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BIAN-paraphenylene Type Condensation Copolymer Binder for Ultra-long cyclable Lithium-Ion Rechargeable Battery

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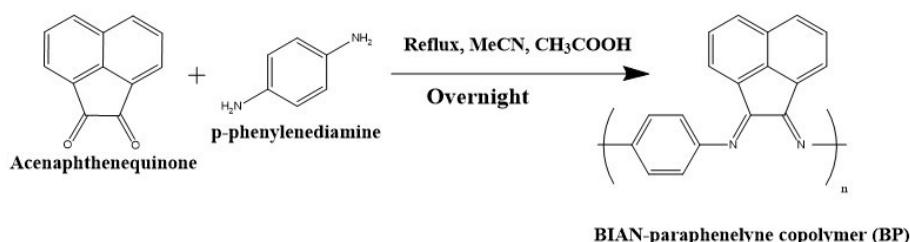


Figure S1: Synthetic scheme of the BP-copolymer

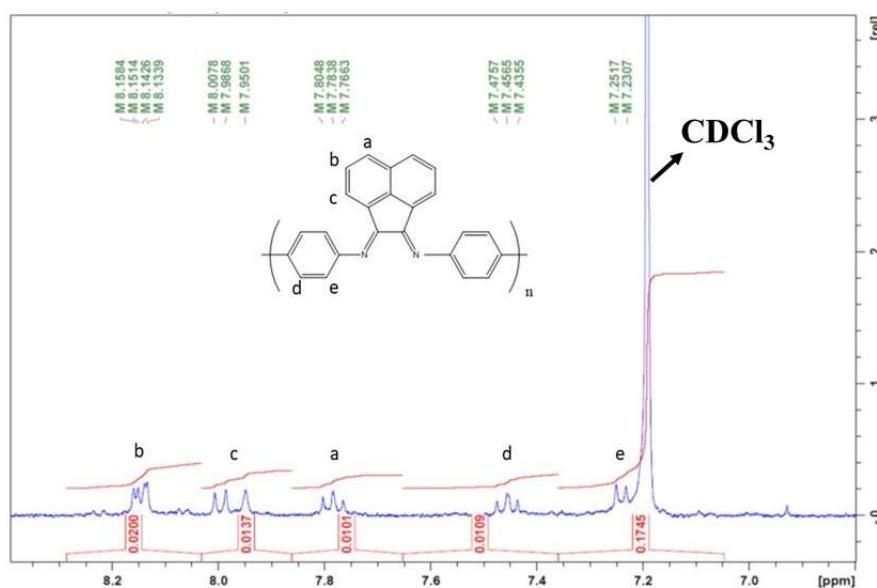


Figure S2: ¹H-NMR spectrum of BP-copolymer

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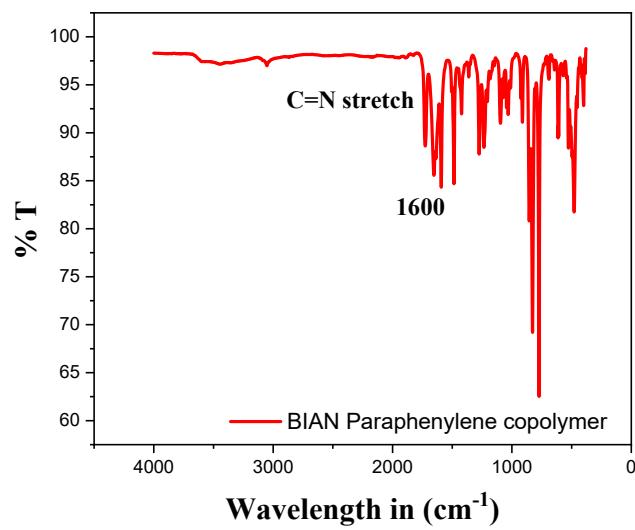


