





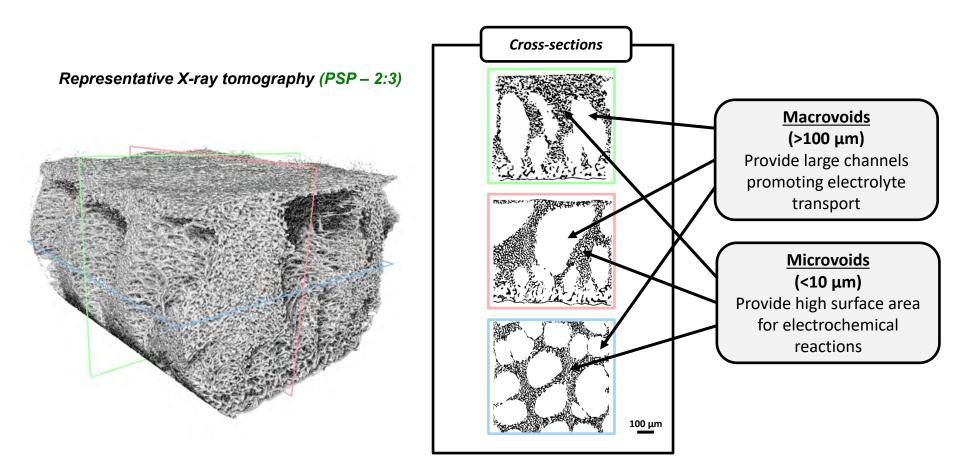
Engineering Porous Electrodes for Redox Flow Batteries

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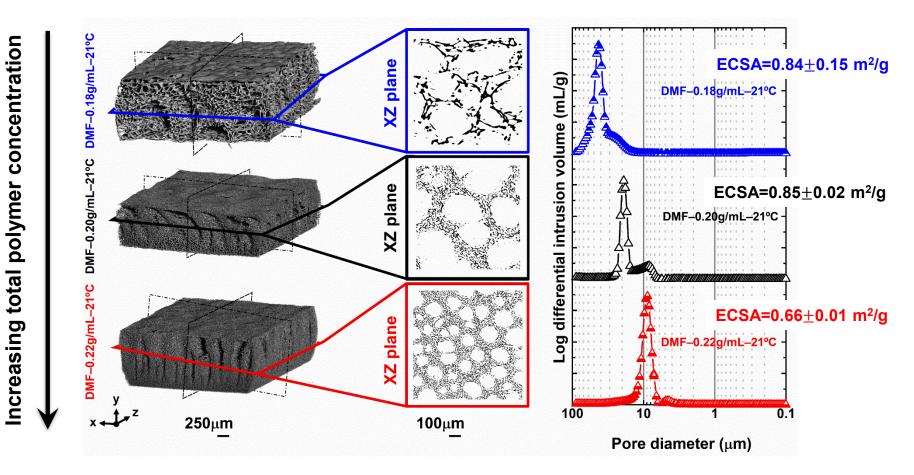
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Characteristics of fabricated electrode microstructure



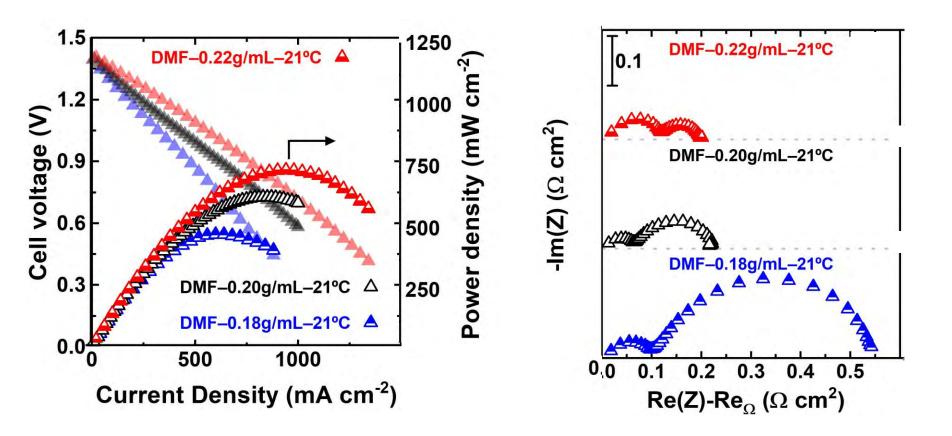
Tailoring microstructure: polymer concentration



Regulating the coalescence process (through viscosity) during phase separation is a powerful approach to tune pore size

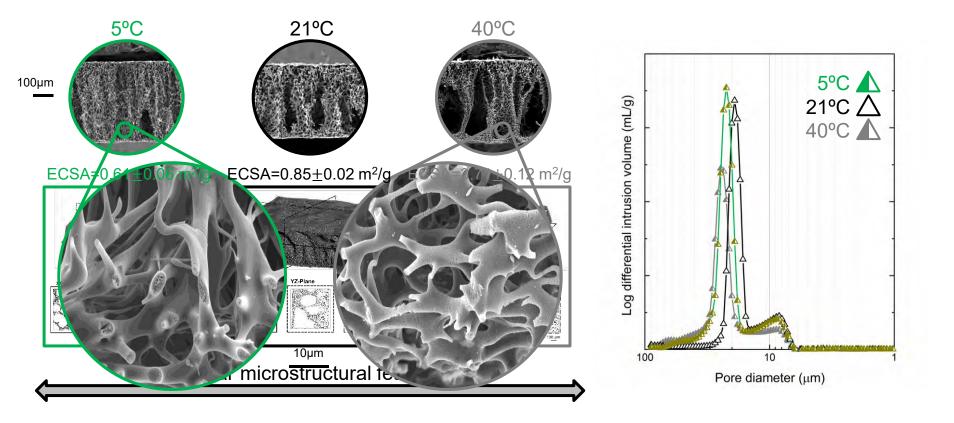
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Narrower pores facilitate mass transport



Narrower pore sizes result in higher electrochemical performance and reduced mass transfer resistance (shorter diffusion distances)

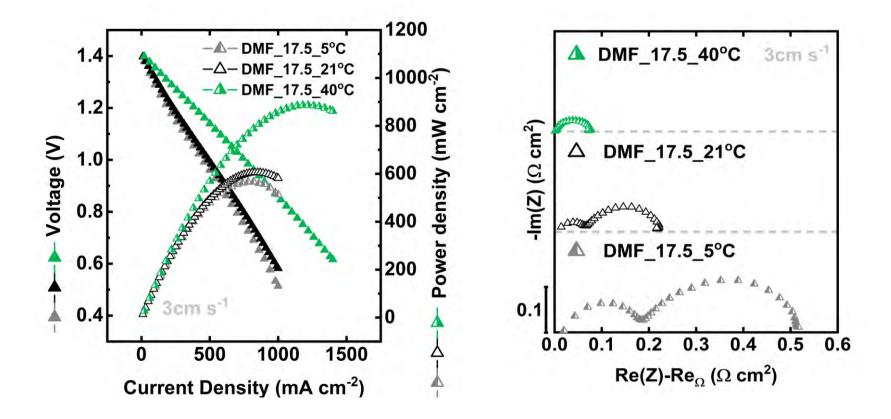
Tailoring microstructure – Bath temperature



Higher temperatures induce additional nano-scale phase separation, which results in a significant increase in available surface area.

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Higher surface area boost VRFB performance



The higher surface area impacts the performance of the flow battery by reducing activation overpotentials.

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