

# High temperature liquid metal energy storage

What are liquid metal thermal energy storage systems?

Liquid metal thermal energy storage systems are capable of storing heat with a wide temperature range and have, thus, been investigated for liquid metal-based CSP systems 3,4 and in the recent past also been proposed for industrial processes with high temperature process heat. 5

What is high-temperature heat storage with liquid metals?

High-temperature heat storage with liquid metals can contribute to provide reliable industrial process heat  $>500^{\circ}\text{C}$  from renewable (excess) electricity via power-to-heat processes. Liquid metals can also be used to efficiently transport high-temperature waste heat from high-temperature industrial processes to a heat storage medium for later use.

Can liquid metals be used as heat transfer fluids in thermal energy storage?

The use of liquid metals as heat transfer fluids in thermal energy storage systems enables high heat transfer rates and a large operating temperature range ( $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $>700^{\circ}\text{C}$ , depending on the liquid metal). Hence, different heat storage solutions have been proposed in the literature, which are summarized in this perspective.

Which liquid metals can be used in thermal energy storage systems?

Based on their liquid temperature range, their material costs and thermophysical data, Na, LBE, Pb, and Sn are the most promising liquid metals for the use in thermal energy storage systems and evaluations in section 4 will focus on these four metals.

Can liquid metal be used as a heat storage medium?

The perspective is focused on thermal energy storage systems using liquid metal as heat transfer fluids, but not necessarily as heat storage medium. For the latter, the interested reader is referred to several reviews available on latent heat storage systems using liquid metal as a phase change material. 6,7

Which liquid temperature range is applicable to high-temperature heat storage?

Table 1 presents the liquid temperature ranges from melting to boiling temperature of selected liquid metals. In order to be applicable to high-temperature heat storage, the selection criteria are a maximum melting point of  $400^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a minimum boiling point of  $700^{\circ}\text{C}$  and existing operating experience.

Thermal energy storage systems for high temperatures  $>600^{\circ}\text{C}$  are currently mainly based on solid storage materials that are thermally charged and discharged by a gaseous heat transfer fluid. Usually, these systems benefit from low storage material costs but suffer from moderate heat transfer rates from the gas to the storage medium. Therefore, at the Karlsruhe ...

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Last in Section 6, we provide an outlook of current trends and future research areas in high temperature liquids for next generation energy applications: engineering liquids with nanofluids to increase their heat capacity and thermal conductivity; materials and mechanical engineering challenges in harnessing high temperature liquids for energy ...

What makes liquid metals stand out is their ability to conduct heat 100 times more efficiently than traditional materials used in other high-temperature storage systems, such as liquid salts or ...

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The nanolaminate, consisting of nanoconfined polyetherimide (PEI) polymer sandwiched between solid Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> layers, exhibits a high energy density of 18.9 J/cm<sup>3</sup> with a high energy efficiency of ~ 91% ...

Study of High-Temperature Thermal Energy Storage Based on Liquid Metal Technology. November 2019; Energy Technology 8(3) ... using liquid metal technology in innovative high-temperature TES ...

Driven by the demand for electric vehicles and smart grids, lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) with high energy density have been extensively explored in the past few years [[1], [2], [3], [4]]. As the ideal anode material, Li metal offers a high theoretical specific capacity of 3860 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> coupled with a low reduction potential of -3.04 V vs. standard hydrogen electrode [5, 6].

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Liquid metal batteries (LMBs) employ liquid metal as electrodes and inorganic molten salt as electrolytes, which circumvent the capacity degradation mechanism inherent in conventional batteries and are regarded as a promising alternative for grid-level energy storage. LMBs need to operate at high temperatures (typically 500~550 °C), and it ...

A high-performance room-temperature Li-Ga-Sn liquid metal battery for grid energy storage. Energy Tech, 2021, 9: 2100330. Article Google Scholar Miner A, Ghoshal U. Cooling of high-power-density microdevices using liquid metal coolants. ... Boysen D A, Ouchi T, et al. Calcium-bismuth electrodes for large-scale energy storage (liquid metal ...

To alleviate the high operating cost and safety problems caused by the high operating temperature of the liquid metal battery, researchers proposed a medium-temperature sodium-sulfur battery. ... Therefore, high sealing is one of the keys to realizing energy storage of liquid metal batteries. The usual sealing materials cannot fully adapt to ...

grate thermal energy storage (TES).<sup>1,3</sup> Furthermore, for batteries, the amount of energy stored is somewhat coupled to the rate of discharge and there is typically a tradeoff between the life- time and the discharge rate for batteries, which plays a major role in its high cost. <sup>4,5</sup> For TES,

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high-temperature liquid metal battery (LMB)<sup>3</sup> is now facing great opportunities ... since stationary energy storage systems typically require a cycle life of more than a decade. In addition, the ...

Batteries are an attractive option for grid-scale energy storage applications because of their small footprint and flexible siting. A high-temperature (700 °C) magnesium-antimony (Mg||Sb) liquid metal battery comprising a negative electrode of Mg, a molten salt electrolyte (MgCl<sub>2</sub>-KCl-NaCl), and a positive electrode of Sb is proposed and ...

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In this progress report, the state-of-the-art overview of liquid metal electrodes (LMEs) in batteries is reviewed, including the LMEs in liquid metal batteries (LMBs) and the liquid sodium electrode in sodium-sulfur (Na-S) and ZEBRA (Na-NiCl<sub>2</sub>) batteries. Besides the LMEs, the development of electrolytes for LMEs and the challenge of using ...

There are many forms of hydrogen production [29], with the most popular being steam methane reformation from natural gas. Instead, hydrogen produced by renewable energy can be a key component in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Hydrogen is the lightest gas, with a very low density of 0.089 g/L and a boiling point of -252.76 °C at 1 atm [30]. Gaseous hydrogen also as ...

Predict profiles of temperature, species concentration and bubble size density in reactor. PDAEs in time, vertical position & bubble size coordinate. Software: Jacobian (equation-based ...

These applications all involve high heat flux density or high temperature; therefore, liquid metal convection has advantages in applicability and capability compared with conventional single-phase and two-phase technologies. ... Review on concentrating solar power plants and new developments in high temperature thermal energy storage ...

Researchers of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) are working on the only high-temperature heat storage system based on liquid-metal technology of this kind in order to enhance the use of renewable energy sources. The highly conductive liquid metals can be heated to more than 700 °C using green electricity and can flexibly store industrial ...

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After liquid metal welding, the interspaces between Li foil and Cu foil were avoided, resulting in a uniform

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thermal distribution. In addition, GaInSn liquid metal had a high thermal conductivity ( $24.4 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$  at 299 K), which could further homogenize the thermal distribution (Fig. 12 d).

With a long cycle life, high rate capability, and facile cell fabrication, liquid metal batteries are regarded as a promising energy storage technology to achieve better utilization of intermittent renewable energy sources. Nevertheless, conventional liquid metal batteries need to be operated at relatively high temperatures ( $>240^\circ\text{C}$ ) to maintain molten-state electrodes and high ...

Here, a liquid-metal-based high-temperature bubble column reactor for hydrogen generation will be introduced. Finally, an overview of current research paths to elucidate corrosion mechanisms in more detail and to develop anticorrosion measures is given to complete the picture of the challenges associated with using liquid metals in energy and ...

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