

**Supplementary Information**

# Fine-Tuning the Indirect Electrochemical Reaction in Redox-Mediated Flow Batteries

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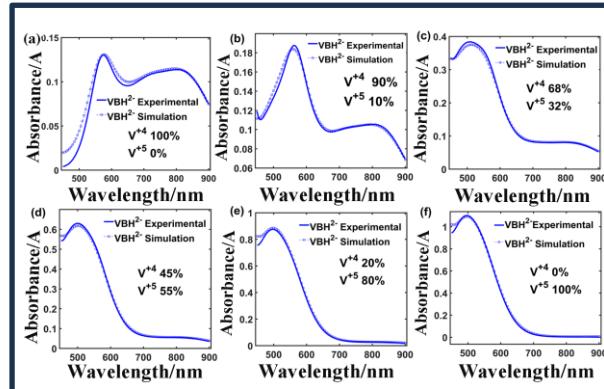
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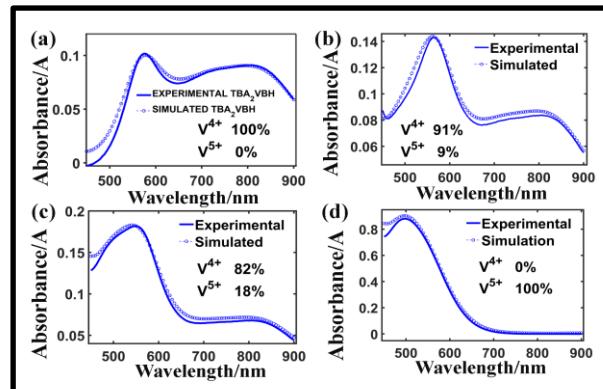
## Section 1: Experimental and Simulated UV-VIS spectra of $\text{VBH}^{2-}$ oxidation

The UV-VIS spectra of the change in the oxidation state of the  $\text{VBH}^{2-}$  spectra was taken by measuring the change in epsilon value of each wavelength of the  $\text{VBH}^{2-}$  upon addition of the equivalent amount of the CoHCF and gradual addition of  $\text{K}^+$  ion as  $\text{KPF}_6$  salt from 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 and 1 equivalent (see Fig. S1). For  $\text{VBH}^{2-}$ ,  $\epsilon(825 \text{ nm})=25.0 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and that for  $\text{VBH}^{1-}$ ,  $\epsilon(485 \text{ nm})=245 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  was used.<sup>1</sup>



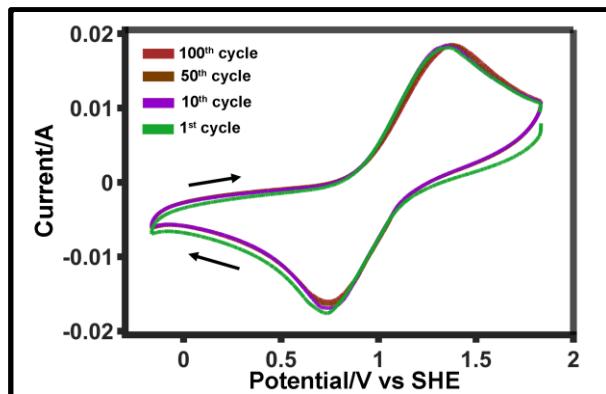
**Figure S1.**  $\text{VBH}^{2-/1-}$  Oxidation. (a). UV-vis spectra of  $\text{VBH}^{2-}$  (b). After addition of full equivalent of CoHCF with no  $\text{KPF}_6$ . (c). 0.25  $\text{KPF}_6$  (d). 0.5  $\text{KPF}_6$  (e). 0.75  $\text{KPF}_6$  (f). 1  $\text{KPF}_6$

Similarly, the UV-VIS spectra of the change in the oxidation state of the  $\text{VBH}^{2-}$  was taken by measuring the change in epsilon value of each wavelength of the  $\text{VBH}^{2-}$  upon addition of the same equivalent of the CoHCF and the cations ( $\text{TBA}^+$ ,  $\text{TMA}^+$ , &  $\text{K}^+$ ) corresponding to its  $\text{PF}_6^-$  salts (see Fig. S2)

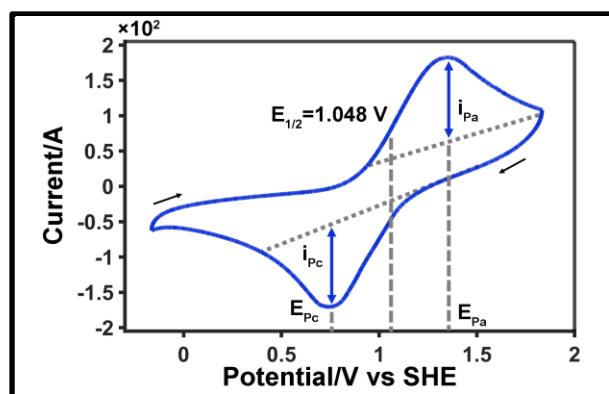


**Figure S2.**  $\text{VBH}^{2-/1-}$  Oxidation. (a). UV-vis spectra of  $\text{VBH}^{2-}$  (b). After addition of full equivalent of CoHCF and  $\text{TBAPF}_6$ . (c). Adding Full equivalents of CoHCF and  $\text{TMAPF}_6$  (d). After addition of full equivalents of CoHCF and  $\text{KPF}_6$

Section 2: CV Analysis of CoHCF following addition of 0.2M TBAPF<sub>6</sub>+ 0.2M KPF<sub>6</sub> Addition in MeCN



**Figure S3. a)** CV of CoHCF done for 100 cycles coated on carbon rod in 6:1:3 ratio of CoHCF, MWCNT, & PVDF in NMP. 0.2M TBAPF<sub>6</sub> and 0.2M KPF<sub>6</sub> were used as electrolyte solution in MeCN. Scan rate was 0.05 V/s.



**Figure S3. b)** CV of CoHCF coated on carbon rod in 6:1:3 ratio of CoHCF, MWCNT, & PVDF in NMP. 0.2M TBAPF<sub>6</sub> and 0.2M KPF<sub>6</sub> were used as electrolyte solution in MeCN. Scan rate was 0.05 V/s. dEp value calculated as 0.60 V and the anodic to cathodic peak current ratio as 0.97.

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