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How do you calculate a flow battery cost per kWh?

It's integral to understanding the long-term value of a solution, including flow batteries. Diving into the specifics, the cost per kWh is calculated by taking the total costs of the battery system (equipment, installation, operation, and maintenance) and dividing it by the total amount of electrical energy it can deliver over its lifetime.

Are flow batteries worth it?

While this might appear steep at first, over time, flow batteries can deliver value due to their longevity and scalability. Operational expenditures (OPEX), on the other hand, are ongoing costs associated with the use of the battery. This includes maintenance, replacement parts, and energy costs for operation.

How much do commercial flow batteries cost?

Existing commercial flow batteries (all-V, Zn-Br and Zn-Fe (CN) 6 batteries; USD\$> 170(kW h) ⁻¹) are still far beyond the DoE target (USD\$100 (kW h) ⁻¹), requiring alternative systems and further improvements for effective market penetration.

What is a flow battery?

At their heart, flow batteries are electrochemical systems that store power in liquid solutions contained within external tanks. This design differs significantly from solid-state batteries, such as lithium-ion variants, where energy is enclosed within the battery unit itself.

Flow battery market size was valued at USD 491.5 million in 2024, is projected to reach USD 1,675.54 million by 2030, at a CAGR of 22.8% from 2025 to 2030.

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