Figure S3: FT-IR spectrum of the BP-copolymer

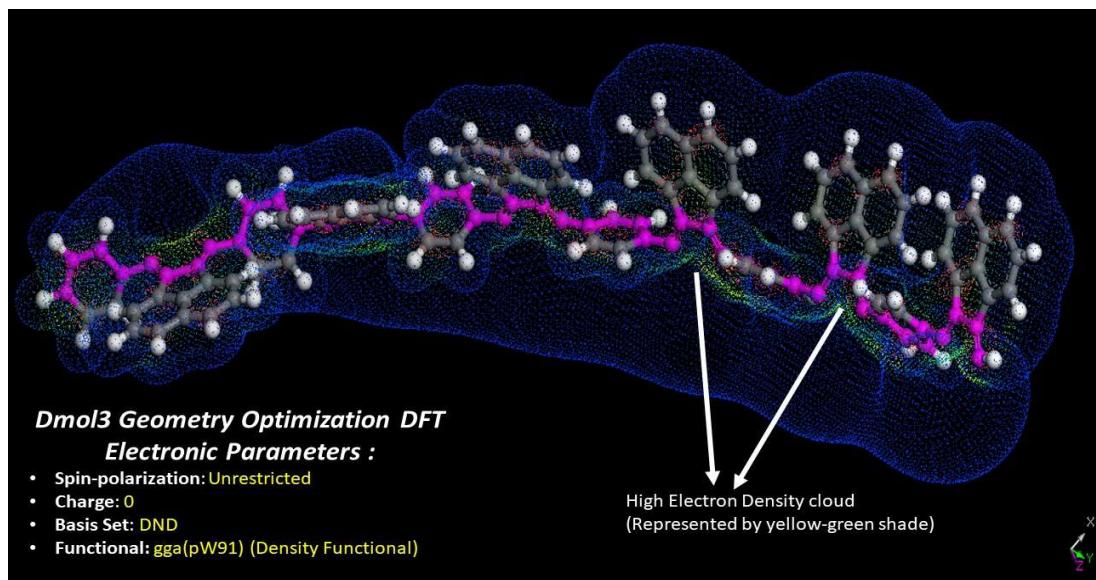


Figure S4: Optimized Structure of the BP-copolymer obtained after DFT calculations

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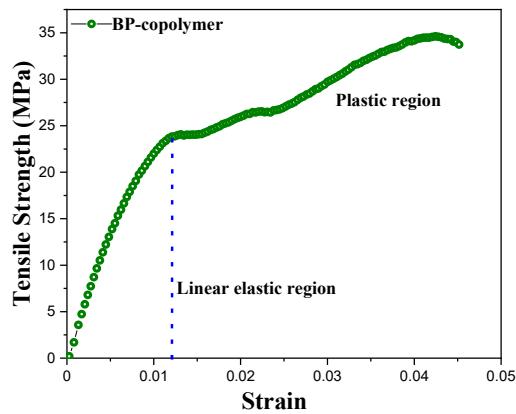


Figure S5: Tensile curve for BP-copolymer binder at 25 ° C with a draw ratio of 3 mm/min.

Samples	Tensile Strength (MPa)	Young's Modulus (GPa)	Strain (%)
BP-copolymer	34 ± (1.2)	1.1 ± (0.7)	4.4 ± (0.6)
PVDF ¹	22 ± (2.9)	0.35 ± (0.04)	2.4 ± (1.0)

Table S1: Tensile properties of BP-copolymer and PVDF

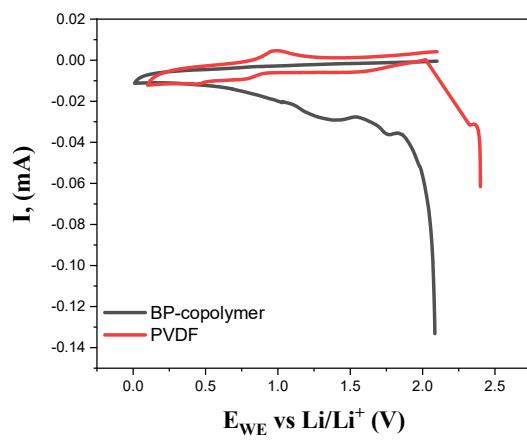


Figure S6: The first cycle CV of pure BP-copolymer and PVDF polymer films on the current collector with respect to lithium electrode in 1M LiPF₆ in (1:1) v/v EC:DEC electrolyte.

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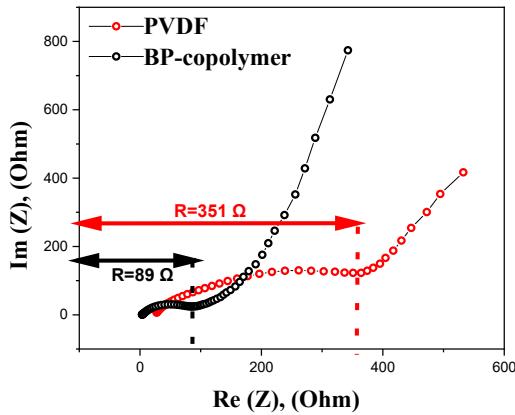


Figure S7: Nyquist spectrum of anodic half-cells having electrodes with pure binder coating (without graphite and acetylene black)

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A} \quad (1)$$

In equation 1, R is the resistance in ohm (Ω), l is the length in meter (m) of the specimen, A is the cross-sectional area (m^2) of the specimen, and ρ the resistivity (Ωm). The conductivity σ ($\Omega^{-1} m^{-1}$) of a material is the inverse of its resistivity as shown in equation 2.

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho} \quad (2)$$

Material	Area of the electrode (A)	Thickness of the electrode (L)	Resistance	Conductivity
BP-copolymer	$1.77 \times 10^{-4} m^2$	60 μm	89 Ω	$3.80 \times 10^{-3} \Omega^{-1} m^{-1}$
PVDF	$1.77 \times 10^{-4} m^2$	56 μm	351 Ω	$9.01 \times 10^{-4} \Omega^{-1} m^{-1}$

Table S2: Parameters associated with the conductivity measurement of BP and PVDF binders.

