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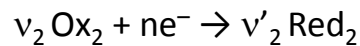
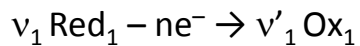
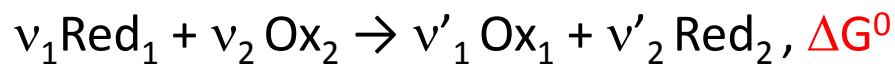
ORGANIC MATERIALS FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL ENERGY STORAGE?



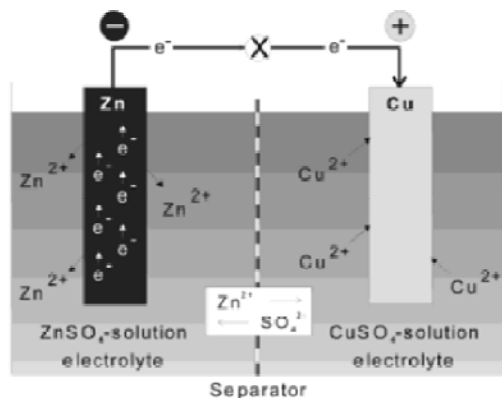
Just so easy, with help of simple tools, one can turn white (or gray) BREAD into a TROLLEYBUS...

BUT WHAT FOR?!

Electrochemical power sources: formal requirements



$$E = -\frac{\Delta G}{nF}$$



Requirements on
electron conduction:
ion conduction:

	Anode	Electrolyte Separator	Cathode
electron conduction:	must	no	must
ion conduction:	can	must	can

Formal: any redox-pair

Limitation:

- 1) Fundamental (kinetics, reversibility, reliability)
- 2) Practical (Cycle and shell life, Form-factor)

Numbers:

Cell:

Energy density $W_{max} = nFU/\Sigma m$ or $W_{max} = nFU/\Sigma V$

Power density $P = UI/\Sigma m$ or $P = UI/\Sigma V$

Electrode:

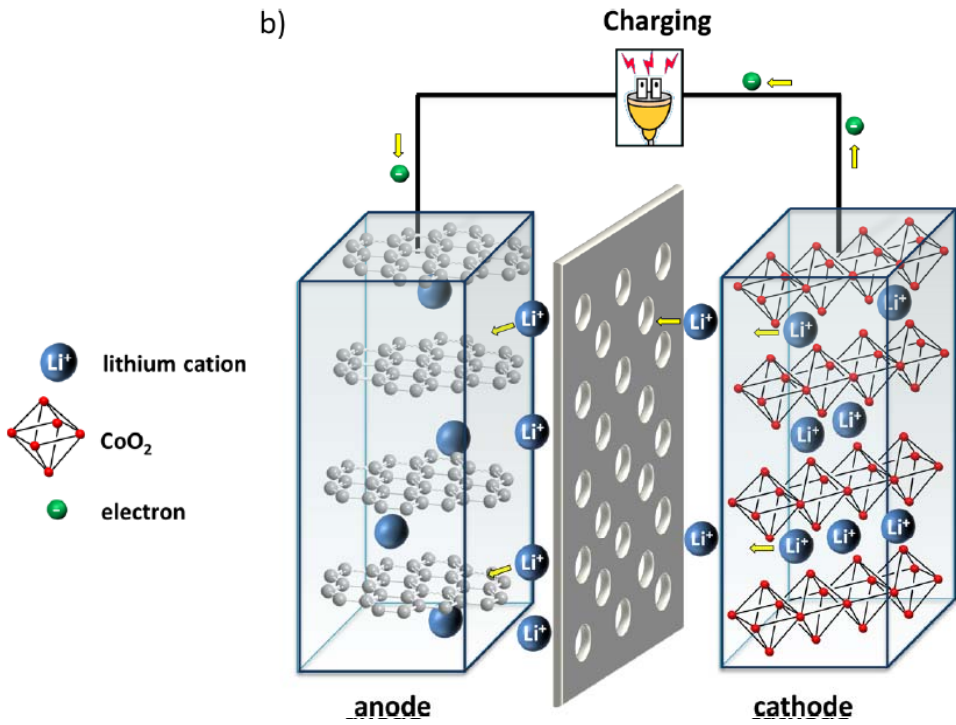
Capacity

$$Q_{max} = nF/\Sigma m$$

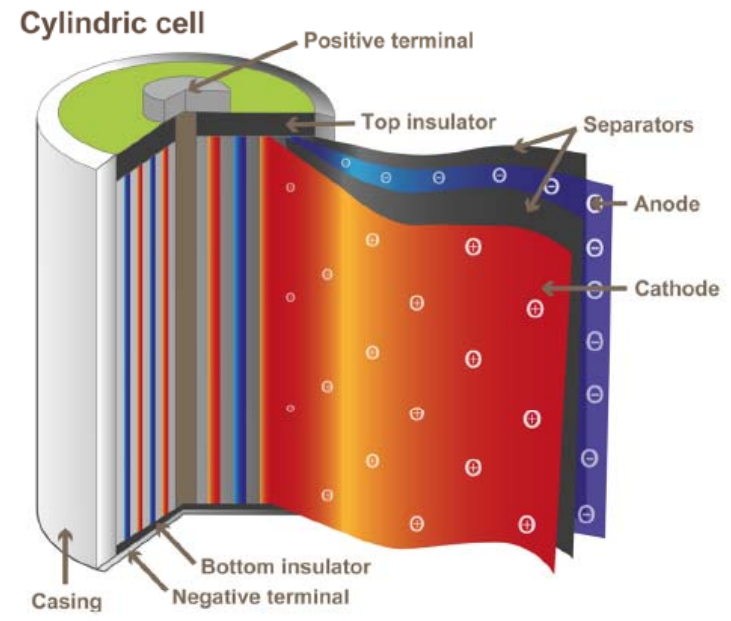
EMF

$$E = -\Delta G/nF$$

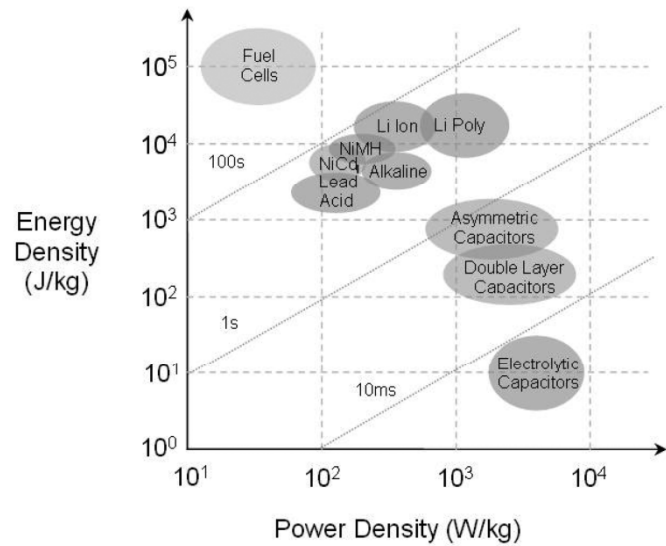
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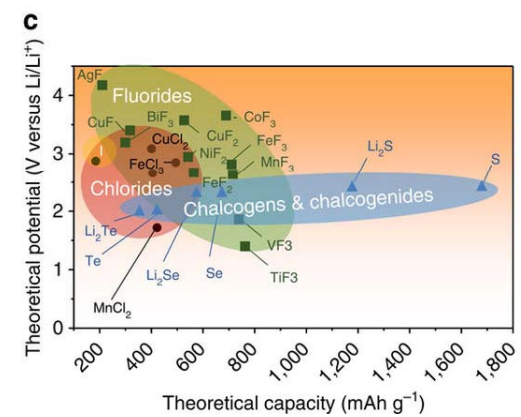
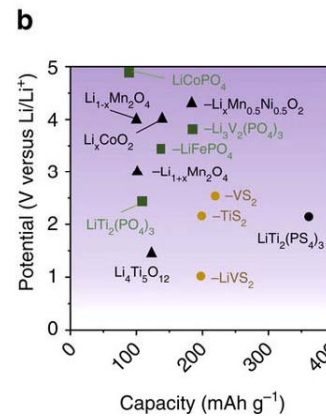
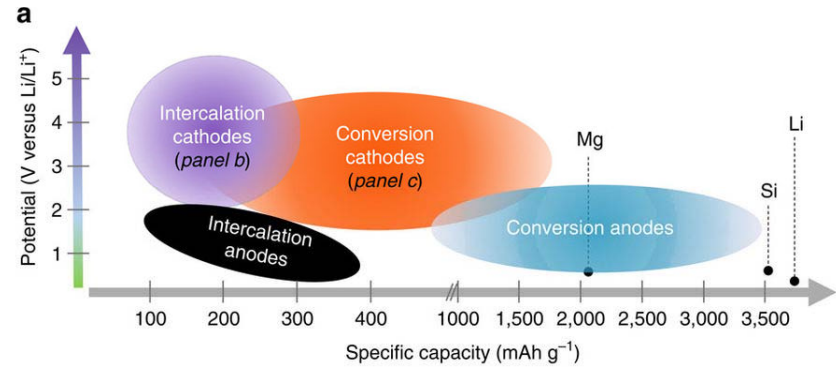
Metal-ion battery: low electrolyte content -> W!



Current status



Ragone chart for capacitors, supercapacitors, batteries and fuel cells



Technology trends



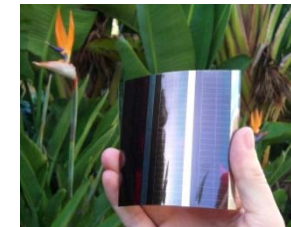
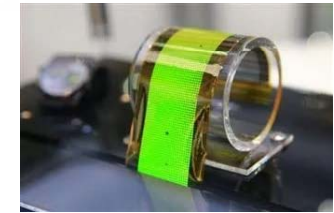
- **Inorganic** → **Organic**

- ✓ steel → plastic

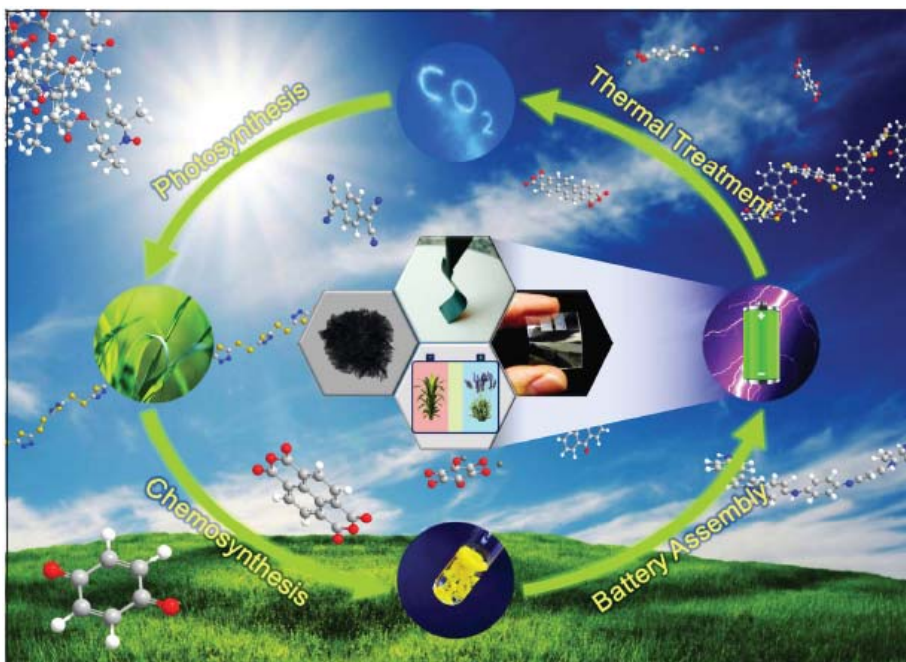
- ✓ LED → OLED

- Si → DSSC, Organic PV

- Batteries?



Organic material advantages



- Light-weight, flexible, thin-film processable
- Less energy - consuming wet fabrication process
- Less-limited organic resources
- Easy disposability. Burnable away without toxic gas and ash formation
- Less-toxic, no-ignition non-fuming Safe & environmentally benign

BATTERIES – PRESENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES



Emerging battery technologies towards 2025

Helena Berg, AB Libergreen
 Aleksandar Matic, Chalmers
 Patrik Johansson, Chalmers
 Goteborg, May 2015.

Table 7. Cost trend estimates (cost/storage capacity) for emerging battery technologies, compared to the improved Li-ion technology (- refers to relative cost reduction, + refers to relative cost increase).

Technology	Cost - cell	Cost - pack*	Cost driver
Solid Li-metal	- 8%	- 6%	Anode cost 1/3 of Li-ion, no Cu used
Na-ion	- 13%	- 10%	20% lower cell material cost
Mg	± 10%	+ 75%	Low cell voltage
Li-S	- 40%	> 100%	Low-cost raw materials. High pack cost due to low cell voltage and poor rate capabilities
Li-O ₂	± 0%	+ 250%	Low electrode cost, high electrolyte cost, low cell voltage and poor rate capabilities, extra components for air/oxygen handling not included.
Organic	- 50%	- 35%	Low cell voltage
Asymmetric super capacitors**	± 0%	± 0%	High rate capabilities, low energy density

*The same cost for electronics, control, and management are assumed for all technologies. **HEV application only.

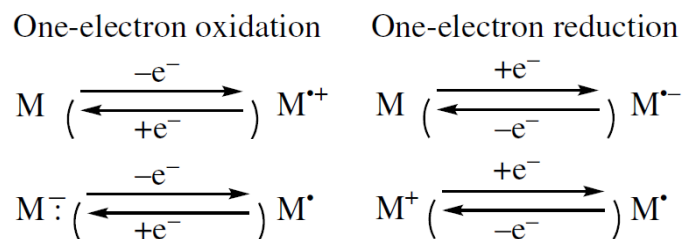
TABLE 1. Specifications of the Al–Li/Polyaniline Coin-Type Cells

State of art Li-ion 2032 cell

Feature	LIR2032 battery can maintain 80% capacity after 500 cycles
Model	LIR2032
Nominal Voltage	3.6V
Nominal Capacity	40mAh
Max discharge current	12mA
Max pulse discharge current	75mA
Dimensions(Dia x H)	20mm (0.8") x 3.2mm(0.1")
Weight	3.1 grams (0.10z)

	AL 2016	AL 2032	AL 920	
Dimension	Diameter (mm)	20	20	9
	Thickness (mm)	1.6	3.2	2.0
Weight (g)	1.7	2.6	0.4	
Nominal Voltage (v)	3			
Nominal Operating Voltage (V)	3 ~ 2			
Nominal Capacity (mAh)	3	8	0.5	
Standard Current (A)	1 μ ~ 5m	1 μ ~ 5m	1 μ ~ 1m	
Cycle Life	depth (mAh)	1	3	0.1
	life (cycles)	more than 1,000	more than 1,000	more than 1,000
Operating Temperature (°C)	-20 ~ +60			
Recommended Charging Method	Constant Voltage Charge			

Charge balance in organic electrode materials



Example:

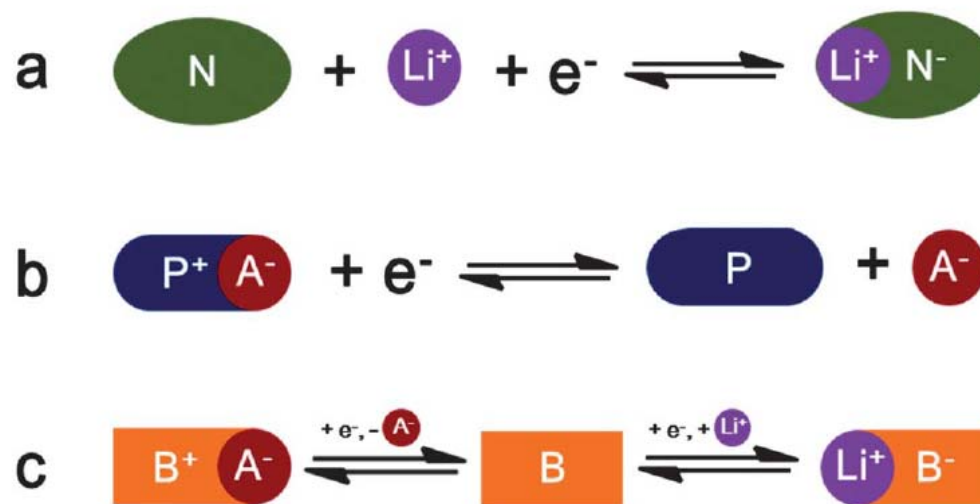
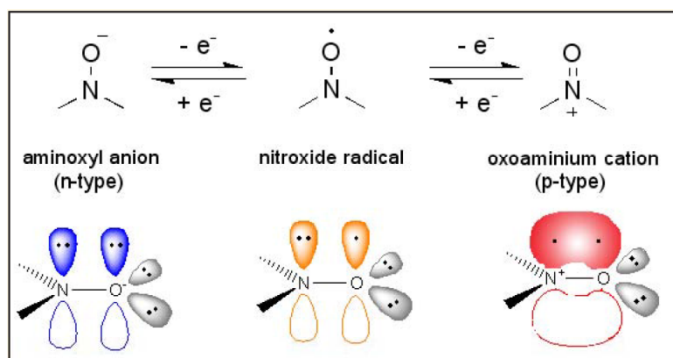
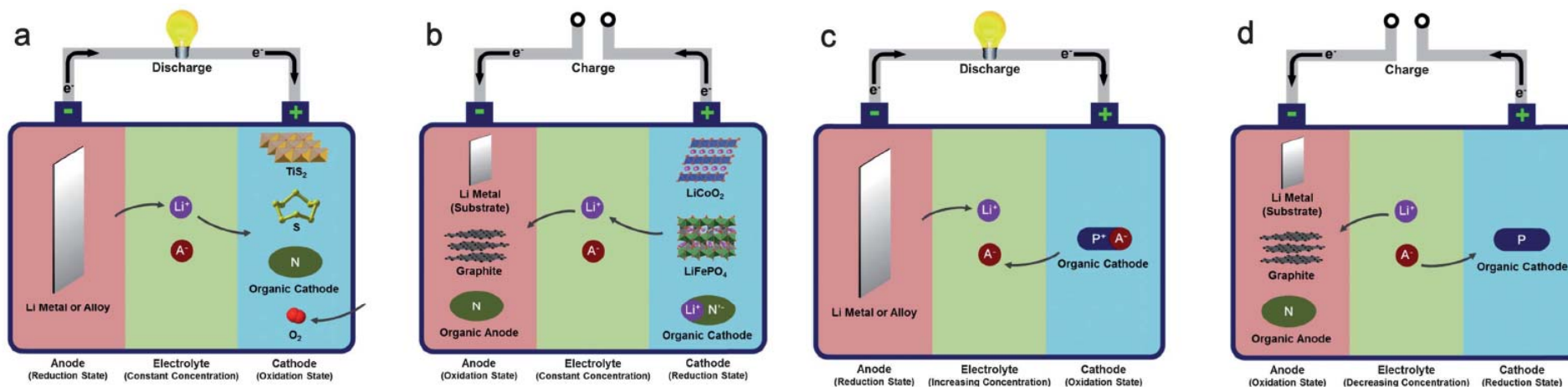


Fig. 1 The redox reaction of three types of electroactive organics: (a) n-type; (b) p-type; (c) bipolar. A^- means anion of the electrolyte and Li^+ can be replaced by other alkali ions.

