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Polymers for Lithium/Sodium Batteries

Message from the Guest Editor

Polymers play essential roles in lithium/sodium batteries as polymer electrolytes and electrode materials.

Conductive polymers, such as polyaniline (PANI) or PEDOT, are explored as electrode materials due to their unique electronic and redox properties, which can store and release ions during battery cycling. Polymer-derived carbon, especially plant-derived carbon is also expected to be promising conductive electrode materials for its high theoretical capacities. Binders are crucial in electrode fabrication for good adhesion to conductive polymers and the current collector. Some commonly used binder polymers include PVDF and Carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC). Lignin-based materials are also promising candidates.

Despite their advantages, challenges remain, including achieving high conductivity, maintaining stability during cycling, and ensuring good interfacial compatibility. Ongoing research focuses on optimizing polymer structures, exploring new materials, and developing advanced composite electrolytes/electrodes.

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