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Vanadium flow battery energy storage profitability

20 ft container



40 ft container



Overview

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Vanadium flow batteries are one of the most promising large-scale energy storage technologies due to their long cycle life, high recyclability, and safety credentials. However, they have lower energy density compared to ubiquitous lithium-ion batteries, and their uptake is held back by high upfront cost.

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Are flow batteries the future of energy storage?

“This is to be compared with a break-even point in the net present value of 400€ kWh, which suggests that flow batteries may play a major role in some expanding markets, notably the long duration energy storage,” the researchers stated.

Does reselling vanadium electrolyte preserve its operative value?

In addition, the vanadium electrolyte after regeneration preserves its operative value because it is not affected by cross-contamination and aging effects. However, no market quotations are available at present for vanadium reselling, so that in a prudential analysis it was assumed EOL cost equal to zero, consistently with most literature [13, 23].

Are industrial flow batteries competitive?

Their model considers the present and future competitiveness of industrial flow batteries in operating specific services, which have not yet been developed to an accurate grade, and yields economic performance indicators such as capital costs, operative costs, levelized cost of storage (LCOS), and net present value.

Are VfB batteries profitable for E/P?

The latter figures made VFBS profitable for E/P in the range of 4-10 h. As a final comment, it is worth noting that VFB s are sold for extremely long cycle lives, which extend beyond 20 years of operation, unparalleled by other types of batteries.

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