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# "Green supercapacitors for energy and environmental sustainability"

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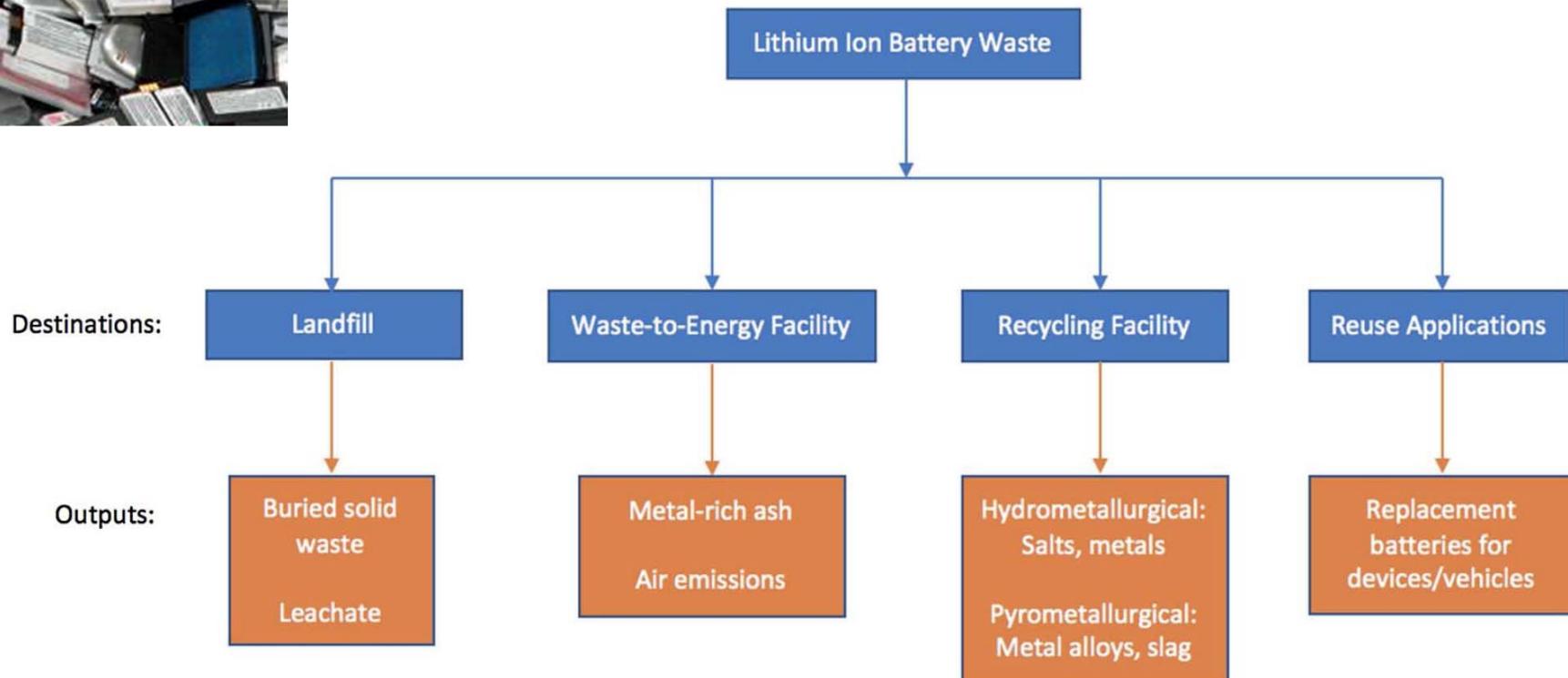




# Waste management of end-of-life systems



This increased need for batteries and supercapacitors will mean large end-of-life waste



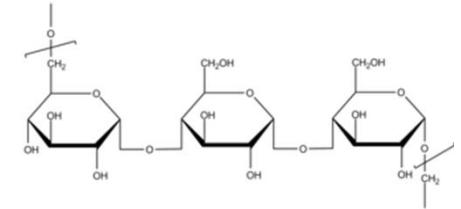
**Green components and processes are required for low environmental and cost end-of-life supercapacitor management**

