Supplementary Information

Stabilizing Surface of Ni-Rich Cathode via Facing-Target

Sputtering for High-Performance Lithium-Ion Batteries

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