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The emerging demand for electronics and transportation technologies is driving the development of rechargeable batteries with enhanced capacity storage. Multivalent metals (zinc, magnesium and aluminum) are compatible with non-flammable aqueous electrolytes and are less reactive when exposed to the ambient atmosphere, thus enabling safer potential battery systems. Metal batteries have recently attracted considerable interest as promising alternatives for future large-scale energy storage devices. However, issues such as energy storage capacity and structural stability of metal compounds, diffusion kinetics of electrolyte ions, metal electrode dendrites, chemical corrosion, etc. limit the further application of metal batteries. In this special issue, we welcome articles focusing on battery material preparation methods and their impact on final product performance, including metal electrode treatment, electrolyte optimization, synthesis of metal compound cathode materials, and final performance analysis.

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