



Electrochemical Investigation of Electrolyte & Anodic Materials for Sodium Ion Batteries



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Abstract

Sodium-ion battery is a type of re-chargeable battery which uses sodium-ions as its charge carriers and is very similar to LIBs in many ways. The measured reversible Sodium ion capacities of GO/Li&Na/GO based anodic materials are considerably improved compared to the conventional graphite-based anodic materials. Graphene oxide has displayed great behavior as suitable materials for anodic sodium ion batteries (LIBs) due to their unique properties. In this study GO sheet has been localized inside the graphene as an option to enhance electrochemical ratio. Moreover, the structure of GO/Li&Na/GO can be to improve the capacities and electrical transport in GO sheets-based LIBs. Therefore, the modification of GO sheet and design of GO/Li&Na/GO structure provide strategies for improving the performance of GO-based anodes. GO/Li&Na/GO could also be assembled into free-standing electrodes without any binder or current collector, which will lead to increased energies density for overall batteries designing. In addition, the relationship among electrical and ionic conduction for three cathode materials including LiCoO_2 , LiMn_2O_4 , LiFePO_4 have been discussed towards phase changing in sodium anodes and how it relates to diffusivity and conductivity and the key conduction issues with some organic liquid and ionic liquid electrolytes.

Keywords: Graphene oxide (GO); Anodic materials; Lithium ion batteries

Introduction

Na ions are 33% larger in diameter and 2.1 times heavier within lower gravimetric capacities than Li-ion batteries [1]. In addition Na metals are more active than Li with the standard electrode potentials which is $\sim 0.3\text{V}$ higher than Li.

Sony realized the commercialization of $\text{xC}_6/\text{Li}_{1-x}\text{CoO}_2$ cells [1] in 1991. Lithium ion batteries (LIBs) are representative energies storage devices based on electrochemical energies, widely used in small grid storage systems. Within discovery of highly reversible, low-voltage Li-intercalation carbonaceous materials, the favorable electrochemical performance of LIBs regarding energies and power densities, as well as the progress in cell designing and manufacturing, have made LIBs greatly successful for mobile electronics.

However; the Na^+ ion has a larger radius than the Li^+ ion, which makes many of the superior LIB electrode materials unsuitable for NIBs, concerns regarding the future availability of lithium resources are raising. Sodium ion batteries [2] (NIBs) have been drawing increasing attention [3] because Na is an earth abundant element and shares common properties with Li [2-4]. In particular, graphite [5] is a widely used anode material for the present commercial LIBs, while it has been reported to have a very low capacity of when used as an anode for NIBs [5-7].

Both disordered carbon and Nano-flakes [8] (CNFs) exhibits high Na intercalation [9] capacity and emerges as a leading candidate for NIB applications. In this study we tried to build a model for GO and investigate its mechanism for Na intercalation into the layered domains. However, the mechanism of Na^+ ion insertion into disturbed carbon is still controversial [10]. It is believed that a larger interlayer distances [11] of those carbons, which are larger than the interlayer distance of graphite, helps Na^+ ion intercalation. As a result, defects may enhance Na intercalation by the strong bonding energy to overcome the van der Waals energies between graphene sheets [12]. By this work we evaluate the reliability of various semi-empirical corrections and vdW exchange correlation functional to determine the optimal method for the present study. Graphite is currently the most common material used for the anodes of commercial batteries because of its capability for reversible lithium intercalation in the layered crystals, which represents the maximum theoretical Sodium storage capacity [13].

NIBs typically consist of a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a conducting electrolyte where store electrical energy in the two electrodes in the form of Na-intercalation compounds [11]. Electrodes, separator, and electrolyte are the main components of the NIB where the anode plays an essential role in the performance of these kind devices [12,13].

The structure and properties of graphite oxide depend on particular synthesis method and degree of oxidation. It typically preserves the layer structure of the parent graphite, but the layers are buckled and the interlayer spacing is about two times larger (~0.7nm) than that of graphite that provides suitable environment for sodium diffusion in a NIBs [11]. XRD, FTIR, Raman, XPS, AFM, TEM, etc. are some common techniques to characterize GO samples [13]. Since the distribution of oxygen functionalities on GO sheets is poly-disperse, fractionation method using emulsion stabilization can be used to characterize and separate GO sheets on the basis of oxidation [14]. During charging of the NIBs, Sodium ions released from the cathode move through the electrolyte and are inserted into the anode. Upon discharging, Sodium ions are extracted from the anode and move back to the cathode. Although the electrolyte establishes high ionic conductivity between two electrodes, the electrolytes are not responsible for the conduction of free electrons and so the electrons complete the half reaction will move through an extra external wire [14,15]. There are a number of reviews on anode materials [15-20] and many of them focus on both carbon and inorganic materials [18].

