

Qing Chen

Associate Professor

Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering,

Department of Chemistry,

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Email: chenqing@ust.hk

Phone: +852-34692234

Webpage: www.qing-chen.org

Academic Qualification

2008 - 2013, Ph.D., Materials Science and Engineering, Arizona State University, USA

2004 - 2008, B.Sc., Polymer Science and Engineering, Zhejiang University, China

Previous and Present Academic Positions

2022 - Now, Associate Professor of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, and Chemistry,
HKUST

2016 - 2022, Assistant Professor, HKUST

2014 - 2016, Postdoc, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University

2013 - 2014, Postdoc, Ira. Fulton School of Engineering, Arizona State University

Award

Excellent Young Scientist (Hong Kong and Macau), National Natural Science Foundation,
China, 2020

Teaching

- Materials for Energy Technologies
- Mechanical Engineering Laboratory
- Fundamentals in Electrochemical Energy Conversion
- Advanced Materials Chemistry
- Intelligent Building Systems

Research Projects

- Controlling the micro-structural orientation of monolithic nanoporous metal, General

Research Fund, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong.

- Percolation dissolution and nanoporous metals for electrochemical energy storage, Excellent Young Scientist (Hong Kong and Macau) Award, National Natural Science Foundation, China.
- A high energy-density, rechargeable Zn-air battery powered by a bi-continuous nanoporous Zn anode, Innovation and Technology Fund, Hong Kong.
- Bi-continuous nanoporous metal formation by reduction-induced decomposition, Early Career Scheme, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong.
- Inorganic-organic hybrid electrolytes for redox flow batteries, Science and Technology Innovation Committee, Shenzhen, China.
- Creation of regenerative electron-fuels for stationary power-supplies and electric vehicles, Theme-based Research Scheme, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong (participating).
- Development of kilowatt-class flow batteries for cost-effective and scalable storage of renewable energies, Innovation and Technology Fund, Hong Kong (participating).
- Hong Kong's participation at the China Spallation Neutron Source, Collaborative Research Fund, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong (participating).
- Aqueous Zn-based batteries with ultimate safety and high energy density for large scale energy storage system, Collaborative Research Fund, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong (participating).

Publications

- (1) Zheng, Y.; Cheung, Y. T.; Liang, L.; Qiu, H.; Zhang, L.; Tsang, A.; Chen, Q.; Tong, R. Electrochemical Oxidative Rearrangement of Tetrahydro- β -Carbolines in a Zero-Gap Flow Cell. *Chem. Sci.* **2022**, 13, 10479–10485.
- (2) Zhao, Y.; Li, Y.; Mao, J.; Yi, Z.; Mubarak, N.; Zheng, Y.; Kim, J.-K.; Chen, Q. Accelerating the Dissolution Kinetics of Iodine with a Cosolvent for a High-Current Zinc–Iodine Flow Battery. *J. Mater. Chem. A* **2022**, 10, 14090–14097.
- (3) Li, L.; Tsang, Y. C. A.; Xiao, D.; Zhu, G.; Zhi, C.; Chen, Q. Phase-Transition Tailored Nanoporous Zinc Metal Electrodes for Rechargeable Alkaline Zinc-Nickel Oxide Hydroxide and Zinc-Air Batteries. *Nat Commun* **2022**, 13, 2870.
- (4) Zhu, S.; Qin, X.; Xiao, F.; Yang, S.; Xu, Y.; Tan, Z.; Li, J.; Yan, J.; Chen, Q.; Chen, M.; Shao, M. The Role of Ruthenium in Improving the Kinetics of Hydrogen Oxidation and

Evolution Reactions of Platinum. *Nature Catalysis* **2021**, *4*, 711–718.

