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Education

Xiangtan University, Xiangtan, China	Chemistry	B.S., 1995
Xiangtan University, Xiangtan, China	Chemistry	M.S., 1998
University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Chemistry	Ph.D., 2005

Professional Experience

2008–p	Research Staff Member, Chemical Functionality Group, Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)
2006–2008	Staff Scientist, Chemical Sciences Division, ORNL
2005–2006	Postdoctoral Research Associate, Chemical Sciences Division, ORNL
2002–2005	Research Fellow, Tennessee Advanced Material Laboratory, ORNL/Univ. of Tennessee-Knoxville
2000–2001	Visiting Scholar, Department of Chemistry, (UTK)
1998–2000	Research Staff, Zhuzhou Institute of Technology and College of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Hunan University, Xiangtan, China
1995–1998	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Chemistry, Xiangtan University, Xiangtan, China
1994–1997	Field Consultant, Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Zhejiang, China

Professional and Synergistic Activities

2007; 2008	Lead PI, Novel High Power Cathodes for Lithium-Ion Rechargeable Batteries, ORNL Seed Money Committee
2010–p	Lead PI, Studies of Long Cycle-life Lithium-Sulfur Batteries, DOE-EERE
2009–p	Lead PI, BES
2005–p	Memberships: <i>American Chemical Society, Electrochemical Society,</i>
2008–p	Reviewer, DOE SBIR-STTR and BES Proposals Journal Reviewer, <i>Science, Journal of the American Chemical Society, Journal of Physical Chemistry, Journal of Electrochemical Society, Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research, Journal of Power Sources, Journal of Catalysis, Microporous and Mesoporous Materials, Chemistry-A European Journal, ACS Nano, Electrochemistry Communications, Electrochimica Acta, Chemical Communications, ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces, Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics, Dalton Transactions, and Materials Research Bulletin</i>

Honors and Awards

2011	Certification of Appreciation, reviewer for the American Society of Chemistry (ACS)
2010	Winner of R&D 100 Award, Project Leader for Development Research in Lithium-Sulfur Batteries
2010	Energy Storage Program Manager's Recognition Award
2010	ORNL Significant Event Award, New Programs and Awards in Advanced Battery Chemistry
2007	Project Management Certificate Award
2002–2005	Tennessee Advance Materials Laboratory Fellowship (TAML), ORNL/UTK Distinguished Scientist Program

Patents

- “Robust Carbon Monolith Having Hierarchical Porosity,” S. Dai, G. Guiochon, and C. D. Liang, U.S. Patent No. 7,892,516 B2, Feb. 22, 2011.
- “Highly Ordered Porous Carbon Materials Having well Defined Nanostructures and Method of Synthesis,” S. Dai and C. D. Liang, U.S. Patent Applic. No. 2006/0057051 A1, Mar. 16, 2006.
- “Synthesis and Applications of Ordered Mesoporous Carbon,” S. Dai and C. D. Liang, U.S. Patent Applic. No. 2006/0057051, Sept. 28, 2004.
- “Sulfur-Carbon Composites and Their Application as Cathode Materials in Lithium-Sulfur Batteries,” C. D. Liang, N. Dudney, and J. Howe, U.S. Provisional Patent Applic. No. 61/239,132.
- “Lipon Coating for High Voltage and High Temperature Li-ion Battery Cathodes,” N. Dudney, C. Liang, N. Jagjit, V. Gabriel, Y. Kim, U.S. Provisional Patent.

"Lithium Sulfide Compositions for Battery Electrolyte and Electrode Coatings," C.D. Liang, Z.C. Liu, W.J. Fu, Z. Lin, N. Dudney, J. Howe, and A.J. Rondinone, U.S. Patent Application N0. 13/463451; filed on May/3, 2012

Recent Invited Talks and Contributed Conference Presentations:

- "All-solid Lithium-Sulfur Batteries," 6th US-China Electric Vehicle and Battery Technology Workshop, University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, MA, August 24-25, 2012.
- "Challenges and Solutions for Lithium-Sulfur Batteries," 4th US-China Electric Vehicle and Battery Technology Workshop, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL, August 4-5, 2011.
- "Advanced Materials for Li-S Batteries," 4th Symposium on Energy Storage: Beyond Lithium Ion, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA, June 7-9, 2011.
- "Carbon Nanostructures for Energy Applications," Oak Ridge Institution of Continued Learning, Oak Ridge, TN, March 9, 2011.
- "Multiscale Porous Carbon Materials for Energy Storage," CNMS User Meeting, Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, September 13, 2010.
- "Multiscale Porous Carbons for Energy Applications," East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai, China, August 10-13, 2010.
- "Research Opportunities and Capabilities at the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences," Xiangtan University, Xiangtan, Hunan, China, July 26-30, 2010.
- "Multiscale Porous Carbons for Energy Applications Liox," California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Pasadena, CA, March 18, 2010.

