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Zinc Liquid Flow Energy Storage Power Station

Overview

Are zinc-based flow batteries good for distributed energy storage?

Among the above-mentioned flow batteries, the zinc-based flow batteries that leverage the plating-stripping process of the zinc redox couples in the anode are very promising for distributed energy storage because of their attractive features of high safety, high energy density, and low cost .

What is a zinc-based flow battery?

The history of zinc-based flow batteries is longer than that of the vanadium flow battery but has only a handful of demonstration systems. The currently available demo and application for zinc-based flow batteries are zinc-bromine flow batteries, alkaline zinc-iron flow batteries, and alkaline zinc-nickel flow batteries.

How much does a zinc flow battery cost?

In addition to the energy density, the low cost of zinc-based flow batteries and electrolyte cost in particular provides them a very competitive capital cost. Taking the zinc-iron flow battery as an example, a capital cost of $95 per kWh can be achieved based on a 0.1 MW/0.8 MWh system that works at the current density of 100 mA cm-2 .

How efficient is a kW-class zinc-iodine flow battery?

For instance, integrating refreshing electrolyte chemistry, a kW-class zinc-iodine flow battery cell stack was assembled and delivered an energy efficiency of ~80% at 80 mA cm-2 (~53 mAh cm -2) for >300 cycles .

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