

# Average VRFB energy storage price per 2MW in Ethiopia

How much does a VRFB cost?

To validate our model outputs, we compare our base case to other LCOS models of VRFBs in the open literature. Lazard's annual levelized cost of storage analysis is a useful source for costs of various energy storage systems, and, in 2018, reported levelized VRFB costs in the range of 293-467 \$/MWh (for mid-scale systems ~10 MWh).

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**\*\*Battery Cost\*\***: The battery is the core component of the energy storage system, and its cost accounts for a significant portion of the total cost. As of 2024, the cost of lithium-ion batteries, which are widely used in energy storage, has been declining. On average, the cost of lithium-ion battery cells can range from \$0.3 to \$0.5 per watt-hour.

Which energy storage technologies are included in the 2020 cost and performance assessment?

The 2020 Cost and Performance Assessment provided installed costs for six energy storage technologies: lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries, lead-acid batteries, vanadium redox flow batteries, pumped storage hydro, compressed-air energy storage, and hydrogen energy storage.

Can a VRFB be rebalanced?

In contrast, VRFBs can be rebalanced to restore lost capacity without additional capital expenditure. Thus, while VRFBs have significantly higher capacity fade rates than state-of-the-art Li-ion batteries, the resilience of the VRFB electrolyte may lead to cost savings over the project lifetime.

Does reducing membrane cost affect VRFB LCoS performance?

While more detailed treatments of membrane performance within the environment of an operating cell as well as the effects of application-specific cycling need to be contemplated, this initial analysis suggests that reducing membrane cost rather than improving selectivity will have a greater effect on VRFB LCOS.

What is a vanadium redox flow battery (VRFB)?

The vanadium redox flow battery (VRFB) is arguably the most well-studied and widely deployed RFB system. At the time of writing, there are approximately 330 MW of VRFBs currently installed around the world with many more systems announced or under development, including a 200 MW/800 MWh plant in Dalian, China [15,16].



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