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## LISTS OF ABBREVIATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>
Chitosan-acetic acid solution	CA
Differential Scanning Calorimetry	DSC
Dimethyl formamide	DMF
Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy	EIS
Ethylene carbonate	EC
Frequency Response Analyzer	FRA
Gel polymer electrolytes	GPEs
Oleic acid	OA
Polyacrylonitrile	PAN
Polyethylene glycol	PEG
Polyethylene oxide	PEO
Poly(methyl methacrylate)	PMMA
Polyvinyl chloride	PVC
Polyvinylidene fluoride	PVdF
Propylene carbonate	PC
Resistor and capacitor in parallel	$R//C$
Resistor and capacitor in parallel with a resistor in series connection	$R-R//C$
Resistor and CPE in parallel with a resistor in series connection	$R_s-R_p//CPE$
Salicylic acid	SA
Thermo gravimetric analysis	TGA
X-ray diffraction	XRD

## LIST SYMBOLS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Angular frequency	$\omega$
Area of sample	$A$
Bulk resistance	$R_b$
Capacitance	$C$
Capacitive value of material	$p$
Complex admittance	$A$
Complex dielectric constant	$\epsilon^*$
Complex dielectric modulus	$M^*$
Conductivity	$\sigma$
Constant Phase Element	CPE
Dielectric constant	$\epsilon_r$
Dielectric loss	$\epsilon_i$
Electrolytes resistance	$R_p$
Frequency	$f$
Impedance	$Z$
Impedance of CPE	$Z_{\text{CPE}}$
Imaginary impedance	$Z_i$
Imaginary electrical modulus	$M_i$
Loss tangent	$\tan \delta$
Permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0$
Real electrical modulus	$M_r$
Real impedance	$Z_r$
Relaxation time	$\tau_0$
Resistor	$R$
Thickness	$t$
Uncompensated resistance	$R_s$
Weight percent	wt.%

**ABSTRACT**

In this study, polymer electrolytes were prepared by the technique of solution casting. These proton conducting electrolytes consist of high-molecular-weight poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) matrix, ethylene carbonate (EC) /propylene carbonate (PC) and organic acid. Two different samples with the following molar weight percent were studied. The electrolytes are salicylic acid (SA): 5 wt.% /EC: 35 wt.% /PC: 35 wt.% /PMMA: 12.5 wt.% /CA: 12.5 wt.% and oleic acid (OA): 10 wt.% /CA: 50 g. This experiment involves Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS) measurement. From the impedance data, a Cole-Cole plot was obtained and therefore the bulk resistance,  $R_b$  can be calculated. The conductivity obtained for this work is  $2.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Scm}^{-1}$  for sample containing SA whereas electrolytes containing OA gives the value of  $1.02 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Scm}^{-1}$ . Dielectric data were analyzed using complex permittivity  $\epsilon^*$  and complex electrical modulus  $M^*$  for both sample. Information on relaxing dipole in a medium may be obtained from an analysis of complex permittivity.

## ABSTRAK

Dalam eksperimen ini, polimer elektrolit telah disediakan melalui teknik ‘solution casting’. Pengkonduksi proton ini terdiri daripada matriks polimer ‘poly(methyl methacrylate)’ (PMMA) dengan jisim molekul tinggi, etilena karbonat (EC) dan propilena karbonat (PC) dan asid organik. Dua sample yang berbeza dari segi penggunaan asid organik dan juga mol% telah dikaji. Elektrolit tersebut terdiri daripada asid salisilik (SA): 5 mol% /EC: 35 mol% /PC: 35 mol% / PMMA: 12.5 mol% /CA: 12.5 mol% manakala asid oleik (OA): 10 mol% / CA: 50 g. Eksperimen ini melibatkan pengukuran Impedans Spectroskopi (EIS). Daripada data-data impedans yang diperolehi, graf ‘Cole-Cole’ dapat diplotkan dan seterusnya jumlah rintangan (bulk resistance),  $R_b$  boleh dikira. Elektrolit yang mengandungi SA memberikan konduktiviti  $2.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Scm}^{-1}$  manakala elektrolit yang mengandungi OA memberikan konduktiviti  $1.02 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Scm}^{-1}$ . Data dielektrik juga dianalisis menggunakan permittiviti kompleks  $\epsilon^*$  dan modulus elektrikal kompleks  $M^*$  bagi kedua-dua sample. Pergerakan ion-ion positif dan negatif pada keadaan rehat dalam suatu medium dapat diperhatikan daripada analisis permittiviti kompleks yang telah dianalisis.