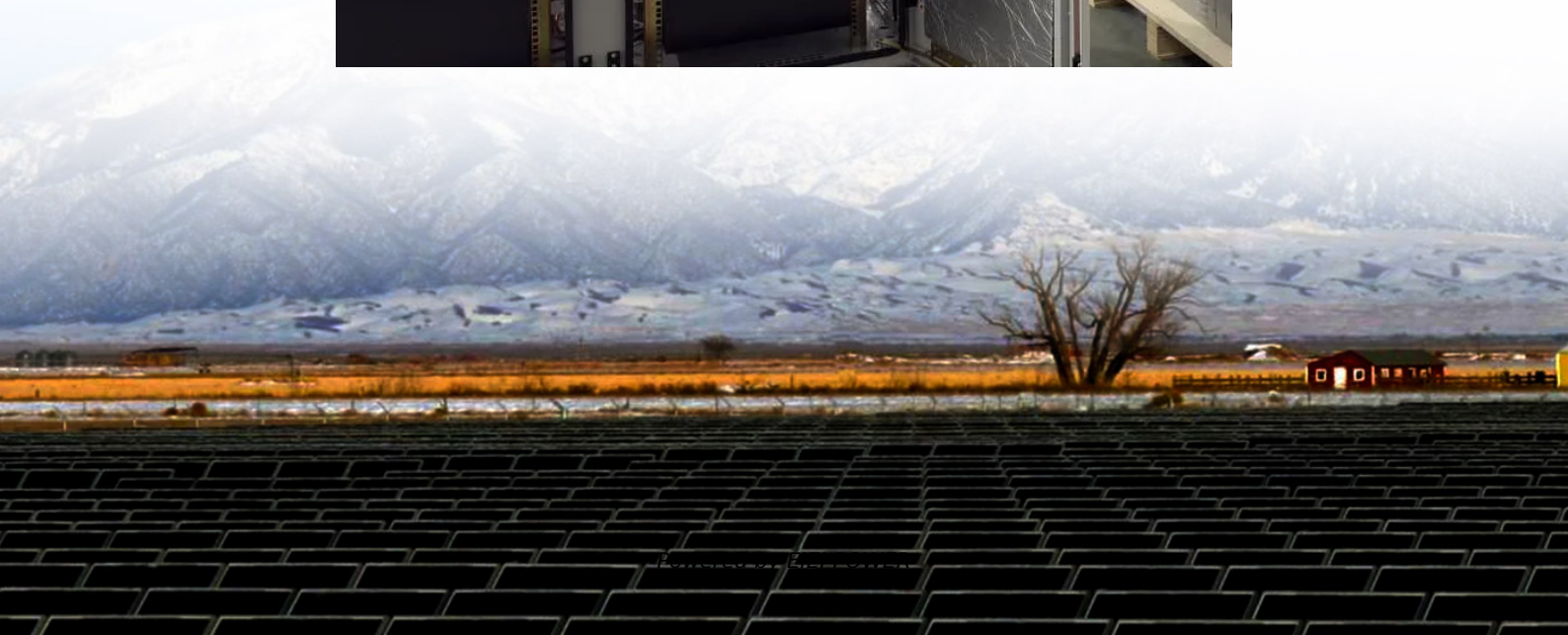


Conversion efficiency of zinc-iron flow battery





Overview

Are zinc-based flow batteries good for grid-scale energy storage?

Zinc-based flow batteries have attracted tremendous attention owing to their outstanding advantages of high theoretical gravimetric capacity, low electrochemical potential, rich abundance, and low cost of metallic zinc. Among which, zinc-iron (Zn/Fe) flow batteries show great promise for grid-scale energy storage.

How effective is a zinc-iron flow battery?

Early experimental results on the zinc-iron flow battery indicate a promising round-trip efficiency of 75% and robust performance (over 200 cycles in laboratory). Even more promising is the all-iron FB, with different pilot systems already in operation.

Can zinc-iron chloride flow batteries be used in grid-scale energy storage?

This enables the use of mixed Zn-Fe electrolytes and microporous separators in place of expensive ion-exchange membranes. Considering the low-cost materials and simple design, zinc-iron chloride flow batteries represent a promising new approach in grid-scale energy storage.

Are neutral zinc-iron flow batteries a good choice?

Neutral zinc-iron flow batteries (ZIFBs) remain attractive due to features of low cost, abundant reserves, and mild operating medium. However, the ZIFBs based on $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}/\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-}$ catholyte suffer from $\text{Zn}_2\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ precipitation due to the Zn^{2+} crossover from the anolyte.



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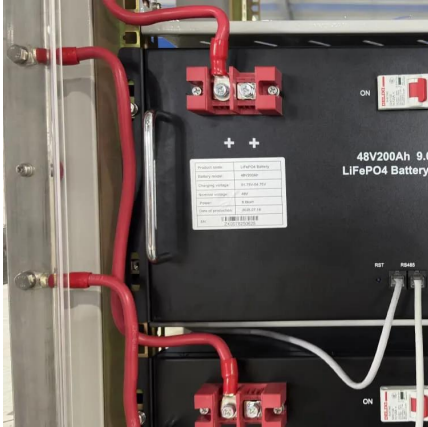
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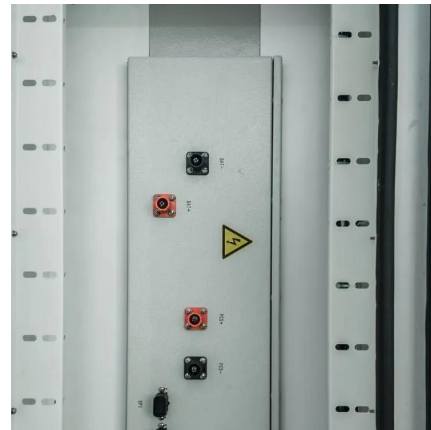
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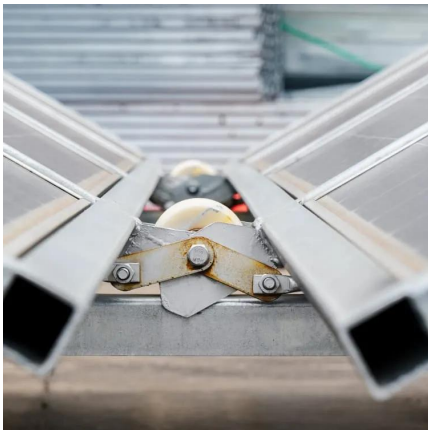
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