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## Overview

A representative of the Y-12 National Security Complex requested information concerning U.S.-based individuals performing research on lithium chloride (LiCl) molten salt.

## Findings

HDIAC identified 12 active LiCl molten salt researchers, listed in Table 1.

Individual & Email	Organization	Selected Works
Devin Rappleye <a href="mailto:rappleye1@lnl.gov">rappleye1@lnl.gov</a>	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methods for Determining the Working Electrode Interfacial Area for Electroanalytical Measurements of Metal Ions in Molten LiCl-KCl [1]</li> </ul>
Guy Fredrickson <a href="mailto:Guy.Fredrickson@INL.gov">Guy.Fredrickson@INL.gov</a>	Idaho National Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrochemistry of Iodide in LiCl-KCl Molten Salts and Anionic Chemla Effect: An Overview [2]</li> <li>• Experimental Study of Codeposition Electrochemistry Using Mixtures of ScCl<sub>3</sub> and YCl<sub>3</sub> in LiCl-KCl Eutectic Salt at 500° C [3]</li> </ul>
Judith Gomez-Vidal <a href="mailto:Judith.gomex@nrel.gov">Judith.gomex@nrel.gov</a>	National Renewable Energy Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrosion of alloys in a chloride molten salt (NaCl-LiCl) for solar thermal technologies [4]</li> <li>• Corrosion resistance of MCrAlX coatings in a molten chloride for thermal storage in concentrating solar power applications [5]</li> <li>• Castable cements to prevent corrosion of metals in molten salts [6]</li> </ul>
Di-Jia Liu Email not available	Argonne National Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lithium Assisted "Dissolution - Alloying" Synthesis of Nanoalloys from Individual Bulk Metals [7]</li> </ul>
Sam Bryan <a href="mailto:sam.bryan@pnnl.gov">sam.bryan@pnnl.gov</a>	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spectroelectrochemistry of EuCl<sub>3</sub> in Four Molten Salt Eutectics; 3 LiCl-NaCl, 3 LiCl-2 KCl, LiCl-RbCl, and 3 LiCl-2 CsCl; at 873 K [8]</li> </ul>
Dev Chidambaram <a href="mailto:dcc@unr.edu">dcc@unr.edu</a>	University of Nevada, Reno	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-Term Corrosion Testing of Inconel Alloy 625 in Molten LiCl-Li<sub>2</sub>O-Li [9]</li> <li>• Characterization of the Electrochemical Behavior of a Li-Bi Reference Electrode for the Molten LiCl-Li [10]</li> <li>• Electrochemical Behavior of Samarium in Molten LiCl-KCl [11]</li> <li>• On the Formation of Clusters of Li<sub>8</sub> in Molten Solutions of LiCl-Li [12]</li> </ul>
Michael Forrest Simpson <a href="mailto:Michael.Simpson@Utah.edu">Michael.Simpson@Utah.edu</a>	University of Utah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optimization of UCl<sub>3</sub> and MgCl<sub>2</sub> separation from molten LiCl-KCl eutectic salt via galvanic drawdown with sacrificial Gd anode [13]</li> <li>• Potentiometric Measurement of Activity of Rare Earth Chlorides (La, Gd, Ce, Nd) in LiCl-KCl Eutectic Salt [14]</li> <li>• Electrochemical monitoring of Ni corrosion induced by water in eutectic LiCl-KCl [15]</li> <li>• Galvanic reduction of uranium(III) chloride from LiCl-KCl eutectic salt using gadolinium metal [16]</li> <li>• Thin-layer electrodeposition of uranium metal from molten LiCl-KCl [17]</li> <li>• Methods for Determining the Working Electrode Interfacial Area for Electroanalytical Measurements of Metal Ions in Molten LiCl-KCl [18]</li> </ul>
Candace Chan <a href="mailto:candace.chan@asu.edu">candace.chan@asu.edu</a>	Arizona State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synthesis of Fine Cubic Li<sub>7</sub>La<sub>3</sub>Zr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>12</sub> Powders in Molten LiCl-KCl Eutectic and Facile Densification by Reversal of Li<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>+</sup> Exchange [19]</li> </ul>

Yi Cui <a href="mailto:yicui@stanford.edu">yicui@stanford.edu</a>	Stanford University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An intermediate temperature garnet-type solid electrolyte-based molten lithium battery for grid energy storage [20]</li> <li>Robust Pinhole-free Li<sub>3</sub>N Solid Electrolyte Grown from Molten Lithium [21]</li> </ul>
A.J. Burak <a href="mailto:adam.burak@utah.edu">adam.burak@utah.edu</a>	University of Utah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrochemical Measurement of Li<sub>2</sub>O in Molten LiCl Salt [22]</li> </ul>
Vincent Giordani Email not available	Liox Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Molten Salt Lithium-Oxygen Battery [23]</li> <li>Intermediate Temperature Molten Salt Lithium Batteries, New Chemistries and Beyond [24]</li> </ul>
Milan Stika <a href="mailto:milan.stika@flibe-energy.com">milan.stika@flibe-energy.com</a>	Flibe Energy (previously University of Utah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thin-Layer Electrodeposition of Thorium and Uranium from Molten LiCl-KCl [18]</li> </ul>

**Table 1: LiCl Researchers.**

## Conclusion

HDIAC identified over a dozen researchers with expertise in molten LiCl salt across national laboratories, academic institutions, and industry. Although U.S. citizenship verification falls outside the scope of the free, four-hour HDIAC Technical Inquiry service, HDIAC researchers verified the identified researchers have active affiliations with U.S.-based organizations.

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