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Disadvantages of all-aluminum flow batteries

Overview

What are the disadvantages of flow batteries?

On the negative side, flow batteries are rather complicated in comparison with standard batteries as they may require pumps, sensors, control units and secondary containment vessels. The energy densities vary considerably but are, in general, rather low compared to portable batteries, such as the Li-ion.

Why are aluminum-ion batteries a problem?

The resulting current aluminum batteries suffer from poor energy densities, necessitating the exploration of alternative materials in particular for setting up the aluminum-ion battery. Further challenges are connected to the oxide layer of the metal electrode and the interfaces between negative electrode, solid electrolyte, and positive electrode.

Are aluminum batteries bad for the environment?

This has however, not been reported to date. Despite its low cost, simple operation, and reduced environmental impact, aluminum batteries based on aqueous or protic systems exhibit fatal drawbacks, such as the passivating oxide film formation decreasing the battery voltage and efficiency, hydrogen side reactions, and material corrosion.

Are aluminum batteries a good alternative to lithium ion batteries?

Aluminum batteries (ABs) as alternative of lithium and sodium ion batteries. ABs fulfill the requirement for a low-cost and high-performance energy storage system. Surface engineering suppresses the corrosion of aluminum anode. Optimization of suitable electrolyte, separator, and cathode materials.

Why is a secondary aluminum-ion battery unfeasible?

A secondary aluminum-ion battery based on pure aluminum-metal as negative electrode and an aqueous electrolyte is unfeasible (Liu et al., 2017), because aluminum deposition only occurs at potentials far outside the stability region

of water (see Figure 3). The electrolyte would decompose, and the ion transport gets disrupted.

How can aluminum batteries be reversible compared to lithium ion batteries?

In order to create an aluminum battery with a substantially higher energy density than a lithium-ion battery, the full reversible transfer of three electrons between Al 3+ and a single positive electrode metal center (as in an aluminum-ion battery) as well as a high operating voltage and long cycling life is required (Muldoon et al., 2014).

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