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**AN INVESTIGATION ON  $\text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3$  DOPED PLASTICIZER AS POTENTIAL  
SOLID ELECTROLYTE FOR LITHIUM BATTERIES**

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## ABSTRACT

Using the solution cast technique, solid polymer electrolytes composed of chitosan and PEO as the host polymer and lithium triflate ( $\text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3$ ) as the doping salt were prepared. Propylene carbonate (PC) and ethylene carbonate (EC) as a plasticizer was added to the solutions, respectively. The conductivity and dielectric behavior of plasticized chitosan/PEO-30 wt.%  $\text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3$  were studied from 42 Hz to 1 MHz at room temperature by EIS. For EC complexes, the highest conductivity was obtained at 50 wt.% ( $2.93 \times 10^{-5}$  S/cm) and 15 wt.% ( $8.89 \times 10^{-6}$  S/cm) for PC. The ionic conductivity of the EC polymer complexes are about 1 magnitude higher than that of chitosan/PEO-30 wt.%  $\text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3$  but in PC polymer complexes, the conductivity did not improve much. The dielectric data for both EC and PC polymer complexes were analyzed using complex impedance  $Z^*$ , complex permittivity  $\epsilon^*$ , complex electric modulus  $M^*$  and loss tangent,  $\tan \delta$ . The complexation effects of salt and plasticizers in polymer blend host electrolytes had been investigated using FTIR. The carbonyl stretch of chitosan locates at  $1648 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . With the addition of PC, the band disappear in favor to monodentate ion pair. The  $\nu_s(\text{SO}_3)$  of  $\text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3$  in the complexes appeared at  $1031 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for both EC and PC comes from free trimethanesulfonate anions. EC-PEO interactions are indicated by the shifting of N-H angular deformation band of PEO from  $1340 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  being shifted to  $1353\text{-}1398 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complex. In PC, this band is shifted to  $1054 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and become weak.



## ABSTRAK

Dengan menggunakan teknik 'solution casting', polimer elektrolit jenis pepejal yang mengandungi chitosan dan PEO sebagai polimer asas dan lithium triflate ( $\text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3$ ) sebagai garam pengdopan telah disediakan. Propylene carbonate (PC) dan ethylene carbonate (EC) telah ditambah ke dalam larutan sebagai bahan pemplastik. Konduktiviti dan sifat dielektrik chitosan/PEO-30 wt.%  $\text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3$  yang telah ditambah bahan pemplastik di kaji dari 42 Hz hingga 1 MHz pada suhu bilik dengan menggunakan EIS. Untuk kompleks EC, konduktiviti yang paling tinggi telah diperolehi ialah pada 50 wt.% ( $2.93 \times 10^{-5}$ ) dan 15 wt.% ( $8.89 \times 10^{-6}$ ) bagi PC. Konduktiviti ionik bagi polimer kompleks EC adalah lebih kurang 1 magnitud lebih tinggi daripada chitosan/PEO- 30 wt.%  $\text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3$ . Tetapi pada polimer kompleks PC, nilai konduktiviti tidak banyak meningkat. Data dielektrik bagi kedua-dua polimer kompleks EC dan PC telah dianalisis menggunakan 'complex impedance  $Z^*$ ', 'complex permittivity  $\epsilon^*$ ', 'complex electric modulus  $M^*$ ' dan 'loss tangent  $\tan \delta$ '. Kesan struktur kompleks garam dan bahan plastik di dalam elektrolit campuran polimer asas telah di siasat dengan menggunakan FTIR. Tegangan karbonil dalam chitosan terletak pada  $1648 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Dengan penambahan PC, tegangan ini hilang kerana membentuk pasangan ion 'monodentate'.  $\nu_s$  ( $\text{SO}_3$ ) dalam kompleks  $\text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3$  yang muncul pada  $1031 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  untuk kedua-dua EC dan PC adalah dari ion bebas trimethanesulfonate. Interaksi di dalam kompleks antara EC-PEO dikenal pasti daripada anjakan kumpulan pembentukan N-H bersudut pada PEO dari  $1340 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  teranjak ke  $1353\text{-}1398 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Di dalam PC, kumpulan ini teranjak ke  $1054 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  dan menjadi lemah.