Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for Materials Chemistry Frontiers. This journal is © the Partner Organisations 2020

Supporting Information

Suppression of lithium dendrite by triazine -based porous organic polymer laden- PEO based electrolyte and its application for all-solid-state-lithium batteries

N. Angulakshmi², R. Baby Dhanalakshmi¹, Murugavel Kathiresan^{*1}, Yingke Zhou²* A. Manuel Stephan¹*

¹CSIR- Central Electrochemical Research Institute, Karaikudi 630 003, India

² The State Key Laboratory of Refractories and Metallurgy, Institute of Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology, College of Materials and Metallurgy, Wuhan University of Science and Technology, Wuhan 430 081 P.R. China

*Corresponding authors <u>amstephan@cecri.res.in; zhouyk@wust.edu.cn</u> <u>kathiresan@cecri.res.in</u>

Synthesis of TP-POP

In a clean two-neck round-bottomed flask, 1,4-phenylenediamine (1.45 g, 13 mmol) was dissolved in 50 mL anhydrous 1,4-dioxane under N_2 atmosphere. Later, anhydrous K_2CO_3 was added and the solution was cooled down to 5 °C under N_2 atmosphere. To this cooled solution, cyanuric chloride (2.5 g, 13.5 mmol) dissolved in 50 mL 1,4-dioxane was added drop wise over 2 h. Then the solution was slowly warmed to room temperature. The contents were then transferred to a stainless steel lined Teflon tube and heated at 100 °C for 10 h. The suspension was cooled to room temperature, diluted with cold water (500 mL). The pale brown precipitate was filtered, washed several times with water, methanol and acetone. The resulting precipitate was dried under vacuum to yield the title compound **TP-POP** as a brown powder (Yield: 82%).



Figure S1. FT-IR spectrum of TP-POP

The successful conversion of the starting materials to TP-POP was confirmed by FT-IR analysis and FT-IR spectrum matches well with our previous report.¹ The peaks at 1568 cm⁻¹ and 1342 cm⁻¹ are assigned to triazine ring. The presence of imine functionality is indicated by C=N stretching bands at 1668 and 1120 cm⁻¹. The typical breathing mode of vibration of

triazine is observed at 800 cm⁻¹. Further, the absence of C-Cl stretching vibration at 850 cm⁻¹ confirms the absence of cyanuric chloride, starting material.

The PXRD pattern of TP-POP is given in Figure S2. A broad peak is observed indicating the amorphous nature of the sample with a 2θ value of 21.17° . XRD value of TP-POP differs very much from that of the solvothermally synthesized material indicating the difference in their structures.¹



Figure S2. XRD patterns of TP-POP



Figure S3. FESEM images of TP-POP at different magnifications

The morphology of TP-POP was analyzed using field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM) and is given in Figure S3. TP-POP exhibit microspherical structures with an estimated average diameter of ~100 nm. In addition, mesoporous nature of the microspheres and strong aggregation between the polymeric units can be clearly explained from the FESEM images.



Figure S4. Energy Dispersive X-ray analysis (EDS) of TP-POP

The elemental content of TP-POP as obtained from CHNS analysis and Energy Dispersive X-ray analysis are given below.

Elemental analysis

Sample	Calculated %			Found %		
TP-POP	С	Н	N	С	Н	N
	56.99	3.47	33.57	49.65	3.20	29.52

EDS obtained from SEM

Sample			
TP-POP	С	0	N
	49.45	8.52	42.03



Figure S5. The N_2 –sorption isotherms of TP-POP



Figure S6. SEM images of sample S4 for two different magnifications

Reference

1. S. Gopi and M. Kathiresan, *Polymer*, 2017, **109**, 315-320.