

Energy Storage Costs and Vanadium Flow





Overview

As renewable energy adoption accelerates globally, the vanadium flow battery cost per kWh has become a critical metric for utilities and project developers. While lithium-ion dominates short-duration storage, vanadium redox flow batteries (VFBs) are gaining traction for multi-hour applications. Can a vanadium flow battery be used in large-scale energy storage?

Performance optimization and cost reduction of a vanadium flow battery (VFB) system is essential for its commercialization and application in large-scale energy storage. However, developing a VFB stack from lab to industrial scale can take years of experiments due to the influence of complex factors, from key materials to the battery architecture.

Which energy storage technologies are included in the 2020 cost and performance assessment?

The 2020 Cost and Performance Assessment provided installed costs for six energy storage technologies: lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries, lead-acid batteries, vanadium redox flow batteries, pumped storage hydro, compressed-air energy storage, and hydrogen energy storage.

Are VRFBs a major source of new demand for vanadium?

Many vanadium industry stakeholders see VRFBs as a major source of new demand for the metal that has traditionally been used in steel alloys,” states Mikhail Nikomarov, Chairman of the Vanitec Energy Storage Committee (ESC) and CEO of Bushveld Energy.

How fast will vanadium redox flow batteries grow in 2022?

7 July 2022 According to an independent analysis by market intelligence and advisory firm, Guidehouse Insights, global annual deployments of vanadium redox flow batteries (VRFBs) are expected to reach approximately 32.8 GWh per annum by 2031. This represents a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 41% over the forecasted period.



Are recycling and decommissioning included in the cost and performance assessment?

Recycling and decommissioning are included as additional costs for Li-ion, redox flow, and lead-acid technologies. The 2020 Cost and Performance Assessment analyzed energy storage systems from 2 to 10 hours. The 2022 Cost and Performance Assessment analyzes storage system at additional 24- and 100-hour durations.

Is vanadium a critical raw material?

The European Commission identified and formally registered vanadium on the 2017 list of Critical Raw Materials for the European Union, while the United States, Canada and Australia have also listed vanadium as critical to supporting their economies.



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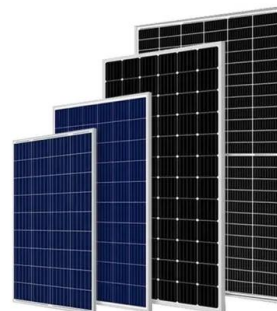
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Lazard's annual levelized cost of storage analysis is a useful source for costs of various energy storage systems, and, in 2018, reported levelized VRFB costs in the range of

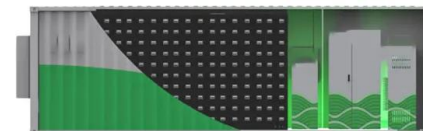
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