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Batteries for clean energy

**DOE Workshop - “BIG” Energy Storage:
Priorities and Pathways to Long-Duration Energy Storage**

Panel 7: Batteries

-“Liquid Metal Batteries”

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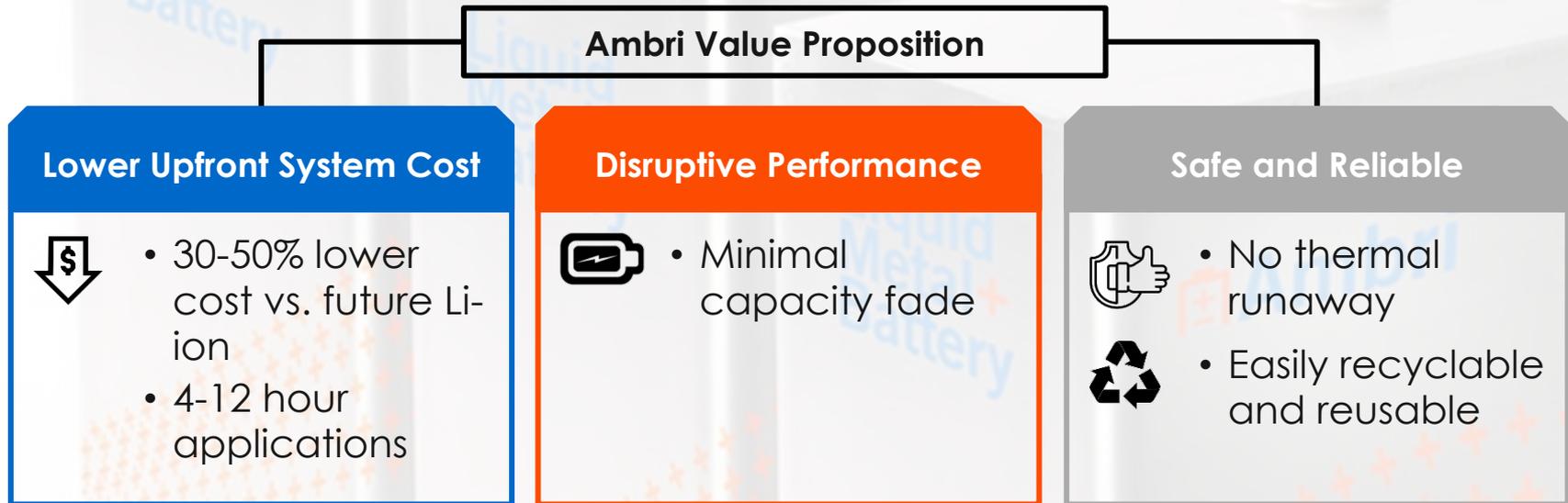
Ambri Overview

 Founded Ambri in 2010

 Commercializing unique molten salt 'Liquid Metal Battery'

 MIT spin-out, Bill Gates funded

 Pivoted to Ca | | Sb chemistry in 2017



Ambri Today

Company & Timeline Overview

- R&D cells & systems delivered to and validated by energy storage integrator and customers in '18 – '20
- Delivering trial systems in '21
- Deploy next-gen systems in '22
- Launch first high-volume factory in '23
- Commitment from TerraScale to incorporate over 250 MWh of Ambri battery systems

Ambri battery



Ambri facility



Customer system, tested in 2020



50 employees and 40k ft² in Marlborough, MA



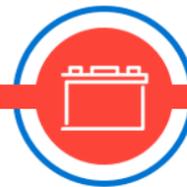
2019-2020

Developed and qualified
Initial commercial cells



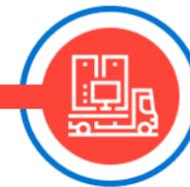
2021

Initial systems deployed



2022

1 MWh commercial system
developed, certified and
deployed



2023

250 MWh of systems shipped for
commercial projects

Liquid Metal Battery Chemistry

- Liquid Metal Electrode Design Offers Distinguished Performance, Minimal Fade
- 500 °C Operating Temperature

1. Charged State

Liquid Metal calcium alloy

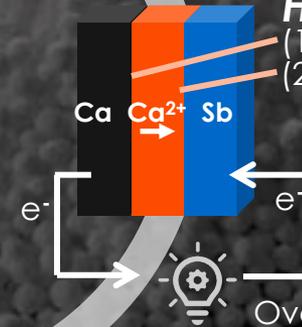


Solid antimony particles

2. Discharging

Half-reactions

- (1) $\text{Ca} \rightarrow \text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
- (2) $\text{Ca}^{2+} + \text{Sb}_x + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{CaSb}_x$