Discharging and charging of Li-ions in graphitized [19] carbon is well established and documented up to now [21-24]. It has also been shown how repulsive forces [20] in a mixed stage can result in a pure stage during intercalation [22]. Although attempts have been made to find suitable replacements [23], currently only carbonaceous materials are used in commercial anodes [25]. Carbonaceous materials' properties largely depend on the starting materials such as carbon precursor and heat treatment [26].

In this study, charging and discharging of Na-ions has investigated in Graphite oxide (GO) with the positive electrode reaction [25] as: $\text{NaCoO}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{Na}_{1-x}\text{CoO}_2 + x\text{Na}^+ + x\text{e}^-$ and the negative electrode reaction as: $x\text{GO} + x\text{Na}^+ + x\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons x\text{NaGO}$ while the whole reaction is: $\text{NaCoO}_2 + x\text{GO} \rightleftharpoons \text{Na}_{1-x}\text{CoO}_2 + x\text{NaGO}$. It has been suggested that Sodium atoms are stored [26] via two mechanisms:

intercalation and alloying [27]. GO similar Graphite is known as a small band gap semi-metal due to its unique conduction behavior under the influence [27] of electrical fields [28,29]. Interlayer forces [30] are small (van der Waals force), and the distance between GO layers [31] is large allowing Na-ions to easily diffuse between GO sheets [32]. Electrical conductivity of the Na-GO increases, due to the electron donor nature of the Na [33]. Based on our previous works we have used various methods to simulate the NIBs and calculated the NMR, solvent effect [24], voltages, charges and physical properties of our model [32-53].

Na⁺ diffusion

Diffusion of Na⁺ in the cells determine the key performance metrics of Na-ion batteries cells, with the charge and discharge rates, practical capacities and cycling stabilities. The governing equations describing the diffusion [54] process are known as Fick's law as: $j_i = -D_i \nabla C_i$ (1) and $\frac{\sigma C_i}{\sigma T} = \nabla \cdot (D \nabla C_i)$ (2) where "ji" is ionic flux, $\text{molcm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$, D_i is diffusivity of solute ($i=1, 2$), cm^2s^{-1} and C_i are concentration of species i, (molcm^3) [54]. The proportionalities [71] factor D is the diffusivities or diffusion coefficient as $D_i = \frac{K_B T}{6\pi\mu R_0}$ (3) [54,55].

In condensed materials both liquids and solids, diffusion is governed by random jumps of atoms or ions, leading to position exchange with their neighbors. The kinetics of these processes is temperature dependent and follows an Arrhenius type relationship $\text{rate} \approx \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G}{k_B T}\right)$ (4) [56]. In liquids, the temperature dependence of the diffusion [55] is much less than in solids.

Cathode materials

In an extended approach they can be classified as

- Layered compounds NaMO_2 ($M = \text{Co, Ni, Mn}$)
- Spinel compounds NaM_2O_4 ($M = \text{Mn, etc.}$)
- Olivine compounds NaMPO_4 ($M = \text{Fe, Mn, Ni, Co, etc.}$)

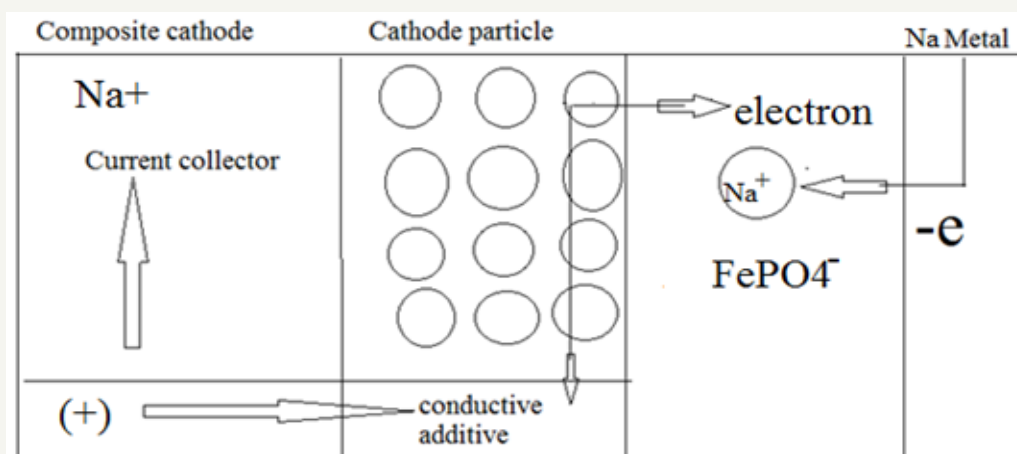
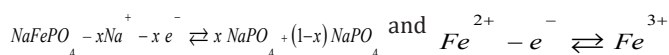


Figure 1: The conduction phenomena in cathode particles during charge.

