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Are zinc-air batteries anode-free?

The anode-free concept in zinc-air batteries clearly shows that the deposition from the electrolyte can be preferable to the use of standard metallic zinc anodes.

Are Zn-based batteries anode-free?

However, the Zn-based batteries developed so far utilize an excess amount of Zn (i.e., thick Zn metal anode), which decreases the energy density of the whole battery. Herein, we demonstrate an anode-free design (i.e., zero-excess Zn), which is enabled by employing a nanocarbon nucleation layer.

Can aqueous anode-free zinc batteries form a stable interphase?

The work may initiate the research of AFZBs and be useful for the design of high energy, high safety, and low-cost power sources. The authors declare no conflict of interest. Aqueous anode-free zinc batteries (AFZBs) enabled by electrolyte engineering to form a stable interphase are constructed.

What is the charging capacity of an anode-free battery?

As the anode-free battery had no active material in the form of a zinc anode, the electrolytically deposited zinc was determined using Faraday's laws and standardized to the electrode mass. This resulted in a charging capacity of 819 mAh g⁻¹, which corresponded to the theoretical capacity of zinc.

Are Zn-MnO₂ batteries anode-free?

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Anode-free metal batteries can in principle offer higher energy density, but this requires them to have extraordinary Coulombic efficiency (>99.7%). Although Zn-based metal batteries are promising for stationary storage, the parasitic side reactions make anode-free batteries difficult to achieve in practice. In this work, a salting-in-effect-induced hybrid electrolyte is proposed as an ...

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The zinc (Zn) batteries have challenges include uncontrollable dendritic growth, unreasonable negative to positive ratio and limited areal capacity. This highlight presents the latest ...

For the construction of aqueous energy storage devices, metallic zinc has so far remained the most ideal anode candidate due to its high electrical conductivity, easy processability, high compatibility/stability in water, non-flammability, low toxicity, comparatively low price (ca. 2 USD kg⁻¹), and high abundance [20, 21]. More importantly, Zn anode possesses ...

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