al metal

Separator: synthetic glass-fiber or Celgard®

Electrolyte: liquid solutions (organic solvents + Li-salt)

Anode: C-based compounds supported on Cu



Li<sup>+</sup> ions migrate back & forth in the electrolyte between the negative and positive electrodes upon discharge or charge. The electron flow counterbalances the ion flow within the electrode materials and externally through the outer electrical circuit. The potential difference between the positive and negative electrodes defines the cell potential.



# LI-ION BATTERIES

## DRAWBACKS:

- expensive/toxic materials (materials, solvents, binders)
- **Safety issues (liquid electrolyte)**
- Design adaptability (metal foils)
- Expensive to manufacture
- End-of-life treatment



## SOLUTIONS:

- ✓ Inventive, Innovative, Relevant and **eco-friendly materials**
- ✓ Optimisation of existing chemistries
- ✓ Reliable and low-cost synthesis
- ✓ Easier/faster processes
- ✓ **Switching to all-solid-state...**

## KEYWORDS

*eco-friendly*

*Top Notch performing*

*low-cost*

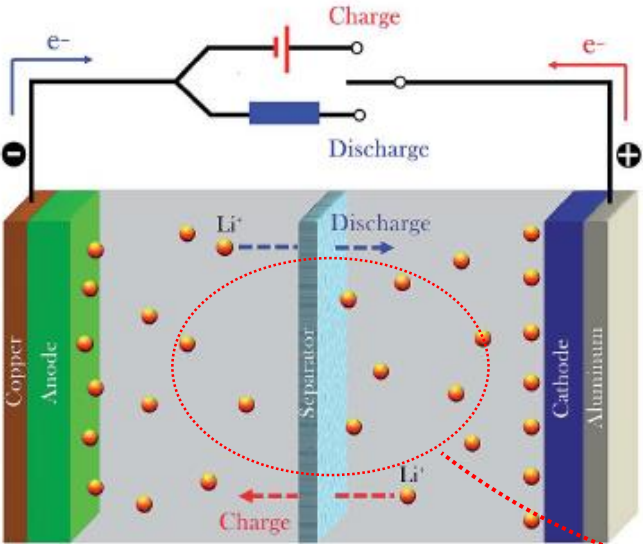
*up-scalable*

*safe*



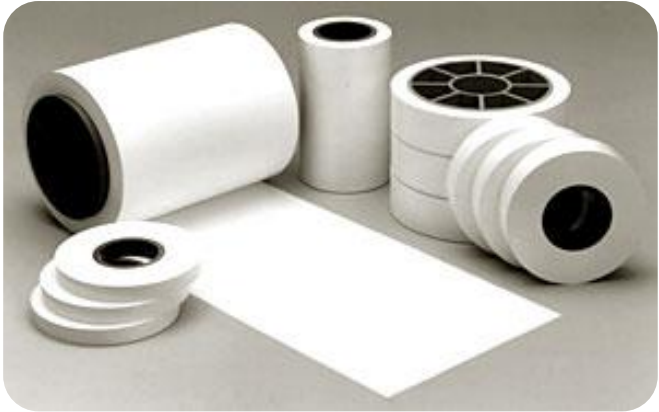
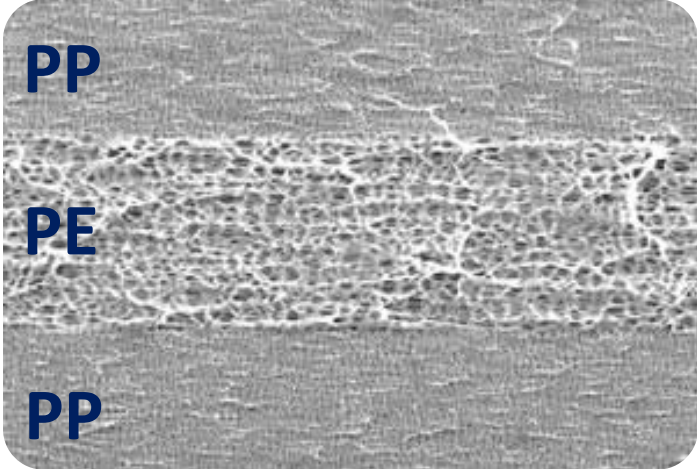
**Better Batteries**

# LITHIUM ION BATTERY

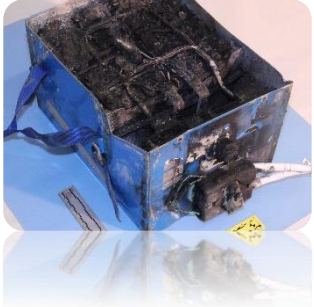


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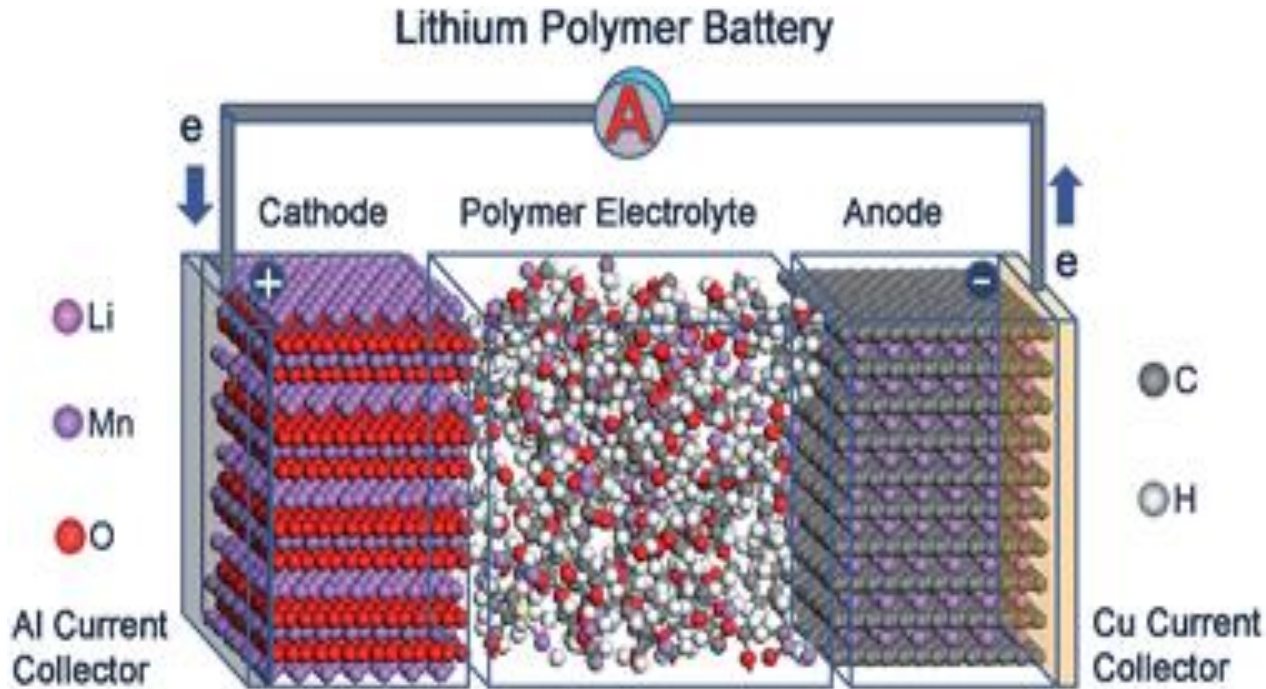
- Organic carbonates
- Additives
- Salts
- Celgard as separator



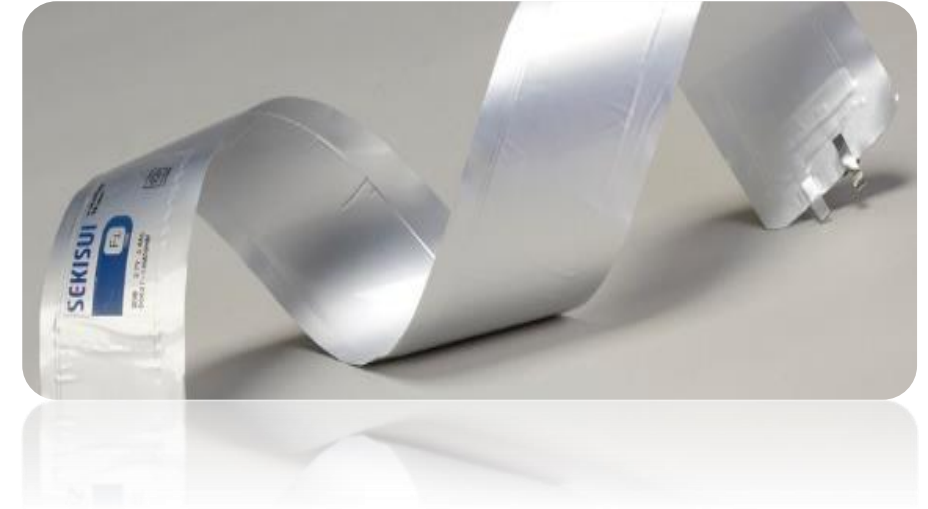
- Fire
- Leaking
- Gas Evolution



# LITHIUM POLYMER BATTERY



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- Safety
- High energy
- Thin
- Flexible
- Leak-free

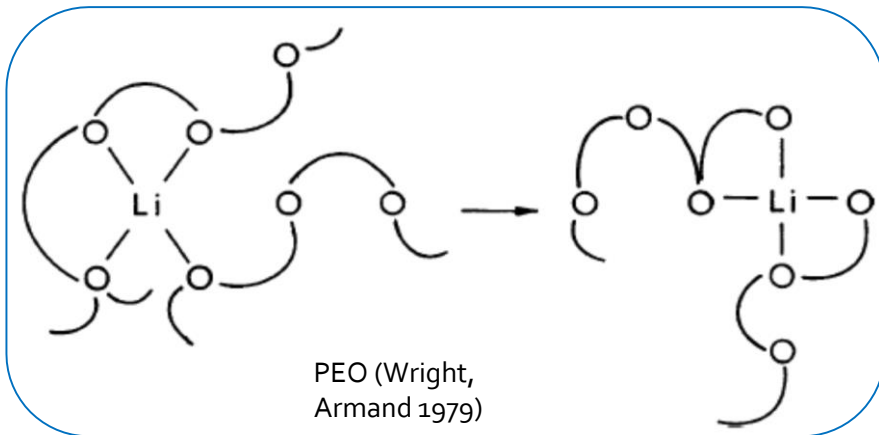


# POLYMER CELLS



D. E. Fenton, J. M. Parker,  
**P. V. Wright**,  
Polymer, 1973,14, 589.

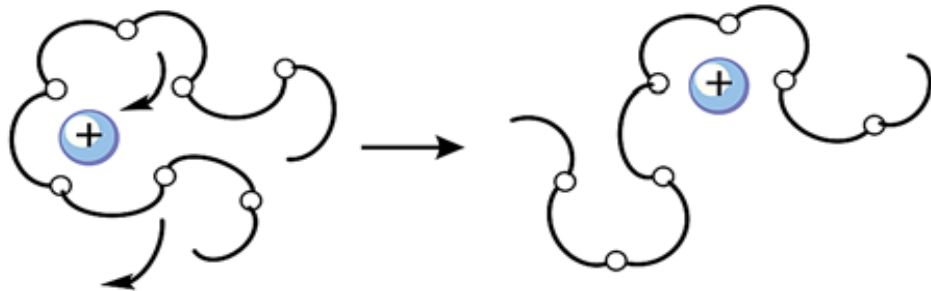
Wright and co-workers were the first to discover that the ether-based polymer, poly(ethylene oxide) (PEO) was able to dissolve inorganic salts and exhibit ion conduction at room temperature.



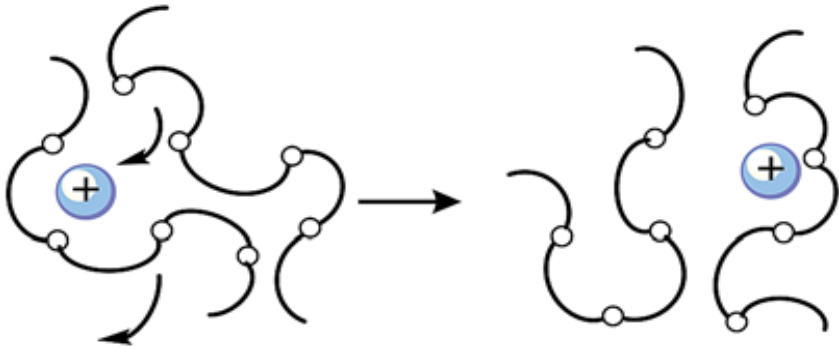
The microscopic environment remains liquid like for  $\text{Li}^+$ -ion, and the conductivity is “coupled” to the local segmental motion of the polymer, often characterized by  $T_g$  of the polymer.

# ION CONDUCTION IN POLYMER ELECTROLYTE

## Intrachain hopping



## Interchain hopping

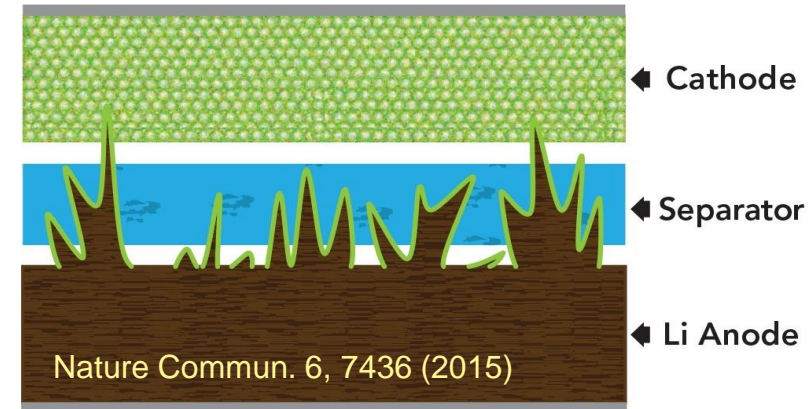


- ion transport occurs by intrachain or interchain hopping
- the continuous segmental rearrangement results in a long-range displacement of lithium ions

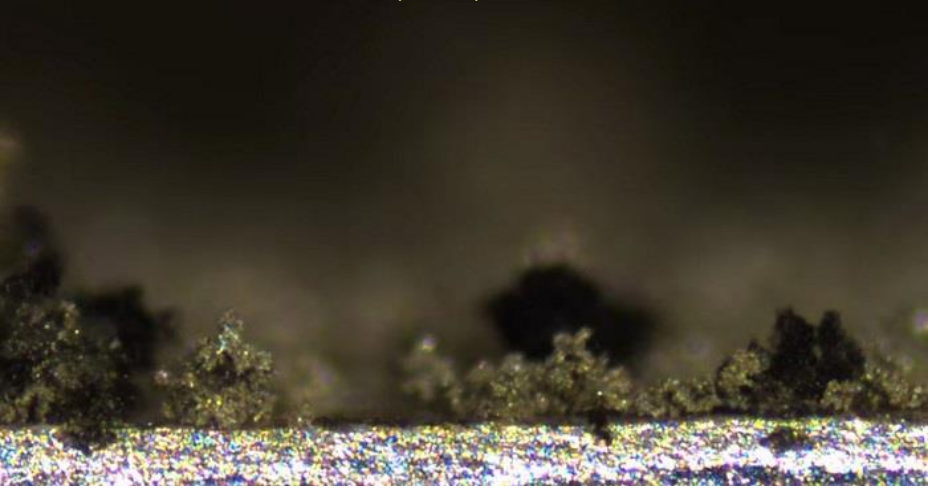
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# REQUIREMENTS OF POLYMER ELECTROLYTE

- High ionic conductivity ( $>1 \text{ mS.cm}^{-1}$ );
- $\text{Li}^+$  transference number ( $\sim 1$ );
- Good mechanical strength (Mpa - GPa);
- Wide electrochemical stability window ( $> 5 \text{ V vs Li/Li}^+$ );
- Excellent chemical and thermal stability;
- Processability;
- Availability & Cost;
- Eco-friendly.

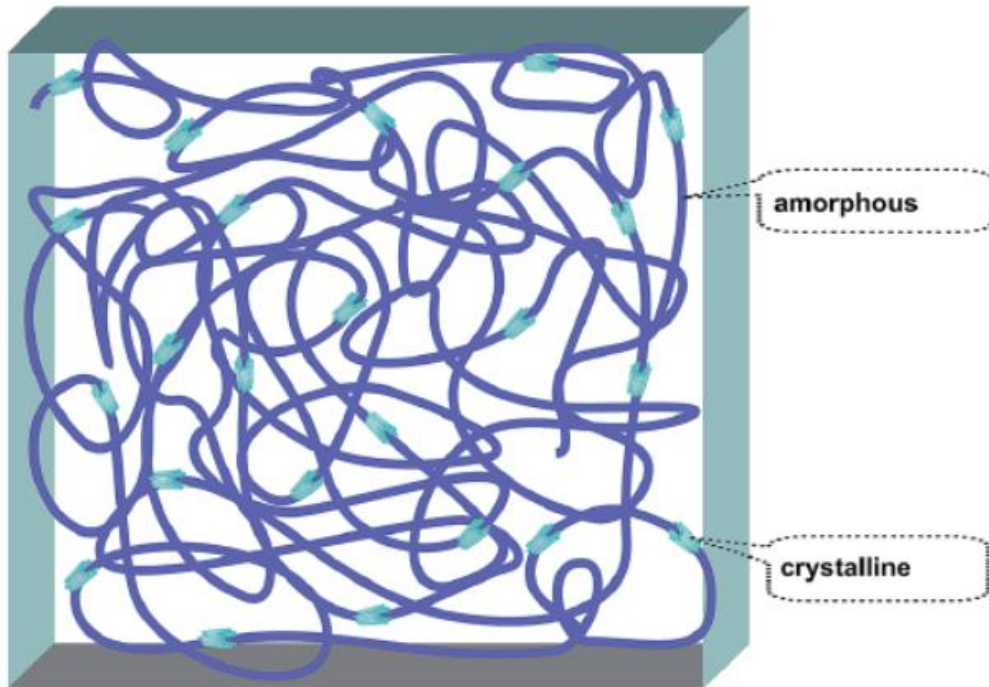


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# PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS



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- Polymers are semi-crystalline;
- Crystallization (slow chain dynamics) is detrimental for ion transport;
- Amorphous phase (segmental mobility) aids ion transportation;

## Crystallinity suppression is achieved by:

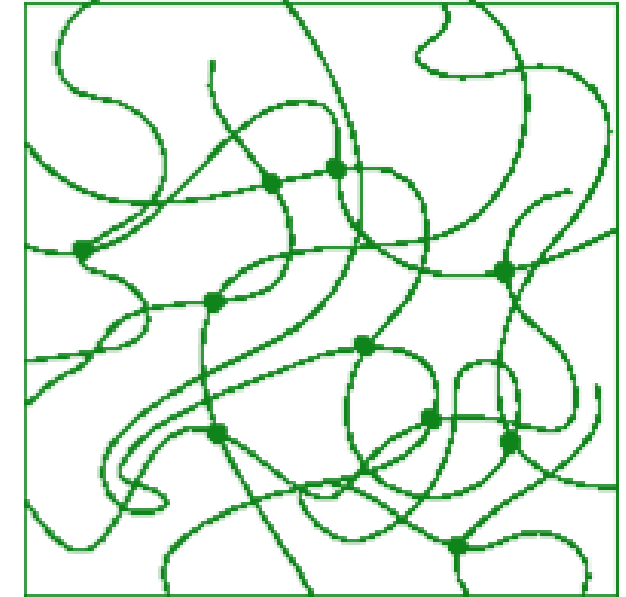
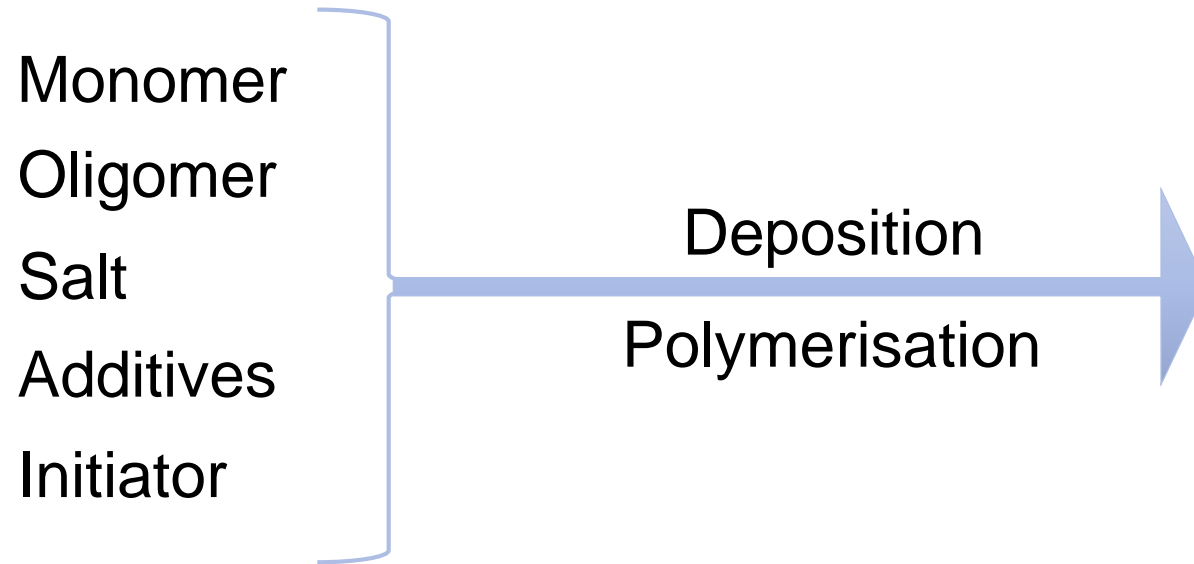
Addition of *plasticizer*, *nanofiller*, *polymer blends*, *grafting* onto polymer backbones, *cross-linking*, designing of block copolymers etc...

# POLYMER ELECTROLYTE SYSTEMS

- Solid Polymer Electrolyte
- Gel Polymer Electrolyte
- Polymer Composite Electrolyte
- Single-ion Conductor
- Hybrid Electrolyte
- Cross-linked Polymer Electrolyte etc...

