

# Redox Flow Battery

— Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) —



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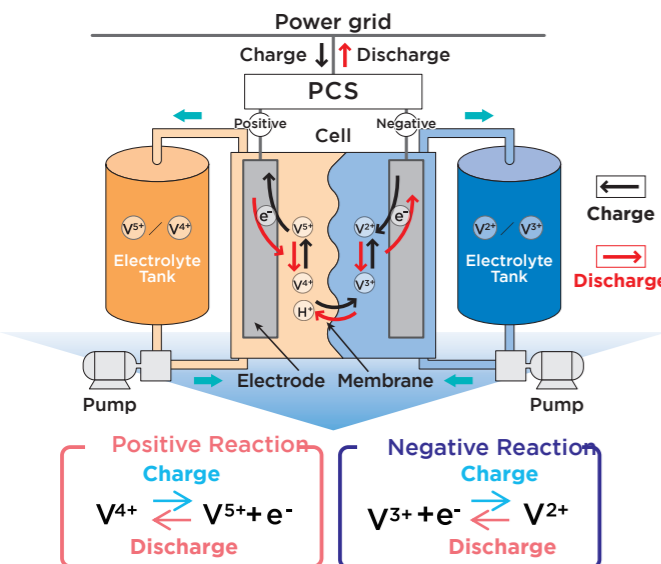


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## Principle

Redox: Reduction/Oxidation of active materials  
Flow: Flowing active materials with pumps from tanks



- The reactions are associated with only the changes in valences of the vanadium ions.
- Because the valence changes do not deteriorate the electrolyte, electrolyte can be used semi-permanently.

## Features

### Long Lifetime

- >20-year design life
- Unlimited charging / discharging cycle
- Significantly low degradation of capacity
- Reusable electrolyte after decommissioning

### Fire Safety

- Non-flammable electrolyte
- No thermal runaway
- Since no hazardous materials are used, administrative permission at the time of installation is easy
- Operable under tough environmental conditions

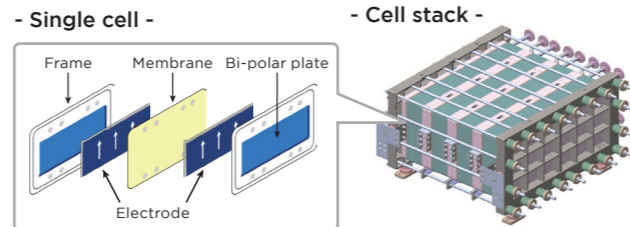
### Easy Operation / Operability

- Available State of Charge (SoC): 0 - 100%
- No unbalanced capacity across the cell stacks
- Accurate & real-time SoC monitoring