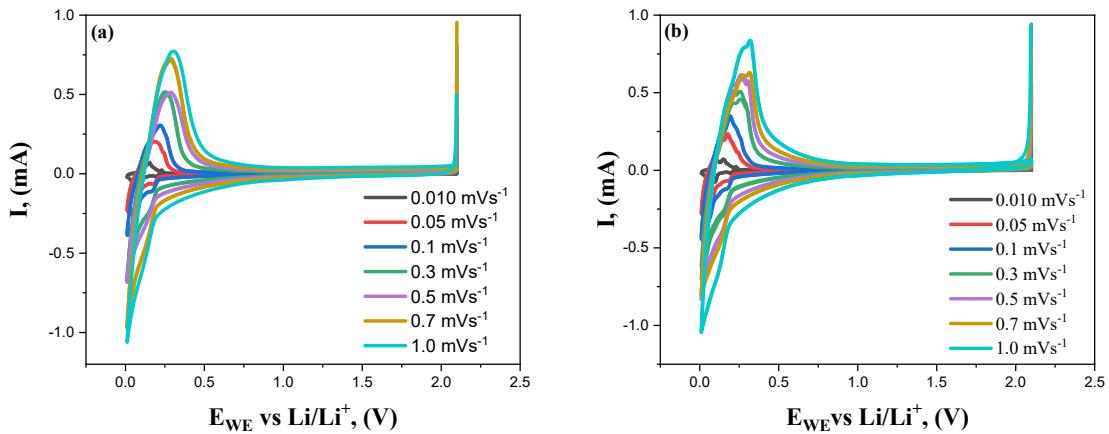


Figure S8: CV at varying scan rates for the graphite electrode with (a) BP-copolymer, and (b) PVDF binders in 1.0 M LiPF₆ in (1:1) (v/v) EC:DEC

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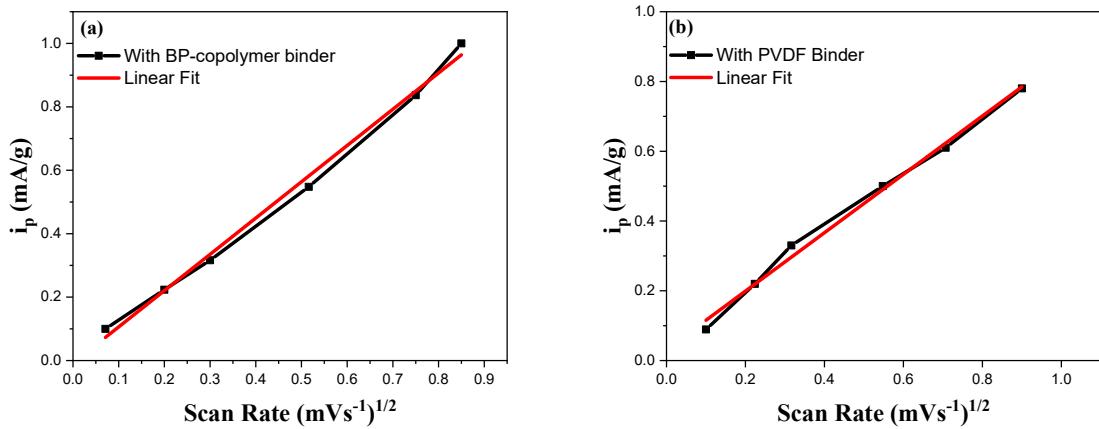


Figure S9: Plot of peak current vs the square root of scan rates (a) BP-copolymer, (b) PVDF

