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#### **Abstract**

The nitrogen and sulfur dual-doped hierarchical porous biomass carbon (NSHPC) is prepared by a simple and environment-friendly one-step method and employed as flexible interlayer for lithium-sulfur batteries (LSBs). The composition analysis and structure characteristic of NSHPC sample are measured by X-ray powder diffraction, scanning electron microscopy and raman spectra. The electrochemical performances are measured by galvanotactic charge/discharge (GCD) and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) measurement. The results show that the NSHPC sample with unique honeycomb-like micro/mesoporous structure possesses high specific surface area of 2543.8 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> and large pore volume of 2.14 cm<sup>3</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>. The charge transfer resistance (R<sub>ct</sub>) of the LSBs with the NSHPC flexible interlayer is much smaller than that of the LSBs with only Celgard separator. The pure sulfur

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