- (5) Zhu, G.; Xiao, D.; Chen, Q. Spontaneous Formation of Porous Zinc in Rechargeable Zinc Batteries. *J. Electrochem. Soc.* **2021**, *168*, 110524.
- (6) Yang, S.; Li, Y.; Chen, Q. Resolving Electron Transfer Kinetics in Porous Electrodes via Diffusion-Less Cyclic Voltammetry. *J. Mater. Chem. A* **2021**, *9*, 14025–14031.
- (7) Xiao, D.; Ke, Y.; Wang, C.; He, C.; Chen, Q. Bi-Continuous Porous Structures from the Selective Dissolution of Ionic Solid Solutions. *Scripta Materialia* **2021**, *199*, 113865.
- (8) Wang, C.; Chen, Q. Elucidating the Kinetic Root of the Evolution of the Oriented Nanoporous Metal from Reduction-Induced Decomposition. *Chem. Mater.* **2021**, *33*, 2604–2610.
- (9) Ruan, W.; Mao, J.; Chen, Q. Redox Flow Batteries toward More Soluble Anthraquinone Derivatives. *Current Opinion in Electrochemistry* **2021**, *29*, 100748.
- (10) Nambafu, G. S.; Siddharth, K.; Zhang, C.; Zhao, T.; Chen, Q.; Amine, K.; Shao, M. An Organic Bifunctional Redox Active Material for Symmetric Aqueous Redox Flow Battery. *Nano Energy* **2021**, *89*, 106422.
- (11) Li, Y.; Ma, L.; Yi, Z.; Zhao, Y.; Mao, J.; Yang, S.; Ruan, W.; Xiao, D.; Mubarak, N.; Wu, J.; et al. Metal–Organic Framework-Derived Carbon as a Positive Electrode for High-Performance Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries. *J. Mater. Chem. A* **2021**, *9*, 5648–5656.
- (12) Li, Y.; Ma, L.; Yi, Z.; Zhao, Y.; Mao, J.; Yang, S.; Ruan, W.; Xiao, D.; Mubarak, N.; Wu, J.; et al. Metal–Organic Framework-Derived Carbon as a Positive Electrode for High-Performance Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries. *J. Mater. Chem. A* **2021**, *9*, 5648–5656.
- (13) He, C. X.; Yue, Q. L.; Wu, M. C.; Chen, Q.; Zhao, T. S. A 3D Electrochemical-Thermal Coupled Model for Electrochemical and Thermal Analysis of Pouch-Type Lithium-Ion Batteries. *International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer* **2021**, *181*, 121855.
- (14) Zheng, Y.; Luo, R.; Xu, Y.; Zhang, L.; Liu, P.; Chen, Q. Adsorbate-Mediated Deposition of Noble-Metal Nanoparticles on Carbon Substrates for Electrocatalysis. *ACS Appl. Energy Mater.* **2020**, *3*, 6460–6465.
- (15) Yang, S.; Chen, Q. Quantifying Electron Transfer Kinetics on Porous Carbon Electrodes for Redox Flow Batteries. *J. Electrochem. Soc.* **2020**, *167*, 160501.
- (16) Xiong, C.; Zhu, G. Y.; Jiang, H. R.; Chen, Q.; Zhao, T. S. Achieving Multiplexed Functionality in a Hierarchical MXene-Based Sulfur Host for High-Rate, High-Loading Lithium-Sulfur Batteries. *Energy Storage Materials* **2020**, *33*, 147–157.
- (17) Wang, C.; Zhu, G.; Liu, P.; Chen, Q. Monolithic Nanoporous Zn Anode for Rechargeable

Alkaline Batteries. *ACS Nano* **2020**, *14*, 2404–2411.

