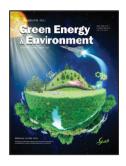
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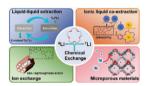
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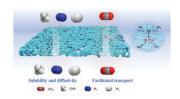
In this review, we demonstrate a simplified nomenclature system of paired electrosynthesis and elaborate the microfluidic reactor equipment, integral fundamentals and research methodology as well as various applications to provide new insights into correlation paired electrosynthesis and industrial implementation.



Facilitated transport membranes in post-combustion carbon capture: Recent advancements in polymer materials and challenges towards practical application

Zihan Wang, Zhien Zhang*, Mohamad Reza Soltanian, Ruizhi Pang*.....

This review paper examines facilitated transport membranes for post-combustion carbon capture, focusing on the latest polymer materials, principles, and challenges, including carrier saturation, temperature effects, and water influence over the past five years.



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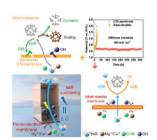
Self-sustaining alkaline seawater electrolysis via forward osmosis membranes

Ke Shi, Hongyi Wan*, Keyu Wang, Fumohan Fang, Shiyi Li, Yixing Wang, Linfeng Lei, Linzhou Zhuang*, Zhi Xu*....

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The alkali-durable forward osmosis membrane is successfully incorporated with the bifunctional nonprecious metal electrocatalysts to enable the self-sustaining direct seawater splitting, which could sustain a current density of 360 mA cm⁻² at the cell voltage of 2.10 V and 2.15 V for over 360 h in the synthetic seawater and real offshore seawater, respectively.

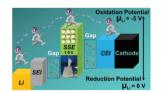


Interfacial modulation of nano Li₇La₃Zr₂O₁₂ composite electrolytes prepared by solvent-free method

Qigao Han, Yaqing Guo, Fuhe Wang, Xuechun Lou, Fengqian Wang, Jun Zhong, Jinqiao Du, Jie Tian, Weixin Zhang, Shun Tang*, Shijie Cheng, Yuancheng Cao*.....

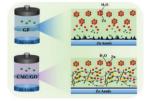
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The formulation of solid-state batteries incorporated the enhancement of ionic conduction and interfacial modulation, thereby providing the valuable insights for optimizing the solvent-free method and performance of solid-state batteries.



Designing carboxymethyl cellulose based hydrogel electrolyte membranes enhanced by inorganic nanoparticle toward stable zinc anode

A strategy of nanoparticles doped hydrogel is proposed for constructing carboxymethyl cellulose/graphite oxide hybrid hydrogel electrolyte membranes with exceptional ionic conductivity, anti-swelling property, and simultaneously addressing the dendrites and parasitic reaction.



Stabilization of active ultrathin amorphous ruthenium oxide via constructing electronically interacted heterostructure for acidic water oxidation

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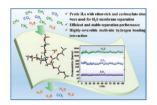
An ultrathin amorphous RuOx-coated catalyst was developed using a MnO₂ nanorod array to create a heterogeneous interface. This structure leverages strong electronic interactions at the interface, inhibiting Ru site overoxidation and dissolution, resulting in a durable amorphous phase electrocatalyst.





Constructing ether-rich and carboxylate hydrogen bonding sites in protic ionic liquids for efficient and simultaneous membrane separation of H₂S and CO₂ from CH₄

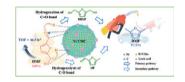
The protic ILs having ether-rich and carboxylate sites were introduced into Pebax matrix for membrane separation of H₂S and CO₂ from CH₄. Owing to the highly reversible multi-site hydrogen bonding interaction between ECPILs and H₂S, efficient and stable separation performance was achieved.



Selective hydrogenation of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural triggered by a high Lewis acidic Ni-based transition metal carbide catalyst

Rulu Huang, Jianchun Jiang*, Jie Liang, Shanyong Wang, Yuwei Chen, Xianhai Zeng*, Kui Wang*....

A high Lewis acidic Ni-based transition metal carbide catalyst has been successfully constructed for selective hydrogenation of HMF to DMF.



Mechanism of Brønsted-acid-promoted self-photosensitized [2+2] cycloaddition for synthesis of high-performance bio-spiral fuel

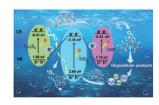
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Brønsted-acid-promoted self-photosensitized [2 + 2] cycloaddition has been developed to obtain the new bio-spiral fuel. This bio-spiral fuel has high density of 0.992 g cm $^{-3}$ and high volumetric NHOC of 41.89 MJ $L^{-1},$ which is a promising high-energy-density fuel for application.



 TiO_2 — Cu_7S_4 modified with a carbazole-based conjugated porous polymer for adsorption and photocatalytic degradation of bisphenol A

In this study, a novel dual S scheme heterojunction Cu₇S₄–TiO₂-conjugated polymer with a donor–acceptor structure is developed and evaluated, which can rapidly synergistically adsorb and photocatalytic degrade bisphenol A.



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Improving electrochemical performance of silicon anode through building "soft-hard" double-layer coating

Xiao Zhu*, Weibo Feng, Yiman Huang.....

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"Soft-hard" double-layer coating strategy has been proposed for ball-milled silicon anodes and provides improved electrochemical performance.

