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Overview

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What is a vanadium flow battery?

Vanadium flow batteries (VFBs) are a promising alternative to lithium-ion batteries for stationary energy storage projects. Also known as the vanadium redox battery (VRB) or vanadium redox flow battery (VRFB), VFBs are a type of long duration energy storage (LDES) capable of providing from two to more than 10 hours of energy on demand.

Are vanadium flow batteries a viable alternative to lithium-ion batteries?

Lithium-ion batteries have dominated the ESS market to date. However, they have inherent limitations when used for long-duration energy storage, including low recyclability and a reliance on “conflict minerals” such as cobalt. Vanadium flow batteries (VFBs) are a promising alternative to lithium-ion batteries for stationary energy storage projects.

What is a redox flow battery?

Although there are many different flow battery chemistries, vanadium redox flow batteries (VRFBs) are the most widely deployed type of flow battery because of decades of research, development, and testing. VRFBs use electrolyte solutions with vanadium ions in four different oxidation states to carry charge as Figure 2 shows.



What is a redox flow battery (VRFB)?

With the cost-effective, long-duration energy storage provided by Stryten's vanadium redox flow battery (VRFB), excess power generated from renewable energy sources can be stored until needed—providing constantly reliable electricity throughout the day and night. Without storage, renewable electricity must be used the moment it is generated.

How long does a vanadium flow battery last?

Vanadium flow batteries “have by far the longest lifetimes” of all batteries and are able to perform over 20,000 charge-and-discharge cycles—equivalent to operating for 15–25 years—with minimal performance decline, said Hope Wikoff, an analyst with the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory.



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