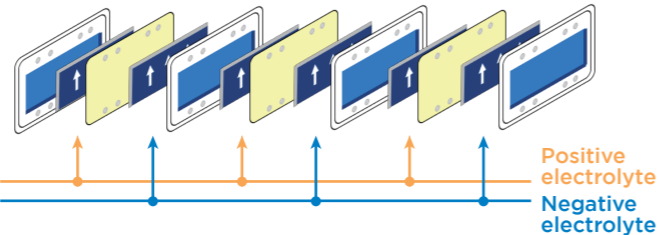


## Configuration

### Single cell & Cell stack



### Cell stacking



cell stack

## Container Type Redox Flow Battery

### Low Life-Cycle Cost

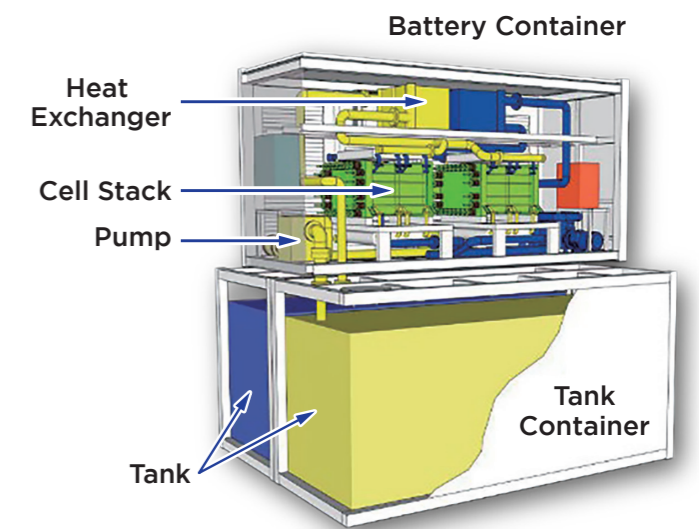
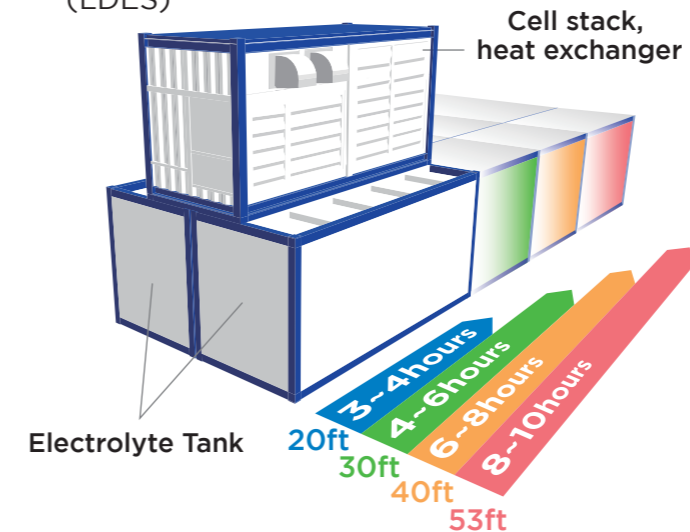
- Low CAPEX per kWh: Lower unit cost (\$/kWh) for longer duration systems
- Low OPEX: No need for replacement of cell stacks or electrolyte
- Significant salvage value: Reusable electrolyte of long duration systems

### Footprint Reduction

- Minimized installation with the two-storey model: the top is battery container and the bottom two are electrolyte tank containers.

### Design Flexibility

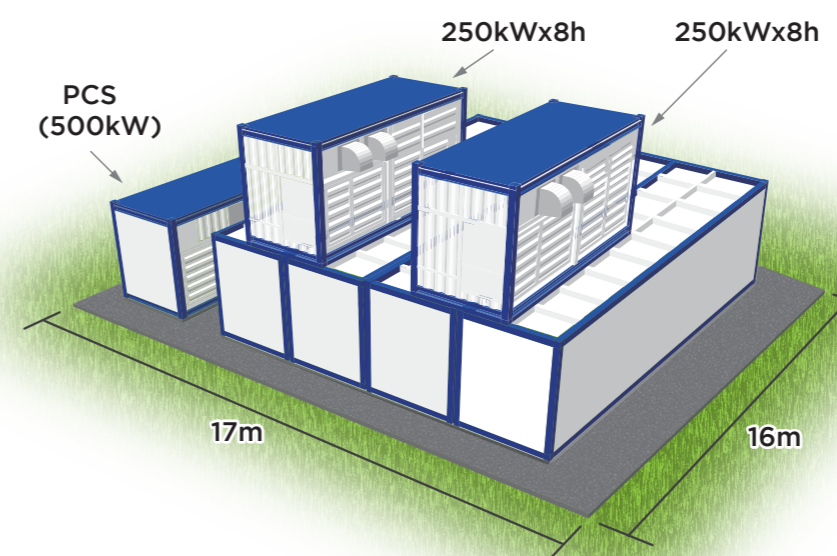
- Separation of power (MW) and energy (MWh)
- Easy to build long duration energy storage (LDES)



Type (hours)	Output	Capacity
20ft (3-4h)	250kW	750kWh-1,000kWh
30ft (4-6h)	250kW	1,000kWh-1,500kWh
40ft (6-8h)	250kW	1,500kWh-2,000kWh
53ft (8-10h)	250kW	2,000kWh-2,500kWh

Capacity (duration) is expandable for more than 10h.

