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## List of Symbols

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Description</i>
$I$	Current
$V$	Voltage
$C$	Capacitance
$t$	Time
$s$	Second
$T$	Temperature
$mL$	Milliliter
$\mu L$	Microliter
$A$	Ampere
$nA$	Nano Ampere
$F$	Farad
$M$	Molar
$C$	Capacitance
$A$	Area
$\epsilon_r$	Dielectric constant of electrolyte
$^\circ$	Degree
$I$	Intensity
$\Omega$	ohm
$\%$	Percentage
$\theta$	Theta
$\lambda$	Wavelength
$\nu$	Frequency
$\text{\AA}$	Angstrom
$K$	Kelvin
$Oe$	Oersted
$H_c$	Coercivity
$M_s$	Saturation Magnetization
$mV$	Millivolt



## List of Abbreviations

<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Full form</i>
XRD	X-Ray Diffraction
XPS	X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy
UV	Ultra Violet
FTIR	Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy
BET	Brunauer-Emmett-Teller
SAED	Selected Area Electron Diffraction
TEM	Transmission Electronic Microscopy
HRTEM	High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy
SEM	Scanning Electronic Microscopy
XRD	X-ray Diffraction
EDX	Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy
RHE	Reference Hydrogen Electrode
PEC	Photoelectrochemical
ppm	Parts Per Million
JCPDS	Joint Commission on Powder Diffraction sheet
ICSD	Inorganic Crystal Structure Database
FTO	Fluorine Doped Tin Oxide
F-TEDA	Chloromethyl-4-fluoro-1,4-diazoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bis(tetrafluoroborate)
CC	Carbon Cloth
VC	Vulcan Carbon
F-VC	Fluorinated Vulcan Carbon
DI	Deionized water
EIS	Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy
CV	Cyclic Voltametry
IV	Current-Voltage
I-t	Current-time
GCD	Galvanostatic Charge discharge
VOC	Volatile organic Compound
PPC	Persistent Photoconductivity
LOD	Limit of detection
DC	Direct Current
Ace	Acetone
EtOH	Ethanol
MeOH	Methanol
tBuOH	t-butyl alcohol
PrOH	Iso-Propanol
MEK	butanone
ChI	Chloroform
AcOEt	Ethylacetate
Tol	Toluene
DCM	di-chloro methane
DMF	dimethyl formamide
Pentanal	Pentanal
ACN	Acetonitrile
Hexane	Hexane
TEA	Triethylamine
DEA	diethylamine

RT  
RH

Room Temperature  
Relative humidity