K.M. Winslow et al. Resources, Conservation & Recycling 129 (2018) 263–277



# Green Supercapacitor @LEME

## Pullulan Based EDLC



### Conventional EDLC

#### Separator

PTFE/PP

#### Electrolyte

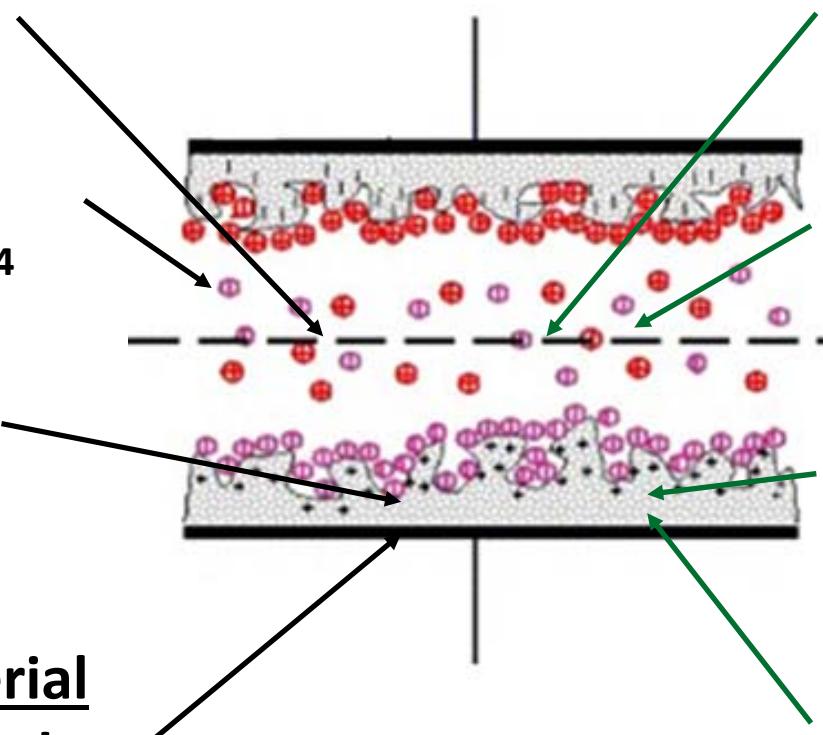
ACN/NEt<sub>4</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>

#### Binder

PTFE/PVDF

#### Active Material

Activated Carbon



### Pullulan based EDLC

#### Separator

Pullulan electro-spun membrane

#### Electrolyte

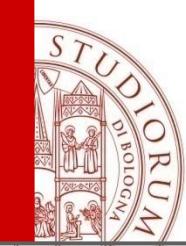
EmimTFSI ionic liquid

#### Binder

Pullulan based aqueous binder

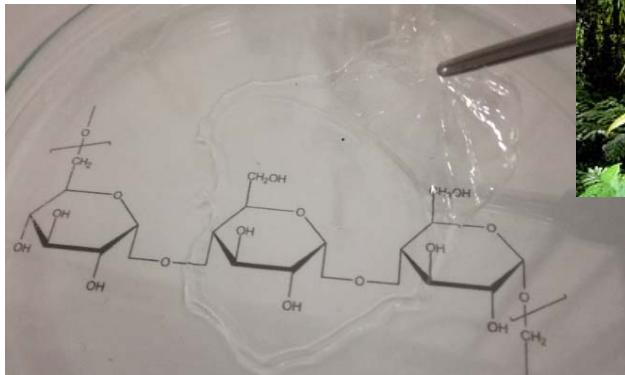
#### Active material

Carbon from biomass  
(pepper seed)