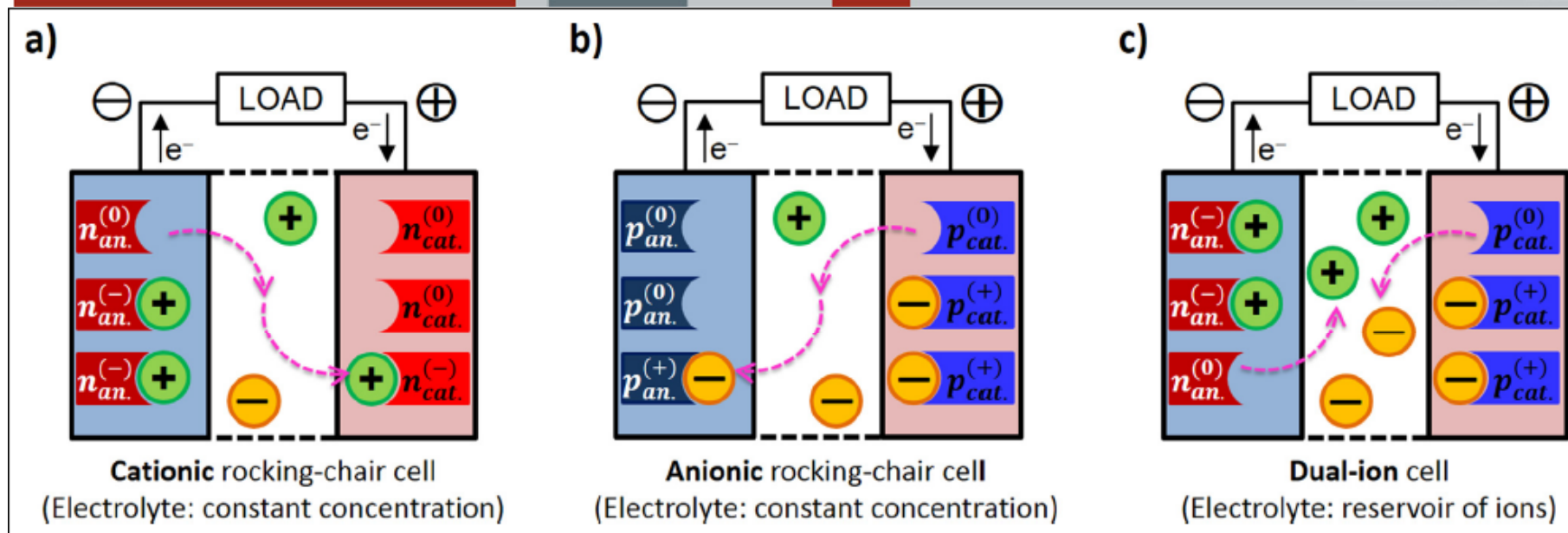
Energy Environ. Sci., 2013, 6, 2280–2301

Cell configurations



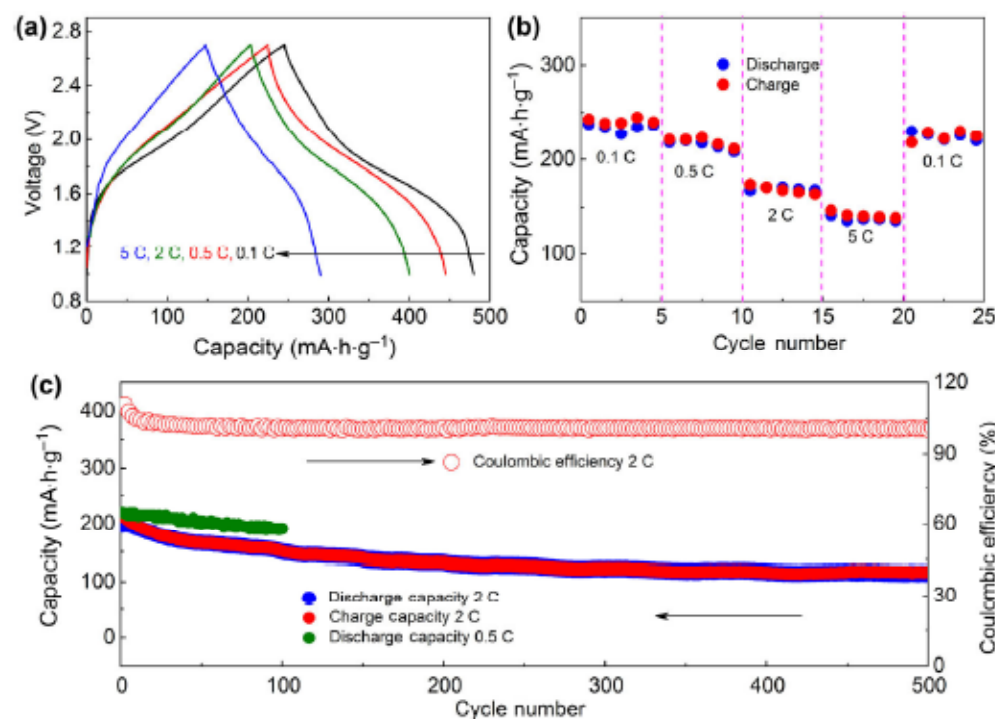
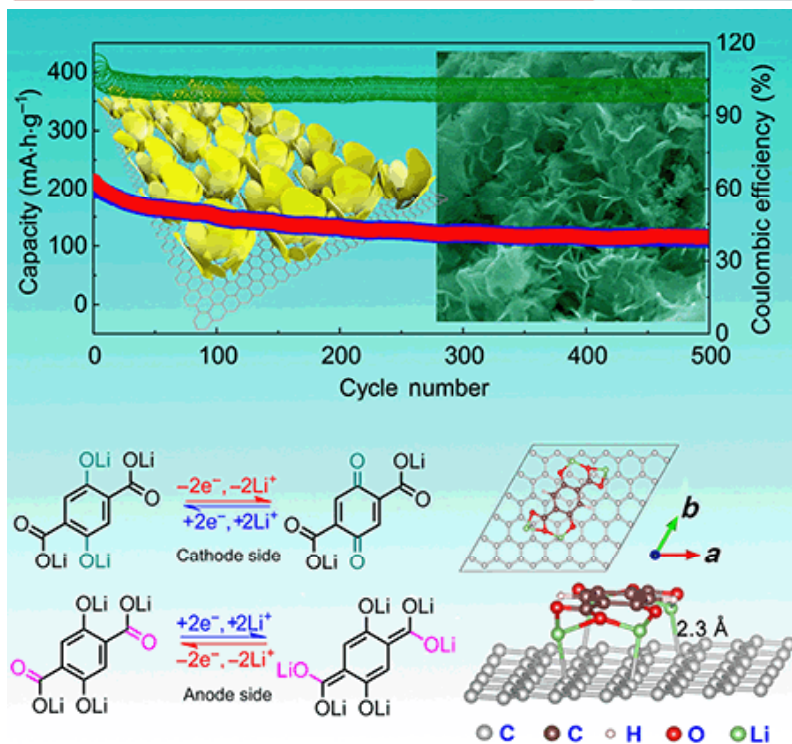
- Cathode and anode balance
- Attention to initial states of electrodes
- Attention to doping mechanisms

Organic materials – no selectivity to metal ion

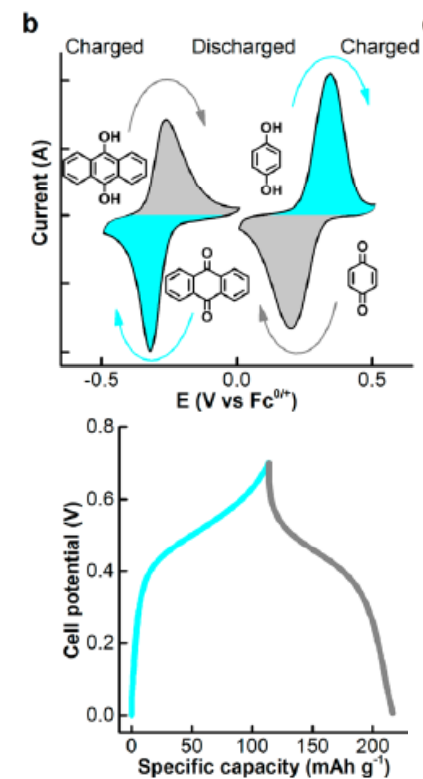
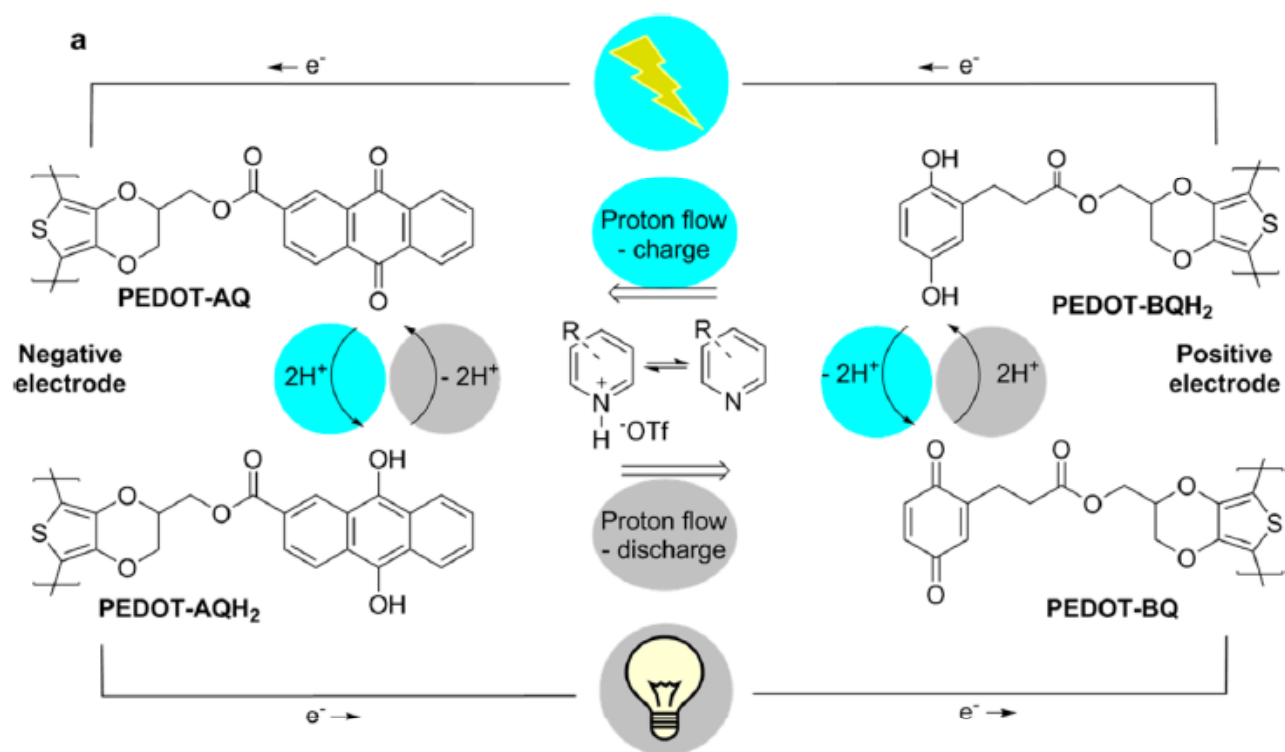


Indeed, the shuttling ion can be either protons or ammonium-type cations but also anions.

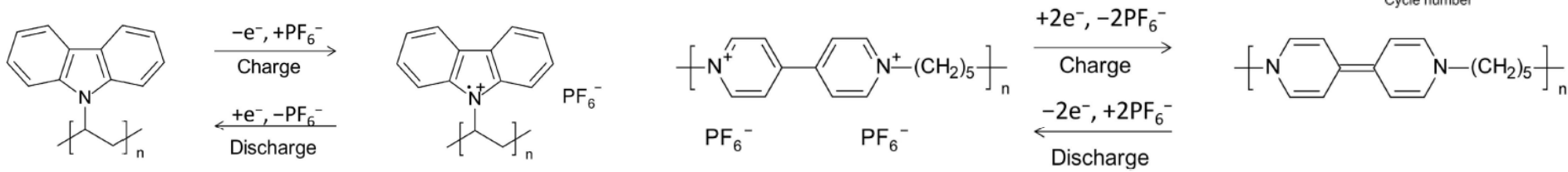
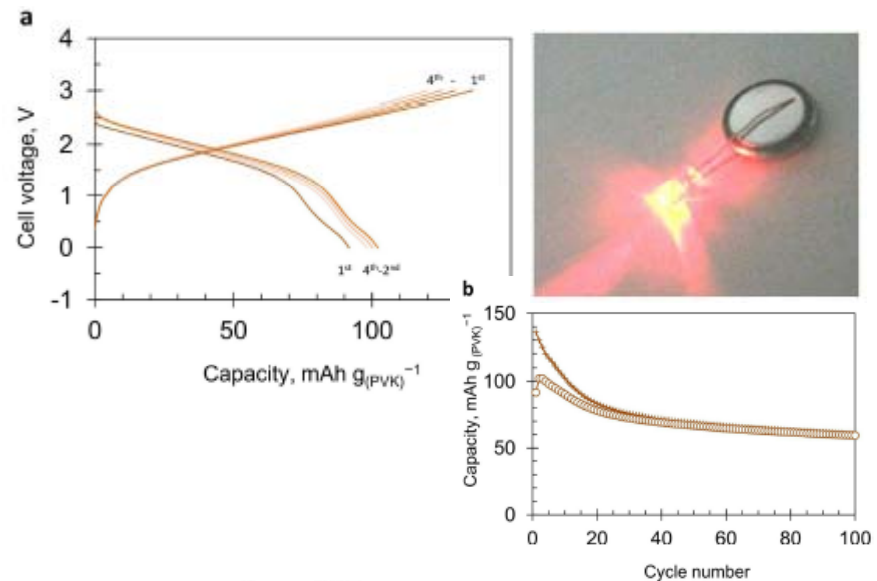
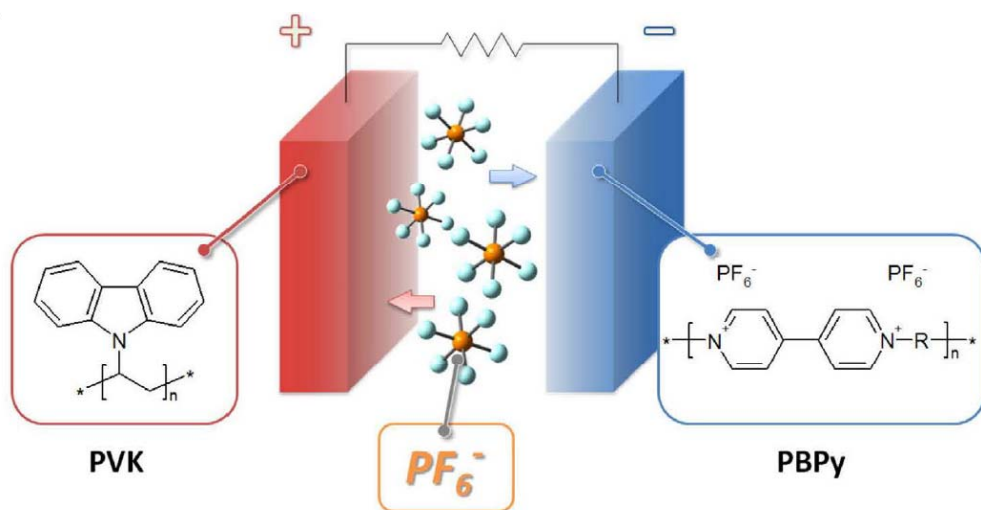
Remarkable example: Rocking-chair Li-ion cell



Remarkable example: Rocking-chair organic H-ion cell



Remarkable example: Rocking-chair anion cell



Modern organic electrode materials – low temperature



Yonggang Wang, Yongyao Xia and their colleagues at Fudan University in Shanghai, China: first discussion of this feature (2018)

At $-70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, the team's battery retained 70% of the capacity it had at room temperature (at 0.5 C) and 20% (at 5 C).

Why?

- An ethyl acetate-based electrolyte
- No need of sluggish desolvation of Li^+ , which limits low-temperature operation of the inorganic batteries

But...

- Energy density only 33 Wh kg^{-1}

Electrode material classes



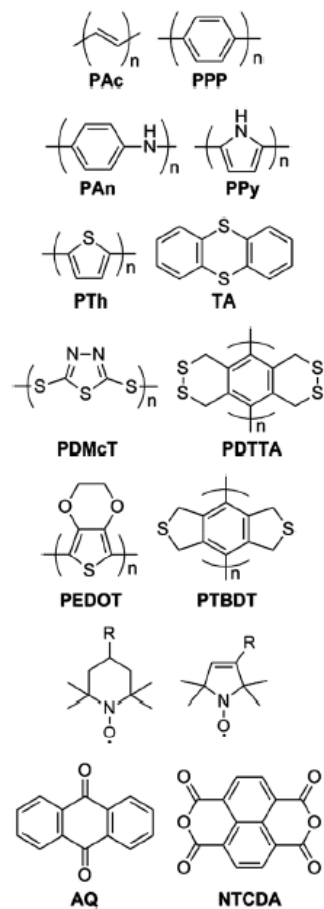
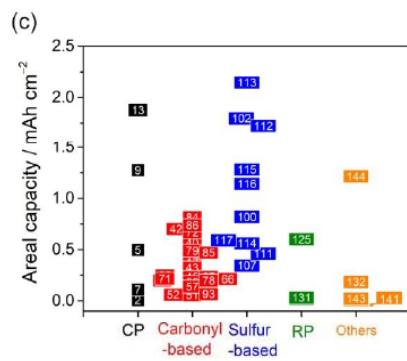
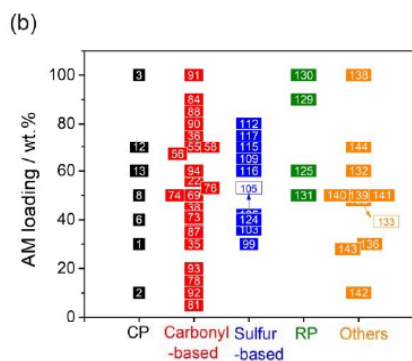
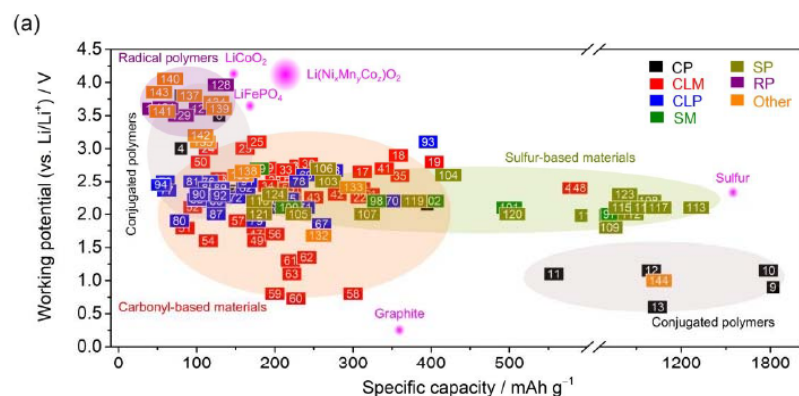
Conjugated hydrocarbon	$(R)_n^{x+} \longleftrightarrow (R)_n \longleftrightarrow (R)_n^{y-}$	<p>PAc PPP</p>
Conjugated amine	$R-\overset{+}{N}(H)-R \longleftrightarrow R-\overset{-}{N}(H)-R$	<p>PAn PPy</p>
Conjugated thioether	$R-\overset{+}{S}-R \longleftrightarrow R-S-R$	<p>PTh TA</p>
Organodisulfide	$R-S-S-R \longleftrightarrow R-S^+ \overset{-}{S}-R$	<p>PDMcT PDTTA</p>
Thioether (4e)	$R-\overset{O}{\parallel}S-R \longleftrightarrow R-\overset{O}{\parallel}S-R \longleftrightarrow R-S-R$	<p>PEDOT PTBDT</p>
Nitroxyl radical	$R-\overset{+}{N}(O)-R \longleftrightarrow R-\overset{-}{N}(O)-R \longleftrightarrow R-\overset{-}{N}(O)-R$	
Conjugated carbonyl	$R-\overset{O}{\parallel}C-R \longleftrightarrow R-\overset{-}{C}(O)-R$	<p>AQ NTCDA</p>

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Conjugated carbonyl

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Modern organic electrode materials - numbers

