

## SolarGrid Energy Solutions

# Flow battery failure modes



## Overview

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Based on Figure 1-1, UL 1973 addresses three main failure modes: leakage of tubings, failure of valves and failure of pumps. What are the failure modes?

The probability-severity matrix of the failure modes, depicted in Figure 1-1, shows that the failure modes of highest concern are leakage on tubings, failure of valve, failure of pumps, failure of filters, corrosion of electrodes and bipolar plates and membrane breakdown (gradual and abrupt).

What causes a battery to fail?

These mechanisms may lead to or may be the cause of, certain modes of failure. The mechanical mode of failure appears to be the most perilous one, compromising the battery safety in case of a mishap. In this mode, the battery or the casing undergoes deformation due to external loads that are mostly impulsive in nature.

Does a flow battery system need a mixed electrolyte test?

A flow battery system is not subjected to any further tests if at least one of the following two conditions are met: UL 9540A also requires that the test report state an RFB's compliance with UL 1973. The mixed electrolyte test is most similar to two failure modes in an RFB stack: membrane rupture and electrolyte failure.

What is electric mode of failure?

The electric mode of failure can be observed as an independent event or the outcome of a mechanical mode failure. Again, ISCs are the common outcome of this mode of failure. The major electric signature of ISCs is the rapid drop in battery voltage due to contact between the internal active components of a battery.

What is physics-based battery failure model?

PoF is not the only type of physics-based approach to model battery failure

modes, performance, and degradation process. Other physics-based models have similar issues in development as PoF, and as such they work best with support of empirical data to verify assumptions and tune the results.

Why do lithium-ion batteries fail?

These articles explain the background of Lithium-ion battery systems, key issues concerning the types of failure, and some guidance on how to identify the cause(s) of the failures. Failure can occur for a number of external reasons including physical damage and exposure to external heat, which can lead to thermal runaway.

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### P1679.3/D10.8, Jan 2025

Jan 8, 2025 · Guidance for an objective evaluation of flow batteries by a potential user for any stationary application is provided in this document. IEEE Std 1679(TM)-2020 is to be used in ...

### Diagnostics for Failure Modes in Non-Aqueous Flow Batteries

Sep 1, 2019 · Request PDF , Diagnostics for Failure Modes in Non-Aqueous Flow Batteries , Expansion of promising, non-aqueous flow battery chemistries may increase energy densities, ...

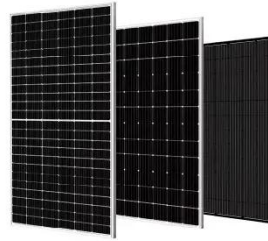


### A risk analysis method for potential failure modes in the

Aug 3, 2025 · At the end of the paper, a case study on risk analysis of potential failure modes in the lithium-ion battery assembly process is presented to verify the practicality and objectivity of ...

## **A flow-rate-aware data-driven model of vanadium redox flow battery**

Dec 25, 2023 · The vanadium redox flow battery (VRB) system involves complex multi-physical and multi-timescale interactions, where the electrolyte flow rate plays a pivotal role in both ...



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## **Battery safety: Fault diagnosis from laboratory to real world**

Apr 1, 2024 · Battery faults represent a broad spectrum of issues that can occur in a battery system, significantly impacting its performance, safety, and longevity. These anomalies, often ...



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## **Failure Mode and Effect Analysis of Automotive ...**

Jul 22, 2017 · Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA) technique is used to identify the potential failure modes, estimates the causes and its effects, and determine what could eliminate or ...



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## **Towards an improved scope for flow battery testing in North ...**

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shows that the failure modes of highest concern are leakage on tubings, failure of valve, failure of pumps, failure of ...



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## Lithium Battery Degradation and Failure ...

Jan 14, 2025 · This paper provides a comprehensive analysis of the lithium battery degradation mechanisms and failure modes. It discusses these issues ...



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## Why Batteries Fail and How to Improve Them: ...

Apr 14, 2021 · To maximise the safety of batteries, the failure modes and rates of all degradation processes must be minimised. This can only be achieved by understanding the fundamental ...

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## Cause and Mitigation of Lithium-Ion Battery ...

Sep 29, 2021 · Lithium-ion batteries (LiBs) are seen as a viable option to

meet the rising demand for energy storage. To meet this requirement, substantial ...



### **Diagnostics for Failure Modes in Non-Aqueous Flow ...**

Overview Redox flow batteries (RFBs) offer a readily scalable solution to grid scale energy storage. The membrane that divides the anolyte and catholyte has been consistently identified ...

### **How batteries go bad: Understanding battery ...**

Jan 8, 2025 · Some failure modes, like sulphation or SEI layer build-up, work slowly and steadily, gradually undermining your battery's performance. Others, ...



## **APPENDIX A**

Jul 22, 2025 · Examples are: circuit breaker fails to close, pump fails to achieve design flow or pressure, control

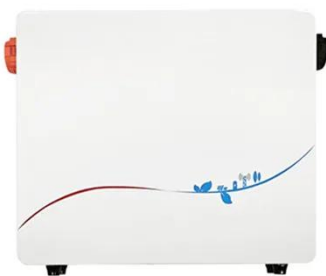
switch failure, and flow-switch failure.  
Examples are: excessive bearing ...



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## EV Battery Failure Modes & Solutions for Safety ...

Mar 6, 2025 · Learn about common EV battery failure modes--cell issues, BMS faults, pack integration errors--and how to mitigate risks for safer and longer ...



