

What is a membrane-free redox flow battery?

A membrane-free redox flow battery with high energy density is presented. The designed flow battery delivers a capacity retention of 94.5% over 190 cycles. Operando UV-visible and FT-IR spectroscopies are performed to elucidate capacity decay mechanism.

Are membrane-free batteries cyclable?

While membrane-free batteries have been successfully demonstrated in static batteries, membrane-free batteries in authentic flow modes with high energy capacity and high cyclability are rarely reported. Here, we present a biphasic flow battery with high capacity employing organic compound in organic phase and zinc in aqueous phase.

Are membrane-free Zn/phenothiazine batteries based on biphasic electrolytes?

Chai et al. also demonstrated a membrane-free Zn/phenothiazine battery based on biphasic electrolytes. Despite the delicate design, most of the reported membrane-free batteries only operate under static conditions with limited scalability, and the membrane-free flow battery is rarely demonstrated [25,52,56].

Can membrane-free flow batteries be used for energy storage?

The power density of the membrane-free RFBs can be further improved by decreasing the distance between electrodes and increasing the ionic conductivity of electrolytes. This work opens a new avenue of using membrane-free flow batteries for affordable large-scale energy storage.

Are membrane-free batteries based on microfluidic electrolytes suitable for large-scale energy storage?

Laminar flow has been successfully utilized in developing micro-fuel cells, yet these batteries are based on microfluidic electrolytes, which are not suitable for large-scale energy storage. Recently, immiscible electrolyte-enabled membrane-free batteries are proposed [25,,,,,,].

Does C3-PTZ gradually degrade in a membrane-free battery system?

The UV-visible absorption analysis provided evidence that C3-PTZ gradually degrades in this membrane-free battery system. The operando UV-visible spectroscopy demonstrated in this system can be extended to other flow electrochemical systems to help understand a wide range of redox processes.

The electrochemical behavior of a promising hydrogen/bromine redox flow battery is investigated for grid-scale energy-storage application with some of the best redox-flow-battery performance ...

We propose and demonstrate a novel flow battery architecture that replaces traditional ion-exchange membranes with less expensive heterogeneous flow-through porous media. Compared to previous membraneless systems, our prototype exhibits significantly improved power density (0.925 W cm<sup>-2</sup>), maximum current density (3

Cyclable membraneless redox flow batteries based on immiscible liquid electrolytes: demonstration with all-iron redox chemistry. *Electrochim. Acta* (2018) ... This resulted in flow battery with a two-fold increase of power density, high coulombic efficiencies and excellent capacity retention over 100 cycles.

To our knowledge, the only prior report of closed-loop cycling operation of a membraneless cell demonstrated a single cycle at 20% round-trip energy efficiency (using vanadium redox chemistry).<sup>13</sup> The overwhelming majority of membraneless systems utilize co-flowing stream in open channels to separate reactants,<sup>7,11,13,14</sup> yet the 1 results to ...

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Furthermore, to confirm the compatibility of our system and to extend this membrane-less battery to a flow cell, we assembled our triphasic membrane-less RFB in a conventional battery stack and conducted prolonged cycling experiments at a flow rate of 30 mL/min (Fig. 6 e and f, Video S2). The results indicate that the system can operate stably ...

The Cover Feature shows a stack of membraneless micro redox flow batteries (uRFB) with details of the single unit of the stack, the vanadium and organic chemistry involved in the operation of the membraneless uRFB as described by D. Perez-Antolin, A. E. Quintero and co-workers in their Research Article (DOI: 10.1002/batt.202400331), as well as the challenge ...

Preconditioning Operation of Membraneless Vanadium Micro Redox Flow Batteries Beatriz Ora&#225;-Poblete,[a, b] Daniel Perez-Antolin,[a] Ange A. Maurice,[c] Jesus Palma,[d] Erik Kjeang,[e] and Alberto E. Quintero\*[a, c] Development of a Membraneless Vanadium Micro Redox Flow Battery (MVMRFB) with an automated closed-loop control, using

This work presents the first proof-of-concept of a membraneless micro redox flow battery with an automated closed-loop control. Using micro actuators and micro sensors, charge and discharge is achieved in continuous ...

A membrane-less hydrogen bromine laminar flow battery is reported on as a potential high-power density solution that will translate into smaller, inexpensive systems that could revolutionize the fields of large-scale energy storage and portable power systems. In order for the widely discussed benefits of flow batteries for electrochemical energy storage to be ...

This study aimed to scale up a membraneless metal-organic flow battery (1600 cm<sup>2</sup>) using low-cost active materials (zinc and benzoquinone) and to evaluate its performance under various mass ...

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The performance of a membraneless flow battery based on low-cost zinc and organic quinone was herein evaluated using experimental and numerical approaches. Specifically, the use of zinc fiber was shown to yield an average coulombic efficiency of approximately 90% and an average voltage efficiency of approximately 82% over the course of 100 ...