When a Na-ion diffuses [57] out of the cathode (ionic conduction) during the charge cycle the valence state of the transition [58] metal ion changes (electronic conduction); the Fe^{2+}

ion is oxidized to Fe^{3+} . The reaction in cathode can be written as: (Figure 1)



Thus, it is important that electrical and ionic conductivities be optimized in cathode materials, since either of these values can dictate the overall cell properties including capacity and cycle life [59,60].

Anode materials

In the case of anode, Sodium is found to be the suitable electropositive particles with large reversible capacities. However, due to safety considerations [61], metallic Na has been substituted

by various carbonaceous materials such as GO. GO-sodium anode has much lower gravimetric and volumetric energies density than pure sodium which leads toward the development of 3d transition metal oxides [61]. (M_xO_y , M = Fe, Co, Ni, Mn, Cu) [61,62]. The diffusivity [60] of Li-ions in graphite is complicated by the constant phase change in the Na-GO intercalation compound, which can introduce disorder [61] into the originally ordered structure. During discharge, Na^+ ions are extracted from the layered graphite, they pass through the electrolyte and intercalate between the NaCoO_2 layers (Figure 2).

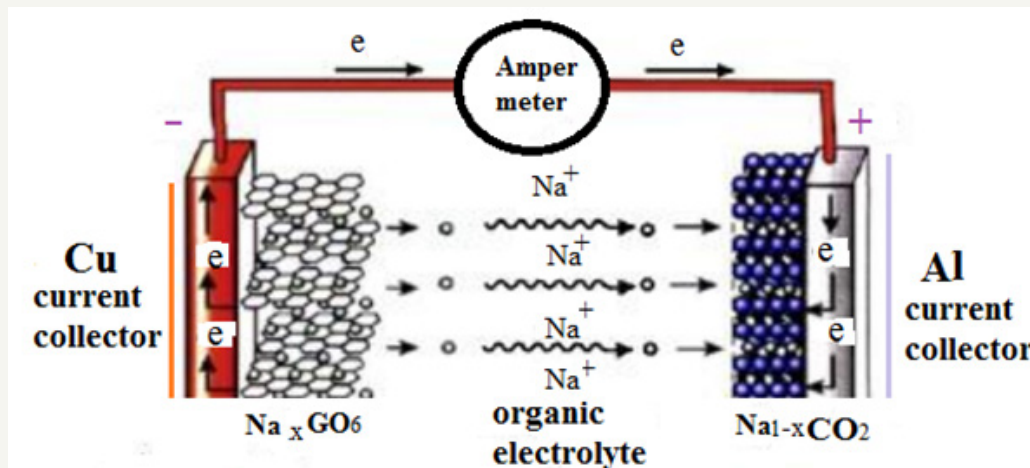


Figure 2: A typical commercial sodium-ion battery, the reversible process is: $m\text{C} + \text{NaCoO}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{Na}_m\text{C}_m + \text{Na}_{1-n}\text{CoO}_2$.

Electrolyte material

Interpretation of in situ characterization experiments is challenging often due to a lack of viable theories concerning cathodes, anodes, and novel electrolytes. The ideal electrolyte for Na/Li-ion batteries has not yet been known; although organic electrolytes are used due to their suitable ionic conductivities and good ranges of practical operating temperature, there are many reasons for developing alternatives. While several material systems have been tested as replacements, most do not display a sufficient ionic conductivity to be utilized in Li-ion batteries; the room temperatures conductivities of are needed for an electrolyte to function well in consumer battery systems.

Carbon-sodium anodes have much lower gravimetric and volumetric energy densities than pure sodium which lead towards the development of interstitial-free 3d transition metal oxides.

Electron density profiles

The electron densities have been defined [63] as (5). Where i is occupation [64] number of orbital (i), ψ_i is orbital wave function, x is basis function and C is coefficient matrix, the element of i_{th} row j_{th} column corresponds to the expansion coefficient of orbital j respect to basis function [65,66] i . Atomic unit for electron density can be explicitly written as e/Bohr^3 .

$$\nabla \rho(r) = \left[\left(\frac{\partial \rho(r)}{\partial(x)} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \rho(r)}{\partial(y)} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \rho(r)}{\partial(z)} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (6)$$

$$\nabla^2 \rho(r) = \frac{\partial^2 \rho(r)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \rho(r)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \rho(r)}{\partial z^2} \quad [63-66].$$

Electron localization function (ELF)

Becke AD & Edgecombe KE [67] noted that spherically averaged like-spin conditional pair probability [66,67] has direct correlation with the Fermi hole and then suggested electron localization function (ELF).

