

Inactivation of HF in Li-Ion Batteries, EDLCs and Supercapacitors

Enhanced lifetime and safety through functional glass powders

Hydrofluoric acid (HF) is responsible for degradation and a shortened lifetime in numerous energy storage devices that use fluorine-containing organic electrolytes, e.g. lithium-ion batteries. Even small amounts of residual moisture (e.g. introduced during battery production) often result in the formation of highly corrosive HF inside the battery cells, since fluorine reacts violently with water. This affects the electrolyte chemistry, leading to lower performance, failure of the device, or in worst case outgassing and leakage of the electrolyte.

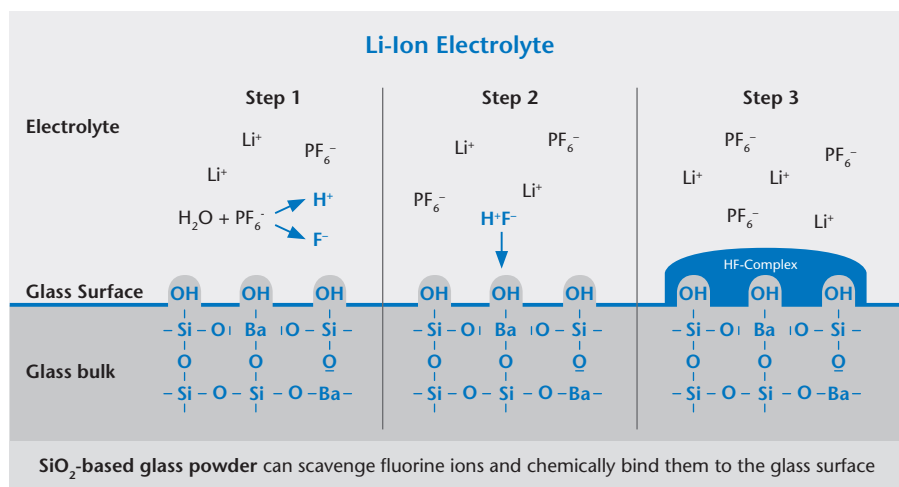
Product information

SCHOTT has developed a special Ba-silicate glass powder to absorb hydrofluoric acid. Due to its special composition, the inorganic glass particles can scavenge fluorine ions and chemically bind them to the particle surface. This binding is permanently inactivating and preventing the formation of hydrofluoric acid in the battery system.

Advantages of SCHOTT HF-scavenging glass powder

In comparison to standard inorganic materials, our glass powder provides the following additional benefits:

- **Significant increase of lifetime and safety of lithium-ion batteries, EDLCs and Supercaps (dependent on materials/chemicals used)**
- In case of thermal run-away, the glass powder particles remain in place and protect the electrodes from contacting each other, preventing a short circuit reaction when used on or in the separator.
- The world's first **inorganic** additive with HF-gettering function:
 - Chemically resistant to fluor containing electrolytes
 - Electrochemically stable even in high voltage applications
 - Temperature resistant up to several hundreds °C
 - Reduced abrasion in coating processes due to lower hardness in comparison to ceramic materials



Applications

SCHOTT's HF-gettering glass powder is suitable as an additive for the separator, the electrode materials, as a coating on electrode materials, or in the electrolyte in:

- Lithium-ion batteries
- Electric double layer capacitors (EDLC) or Supercapacitors
- It can also provide benefits for other applications, in which HF must be chemically bound

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Material Data

| HF Scavenging Glass G018-405 | | |
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| Form of delivery/particle size | Glass powder with a mean particle size of 1µm or 0.7 µm (d50) and 90% of particles smaller than 5 µm (d90). Other grain sizes are available upon request. | |
| Approx. specific surface area | m ² /g | 5 (d50 = 1 µm), 8 (d50 = 0.7 µm) |
| HF scavenging power | mg F ⁻ / g glass | 40 – 60 |
| Coefficient of thermal expansion (-30 / +70 °C) | 10 ⁻⁶ /K | 10.1 |
| Max. operation temperature (ISO 7884-8) | °C | > 600 |
| Density | g/cm ³ | 4.1 |
| Young's Modulus | GPa | 68 |
| Hardness (Knoop) HK0.1/20 | – | 440 |
| Wettability with electrolyte (contact angle bulk) | °C | 15-30 |
| Residual water (Karl Fischer after drying 100 °C/4h/air) | mg/cm ³ | 6 |



About SCHOTT

Based on more than 130 years of history, SCHOTT is a world leader in the development, melting and processing of specialty glass. Our finely ground glass powders are used in a broad variety of challenging technical applications. With a workforce of 15,400 employees in 35 countries, SCHOTT maintains close proximity to our customers worldwide.

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