



Future of Potassium Super Oxide Batteries

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Dear Colleagues,

Lithium and sodium have been significantly used in the energy storage system after the development of energy generation and storage concept. The concept of lithium-oxygen (Li-O₂) and sodium-oxygen (Na-O₂) batteries based on lightweight oxygen (O₂) cathode evolved during the attempts for further improving the battery energy density and reducing the cathode cost without the usage of transition metal element. Though Li-O₂ occupy the major space in the area of research of the alkali metal-O₂ battery system, researchers are working hard within this decade to eliminate the drawbacks of the Li-O₂ battery through the development of potassium (K)-O₂ battery, which was first invented by Dr. Yiyang Wu from the Ohio State University in 2013.

There is a wide room for the study of the K-O₂ battery system with perspectives on the future development of the long-lasting K metal anode, the functional electrolyte, and the porous gas diffusion cathode materials for enhancement of lifespan, energy output and power capability.

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