$$\text{ELF}(r) = \frac{1}{1 + [D(r)/D_0(r)]^2} \quad (7)$$

Where,

$$D(r) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \eta_i \left| \nabla \varphi^2 \right| - \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{|\nabla \rho_\alpha|^2}{\rho_\alpha(r)} + \frac{|\nabla \rho_\beta|^2}{\rho_\beta(r)} \right] \quad (8) \text{ and}$$

$$D_0(r) = \frac{3}{10} (6\pi^2)^{\frac{2}{3}} \left[\rho_\alpha(r)^{\frac{5}{3}} + \rho_\beta(r)^{\frac{5}{3}} \right] \quad (9)$$

For close-shell system, since $\rho_\alpha(r) = \rho_\beta(r) = \frac{1}{2} \rho$ (10) D and D_0 terms can be simplified as

$$D(r) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \eta_i \left| \nabla \varphi^2 \right| - \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{|\nabla \rho|^2}{\rho(r)} \right] \quad (11)$$

$$D_0(r) = \frac{3}{10} (3\pi^2)^{\frac{2}{3}} \rho(r)^{\frac{5}{3}} \quad (12)$$

Savin et al. [68] have reinterpreted ELF in the view of kinetic energy, which makes ELF also meaningful [68] for Kohn W & Sham LJ [69] DFT wave-function or even post-HF wave-function [68]. They indicated that $D(r)$ reveals [69] the excess kinetic energy density caused by Pauli repulsion, while $D_0(r)$ can be considered as Thomas-Fermi kinetic energy density [68,69]. Localized orbital locator [69] (LOL) is another function for locating high localization regions [68] likewise ELF, defined by Schmider and Becke in the paper [69,70].

$$LOL(r) = \frac{\tau(r)}{1+\tau(r)} \quad (13), \text{ where } \tau(r) = \frac{D_0(r)}{2 \sum_i \eta_i |\nabla \phi_i|^2} \quad (14) \quad D_0(r)$$

for spin-polarized system and close-shell system are defined in the same way as in ELF [71-77].

Computational details

Calculations were performed using both Gaussian and GAMESS-US packages [78]. In this study, we have mainly focused on getting the optimized results for each tube from DFT methods including the m06 and m06-L. The m062x, m06-L, and m06-HF are a novel Meta hybrid DFT functional with a good correspondence [78] in non-bonded calculations and are useful for calculating the energies of the distance between two plates of GO sheets [79]. Pm6, Extended-Huckel and Pm3MM including pseudo=lanl2 calculations

Result and Discussion

Table 1: Various Densities, Spin, Lagrangian, K(r), V(r), ELF and LOL for 8 Na/Na⁺ insertion.

Number of Atoms	Density of All Electrons	Spin Density of Electrons	Lagrangian Kinetic Energy G<r>	Hamiltonian Kinetic Energy K<r>	Potential Energy Density V<r>	Electron Localization Function (ELF)	Localized Orbital Locator (LOL)
Na/Na ⁺ (1)	2.10E-01	0.00E+00	1.81E+00	-1.27E-01	-1.68E+00	1.04E-03	1.63E+00
Na/Na ⁺ (2)	2.10E-01	0.00E+00	1.81E+00	-1.27E-01	-1.68E+00	1.04E-03	1.63E+00
Na/Na ⁺ (3)	2.04E-01	0.00E+00	1.75E+00	-1.24E-01	-1.63E+00	1.00E-03	1.60E+00
Na/Na ⁺ (4)	2.04E-01	0.00E+00	1.73E+00	-1.24E-01	-1.61E+00	1.02E-03	1.61E+00
Na/Na ⁺ (5)	2.04E-01	0.00E+00	1.73E+00	-1.24E-01	-1.61E+00	1.02E-03	1.61E+00
Na/Na ⁺ (6)	2.04E-01	0.00E+00	1.73E+00	-1.24E-01	-1.61E+00	1.02E-03	1.61E+00
Na/Na ⁺ (7)	2.04E-01	0.00E+00	1.73E+00	-1.24E-01	-1.61E+00	1.02E-03	1.61E+00
Na/Na ⁺ (8)	2.00E-01	0.00E+00	1.71E+00	-1.23E-01	-1.58E+00	1.00E-03	1.59E+00

We have calculated the gradient norm and the Laplacian of electron density via Eqs (7,8) for the Sodium diffused in the GO system respectively and the data are listed in Table 1. For calculation the electron spin density from the difference between alpha and beta density, we have used $\rho^s(r) = \rho^\alpha(r) - \rho^\beta(r)$ then the spin polarization parameter function will be returned instead of spin density $\xi(r) = \frac{\rho^\alpha(r) - \rho^\beta(r)}{\rho^\alpha(r) + \rho^\beta(r)}$.