- Lithium ion conductivity
- Mechanical property
- Li<sup>+</sup> ion transport number

# SOLVENT FREE POLYMERIZATION



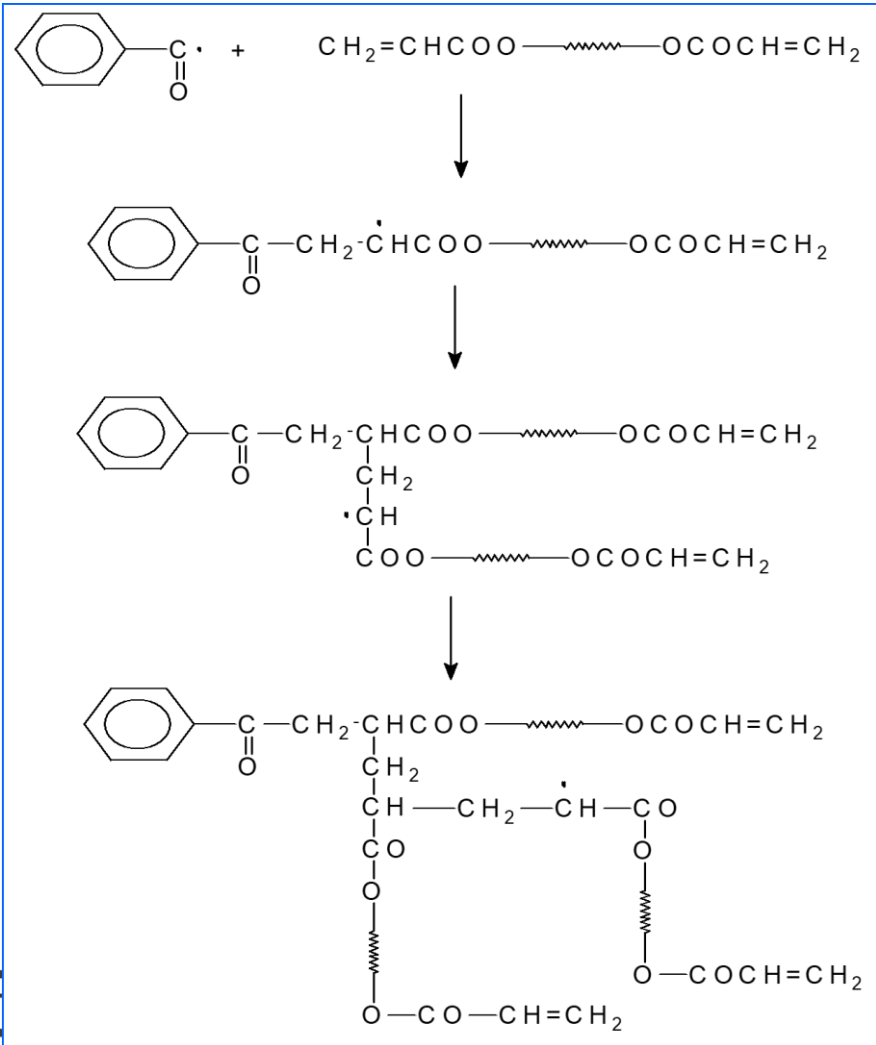
**Crosslinked network**

- Electrolyte components can reach to active materials;
- Good contact between the electrode and the electrolyte;
- Use existing state of the art manufacturing facility;
- No solvents needed.

**GREEN PROCESS**

# UV INDUCED FREE RADICAL POLYMERIZATION

**Initiation is triggered by UV irradiation:** liquid precursor mix is transformed into a solid polymer (glassy or rubbery state).



## Advantages

- ✓ Rapid
- ✓ Cost effective
- ✓ No solvents
- ✓ No catalysts
- ✓ Single step preparation
- ✓ Transferable to the industrial scale

## Applications

Coatings, Adhesives

Inks, Electronics

Dental Materials

... Electrolyte Membranes ???





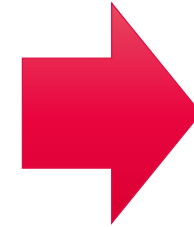
# POLYMER ELECTROLYTE TYPES

- **Gel Polymer Electrolyte - GPE**  
(all kinds of polymers – Thermoplastic / Thermoset)

- **Solid Polymer Electrolyte - SPE**  
(w/o Plasticizers – Thermoplastic / Thermoset - Block-co-polymers ....)

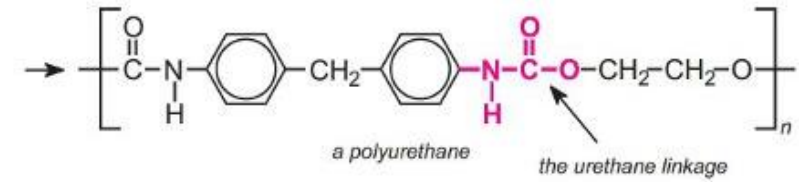
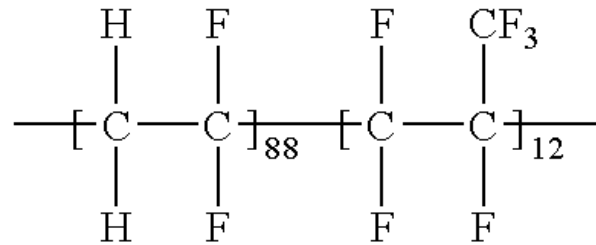
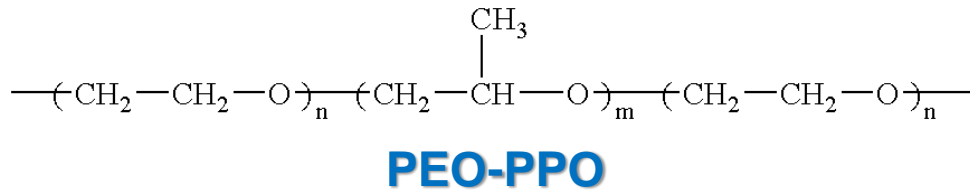
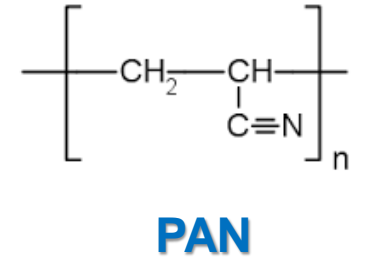
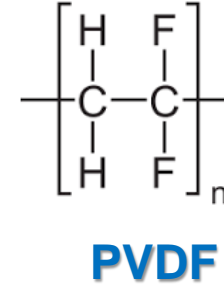
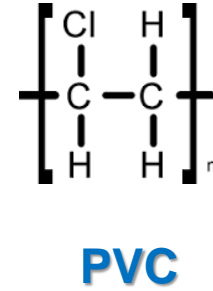
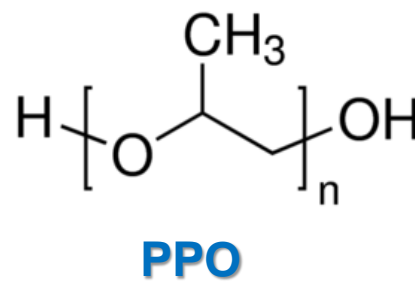
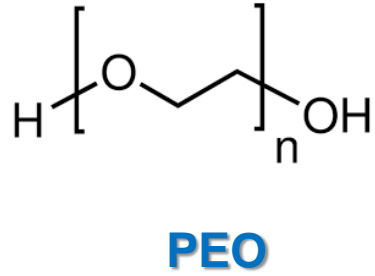
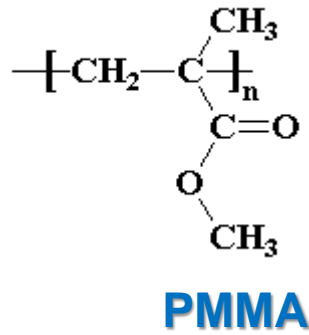
- **Composite/Hybrid Polymer Electrolyte - CPE**  
(ceramics, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub> etc., MOFs, Cellulose)

- **Crystalline Polymer electrolytes**  
(very few, PEO crystallites)



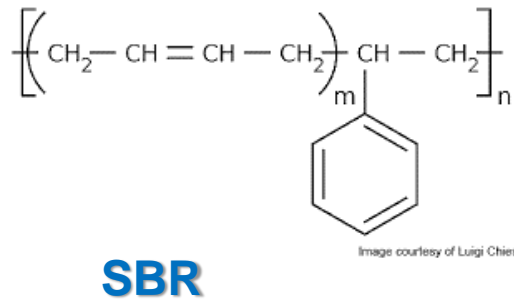
POLYMER  
PLASTICISERS  
Li-X  
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# POLYMER MATRICES



**PVDF-HFP**

**PU**

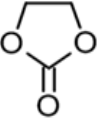
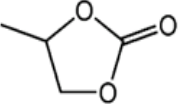
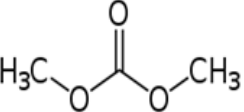
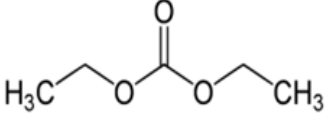
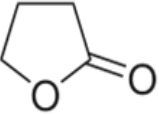


**PEO-PMMA-PEO**

**PEO-PS-PEO**




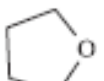
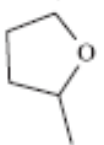
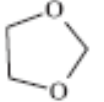
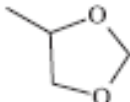
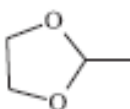
Block copolymers

# ELECTROLYTES – Organic Carbonates - Plasticizers

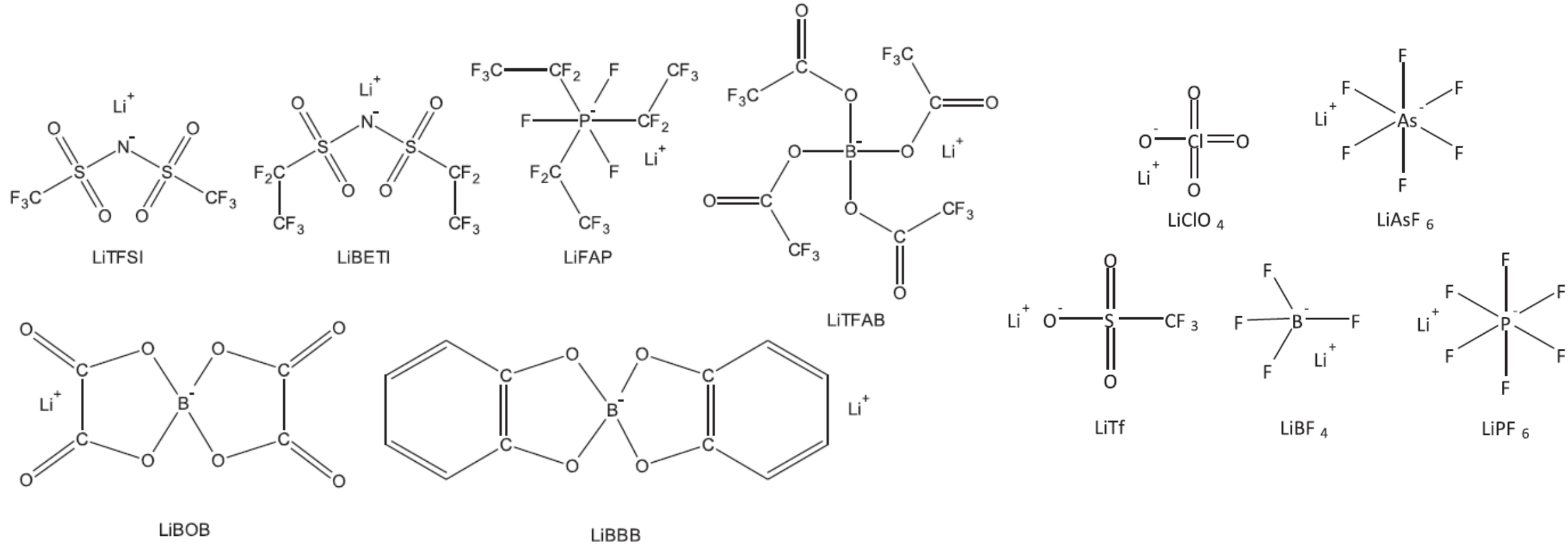
Solvent name	Structural formula	Boiling point /°C	Melting point, T <sub>m</sub> /°C	Dielectric constant, ε
<b>Ethylene carbonate, EC</b>		248	39 - 40	89.6 at 40°C
<b>Propylene carbonate, PC</b>		241.5	-49	64.4
<b>Dimethyl carbonate, DMC</b>		91	4.2	3.12
<b>Diethyl carbonate, DEC</b>		127	-42.1	2.82
<b>γ-Butyrolactone, γ-BL</b>		202	-43	39.1



# ELECTROLYTES – Organic Ethers - Plasticizers

Solvent	Structure	M. Wt	$T_m/^\circ\text{C}$	$T_b/^\circ\text{C}$	$\eta/\text{cP}$ 25 °C	$\epsilon$ 25 °C
DMM		76	-105	41	0.33	2.7
DME		90	-58	84	0.46	7.2
DEE		118	-74	121		
THF		72	-109	66	0.46	7.4
2-Me-THF		86	-137	80	0.47	6.2
1,3-DL		74	-95	78	0.59	7.1
4-Me-1,3-DL		88	-125	85	0.60	6.8
2-Me-1,3-DL		88			0.54	4.39

# ELECTROLYTES – Li Salt

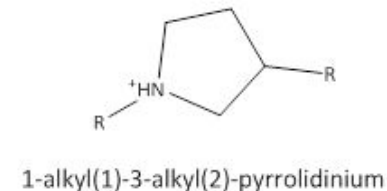
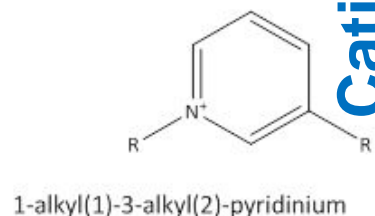
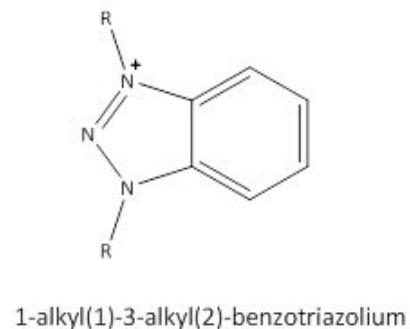
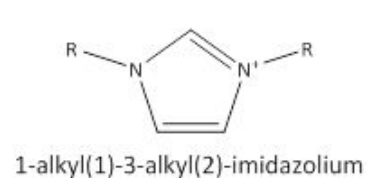
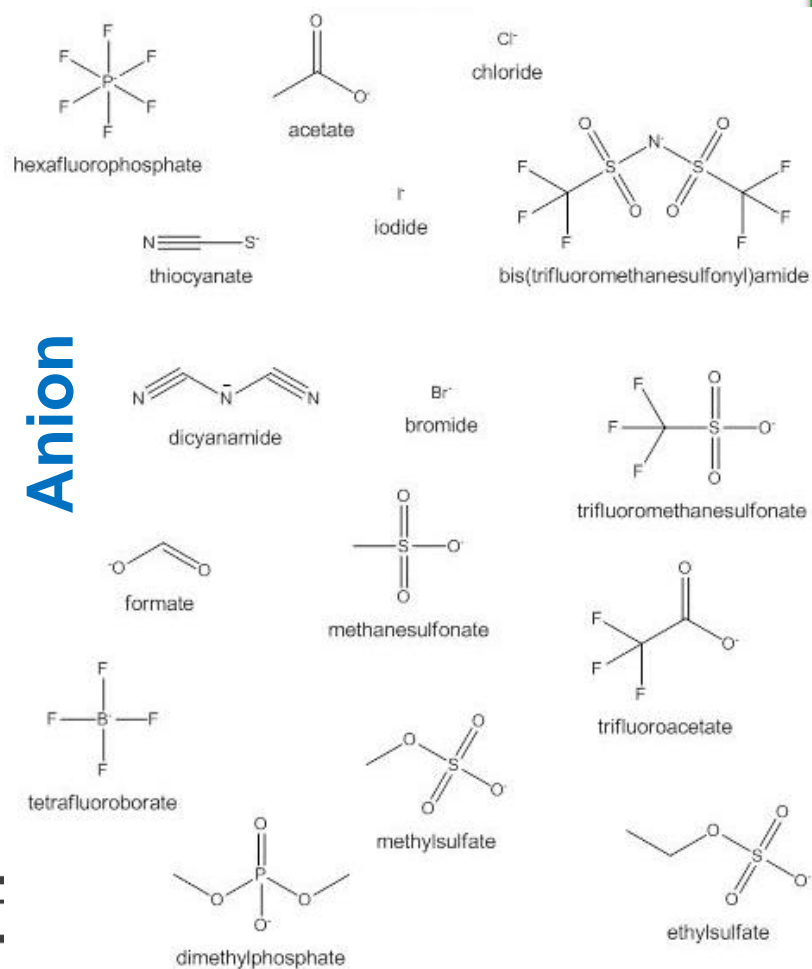


**Fig. 2.** New lithium conductive salts created for application in lithium-ion batteries. LiTFSI –  $\text{Li}[\text{N}(\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3)_2]$  – lithium bis(trifluoromethane sulfone)imide; LiBETI –  $\text{Li}[\text{N}(\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3)_2]$  – lithium bis(pentafluoroethane sulfone)imide; LiFAP –  $\text{Li}[\text{PF}_3(\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3)_3]$  – lithium fluoroalkylphosphate; LiTFAB –  $\text{Li}[\text{B}(\text{OCOCF}_3)_4]$  – lithium tetrakis(trifluoroacetoxy)borate; LiBOB –  $\text{Li}[\text{B}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2]$  – lithium bis(oxalato)borate; LiBBB –  $\text{Li}[\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_2)_2]$  – lithium bis(1,2-benzenediolato(2-)-O,O') borate.

# POLYMER ELECTROLYTES – RTILs - Plasticizers

## ROOM TEMPERATURE IONIC LIQUIDS - RTILs

## ORGANIC CATION ORGANIC ANION

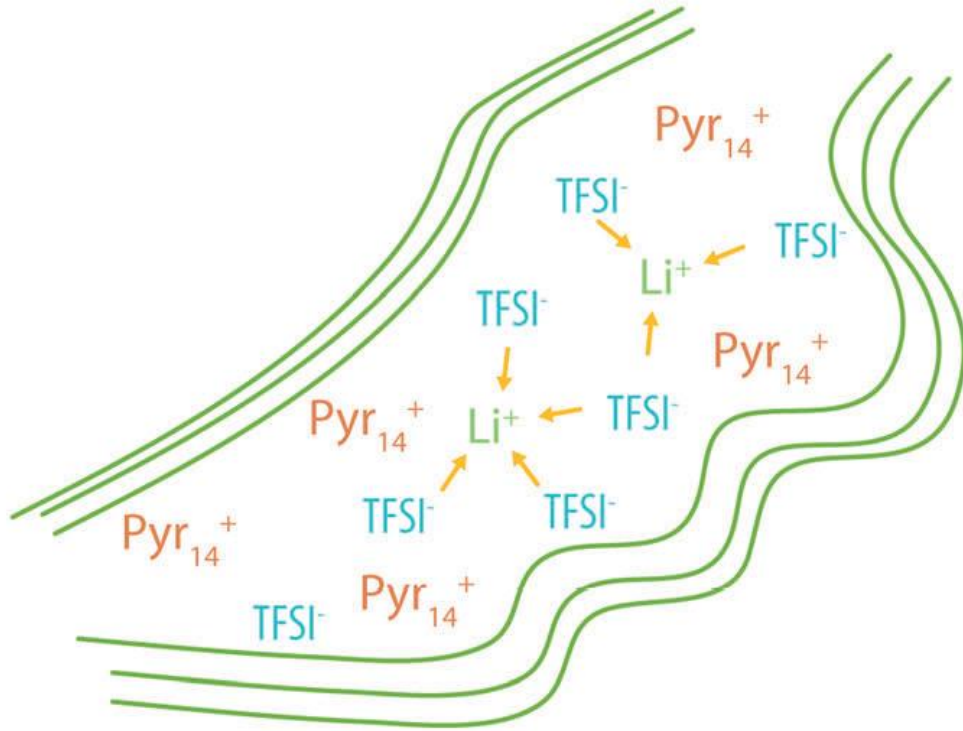


- High ionic conductivity
- High Boiling Point
- Low Vapor Pressure
- Fire resistant
- Recycled and Reused
- Green Solvent

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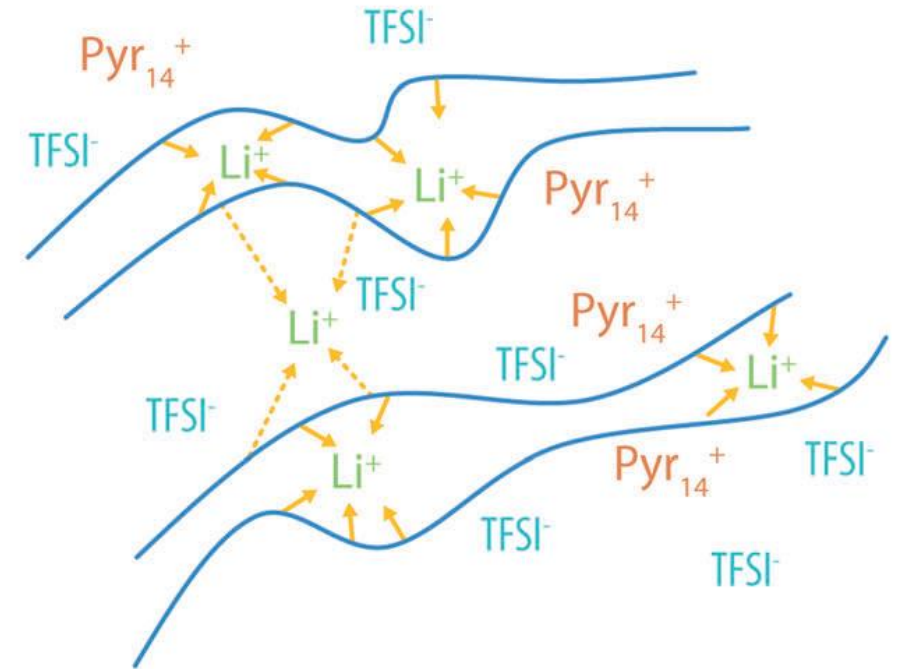


PVdF-[LiTFSI-Ionic Liquid]



