

Supplementary Information

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

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Section 1: Experimental and Simulated UV-VIS spectra of VBH²⁻ oxidation

The UV-VIS spectra of the change in the oxidation state of the VBH²⁻ spectra was taken by measuring the change in epsilon value of each wavelength of the VBH²⁻ upon addition of the equivalent amount of the CoHCF and gradual addition of K⁺ ion as KPF₆ salt from 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 and 1 equivalent (see Fig. S1). For VBH²⁻, $\epsilon(825\text{ nm})=25.0\text{mol}^{-1}\text{ cm}^{-1}$, and that for VBH¹⁻, $\epsilon(485\text{ nm})=245\text{mol}^{-1}\text{ cm}^{-1}$ was used.¹

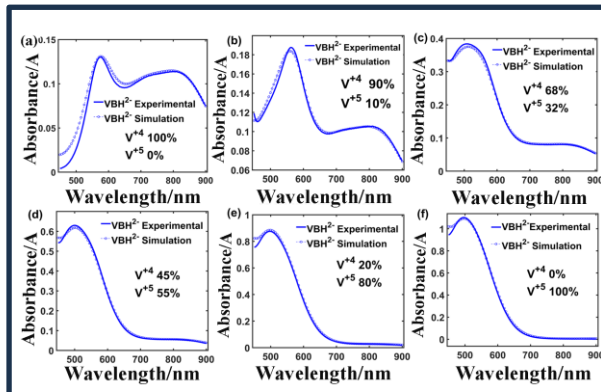


Figure S1. VBH^{2-/1-} Oxidation. (a). UV-vis spectra of VBH²⁻ (b). After addition of full equivalent of CoHCF with no KPF₆. (c). 0.25 KPF₆ (d). 0.5 KPF₆ (e). 0.75 KPF₆ (f). 1 KPF₆

Similarly, the UV-VIS spectra of the change in the oxidation state of the VBH²⁻ was taken by measuring the change in epsilon value of each wavelength of the VBH²⁻ upon addition of the same equivalent of the CoHCF and the cations (TBA⁺, TMA⁺, & K⁺) corresponding to its PF₆ salts (see Fig. S2)

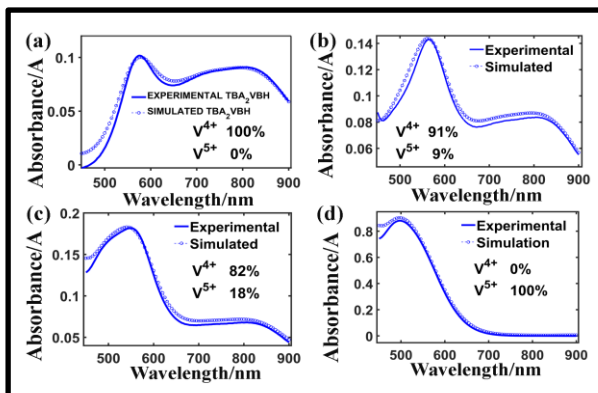


Figure S2. VBH^{2-/1-} Oxidation. (a). UV-vis spectra of VBH²⁻ (b). After addition of full equivalent of CoHCF and TBAPF₆. (c). Adding Full equivalents of CoHCF and TMAPF₆ (d). After addition of full equivalents of CoHCF and KPF₆

Section 2: CV Analysis of CoHCF following addition of 0.2M TBAPF₆+ 0.2M KPF₆ Addition in MeCN

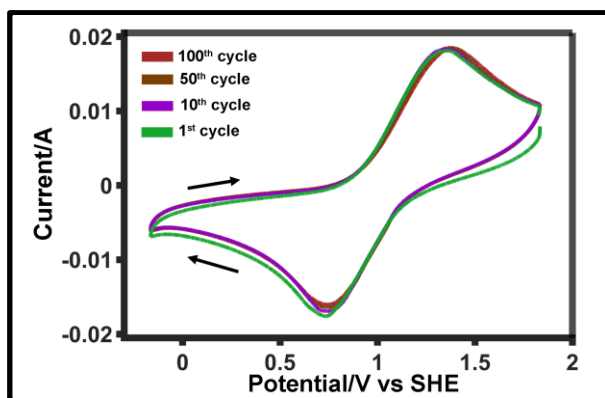


Figure S3. a) CV of CoHCF done for 100 cycles coated on carbon rod in 6:1:3 ratio of CoHCF, MWCNT, & PVDF in NMP. 0.2M TBAPF₆ and 0.2M KPF₆ were used as electrolyte solution in MeCN. Scan rate was 0.05 V/s.

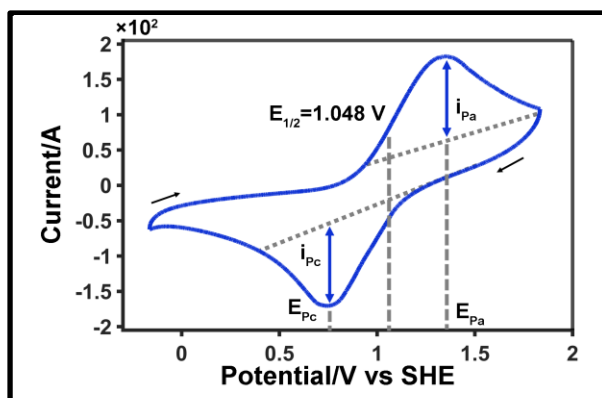


Figure S3. b) CV of CoHCF coated on carbon rod in 6:1:3 ratio of CoHCF, MWCNT, & PVDF in NMP. 0.2M TBAPF₆ and 0.2M KPF₆ were used as electrolyte solution in MeCN. Scan rate was 0.05 V/s. dEp value calculated as 0.60 V and the anodic to cathodic peak current ratio as 0.97.

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