

Flow Battery Structures to Improve Performance/Reduce Manufacturing Cost



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Goal/Objective

Develop, demonstrate and commercialize a versatile, low cost manufacturing process for fabrication of flow battery plate components enabling improved performance and reproducible integration of stack components:

- Versatile \rightarrow applicable to most flow battery systems
 - Materials Ti, Ta, Alloys, SS, carbon/graphite

Low cost manufacturing

- Pattern/feature flexibility for R&D optimization
- Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP) trials
- Volume manufacturing

Low Cost Pattern/Feature Definition





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Initial Activities & Future Work

- Modeling used to identify feature size and shape to enhance the limiting current density while minimizing pumping power for flow batteries
- Experimental work in progress to fabricate plates for performance tests in relevant test systems
- Manufacturing cost assessment for high volume production completed
- Establish design rules for FARADAYIC® ElectroEtching for various metals and surface features
- Manufacturing cost assessment for low volume production