$\text{Pyr}_{14}\text{TFSI}$  →

Ternary system: PEO-LiTFSI-Ionic Liquid

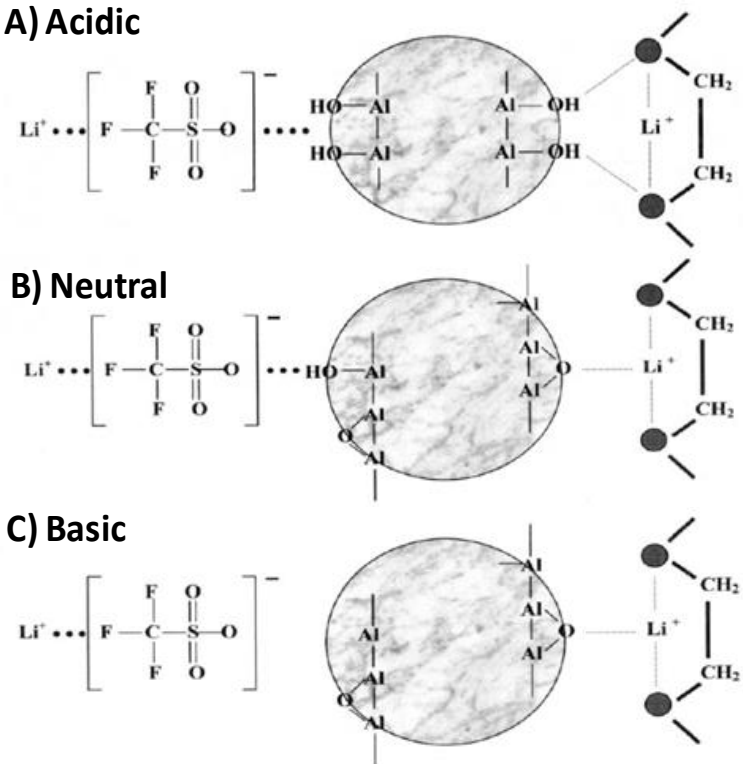


Choice of Polymer Matrix

# POLYMER ELECTROLYTES – RTILs

Year	Electrolyte composition	Am.	$T_g/^\circ\text{C}$	$\sigma$ at $20^\circ\text{C}/\text{mS cm}^{-1}$	$\sigma$ at $60^\circ\text{C}/\text{mS cm}^{-1}$
1996	PAN <sub>4</sub> [TEMAB <sub>7</sub> LiOAc <sub>2</sub> LiTFSI <sub>1</sub> ] <sub>6</sub>	–	–	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.0 \times 10^{-5}$
2003	PEO <sub>20</sub> LiTFSI [Pyr <sub>13</sub> TFSI] <sub>2.15</sub>	no	–60	$3.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$
2003	PPEGDA <sub>15%</sub> [LiBF <sub>4</sub> Im <sub>12</sub> BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>85%</sub>	–	–81	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$
2004	[PPyr <sub>11</sub> TFSI] <sub>50%</sub> [Li(G4)]TFSI <sub>50%</sub>	yes	–55	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.0 \times 10^{-4}$
2005	[PEO <sub>50%</sub> [Im <sub>1.1.8</sub> Tf] <sub>50%</sub> ]LiTf <sub>0.5M</sub>	no	–	$2.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$
2005	P(P[PEO-PPO]Acr <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>0.84</sub> LiTfSA-30 <sub>0.16</sub>	yes	–60	$4.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$
2007	PEO <sub>20</sub> LiTFSI <sub>2</sub> [Pyr <sub>14</sub> TFSI] <sub>1.92</sub>	yes	–	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}$
2007	PEO <sub>20</sub> LiTFSI <sub>1</sub> [Py <sub>4.1</sub> TFSI] <sub>1</sub>	no	–51	–	$6.0 \times 10^{-4}$
2008	P([AMPS-Li] <sub>1</sub> -VF <sub>9</sub> ) <sub>10%</sub> [Im <sub>12</sub> TCM] <sub>90%</sub>	yes	–81	$5.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-2}$
2008	PEO <sub>20</sub> LiTFSI <sub>1</sub> [Pip <sub>13</sub> TFSI] <sub>1</sub>	no	–49	–	$1.2 \times 10^{-3}$
2008	PEO <sub>20</sub> LiTFSI <sub>2</sub> [Pyr <sub>14</sub> TFSI] <sub>2</sub>	yes	–65	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$
2009	[PPyr <sub>11</sub> TFSI] <sub>36%</sub> LiTFSI <sub>14%</sub> [Pyr <sub>14</sub> TFSI] <sub>50%</sub>	–	–	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$
2010	[PPyr <sub>11</sub> TFSI] <sub>28%</sub> LiTFSI <sub>12%</sub> [Pyr <sub>14</sub> TFSI] <sub>60%</sub>	no	–67	$1.6 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}$
2010	PEO <sub>20</sub> LiTFSI <sub>1</sub> [Pyr <sub>1.201</sub> TFSI] <sub>1.5</sub>	no	–73	$7.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-3}$
2011	[P(Gua <sub>33%</sub> -MMA <sub>67%</sub> )TFSI] <sub>70%</sub> LiTFSI <sub>30%</sub>	–	–60	–	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$
2011	[P(Gua-MMA)] <sub>59%</sub> LiTFSI <sub>12%</sub> [Gua <sub>13</sub> TFSI] <sub>23%</sub> [SiO <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>6%</sub>	yes	–60	–	$2.3 \times 10^{-5}$
2011	PEO <sub>20</sub> LiTFSI <sub>1</sub> [S <sub>2.2.2</sub> TFSI] <sub>1</sub>	no	–	$5.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-2}$

# Composite Polymer Electrolytes



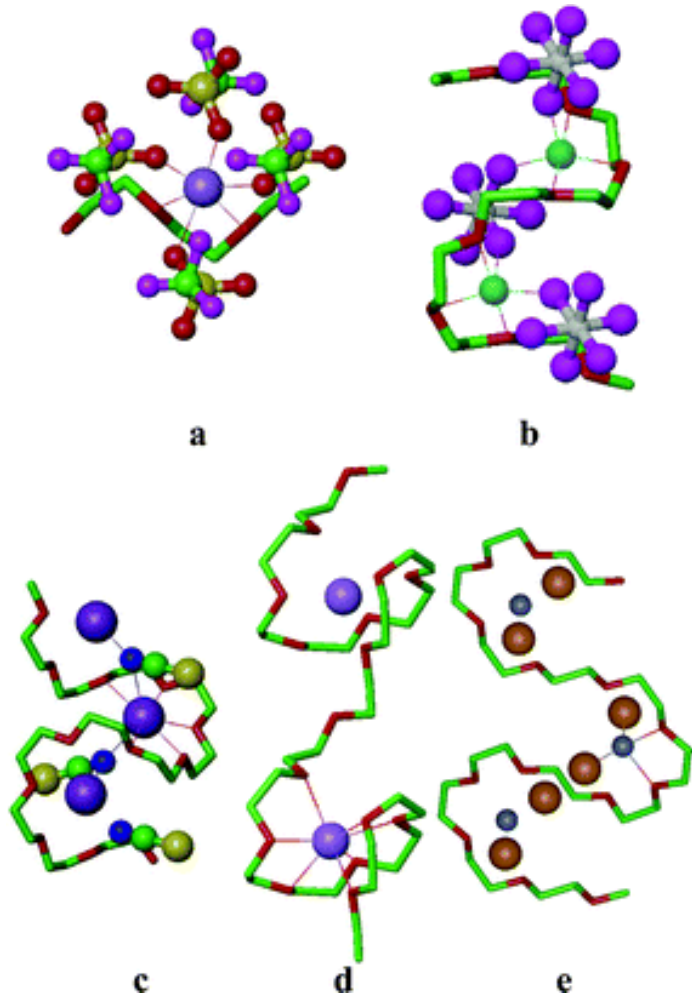
**CPE**

PEO  
LiX  
Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

**Solvent Processing**

CPE: High surface area fillers such as ZrO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub> O<sub>3</sub> and hydrophobic fumed silica were incorporated into the polymer matrices and are called “composite polymer electrolytes” or “composite ceramic electrolytes”

# Crystalline Polymer Electrolytes



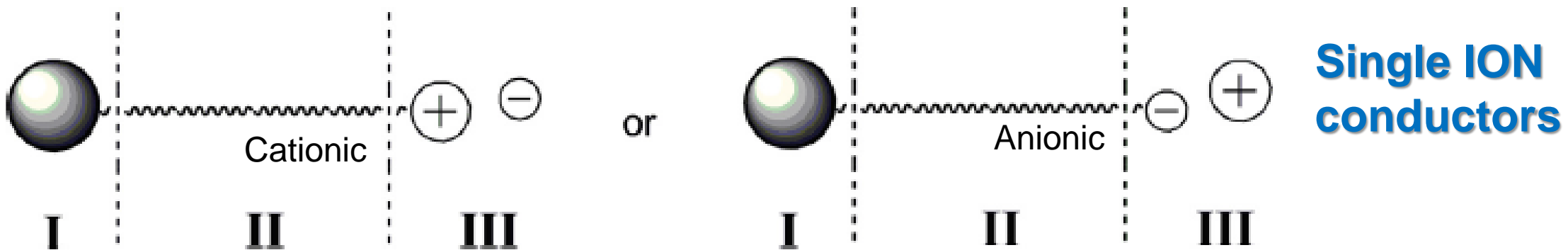
PEO<sub>6</sub>:LiXF<sub>6</sub>  
(X=P, As, Sb)

**10<sup>-7</sup>/10<sup>-9</sup> Scm<sup>-1</sup>**

The polymer film is composed of many grains each of which is composed of many such crystallites.

P.G. BRUCE - Dalton Trans., 2006, 1365-1369

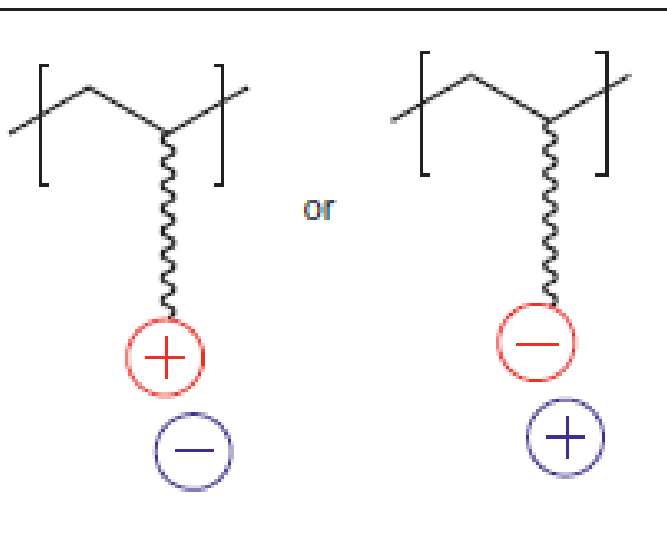
# POLYELECTROLYTES – PIL



! A schematic representation of ionic liquid like monomer: I – reactive group, II – spacer, III – ion species.

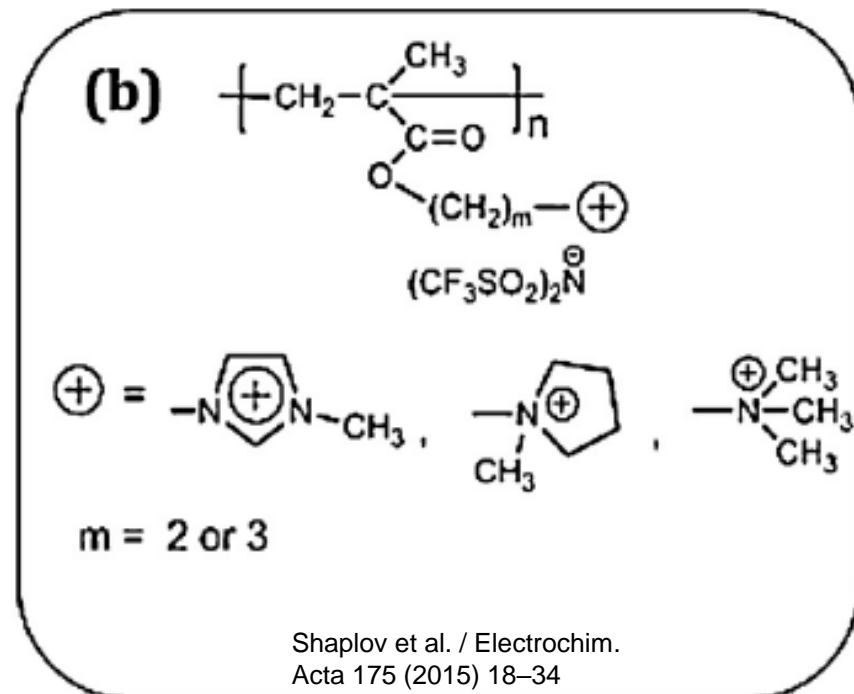
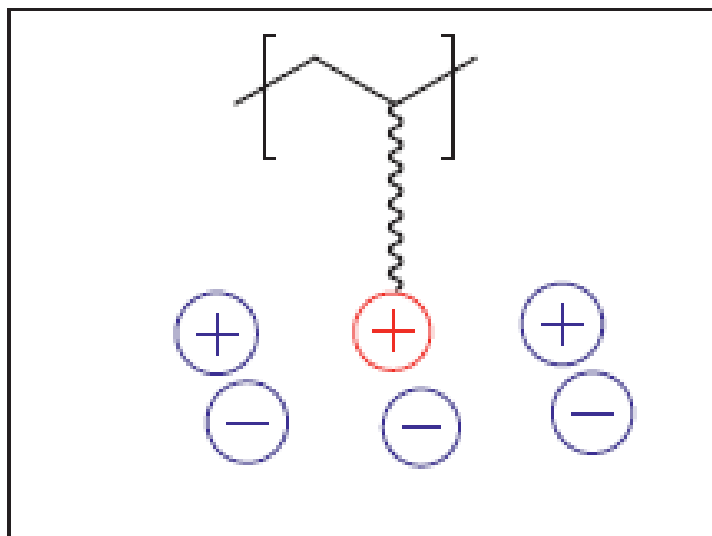
Solid Polymer Electrolytes (SPE)s

POLY(IONIC LIQUID)s



Gel Polymer Electrolytes

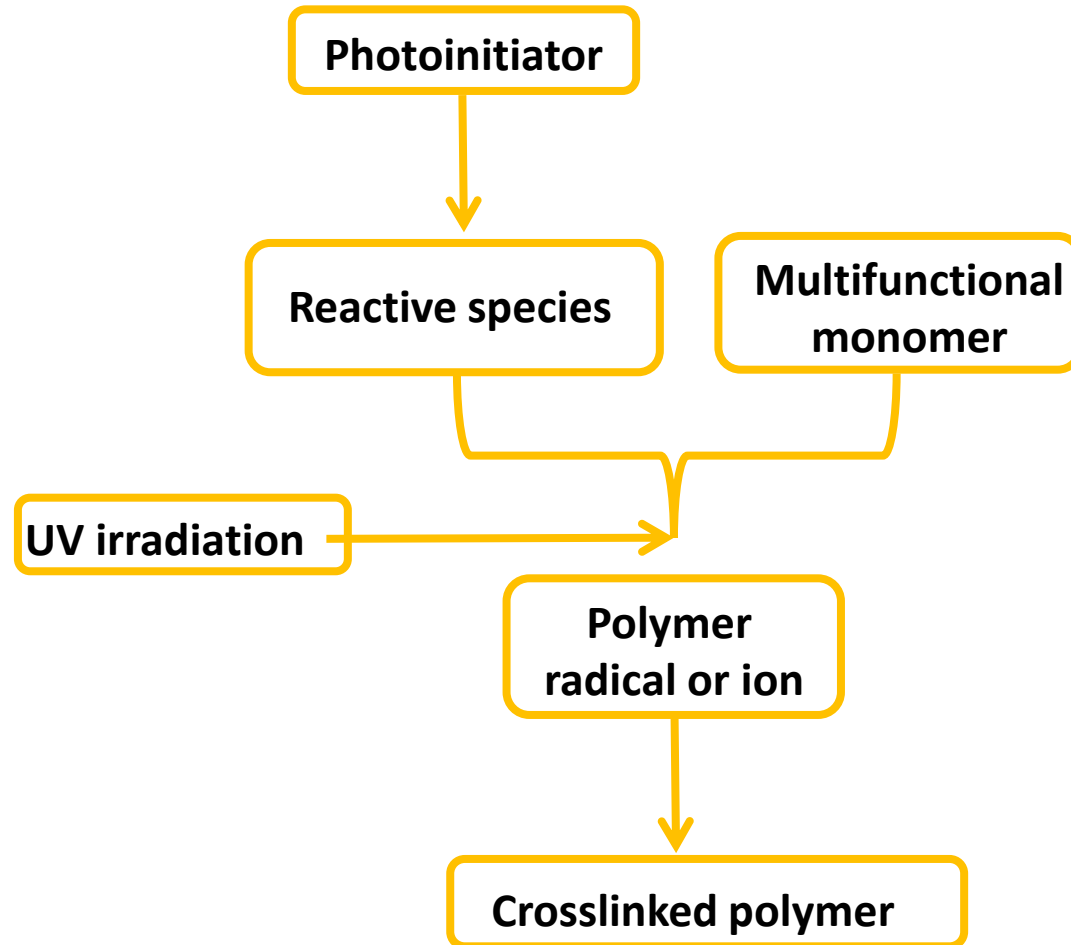
IONGELS





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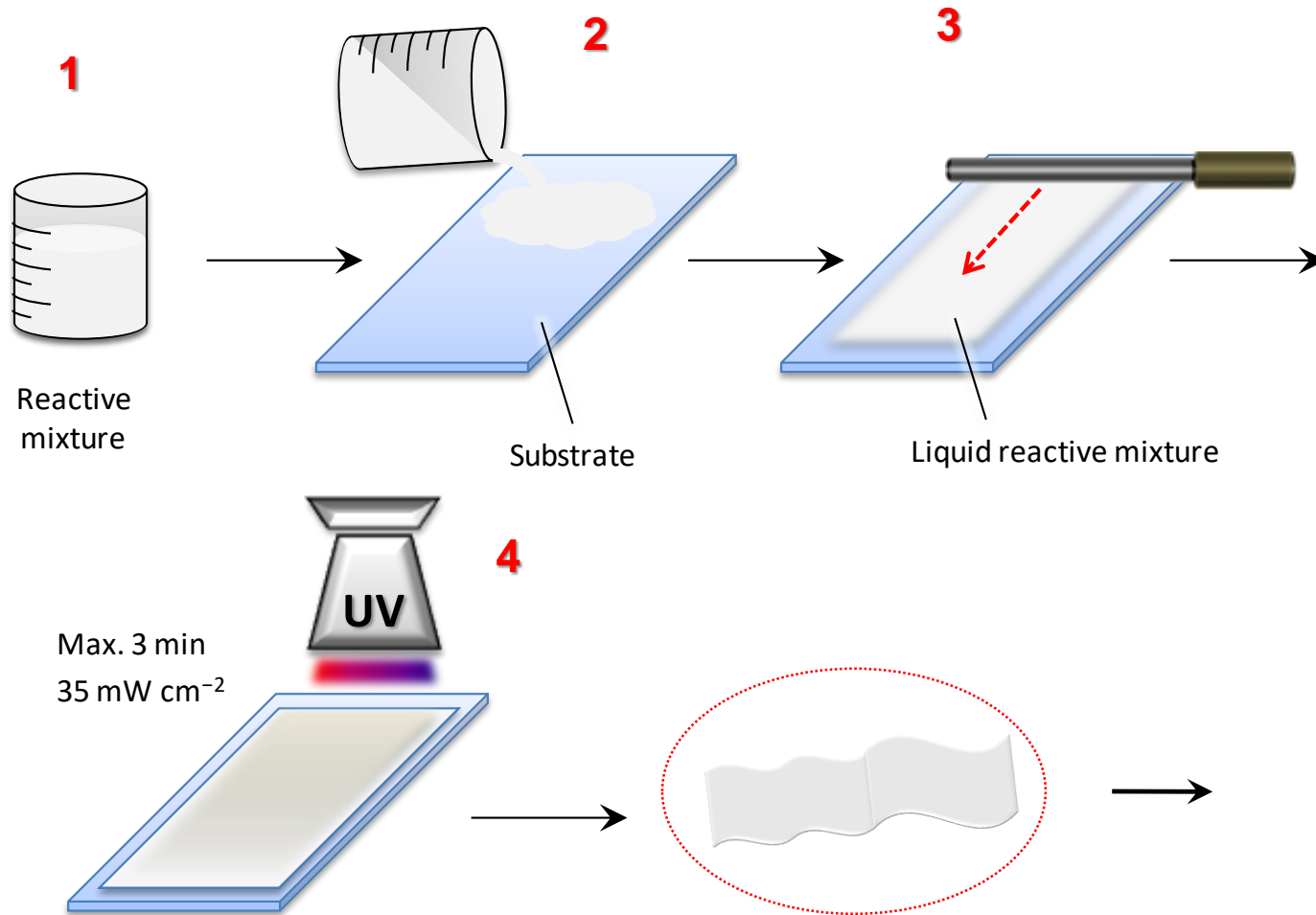
A polymerization reaction where initiation is triggered by a UV radiation



- **Rapid**
- **Inexpensive**
- **Single step preparation**
- **No solvents**
- **No catalysts**
- **Transferable to the industrial scale**



# POLYMER ELECTROLYTES PREPARATION

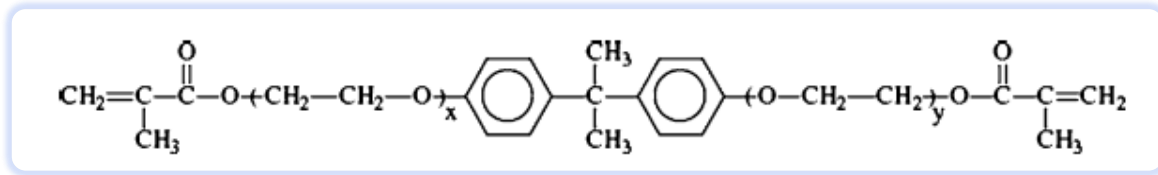


1. Mixing of reactive ingredients
2. Pour it over substrate
3. Draw down over substrate
4. UV exposure

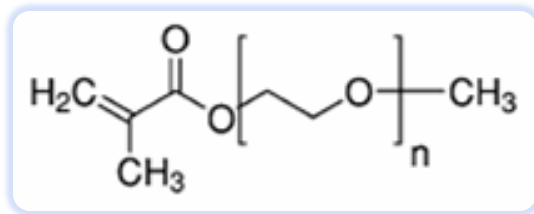


## Methacrylate based polymer backbone

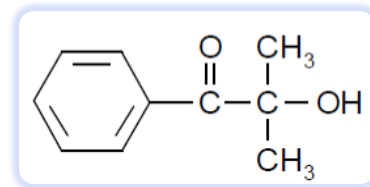
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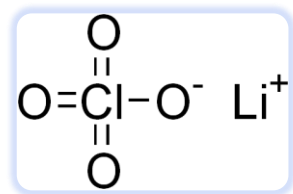
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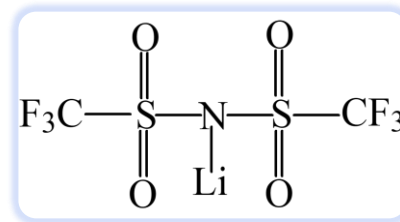
### Darocur 1173, (D1173)



### LiClO<sub>4</sub>

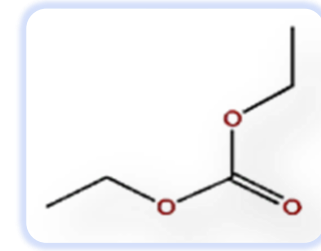


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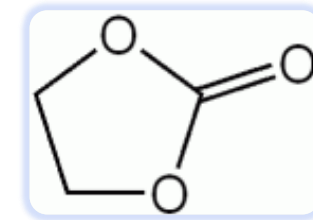


## Organic Carbonates

### Diethyl (DEC), Dimethyl (DMC) carbonate



### Ethylene (EC), Propylene (PC) carbonate



**Excellent conductivity**

# POLYMER ELECTROLYTES (SILOXANE) – Surface Modification

## Acrylated Silicone Polyether Copolymers

### Key Features & Typical Benefits:

Thermal resistance

Chemical resistance

Low  $T_g$  polymers

NO UV-induced degradation

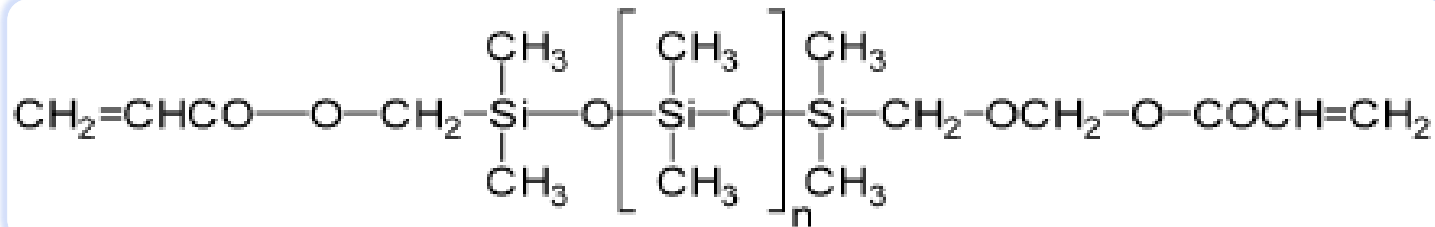
Improved substrate wetting

Large variety of choices - **Self migrating**

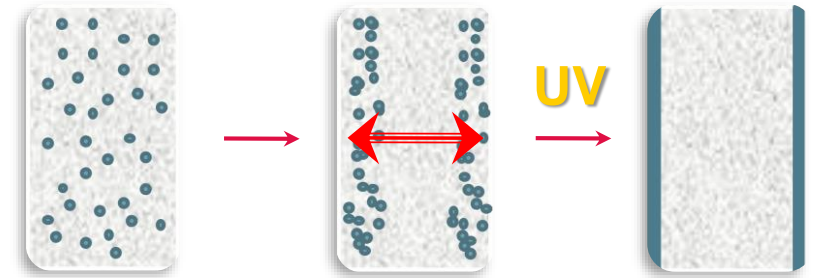
↓ Surface Tension

↑ Contact Angle

### Structure of Coatosil-3509 (SAC, Mn: 2700)



Surface enriched with  $-\text{Si}-\text{O}-$  groups:  
increase hydrophobicity, separating layer  
at the surface of the film