The data of Density, energy, Electron localization function (ELF), Localized orbital locator (LOL) and Local Entropy, Gap energy, charges from ESP, electrostatic potential, Ionization energy, the Charges of two graphene electrodes and the stability energy of GO sheets have been listed in (Table 1 & 2) and these data have been plotted in seven figures (Figure 1-7)

using Gaussian program have done for the non-bonded interaction between two tubes [79].

M06 and m06-L (DFT) functional is based on an iterative solution of the Kohn-Sham [78,79] equation [80] of the density functional theory in a plane-wave [80] set with the projector-augmented wave pseudo-potentials [79-80]. The Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) [81] exchange-correlation (XC) functional of the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) is adopted. The optimizations of the lattice constants and the atomic coordinates are made by the minimization of the total energy [79-81]. We employed density functional theory with the van der Waals density functional to model the exchange-correlation energies of h-BN sheets [82]. The double ζ -basis set with polarization orbitals (DZP) were used for x sodium over the GO sheets [81].

For non-covalent interactions, the B3LYP method is unable to describe [83] van der Waals capacitor systems by medium-range interactions such as the interactions of two cylinders. We further calculated the interaction energy between x sodium and GO sheets. The interaction energy was calculated via the Mp6 method in all items according to where the " " is the stability energy of system [83].

The charge transfer and electrostatic potential-derived charge were also calculated using the Merz-Kollman PA et al. [84], Chirlian LE et al. [85], or Breneman GM et al. [86].

The absolute value of ξ going from zero to unity corresponds to the local region going from un-polarized case to completely polarized case Table1.

The kinetic energy density, Lagrangian kinetic energy density, and the electrostatic potential from nuclear/atomic charges can be calculated as eqs. (9), (10) and: $V_{nuc}(r) = \sum_A \frac{Z_A}{|r-R_A|}$ where RA and ZA denote position vector and nuclear charge of atom A, respectively and are listed in Table 1& 2. The larger the electron localization is in a region, the more likely the electron motion is confined within it. If electrons are completely localized, then they can be distinguished from the ones outside. Bader found that the regions which have large electron localization must have large magnitudes of Fermi hole integration. However, the Fermi hole is a six-dimension function and thus difficult to be studied visually.

