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Hybrid polyacrylamide/carbon coating on sulfur cathode for advanced

lithium sulfur battery

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**Abstract** Commercialized conductive slurry consisting of polyacrylamide (PAM) and

two kinds of carbon black was coated on the surface of sulfur cathode. The hybrid

PAM/C coating not only physically blocks but also chemically anchors polysulfides

within the cathode, confining their out-diffusion and shuttle. Besides, the flexible and

highly-conductive coating layer buffers volume change of the cathode during

discharge-charge process and reduces charge transfer resistance. A specific capacity

of as high as ~900 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> after 300 cycles is demonstrated for the PAM/C coated

cathode, which is a significant improvement of reversible capacity and cycle capability

compared to uncoated or conventional PVDF/C coated cathode.

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