



# Microsoft liquid metal energy storage

Why is Microsoft deploying a liquid metal TM Energy Storage System?

As part of Microsoft's commitment to be carbon negative, Ambri was selected by Microsoft to deploy its Liquid Metal TM energy storage system to reduce Microsoft's dependency on diesel, allow for constant renewable power from any source and provide access to ancillary services markets.

Are energy storage systems safe?

They are not only extremely reliable but also safe- as they do not produce or emit any gases and have no possibility of thermal runaway. Ambri is scaling an advanced long duration energy storage technology that will lower the cost of shifting renewable energy to times of high demand.

What is a liquid metal battery?

A liquid metal battery, such as Ambri's, is comprised of a liquid calcium alloy anode, a molten salt electrolyte, and a cathode comprised of solid particles of antimony. This enables the use of low-cost materials and a low number of steps in the cell assembly process.

How long do liquid metal batteries last?

Unlike rival technologies, Liquid Metal batteries have minimal degradation and can last for over 20 years. They are not only extremely reliable but also safe - as they do not produce or emit any gases and have no possibility of thermal runaway.

The research progress of the corrosion of structural metal-materials in liquid metals, such as Bi and Sb, the positive electrode materials and Li, the negative electrode material used for the liquid metal energy storage battery is briefly reviewed, while the research results of liquid metal corrosion in the field of atomic energy reactors in recent years were also taken into account.

At the heart of the system is a planned long-duration energy storage solution from Ambri, a company that was spun out of MIT. Last year the company announced \$144 million in funding last year to advance its calcium-antimony liquid metal battery chemistry.

Additionally, other liquid metal alloys such as GaIn, GaSn, and GaZn, [17, 18] can be studied for improving the areal capacitance and long-term stability. These properties make liquid metal electrodes very attractive options for energy storage, which are being explored by many research groups and industries.

Stores up to 12 hours of energy and discharges it slowly over time; Operates silently with no moving parts, easy to install; A Competitive Field. The liquid-metal battery is an innovative approach to solving grid-scale electricity storage problems. Its capabilities allow improved integration of renewable resources into the power grid.

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Liquid metal battery (LMB) storage offers large cost reductions and recent technology developments indicate it may be viable for MW-scale storage. Accordingly, we investigate co-locating and integrating LMB and Li-ion storage within the substructure of an offshore wind turbine. ... Liquid metal electrodes for energy storage batteries. Adv ...

Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, knew about the work of Donald Sadoway, as he had been watching his freshman chemistry lectures online, and in 2009 came to visit him at his office at MIT. He mentioned, if there were a start-up company based on the liquid metal battery research, he would be interested in helping fund the company.

With an intrinsic dendrite-free feature, high rate capability, facile cell fabrication and use of earth-abundance materials, liquid metal batteries (LMBs) are regarded as a promising solution to grid-scale stationary energy storage. Typical three-liquid-layer LMBs require high temperatures ( $>350\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) to liquefy metal or alloy electrodes and to ...

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