## Oxidation Stability

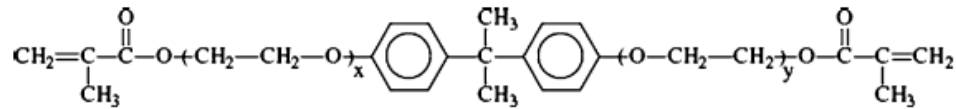
## Li Interface



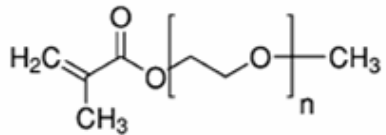
# CROSSLINKED GEL POLYMER ELECTROLYTES

## Methacrylate based polymer backbone

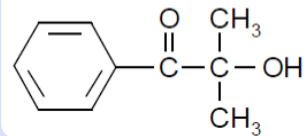
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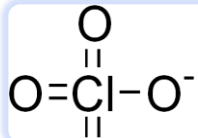
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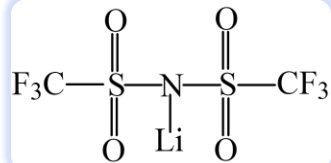
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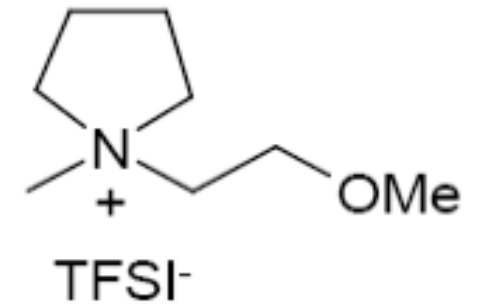


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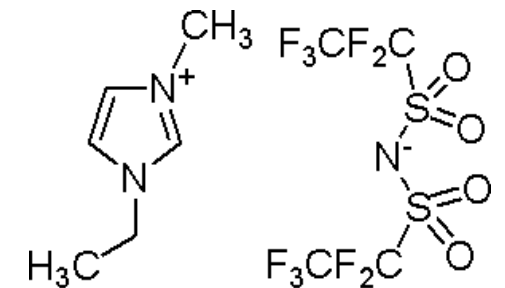


## Low volatile RTILs

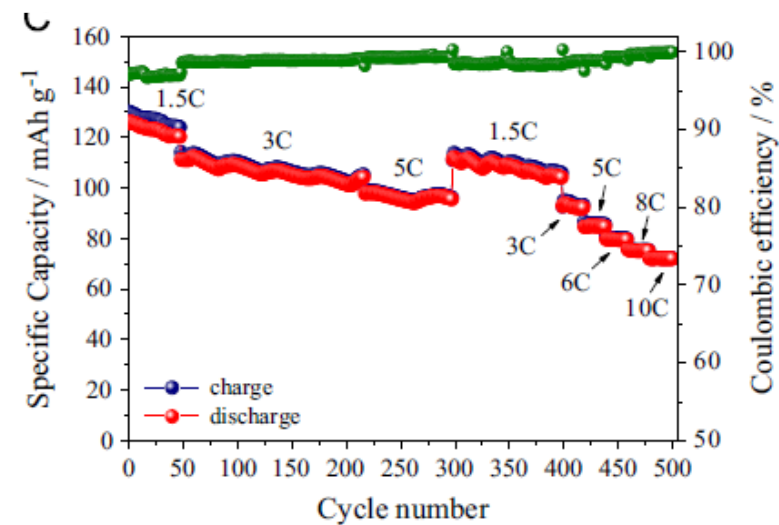
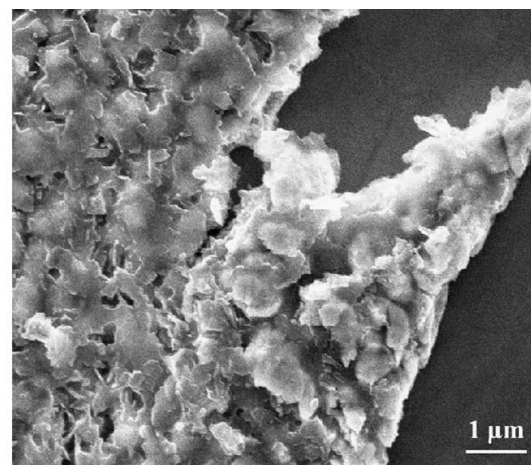
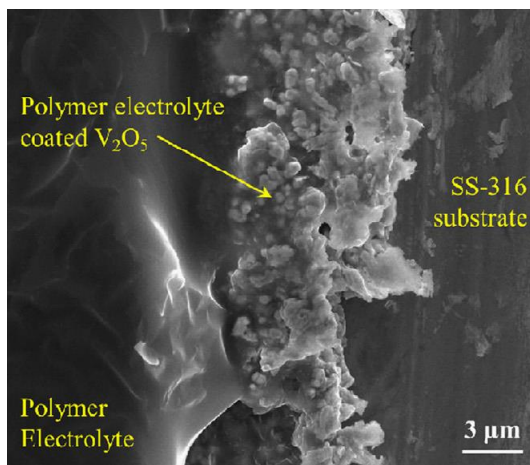
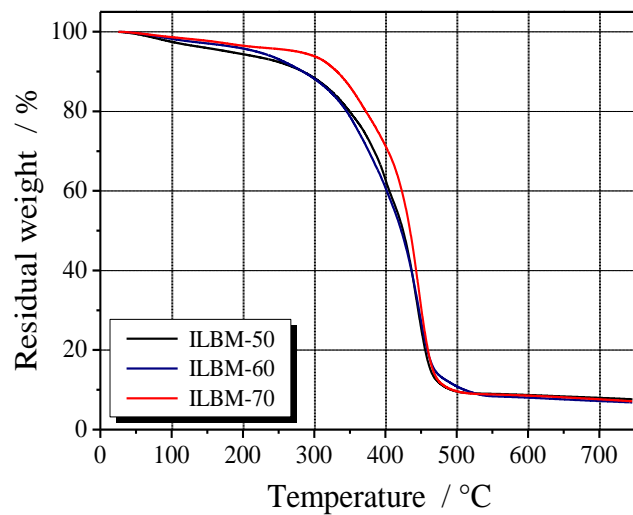
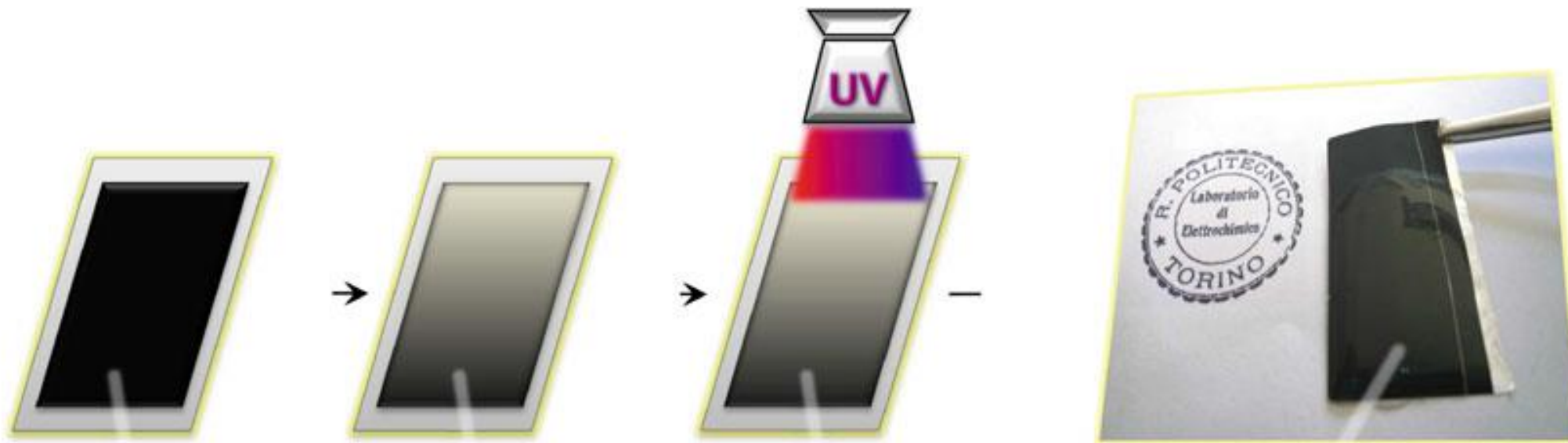
### Structure of PYRA-TFSI



### Structure of EMI - PFSI



# POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANES (RTIL)

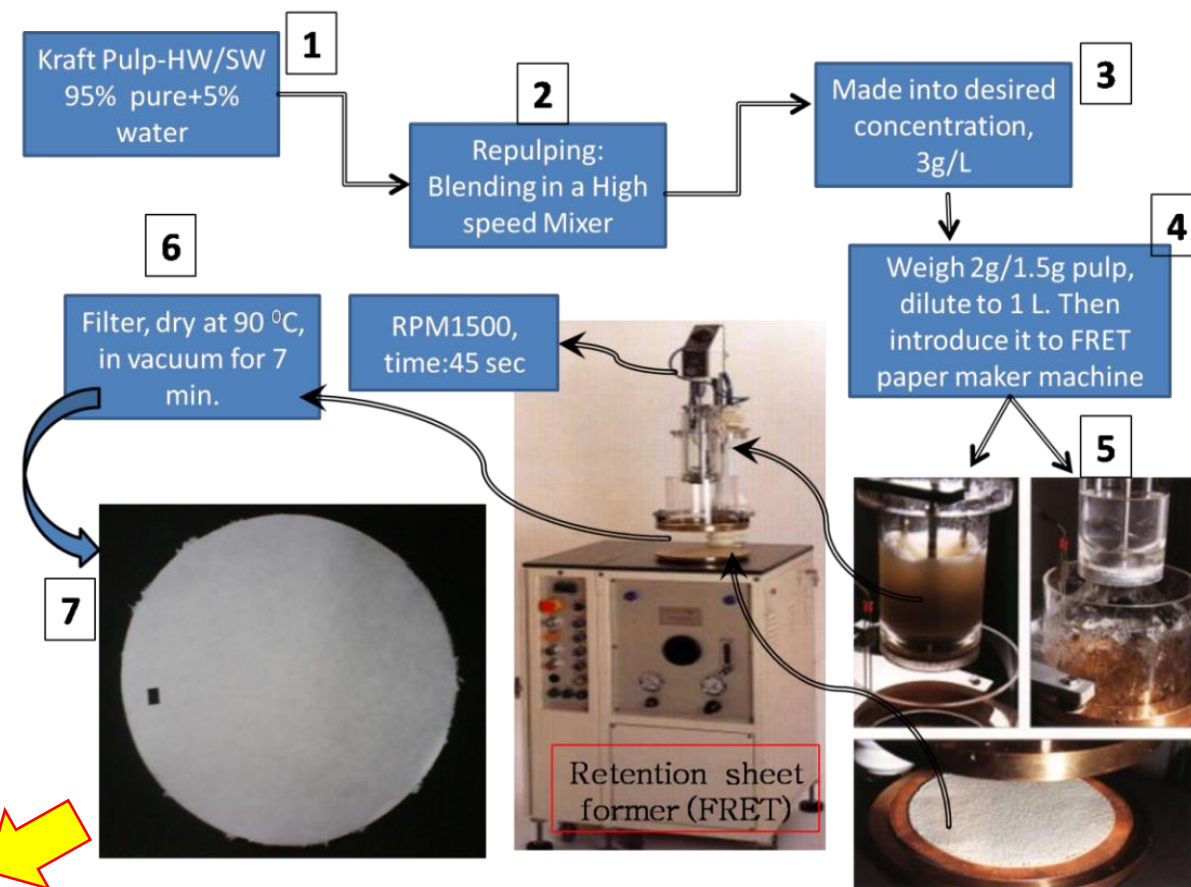


# POLYMER ELECTROLYTES – Reinforcement

UV-cured methacrylic membranes with cellulose hand-sheets for Li-based battery electrolyte.

**HW:SW = 60:40**

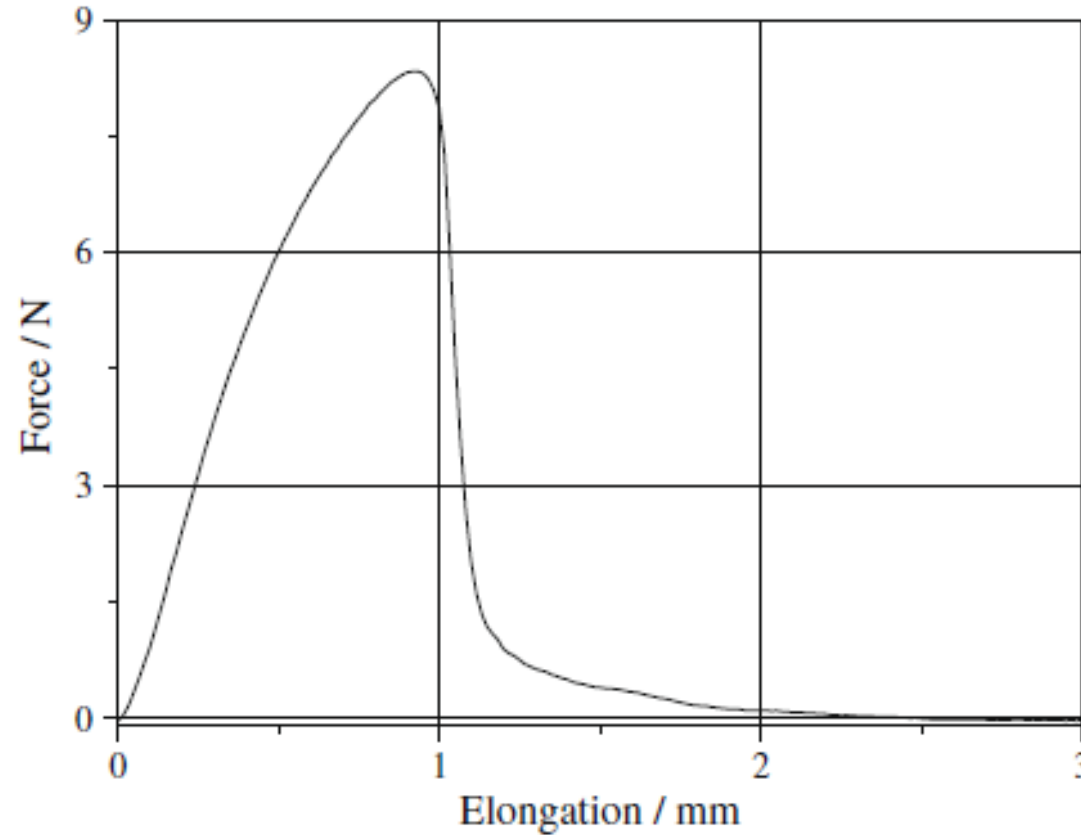
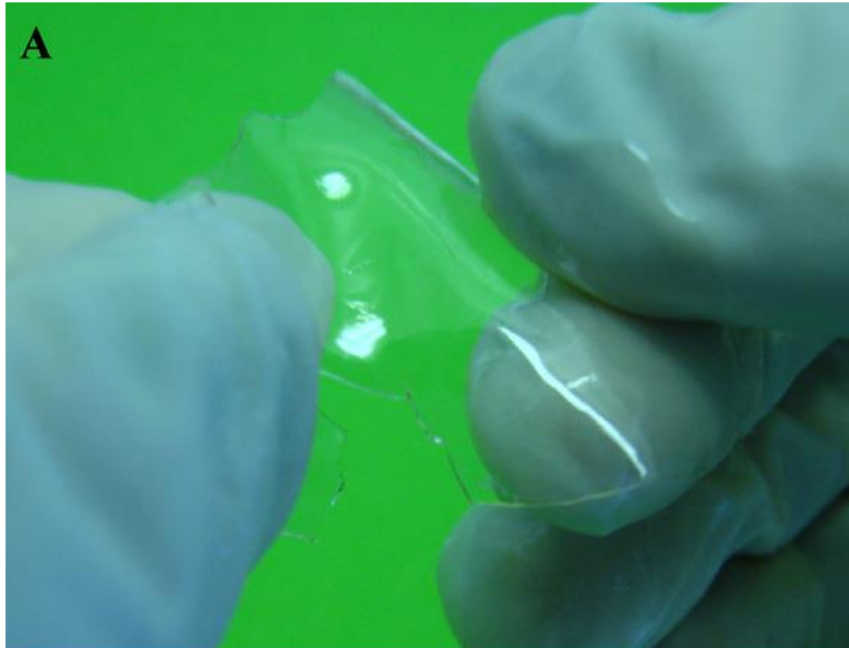
## Hand sheet Preparation



HARD WOOD (HW)	SOFT WOOD (SW)
Soft material	Hard material
Short fibres	Long fibres
Low porosity	High porosity



# POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANES (Cellulose)



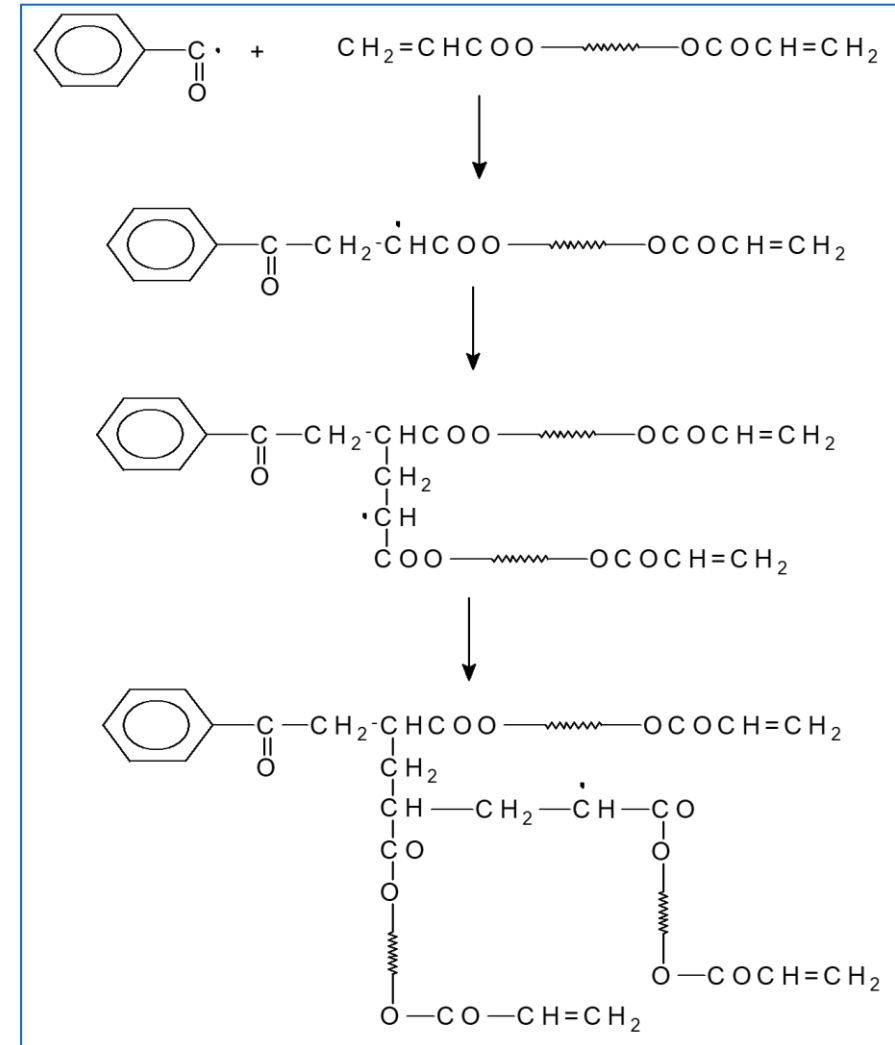
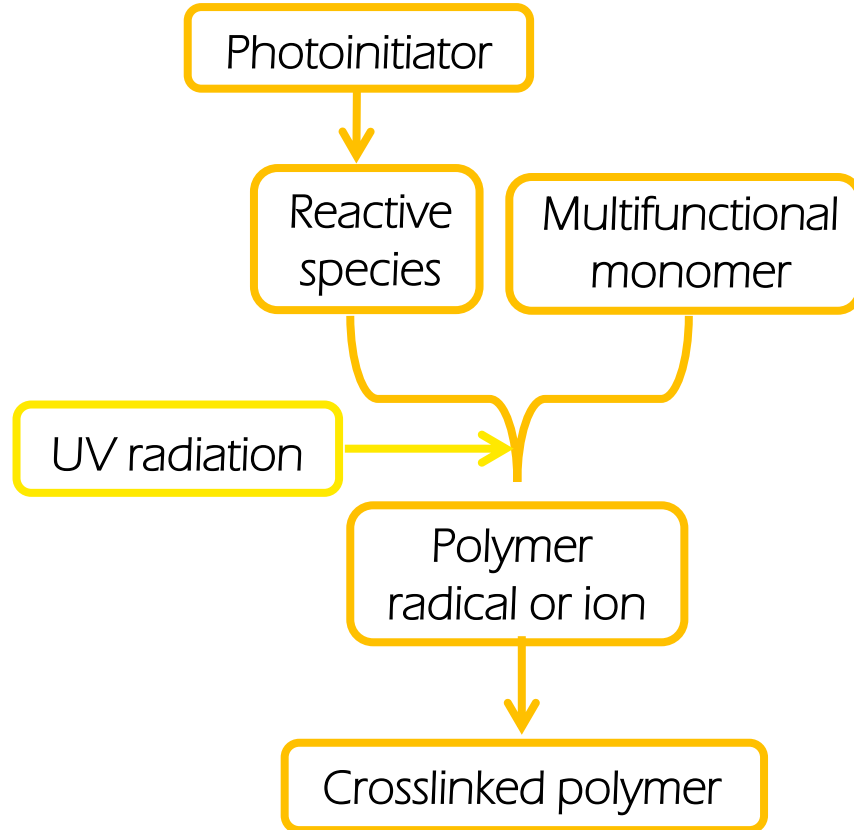
$\sigma > 0.5\text{mS/cm}$

Liquid  $>50\%$

Young's modulus - 417 Mpa  
Tensile strength - 2.7 MPa

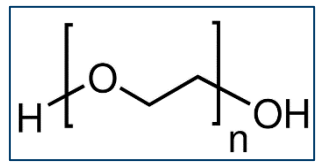


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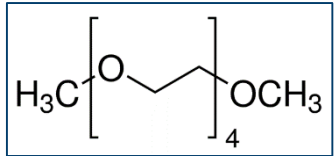