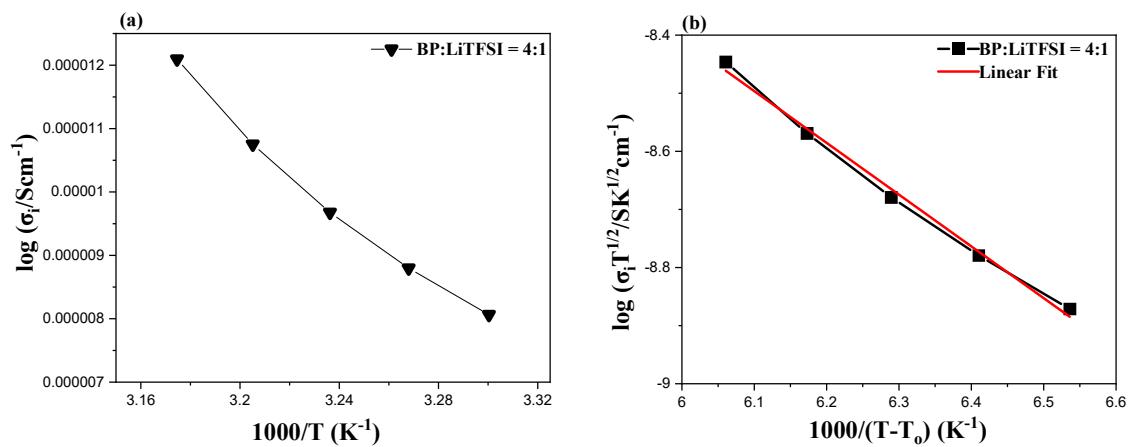


Figure S10: (a) Arrhenius plot of BP-copolymer with LiTFSI (Temperature dependence of the ionic conductivity) and (b) VFT plots of the BP-copolymer with LiTFSI

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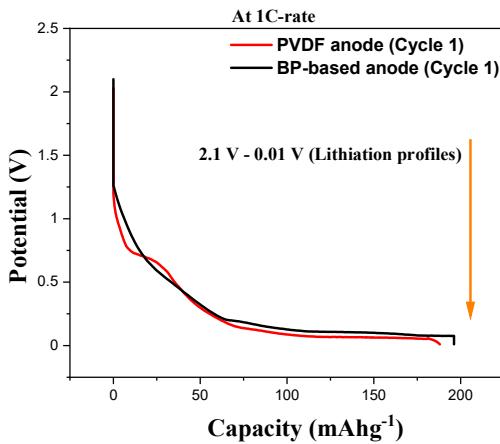


Figure S 11: Comparison between the 1st galvanostatic lithiation cycles of PVDF and BP binder-based anodic half-cells in the potential window 0.01 V – 2.1 V vs Li/Li⁺

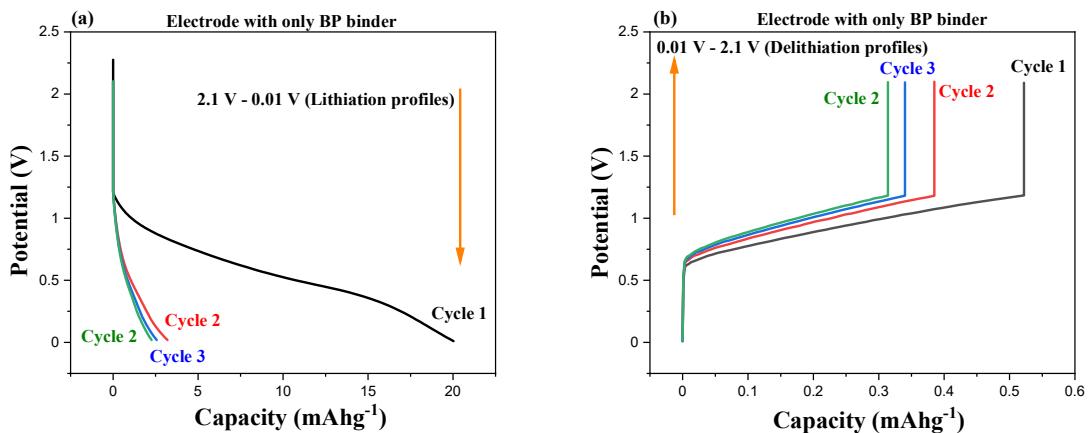


Figure S12: Galvanostatic cycling profiles of the electrode with only BP binder (without graphite and conductive additive) in the potential window 0.01 V – 2.1 V vs Li/Li⁺ (a) lithiation half-cycle profiles for cycle 1, cycle 2, and cycle, and (b) delithiation half-cycle profiles for cycle 1, cycle 2 and cycle 3, respectively.

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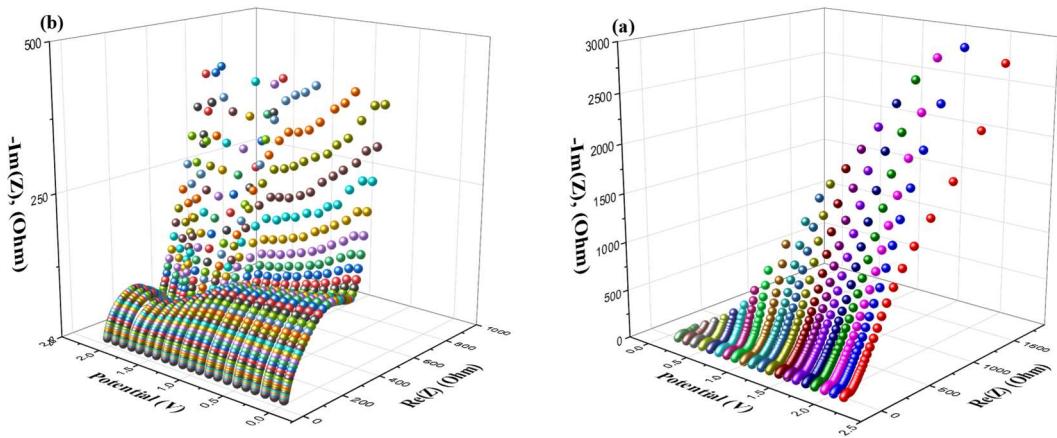


