





Could a new ion exchange membrane improve water purification and battery energy storage? Imperial College London scientists have created a new type of membrane that could improve water purification and battery energy storage efforts. The new approach to ion exchange membrane design, which was published on December 2, 2019, in Nature Materials, uses low-cost plastic membranes with many tiny hydrophilic (???water-attracting???) pores.





Can hydrocarbon ion-exchange membranes improve redox flow batteries? We report a molecularly engineered hydrocarbon ion-exchange membrane with interconnected subnanometer channels that enable fast and selective ion transport and boost the energy efficiency and operational stability of redox flow batteries. This work presents a pathway for developing high-performance membranes for redox flow batteries.





What are ion-conductive membranes used for? Membranes with fast and selective ion transport are widely used for water purificationand devices for energy conversion and storage including fuel cells, redox flow batteries and electrochemical reactors. However, it remains challenging to design cost-effective, easily processed ion-conductive membranes with well-defined pore architectures.





What type of batteries can charge and discharge energy storage? According to the working principle, they can be divided into desalination batteries that can charge and discharge energy storage (this review is recorded as type I desalination batteries) and only discharge electrochemical desalination batteries (recorded as type II desalination batteries).





What types of batteries use multiple-IEM structures? In this review, we provide a detailed introduction to the applications of multiple-IEM structures in various electrochemical battery systems, including lead-based batteries, zinc-based batteries, sulfur-based batteries,



aqueous organic batteries, redox desalination batteries, all-vanadium flow batteries, and thermally regenerative batteries.







Are flow batteries a viable energy storage solution? Flow batteries are promising for long-duration grid-scale energy storage. Ion-exchange membranes play crucial roles in determining capital costs, energy efficiency, sustainability, and operational stability of flow batteries. Conventional ion-exchange membranes are limited by a trade-off between conductivity and selectivity.





It is estimated that when the energy storage scale is further expanded to 100 MW, at least 75,000 m 2 of membrane will be required, and the cost of the membrane will drop dramatically from \$37 million to \$1 million. Therefore, utilizing cost ???





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Although the non-optimized round-trip energy efficiencies reported here (21???34%) appear low at first glance (lithium ion batteries for mobile applications can achieve round-trip ???





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Due to their remarkable energy density, prolonged storage life, wide operational temperature range, and elevated battery voltage, LIBs have emerged as the predominant contender in the realm of energy storage batteries, finding ???





Due to the growing demand for eco-friendly products, lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) have gained widespread attention as an energy storage solution. With the global demand for clean and sustainable energy, the social, ???





Zinc-iodine (Zn???I???) batteries are promising candidates for next-generation large-scale energy storage systems due to their inherent safety, environmental sustainability, and potential ???





The results will make it possible to build longer lasting and more cost- and energy-efficient devices such as flow batteries, a promising technology for long-duration grid-scale energy storage, by creating an exchange ???



Now, a multi-institutional team led by Imperial's Dr Qilei Song and Professor Neil McKeown at the University of Edinburgh has developed a new ion-transport membrane technology that could reduce the cost of storing energy in ???







A redox flow battery that could be scaled up for grid-scale energy storage. Credit: Qilei Song, Imperial College London Imperial College London scientists have created a new type of membrane that could improve water ???