Overall discharge reaction
 $\text{Ca} + \text{Sb}_x \rightarrow \text{CaSb}_x + \text{Energy}$

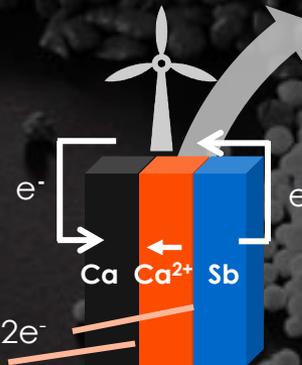
3. Discharged State



4. Charging

Half-reactions

- (3) $\text{CaSb}_x \rightarrow \text{Ca}^{2+} + \text{Sb}_x + 2\text{e}^-$
- (4) $\text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ca}$



Good Efficiency, Minimal Capacity Fade

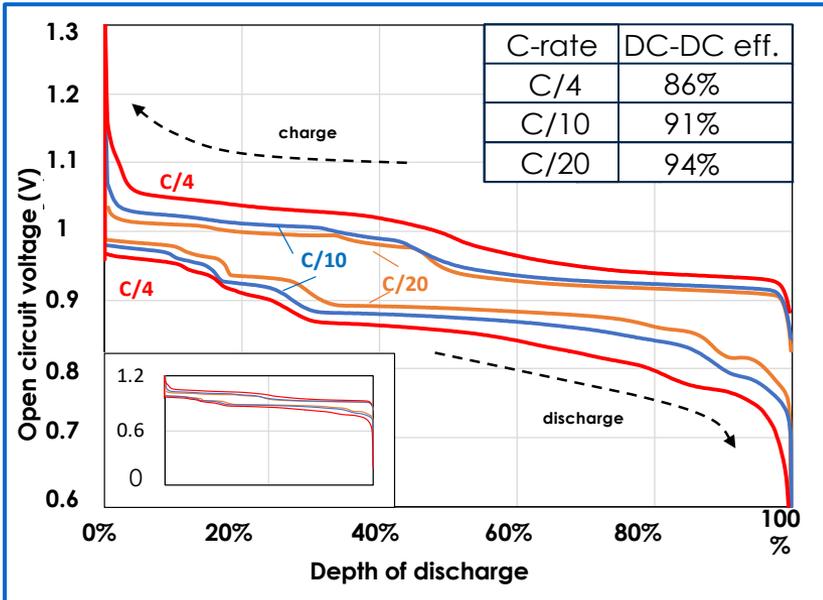
80 – 90% Round-Trip DC-DC Efficiency in Daily Cycling

- Systems 'self-heated' when cycled every 1-2 days, no additional heater energy required

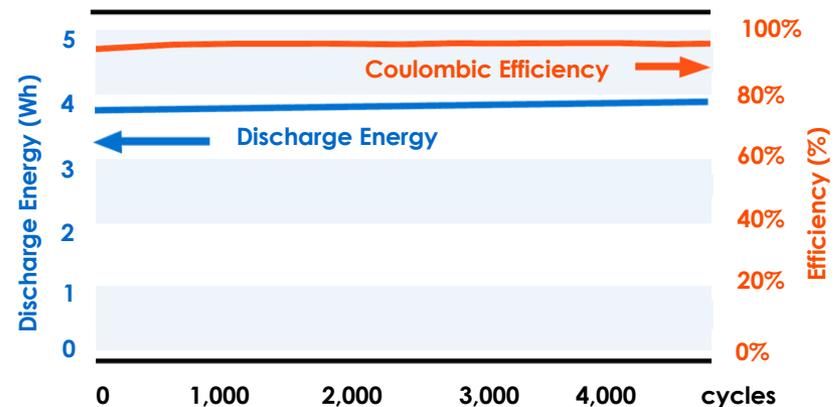
20 Year Design Life With Minimal Capacity Degradation