MIT researchers have engineered a new rechargeable flow battery that doesn't rely on expensive membranes to generate and store electricity. The device, they say, may one day enable cheaper, large-scale energy storage. The palm-sized prototype generates three times as much power per square centimeter as other membraneless systems -- a power density ...

Membraneless micro redox flow battery operating with inorganic and organic redox species Page 92 Alberto E. Quintero, Beatriz Ora<sup>2,5</sup>;Poblete, Daniel Perez-Antolin, Alberto Bernaldo de Quir<sup>3</sup>;s, Ange A. Maurice<sup>2</sup>, Mar<sup>2,3,7</sup>;a J. Torres ... Prague, Czechia New Technologies - Research Centre, University of West Bohemia Pilsen, Pilsen, Czechia

A key bottleneck to society's transition to renewable energy is the lack of cost-effective energy storage systems. Hydrogen-bromine redox flow batteries are seen as a promising solution, due to ...

However, only very few studies have reported their use in membraneless redox flow batteries (RFBs) for the storage of renewable energy 1, 2. The concept of membraneless redox-flow batteries was first reported by Ferrigno et al. 3 in 2002, with the development of a millimeter-scale redox fuel cell based on the vanadium aqueous electrolyte solutions.

Membraneless micro redox flow batteries are an incipient technology that has been shown to extend some properties of traditional redox flow batteries. Due to their microfluidic scale and the absence of membrane, the fluid dynamics operation is critical in the electrical response. In this work, an electrical model is established to evaluate the influence on three battery performance ...

Here, we present a new design of macroscale membraneless redox flow battery capable of recharging and recirculation of the same electrolyte streams for multiple cycles and maintains the advantages of the decoupled power and energy densities. The battery is based on immiscible aqueous anolyte and organic catholyte liquids, which exhibits high ...

System scheme, with reaction cell, tanks, pumps connected to the inlets of the cell, valves at the outlets, and flowmeters and arrows signalling negative and positive electrolyte flows (Q1 to Q4).

This article presents an evaluation of the performance of a membrane-less organic-based flow battery using low-cost active materials, zinc and benzoquinone, which was scaled up to 1600 cm<sup>2</sup>, resulting in one of the largest of its type reported in the literature. The charge-discharge cycling of the battery was compared at different sizes and current densities, ...

nanoporous separators (for reduced crossover) to enable a high performance, cyclable membraneless flow battery. While previous membraneless cells have used flow-through porous electrodes (albeit with flow largely parallel to electric field),<sup>13,18,19</sup> or nanoporous separators,<sup>10,17</sup> no previous system to our knowledge has combined these two concepts.

In this study, a new type of redox flow battery (RFB) named "membrane-less hydrogen-iron RFB" was investigated for the first time. The membrane is a cell component dominating the cost of RFB, and iron is an abundant, inexpensive, and benign material, and thus, this iron RFB without the membrane is expected to provide a solution to the challenging issues ...

The performances obtained outshine previous literature results. The highest energy efficiency ever obtained for a membraneless micro redox flow battery is presented here with alkaline quinone having an efficiency of 28.9 %. The cycling of a membraneless micro redox flow battery is successfully performed for the first time.

As is the case for a membrane-based flow battery, the electrolytes of a membraneless flow battery must be readily reusable. Reusability (  $R$  ) can be defined with reference to electrolyte volume in each half cell: (1) 
$$\text{Reusability ( } R \text{ )} = \frac{\text{Volume of reactant ( s ) recoverable}}{\text{Total volume of reactant ( s ) before first pass}}$$

The membraneless Micro Redox Flow Battery used in this research is based on the one presented by Ora&#225;-Poblete et al. <sup>21</sup> with an improvement of the electrical external contacts. The details of reactor design and microfluidic system are explained in S1 of Supporting Information. For the electrochemical characterization, commercial Vanadium ...

In this thesis, the hydrogen bromine laminar flow battery (HBFLB) is proposed and examined for its potential to provide low cost energy storage using the rapid reaction kinetics of hydrogen-bromine reaction pairs and a membrane-less laminar flow battery architecture. ... {Membraneless hydrogen bromine laminar flow battery for large-scale energy ...

Membranes are a critical component of redox flow batteries (RFBs), and their major purpose is to keep the redox-active species in the two half cells separate and allow the passage of charge-balancing ions. Despite significant performance enhancements in RFB membranes, further developments are still needed that holistically consider conductivity, ...

control due to an integrated flow control system which has been proven critical for the performance of membraneless micro redox flow batteries.[24] Charge-Discharge of Membraneless Vanadium Micro Redox Flow Battery (MVMRFB) A total volume of 400 ul of Vanadium electrolyte was fed in each stream (positive and negative), flowing directly V3 + at the

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The proof-of-concept of a membraneless ionic liquid-based redox flow battery has been demonstrated with an open circuit potential of 0.64 V and with a density current ranging from 0.3 to 0.65 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> for total flow rates of 10 to 20 uL ...

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