### Example of layout for 500kWx8h (4,000kWh) system



### Sample footprint

Output	Capacity	LxW
1MW	4MWh	15m×17m
1MW	6MWh	21m×17m
1MW	8MWh	27m×17m
10MW	40MWh	85m×27m
10MW	60MWh	103m×27m
10MW	80MWh	131m×27m



# Grid-scale Project for Utility in Japan

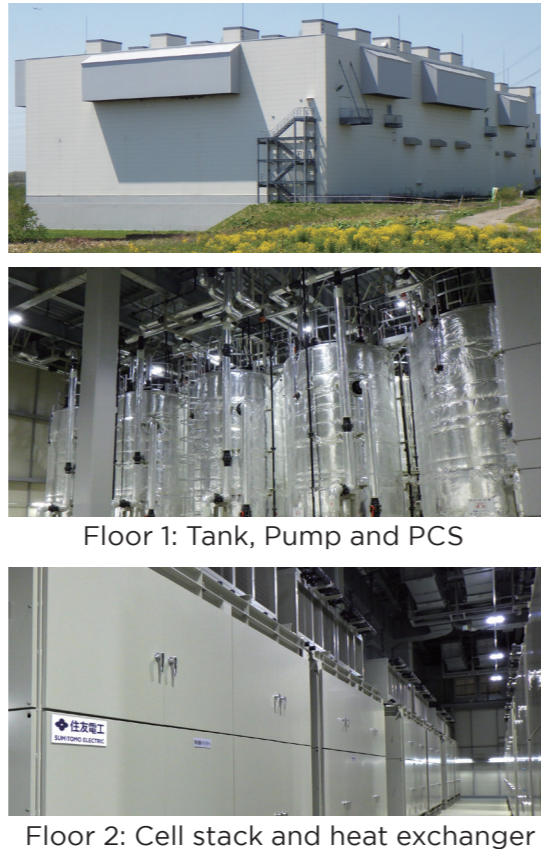
## Hokkaido Electric Power Network Project

- Customer: Hokkaido Electric Power Network, Inc.
- Location: Minami-Hayakita Substation Hokkaido, Japan
- Power and Energy: 17MWx3h (51MWh)
- Application: Enhancing grid control for new 162MW wind turbines (e.g. Frequency regulation, Renewable generation smoothing)
- Operation term: 21 years
- Commencement of Operation: Apr. 2022



## Large Scale Flow Battery Demonstration for Grid Control with Hokkaido Electric Power Network

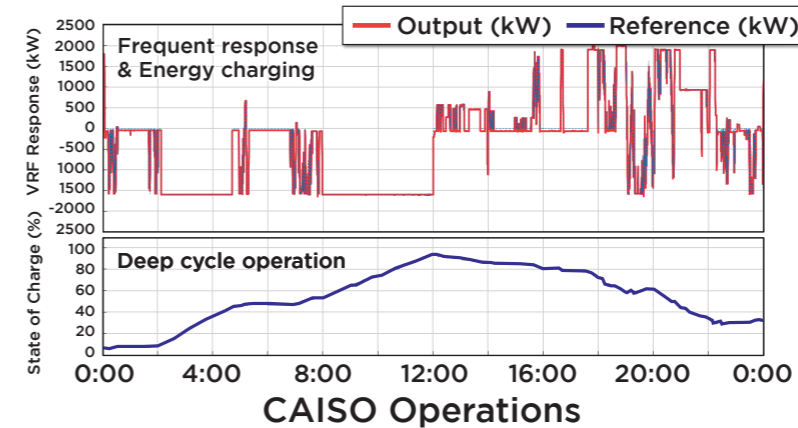
- Customer: Hokkaido Electric Power Network, Inc.
- Location: Minami-Hayakita Substation Hokkaido, Japan
- Power and Energy: 15MWx4h (60MWh)
- Objective: Urgent demonstration project of a large scale power storage system, subsidized by METI (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry).
- Application: Frequency regulation, Renewable generation smoothing
- Demonstration Term: 2013 to 2018
- Commencement of Operation: Dec. 2015 (Commercially operational since 2019)



