

# **Iron-based liquid flow battery electrolyte**





## Overview

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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.

How do Iron Flow batteries work?

Our iron flow batteries work by circulating liquid electrolytes — made of iron, salt, and water — to charge and discharge electrons, providing up to 12 hours of storage capacity. ESS Tech, Inc. (ESS) has developed, tested, validated, and commercialized iron flow technology since 2011.

Why is electrolyte engineering important for all-iron flow batteries?

For all-iron flow batteries, electrolyte engineering is particularly important to mitigate HER, which competes with iron redox reactions. Additionally, optimizing carbon-based electrodes through surface modifications or catalyst coatings can enhance charge transfer efficiency.

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.



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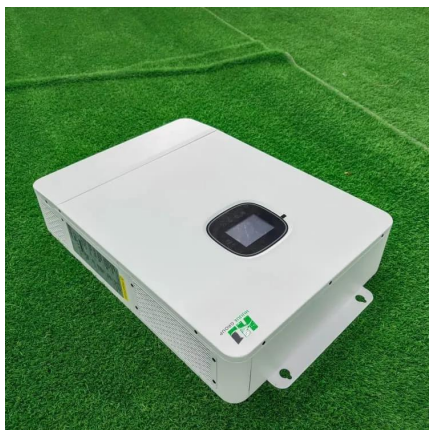


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