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Overview

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What are the components of a flow battery?

Flow batteries comprise two components: Electrochemical cell Conversion between chemical and electrical energy External electrolyte storage tanks Energy storage Source: EPRI K. Webb ESE 471 5 Flow Battery Electrochemical Cell Electrochemical cell Two half-cellsseparated by a proton-exchange membrane(PEM).

What determines the energy storage capacity of a flow battery?

Volume of electrolyte in external tanks determines energy storage capacity Flow batteries can be tailored for an particular application Very fast response times- < 1 msec Time to switch between full-power charge and full-power discharge Typically limited by controls and power electronics Potentially very long discharge times.

What are the characteristics and benefits of flow batteries?

The major characteristic and benefit flow batteries is the decoupling by design of power and energy. Power is determined by the size and number of cells,

energy by the amount of electrolyte. Their low energy density makes flow batteries unsuited for mobile or residential applications, but attractive on industrial and utility scale.

What is the difference between power and capacity of a flow battery?

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