

Next generation lithium battery separator materials

Can ion-selective separators be used in next-generation lithium-ion batteries?

In order to achieve the stability level of thousands of cycles for state-of-the-art commercial lithium-ion batteries, ion-selective separators can be implemented in the described next-generation battery systems for their important role in retaining the active materials and stabilizing the solid-electrolyte interface.

What is a lithium ion battery separator?

Generally, the separator is the inactive component of the battery. The electrode materials as additives in the separator can participate in the electrochemical reaction and boost the electrochemical performance of LIBs.

What is a 'smart' lithium separator?

On the other hand, separators with improved wetting capability or thermal conductivity suppress the lithium dendrite growth when the lithium metal anode is applied, lowering the safety hazards. 'Smart', the third criterion of the 4S separators, represents a future direction for developing advanced battery-management systems.

Why do we need a functional separator for lithium based batteries?

Besides, particularly for lithium-based batteries, the lithium dendrites, which result from the uneven electrodeposition of lithium metal on the anode, may pierce through the porous separator to cause internal short circuit. Thus, functional separators that enhance homogeneous electrochemical reactions on the anode surface reduce the safety risk.

Are functional separators suitable for next-generation high-energy rechargeable batteries?

Herein, functional separators are overviewed based on four key criteria of next-generation high-energy rechargeable batteries: stable, safe, smart and sustainable (4S). That is, the applied membrane materials and the corresponding functioning mechanisms of the 4S separators are reviewed.

Why is a Lithium Ion Separator important?

As a key component of LIBs, the separator plays a crucial role in sequestering the electrodes, preventing direct contact between the positive and negative electrodes, and allowing the free passage of lithium ions in the electrolyte. Additionally, the separator is also crucial for ensuring the safe operation of the batteries.

Lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) have become indispensable energy-storage devices for various applications, ranging from portable electronics to electric vehicles and renewable energy systems. The performance and reliability of LIBs depend on several key components, including the electrodes, separators, and electrolytes. Among these, the choice ...

Emerging technologies in battery development offer several promising advancements: i) Solid-state batteries, utilizing a solid electrolyte instead of a liquid or gel, promise higher energy densities ranging from 0.3 to 0.5

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kWh kg⁻¹, improved safety, and a longer lifespan due to reduced risk of dendrite formation and thermal runaway (Moradi et al., 2023); ii) ...

To date, there has been meaningful progress in fabricating functional separators for next-generation batteries including Li-S batteries and Li/Na metal batteries. With the adoption of the customized separators, the battery's electrochemical/thermal stability has been remarkably improved in comparison to the existing battery technologies ...

For the proper design and evaluation of next-generation lithium-ion batteries, different physical-chemical scales have to be considered. Taking into account the electrochemical principles and methods that govern the different processes occurring in the battery, the present review describes the main theoretical electrochemical and thermal models that allow ...

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The current commercially available LIB has a configuration in the form of an anode current collector (CC) ? anode material ? separator ? cathode material ? cathode CC, ...

The design of separators for next generation Li batteries can be approached from two different perspectives: prevention of dendrite growth via chemical and physical mechanisms, which can extend the lifetime of the separator, or the integration of a dendrite detector into the battery system, which is capable of immediately shutting down the ...

Here, we review the recent progress made in advanced separators for LIBs, which can be delved into three types: 1. modified polymeric separators; 2. composite separators; and 3. inorganic separators. In addition, we discuss the future challenges and development directions of the advanced separators for next-generation LIBs.

In this perspective, we will mainly discuss separator design strategies for mitigating safety concerns and improving energy density of different types of batteries in sections "Separator design for safer batteries" and "Separator design for higher energy density batteries", respectively. The manufacturing of the functional separator will be briefly discussed in section ...

Ceramic-coated separators and high melting point polymer materials offer some improvement in thermal stability and abuse tolerance for lithium-ion cell separators but, in general, more evaluation is needed to ...

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Lithium-ion battery separators are receiving increased consideration from the scientific community. Single-layer and multilayer separators are well-established technologies, and the materials used span from polyolefins to blends and composites of fluorinated polymers.

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The separator has an active role in the cell because of its influence on energy and power densities, safety, and cycle life. In this review, we highlighted new trends and requirements of state-of-art Li-ion battery separators. In single-layer and multilayer polyolefin or PVDF-based separators, the combination of different polymer layers, the ...

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