Publications: (total > 59 refereed journal papers and conference proceedings, 4 book chapters, > 2500 citations)

Research Synopsis: Research focuses on the fundamental understanding of the catalytic behavior of nanomaterials through designed interfaces, controlled morphologies and particle sizes, and tailored functionalities. The materials of interest include high-surface area porous materials, alloy nanoparticles, carbon catalysts, carbides, and hydrothermally grown crystals. Synthesis expertise includes four directions: (1) template-assisted synthesis of mesoporous materials including soft-template and hard-template synthesis of ordered mesoporous carbons and oxides; (2) metal and metal oxide nanoparticles through surfactant-mediated, solvothermal, and template-assisted synthesis methods; (3) nanocatalysts supported on porous materials by co-synthesis and incipient wetting synthesis; and (4) chemical.

Collaborations from other Institutions (past 48 months): C. Barnes (Univ. of Tennessee-Knoxville); B. L. Chen (Univ. of Texas-Pan American); N. S. Chong (Middle Tennessee State University); V. V. Gulians (Univ. of Cincinnati); N. Holzwarth (Wake Forest Univ.); M. Jaroniec (Kent State University); Y. S. Yan (Univ. of California-Riverside)

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PUBLICATIONS

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Book Chapters:

- Z. Liu, W. Fu, C. Liang, "Lithium Sulfur Batteries," Chapter 24 in "*Handbook of Battery Materials*," 2nd Edition, Vol. 1, eds., C. Daniel and J. O. Besenhard, Wiley-VCH, Hoboken, NJ (2011).
- X. Wang, C. Liang, S. Dai, "Nano/Microporous Materials: Mesoporous and Surface-Functionalized Mesoporous Carbon," in "*Nanomaterials: Inorganic and Bioinorganic Perspectives*," eds., C. M. Lukehart and R. A. Scott, Wiley-VCH, Hoboken, NJ (2009).
- X. Wang, C. Liang, S. Dai, "Nano/Microporous Materials: Mesoporous and Surface-Functionalized Mesoporous Carbon," in "*Encyclopedia of Inorganic Chemistry*," 2nd Edition, ed., R. Bruce King, Wiley-VCH, Hoboken, NJ (2009).
- H. Kim, C. Liang, and S. Dai, "Hierarchically Imprinted Adsorbents," Chapter 9 in "*Environmental Applications of Nanomaterials: Synthesis, Sorbents and Sensors*," eds., G. E. Fryxell and G. Cao, World Scientific Publishing Co., Hackensack, NJ (2007).
- S. Dai, Z. Zhang, and C. Liang, "Hierarchically Imprinted Nanostructures for Separation of Metal Ions," pp. 1369-1376 in "*Dekker Encyclopedia of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology*," eds., J. A. Schwartz, C. I. Contescu, and K. Putyera, Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York City, NY (2004).

Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications:

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- Lu Cai, Zengcai Liu, Ke An, and Chengdu Liang, "Probing Li-Ni Cation Disorder in Li_{1-x}Ni_{1+x-y}Al_yO₂ Cathode Materials by Neutron Diffraction", *Journal of The Electrochemical Society*, **159** (7) A1-A5 (2012)
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- V. Schwartz, H. Xie, H. M. Meyer, S. Overbury, C. Liang, "Oxidative Dehydrogenation of Isobutane on Phosphorous-Modified Graphitic Mesoporous Carbon," *Carbon* **49**, 659 (2011).
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- X. Q. Wang, Q. Zhu, S. M. Mahurin, C. D. Liang, S. Dai, "Preparation of Free-standing High Quality Mesoporous Carbon Membranes," *Carbon* **48**, 557 (2010).
- M. Xue, Z. J. Zhang, S. C. Xiang, J. Zhao, C. D. Liang, G. S. Zhu, S. L. Qiu, B. L. Chen, "Selective Gas Adsorption within a Five-Connected Porous Metal-Organic Framework," *Journal of Materials Chemistry* **20**(19), 3984 (2010).
- C. D. Liang, J. Howe, N. Dudney, "Hierarchically Structured Sulfur/Carbon Nanocomposites Material for High Energy Lithium Battery," *Chemistry of Materials* **21**, 4724 (2009).
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