

# The development of flexible energy storage

Why do we need flexible energy storage devices?

To achieve complete and independent wearable devices, it is vital to develop flexible energy storage devices. New-generation flexible electronic devices require flexible and reliable power sources with high energy density, long cycle life, excellent rate capability, and compatible electrolytes and separators.

What is the research focus of flexible energy storage devices?

(2) Currently, the research focus in the field of flexible energy storage devices primarily lies in the development of novel electrode materials, often overlooking other crucial components such as electrolytes, separators, and current collectors.

Do flexible energy storage devices integrate mechanical and electrochemical performance?

However, the existing types of flexible energy storage devices encounter challenges in effectively integrating mechanical and electrochemical performances.

What are flexible energy storage devices (FESDs)?

Consequently, there is an urgent demand for flexible energy storage devices (FESDs) to cater to the energy storage needs of various forms of flexible products. FESDs can be classified into three categories based on spatial dimension, all of which share the features of excellent electrochemical performance, reliable safety, and superb flexibility.

Are flexible wearable supercapacitors the future of energy storage?

In recent years, flexible wearable supercapacitors have emerged as a new research trend [2, 3], making supercapacitors the most promising energy-storage devices. Currently, flexible wearable technology is rapidly developing, and numerous flexible wearable devices have emerged, enriching people's daily lives and improving work efficiency.

Can flexible/stretchable energy storage devices be used as power sources?

The development of integratable and wearable electronics has spurred the emergence of flexible/stretchable energy storage devices, which affords great potential for serving as power sources for practical wearable devices, such as e-skin, epidermal sensors, individualized health monitors and human-machine interfaces.

A flexible battery is one of the earliest reported soft batteries, which has more than 100 years' history [28]. Now, many different kinds of flexible batteries have been developed, including flexible alkaline batteries, flexible polymer based batteries, flexible lithium-metal batteries, and flexible rechargeable lithium ion batteries [[40], [41], [42]].

These results suggest that hybrid paper is a promising electrode material and may be useful for the development of flexible, high-performance, and hand-held energy storage devices. Chen et al. [83] fabricated

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nanostructured rGO/cellulose paper as a flexible substrate using a "dipping and drying" process. The nanostructured hybrid paper ...

Interest in flexible and wearable electronics has surged in the past several years. The development of these electronics critically demands flexible and wearable energy storage devices (ESDs) that possess both high energy and power density and superior flexibility and durability to power various wearable systems. <sup>1</sup> Thus, extensive efforts have been devoted to ...

Then the development of inkjet-printed flexible electrochemical energy storage devices in recent years is focused on from the perspective of electrode materials. Next, the application of inkjet-printed flexible energy storage devices in self-powered electronic systems is briefly introduced.

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It has subsequently attracted the attention of a wide range of researchers and scholars, and has shown great potential in flexible wearable devices, consumer electronics and static energy storage, providing new ideas for the development of safe rechargeable flexible batteries [13]. Much of the current research on flexible zinc-ion batteries ...

To meet the rapid development of flexible, portable, and wearable electronic devices, extensive efforts have been devoted to develop matchable energy storage and conversion systems as power sources, such as flexible lithium-ion ...

SYSCs can be seamlessly integrated into smart textiles, providing flexible energy storage solutions for wearable devices. They can power sensors, LEDs, and small electronic components embedded in clothing. The lightweight and compact nature of SYSCs makes them ideal for flexible and portable electronic gadgets, offering a practical alternative ...

Flexible energy storage devices based on CNTs are important research directions in the field of energy

storage. ... However, the development of flexible Na-Se batteries is hindered by the issue of the dissolution of polyselenides and significant volume expansion (428%) [114]. Various methods have been employed to solve the problem of rapid ...

Currently, many excellent reviews discussing specific energy storage systems for wearable devices have been reported. Though the as-reported reviews provide up to date development of each energy device, a comprehensive review article covering the progress on energy storage systems including both batteries and supercapacitors is still necessary for next ...

a Schematic design of a simple flexible wearable device along with the integrated energy harvesting and storage system.b Power density and power output of flexible OPV cells and modules under ...

Flexible electrodes have attracted significant interest in the development of different electrochemical systems, especially in energy storage devices development. In this context, flexible supercapacitors are attracting ...

[6-8] However, their performances are still not sufficient to meet the fast-growing demands of large-scale energy storage applications. Moreover, next-generation wearable and portable devices that also require energy storage components ...

The latest development on the integration of flexible energy storage devices into wearable bioelectronics is introduced in this review. The technology on material engineering and flexible device fabrication attract tremendous research interests, reflecting the urgent demand for flexible energy devices with desirable characteristics to power ...

To create an energy storage and harvesting system, the flexible lithium ion battery was combined with a flexible amorphous silicon PV module having similar dimensions and compatible voltage.

Flexible and wearable electronics have the potential to revolutionize future products by allowing for bending, twisting, and stretching without losing functionality. As an ...

Flexible energy storage devices have received much attention owing to their promising applications in rising wearable electronics. By virtue of their high designability, light weight, low cost, high stability, and mechanical flexibility, polymer materials have been widely used for realizing high electrochemical performance and excellent flexibility of energy storage ...

Energy harvesting and storage at extreme temperatures are significant challenges for flexible wearable devices. This study innovatively developed a dynamic-bond-cross-linked spinnable azopolymer-based smart ...

This work represents a significant advancement in the development of flexible energy storage devices with enhanced capacitance, energy density, and mechanical stability. Hence, carbon nanotubes serve as a key

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component in the development of flexible micro-supercapacitors, enabling the construction of compact, flexible, and high-performance ...

With the growing market of wearable devices for smart sensing and personalized healthcare applications, energy storage devices that ensure stable power supply and can be constructed in flexible platforms have ...

The development of energy storage technologies dates back to the mid-18th century when the first fuel cell was discovered by William Robert Grove in 1839, which utilized oxygen, hydrogen, and an electrolyte to produce electricity. ... The advancement of flexible batteries depends on the development of deformable electrode materials and ...

Flexible and stretchable electronics have experienced a boom in development during the past decade due to promising applications in next generation portable electronics [1], [2], [3], [4]. After integration into wearable electronics or artificial skin, a series of promising applications can be achieved, such as continuous health monitoring [5], [6], motion records [7] ...

[12, 13] Compared to the conventional energy storage materials (such as carbon-based materials, conducting polymers, metal oxides, MXene, etc.), nanocellulose is commonly integrated with other electrochemically active materials or ...

The development of flexible potassium ion-based energy storage devices (PESDs) carries tremendous potential, primarily due to the high energy density they offer and the abundant availability of potassium resources. However, realizing PESDs that combine excellent stability, safety, and high electrochemical performance continues to be a ...

In this review, we will summarize the introduction of biopolymers for portable power sources as components to provide sustainable as well as flexible substrates, a scaffold of current collectors, electrode binders, gel electrolyte ...

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Compared to conventional electrochemical batteries, flexible batteries using hydrogels as the electrolyte

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matrix exhibit excellent energy storage performance and greater flexibility, which is crucial for the development of self-powered wearable electronic devices [76]. With the increasing demand for wearable electronic devices, researchers are ...

In recent years, flexible electronic devices with good ductility and deformation resistance have attracted great attention and made great progress in personal healthcare, wearable energy storage, smart electronic skin (e-skin), and human-computer interaction (HCI). 1,2 The development of flexible electrodes has provided a great boost to the ...

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