

# The latest breakthrough in flow battery technology

What is a flow battery?

Flow batteries are one of the key pillars of a decarbonization strategy to store energy from renewable energy resources. Their advantage is that they can be built at any scale, from the lab-bench scale, as in the PNNL study, to the size of a city block.

How long does a flow battery last?

The study, published in the journal *Joule*, reveals that the flow battery maintained its capacity for energy storage and release for over a year of constant cycling. A common food and medicine additive has shown it can boost the capacity and longevity of a next-generation flow battery design in a record-setting experiment.

Why are flow batteries so popular?

Flow batteries have the potential for long lifetimes and low costs in part due to their unusual design. In the everyday batteries used in phones and electric vehicles, the materials that store the electric charge are solid coatings on the electrodes.

Can a new flow battery design improve grid energy storage capacity?

A new flow battery design achieves long life and capacity for grid energy storage from renewable fuels. A common food and medicine additive has shown it can boost the capacity and longevity of a next-generation flow battery design in a record-setting experiment.

Where do flow batteries come from?

China and Russia dominate the market for vanadium, the metal that makes flow batteries durable and easy to maintain. "The supply chain for vanadium is extremely precarious," said Kara Rodby, a battery analyst at the investment firm Volta Energy Technologies. Still, flow batteries are making their debut in big real-world projects.

What is PNNL doing with flow batteries?

The work on flow batteries is part of a large program at PNNL to develop and test new technologies for grid-scale energy storage that will be accelerated with the opening of PNNL's Grid Storage Launchpad in 2024. The PNNL research team that developed this new battery design includes researchers with backgrounds in organic and chemical synthesis.

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A novel liquid metal flow battery using a gallium, indium, and zinc alloy (Ga 80 In 10 Zn 10, wt.%) is introduced in an alkaline electrolyte with an air electrode. This system offers ultrafast charging comparable to gasoline refueling (<5 min) as demonstrated in the repeated long-term discharging (123 h) process of 317 mAh capacity at the current density of 10 mA cm ...

A promising technology for performing that task is the flow battery, an electrochemical device that can store hundreds of megawatt-hours of energy -- enough to keep thousands of homes running for many hours on a single charge. Flow batteries have the potential for long lifetimes and low costs in part due to their unusual design. In the ...

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