

Zinc-Aluminum Flow Battery





Overview

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.

Are zinc-based flow batteries suitable for large-scale energy storage?

Zinc-based flow batteries (Zn-FBs) are promising candidates for large-scale energy storage because of their intrinsic safety and high energy density.

What are zinc-bromine flow batteries?

Among the above-mentioned zinc-based flow batteries, the zinc-bromine flow batteries are one of the few batteries in which the anolyte and catholyte are completely consistent. This avoids the cross-contamination of the electrolyte and makes the regeneration of electrolytes simple.

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.



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