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INTRODUCTION

This document specifies how to report the various characteristics of nanoporous activated carbon for electrochemical capacitors, and how to incorporate these into a bilateral detail specification between vendor and user.

Electrochemical capacitors are widely used in the fields of electric vehicles, high speed trains, airplanes, photovoltaics, wind power and electronics, due to their ultra-fast charge and discharge capability, long cycle life, wide working temperature range, high security reliability and low maintenance cost [1]¹. Nanoporous activated carbon is the active material in electrochemical capacitors [2], [3], [4] (Figure 1), and is one of the most critical factors that determine the electrochemical performance of a device.

Both precursor and process will affect the chemical, physical and structural characteristics of nanoporous activated carbon remarkably. The precursor of nanoporous activated carbon can be biomass, pitch and resin. The production process can be gas activation using diluted oxygen gas, steam, CO₂, etc., or chemical activation using H₃PO₄, ZnCl₂, KOH, etc. The chemical, physical and structural key control characteristics (KCCs) will significantly affect the electrochemical performance of nanoporous activated carbon. For instance, the metallic impurities will affect the self-discharging and endurance in cycling, the pore size distribution will affect the specific capacitance and the DC resistance. However, not all relationships between the chemical, physical, structure and application properties of active materials are clear so far. In the commercial market, the KCCs will be good indicators to choose an appropriate nanoporous activated carbon. Therefore, it is important to report KCCs, including electrochemical characteristics.

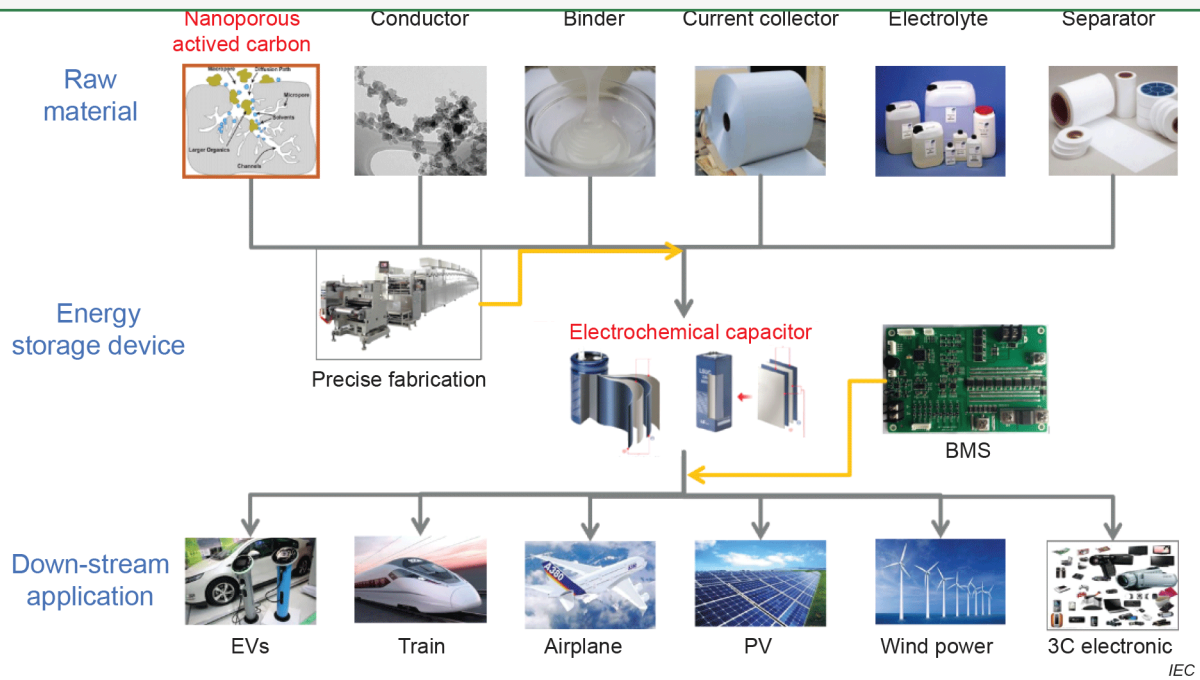
For nanoporous activated carbon manufacturers, the accurate characterization is critical for product optimization, finalization and quality control. For electrochemical capacitor manufacturers, who use the nanoporous activated carbon, before the large-scale production of electrochemical capacitors, the correct and accurate characterization of KCCs can be good indicators for choosing the appropriate raw materials and achieving quality assurance

To permit common processing equipment and common unit processes with predictable and reproducible results to be used in different fabrication lines, it is important for nanoporous activated carbon characteristics to be described and assessed in a proper manner and to standardize the methods for quality control of the manufacturing processes.

In this document, the key chemical, physical, structural and electrochemical characteristics that will significantly influence the performance of electrochemical capacitors are listed. This document also provides information about measurement methods and existing standards concerning the correct determination of KCCs.

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Figure 1 – Industrial chain of electrochemical capacitor

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62565, which is a Technical Specification, establishes a blank detail specification (BDS) for

- nanoporous activated carbon

used for

- electrochemical capacitors

Numeric values for the key control characteristics are left blank as they will be specified between customer and supplier in the detail specification (DS). In the DS key control characteristics can be added or removed if agreed between customer and supplier

2 Normative references

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