# ALL-SOLID STATE BATTERIES FOR LOW TEMPERATURE

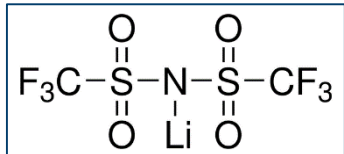
## MATERIALS and PROCESS



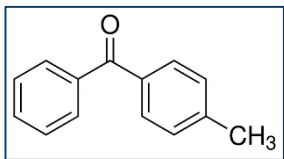
PEO



TEGDME



LiTFSI



ME-BENZOPHENONE

**RTILs**

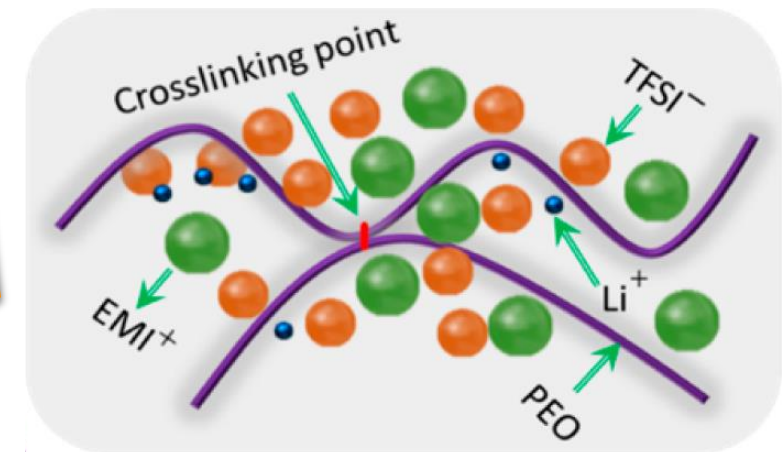
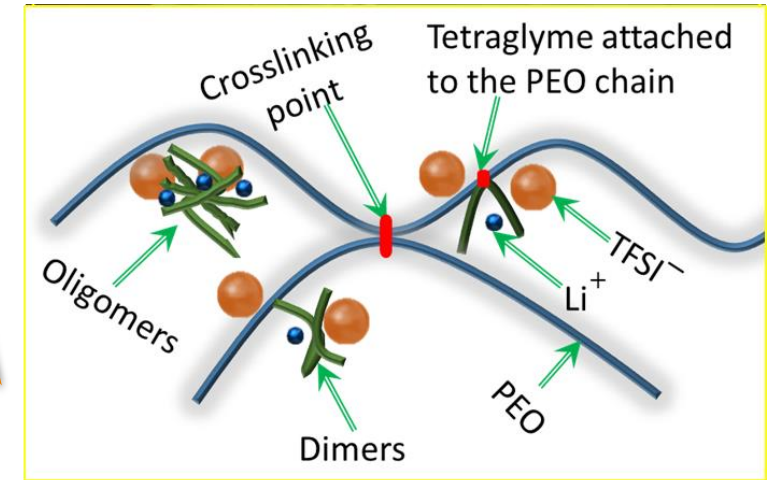
MIX @60°C

Hot Press

**Hydrogen Abstraction Mechanism**

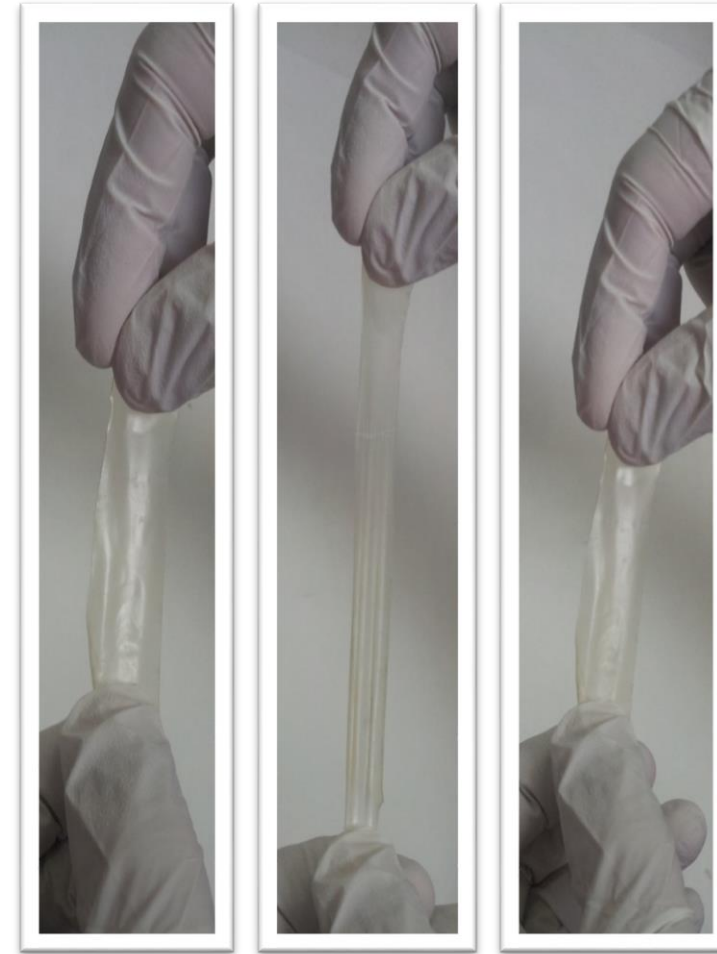
TEGDME

RTILs



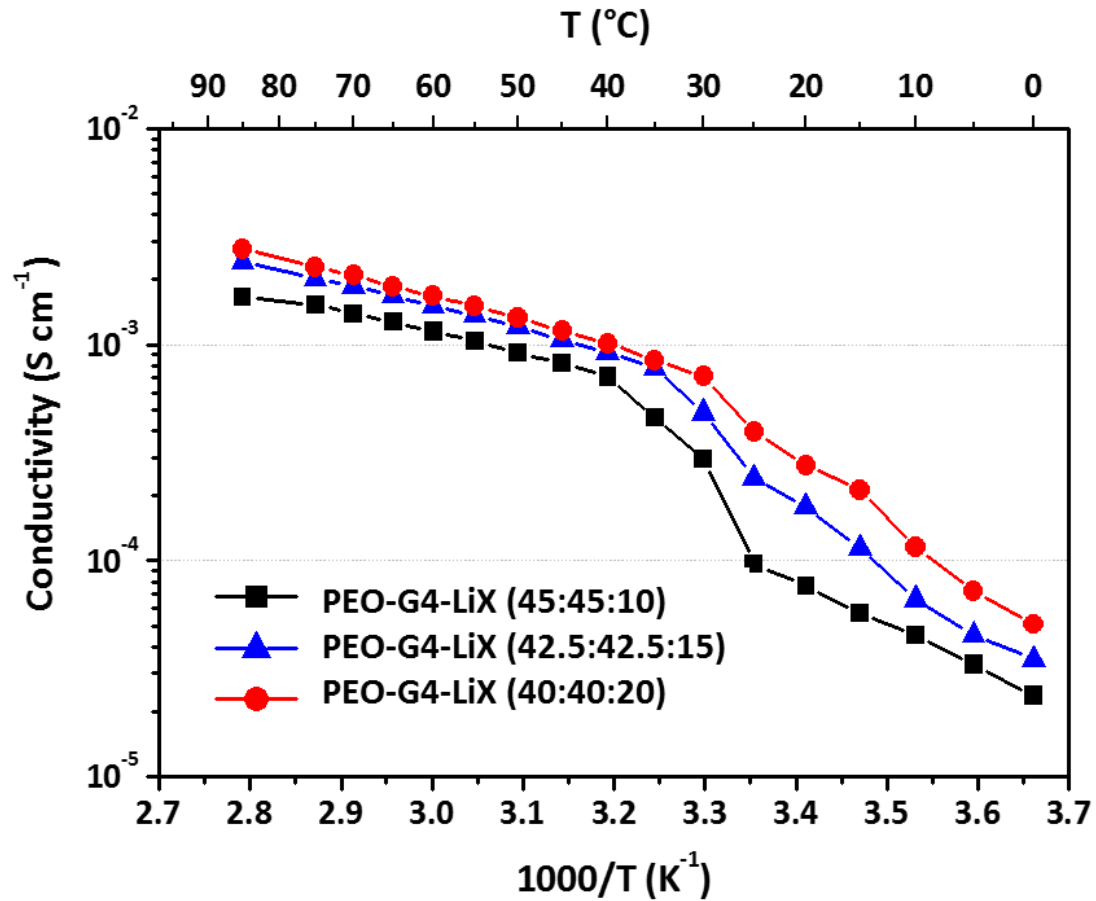
Inter-connected PEO chains with plausible branched clusters of TEGDME oligomers or RTILs

# CROSSLINKED MEMBRANES

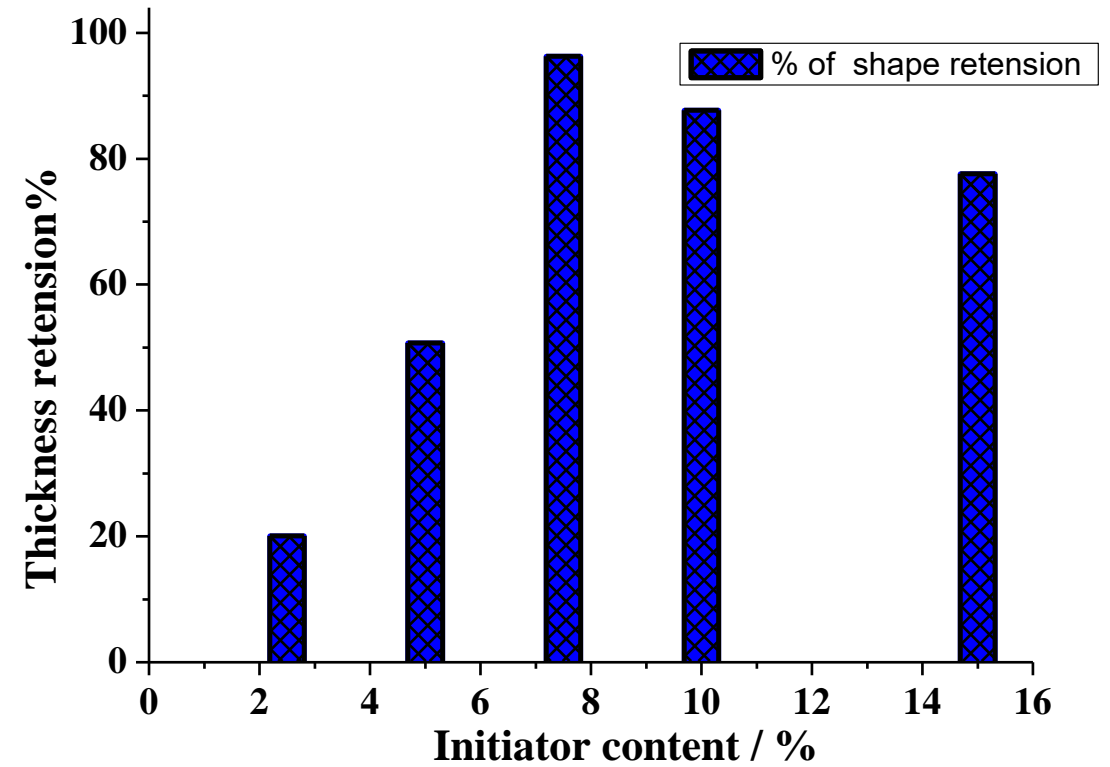


**FLEXIBLE**

# IONIC CONDUCTIVITY & SHAPE RETENSION



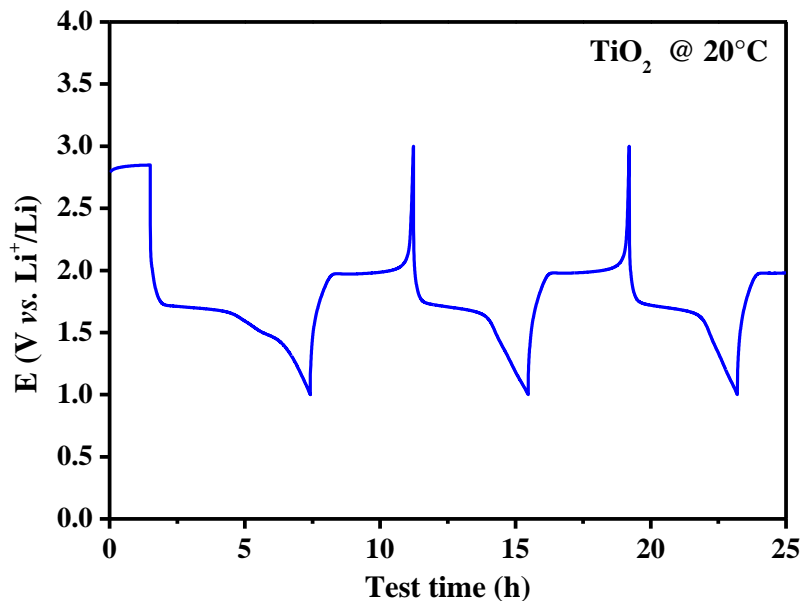
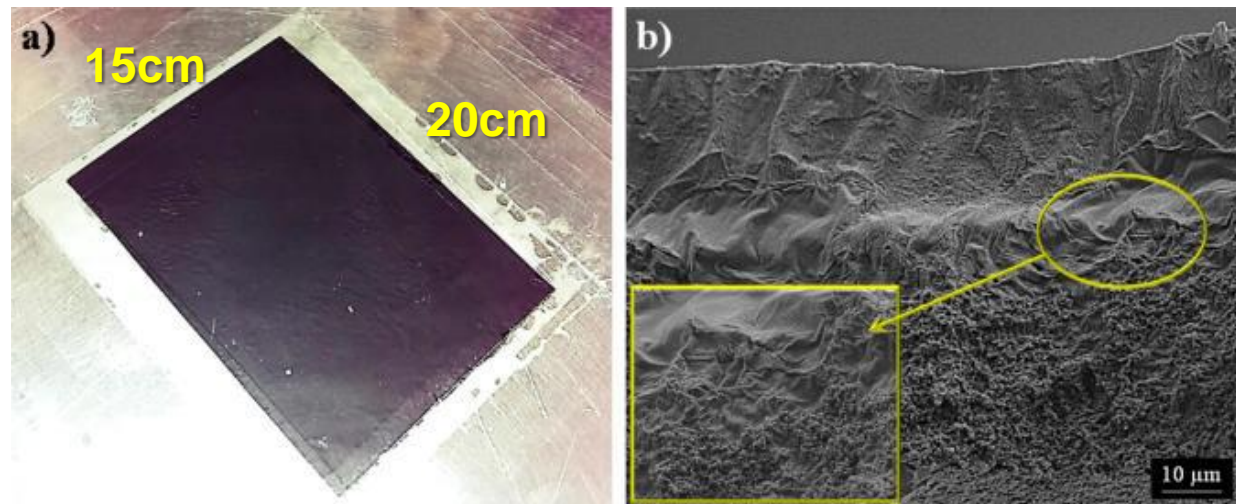
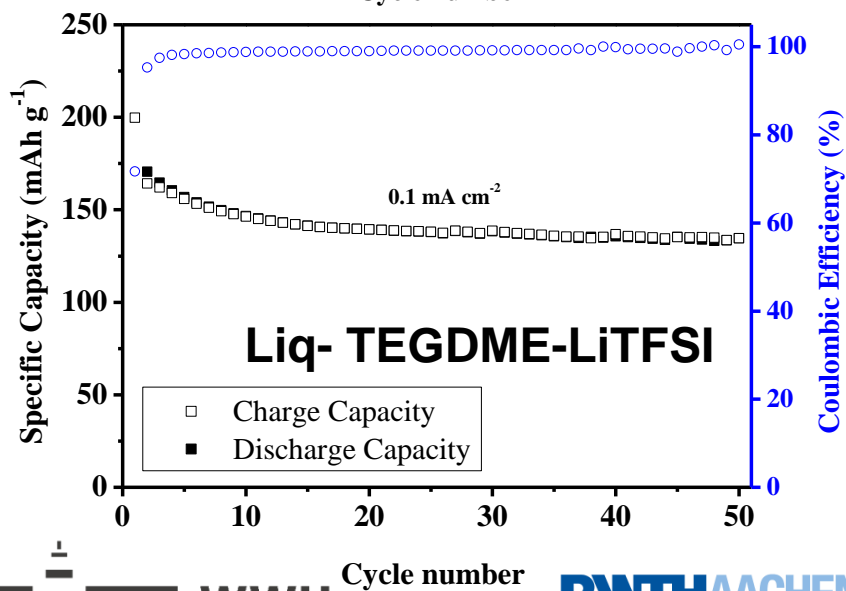
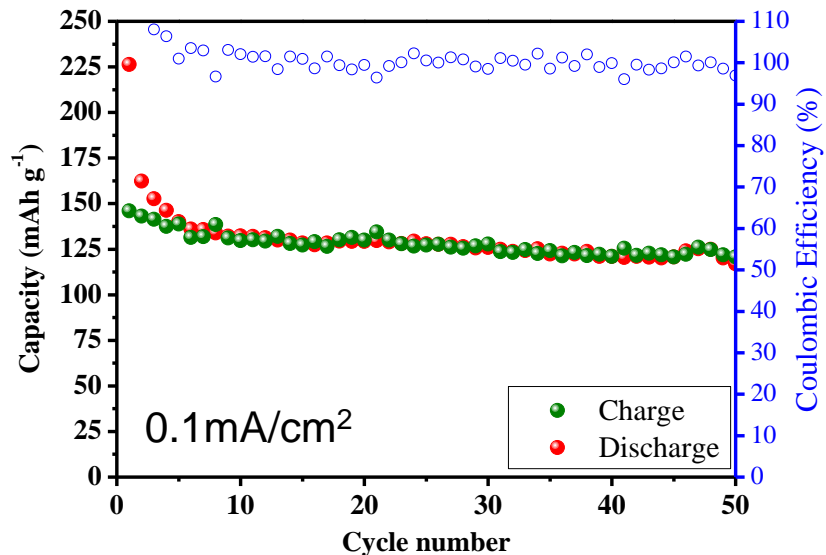
Conductivity  $\geq 0.2 \text{ mS cm}^{-1}$  @20°C



Volume change  $\approx 3\%$

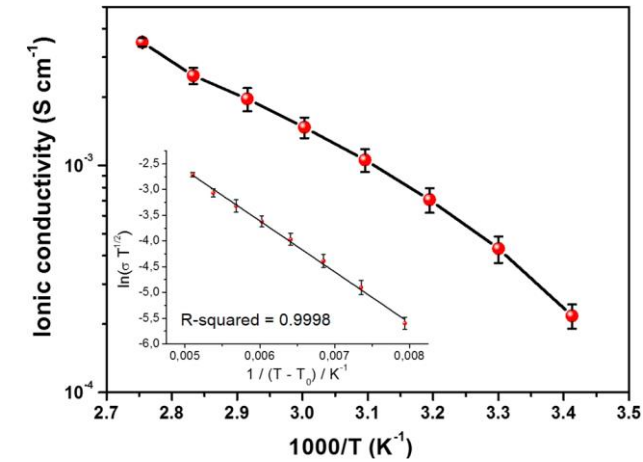
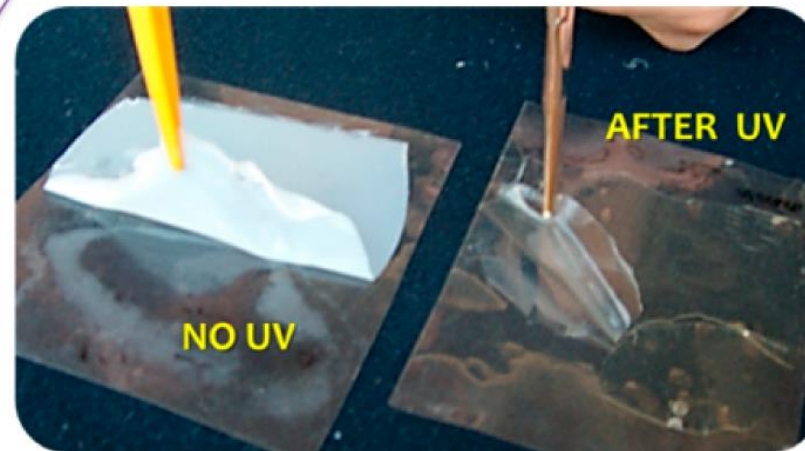
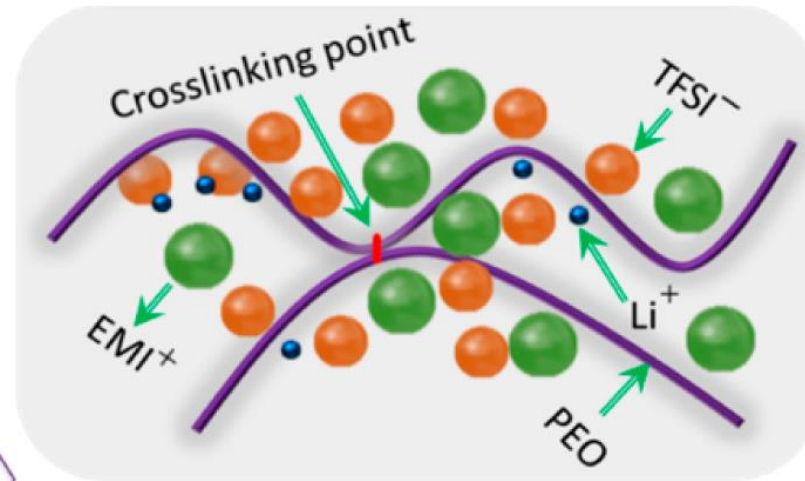
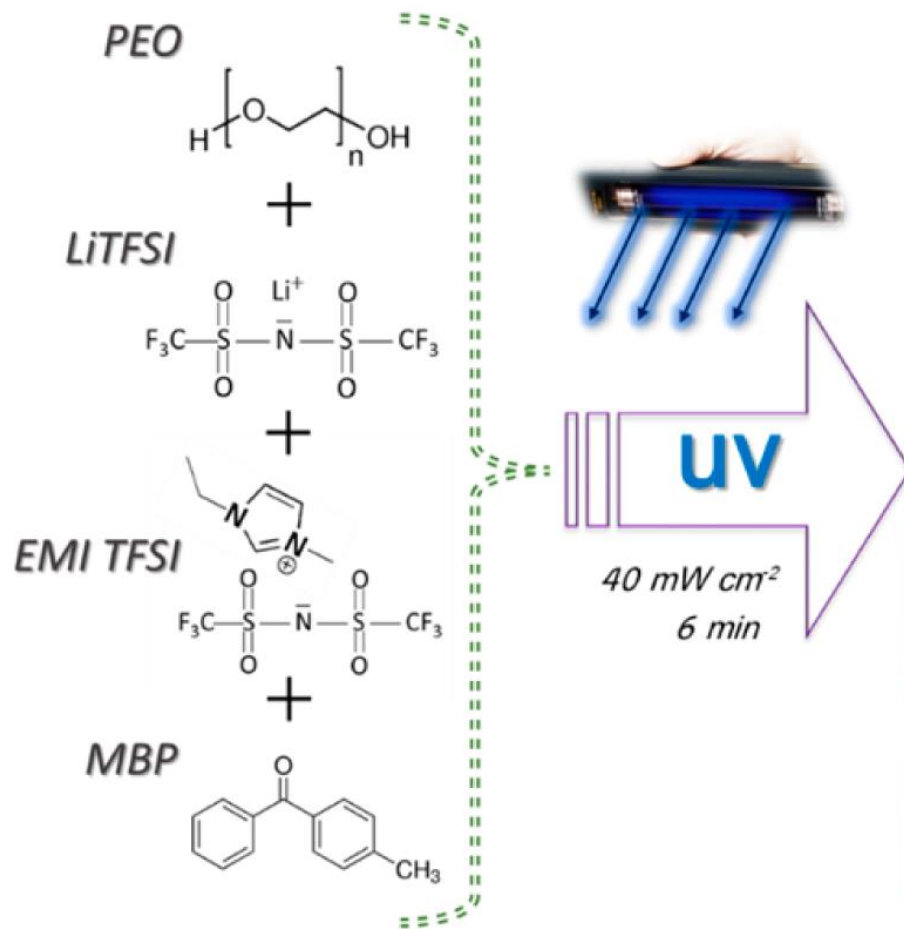