# Pullulan-based EDLC

**Pullulan good  
filming properties**



*Epiphyte*

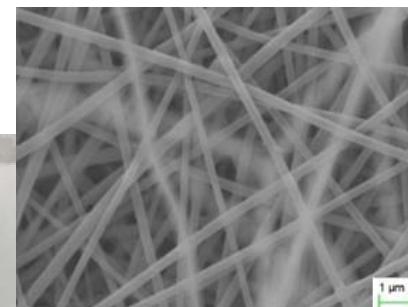
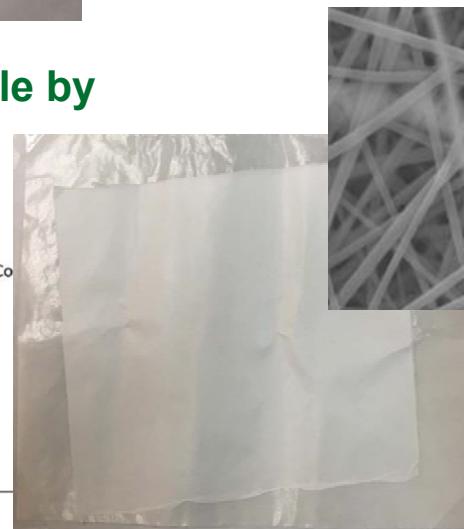
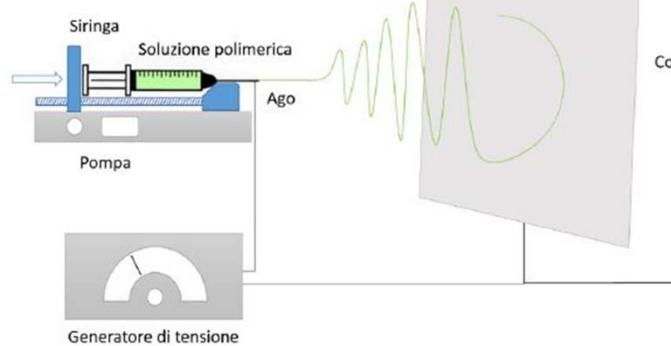


*Aureobasidium pullulan*  
fungus



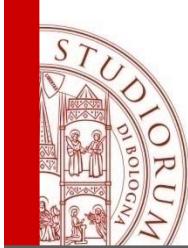
→ **Binder**

**Pullulan mats processable by  
electrospinning**



→ **Separator**



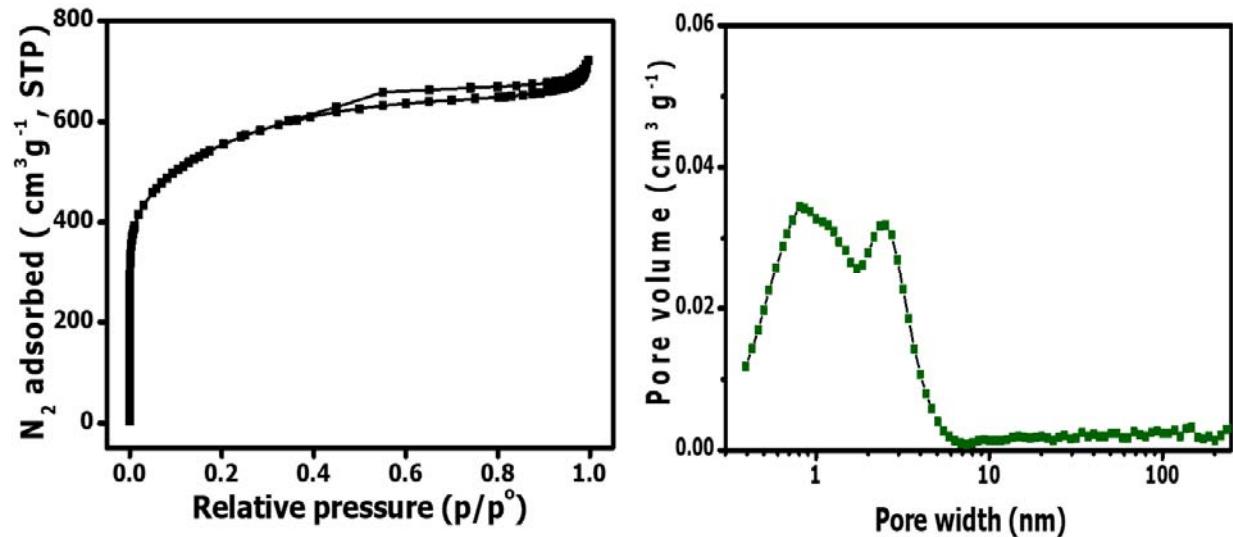


# Pullulan-based EDLC

Activated carbon electrode from biological waste (biochar)

PP-AC: carbon derived from

The pyrolysis of Bell peppers seeds at 850 °C with  $\text{KHCO}_3$  activating agent