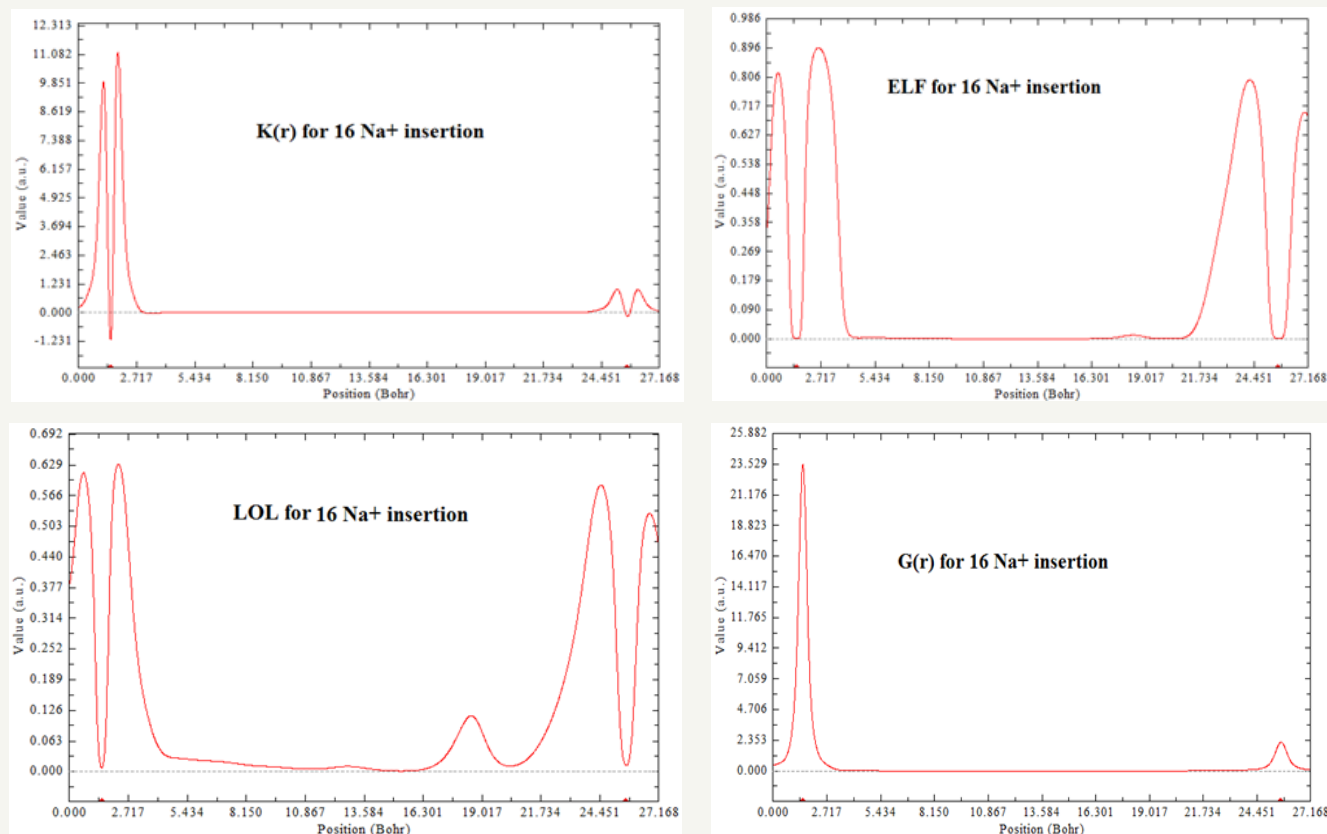


Figure 3: ELF, LOL, K(r) and G(r) for 16 Na⁺ insertion between two layers of GO sheets.

Table2: Various Densities, Spin, Lagrangian, K(r), V(r), ELF, LOL and ESP for 12 Na⁺/Na insertion.

Na/Na ⁺ (kJ/mol)								
Na ⁺ /Na	Spin Density of Electrons	Lagrangian Kinetic Energy G<r>	Hamiltonian Kinetic Energy K<r>	Potential Energy Density V<r>	Electron Localization Function (ELF)	Localized Orbital Locator (LOL)	Average Local Ionization Energy	ESP from Electrons
Na ⁺ /Na (1)	2.51E+00	1.72E+00	-1.57E-01	-1.56E+00	3.41E-03	2.91E+00	1.45E+03	0.00E+00
Na ⁺ /Na (2)	0.00E+00	1.81E+00	-1.27E-01	-1.68E+00	1.04E-03	1.63E+00	1.70E+03	-1.41E+05
Na ⁺ /Na (3)	0.00E+00	1.81E+00	-1.27E-01	-1.68E+00	1.04E-03	1.63E+00	1.70E+03	-1.41E+05
Na ⁺ /Na (4)	1.42E-04	1.73E+00	-1.58E-01	-1.58E+00	3.39E-03	2.91E+00	1.47E+03	-1.30E+05
Na ⁺ /Na (5)	0.00E+00	1.75E+00	-1.24E-01	-1.63E+00	1.00E-03	1.60E+00	1.66E+03	-1.41E+05
Na ⁺ /Na (6)	0.00E+00	1.73E+00	-1.24E-01	-1.61E+00	1.02E-03	1.61E+00	1.63E+03	
Na ⁺ /Na (7)	0.00E+00	1.73E+00	-1.24E-01	-1.61E+00	1.02E-03	1.61E+00	1.63E+03	
Na ⁺ /Na (8)	0.00E+00	1.73E+00	-1.24E-01	-1.61E+00	1.02E-03	1.61E+00	1.63E+03	
Na ⁺ /Na (9)	0.00E+00	1.73E+00	-1.24E-01	-1.61E+00	1.02E-03	1.61E+00	1.63E+03	
Na ⁺ /Na (10)	0.00E+00	1.71E+00	-1.23E-01	-1.58E+00	1.00E-03	1.59E+00	1.61E+03	
Na ⁺ /Na (11)	3.04E-04	1.71E+00	-1.57E-01	-1.56E+00	3.42E-03	2.91E+00	1.45E+03	0.00E+00
Na ⁺ /Na (12)	1.42E-04	1.73E+00	-1.58E-01	-1.58E+00	3.39E-03	2.91E+00	1.47E+03	-1.30E+05

LOL has similar expression compared to ELF. Actually, the chemically significant regions that highlighted by LOL and ELF are generally qualitative comparable, while Jacobsen pointed out that LOL conveys more decisive and clearer picture than ELF. Obviously LOL can be interpreted in kinetic energy way as for ELF; however

LOL can also be interpreted in view of localized orbital. Small (large) LOL value usually appears in boundary (inner) region of localized orbitals because the gradient of orbital wave-function is large (small) in this area. The value range of LOL is identical to ELF, namely [0, 1].

If pseudo potential is used, then Z is the number of explicitly expressed electrons. Z can stand for the atomic charges recorded in the file (the fourth column), at this time V_{nu} is useful for analyzing the difference between exact electrostatic potential and the electrostatic potential reproduced by atomic charges. Notice that at nuclear positions, this function will be infinite and may cause some numerical problems in program; hence at these cases this function always returns 1000 instead of infinity.