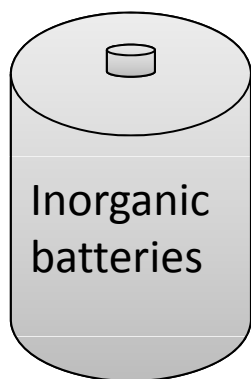


- CP
π- conjugated systems,
«conducting polymers»
- SP
Sulfur based materials
- RP
Radical polymers
- CP
Carbonyl-based

Energy Density Assessment of Organic Batteries Xabier Judez, Lixin Qiao, Michel Armand, and Heng Zhang *ACS Appl. Energy Mater.*, 2019



Moving to organic materials



Gravimetric energy



Gravimetric power



Safety



Flexibility



Low temperature tolerance



Volumetric energy



Cycle life



Manufacturing heritage



Wishlist for organic electrode materials



- Chemical and thermodynamical reversibility

- Redox-potential

cathode: 2-4 V vs. Li/Li⁺

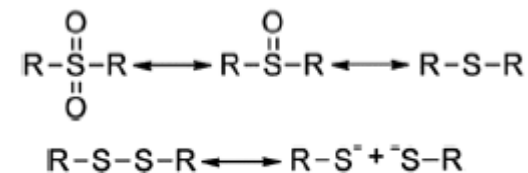
anode: 0-2 V vs. Li/Li⁺

- Higher capacity

- Low solubility

- Price, synthetic scalability

High activation barrier



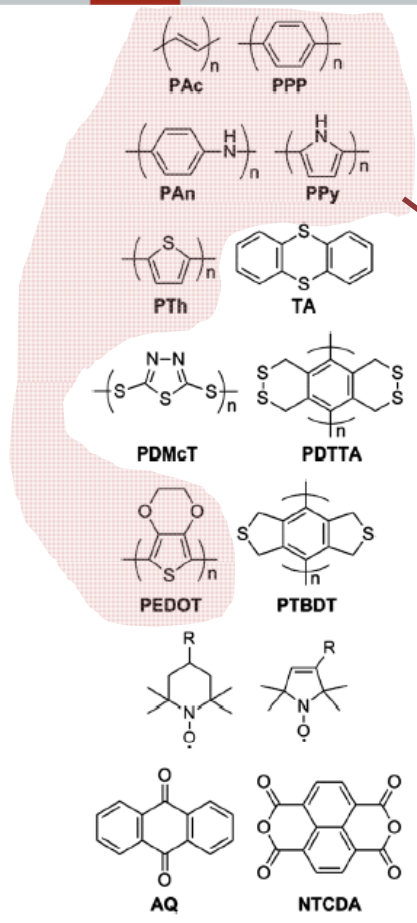
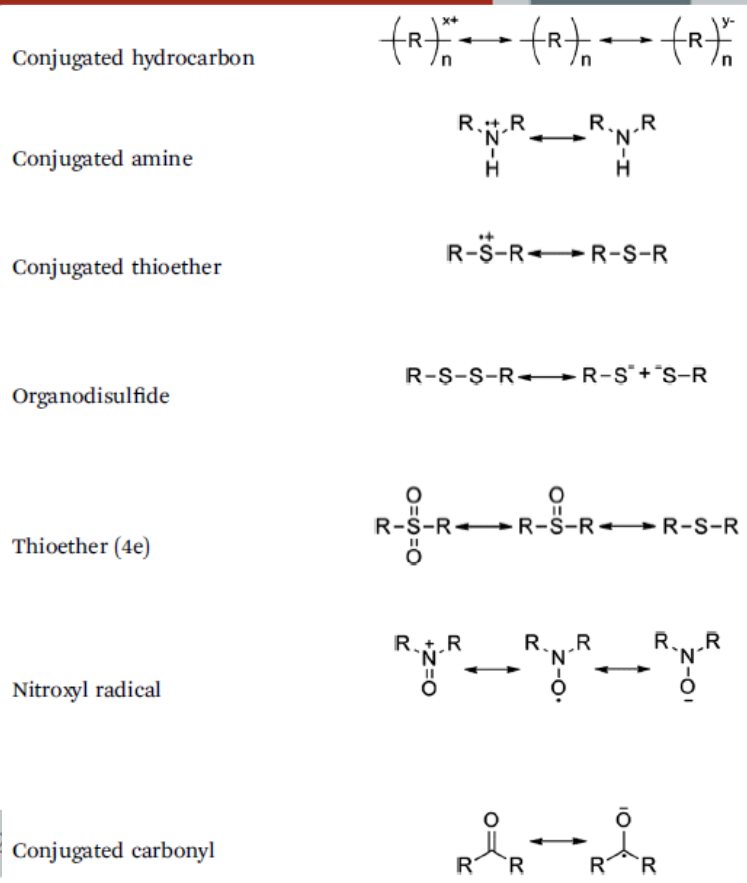
p-type compounds have higher potential;
 Potential is tuned by donating
 (–OH, –NH₂, –OCH₃)
 or acceptor groups (–Cl, –F, –CN, –NO₂)

Multielectrone reactions;
 Lower molar mass

Small molecules are soluble in electrolytes
 To avoid solubility: polymerization, cross-linking



Typical materials and their features



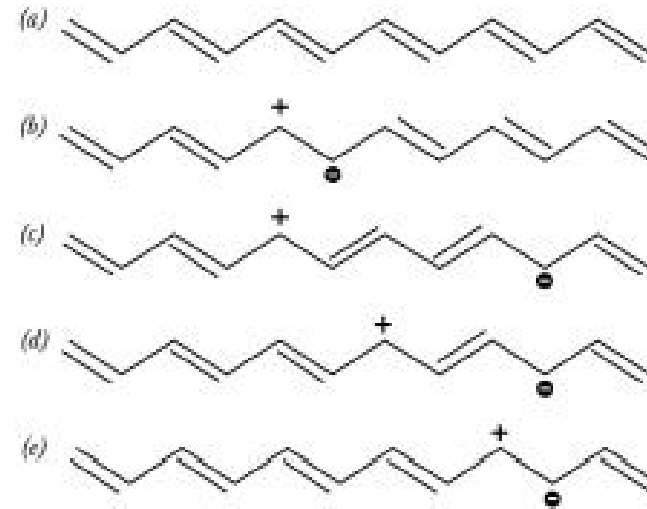
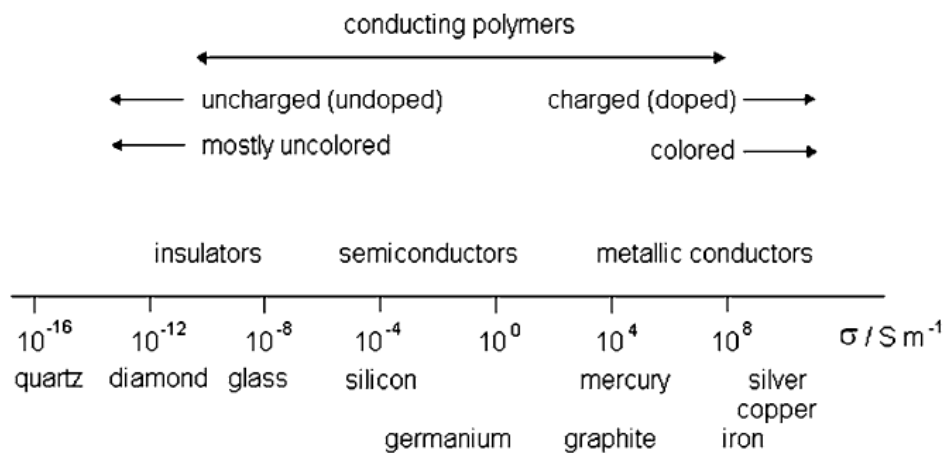
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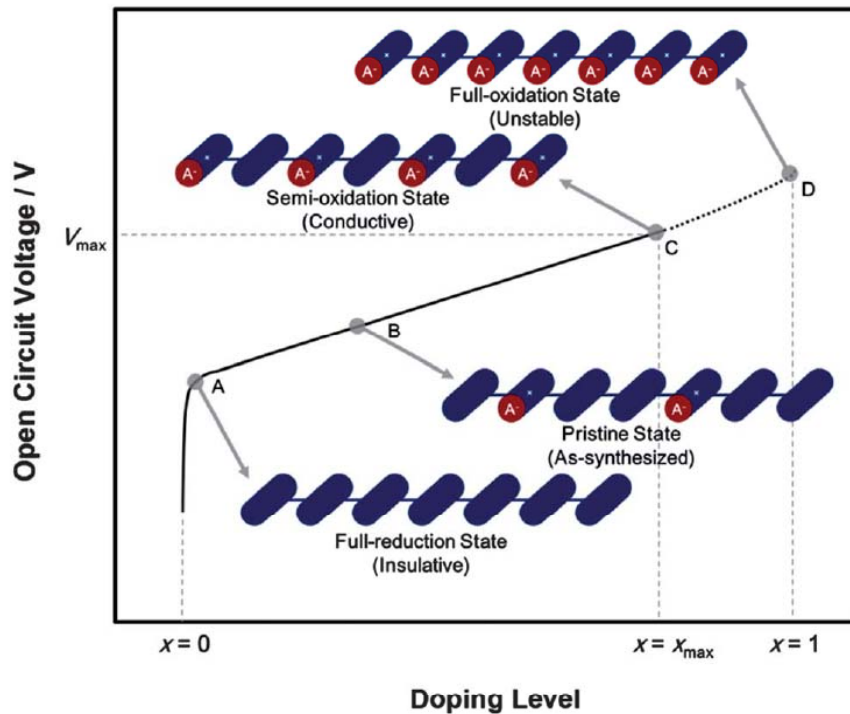
- High conductance

- Charge transfer through the conjugated bond system





π -conjugated, «conducting polymers»



- + High conductance and ionic conductivity
- + High power
- + May be used as a basis for composites

- Capacity is limited by doping level
- Overoxidation and stability problems
- Low processability (neither soluble, nor melting)

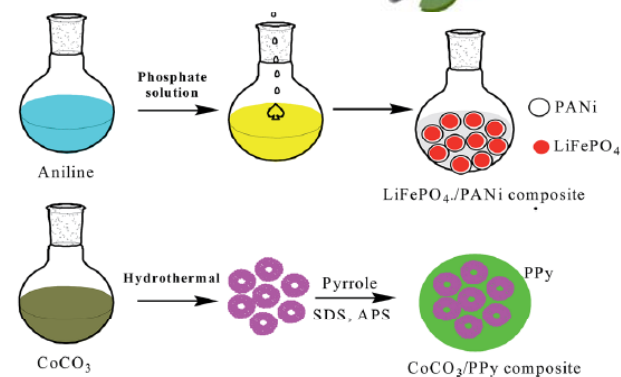
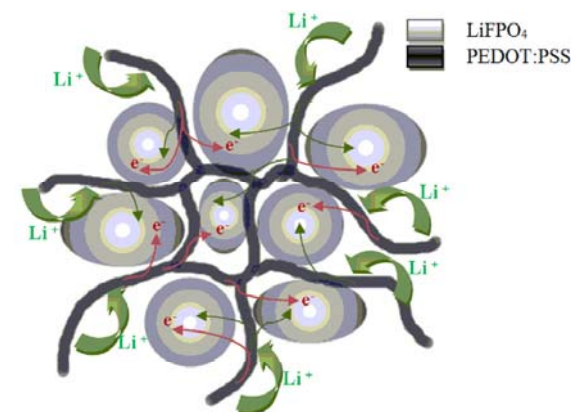
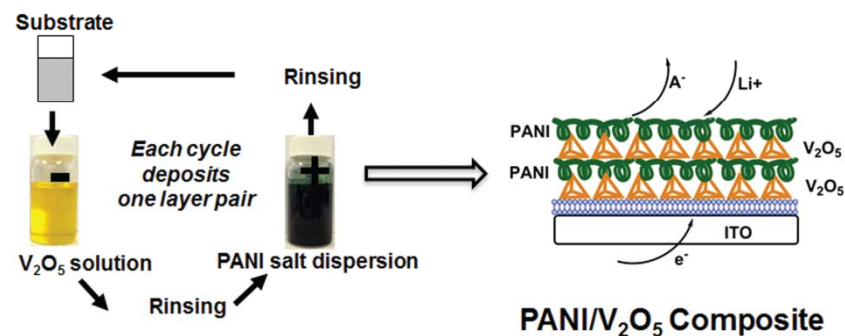
- p- and n- doping possible,
- p- doping is more frequent

Tasks for «conducting polymers»



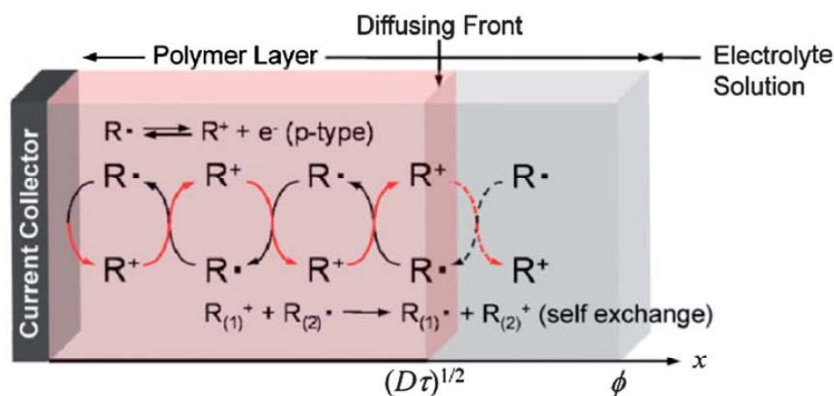
- Applying them as a conductive backbone of composites
- Processability enhancing
- Grafting by functional groups

Layer-by-Layer Assembly





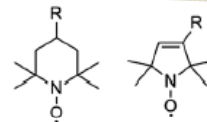
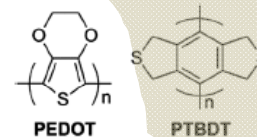
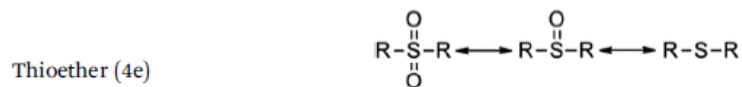
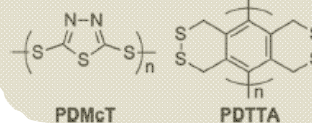
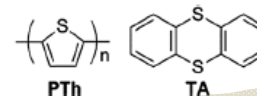
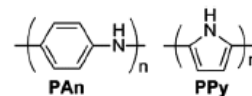
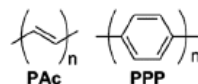
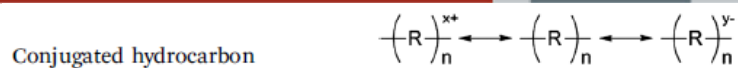
Nonconjugated (redox) polymers



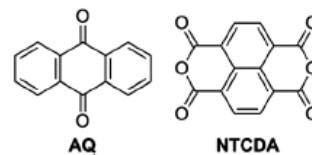
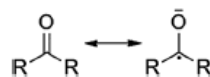
- Hopping mechanism of charge transfer
 - Low electronic conductivity
 - “Diffusing front” kinetics
- All type of doping is possible
- Variety of structures
- “flat” discharge curve



Typical materials and their features

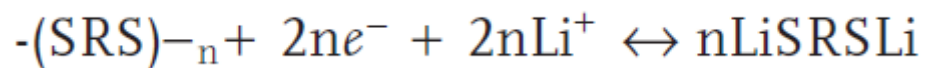


26 Conjugated carbonyl



Sulfides – they possess bond cleavage at charge

Organic sulfides



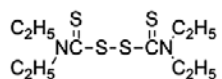
+ Two electron reaction – higher capacity

+ Doped by metal ions

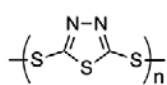
- Sluggish kinetics

- Often soluble in electrolyte

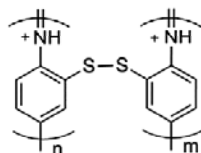
- Low electronic conductivity



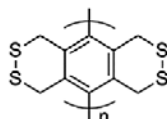
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181 mAh/g



PDMcT
362 mAh/g



PDTDA
329 mAh/g (3e)

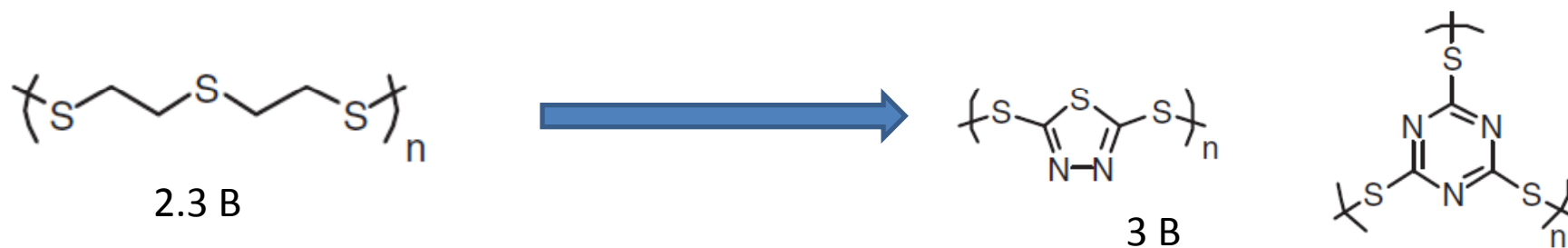


PDTTA
418 mAh/g

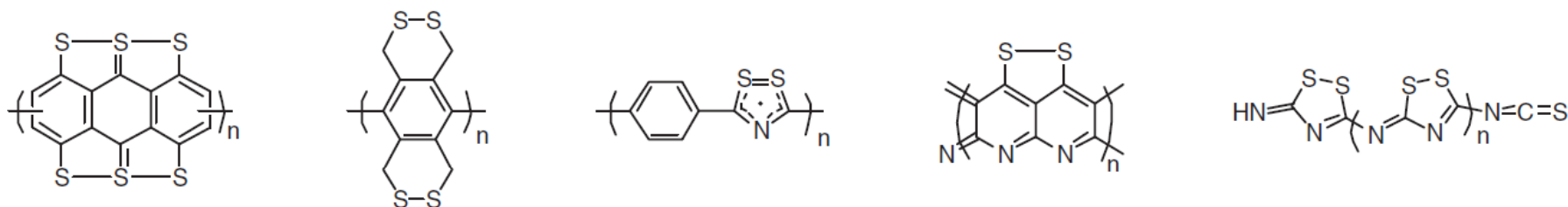


Tasks for «organic sulfides»

Potential tuning by functionalization



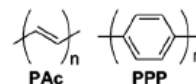
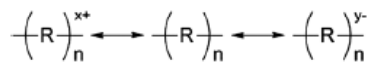
Lowering of activation energy and solubility – using the side chains



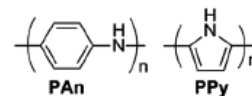
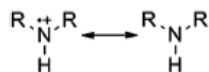
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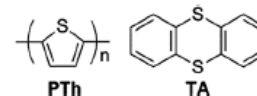
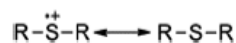
Conjugated hydrocarbon



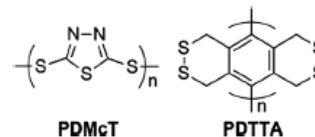
Conjugated amine



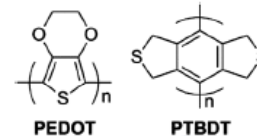
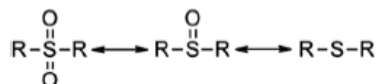
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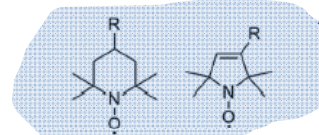
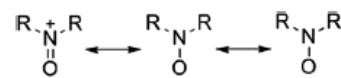
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Thioether (4e)

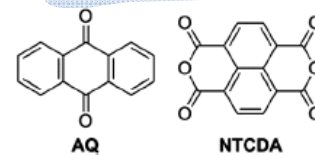
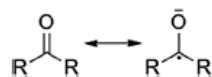


