

Are multifunctional energy storage composites a novel form of structurally-integrated batteries?

Conclusions In this paper, we introduced multifunctional energy storage composites (MESCs), a novel form of structurally-integrated batteries fabricated in a unique material vertical integration process.

What is multifunctional energy storage composite (MESC)?

Multifunctional energy storage composites (MESC) embed battery layers in structures. Interlocking rivets anchor battery layers which contribute to mechanical performance. Experimental testing of MESC shows comparable electrochemical behavior to baseline. At 60% packing efficiency, MESC gain 15% mechanical rigidity compared to pouch cells.

Can structurally-integrated batteries be used as energy storage units?

System-level opportunities arise through multifunctional design of structurally-integrated batteries that can simultaneously serve as vehicle structural members and energy storage units? [7,8]. Fig. 2. A-D) Mechanical comparison between MESC and typical Li-ion pouch cell.

Can a solar transpiration-powered lithium extraction and storage device extract and store lithium?

Inspired by nature's ability to selectively extract species in transpiration, we report a solar transpiration-powered lithium extraction and storage (STLES) device that can extract and store lithium from brines using natural sunlight.

Why is a lithium storage layer important?

The lithium storage layer in STLES is essential for (i) the delivery of water and pressure between the evaporator and membrane, (ii) mechanical support, and (iii) storage of extracted lithium salts. To ensure stable lithium extraction, the storage layer needs to resist both cavitation and embolism.

Can MESC structural batteries be used as energy-storing structural components?

The rivets' ability to suppress both cyclic strain and deformation due to mechanical fatigue confirm the feasibility of practical implementation of the MESC structural battery as an energy-storing structural component.



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