Since $D_0(r)$ from eqs 11-13 is introduced into ELF as reference,

what the ELF reveals is actually a relative localization. ELF is within the range of $[0, 1]$. A large ELF value means that electrons are greatly localized, indicating that there is a covalent bond, a lone pair or inner shells of the atom involved. ELF has been widely used for a wide variety of systems, such as organic and inorganic small molecules, atomic crystals, coordination compounds, clusters, and for different problems, such as the revealing atomic shell structure, classification of chemical bonding, verification of charge-shift bond, studying aromaticity.

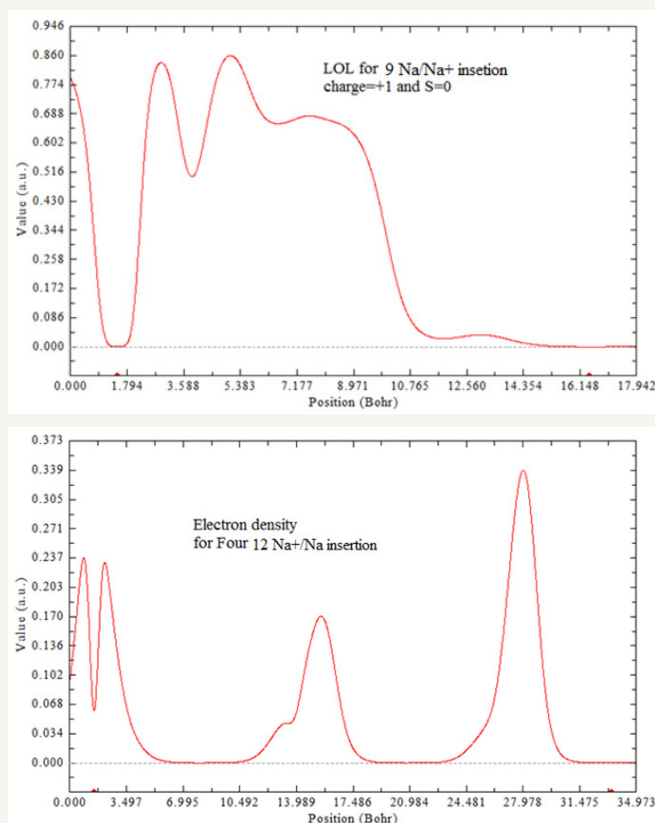


Figure 4: Density and LOL for Na⁺/Na insertion.

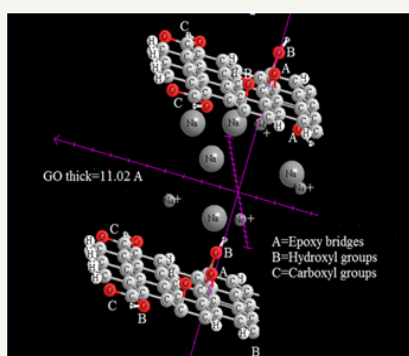


Figure 5: Sodium and Ion sodium diffusion between two GO layers.

In which the actual kinetic energy term in $D(r)$ from eqs. 15-16 is replaced by Kirzhnits type second-order gradient expansion, that is $\frac{1}{2} \sum_i n_i |\nabla \phi_i|^2 \approx D_0(r) + \frac{1}{72} \frac{|\nabla \rho|^2}{\rho(r) + \frac{1}{\nabla^2} \rho(r)}$ so that ELF is totally independent from wave-function, and then can be used to analyze

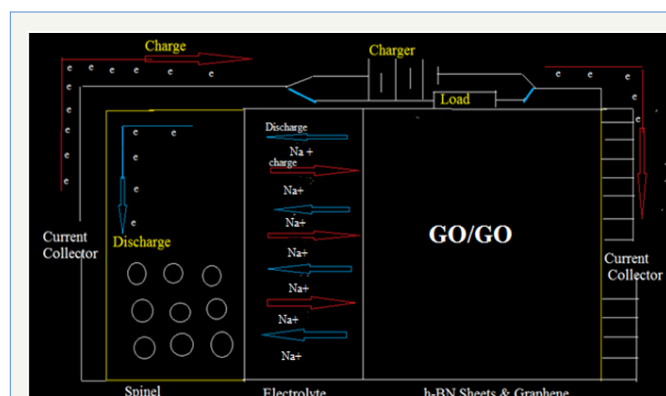


Figure 6: Operating Na-ion battery.

electron density from X-ray diffraction data. Of course Tsirelson's ELF can also be used to analyze electron density from quantum chemistry calculation, but is not as good as the ELF defined by Becke owing to the approximation introduced in kinetic energy

term; however, qualitative conclusions can still be recovered in general.