Nitroxyl radical



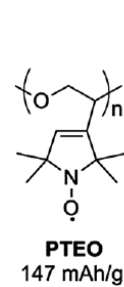
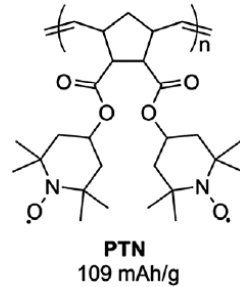
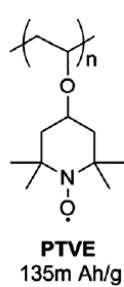
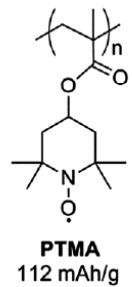
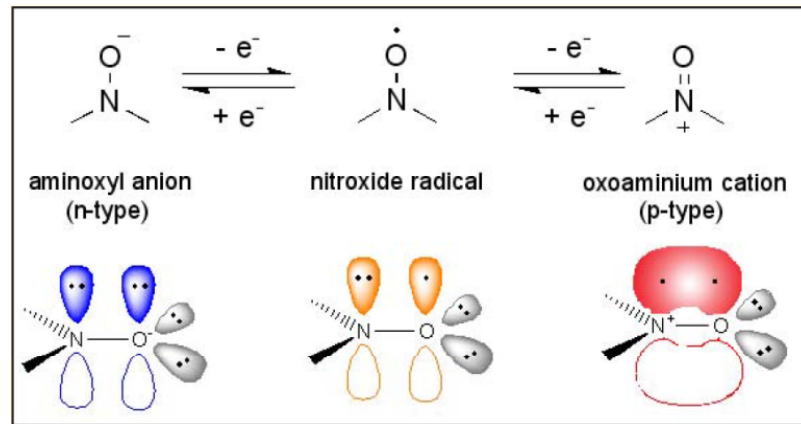
Nitroxyl radical polymers: very fast and reversible

Conjugated carbonyl





Nitroxyl radical polymers



+ Reversible process, high stability

+ Fast kinetics

- High molecular weight – low capacity

- Low electronic conductance

➤ **Mostly p-doped**



Tasks for “Nitroxyl radical polymers”

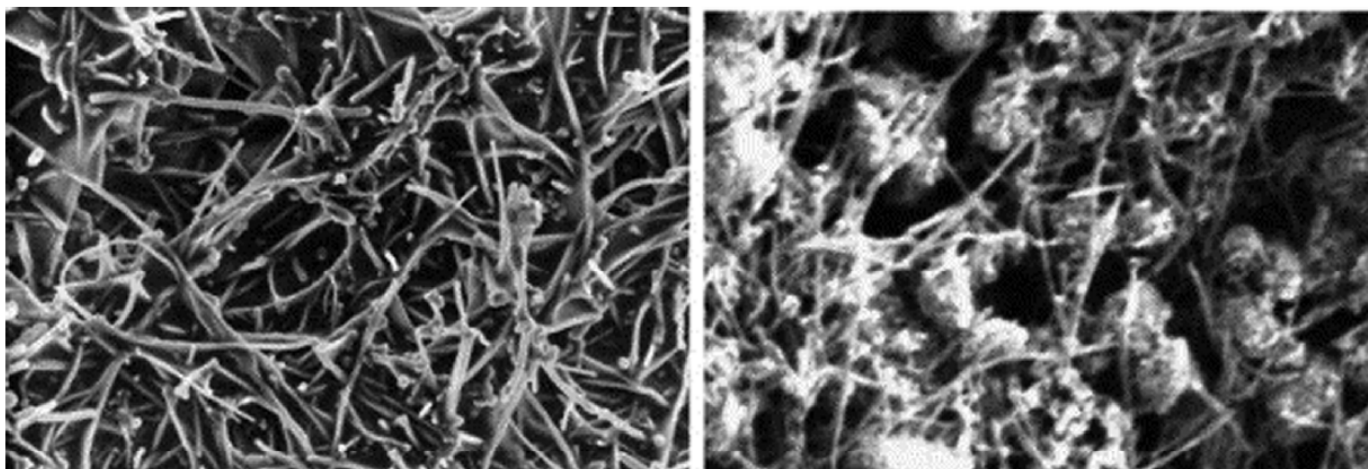
- Increase the capacity – decrease the mass

(p-type)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mw	226	198	184	196	138	127	114
Theoretical capacity (Ah/kg)	118	135	145	141	194	211	224



Tasks for “Nitroxyl radical polymers”

- Increase the conductance – make composites

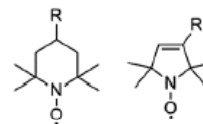
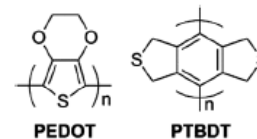
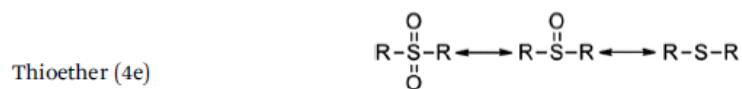
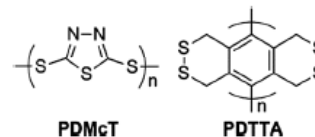
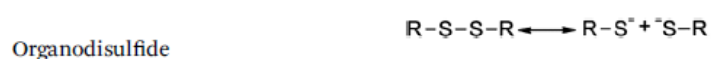
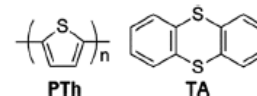
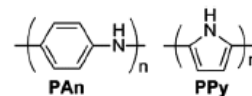
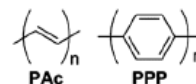
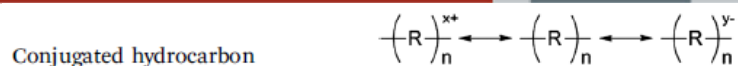


SEM images of PTMA-carbon composite electrode made by (a) liquid-solid and (b) solid-solid mixing methods.

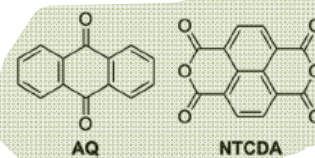
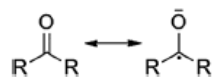
Up to 70 % of inert components!



Typical materials and their features

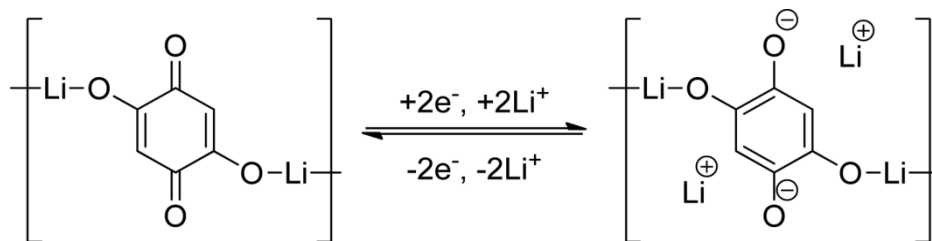


33 Conjugated carbonyl



Quinoid polymers:
high capacity (in theory)

Quinoid polymers



+ May be doped by metal ions
(compatible with Me-ion
technology)

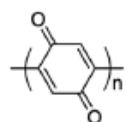
+ May have high capacity due to
multielectrone transitions

- Low redox potential (1.5 – 2 V
vs. Li/Li⁺)

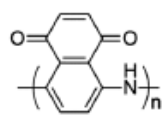
- Low electronic conductance



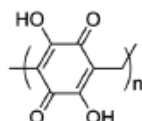
Tasks for quinoid materials



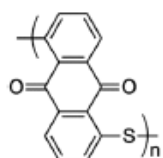
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505 mAh/g



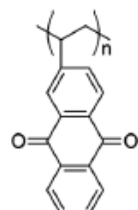
PANQ
313 mAh/g



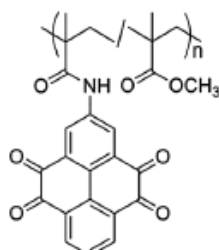
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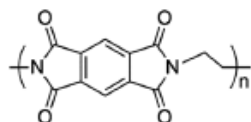
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225 mAh/g



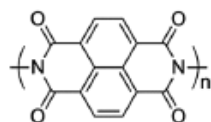
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PPYT
262 mAh/g



PI-2
221 mAh/g (2e)



PI-5
203 mAh/g (2e)

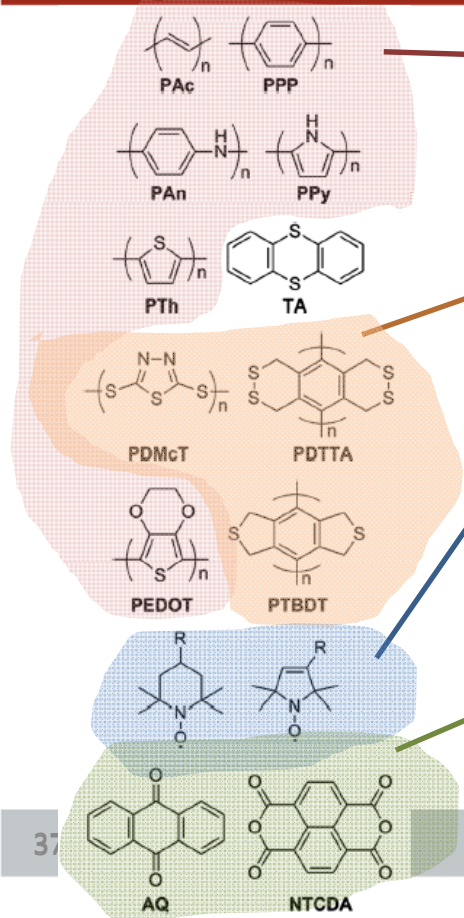
- Immobilization on the polymer backbone
- Redox potential tuning
- Conductivity enhancement by creating composite materials

Other electrode materials



	backbone	structure	polymerization method	discharge voltage [V]; ^a counter electrode	initial discharge capacity [Ah kg ⁻¹]	current (density)	cycling stability (loss)	cycle no.	
Carbazoles	poly(<i>N</i> -vinyl carbazole)		electropolym.	s 3.5-1.0; Li	115 (20th cycle)	10 A kg ⁻¹	-	-	
			purchased	s 4.6-3.4; Li	ca. 120 (125 highest) ^b	20 A kg ⁻¹	6%	50	
Triphenylamines	poly(triphenylamine)		oxid. polym. (FeCl ₃)	s 4.2-3.6; Li	91	20C	8%	1000	
	poly(tris(4-(2-thienyl)phenyl)amine)		oxid. polym. (FeCl ₃)	s 4.2-3.5; Li	129	20 A kg ⁻¹	9%	50	
	poly(4-cyano triphenylamine)		oxid. polym. (FeCl ₃)	s 4.0-3.7; Li	75 (80 highest) ^b	40 A kg ⁻¹	0%	150	
Viologens	poly (tripyridinio-mesitylene)		electropolym.	pp	1.5/1.1; TEMPO	165	60C	20%	2000
	poly(viologen pyrrol)		electropolym.	p	1.0; PPY[ABTS]	16	1 A m ⁻²	30%	100
Ferrocenes	poly(vinylferrocene)		FRP (AIBN)	p	3.2; Li	105	200 A kg ⁻¹	5%	300
	poly (fluorenylethynylene ferrocene)		Sonogashira cross-coupling	p	3.4; Li	52	5C	10%	100

Specific features of different types of materials



π - conjugated systems, «conducting polymers»

- + High electric and ionic conductivity; High power output; May be used as conductive component in composite material
- Low capacity, limited by doping level; Overoxidation and stability problems; Processing problems

Organic sulfides – bond cleavage reactions

- + Two electron process – high capacity; Metal ion doping
- Slow kinetics; Solubility in electrolyte; Low electronic conductivity

Nitroxyle radical grafted polymers: capacity and reversibility

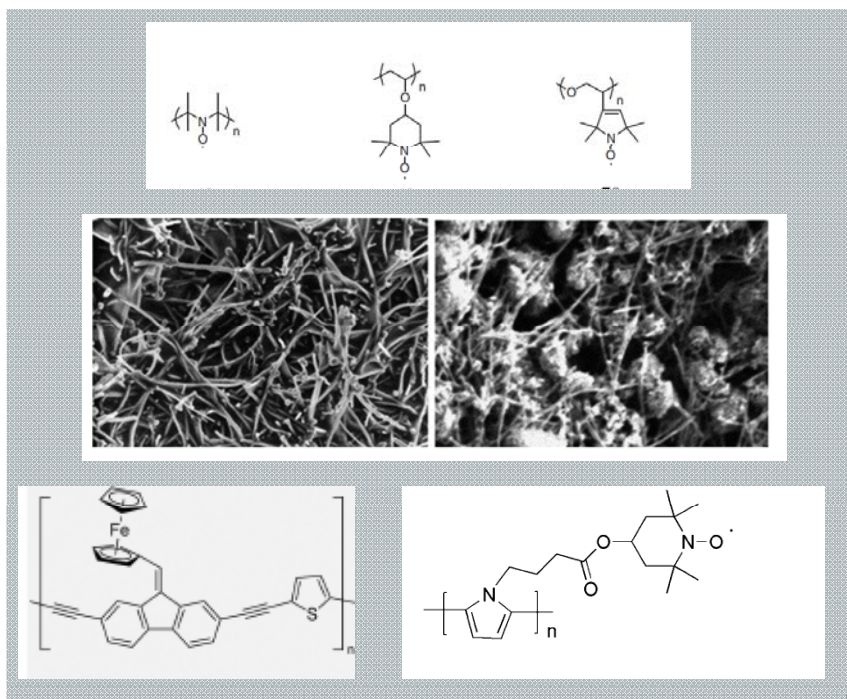
- + High reversibility and stability; fast charge/discharge
- High molecular weight – low capacity; Low electronic conductivity

Quinone and its derivatives : high capacity

- + May be doped by metal cations; Multielectrone processes (high capacity); fast charge/discharge
- Low redox potential; Low electronic conductivity



Research directions



Capacity increase -reducing the molecular weight, increase in the number of electrons

Conductivity improvement- creation of composite materials, use of conductive additives

Increase the rate of charge/discharge process - kinetics control, ensuring ion transport

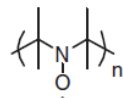
Energy boost – tuning of redox potential by introduction of substituents

Stability increase -control of polymerization and crosslinking to suppress the dissolution in electrolyte

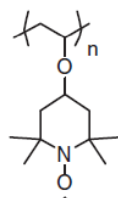
Research directions



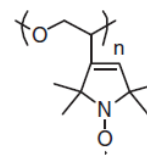
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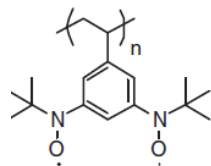
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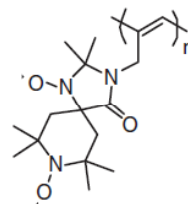
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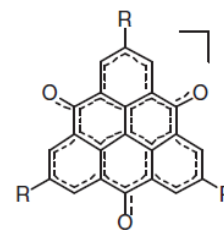
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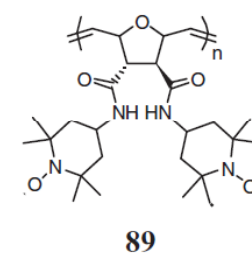
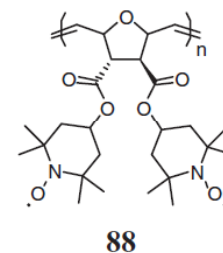
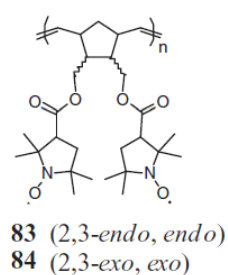
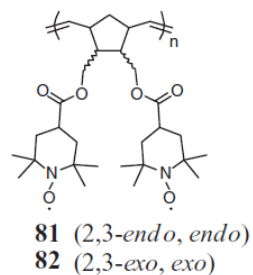
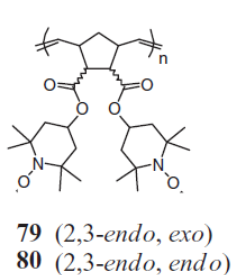
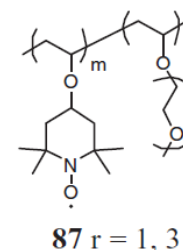
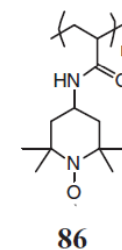
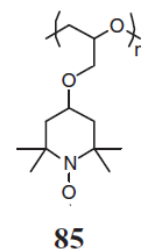
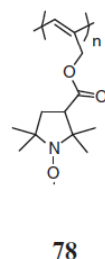
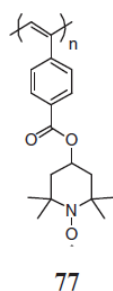
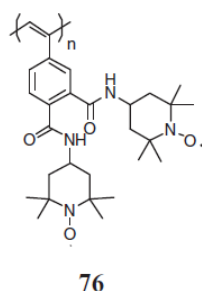
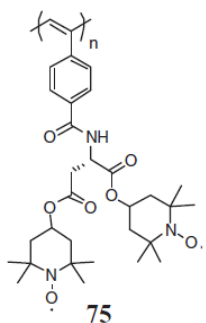
73 R = *t*Bu

74 R = Br



Research directions

• Charge/discharge rate increase



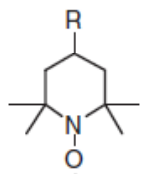
Electron exchange rate

Ionic transport

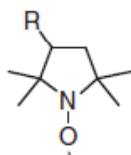
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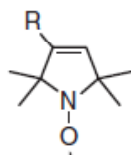
•Redox-potential tuning



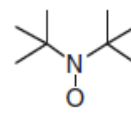
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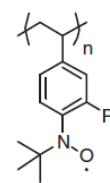
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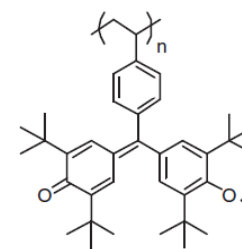
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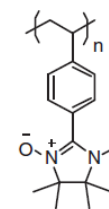
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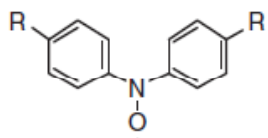
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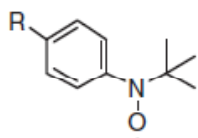
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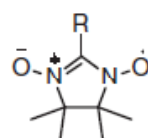
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95 R = C(Me)₂Ph
96 R = OMe



97 R = OMe

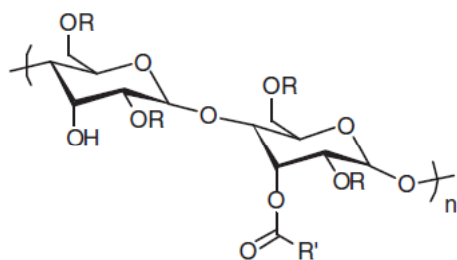


98 R = Ph

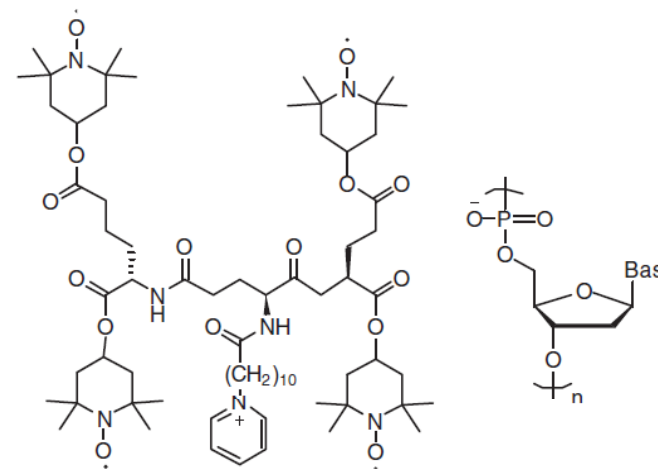


Research directions

- Enhancing stability, decreasing solubility

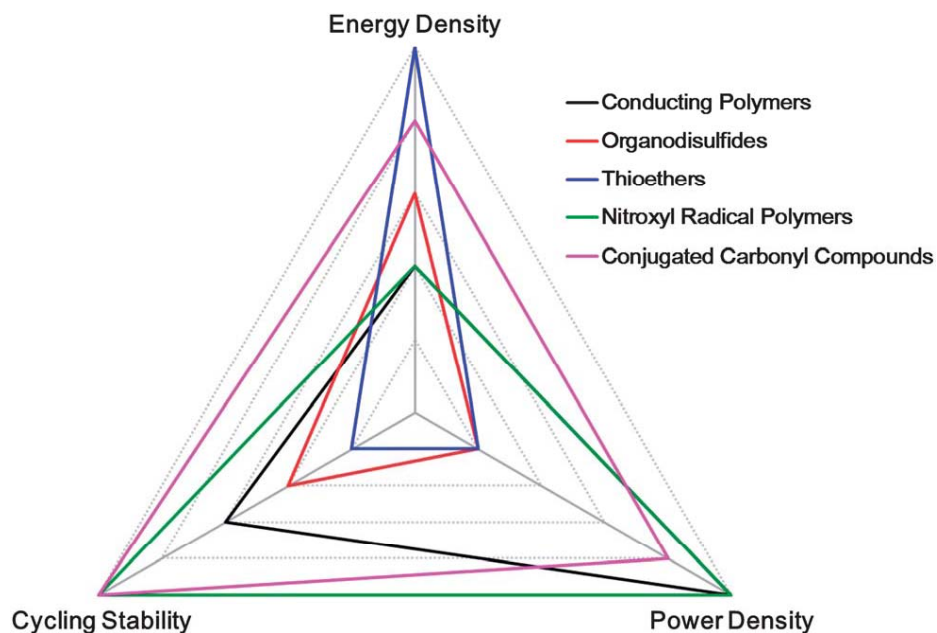


103 R = Et or Ac, R' = TEMPO or PROXY



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Demand for hybrid systems



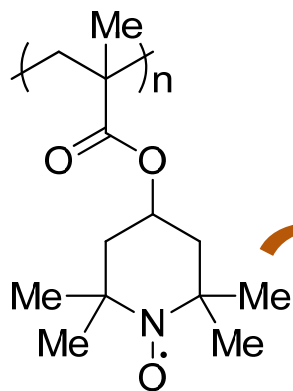
Comparison of the comprehensive electrochemical performance between different types of organic electrode materials.

