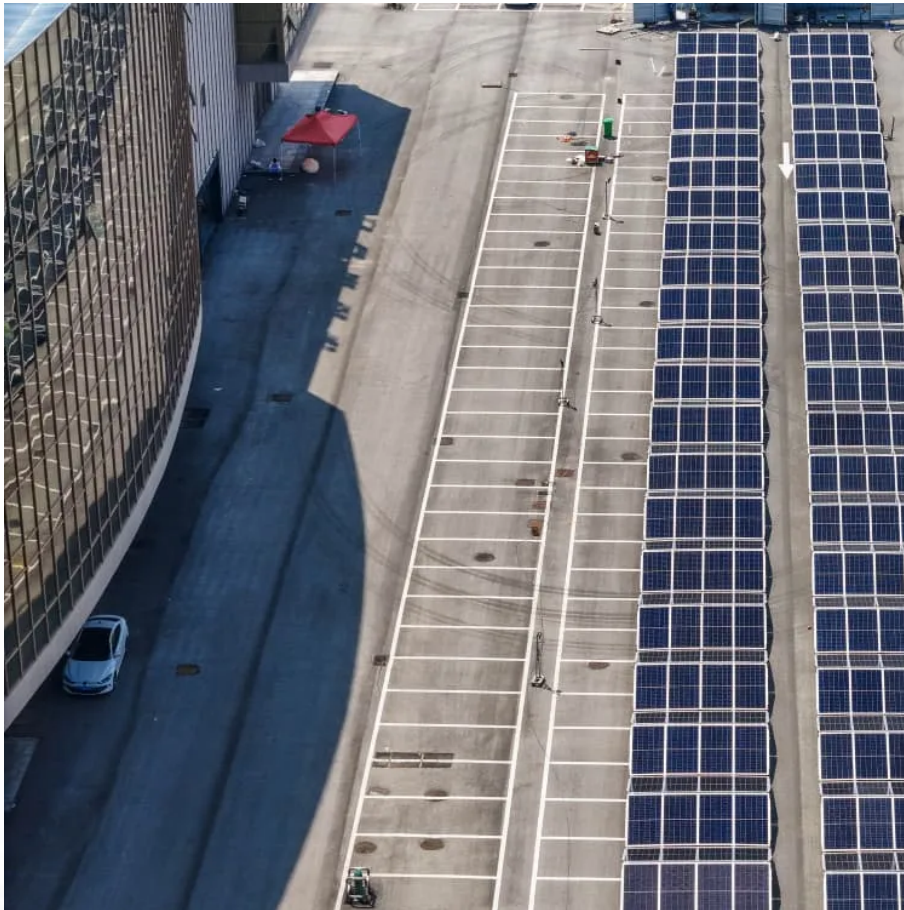


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Iron Network Energy Storage Battery



Overview

Stanford researchers developed a high-voltage iron-based battery cathode that stores more energy using a five-electron redox process, offering sustainable, high-performance lithium-ion batteries for EVs, grid storage, and advanced energy applications. Are iron-based batteries a good choice for energy storage?

For comparison, previous studies of similar iron-based batteries reported degradation of the charge capacity two orders of magnitude higher, over fewer charging cycles. Iron-based flow batteries designed for large-scale energy storage have been around since the 1980s, and some are now commercially available.

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.

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.

Are iron-based aqueous redox flow batteries the future of energy storage?

The rapid advancement of flow batteries offers a promising pathway to addressing global energy and environmental challenges. Among them, iron-based aqueous redox flow batteries (ARFBs) are a compelling choice for future energy storage systems due to their excellent safety, cost-effectiveness and scalability.

How stable is an iron-based battery?

The researchers report in Nature Communications that their lab-scale, iron-based battery exhibited remarkable cycling stability over one thousand consecutive charging cycles, while maintaining 98.7 percent of its maximum capacity.

Are there any iron-based battery systems that have been commercialized?

Early attempts to commercialize iron-based systems, such as the Fe-Cr flow battery originally developed by Thaller, were explored by several companies during the 1980s and early 2000s. Currently, the only iron-based systems approaching commercialization are the all-iron (Fe-Fe) systems developed by companies such as ESS and VoltStorage.

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