- Stable performance over thousands of cycles, multiple years

Voltage Profiles & DC-DC Efficiencies of R&D Cells



Accelerated Cycle-Life Test



Cell Performance

Targeting Long Duration (>4 hrs) Energy Storage Markets

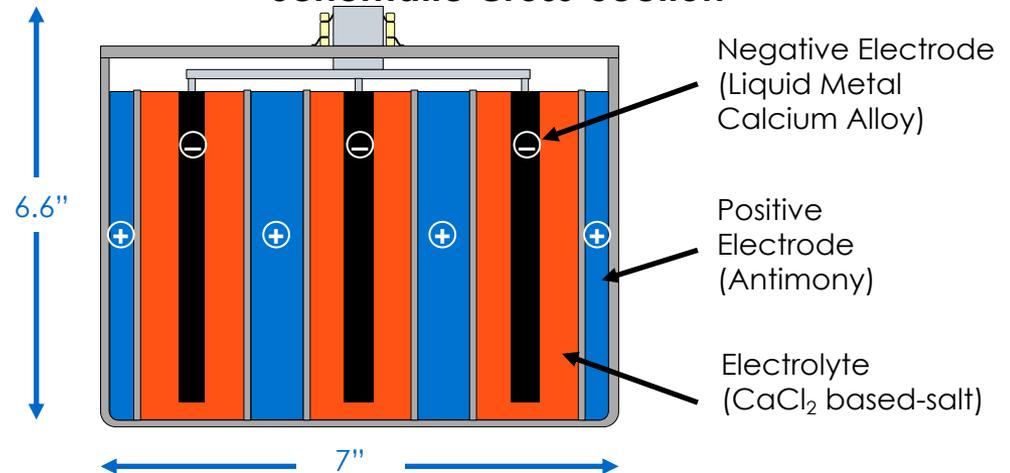
- ⊕ Fully sealed, prismatic, 'large lunch box sized' cells
- ⊕ Increase energy density and reduce cost over time
- ⊕ Scale to 10's GWh/y production

Commercial Cell Specifications

Dimensions	305 mm L x 178 mm W x 168 mm H (12" X 7" X 6.6")
Mass	53 lbs
Cell enclosure material	Stainless steel
Nominal OCV	0.95 V
Nominal capacity	1360 Ah



Multi-Plate Vertical Electrode Cell Configuration, Schematic Cross-Section



System Attributes

Ready-to-Install DC Containers for Applications that Require High Energy Capacity, Frequent Cycling, Long Life and Good Efficiency

Ambri ESS System Specifications

~250kW
Power

1,000 kWh
Energy

~1,000 VDC
Voltage

-50°C to 100°C
External temperature range

80 to 90%
DC Efficiency

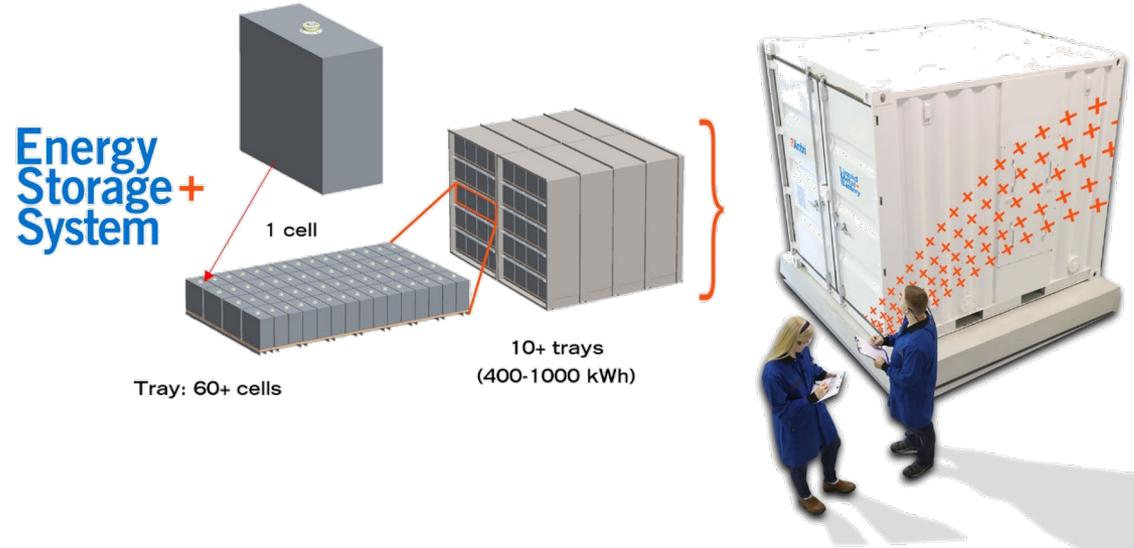
485°C – 525°C
Operating temperature

Millisecond
Response time

10'x8'x10'
Dimensions

Design Life
20 years

Weight
20-30 tons



Targeting a 1 MWh system in a 10-foot shipping container; enough to power ~100 homes when coupled with wind or solar

- ❑ Multiple systems placed together on site are connected in parallel → redundancy
- ❑ Similar energy density footprint as today's Li-ion systems (4-5 MWh in a 40' container) → important project installation cost factor



Thank You

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