- A lot of information on redox-active functional moieties is collected
- No known organic electrode material type can be considered as the best one, taking into account all practical parameters
- Organic materials may be combined

Conductivity problem



PTMA,
111 mAh/g



Carbon,
0 mAh/g

20-40%

60-80%

slurry



electrode

Capacity
 $111 \cdot 0.3 \approx 33$
mAh/g

All together?



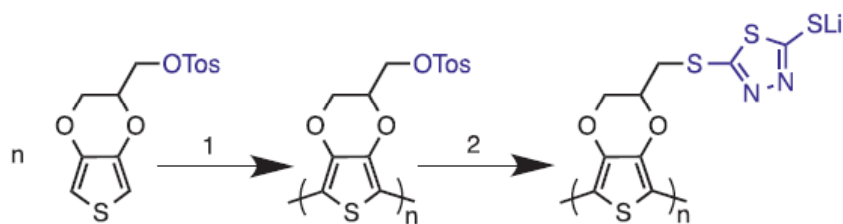
- Use of active building blocks



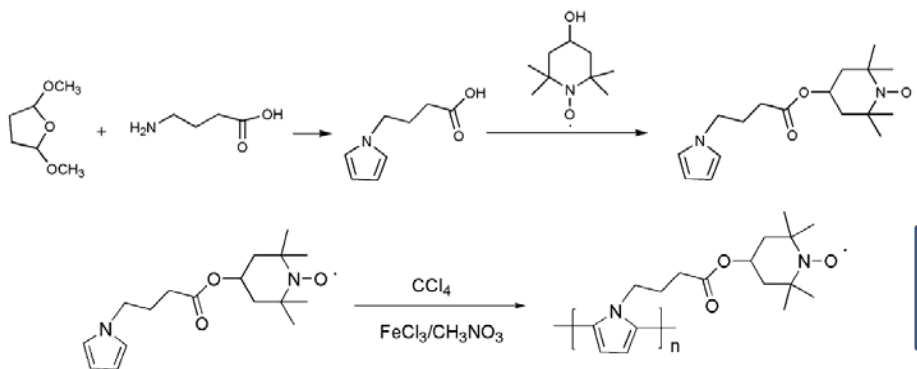
Resurrection of conducting polymers?



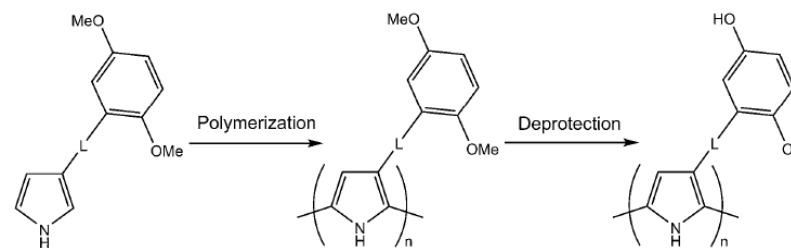
•Fictionalization by Red/Ox groups



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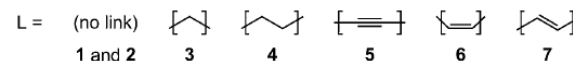


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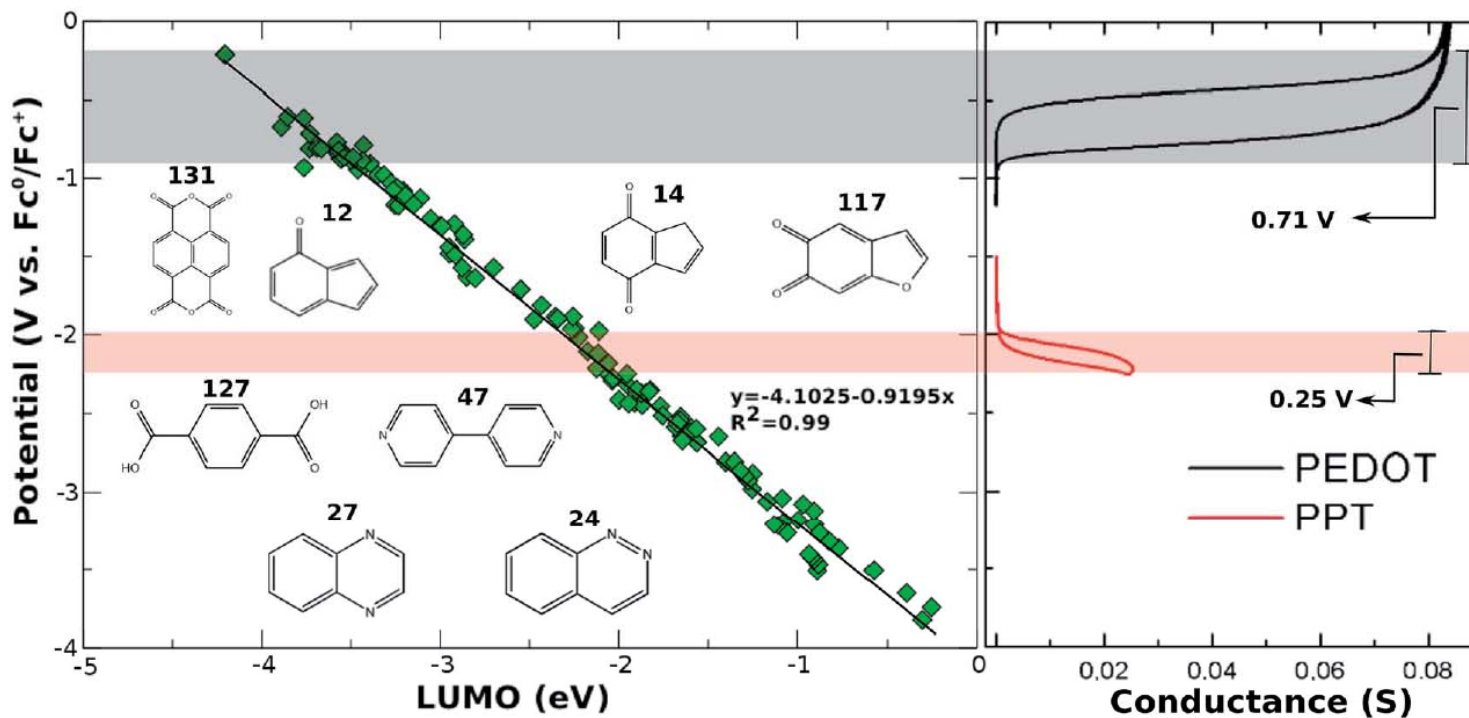
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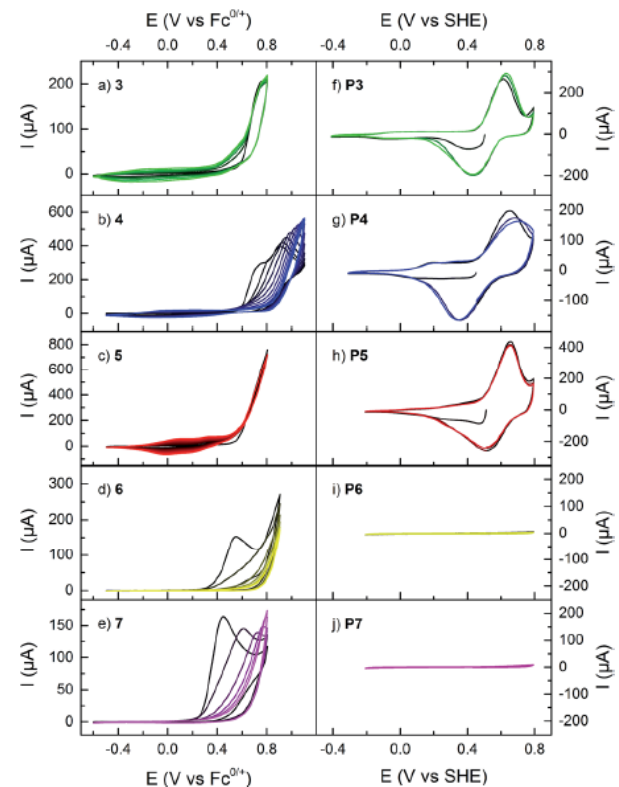
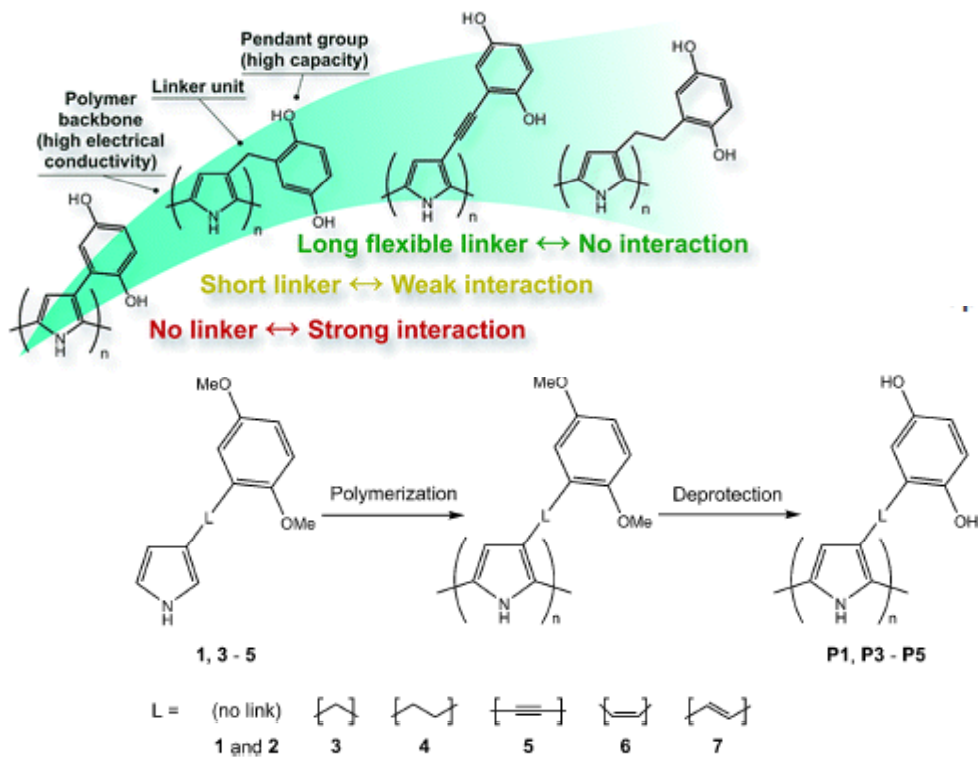
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Insoluble & conductive

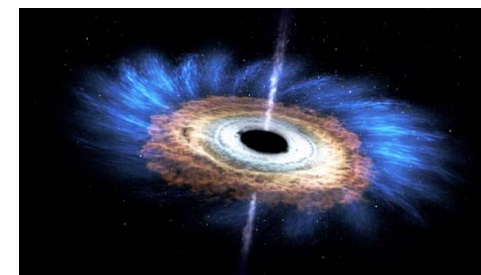
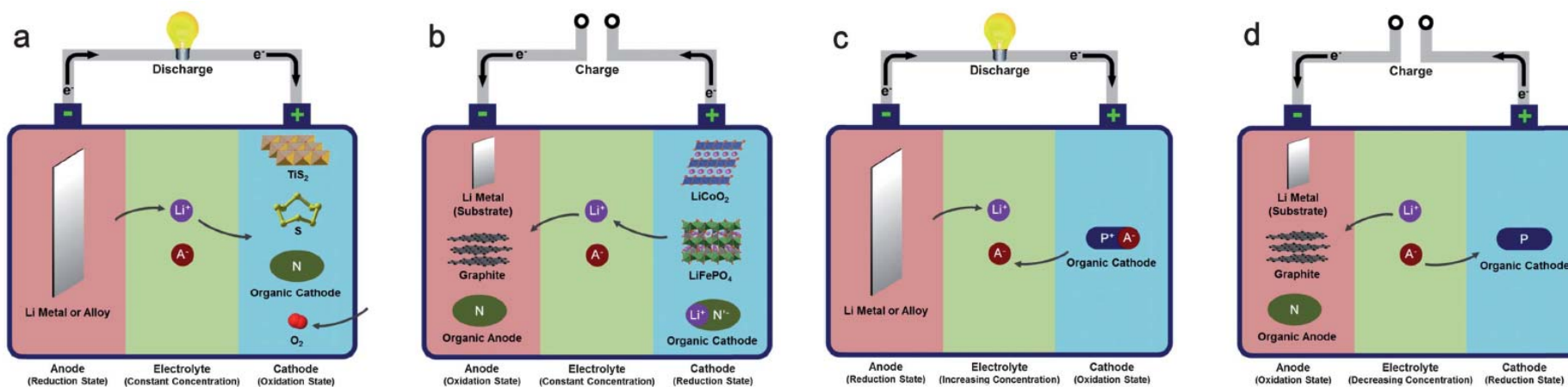
Task: redox-matching



Task: backbone – side group interaction



Task – pairing of doping types



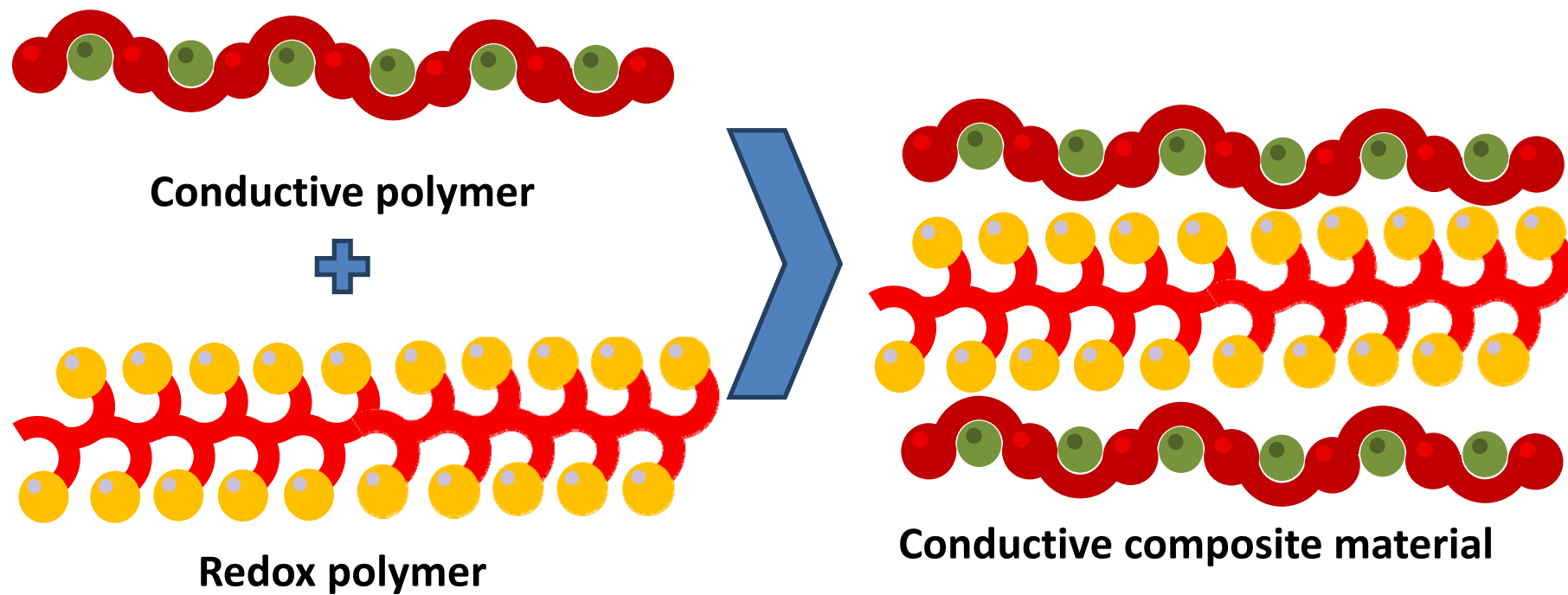


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DESIGN OF ORGANIC MATERIALS FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL ENERGY STORAGE



