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Development and application of high-performance ion conducting membrane for vanadium flow battery

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Vanadium flow batteries (VFBs) have become one of the most promising technologies for large-scale energy storage applications due to their attractive features of high safety, high performance-price ratio in life cycle and environmental friendliness. Currently, VFBs are at the stage of demonstration, and the practicability and reliability of VFBs in large-scale energy storage applications were verified by numerous demonstrations. To promote the wide application of VFBs, the cost reduction is extremely important. Concerning the above issue, on the one side, it is in need to develop the high-performance ion conducting membrane and electrolyte. This report will focus on the latest progress of high-performance porous non-perfluorinated ion conducting membrane for application on vanadium flow battery.

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