

Can microfluidics improve battery performance?

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What is a microfluidic paper-based fuel cell?

A microfluidic paper-based fuel cell developed by Esquivel et al. was capable of generating power densities in the range of 1-5 mW cm<sup>-2</sup>.<sup>13</sup> The device consists of a conjugated pad to store an electrolyte and a fuel, and integrated electrodes. The fuel cell is operated by simply soaking the sample pad in water.

What is a miniaturized microfluidic battery?

A miniaturized microfluidic battery is proposed, which is the first membraneless redox battery demonstrated to date. This unique concept capitalizes on dual-pass flow-through porous electrodes combined with stratified, co-laminar flow to generate electrical power on-chip.

Are microfluidic batteries a promising platform?

In line with this, microfluidic technologies offered a promising platform for batteries due to their high surface-to-volume ratio, in-chip integration capability, and well-developed manufacturing procedures that can bring down material costs. [26]

What metrics are used to evaluate microfluidic batteries?

Commonly used metrics to evaluate the performance of microfluidic batteries include the open-circuit potential, current density, energy density, and power density, whereby the last three metrics are normalized to the cross-sectional area.

In this chapter, the application of microfluidics in membraneless fuel cells is addressed in terms of evolution of cell designs of miniaturized microfluidic fuel cells as a result of new discoveries in microfabrication technology and the use of several fuels and electrocatalysts for specific and selective applications.

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A microfluidic fuel cell is defined as a fuel cell with fluid delivery and removal, reaction sites and electrode structures all confined to a microfluidic channel. Microfluidic fuel cells typically operate in a co-laminar flow configuration without a physical barrier, such as a membrane, to separate the anode and the cathode. This ...

Although the two channels of the DR-Al-air battery can deliver more electrolyte than the one channel of the SR-Al-air battery at the same time, the flow rate (about  $37.7 \text{ uL min}^{-1}$ , Fig. S4) in the single channel of the DR-Al-air battery is smaller than that (about  $82.7 \text{ uL min}^{-1}$ , Fig. S4) of the SR-Al-air battery. The detailed flow rate measurements are shown in ...

Inspired by plant transpiration, this work presents a novel wood-based microfluidic Al-air battery (uAAB) configuration driven by a photothermal evaporator ...

Microfluidic fuel cells and batteries represent a special type of electrochemical power generators that can be miniaturized and integrated in a microfluidic chip. Summarizing the initial ten years of research and development in this emerging field, this SpringerBrief is the first book dedicated to microfluidic fuel cell and battery technology ...

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For this review, we utilize the latter definition, where microfluidic channels range from 1-1000  $\mu\text{m}$  in width or height. Microfluidic devices are fabricated in a host of ways, with a large variety of materials. Indeed, device material can affect flow, absorptivity, biocompatibility, and function of microfluidic components. Common

materials for microfluidics include rigid polymers ...

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