

Application of zinc-based 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 stationary energy storage applications?

Keywords: advanced materials; electrochemistry; energy storage; zinc dendrite and accumulation; zinc-based flow battery. © 2019 WILEY-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA, Weinheim. Zinc-based flow batteries (ZFBs) are well suitable for stationary energy storage applications because of their high energy density and low-cost advantages.

What are the advantages of zinc-based flow batteries?

Benefiting from the uniform zinc plating and materials optimization, the areal capacity of zinc-based flow batteries has been remarkably improved, e.g., 435 mAh cm⁻² for a single alkaline zinc-iron flow battery, 240 mAh cm⁻² for an alkaline zinc-iron flow battery cell stack, 240 mAh cm⁻² for a single zinc-iodine flow battery.

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.



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