Figure S13: DEIS profiles during the delithiation of the anodic half-cells with (a) BP-copolymer (after 1735 cycles at 1C), (b) PVDF (after 525 cycles at 1C)

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R_E	R_{PC}	R_{SEI}	R_{CT}	χ^2	Circuit	Potential (V)
0.029	1.822	62.53	5.18E+01	5.00E-04	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.01
2.391	15.54	66.48	5.98E-05	4.73E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.11
2.566	49.31	61.19	3.99E+01	1.18E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.21
2.852	704.2	2.529	7.36E+01	2.07E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.32
2.55	61.02	91.19	5.51E+01	1.73E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.42
2.87	63.15	58.77	4.74E+01	4.18E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.52
2.42	540.9	43.19	2.91E+01	1.89E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.63
1.505	173.9	0.9606	6.09E+01	4.12E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.74
0.7	1.75	59.18	496	2.91E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.84
2.44	5.94	56.97	1.57E+04	3.24E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.95
3.04	2.256	65.33	4.28E+02	3.85E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.05
2.97	2.222	63.9	4.32E+02	4.52E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.15
0.3068	2.18	49.99	1.12E+07	9.24E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.26
2.201	8.731	1390	34.36	1.90E-04	R(L)(CR)(QR)(CR)(QW)	1.36
2.423	2.55E+02	322.8	53.21	3.20E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.47
2.54	344.1	49.35	127.5	3.05E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.57
2.544	2096	216.1	49.93	3.51E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.68
2.75	3.13E+11	0.03	45.48	6.79E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.78
2.57	2.79E+04	19.67	42.71	3.00E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.89
2.847	25.81	5338	659.2	5.8×10^{-4}	R(QR)(CR)(QR)(RW)	1.99
2.957	2.162	53.75	3628	0.0007	R(QR)(CR)(QR)(RW)	2.10

Table S3: - DEIS circuit fitting parameters during charging with BP-copolymer as a binder

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R_E	R_{PC}	R_{SEI}	R_{CT}	χ^2	Circuit	Potential (V)
2.4	3.62	2.57E+04	126.73	1.00E-04	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.01
2.7	81.38	1.19E+13	200.65	9.00E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.11
1.31	131.7	66.42	400.8	3.00E-04	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.21
2.12	3.46E+04	72.34	13.78	2.69E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.32
2.26	73.25	137.9	100.1	2.23E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.42
2.4	0.87	101	65.86	2.12E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.52
2.65	72.19	91.2	49.68	1.90E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.63
1.8	17.93	57.94	27.89	2.38E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.74
0.12	1.89	68.11	198.24	3.20E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.84
2.15	188.9	66.43	347.87	3.52E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	0.95
2.53	6.79	76.56	231.97	4.60E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.05
2.51	1.065	69.89	87.31	4.70E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.15
2.15	66.3	9307	100.96	1.00E-04	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.26
0.82	1.36	6527	234.21	1.00E-04	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.36
2.92	4.22E+00	278.3	1000.24	9.50E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.47
2.19	6.41E+01	1.01E+04	220.1	6.03E-05	R(L)(QR)(CR)(QR)(CW)	1.57
2.81	1.80E+02	3.73E+01	589	1.00E-04	R(L)(QR)(CR)(QR)(QW)	1.68
2.23	1.06E+03	31.01	119	1.00E-04	R(L)(QR)(CR)(QR)(CW)	1.78
2.47	6.00E+01	253.7	261.9	9.58E-05	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(QW)	1.89
2.17	60.97	7976	320.89	0.0001	R(L)(QR)(QR)(QR)(CW)	1.99
2.81	5865	95.29	300.1	0.0002	R(L)(QR)(QR)(CR)(QW)	2.10

Table S4: - DEIS circuit fitting parameters during charging with PVDF as a binder

