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## Metal Hydrides and Oxyhydrides for Energy-Related Applications

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

Metal hydrides have become widely studied as solid-state hydrogen-storage media due to their exceptionally high gravimetric and volumetric hydrogen densities, the latter often suppressing that of liquid hydrogen. At the same time, the volumetric energy density of a hydrogen medium can be higher than that of any other materials, including Libatteries. Whereas particular hydride classes or compounds possess one or several of the key properties for a hydrogen storage material—and find niche applications—none of them has it all.

Contrarily to hydrides, the field of metal oxyhydrides is rather unexplored, presenting a new horizon of challenges and opportunities. Introduction of H– into an oxide can tune binding energy and electronic structure, altering the local symmetry and causing crystal field splitting, changing bonding nature, etc. This can induce unique structural and chemicophysical properties in the materials, including H–conductivity, photochromism, photoelectrochemical water splitting, electrical conductivity, and catalytic properties. Around 50 oxyhydride compounds are currently known to possess unique and interesting properties...











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