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# The prospects of zinc-iron flow batteries

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 Fe (CN) 6<sup>3-</sup>/Fe (CN) 6<sup>4-</sup> catholyte suffer from Zn<sub>2</sub>Fe (CN)<sub>6</sub> precipitation due to the Zn<sup>2+</sup> crossover from the anolyte.

Why is zinc-iron flow battery a problem?

However, all kinds of zinc-iron flow battery suffer from zinc dendrite and low areal capacity, which hinders its commercial development. Some prospects for developing new electrolyte, electrode, membrane, and battery structures combining experiment and accurate physical models are finally proposed.

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.

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<sup>-2</sup> for a single alkaline zinc-iron flow battery, 240 mAh cm<sup>-2</sup> for an alkaline zinc-iron flow battery cell stack, 240 mAh cm<sup>-2</sup> for a single zinc-iodine flow battery.

Zinc-iron redox flow batteries (ZIRFBs) possess intrinsic safety and stability and have been the research focus of electrochemical energy storage technology due to their low ...

A zinc-iron flow battery cell consists of a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a separator. The positive electrode undergoes the interconversion between ferrous and ...

**ABSTRACT** The rapid advancement of flow batteries offers a promising pathway to addressing global energy and environmental challenges. Among them, iron-based aqueous ...

The decoupling nature of energy and power of redox flow batteries makes them an efficient energy storage solution for sustainable off-grid applications. Recently, aqueous ...

Alkaline zinc-based flow batteries are well suitable for stationary energy storage applications, since they feature the advantages of high safety, high cell voltage and low cost. ...

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Zinc-iron flow batteries (ZIFBs) emerge as promising candidates for large-scale energy storage owing to their abundant raw materials, low cost, and environmental benignity. ...

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A key advancement in the present Zn-Fe hybrid redox flow battery with AEM separator is that no dendrite growth was observed on zinc electrode on repeated charge ...

Neutral zinc-iron flow batteries face five key challenges: Zn dendrite formation, hydrogen evolution reaction, ion crossover, low catholyte solubility, and ion hydrolysis. These ...

The neutral zinc-iron flow battery has attracted more attention due to its mild condition and low cost using a porous membrane. However, all kinds of zinc-iron flow battery suffer from zinc ...

Alkaline zinc-iron flow battery (AZIFB) is promising for stationary energy storage to achieve the extensive application of renewable energies due to its features of high safety, high ...

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