

# Using batteries to control the current of metals

Do alkali metal batteries need a current collector?

Therefore, strategies covering the host, electrolyte, and/or separator are strongly required to construct a highly stable and recyclable anode for the practical application of alkali metal batteries. In fact, commercially available cathode and anode both require a current collector to load the active materials in different battery systems.

Are advanced current collectors possible for sodium/potassium metal batteries?

Thereafter, the research progress in design of advanced current collectors will be analyzed for sodium/potassium metal batteries, especially the counterparts that do not follow the paradigms established in LMBs. Finally, the major challenges and key perspectives will be discussed for the future development of current collectors in AMBs.

Why are current collectors important in lithium batteries?

The surface/interface of current collectors in lithium batteries is gradually becoming one of the key factors to improve the overall performance. The thickness, material composition, surface morphology, and intrinsic properties of current collectors are crucial for understanding chemo-mechanical changes during electrochemical reactions.

How does metal nucleation and growth affect a battery?

Metal nucleation and growth in batteries depends on the diffusion of ions through the electrolyte. Highly ionically conductive electrolytes will allow rapid and even diffusion to the electrode (promoting uniform nucleation and growth as illustrated in Figure 16c).

How does a metal battery decompose?

The electrolyte in a metal battery decomposes upon exposure to Li or Na and under the applied potential, forming the solid electrolyte interphase (SEI).<sup>12,126</sup> The SEI is critical in shielding the remaining metal from the electrolyte and therefore has a major influence on cell lifespan.

How do alkali metal atoms affect a battery?

Alkali metal atoms tend to aggregate on planar metal surfaces or planar current collectors during the nucleation, and some metal atoms might grow into dendrites, which may result in short circuits and even the explosion of the battery.

Bioleaching of metals from spent lithium ion secondary batteries using *Acidithiobacillus ferrooxidans*. *Waste Manag.* 28, 333-338. doi: 10.1016/j.wasman.2007.01.010 [CrossRef Full Text](#) | [Google Scholar](#)

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used the four types of metal porphyrins as cathode materials ...

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The rapidly increasing production of lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) and their limited service time increases the number of spent LIBs, eventually causing serious environmental issues and resource wastage. From the perspectives of clean production and the development of the LIB industry, the effective recovery and recycling of spent LIBs require urgent solutions. This study ...

Metal-cathode battery is a novel battery system where low-cost, abundant metals with high electrode potential can be used as the positive electrode material. Recent progresses with emphases on the cathode, anode, ...

An appropriate design of current collector in alkali metal batteries could enable smooth electron conduction, lowered localized current density, and homogenized distribution of alkali metal ion flux, thus leading to uniform alkali metal nucleation and growth without any dendrite formation. Normally, the commercially available planar metal ...

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Ultrasound-assisted extraction of metals from Lithium-ion batteries using natural organic acids+. Xiong Xiao a, Billy W. Hoogendoorn a, Yiqian Ma b, Suchithra Ashoka Sahadevan c, James M. Gardner c, Kerstin

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In metal batteries, rather than intercalating into a host material (e.g. graphite in LIBs), the metal cations are reduced directly on the anode surface forming metallic nuclei (see Figure 1). In CMBs, a piece of metallic foil (e.g. Na or Li) is used as the anode and during charging additional metal nucleates on the surface.

The current recycling rate of spent LiBs is &lt; 5% [9].Moreover, the irresponsible disposal of battery waste through landfilling and incineration can harm the environment and human health, as 4000 tons of spent LiBs contain approximately 1,100 tons of heavy metals and over 200 tons of toxic electrolytes [8], [10].Thus, protecting the environment and sustainable ...

But batteries do not grow on trees--the raw materials for them, known as "battery metals", have to be mined and refined. The above graphic uses data from BloombergNEF to rank the top 25 countries producing the raw materials for Li-ion batteries. Battery Metals: The Critical Raw Materials for EV Batteries

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