

Differences between sodium-sulfur batteries and flow batteries





Overview

In this work, an overview of the different types of batteries used for large-scale electricity storage is carried out. In particular, the current operational large-scale battery energy storage systems around the world.

Which battery energy storage system uses sodium sulfur vs flow batteries?

The analysis has shown that the largest battery energy storage systems use sodium-sulfur batteries, whereas the flow batteries and especially the vanadium redox flow batteries are used for smaller battery energy storage systems.

What is a sodium sulfur battery?

A sodium-sulfur battery is a type of molten metal battery constructed from sodium and sulfur, as illustrated in Fig. 5. This type of battery has a high energy density, high efficiency of charge/discharge (75–86%), long cycle life, and is fabricated from inexpensive materials .

What is a flow battery?

Flow batteries A flow battery is a form of rechargeable battery in which electrolyte containing one or more dissolved electro-active species flows through an electrochemical cell that converts chemical energy directly to electricity.

Are flow batteries better than lithium ion batteries?

Flow batteries have a competitive advantage in terms of cycle life, providing a longer duration of 1000 cycles compared to Lithium-ion batteries, which only offer 500 cycles.



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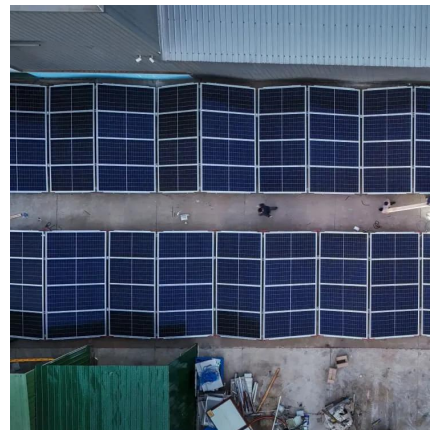


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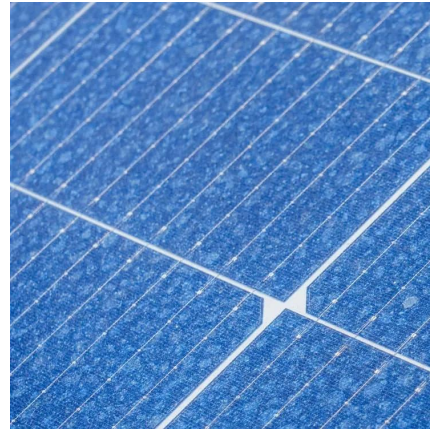
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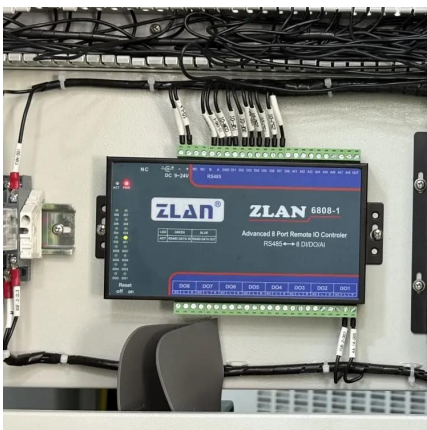


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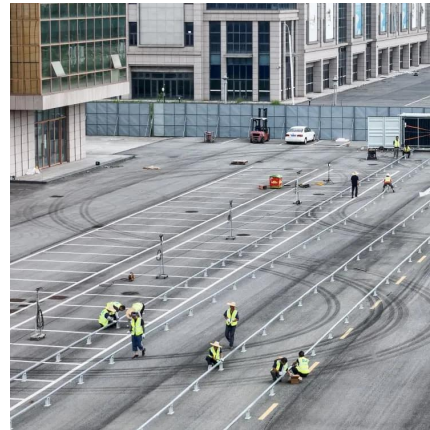
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