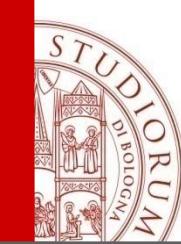


Electrode composition

70% AC/ 10 % CC and 20 % Binder

Mass loading

We 3.82 mg / 6 mg  $\text{cm}^{-2}$  & Ce 3.53 mg / 5.55 mg  $\text{cm}^{-2}$

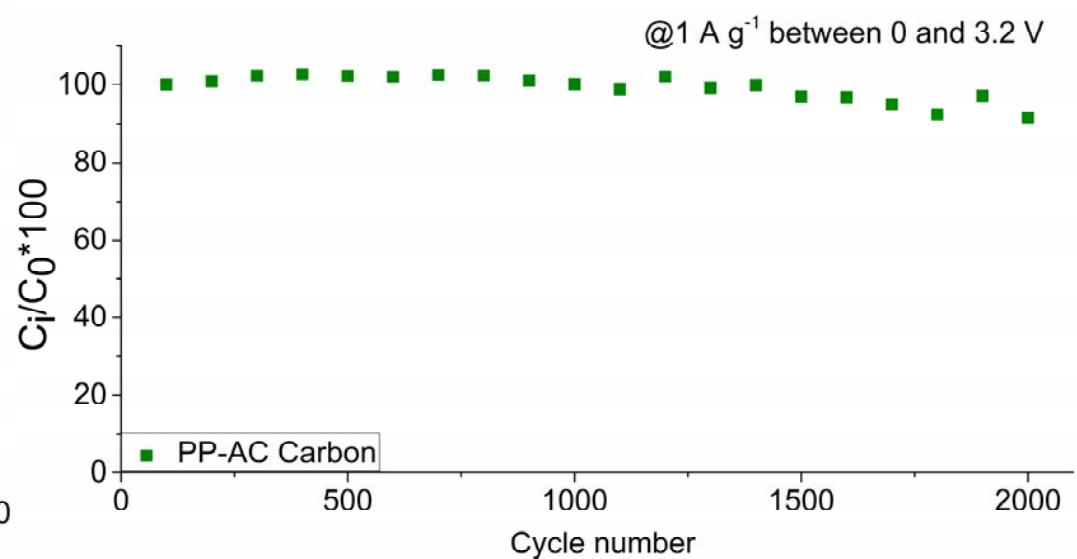
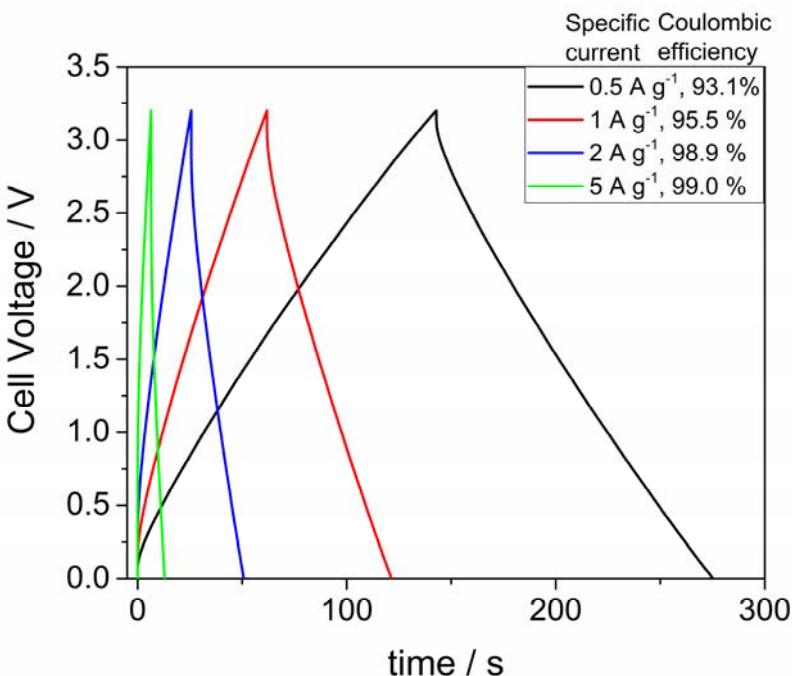


