Liquid Metal Batteries and Flow Batteries

The commercialized flow battery system Zn/Br falls under the liquid/gas-metal electrode pair category whereas All-Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB) contains liquid ...

The use of renewable energy sources continues to increase significantly to mitigate the effects of global warming and pollution [1,2]. Liquid metal batteries (LMBs) have emerged as a promising and economically viable option for grid-scale energy storage to overcome the intermittent nature of renewables owing to their low cost, high efficiency, long cycle life, ...

Conventional flow batteries have aqueous solutions on both sides, and thus are constrained in voltage by water splitting (~1.5 V). Replacing the negative side with a liquid metal would yield a much higher voltage flow battery, benefiting energy density, power density, and efficiency. As a room-temperature liquid metal, Na-K is attractive.

The design and performance of liquid metal batteries (LMBs), a new technology for grid-scale energy storage, depend on fluid mechanics because the battery electrodes and electrolytes are entirely liquid. Here, we ...

High-temperature liquid metal batteries (LMBs) are regarded as a promising candidate for grid-scale stationary energy storage. Numerical simulation is an important method to investigate physical phenomena such as fluid flow and mass transfer inside the LMB. At present, most models of the LMB electrolyte treat molten salt as a conductive fluid with a certain conductivity, ...

The opaque working fluid (metal) prevents the use of flow visualisation techniques such as PIV in the battery, and the high operating temperature prevents the use of ultrasound flow mapping. There are experimental results at temperatures up to 160 °C [28], [37], but beyond this temperature, a waveguide is required [38] .

The use of liquid metal batteries is considered as one promising option for electric grid stabilization. While large versions of such batteries are preferred in view of the economies of scale, they are susceptible to various magnetohydrodynamic instabilities which imply a risk of short-circuiting the battery due to the triggered fluid flow.

Liquid metal battery (LMB) performance, especially its discharge voltage, depends on the concentration profile of cathode which in turn is influenced by fluid flow. In this study, we examine three significant phenomena that impact fluid behavior: solutal buoyancy, internally heated convection, and electro-vortex flow (EVF).

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This flow battery also demonstrates 81% of capacity for 100 cycles over ~45 days with average Coulombic efficiency of 96% and energy efficiency of 82% at the current density of 1.5 mA/cm2 and at a ...

The search for alternatives to traditional Li-ion batteries is a continuous quest for the chemistry and materials science communities. One representative group is the family of rechargeable liquid metal batteries, which ...

Generation of thermal convection flow in the liquid metal battery, a device recently proposed as a promising solution for the problem of the short-term energy storage, is analyzed using a numerical model. It is found that convection caused by Joule heating of electrolyte during charging or discharging is virtually unavoidable. It exists in laboratory ...

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In liquid metal batteries, halides of anode metals are typically used as the electrolyte such as lithium halide salts (LiF, LiCl, LiBr, and LiI) with low melting points and strong ionic conductivities (1.75-3.5 S·cm -1) [29]. Ion conductivity for inorganic molten salts increases with increasing ion mobility. Due to the limited solubility ...

Liquid metals (LMs) have emerged as promising materials for advanced batteries due to their unique properties, including low melting points, high electrical ...

Another type of batteries employing liquid metal as electrodes use solid electrolyte to replace the molten salt, including early reported Na-S and ZEBRA batteries that have been developed since the 1960s, which both employ a molten sodium as anode and a Na + selective ceramic conductor, ?/??-alumina, as the solid-state electrolyte [22], [23], [24].

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