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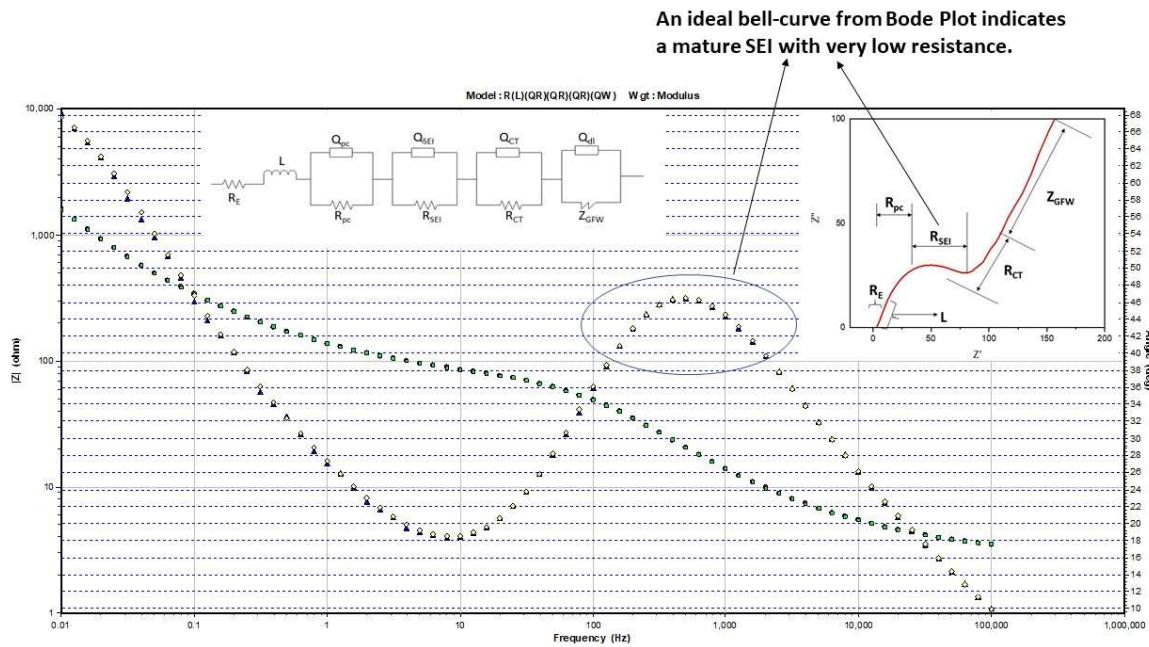
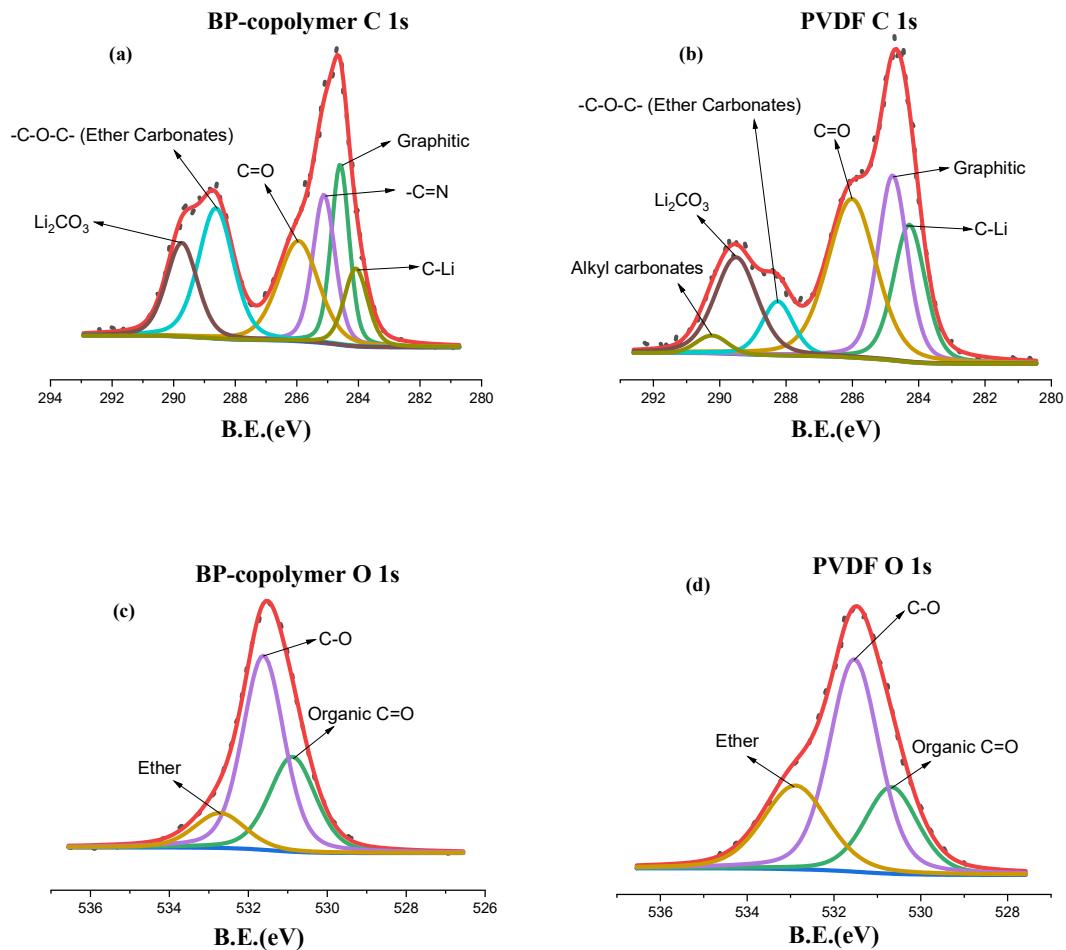


Figure S14: An EECM fit representative Bode's plot during lithiation in case of the BP-copolymer showing various interfaces.