# GALVANOSTATIC CYCLING @ 20°C – TiO<sub>2</sub> / PEM / Li



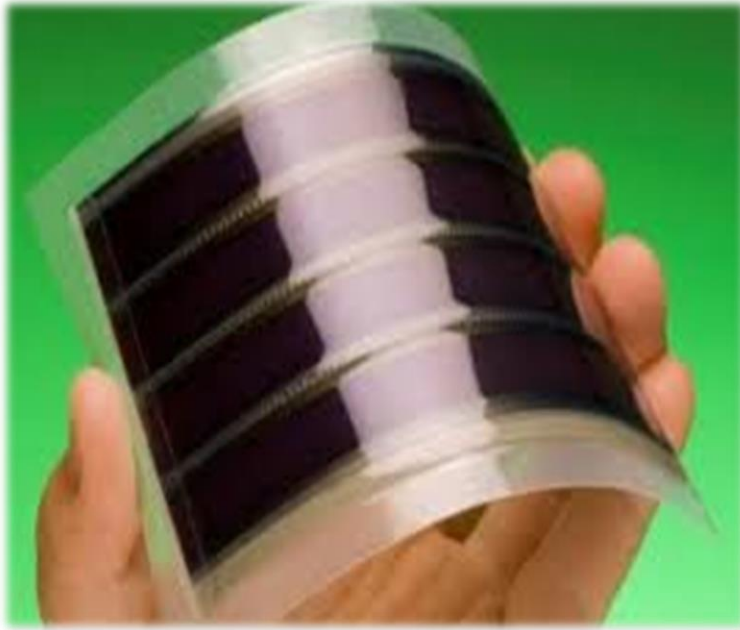
**Stable cycling**  
**High efficiency**

# CROSSLINKED POLYMER ELECTROLYTE (RTIL)

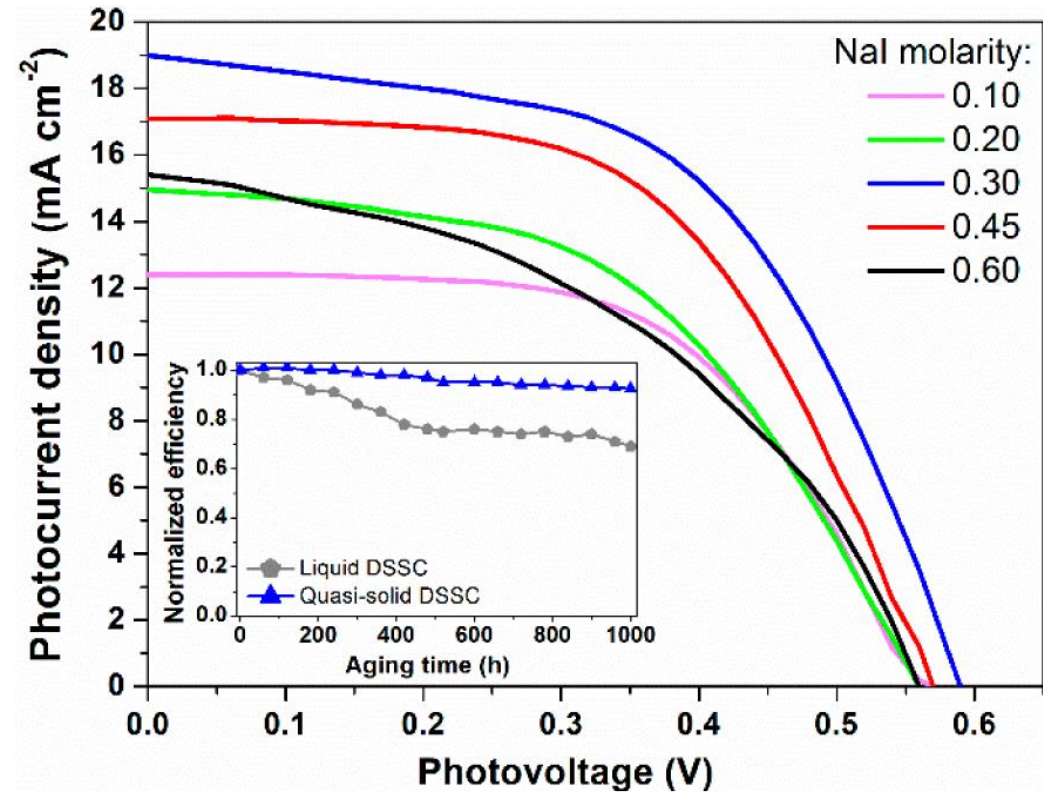


- Crystallinity Inhibition
- Mechanical stability
- Flexibility
- Ionic conductivity

# QUASI-SOLID DYE-SENSITIZED SOLAR CELL



I <sup>-</sup> (M)	V <sub>oc</sub> (V)	J <sub>sc</sub> (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF	Efficiency (%)
0.1	0.57	12.40	0.52	3.70
0.2	0.56	14.95	0.53	4.42
0.3	0.59	19.00	0.55	<b>6.10</b>
0.45	0.57	17.1	0.54	5.22



*J-V characterization @15' swelling*

The versatility of these membranes in applications such as electrochromic devices (ECD) & DSSCs make this process a strong tool to prepare universal membranes with multi-utility.



# SEMI-INTERPENETRATING ELECTROLYTE NETWORKS

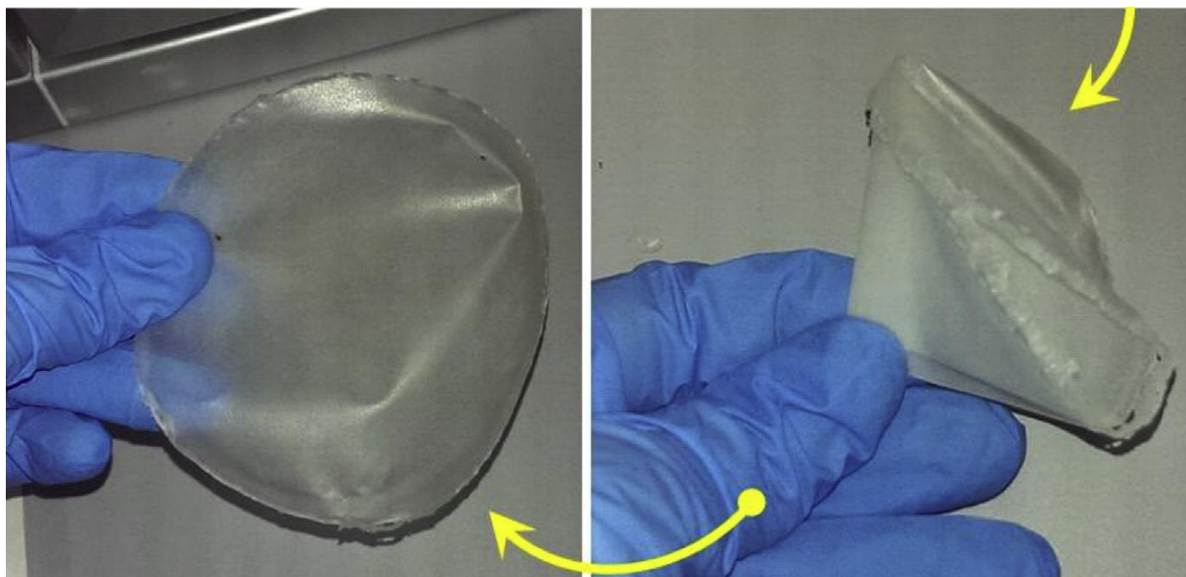
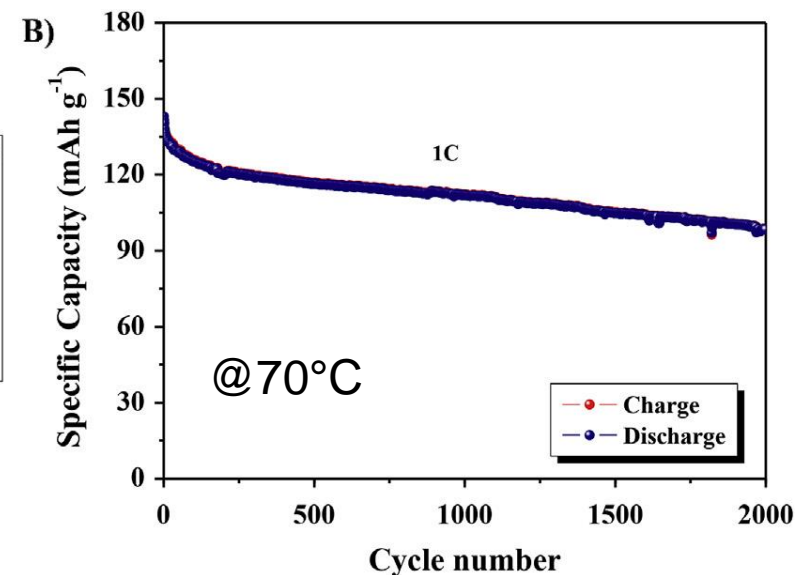
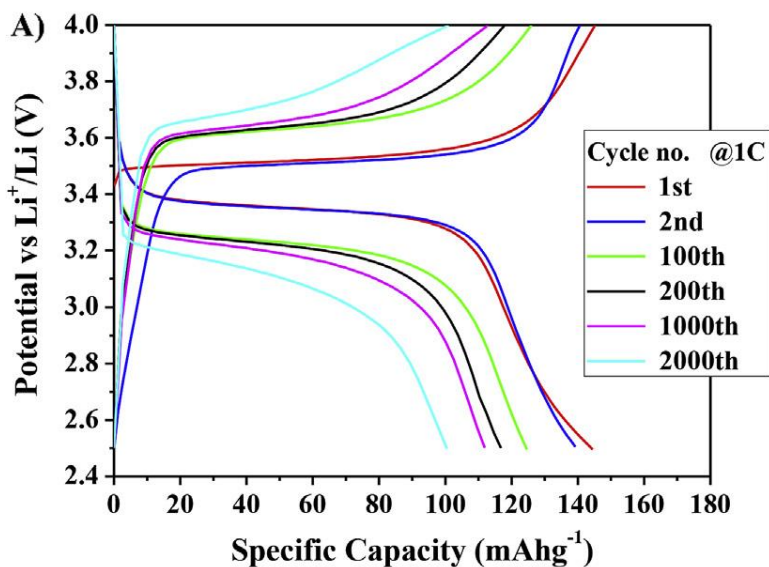
## Materials

BEMA 30 wt%

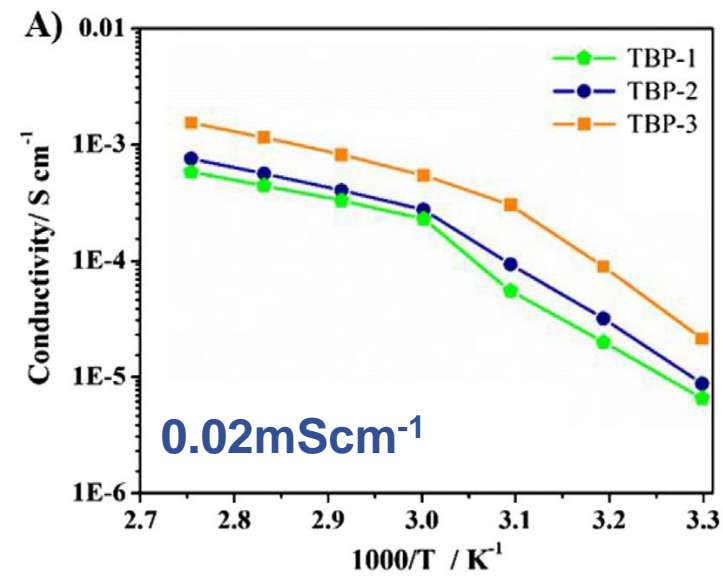
PEO 50 wt%

LiTFSI 20wt. %

AIBN (ACN)



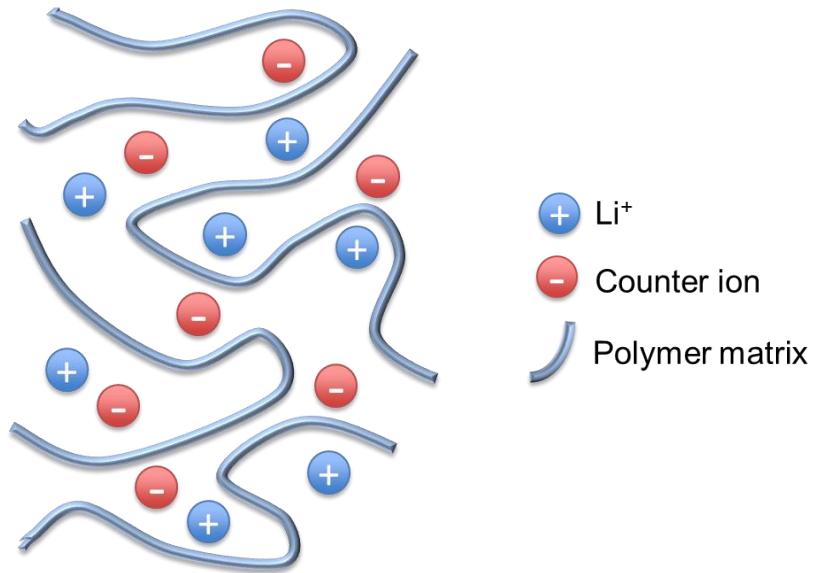
Dimensional stability after the thermal abuse



# CROSSLINKED SINGLE-ION CONDUCTORS

**POLYMER ELECTROLYTES: Polymer Matrix + Lithium Salt**

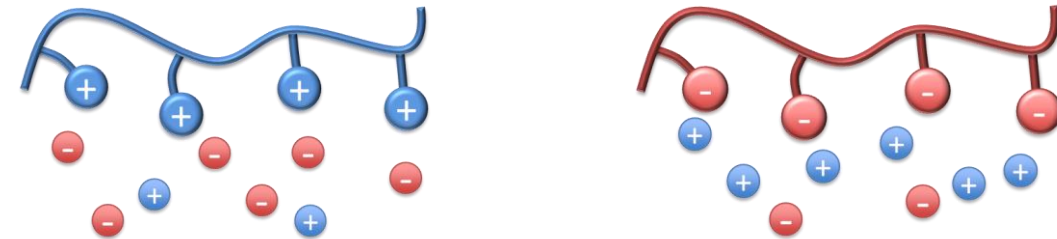
**Neutral Polymer Matrix**



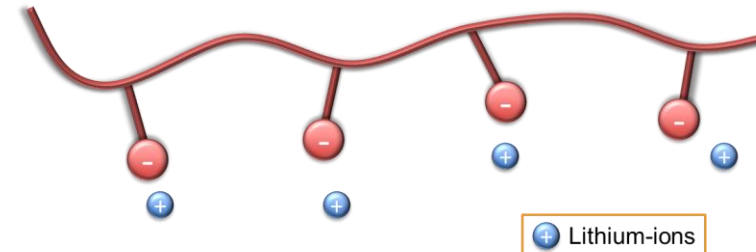
**Polyelectrolytes**

**Cationic**

**Anionic**



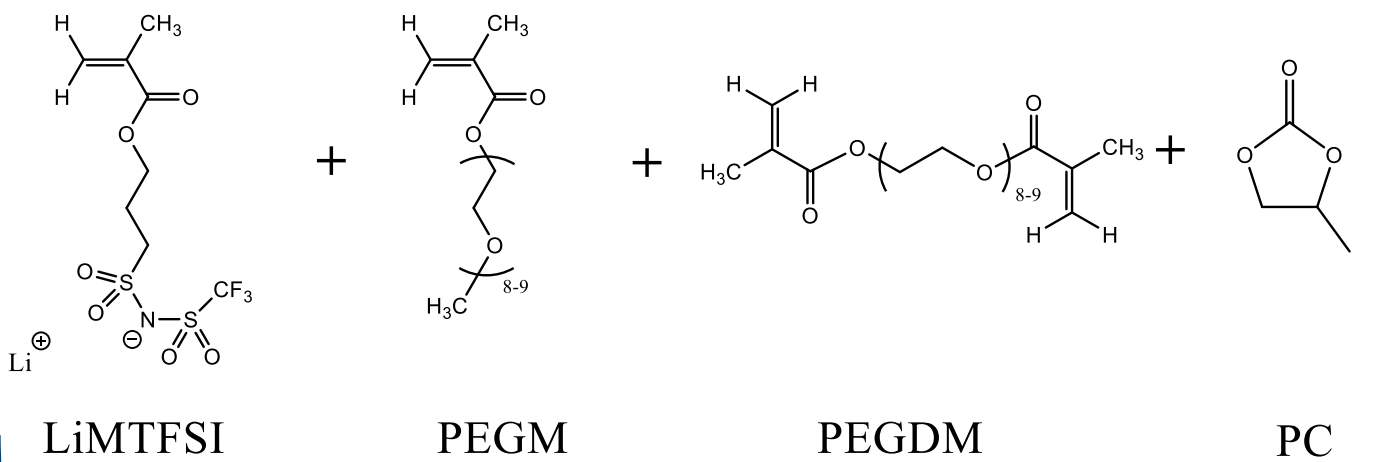
**Lithium Single-ion Conductors**



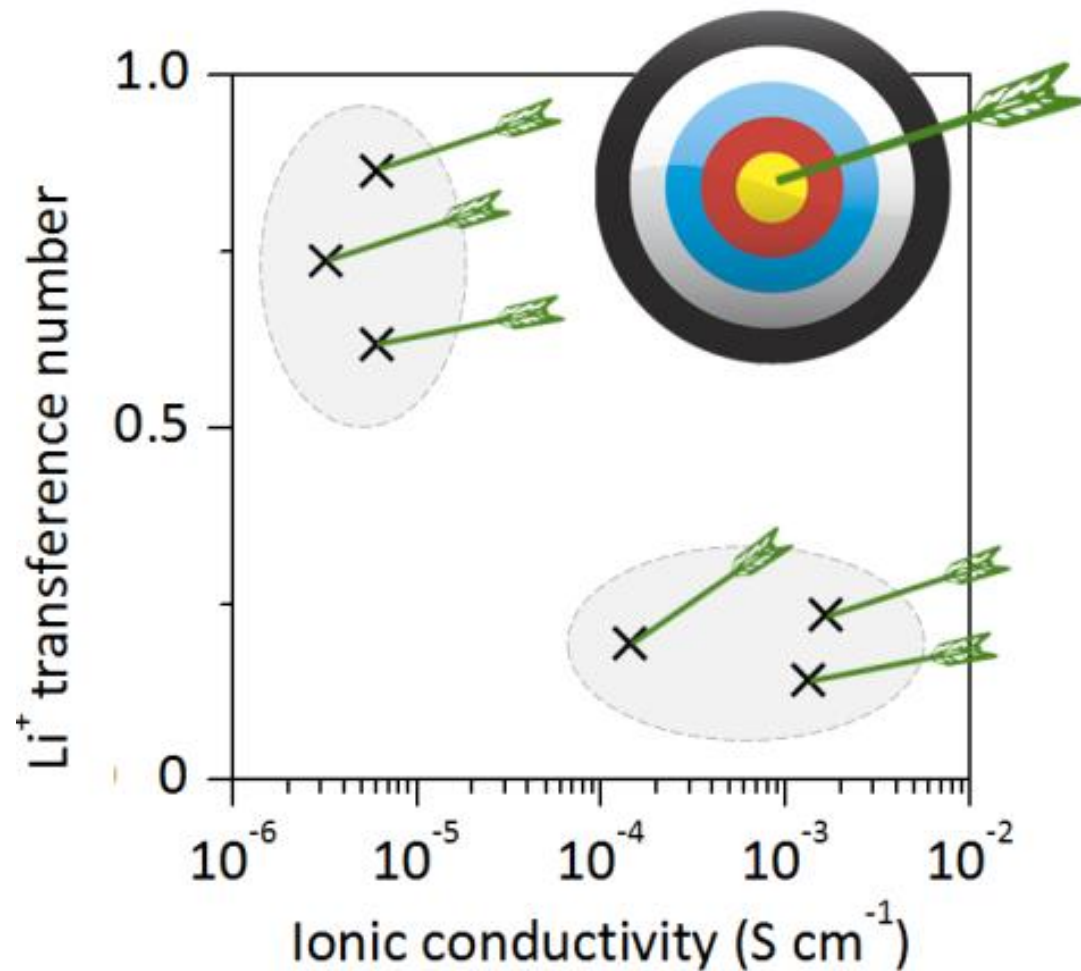
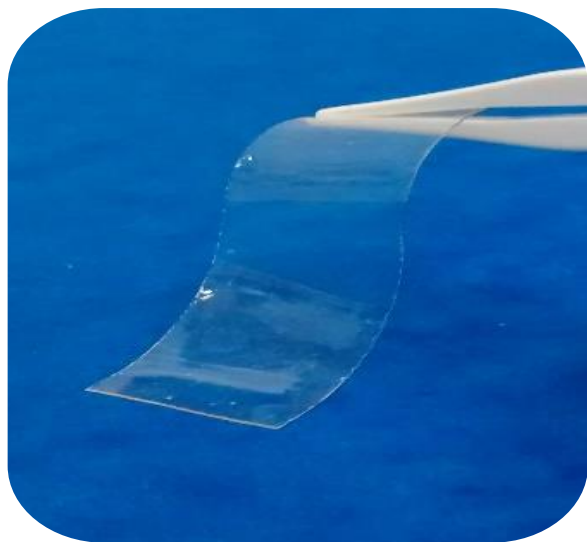
The lithium transport number  $\sim 1$