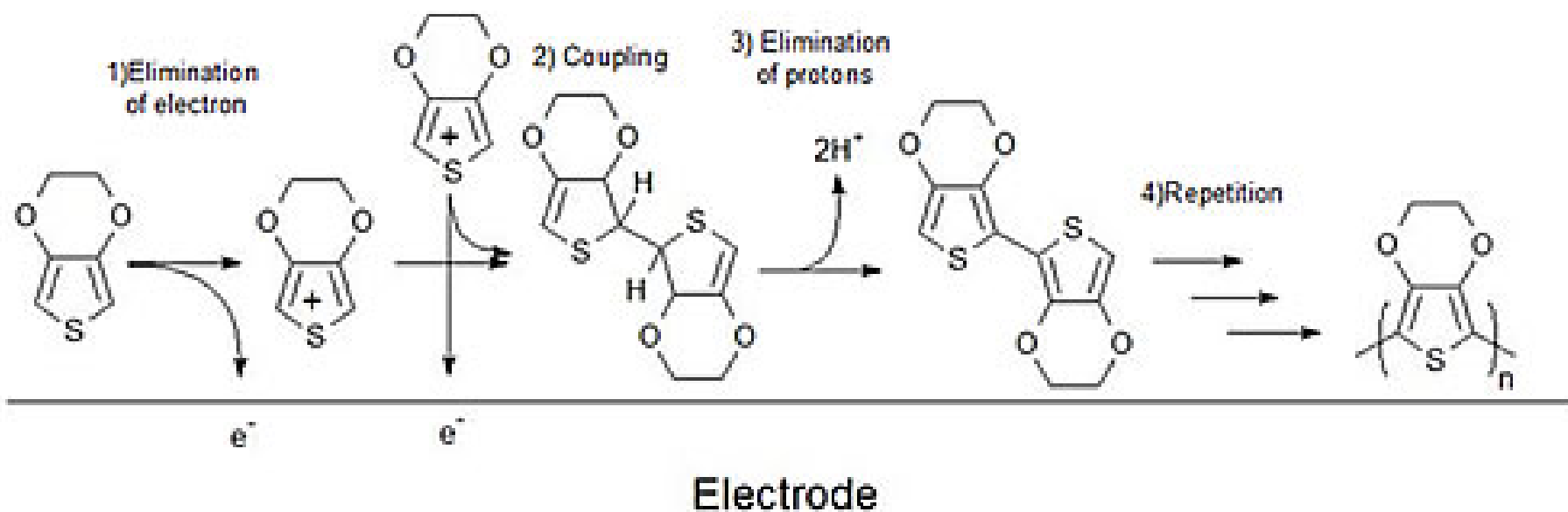
Approach 1: conductive composite



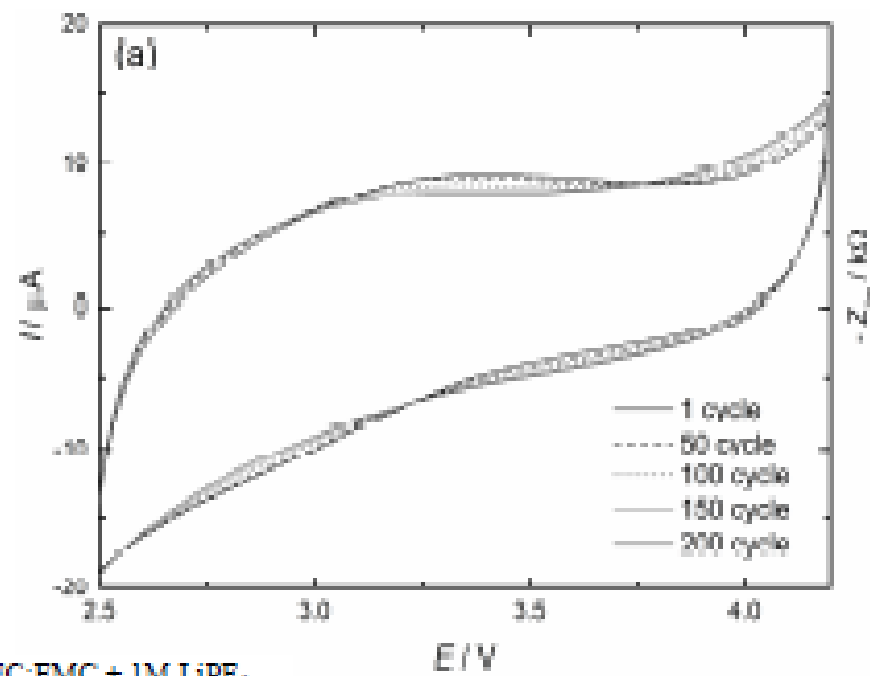
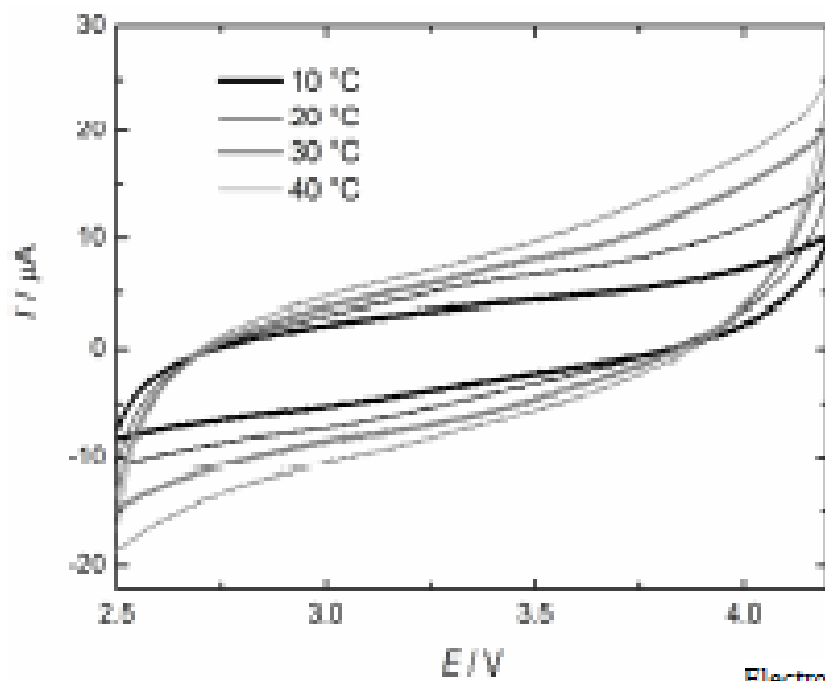
Conductive backbone



PEDOT



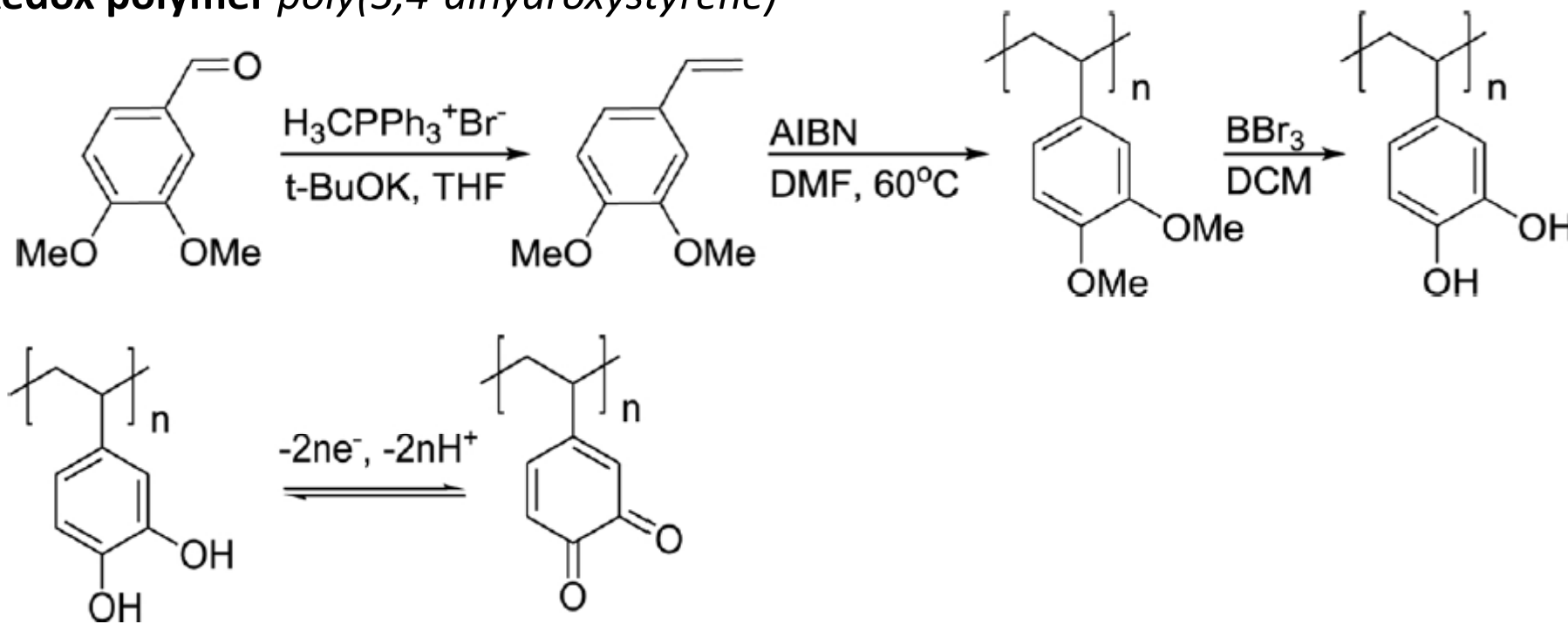
Electrochemistry of PEDOT



Modification of PEDOT



Redox polymer *poly(3,4-dihydroxystyrene)*



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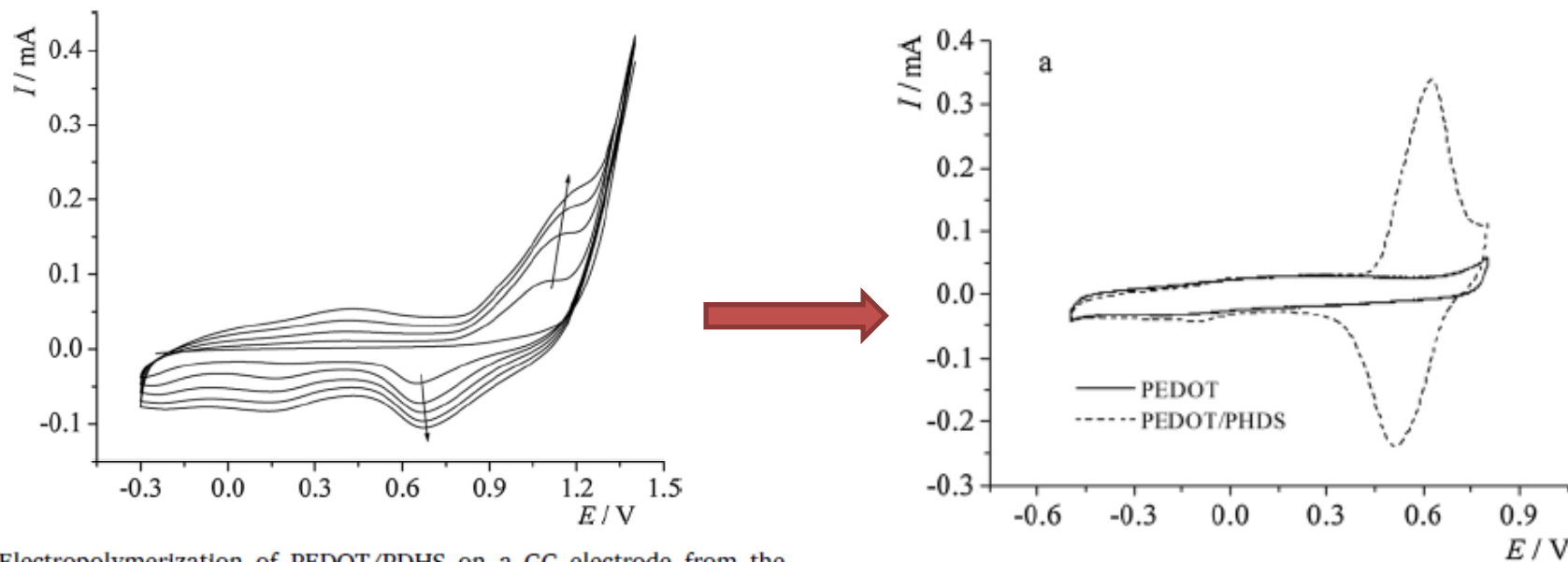


Fig. 3. Electropolymerization of PEDOT/PDHS on a GC electrode from the solution of 0.05 M EDOT + 0.5 M LiClO₄ + 0.3 M PDHS in PC ($\nu = 50 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$).

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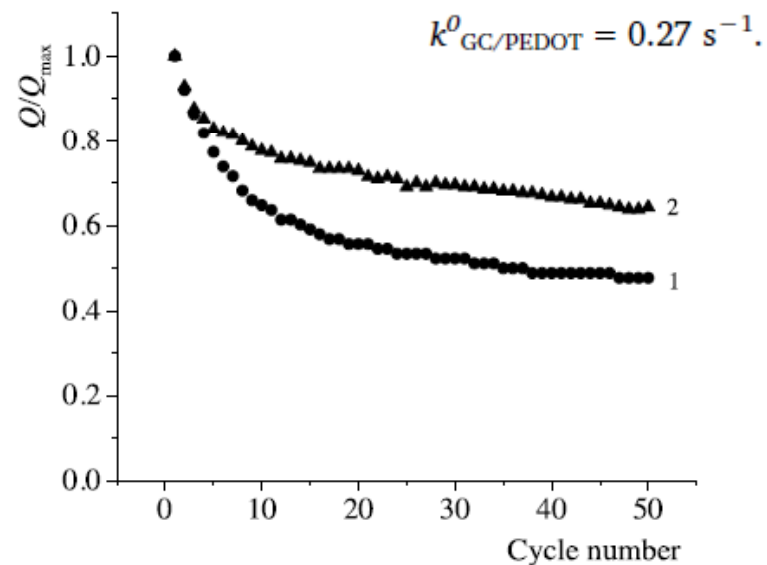
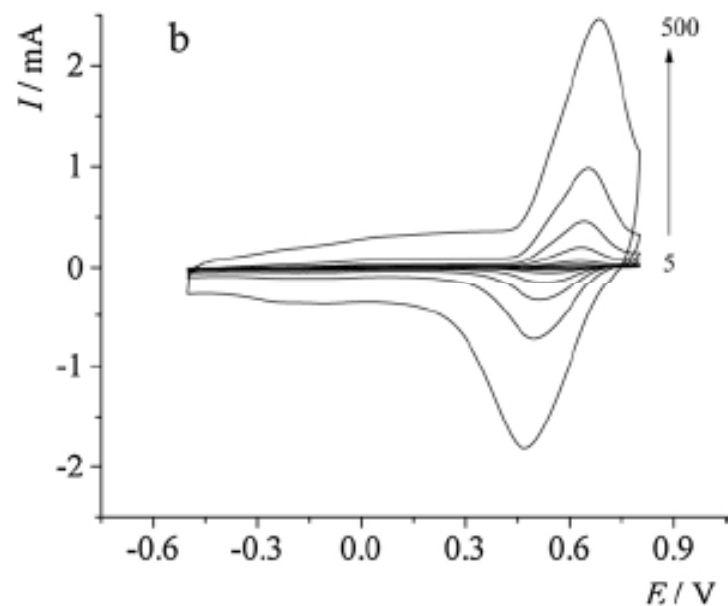
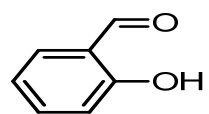


Fig. 5. Normalized capacities vs. number of cycle for GC/PDHS(1) and GC/PEDOT/PDHS(2) electrodes in 0.5 M H_2SO_4 .

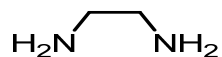


Salen-type complexes

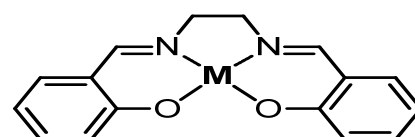
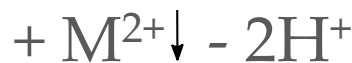
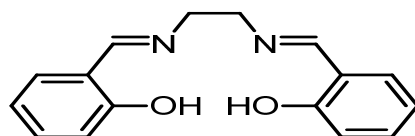


Salicylic aldehyde

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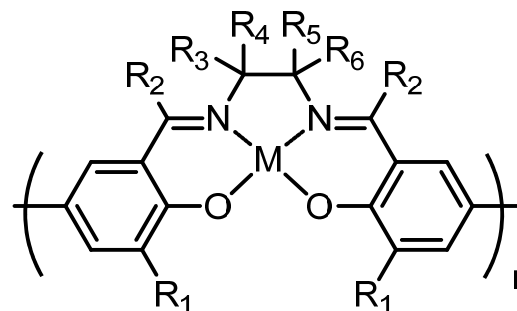
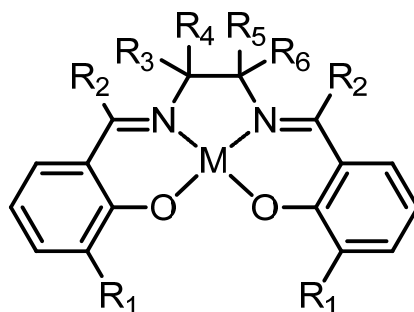
Ethylene diamine



Widely applied in catalysis:

Oxidation,
Epoxydation,
Hydrolysis etc...

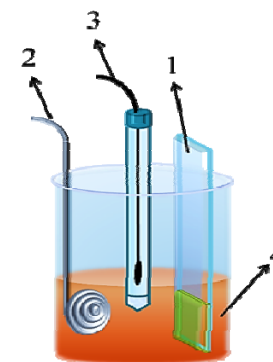
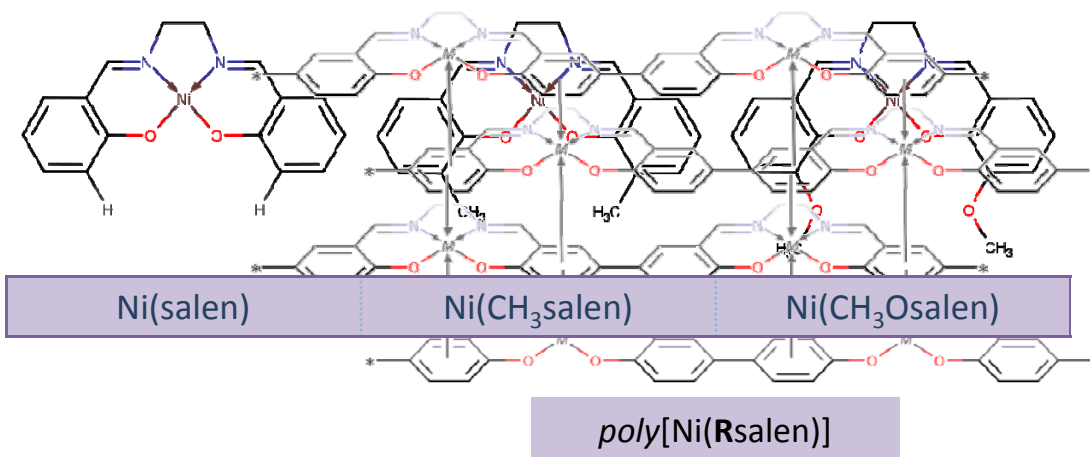
Electrochemical Oxidation





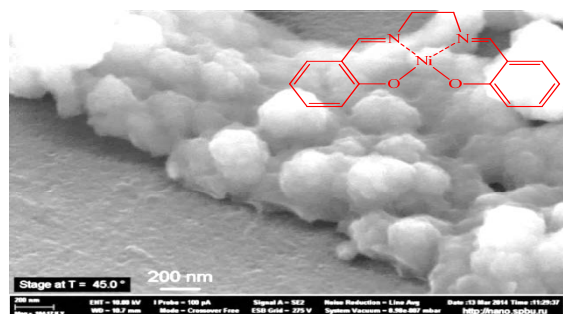
Polymerisation of **Salen-type complexes**

salen = (N,N'-ethylenebis(salicylimine))

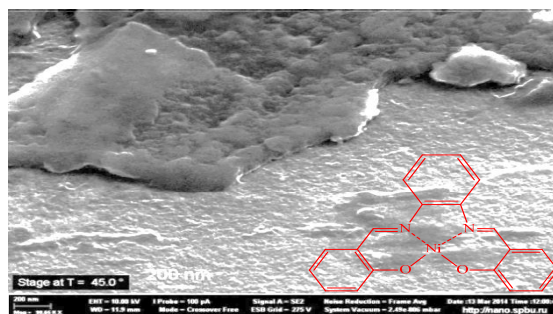




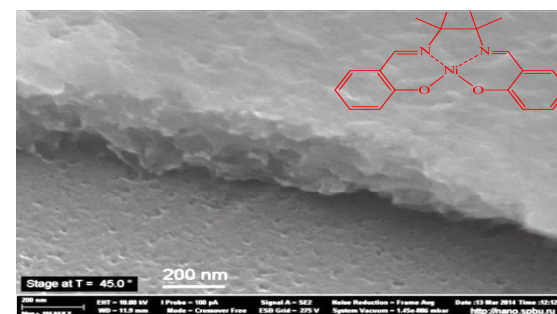
Morphology of poly[Ni(Schiff)] polymeric complexes