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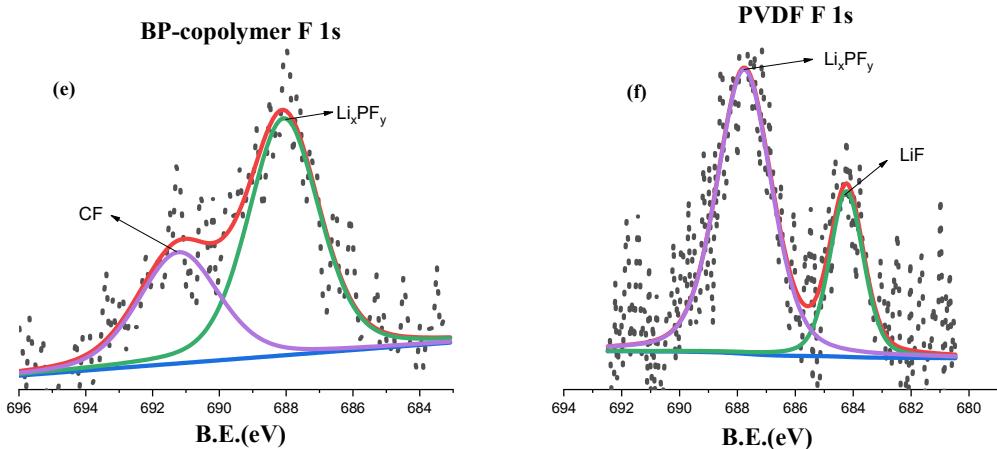


Figure S15: The XPS spectra (a), (c), and (e) for the BP-copolymer binder based anode for C 1s, O 1s, and F 1s respectively, and (b), (d), and (f) for the PVDF binder based anode for C 1s, O 1s and F 1s, respectively, with the respective SEI components.

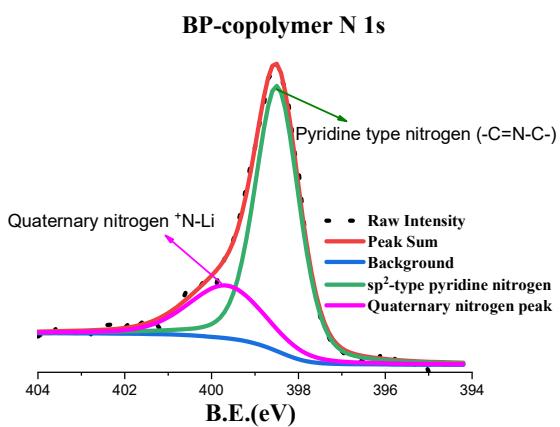


Figure S16: The XPS spectrum of N 1s component of diimine framework of the BP binder-based anode cycled for 1735 cycles.

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(a) C 1s (BP-copolymer and PVDF)

Component	BP-copolymer (eV)	% area under the curve	PVDF (eV)	% area under the curve
C-Li	284.08	9.26	284.03	18.35
Graphite	284.6	16.35	284.62	23.37
-C=N	285.11	16.58	-	-
C=O	285.94	20.38	285.82	30.92
C-O-C (ether carbonates)	288.63	22.79	288.03	8.16
Lithium carbonates (Li_2CO_3)	289.73	14.61	289.28	15.34
Alkyl carbonates (R-OCO ₂ -Li)	-	-	289.93	3.85

(b) O 1s (BP-copolymer and PVDF)

Component	BP-copolymer (eV)	% area under the curve	PVDF (eV)	% area under the curve
C=O (organic species)	530.88	30.82	530.68	22.39
C-O	531.61	56.67	531.52	51.34
Ether	532.72	12.49	532.89	26.25

(c) F 1s (BP-copolymer and PVDF)

Component	BP-copolymer (eV)	% area under the curve	PVDF (eV)	% area under the curve
CF	691.13	34.71		
LiF	-	-	684.32	26.59
Li_xPF_y	687.98	65.28	687.85	73.4

(d) N 1s (BP-copolymer)

Component	BP-copolymer (eV)	% area under the curve
Pyridinic Type	398.59	74.5
Li doped N	399.75	25.49

Table S5 (a), (b), and (c): The binding energy values and corresponding % area under the curve corresponding to C 1s, O 1s, and F 1s for BP-copolymer and PVDF based electrodes. **(d)** corresponding to N 1s for BP-copolymer.

