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The impact of total vanadium in all-vanadium flow batteries

Overview

Are vanadium redox flow batteries viable?

Among these systems, vanadium redox flow batteries (VRFB) have garnered considerable attention due to their promising prospects for widespread utilization. The performance and economic viability of VRFB largely depend on their critical components, including membranes, electrodes, and electrolytes.

What is a Commercial electrolyte for vanadium flow batteries?

Commercial electrolyte for vanadium flow batteries is modified by dilution with sulfuric and phosphoric acid so that series of electrolytes with total vanadium, total sulfate, and phosphate concentrations in the range from 1.4 to 1.7 m, 3.8 to 4.7 m, and 0.05 to 0.1 m, respectively, are prepared.

Who invented all-vanadium redox flow batteries?

Skyllas-Kazacos et al. developed the all-vanadium redox flow batteries (VRFBs) concept in the 1980s . Over the years, the team has conducted in-depth research and experiments on the reaction mechanism and electrode materials of VRFB, which contributed significantly to the development of VRFB going forward , , .

Does a vanadium flow rate optimization improve system efficiency?

The results show that the on-line optimization of the vanadium flow rate incorporated with the EKF estimator can enhance the system efficiency (7.4% increase in state of charge) when the VRFB is operated under the intermittent current density.

Which chemistries expand the voltage range of vanadium?

A series of chemistries based on Zn, Fe, Cu, Br, Cr, Ru, or organic redox active compounds, the redox potentials fo which expand the voltage range of vanadium, have been studied in ILs to leverage the high electrochemical stability of ILs , .

What happens if a battery is contaminated with vanadium?

The cross-contamination of vanadium can cause self-discharge of the battery due to spontaneous disproportionation equilibria between V (V) and V (II) to produce V (III) or V (IV), V (V) and V (III) to produce V (IV), and V (IV) and V (II) to obtain (VIII) as described in Eqs. (4), (5), (6), (7) .

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