# Pullulan-based EDLC

## PP-AC electrodes & EMIMTFSI electrolyte

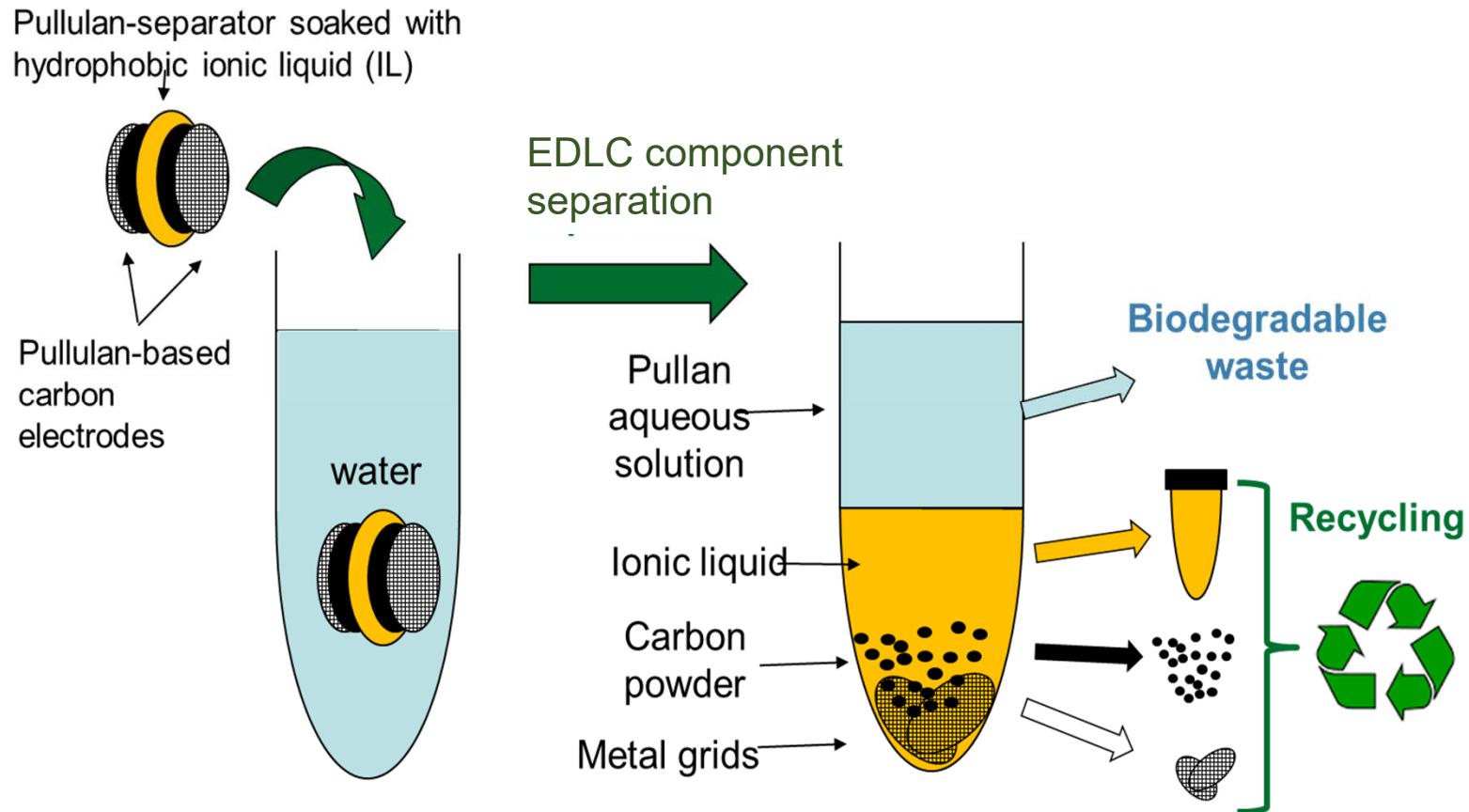
Carbon	Code	$S_{BET}$ $\text{m}^2\text{g}^{-1}$	$V_{>0.4 \text{ nm}}$ $\text{cm}^3\text{g}^{-1}$	$C_{\text{carbon}}$ $\text{Fg}^{-1}$	$I_D/I_G$	$E$ $\text{Wh/kg}$	$P$ $\text{kW/kg}$
Pepper- biochar	PP-AC	1990	0.94	115	0.96	28	7

### Charge/discharge galvanostatic cycle





# Pullulan-SC end-of-life management





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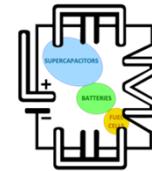


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