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## Mg<sup>++</sup> ion conducting polyethylene oxide/magnesium triflate quasi-solid state electrolyte for rechargeable Mg<sup>++</sup> battery application

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### ABSTRACT

In this study, we demonstrate the potential of a gel polymer electrolyte based on polyethylene oxide (PEO), complexed with magnesium triflate [ $\text{Mg}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2$ ] and plasticized with ethylene carbonate (EC) and propylene carbonate (PC), for use in rechargeable magnesium batteries. The optimized composition, PEO (12.20 wt%),  $\text{Mg}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2$  (14.6 wt%), EC (36.6 wt%), and PC (36.6 wt%) achieves a notable ionic conductivity of  $2.52 \times 10^{-3} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$  at room temperature, which increases with temperature according to Arrhenius behavior. The electrolyte demonstrates a high  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ion transference number ( $t_{\text{Mg}^{2+}} = 0.51$ ) and a high total ionic transference number ( $t_{\text{ion}} = 0.98$ ) highlighting its excellent performance as an  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ion conductor. Preliminary battery tests with the cell configuration  $\text{Mg/PEO:EC:PC:Mg}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2/\text{TiO}_2\text{-C}$  show a discharge capacity of  $65 \text{ mA h g}^{-1}$  at a 0.015C rate, with an open-circuit voltage of 1.85 V. These results suggest that the PEO:EC:PC: $\text{Mg}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2$  gel polymer electrolyte is a promising candidate for application in magnesium-based electrochemical devices.

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