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ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations/ Symbol	Name
PPyNTs	Polypyrrole nanotubes
PEDOT	Poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene)
FESEM	Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy
FTIR	Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy
XRD	X-ray diffraction
XPS	X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy
HRTEM	High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy
ITO	Indium tin oxide
IUAC	Inter University Accelerator Centre
MeV	Mega electron volt
cm	Centimeter
MO	Methyl orange
CTAB	Cetrimonium bromide
rGO	Reduced graphene oxide
DD water	Double distilled water
NMP	N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone
PVDF	Polyvinylidene fluoride
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscopy
TGA	Thermogravimetric analysis
TMDC	Transition-metal dichalcogenide
w.r.t	With respect to
g/l	Gram per litre
BET	Brunaur-Emmett-Teller
EDL	Electric double layer
EIS	Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy
MHz	Megahertz
%	Percent
AIB	Aluminum ion battery
Al ³⁺ ion	Aluminum ion
A/g	Ampere per gram
CV	Cyclic voltammetry

GCD	Galvanostatic charge-discharge
Ti ₃ AlC ₂	Titanium Aluminum Carbide
LiFePO ₄	Lithium Iron phosphate
h	hour
M	Molar
mA	Mili ampere
MoS ₂	Molybdenum disulfide
NaOH	Sodium Hydroxide
KCl	Potassium chloride
GO	Graphene oxide
AlCl ₃	Aluminium chloride
Al ₂ (SO ₄) ₃	Aluminium sulfate
Al(NO ₃) ₃	Aluminium nitrate
°C	Degree Celsius
Wh	Watt-hour
Ω	Ohm
η	Coulombic efficiency
C _{sp}	Specific capacitance
R _s	Equivalent series resistance
R _{ct}	Charge transfer resistance
S _e	Electronic energy loss
S _n	Nuclear energy loss