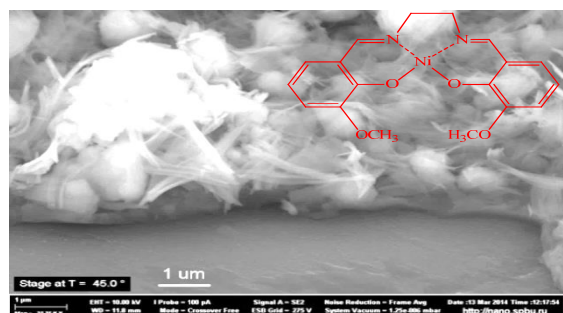
poly[Ni(Salen)]
 $\rho = 2,4 \pm 0,2 \text{ g/cm}^3$



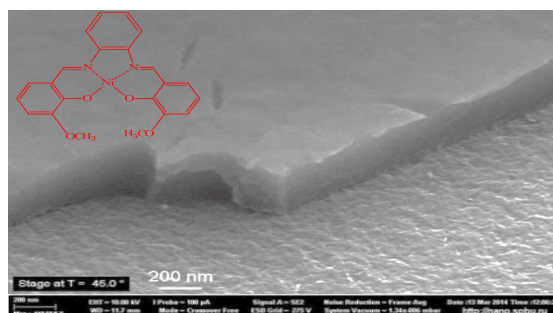
poly[Ni(Salphen)]
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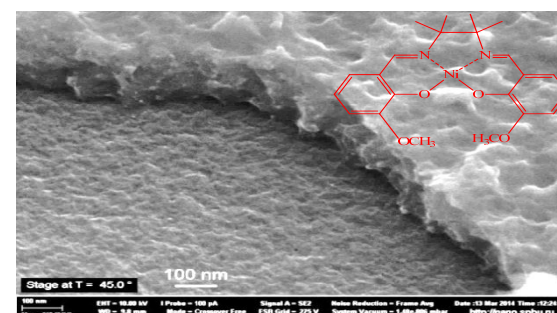
poly[Ni(Saltmen)]
 $\rho = 1,9 \pm 0,1 \text{ g/cm}^3$



poly[Ni(CH₃OSalen)]
 $\rho = 1,9 \pm 0,1 \text{ g/cm}^3$

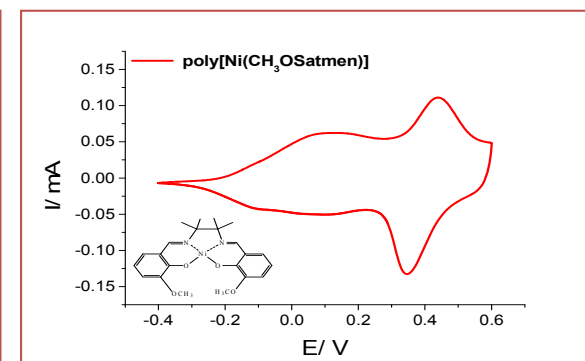
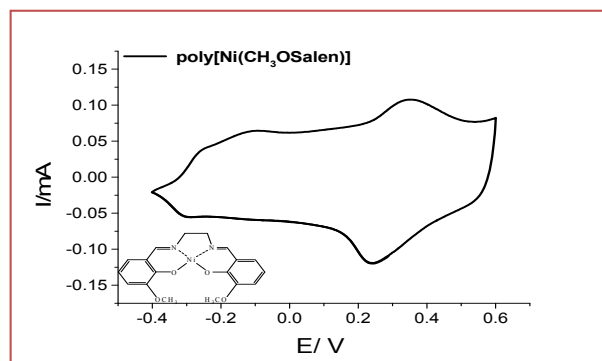
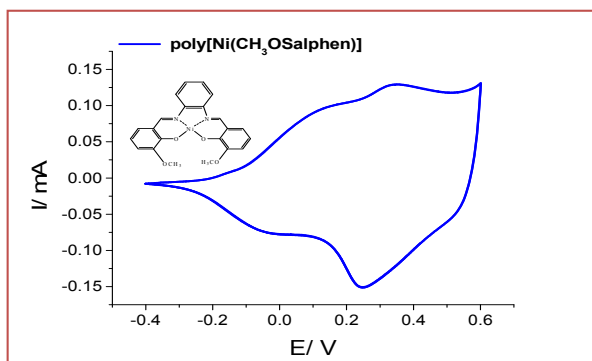
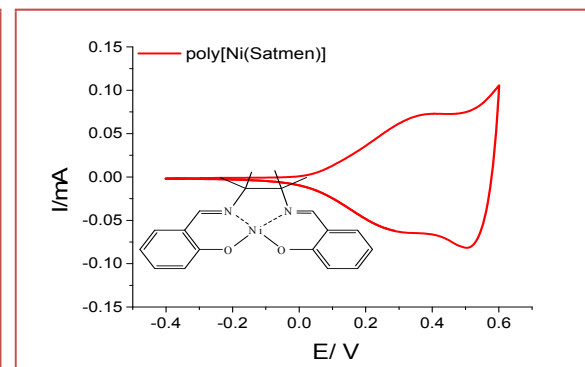
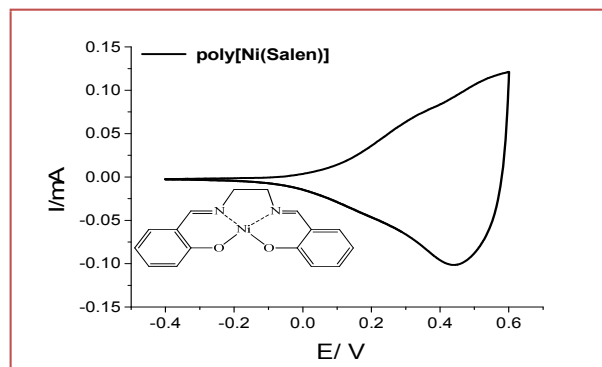
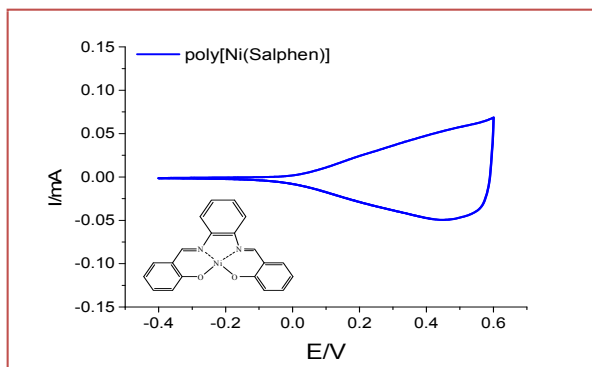


poly[Ni(CH₃OSalphen)]
 $\rho = 1,8 \pm 0,1 \text{ g/cm}^3$



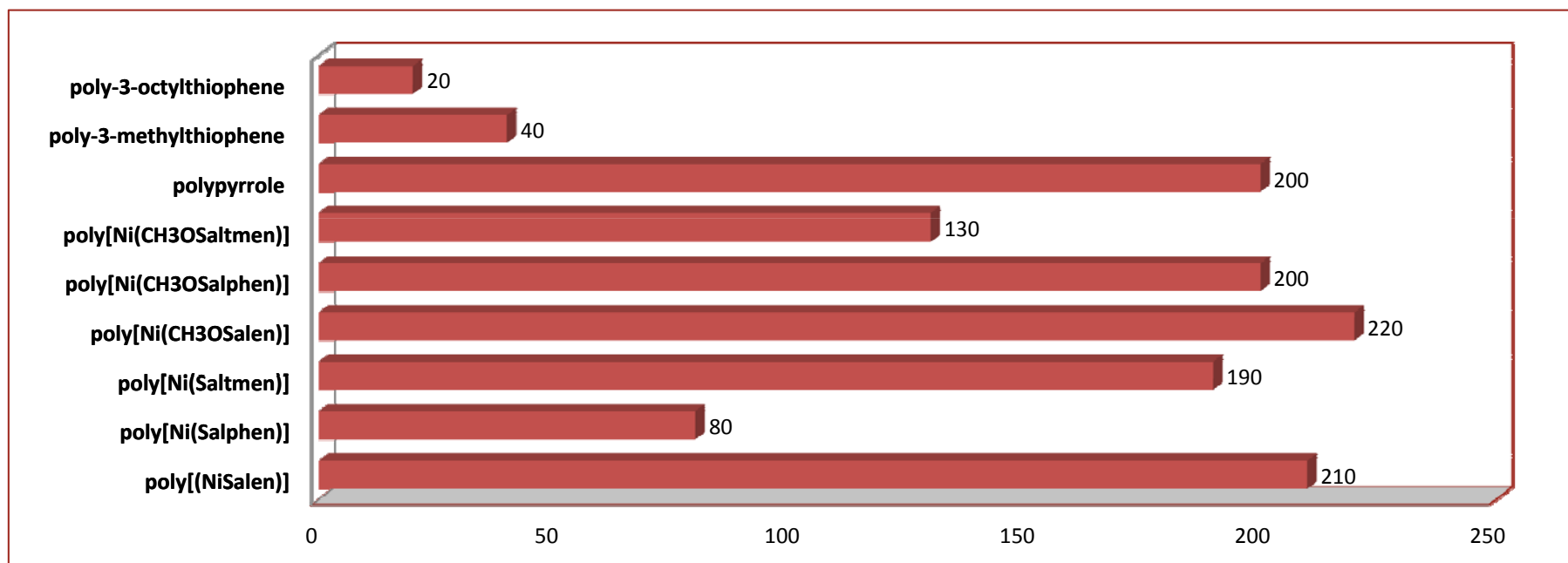
poly[Ni(CH₃OSaltmen)]
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Cyclic voltammograms of poly[Ni(Schiff)]



Charge transfer parameters of poly[Ni(Schiff)] complexes

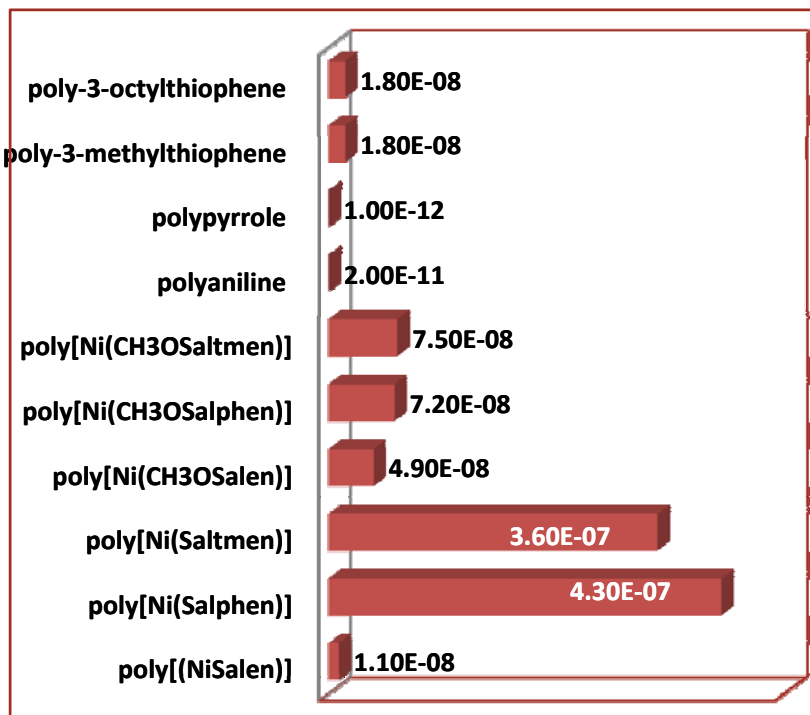
Maximum value of gravimetric capacitance F/g



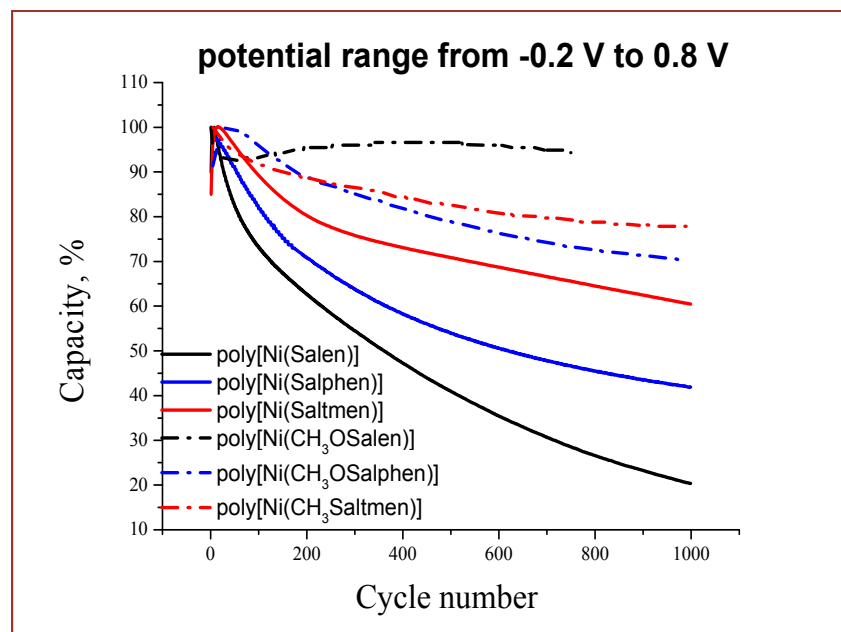
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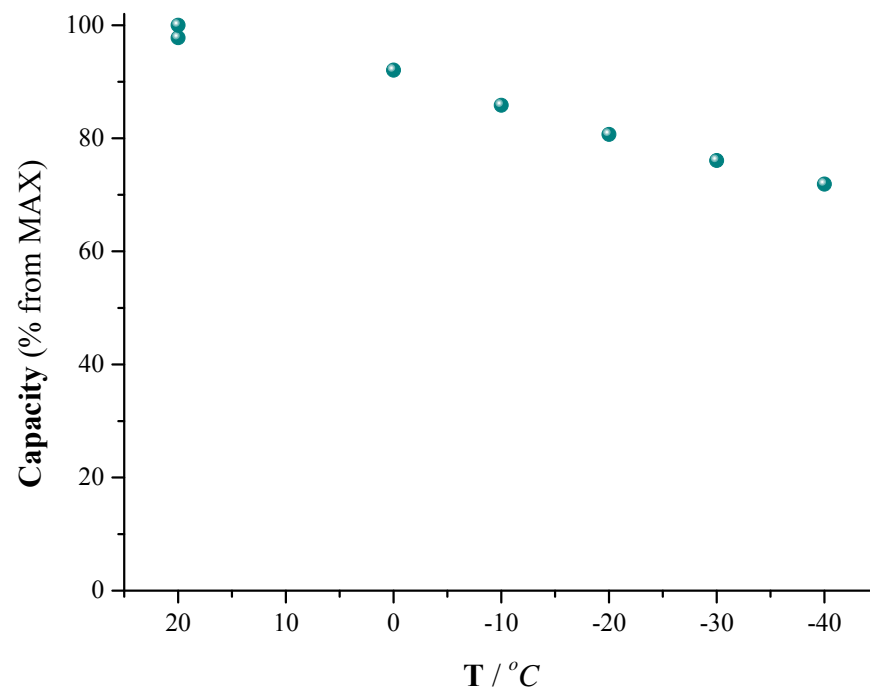
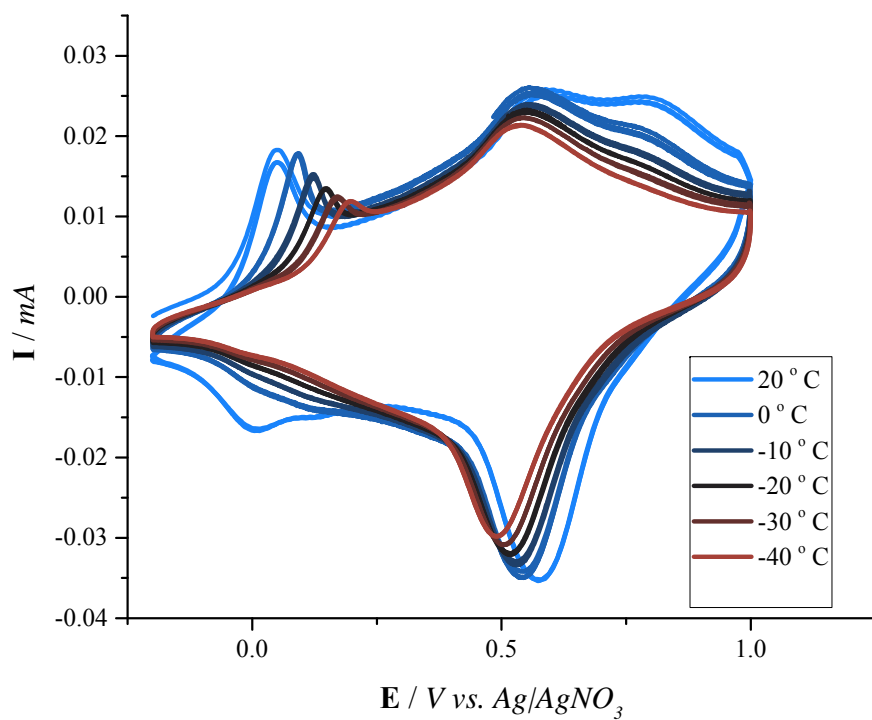
Maximum value of Def, cm²/s



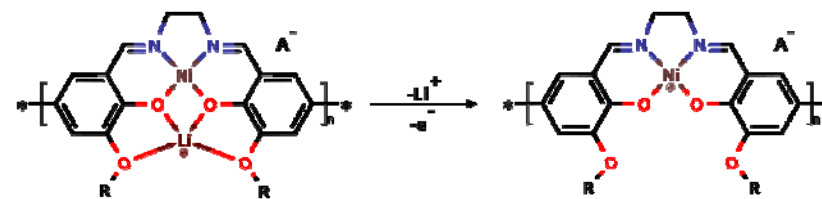
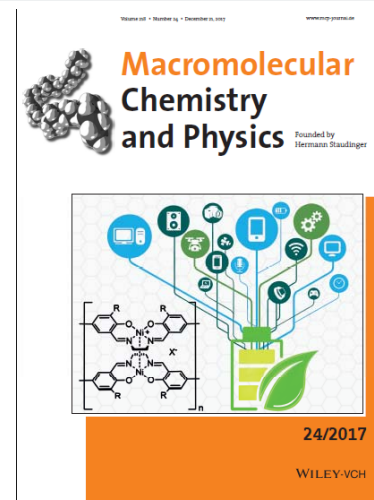
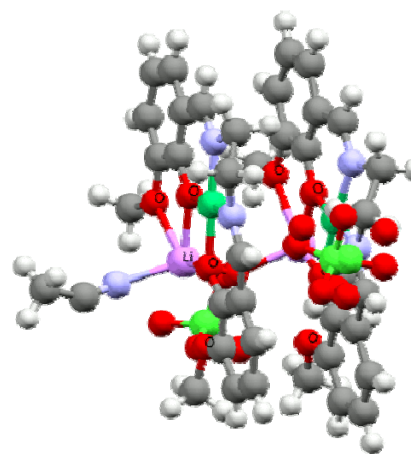
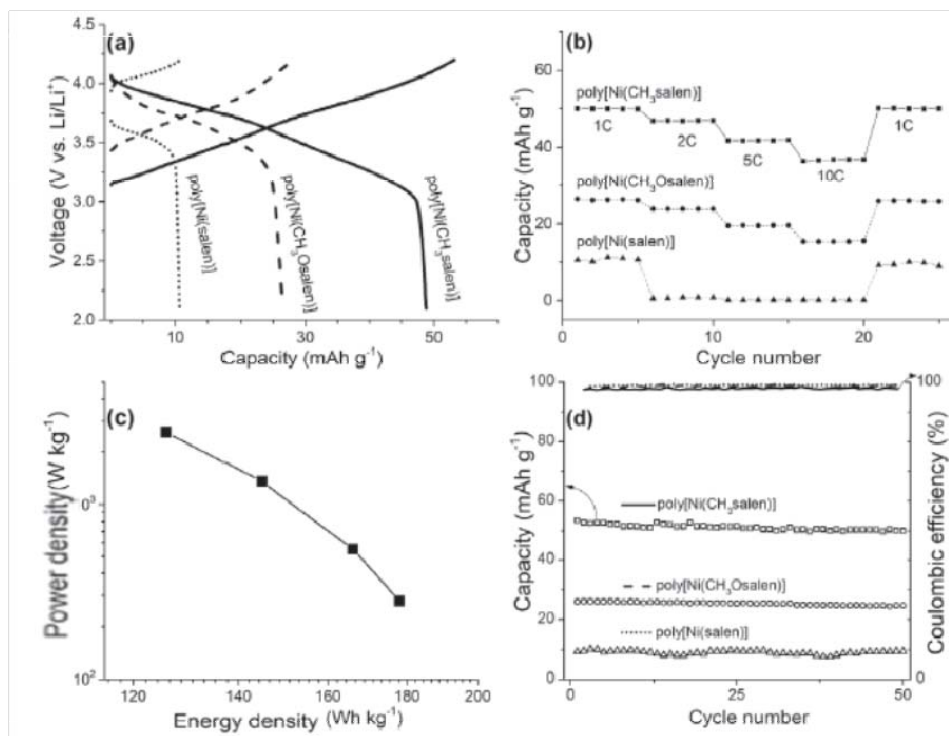
Relative capacity drop in dry electrolyte



