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Iron-based liquid flow battery energy storage system

Overview

Researchers at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory have created a new iron flow battery design offering the potential for a safe, scalable renewable energy storage system.What is an iron-based flow battery?

Iron-based flow batteries designed for large-scale energy storage have been around since the 1980s, and some are now commercially available. What makes this battery different is that it stores energy in a unique liquid chemical formula that combines charged iron with a neutral-pH phosphate-based liquid electrolyte, or energy carrier.

Can iron-based aqueous flow batteries be used for grid energy storage?

A new iron-based aqueous flow battery shows promise for grid energy storage applications. A commonplace chemical used in water treatment facilities has been repurposed for large-scale energy storage in a new battery design by researchers at the Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

How do Iron Flow batteries work?

Our iron flow batteries work by circulating liquid electrolytes — made of iron, salt, and water — to charge and discharge electrons, providing up to 12 hours of storage capacity. ESS Tech, Inc. (ESS) has developed, tested, validated, and commercialized iron flow technology since 2011.

Are all-liquid flow batteries suitable for long-term energy storage?

Among the numerous all-liquid flow batteries, all-liquid iron-based flow batteries with iron complexes redox couples serving as active material are appropriate for long duration energy storage because of the low cost of the iron electrolyte and the flexible design of power and capacity.

How much does an all-iron flow battery cost?

Benefiting from the low cost of iron electrolytes, the overall cost of the all-iron

flow battery system can be reached as low as $76.11 per kWh based on a 10 h system with a power of 9.9 kW. This work provides a new option for next-generation cost-effective flow batteries for long duration large scale energy storage.

What is Iron Flow Technology?

Iron flow technology is engineered for flexibility and scale to meet future energy storage demand. ESS Tech, Inc. (NYSE: GWH) is the leading manufacturer of long-duration iron flow energy storage solutions. ESS was established in 2011 with a mission to accelerate decarbonization safely and sustainably through longer lasting energy storage.

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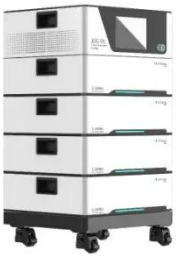

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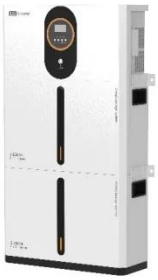

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