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# PHYLLOSILICATES FOR SAFE ENERGY STORAGE MATERIALS

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Batteries environmental and safety performance

**Battery Generations** 

Challenge for the clay minerals

Safety for the devices used for common life is important challenge for technology, very science and producers. Li-ion/LiPo batteries have emerged in recent years as the most popular secondary batteries due to advantages that include light weight, higher energy density, low memory effect and longer life span. However, the lithium is considered as the dangerous part in the combination with liquid electrolyte causing very fast reaction related to explosion and noncontrolled fire. the Development of solid-state electrolyte (SSE) is a key toward the fabrication of all-solid-state batteries that are safer.



Natural mineral as unique architecture, adsorption capability and rich active sites have captured numerous attentions with remarkable advancements. Recently, the minerals compounds, containing 1D structure (halloysites, attapulgites, sepiolite), 2D structure (montmorillonite, vermiculite, molybdenite) and 3D structure (diatomite, pyrites), have been applied in plenty of key elements of batteries. Aiming at their energy-storage applications, the significant utilizations in electrodes, separators, electrolyte and metal-protection were detailed reviewed in lithium-ions battery, lithium-sulfur battery, solid-state battery and so on.

Liquid electrolyte Decomposition Ion conductivity Gas production Flammable Thermal stability Liquid electroly TM loss Unstable SEI Unstable CEI Dendrite & Structure Electrochemical stability window Interfacial property Anode degradation Electrolyte Lithium anoc Dendrite formation Cathode decomposition & volatilization Cathode iquid electrolyt (trace amount Good contact towards electrode

Stable

properties in

wide range of

temperature

## All solid-state batteries

### Problems

Solid-state batteries are traditionally expensive for manufacturing processes being difficult to scale, requiring expensive vacuum deposition equipment. Low temperature operations may be challenging.  $\diamond$ 

- Natural materials and environmentally friendly
- Low thermal expansion and fire retardant
- Tailorable porosity and specific surface area
- Chemical inertness, stability
- Modification options = decoration with

#### functional particles, acid etching





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Nontoxicity -

during

production/life

/after life



Acknowledgement

- Solid-state batteries historically had poor performance.  $\diamond$
- Solid-state batteries with ceramic electrolytes require high pressure to maintain contact with the electrodes.
- Solid-state batteries with ceramic separators may break from mechanical stress.

# Advantages

- Solid-state battery technology is believed to deliver higher energy densities (2.5x)
- Avoid the use of dangerous or toxic materials found in commercial batteries, such as organic electrolytes.
- Liquid electrolytes are flammable and solid electrolytes are nonflammable, solid-state batteries are believed to have lower risk of catching fire.
- Heat generation inside is only 20-30% of conventional batteries with liquid electrolyte under thermal runaway
- Solid-state battery technology is believed to allow for faster charging.

Conclusion

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Microflakes of clay particles drenched in a solution of lithiated room temperature ionic liquid forming a quasi-solid system has been demonstrated to have structural stability until 355 °C.

With an ionic conductivity of  $\sim 3.35$  mS cm<sup>-1</sup>, the composite electrolyte has been shown to deliver stable electrochemical performance at 120 °C

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#### Ways how to reach faster better

Multiscale modelling and simulation for time optimal goalparameters reaching, reduction of trial-error cases. Future materials for additive technologies of 3D printable electrodes and production of lab scale 3D printed electrodes. Way how to care more Application of green approaches for nanoparticles preparation

Lowering of number of chemicals and steps in the technology

# Design of synthetic porous ceramics



Phase composition - chemical composition - doping/ decoration, organics infiltration

Particle size – mean for tailoring the porosity and SSA

Crystallite size evaluation

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