

Iron-cadmium liquid flow battery energy storage





Overview

Can iron-based aqueous flow batteries be used for grid energy storage?

A new iron-based aqueous flow battery shows promise for grid energy storage applications. A commonplace chemical used in water treatment facilities has been repurposed for large-scale energy storage in a new battery design by researchers at the Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Are iron-based aqueous redox flow batteries the future of energy storage?

The rapid advancement of flow batteries offers a promising pathway to addressing global energy and environmental challenges. Among them, iron-based aqueous redox flow batteries (ARFBs) are a compelling choice for future energy storage systems due to their excellent safety, cost-effectiveness and scalability.

What is an iron flow battery?

In the 1970s, scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) developed the first iron flow batteries using an iron/chromium system for photovoltaic applications. Over the next decade, these unique systems, which combine charged iron with an aqueous liquid energy carrier, were improved upon for large-scale energy storage.

Are iron-based batteries a good choice for energy storage?

For comparison, previous studies of similar iron-based batteries reported degradation of the charge capacity two orders of magnitude higher, over fewer charging cycles. Iron-based flow batteries designed for large-scale energy storage have been around since the 1980s, and some are now commercially available.



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