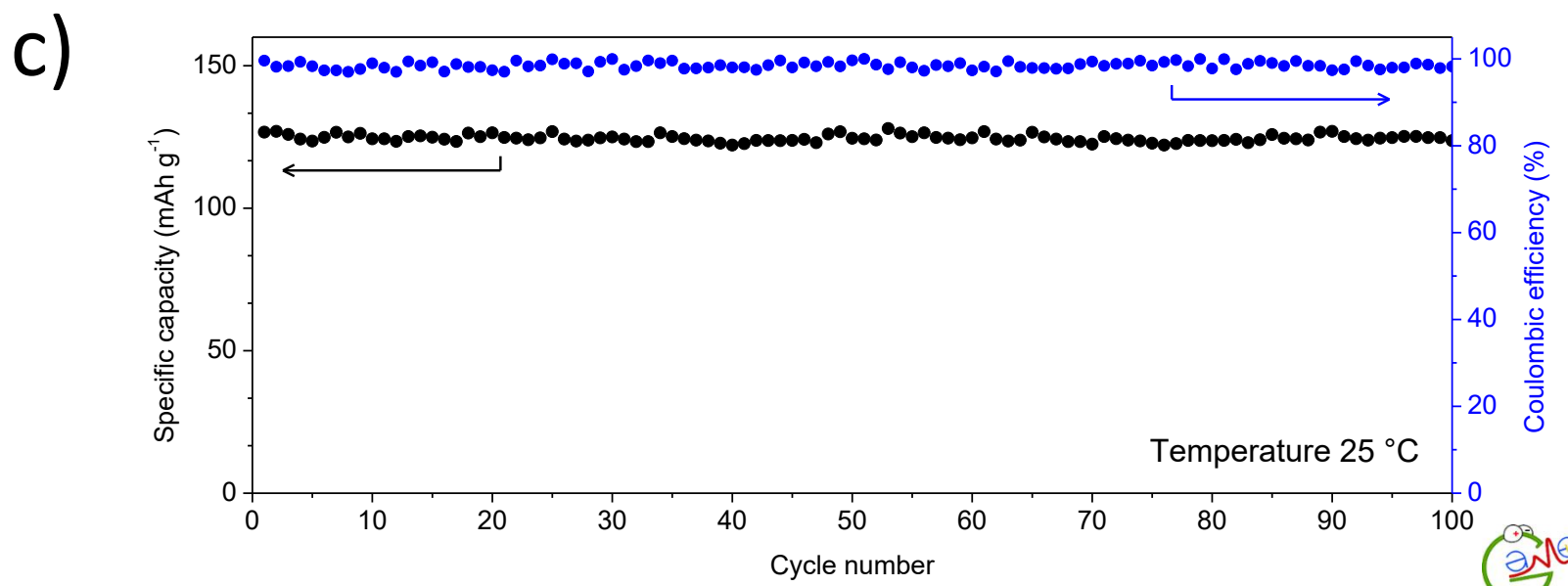
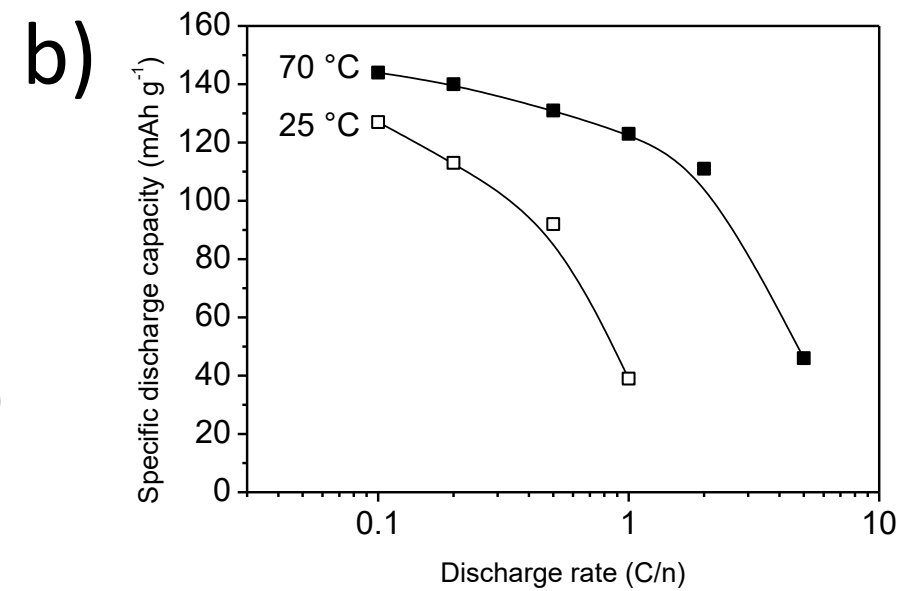
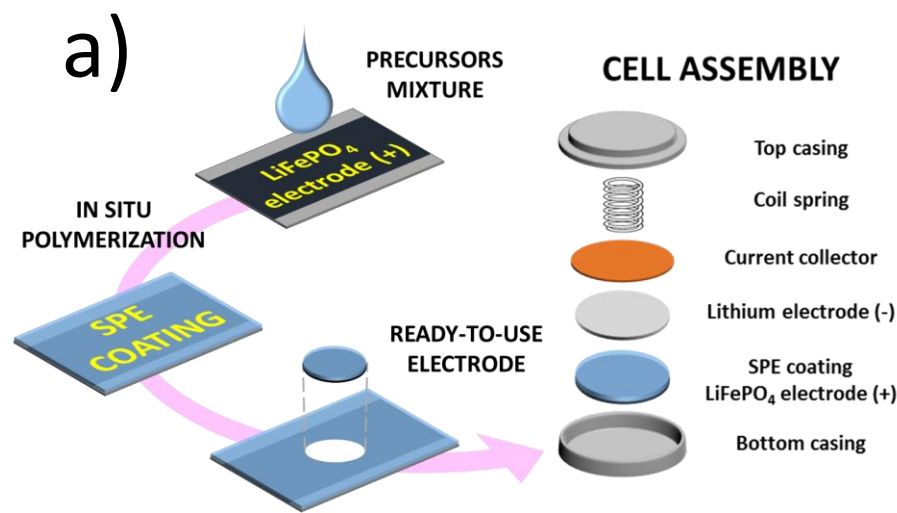
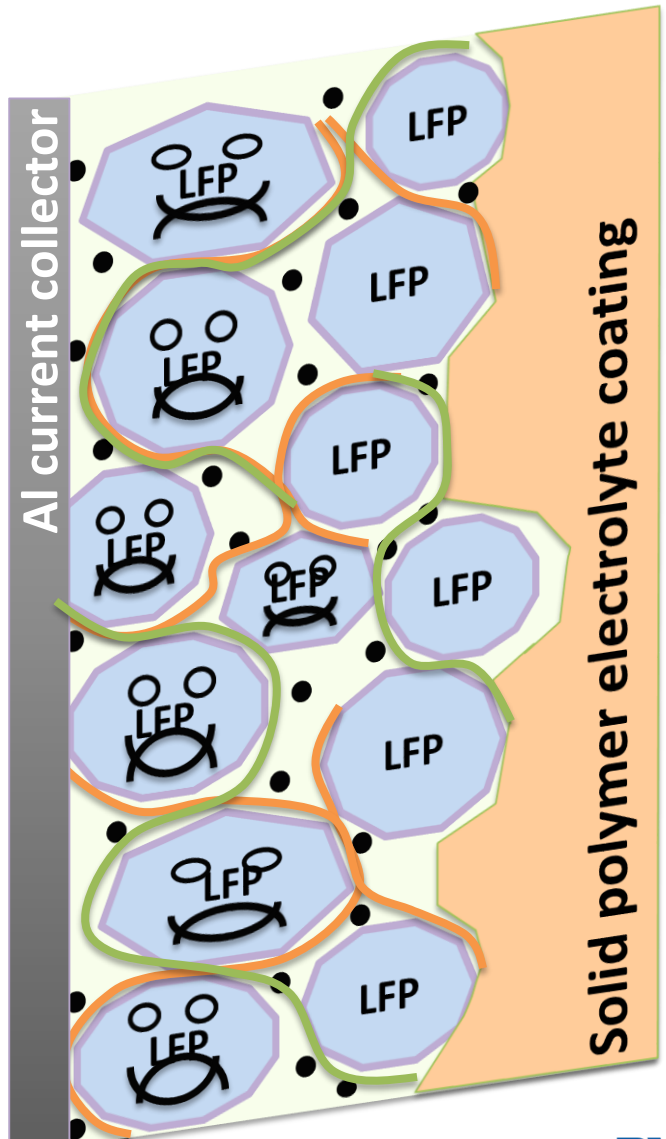
# CROSSLINKED SINGLE-ION CONDUCTORS



Curing 4 h 70 °C



# SINGLE-ION CONDUCTORS



# LITHIUM: THE NEW “GOLD” ?

Accessible global Li reserves are in remote or in politically sensitive areas. Increasing utilization of Li in energy storage applications with a higher “price point” will ultimately escalate the price of Li compounds even with extensive battery recycling programs, thereby making large-scale storage based on this element less affordable.

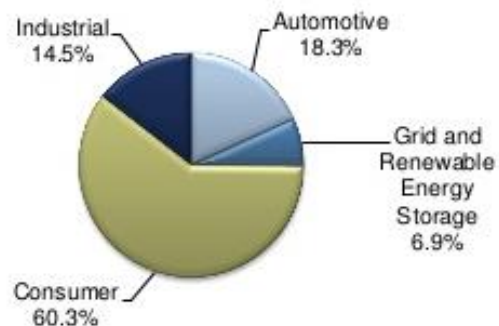
## Market segmentation by application



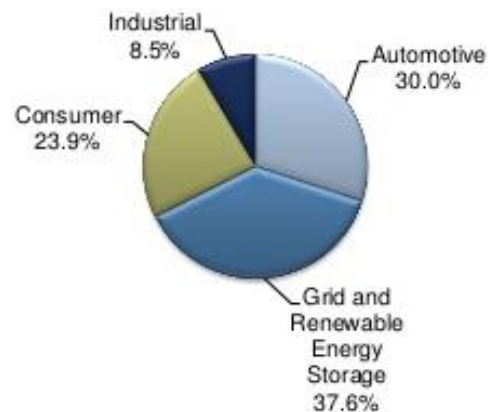
**Key Takeaway:** The consumer segment dominates the global lithium-ion battery market with increased use in laptops, smart phones, power tools, and other applications.

**Key Takeaway:** The utility segment dominates the market as utilities are seeking smart grid solutions that utilize lithium-ion batteries to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness.

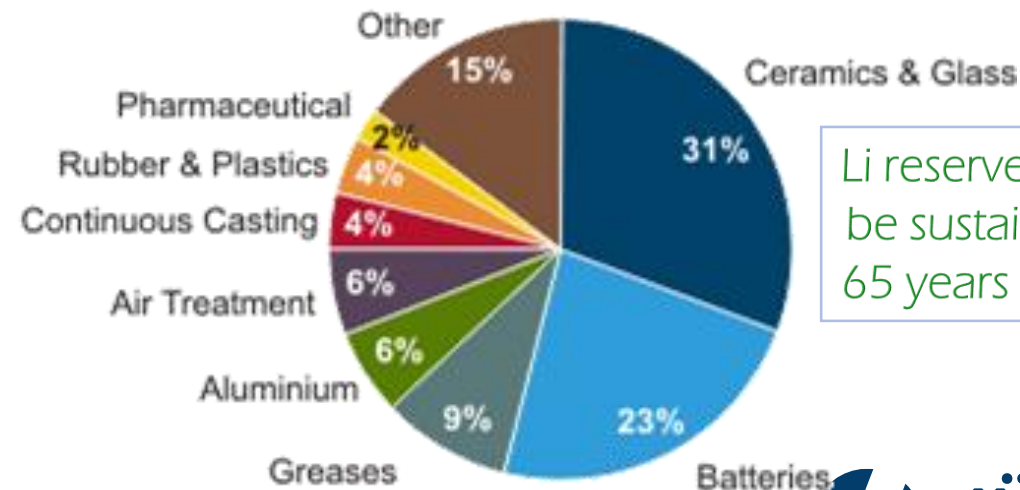
Total Lithium-ion Battery Market: Percent Revenue Breakdown by Application, Global, 2013



Total Lithium-ion Battery Market: Percent Revenue Breakdown by Application, Global, 2020



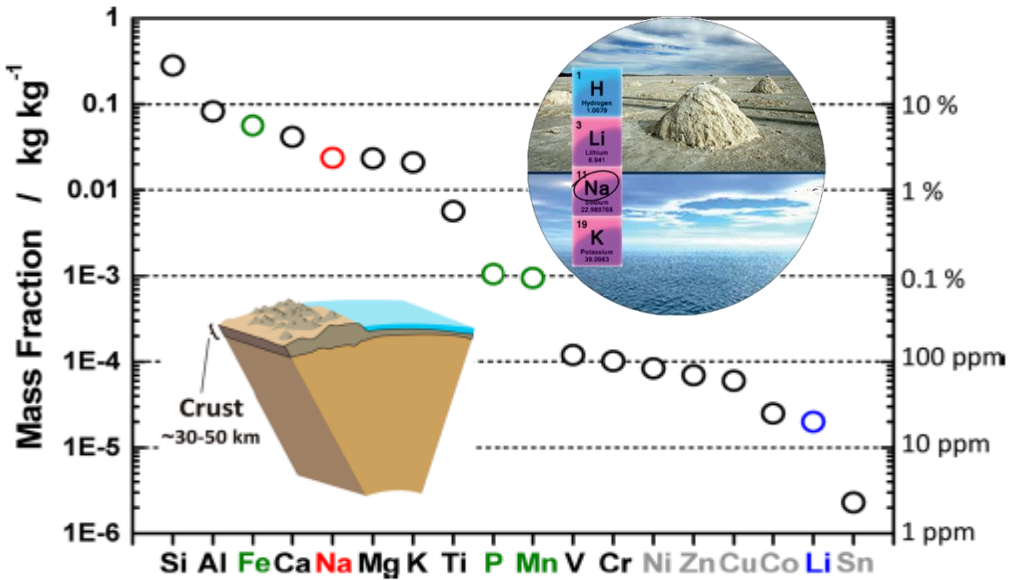
## Current lithium by end user



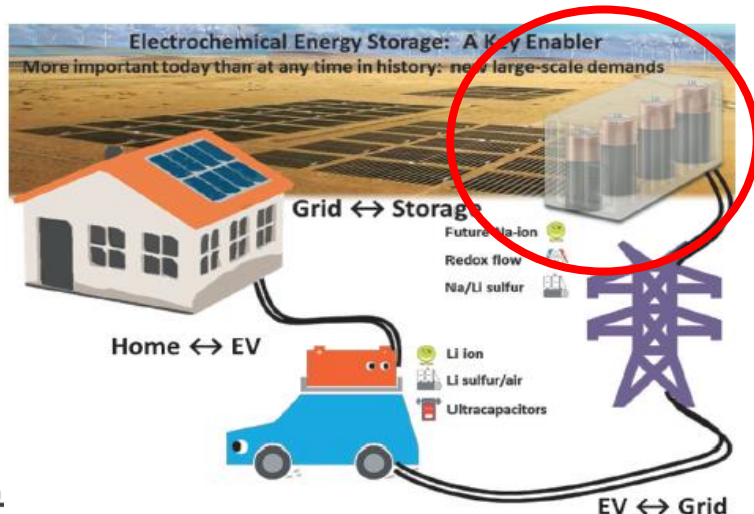
Li reserves could be sustained for 65 years at most



# SODIUM-ION BATTERIES: Large-scale Energy Storage

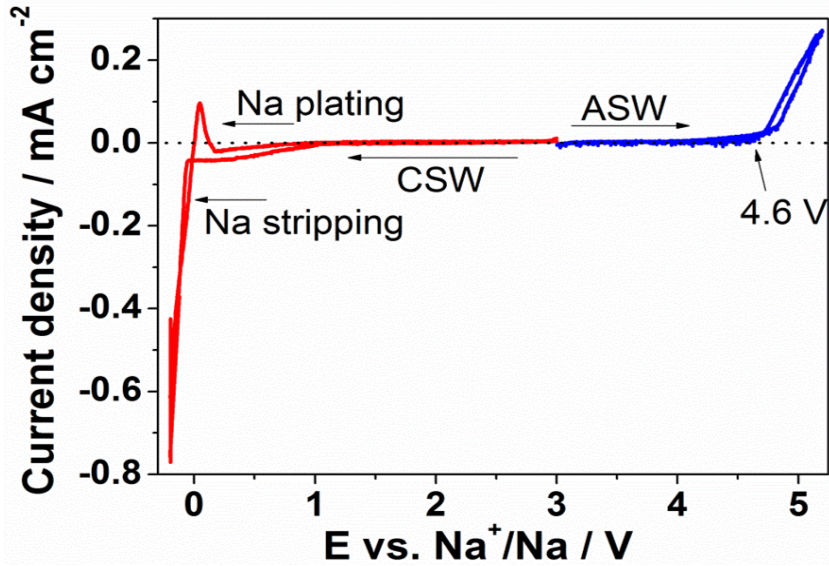


- Sodium resources are “unlimited”, attainable at low cost and geographically distributed.
- Very suitable redox potential ( $-2.71$  V versus SHE), only a small energy penalty to pay vs. lithium.
- Same working principle as Li-ion batteries, similar materials.
- Gravimetric and volumetric energy densities of Na-ion battery would not exceed those of its Li analogue because of the relatively heavier and larger Na atom and less-reducing potential of Na. However, energy density is not a critical issue in large-scale energy storage.
- Sodium-based batteries offer a higher energy density than aqueous batteries and lower cost than Li-ion batteries, with some now approaching the energy density of the latter.



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# Na-POLYMER CELL TESTING

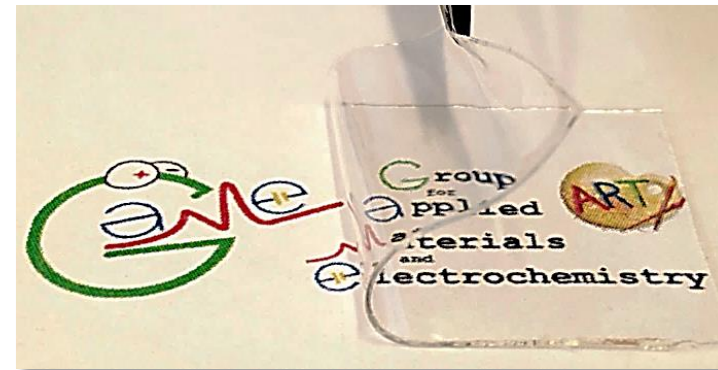
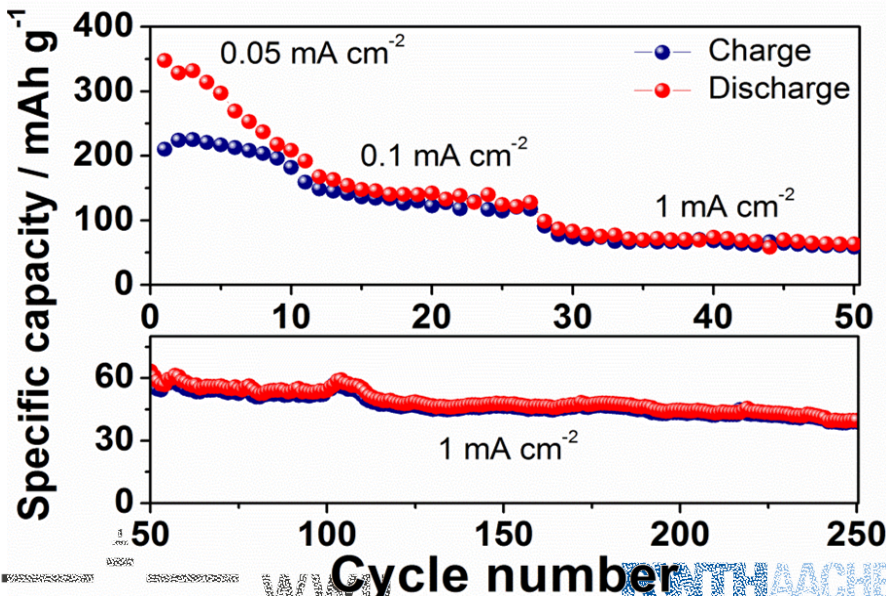
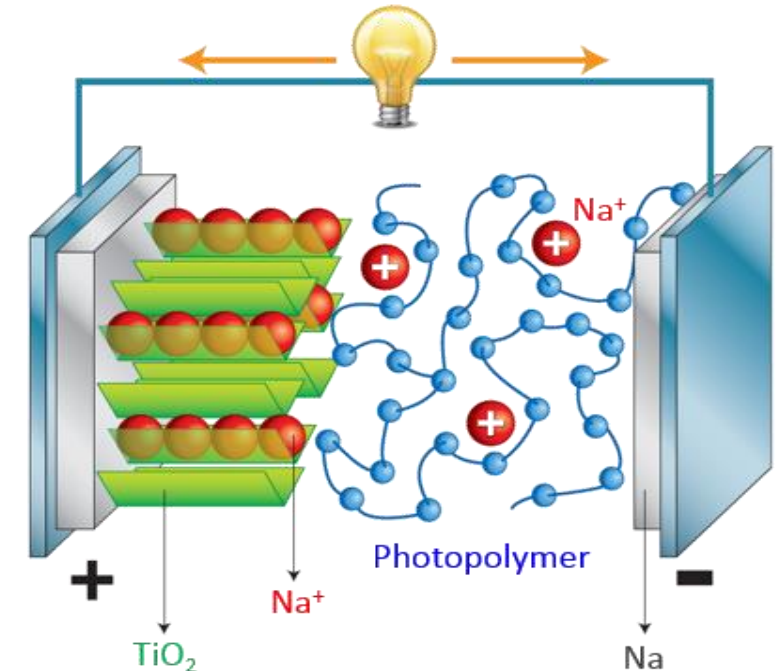


- **Electrochemical stability window (ESW)** between OCV and 5.2 V vs. Na/Na<sup>+</sup> (anodic scan) and between OCV and -0.2 V vs. Na/Na<sup>+</sup> (cathodic).
- **No noticeable electrochemical reactions** occurred at positive potentials ranging from the sodium reversible plating/stripping process below 0.2 V to above 4.7 V vs. Na/Na<sup>+</sup> where the current started flowing.
- The polymer electrolyte is suitable for practical application even in NIBs with **high working potential**.