- (18) Ruan, W.; Mao, J.; Yang, S.; Shi, C.; Jia, G.; Chen, Q. Designing Cr Complexes for a Neutral Fe–Cr Redox Flow Battery. *Chem. Commun.* **2020**, *56*, 3171–3174.
- (19) Ruan, W.; Mao, J.; Yang, S.; Chen, Q. Communication—Tris(Bipyridyl)Iron Complexes for High-Voltage Aqueous Redox Flow Batteries. *J. Electrochem. Soc.* **2020**, *167*, 100543.
- (20) Ren, Y. X.; Zeng, L.; Zhao, C.; Xiong, C.; Chen, Q.; Zhao, T. S. A Safe and Efficient Lithiated Silicon-Sulfur Battery Enabled by a Bi-Functional Composite Interlayer. *Energy Storage Materials* **2020**, *25*, 217–223.
- (21) Mao, J.; Ruan, W.; Chen, Q. Understanding the Aqueous Solubility of Anthraquinone Sulfonate Salts: The Quest for High Capacity Electrolytes of Redox Flow Batteries. *J. Electrochem. Soc.* **2020**, *167*, 070522.
- (22) Liu, P.; Chen, Q.; Ito, Y.; Han, J.; Chu, S.; Wang, X.; Reddy, K. M.; Song, S.; Hirata, A.; Chen, M. Dealloying Kinetics of AgAu Nanoparticles by *In Situ* Liquid-Cell Scanning Transmission Electron Microscopy. *Nano Lett.* **2020**, *20*, 1944–1951.
- (23) Liang, J.; Pan, M.; Chai, G.; Peng, Z.; Zhang, J.; Luo, S.; Han, Q.; Chen, Y.; Shang, A.; Bai, F.; et al. Random Polymerization Strategy Leads to a Family of Donor Polymers Enabling Well-Controlled Morphology and Multiple Cases of High-Performance Organic Solar Cells. *Adv. Mater.* **2020**, *32*, 2003500.
- (24) Chi, H.; Wang, C.; Wang, Z.; Zhu, H.; Mesias, V. St. D.; Dai, X.; Chen, Q.; Liu, W.; Huang, J. Highly Reusable Nanoporous Silver Sheet for Sensitive SERS Detection of Pesticides. *Analyst* **2020**, *145*, 5158–5165.
- (25) Xu, Y.; Zheng, Y.; Wang, C.; Chen, Q. An All-Organic Aqueous Battery Powered by Adsorbed Quinone. *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* **2019**, *11*, 23222–23228.
- (26) Ren, Y. X.; Zeng, L.; Jiang, H. R.; Ruan, W. Q.; Chen, Q.; Zhao, T. S. Rational Design of Spontaneous Reactions for Protecting Porous Lithium Electrodes in Lithium–Sulfur Batteries. *Nature Communications* **2019**, *10*, 3249.
- (27) Wang, C.; Chen, Q. Reduction-Induced Decomposition: Spontaneous Formation of Monolithic Nanoporous Metals of Tunable Structural Hierarchy and Porosity. *Chem. Mater.* **2018**, *30*, 3894–3900.
- (28) Chen, Q.; Ding, Y.; Chen, M. Nanoporous Metal by Dealloying for Electrochemical Energy Conversion and Storage. *MRS Bull.* **2018**, *43*, 43–48.
- (29) Tong, L.; Chen, Q.; Wong, A. A.; Gómez-Bombarelli, R.; Aspuru-Guzik, A.; Gordon, R.

- G.; Aziz, M. J. UV-Vis Spectrophotometry of Quinone Flow Battery Electrolyte for *in Situ* Monitoring and Improved Electrochemical Modeling of Potential and Quinhydrone Formation. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **2017**, *19*, 31684–31691.
- (30) Gerhardt, M. R.; Tong, L.; Gómez-Bombarelli, R.; Chen, Q.; Marshak, M. P.; Galvin, C. J.; Aspuru-Guzik, A.; Gordon, R. G.; Aziz, M. J. Anthraquinone Derivatives in Aqueous Flow Batteries. *Adv. Energy Mater.* **2017**, *7*, 1601488.
- (31) Chen, Q.; Gerhardt, M. R.; Aziz, M. J. Dissection of the Voltage Losses of an Acidic Quinone Redox Flow Battery. *J. Electrochem. Soc.* **2017**, *164*, A1126–A1132.
- (32) Lin, K.; Gómez-Bombarelli, R.; Beh, E. S.; Tong, L.; Chen, Q.; Valle, A.; Aspuru-Guzik, A.; Aziz, M. J.; Gordon, R. G. A Redox-Flow Battery with an Alloxazine-Based Organic Electrolyte. *Nat Energy* **2016**, *1*, 16102.
- (33) Chen, Q.; Gerhardt, M. R.; Hartle, L.; Aziz, M. J. A Quinone-Bromide Flow Battery with 1 W/Cm² Power Density. *J. Electrochem. Soc.* **2016**, *163*, A5010–A5013.
- (34) Chen, Q.; Eisenach, L.; Aziz, M. J. Cycling Analysis of a Quinone-Bromide Redox Flow Battery. *J. Electrochem. Soc.* **2016**, *163*, A5057–A5063.
- (35) Lin, K.; Chen, Q.; Gerhardt, M. R.; Tong, L.; Kim, S. B.; Eisenach, L.; Valle, A. W.; Hardee, D.; Gordon, R. G.; Aziz, M. J.; Marshak, M. P. Alkaline Quinone Flow Battery. *Science* **2015**, *349*, 1529–1532.
- (36) Chen, Q.; Geng, K.; Sieradzki, K. Prospects for Dendrite-Free Cycling of Li Metal Batteries. *J. Electrochem. Soc.* **2015**, *162*, A2004–A2007.
- (37) Li, X.; Chen, Q.; McCue, I.; Snyder, J.; Crozier, P.; Erlebacher, J.; Sieradzki, K. Dealloying of Noble-Metal Alloy Nanoparticles. *Nano Lett.* **2014**, *14*, 2569–2577.
- (38) Chen, Q. Bi-Continuous Nanoporous Structure Formation via Compound Decomposition. *J. Electrochem. Soc.* **2014**, *161*, H643–H646.
- (39) Switzer, E. E.; Zeller, R.; Chen, Q.; Sieradzki, K.; Buttry, D. A.; Friesen, C. Oxygen Reduction Reaction in Ionic Liquids: The Addition of Protic Species. *J. Phys. Chem. C* **2013**, *117*, 8683–8690.
- (40) Chen, Q.; Sieradzki, K. Spontaneous Evolution of Bicontinuous Nanostructures in Dealloyed Li-Based Systems. *Nature Materials* **2013**, *12*, 1102–1106.
- (41) Chen, Q.; Sieradzki, K. Mechanisms and Morphology Evolution in Dealloying. *J. Electrochem. Soc.* **2013**, *160*, C226–C231.
- (42) McCue, I.; Snyder, J.; Li, X.; Chen, Q.; Sieradzki, K.; Erlebacher, J. Apparent Inverse Gibbs-Thomson Effect in Dealloyed Nanoporous Nanoparticles. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **2012**,