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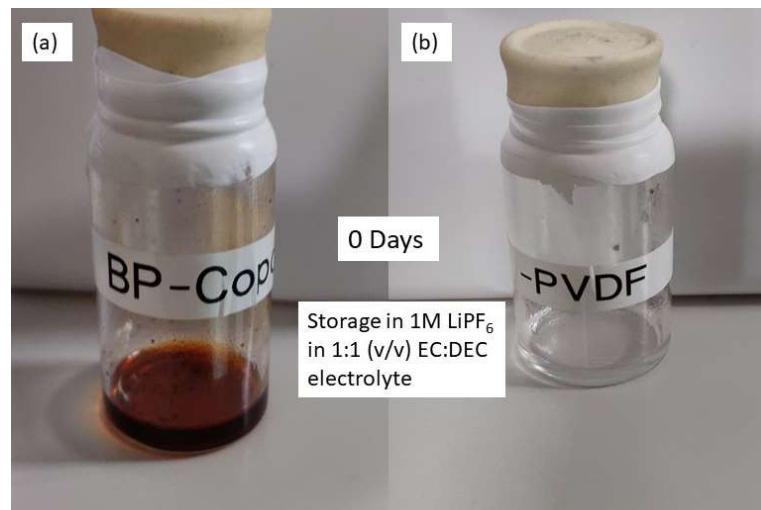


Figure S17: The observation on storage (0 days) in 1M LiPF₆ in (1:1) v/v EC:DEC electrolyte
(a) BP-copolymer, and (b) PVDF

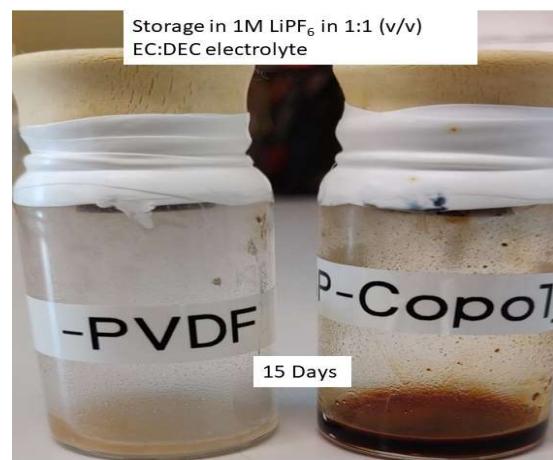


Figure S18: The observation on storage (15 days) in 1M LiPF₆ in (1:1) v/v EC:DEC electrolyte of both the binders.

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Type of Binder	Active Material (wt %)	Conductive additive (wt %)	Binder content (wt %)	Electrode specification	Specific Capacity	Reference
Cellulose-type binder: CMC	80	10	10	2.25 mg cm ⁻³	200 (mAhg ⁻¹) at 1C (50 cycles)	²
Natural cellulose	90	5	5	3.0 mg cm ⁻²	140 (mAhg ⁻¹) at 1C-rate (140 cycles)	³
Polyurethane(PU)/carboxymethylcellulose (CMC)	93	4	3	-	130 (mAhg ⁻¹) at (1C-rate) for 120 cycles	⁴
Composite-type binder PVDF-PMMA	83	5	12	3.0 mg cm ⁻²	100 (mAhg ⁻¹) at (1C-rate) for 200 cycles	⁵
polyVC	80	10	10		180 (mAhg ⁻¹) at 1C rate for 50 cycles	⁶
AMMA	95		5	1.27 mg cm ⁻²	200 mAhg ⁻¹ (0.3 mA cm ⁻²) for 300 cycles	⁷
Conductive-Type binder PAA _X (X=Li, Na, and K)	80	10	10	1.5 mg cm ⁻²	140 mAhg ⁻¹ at 1C rate for 200 cycles	⁸
Li-PIMA	90		10	-	320 mAhg ⁻¹ at 0.1C for 200 cycles	⁹
This work (BP-copolymer)	80	10	10	1.12 mg cm ⁻²	260 mAhg ⁻¹ at 1C for 1735 cycles	

Table S6: The comparison of BP binder-based anode's performance with other reported binders in the literature based on the composition of the prepared electrode (contents like active material, conductive additive, and binder).

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Type of Binder	Current Rate	Specific Capacity mA ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	Reference
Na-CMC	0.1C	300	10
	0.5C	180	
	1C	98	
Chitosan	0.1C	103	11
	0.5C	97.5	
	1C	95	
Natural Cellulose	0.1C	155	3
	0.5C	140	
	1C	125	
PolyVC	0.04C	300	6
	0.1C	260	
	1C	220	
PVDF-PMMA	1C	127	5
	2C	123	
	3C	121	
Guar Gum	0.1C	360	10
	0.5C	150	
	1C	75	
CP-CMC	0.1C	103	12
	0.5C	120	
	1C	115	
This work (BP-copolymer)	0.1C	270	
	1C	260	

Table S7: The comparison of cycling performance BP-binder based anodic half-cell at different current-rates with other aqueous binders reported in the literature for the graphite anode.

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