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Flow Batteries and Zinc Batteries



Overview

In this perspective, we first review the development of battery components, cell stacks, and demonstration systems for zinc-based flow battery technologies from the perspectives of both fundamental research and engineering applications. What is a zinc-based flow battery?

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How much does a zinc flow battery cost?

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