

# Application scenarios of zinc-iron flow batteries

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## Overview

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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  $\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-}$  precipitation due to the  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  crossover from the anolyte.

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  $\text{mAh cm}^{-2}$  for a single alkaline zinc-iron flow battery, 240  $\text{mAh cm}^{-2}$  for an alkaline zinc-iron flow battery cell stack, 240  $\text{mAh cm}^{-2}$  for a single zinc-iodine flow battery.

Why are zinc-iron redox flow batteries difficult to develop?

However, the development of zinc-iron redox flow batteries (RFBs) remains challenging due to severe inherent difficulties such as zinc dendrites, iron (III) hydrolysis, ion-crossover, hydrogen evolution reactions (HER), and expensive membranes which hinder commercialization.

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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 ...

In this perspective, we attempt to provide a comprehensive overview of battery components, cell stacks, and demonstration systems for zinc-based flow batteries. We begin ...

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