Lithium air battery vs lithium ion battery

According to a paper co-authored by Viswanathan in Nature, batteries with 300 to 400 Wh/kg -- at the upper limits of what lithium-ion batteries can provide -- could power advanced air mobility aircraft for intracity travel.

In the lithium-air battery systems, while lessons can be learned from Li-ion rechargeable batteries, Li anode stability needs to be reassessed under different gaseous environments, solvents, salts, and electrolyte additives. Next, we review the (electro)chemical reactions among Li metal, different air constituents, and typical solvents used ...

A lithium-air battery combines oxygen from the air with lithium present in the anode. The mix produces lithium peroxide during the discharge phase - and a breakdown of lithium and oxygen components in the charge phase.

The main difference lies in their chemistry; lithium-ion batteries use lithium ions between the anode and cathode, while lithium-air batteries utilize oxygen from the air, potentially offering higher energy density.

New safer battery, tested for a thousand cycles in a test cell, can store far more energy than today"s common lithium-ion batteries. Schematic shows lithium-air battery cell consisting of lithium metal anode, air-based cathode, and solid ceramic polymer electrolyte (CPE).

Lithium-air batteries could--in theory--meet that challenge, but while they are far lighter than their lithium-ion cousins, they are not nearly as efficient. MIT researchers have now demonstrated significant gains on that front.

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