108, 225503.

Patent

- (1) Chen, Q., Gordon, R.G. and Aziz, M.J., 2020. Flow battery with electrolyte rebalancing system. U.S. Patent 10840532.
- (2) Aziz, M.J., Gordon, R.G., Lin, K., Marshak, M., Chen, Q. and Gerhardt, M.R., 2018. High pH organic flow battery. U.S. Patent US20180048011A1.
- (3) Chen, Q., Li, L and Tsang, Y.C.A., Method of fabricating nanoporous Zn anodes and the applications in Zn batteries. U. S. Patent Application No. 17/933,657.

Invited Talk

- (1) Mass transports in nanoporous metals. *The Annual Meeting of the Chinese Materials Research Society*, Xiamen, China, July 2021.
- (2) Morphological evolution in rechargeable Zn anodes. *The Annual Conference of Physics Society of Hong Kong*, Hong Kong, July 2020.
- (3) Nanoporous metal from reduction-induced decomposition. *The Third International Symposium of Nanoporous Materials by Alloy Corrosion*, Philadelphia, USA, February 2019.
- (4) Organic molecules for redox flow batteries. *The First International Conference on 4D Materials and Systems*, Yonezawa, Japan, August 2018.
- (5) What limits the performance of a quinone-based redox flow battery. *The Annual Conference of the Asian-pacific Confederation of Chemical Engineering*, Hong Kong, August 2017.
- (6) Selective dissolution and bi-continuous nanoporous metal formation. *The Annual Meeting of the Chinese Materials Research Society*, Yinchuan, China, July 2017.

Academic Services

- Organizer, *The Hong Kong Battery Symposium*, 2023 – (www.qing-chen/battery).
- Organizer, *The Dealloying Symposium*, 2021 – (www.qing-chen.org/dealloying).
- Co-chair, *The Symposium of Self-organizing Nano-architected Materials*, *The TMS Annual Meeting*, Anaheim, USA, Feb. 2022.
- Co-chair, *The Symposium of Nanoporous Metal*, *The Annual Meeting of the Chinese Materials Research Society*, Xiamen, July 2018, and Chengdu, July 2019.

- Co-chair, *Advanced Study Institute on Frontiers in Energy Storage*, Hong Kong, June 2018.
- Journal reviewer (*Nature Materials*, *Advanced Materials*, *Nano Letters*, *Joule*, *Chemistry of Materials*, etc.)
- Proposal reviewer (*A*STAR*, Singapore, *Green Tech. Fund*, Hong Kong, and *Chinese Neutron Spallation Source*, China).