Summarization of Tables

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GO sheets have been listed in (Table 1 & 2). The absolute value of ξ going from zero to unity corresponds to the local region going from un-polarized case to completely polarized case Table 1. ELF data in Table 2 in view point of kinetic energy makes a meaningful of Kohn-Sham "DFT" wave-function or even post-HF wave-function. Localized orbital locator (LOL) in Table 3 is another function for locating high localization regions likewise ELF, defined by Schmider & Becke [71] in the paper (Tables 1-3).

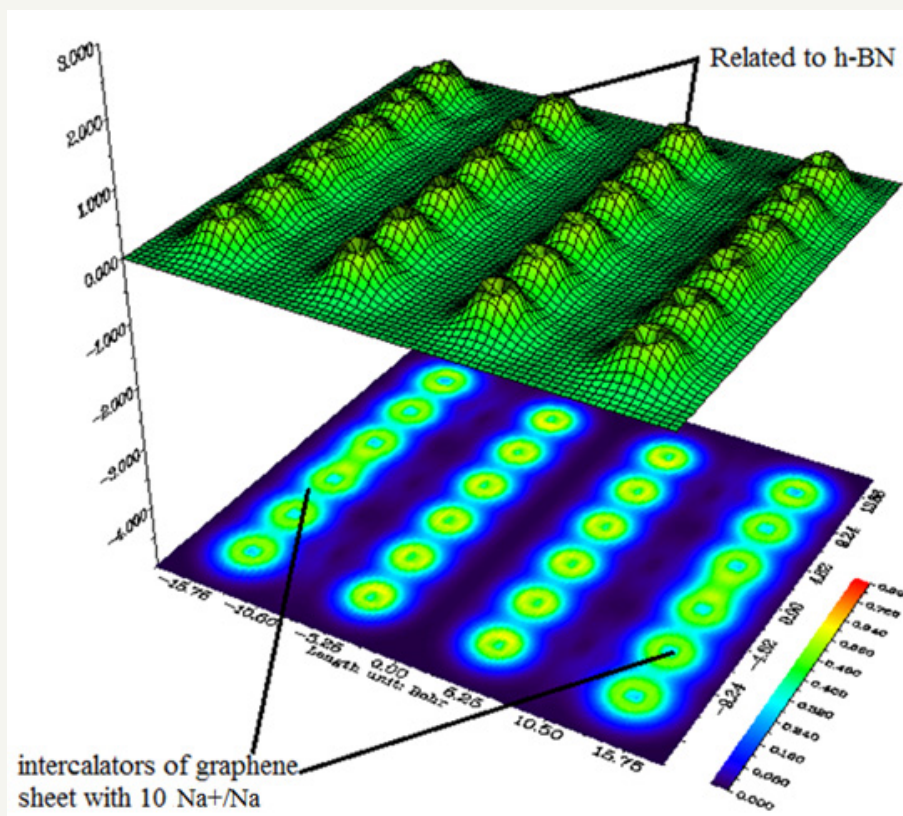


Figure 7: Shaded surface map with projection for insertion 10 Na⁺/Na.

Table 3: Characteristics of commercial Li-ion battery cathode materials see reference [1].

Material	Potential versus Li/Li ⁺	Capacity (mAh/g)	Energy (Wh/Kg)	Advantage	Disadvantage
LiCoO ₂	3.9	140	546	Low	High
NCA (Nickel, Cobalt, Aluminum)	3.8	180-200	680-760	Slow reaction with electrolyte High capacity, High voltage Excellent high rate performance	High coast of Ni and Co
NMC (Nickel, Cobalt, Manganese)	3.8	160-170	610-650	High capacity, High operating voltage, Slow reaction with electrolytes Moderate safety (oxygen release)	High coast of Ni and Co
LiMn ₂ O ₄ (LMO)	4.1	100-120	410-492	Low coast, Moderate safety (oxygen release), Excellent high rate performance, High operating voltage	Low capacity, Affecting cycle life
LiFePO ₄ (LFP)	3.45	150-170	518-587	Low coast, Excellent high rate performance, Slow reaction with electrolyte, Excellent safety(no oxygen release)	Low voltage Low capacity

Conclusion

In conclusion, our calculations have been designed to study the Na adsorption on graphene oxide with two layers of GO.

Our results exhibit that adsorption in GO is much stronger than pristine graphene. Additionally, it has been found the structure of GO can be to improve the electrical transport in NIBs. Therefore,

the modification and design of GO structure provide strategies for improving the performance of GO-based anodes. With the increase in defect density by GO sheets, maximum capacities obtained are much higher than that of graphite.

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