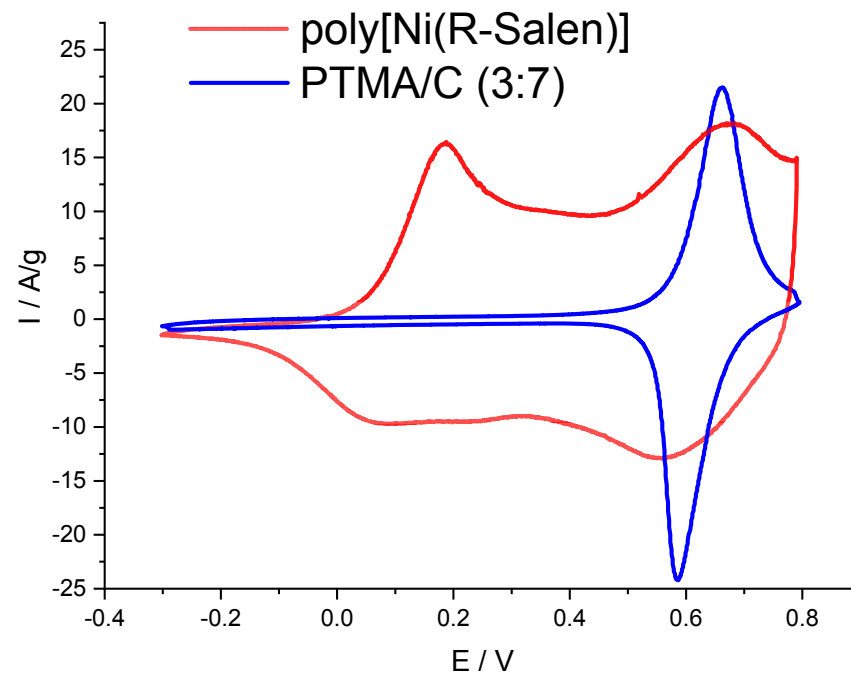
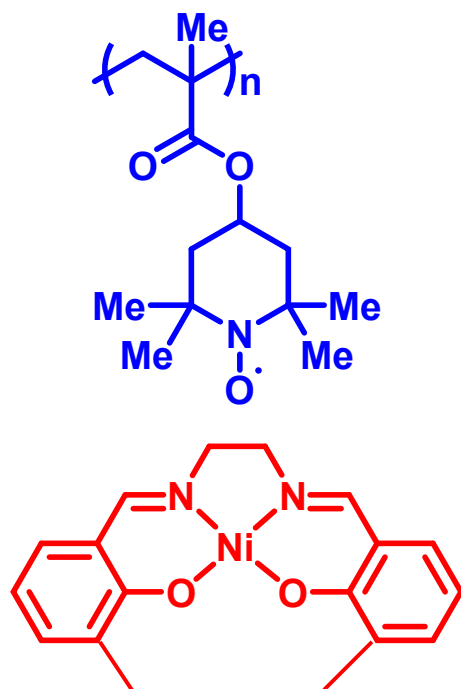
poly[Ni(Schiff)] complexes are suitable for extra low operating temperatures



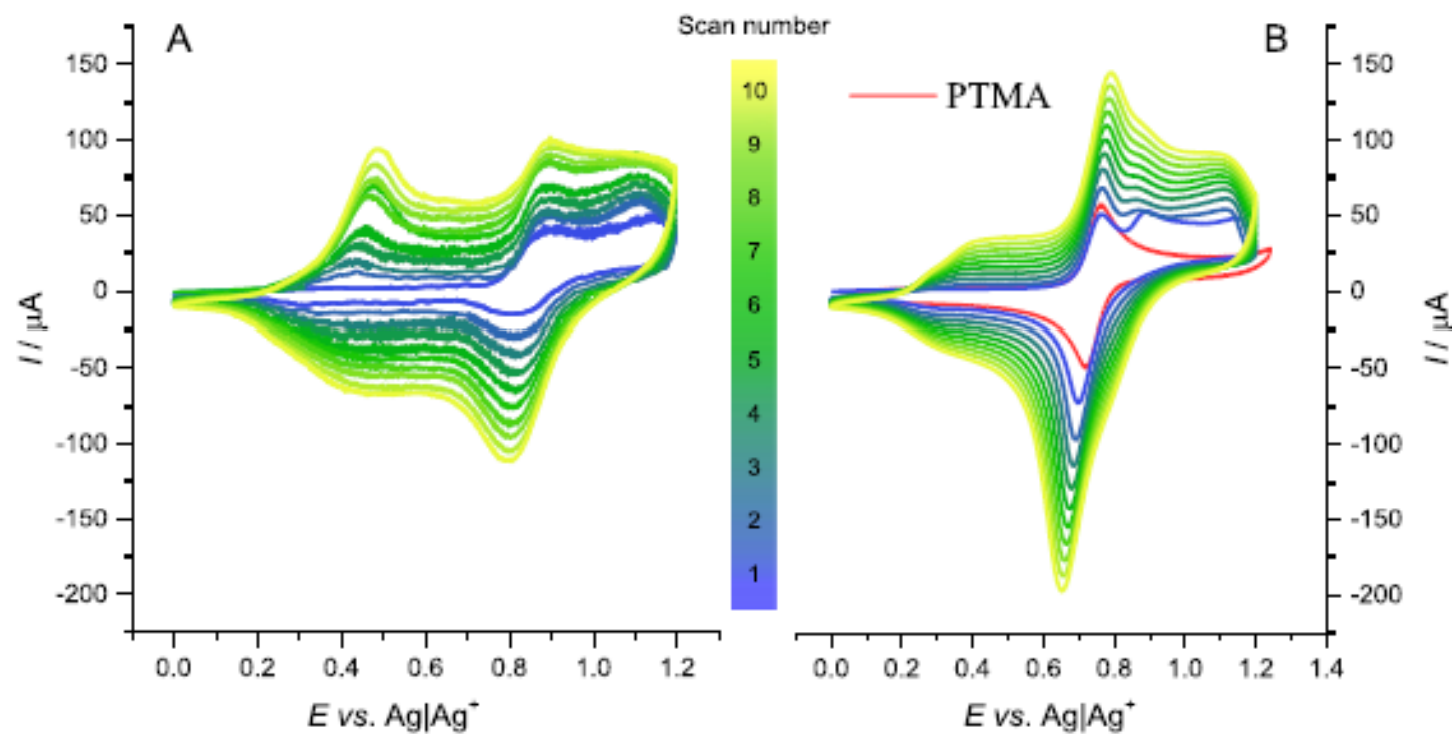
poly[Ni(Schiff)] complexes in Li-ion batteries

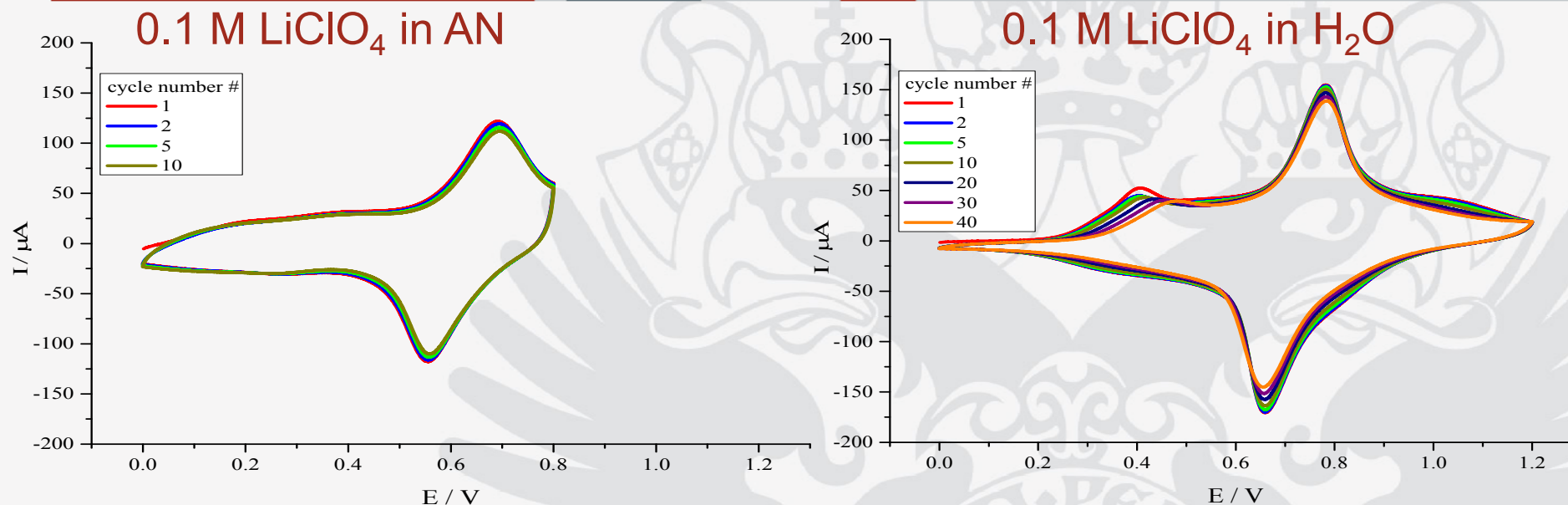


Modification of polymeric Salen-type complexes



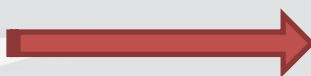
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Composite is stable in aqueous and nonaqueous solutions

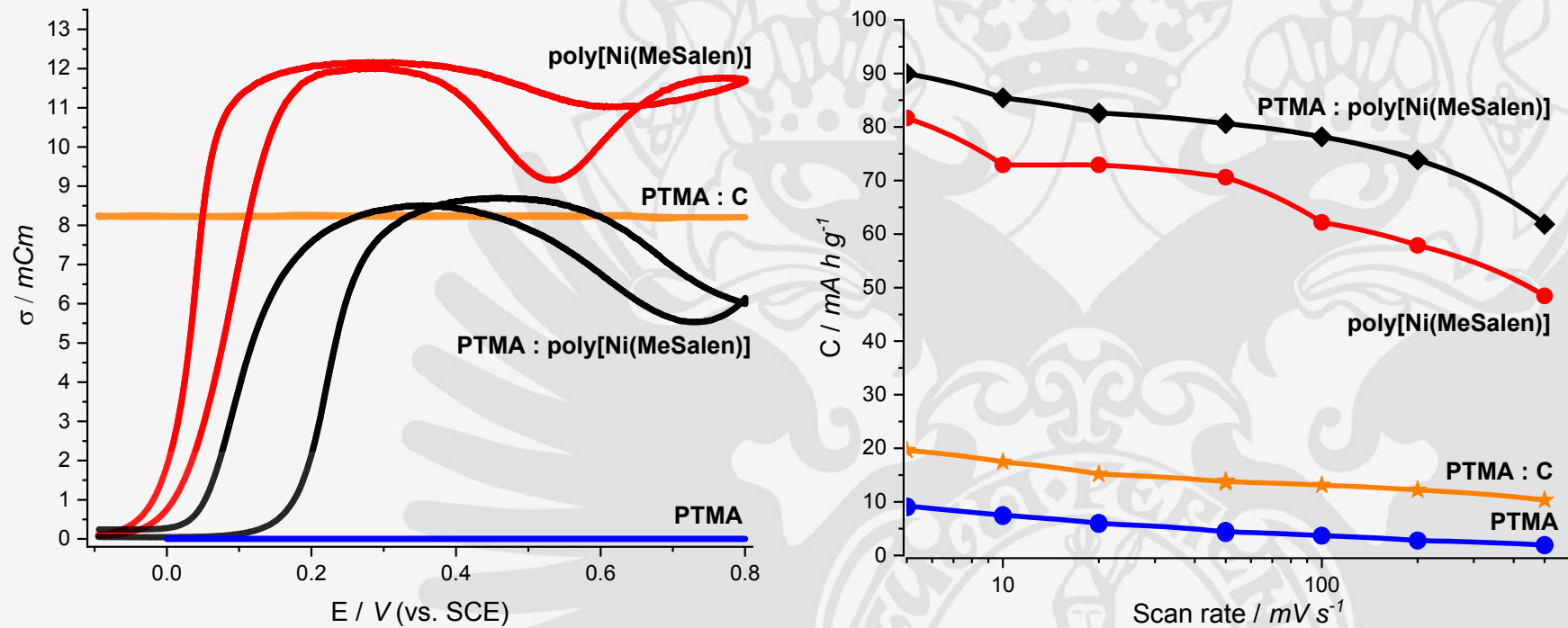
However, PTMA is soluble in AN



PTMA is firmly bonded to the composite material

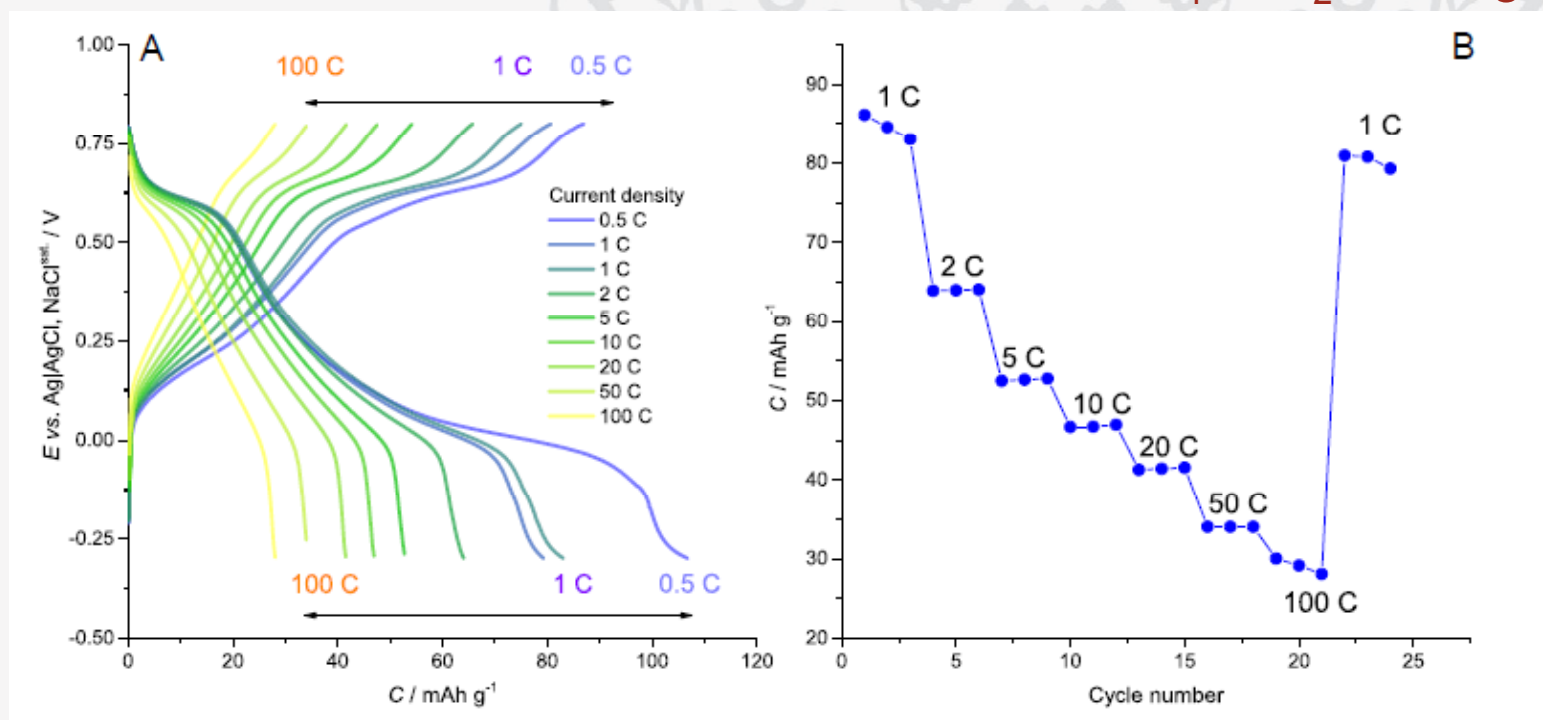


Efficiency of the approach



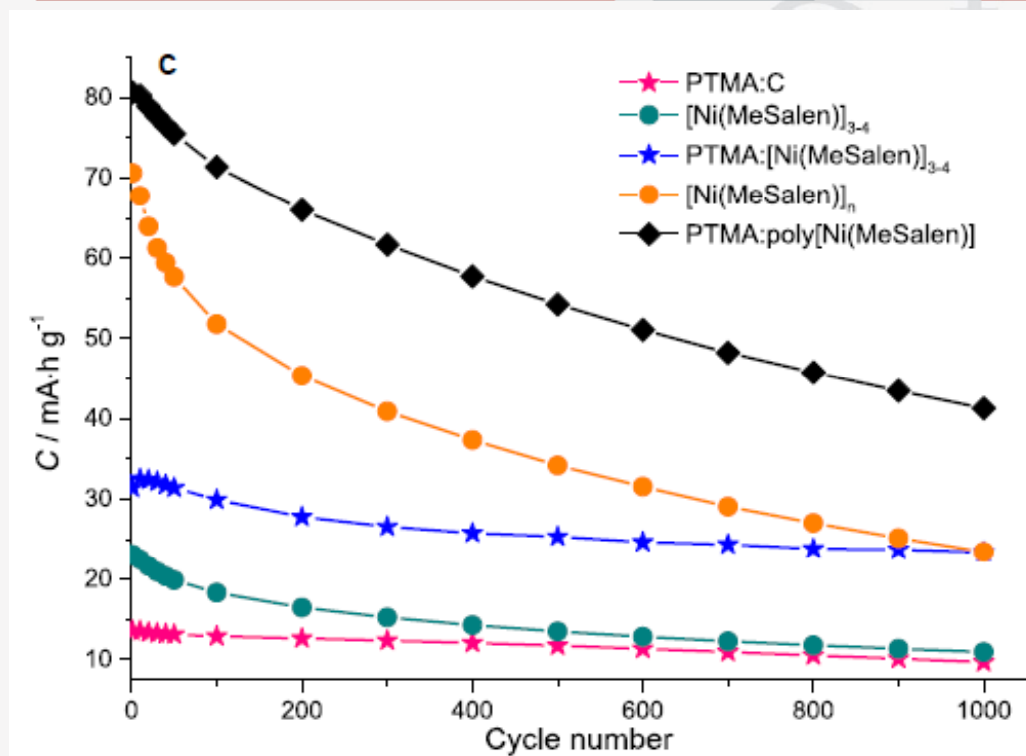
Practical loading of copolymer

0.1 M LiClO₄ in H₂O, 1 mg cm⁻²



Stability of copolymer

0.1 M LiClO₄ in H₂O



[Ni(MeSalen)] based PTMA composites showed higher durability than [Ni(MeSalen)] materials without PTMA additive

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