## IEEE SA

Dec 5, 2018 · Technology descriptions, operating parameters, failure modes, safety information, battery architecture, and qualification and application considerations are provided in this ...

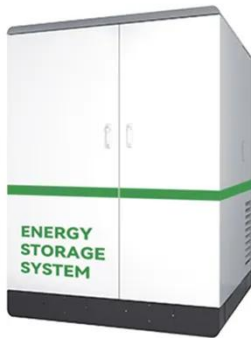
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## Redflow Halts Delivery of Residential Flow Batteries Due to ...

Apr 25, 2017 · Redflow Halts Delivery of Residential Flow Batteries Due to



'Unexpected Product Failure Modes'  
Redflow launched with big plans for the  
Australian home storage market.



## BESS Incidents

Mar 20, 2024 · It is important to understand battery failures and failure mechanisms, and how they are caused or can be triggered. This article discusses common types of Li-ion battery failure ...

## BESS Incidents

Mar 20, 2024 · There are also non-Lithium-ion batteries with different chemical characteristics or mode of operations, such as flow batteries, which have different failure modes and risks.



## Chemical Hazard Assessment of Vanadium Vanadium ...

Potential failure modes are identified with overcharging (or high cell voltages)



in particular presenting potential hazards due to the possible production of toxic gases. Depending on the ...

## GS Yuasa E-Learning Support Documentation

Mar 20, 2019 · Overview: This support documentation has been designed to work in conjunction with the GS Yuasa e-learning course "Battery Failure Modes" and covers of the following ...



## A review of battery failure: classification, mechanisms, ...

Through real-time monitoring of battery voltage, current, temperature, impedance, and other parameters, combined with electrochemical models or data-driven algorithms (such as Kalman ...

## Towards an improved scope for flow battery testing in North ...

Based on Figure 1-1, UL 1973 addresses three main failure modes: leakage of

tubings, failure of valves and failure of pumps. However, the standard does not address corrosion of electrodes ...



## Cause and Mitigation of Lithium-Ion Battery ...

There are numerous ways by which a battery can fail. Analyzing those methodologies at the component level, as well as at the system level, will aid ...

## BESS Frequency of Failure Research Topic

Jan 17, 2024 · There are also non-Lithium-ion batteries with different chemical characteristics or mode of operations, such as flow batteries, which have different failure modes and risks. ...



## Lithium battery failure rate analysis chart

These studies investigated anode side causes for the failure of the ternary

lithium batteries at a given temperature, e.g., at -10 & #176;C 15 or 45 & #176;C 16. It was reported [15] that NCM ...



## Review of batteries reliability in electric vehicle and E ...

Feb 1, 2024 · Several failure modes and their impacts on battery safety and health were investigated [16]. Table 1 provides an overview of the different methods based on several ...



## ESREL-SRA-E2025-P3853-cd

Jun 9, 2025 · In this paper, a comprehensive Failure Mode and Effect Analysis methodology is applied to a BESS with second-life Li-ion batteries to identify failure modes, effects, and causes.

## IEEE-CED Battery Technology Comparison

Mar 11, 2020 · Battery Failure modes  
Two Basic Failure Modes Battery Type A

Fails open circuit Open: No current path



### Diagnostics for Failure Modes in Non-Aqueous Flow ...

Here we measure fundamental membrane materials properties to understand and predict what ion transport mechanisms are responsible for membrane failure in a RFB. TEMPO+ + e- TEMPO ...

### Case studies of operational failures of vanadium redox flow battery

Jan 1, 2021 · Of the various types of flow batteries, the all-liquid vanadium redox flow battery (VRFB) has received most attention from researchers and energy promoters for medium and ...

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unlimited combinations in parallel  
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### Diagnostic Tools to Investigate Cell Size Impact on Failure Modes ...

Jul 11, 2025 · Download Citation ,  
Diagnostic Tools to Investigate Cell Size



Impact on Failure Modes and State-of-Health of Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries , Vanadium redox flow batteries ...

## A failure modes, mechanisms, and effects analysis (FMMEA) ...

Nov 30, 2015 · Failure modes, mechanisms, and effects analysis (FMMEA) provides a rigorous framework to define the ways in which lithium-ion batteries can fail, how failures can be ...



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## (PDF) Failure assessment in lithium-ion battery packs in ...

Jul 31, 2023 · Failure assessment in lithium-ion battery packs in electric vehicles using the failure modes and effects analysis (FMEA) approach July 2023

## Examining Failures in Lithium-ion Batteries

Mar 2, 2023 · Lithium-ion batteries are popular in modern-day applications, but

many users have experienced lithium-ion battery failures. The focus of this ...



### Assessment of the reliability of vanadium-redox ...



Aug 19, 2020 · Failure modes of elements of the system have been evaluated, both, regarding failure rate and severity of the different failures. As the main ...

### Case studies of operational failures of vanadium redox flow battery

Jan 1, 2021 · Adequate attention to engineering aspects, failure detection and diagnosis are essential for smooth operation of the flow batteries. This paper discusses a few case studies of ...



### Assessment of the reliability of vanadium-redox ...

Aug 19, 2020 · Redox flow batteries are an interesting energy storage technology

because they allow separate scaling of power and capacity. For their ...



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## What are common battery failures?

5 days ago · Defective charging can happen as a result of faulty equipment or as a result of some of the other battery failure modes discussed in this document. PSOC operation is a growing ...



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