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#### Interfacial regulation for zinc metal anode of aqueous zinc-ion battery

Interfacial regulation serves not solely to prevent the zinc anode from attacking with the electrolyte, but also to enhance the transport kinetics of zinc ion. The mechanism and superiority of the application for the interfacial regulation are comprehensively summarized. The interface regulation was classified according to the battery structure, including anode coating strategy, electrolyte engineering, and separator optimization.



# Progress in the construction strategy of noble metal active sites for zeolite-based PNA and VOCs catalysts

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The paper introduces noble metal species and active sites in PNA and VOCs catalysts. Then summarizes the impacts of precursors, zeolite properties, and metal introduction methods on active metal site construction in zeolites for these applications.

Heterogeneous iron-based catalysts for a sustainable photoinduced nitrogen fixation

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In this review, authors focused our attention on the photocatalytic methods for the synthesis of ammonia; in particular, authors concentrated on stable and recyclable heterogeneous Fe-based photocatalysts for producing NH<sub>3</sub>. Indeed, recoverable and widely abundant and low-cost iron catalysts may represent a very promising tool for future sustainable access to this largely desired chemical target.

#### **Research papers**

# Engineering crystal plane of NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> to regulate oxygen vacancies and acid sites for alkali-free oxidation of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural to 2,5-furandicarboxylic acid

The synergistic mechanism of oxygen vacancies and acid sites for alkali-free oxidation of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural to 2,5-furandicarboxylic acid.

### Conjugated polyaniline as "conveyor" in tungstate boosting cation storage for highperformance aqueous batteries

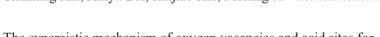
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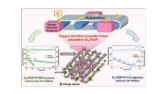
An oxygen defective tungstate-linked polyaniline ( $O_d$ -WOP) is prepared, in which the conjugated polyaniline chains serving as conductive backbones like "conveyors" are crosslinked by oxygen deficient tungstate molecules to form 2D nanosheets. It delivers superior and durable capabilities for NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-storage and Ca<sup>2+</sup>-storage in half cells and full flexible configurations by pairing with PTCDI.

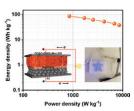
# NiCoMn-LDH with core-shell heterostructures based on CoS nanotube arrays containing multiple ion diffusion channels for boosted supercapacitor applications

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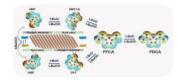
A novel ternary electrode material CC@CoS/NiCoMn-LDH-300 with core-shell heterostructures is developed to enhance the charge storage capacity of asymmetric supercapacitor.











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## Synergistic Li<sub>6</sub>PS<sub>5</sub>Cl@Li<sub>3</sub>OCl composite electrolyte for high-performance all-solid-state lithium batteries

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Herein, a simple interface-engineering remedy to boost the electrochemical performance of Li<sub>6</sub>PS<sub>5</sub>Cl is reported, by coating its surface with a Li-compatible electrolyte Li<sub>3</sub>OCl having low electronic conductivity. Due to a synergistic effect, the obtained Li<sub>6</sub>PS<sub>5</sub>Cl@Li<sub>3</sub>OCl core@shell structure exhibits great performance improvements compared with the bare Li<sub>6</sub>PS<sub>5</sub>Cl.

# Rational engineering of triazine-benzene linked covalent-organic frameworks for efficient CO<sub>2</sub> photoreduction

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High-efficiency  $CO_2$  photoreduction can be achieved by rationally adjusting the number and position of both benzene and triazine rings in covalent organic frameworks (COFs) with orderly interlaced triazine-benzene heterojunctions that can boost their photocatalytic performance.

# Boosting electrochemical reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> to CO using molecule-regulated Ag nanoparticle in ionic liquids

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A strategy of introducing functionalized molecules with desirable  $CO_2$  affinity to regulate Ag catalyst for promoting electrochemical reduction of  $CO_2$  was proposed. Specifically, 3-mercapto-1,2,4-triazole was introduced onto the Ag nanoparticle (Ag-m-Triz) for the first time to achieve selectively converting  $CO_2$  to carbon monoxide (CO).

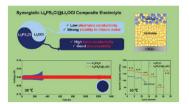
# Enhanced interlayer interaction in sulfonated CONs membrane by amino-rich CONs enabling ultrafast proton transport

Amino-rich CONs (CON-NH<sub>2</sub>) bridge sulfonated CONs (CON-SO<sub>3</sub>H) to obtain tightly-stacked self-standing CONs membrane by electrostatic attraction. The shortened  $-SO_3H$  distance in crystalline nanochannels and the formed acid-base pairs between deprotonated  $-SO_3H$  and protonated  $-NH_2$  contribute to fast H<sup>+</sup> transfer.

# Superhydrophobic ceramic membrane coupled with a biphasic solvent for efficient CO<sub>2</sub> capture





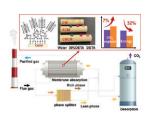




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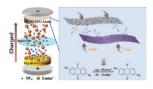
An innovative strategy was proposed by integration of membrane contactor (MC) with biphasic solvent for efficient  $CO_2$  capture from flue gas. This study provides a potential approach for accessing hydrophobic ceramic membranes and biphasic solvents for industrial  $CO_2$  capture.



# 2,6-Diaminoanthraquinone modified MXene $(Ti_3C_2T_x)/graphene$ as the negative electrode materials for ionic liquid-based asymmetric supercapacitors

Li Sun, Lujia Chai, Liangqi Jing, Yujuan Chen, Kelei Zhuo\*, Jianji Wang\*...... 845

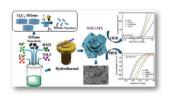
The electrode material with DAAQ modified MXene/graphene composites is synthesized. The DAAQ with redox activity in EmimBF<sub>4</sub> IL electrolyte provides Faradaic contribution and enlarges interlayer spacing of MXene. Meanwhile, MXene/Graphene ensures high electrical conductivity. Therefore, the as-assembled supercapacitor delivers a high energy density and high-power density as well as good cycle stability.



### Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> MXene nanosheets integrated cobalt-doped nickel hydroxide heterostructured composite: An efficient electrocatalyst for overall water-splitting

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A unique  $Ti_3C_2$  MXene nanosheets integrated cobalt-doped  $Ni(OH)_2$  catalyst is fabricated. The NHCoMX catalyst demonstrates improved performance with an overpotential of 310 mV for OER, 73 mV for HER, and an overall water-splitting voltage of 1.72 V at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>, making it highly effective for practical water-splitting applications.



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