**Working electrode:** TiO<sub>2</sub> anatase:

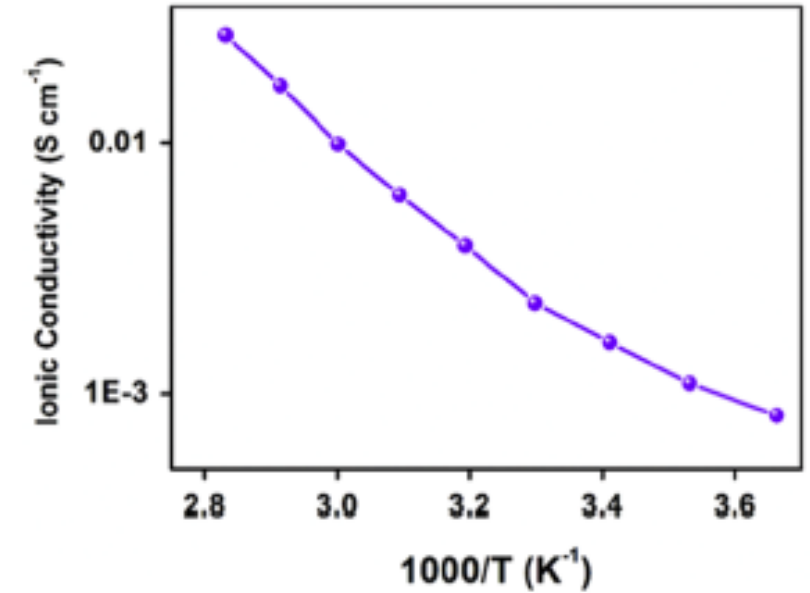
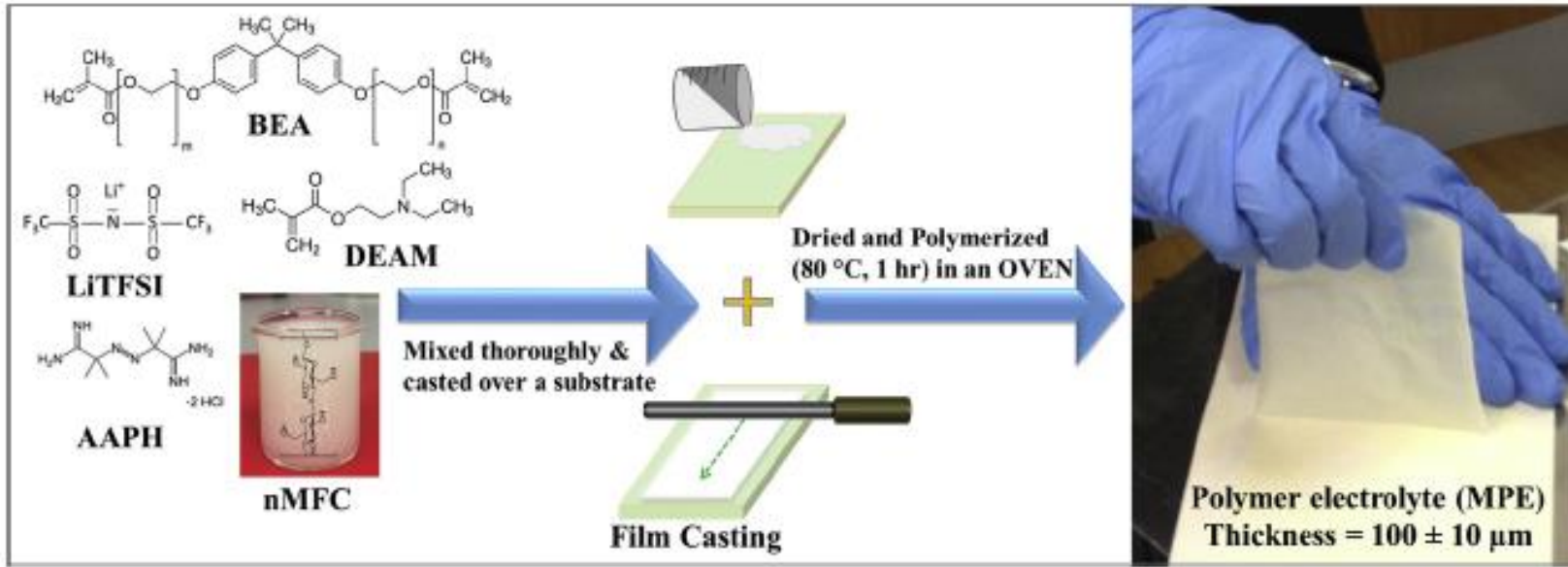
Na-CMC:C (74:8:18); **Counter:** Na.

Initial specific capacity: **350 mAh g<sup>-1</sup>**.

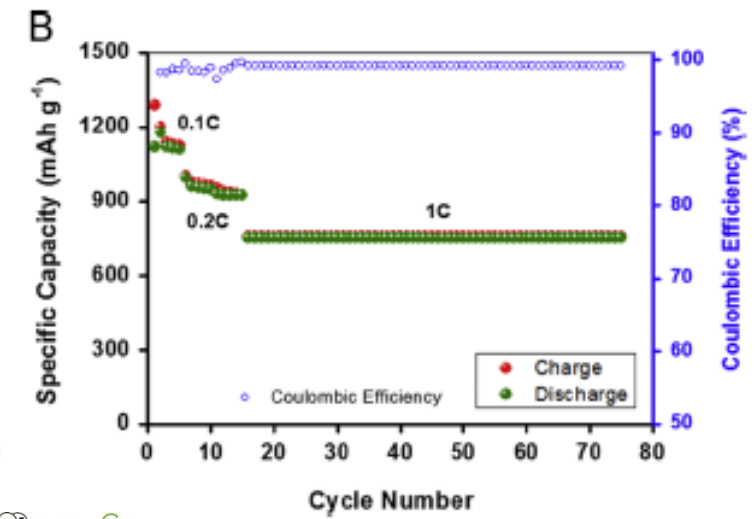
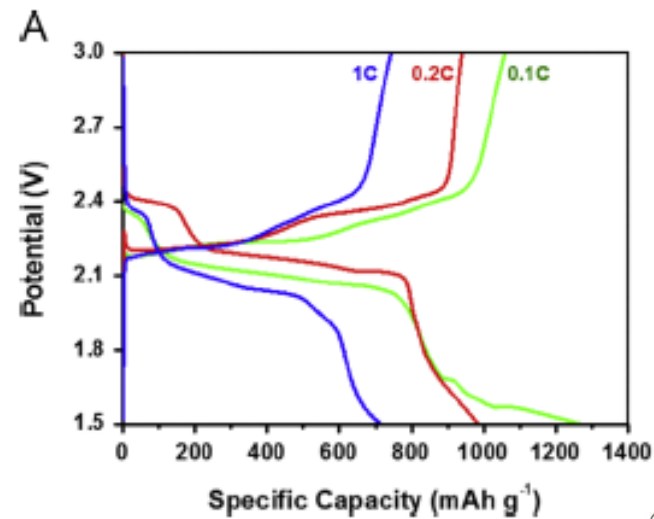




# Li-Sulfur: Nano cellulose-laden composite polymer electrolytes



Then liquid electrolyte: 0.75 M solution of LiTFSI in a 1:1(v/v) mixture of tetraethylene glycol Dimethylether (TEGDME) and 1,3-dioxolane + Lithium Nitrate (LiNO<sub>3</sub>, 0.5M),



# Towards paper-based energy storage devices

Spray coating and papermaking technologies were implemented on a pilot line for the large-scale production of battery electrodes coupling the use of water based electrode formulations and bio-sourced binders with flexible and high production capacity technologies.

## Electrode manufacturing vs. papermaking

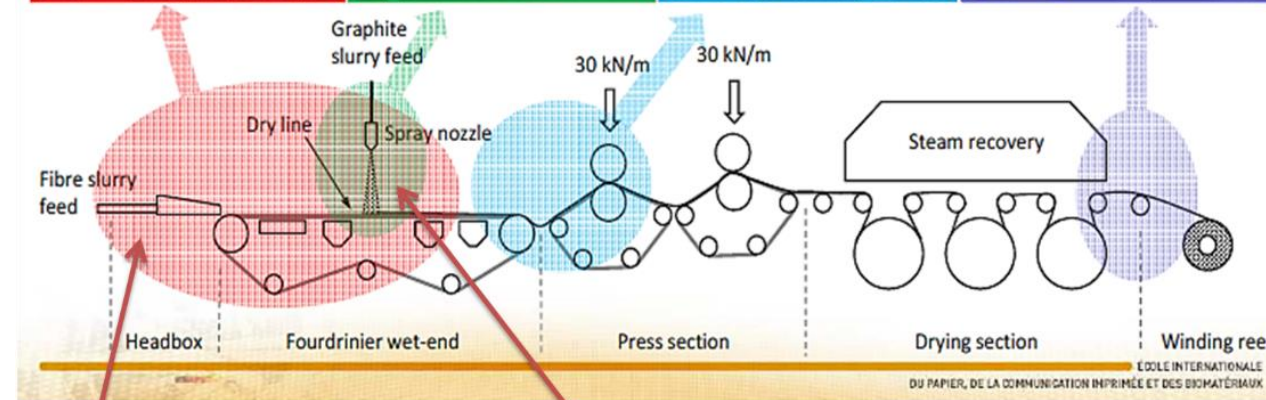
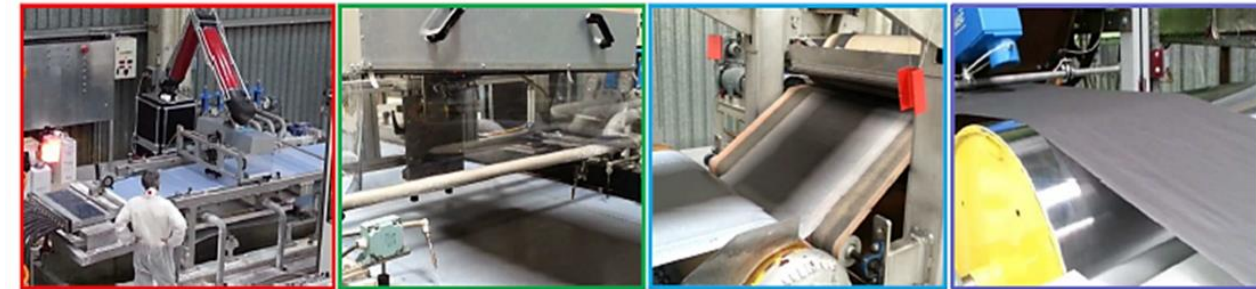


- **Materials:**
  - Fluorinated binders (or CMC)
  - Active materials
  - Polymeric additives
- **Coating technologies**
  - Organic slurries (or aqueous)
  - Slurry coating on metal substrate
  - Solvent evaporation in oven
- **Typical production rates:**
  - Machine speed: 10-100 m/min
  - Machine width: 0.5-1 m
  - Throughput: 5-100 m<sup>2</sup>/min



- **Materials:**
  - Cellulose fibres
  - Active materials
  - Mineral fillers
- **Papermaking technologies**
  - Processing of fibre aqueous slurries
  - Slurry dewatering for sheet formation
  - Sheet coating with minerals/polymers
- **Typical production rates:**
  - Machine speed: 200-1000 m/min
  - Machine width: 2-7 m
  - Throughput: 400-4000 m<sup>2</sup>/min

## Pre-industrial paper electrodes by spray deposition



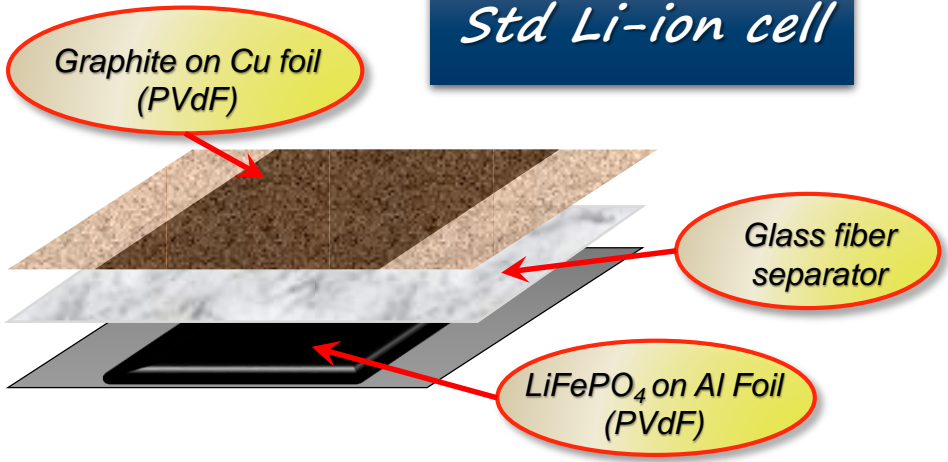
Paper sheet:  
pre-separator, beaten cellulose fibres

Electrode aqueous slurry:  
MFC binder, carbon black, graphite

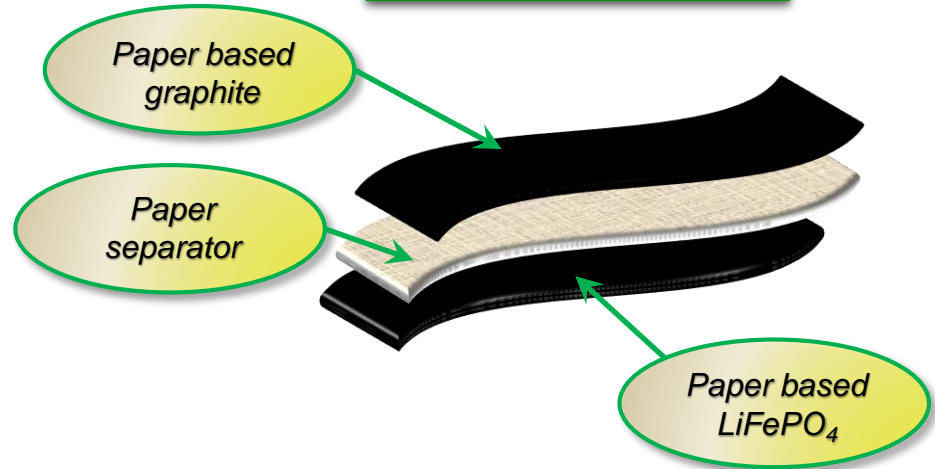


# Cellulose-based flexible Li/Na-ion paper cells

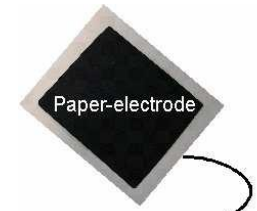
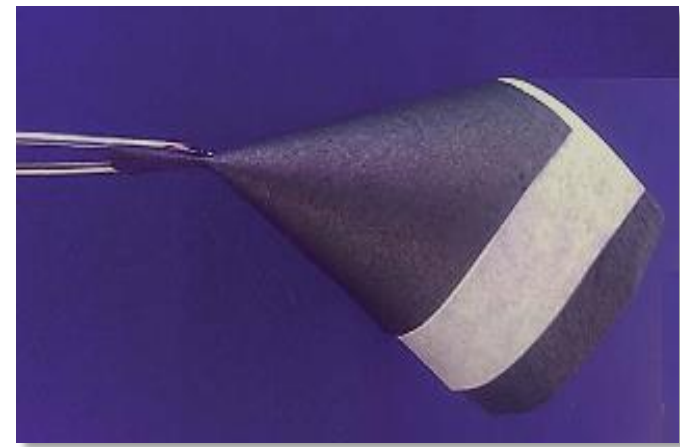
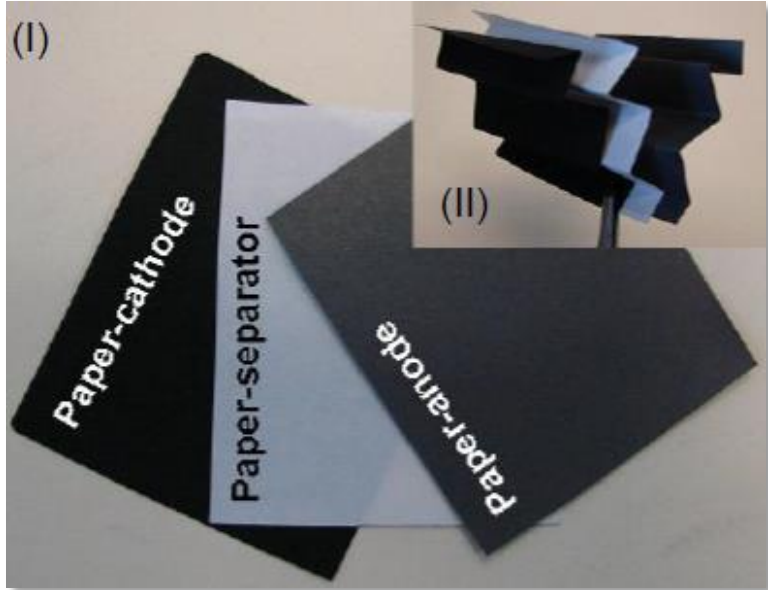
*Std Li-ion cell*



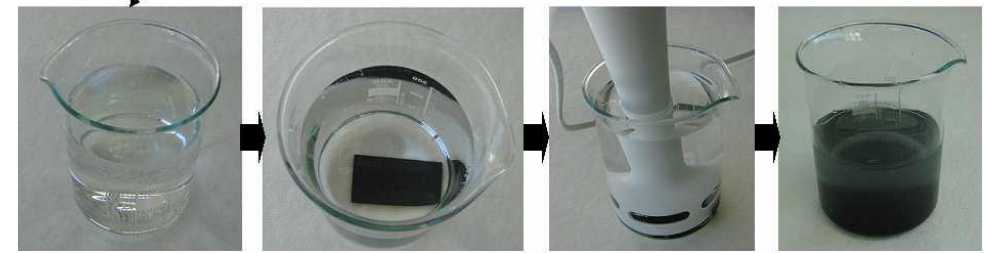
*All-paper cell*



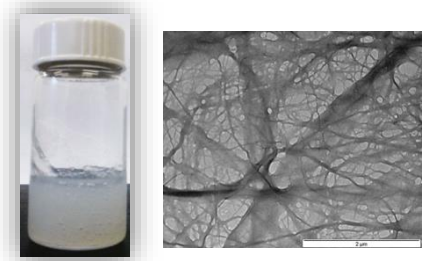
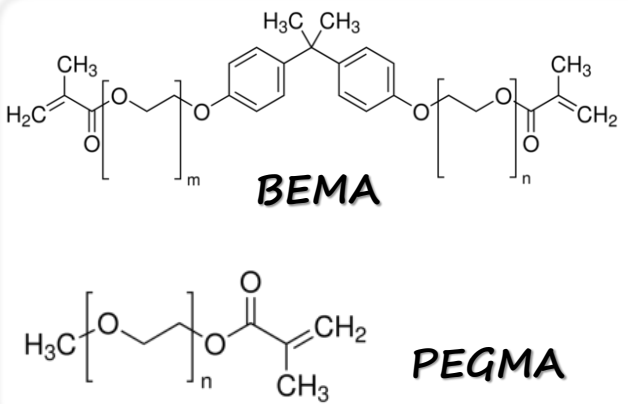
- + No metal-foils
- + No synthetic binders
- + No synthetic separator



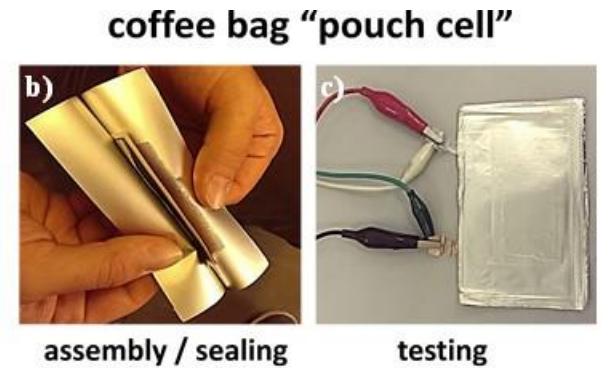
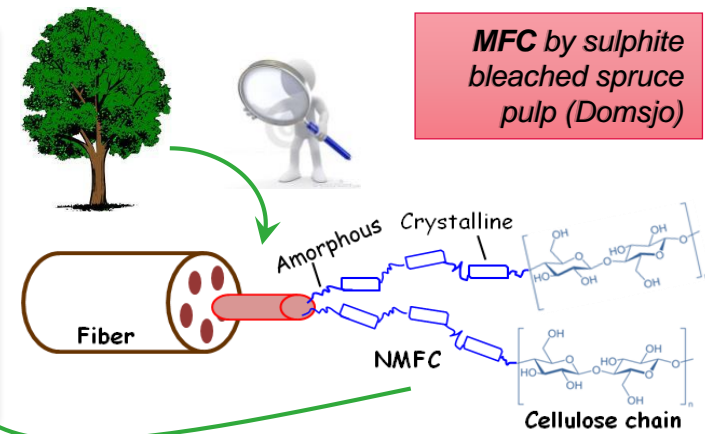
95 % recyclable !!!



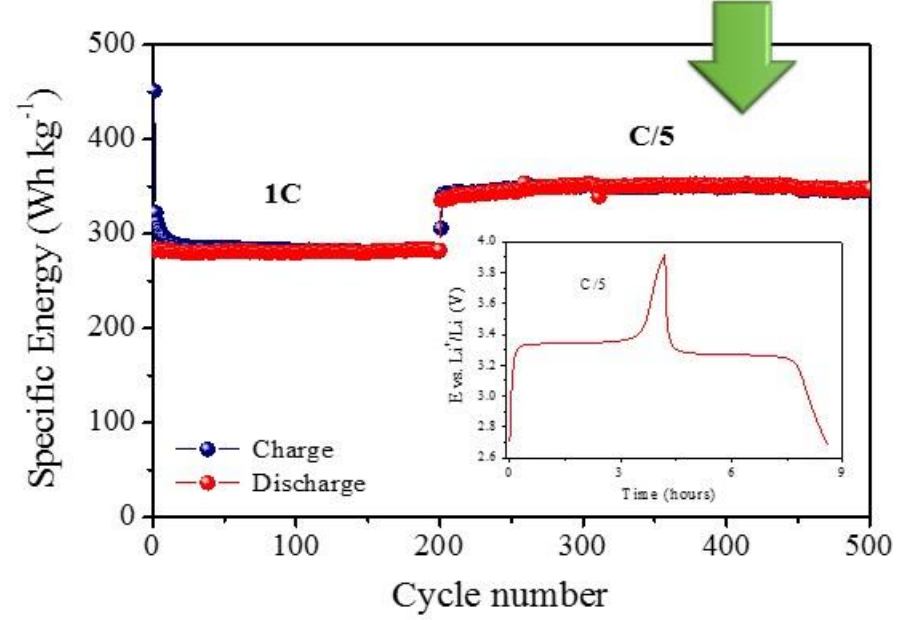
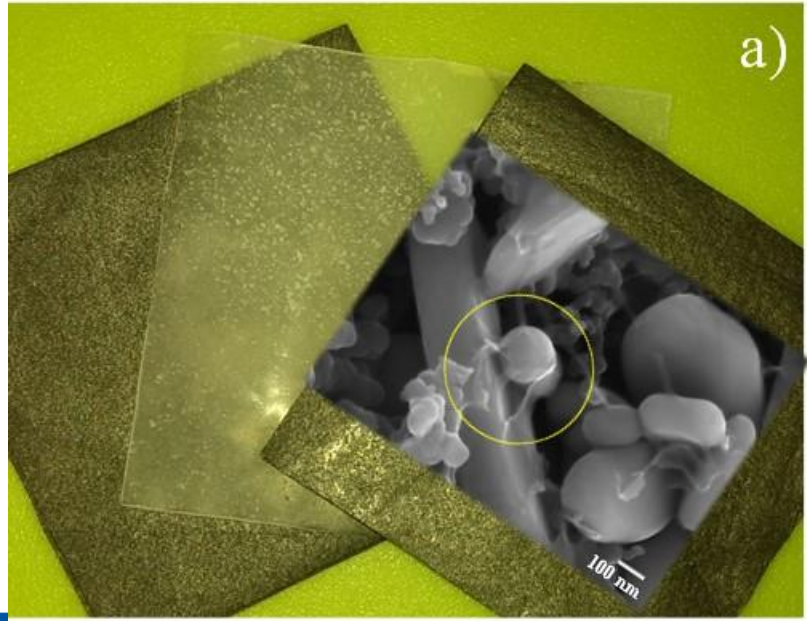
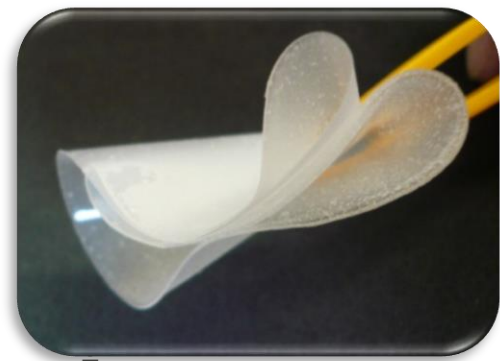
# MFC-reinforced quasi-solid polymer electrolytes



**MFC**  
in water suspension



**COMPOSITE MFC-POLYMER ELECTROLYTE**



# SUMMARY

- Suitable polymer matrix selection is very important
- Crosslinking can be used as an effective tool to modulate the physical properties of polymer electrolytes
- UV induced crosslinking is effective in industrially upscaling the polymer electrolyte process
- Cross-linked polymer electrolytes are versatile and can be applied in Li/Na batteries, Lithium-Sulfur batteries, DSSCs, Supercapacitors, FETs, Memristors, and so on..



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