

Small flow battery





Overview

What is a flow battery?

Flow batteries get their name from the flow cell where electron exchange happens. Their conventional design, the planar cell, requires bulky flow distributors and gaskets, increasing size and cost but decreasing overall performance. The cell itself is also expensive.

How much does a flow battery cost?

The existing flow battery technologies cost more than \$200/kilowatt hour and are too expensive for practical application, but engineers have now developed a more compact flow battery cell configuration that reduces the size of the cell by 75%, and correspondingly reduces the size and cost of the entire flow battery.

How does a flow battery differ from a conventional battery?

In contrast with conventional batteries, flow batteries store energy in the electrolyte solutions. Therefore, the power and energy ratings are independent, the storage capacity being determined by the quantity of electrolyte used and the power rating determined by the active area of the cell stack.

Can a tiny flow battery save energy?

A tiny flow battery delivers outsized benefits by reducing the time, cost, and resources needed for testing new battery materials. What you'll learn: Flow-style batteries are already demonstrating the potential to dramatically cut the cost of energy storage used to capture the excess output of grid-scale wind and solar plants for later use.



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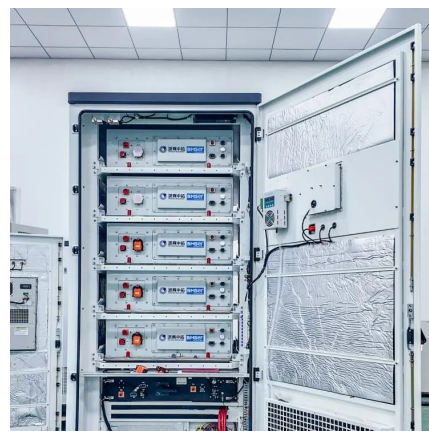
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