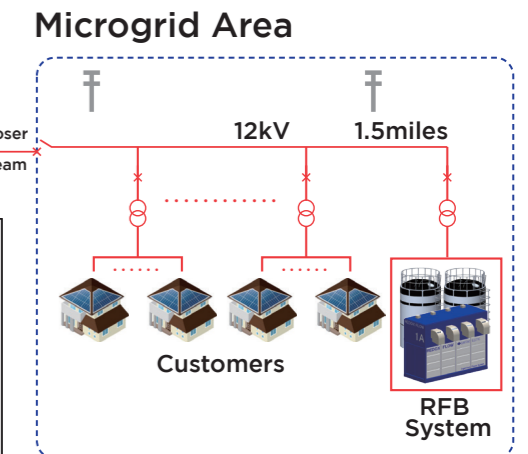
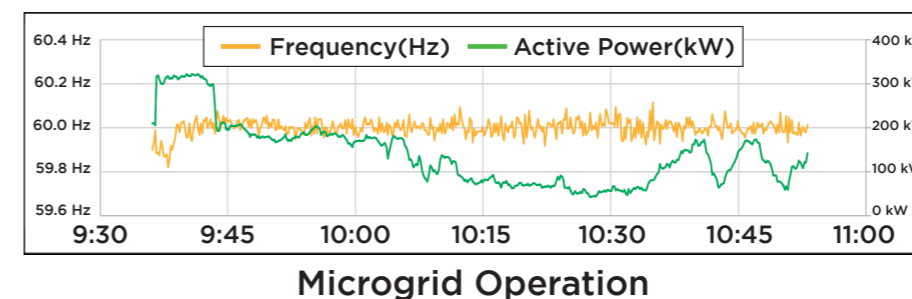
# Grid-scale Project for Utility in US

## Flow Battery Pilot Project for Grid Applications in California (NEDO project)

- Customer: San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)
- Location: San Diego, California, US
- Power and Energy: 2MWx4h (8MWh)
- Application: Multiple uses of electricity market (CAISO) operation, Microgrid, Peak shaving, Renewable firming
- Demonstration Term: 2015 to 2021
- Commencement of Operation: Mar. 2017 (Commercially operational since 2022)
- First Flow Battery in the US with UL certified Cell Stack (UL1973) in 2017
- First Flow Battery operational in the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) markets since 2018
- Market participation in both Energy and Ancillary Services (AS)
- Operation with features of 0-100% Usable SoC, Unlimited Cycle Life



- First Flow Battery engaged in a microgrid operation on actual power distribution line independent of external grids in 2021





# Project in Africa & Europe & Asia

## UNIDO Morocco Project

- Customer: UNIDO / MASEN
- Location: Ouarzazate, Morocco
- Power and Energy: 125kWx4h (500kWh)
- Application: Microgrid, Renewable generation smoothing
- Operation under tough environmental conditions
- Commencement of Operation: Jul. 2019



## John Cockerill Project

- Customer: John Cockerill
- Location: Seraing, Belgium
- Power and Energy: 500kWx3.4h (1,700kWh)
- Application: Microgrid, Peak shaving, Peak cut operation, Demand response
- Commencement of Operation: Oct. 2018



## Taiwan Power Research Institute Project

- Customer: Taiwan Power Research Institute
- Location: Taipei, Taiwan
- Power and Energy: 125kWx6h (750kWh)
- Application: Microgrid, Peak cut operation
- Commencement of Operation: Feb. 2017



# Project in Japan

## NIPPON P.S Project

- Customer: NIPPON P.S CO.,LTD.
- Location: Tsuruga, Fukui, Japan
- Power and Energy: 250kWx3h (750kWh)
- Application: Carbon emissions reduction by effective renewable energy utilization
- Commencement of Operation: Jan. 2023



## Obayashi Corporation Project

- Customer: Obayashi Corporation
- Location: Tokyo, Japan
- Power and Energy: 500kWx6h (3,000kWh)
- Application: Peak reduction, Excess renewable power management
- Commencement of Operation: Jan. 2015



## Yokohama Works Megawatt-class Energy Storage Project

- Yokohama Works, Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.
- Location: Yokohama, Japan
- Power and Energy: 500kWx5h, 250kWx5h, 250kWx5h (5,000kWh)
- Application: Peak cut operation, Factory energy management
- Commencement of Operation: Jun. 2012

