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EDUCATION

THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK (CCNY) | PhD, Chemical Engineering
Graduated March 2023 | New York, NY

THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK (CCNY) | MPhil, Chemical Engineering
Graduated January 2021 | New York, NY

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH | MChem, Chemistry
Graduated July 2017 | Edinburgh, U.K.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

CLÉMENT LAB | Postdoctoral Scholar
UCSB | May 2023 - Present | Santa Barbara, CA

- Determination of ionic diffusion through polymeric materials by applications of pulsed-field gradient and electrophoretic NMR measurements
- Studying both partitioning behaviours and transport processes in multi-phasic systems using spatially-resolved NMR techniques
- Probing ion-ion and ion-solvent interactions via their coupled diffusion, as compared to equilibrium models of ion dissociation

MESSINGER LAB | PhD Student
CCNY | November 2018 – May 2023 | New York, NY

- Applying advanced solid-state NMR methodologies to establish ionic and electronic charge storage mechanisms in quinone electrodes for aluminum batteries
- NMR characterization of molten-salt electrolytes in liquid and heterogeneous samples to develop understanding of reaction processes following electrochemical cycling
- Quantum chemical calculations to determine thermochemical viability of ion generation pathways and quadrupolar NMR parameters of electroactive ions
- Evaluating reaction schemes via NMR to characterize the modification of LiPF_6 by P_2O_5 for long-life and low hysteresis lithium-metal batteries
- Investigating chalcogen electrodes for rechargeable aluminum batteries, studying the impacts of structure at different length-scales to the resultant reactions
- Understanding a novel non-intensive recycling process for lithium-ion battery cathodes by NMR analysis, in combination with complimentary techniques

BIDDINGER LAB | Summer Researcher
CCNY | Summer 2018 | New York, NY

- Performed preliminary work for surface-enhanced FTIR studies of reaction pathways in the electrochemical upgrading of bio-oils derived from otherwise wasted feedstocks to bio-fuels

KAMPOURIS LAB | Masters Research
University of Edinburgh | September 2016 - April 2017 | Edinburgh, U.K.

- Investigated the design of microelectrode arrays, in particular the impact of reference electrode positioning producing stacked, one-dimensional microelectrode arrays of working electrodes and coupled reference electrodes. This work was performed in the clean-room environment of the Scottish Microelectronics Centre

LEADERSHIP & WORK EXPERIENCE

TREASURER | ECS Student Chapter

ECS | 2021-2023 | New York, NY

- Key leadership position organizing and running events pertaining to electrochemistry

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - TREASURER | Graduate Student Council

CCNY | Academic Year 2019-2020 | New York, NY

- Created budgets to fund all graduate clubs on campus, and host a graduate student symposium
- Reworked all budgeting to match the new financial conditions brought by the COVID-19 pandemic

TEACHING ASSISTANT FOR THERMODYNAMICS I & II | Department of Chemical Engineering

CCNY | Spring 2020-Spring 2022 | New York, NY

- Delivered lectures to classes and performed weekly recitations to class of 75 people
- Addressed concerns and questions of the class through individual emails and Zoom calls
- Reevaluated teaching approach due to the COVID-19 pandemic, utilizing virtual media

TECHNICAL SPECIALIST | Genius Bar

Apple Inc. | 2014-2017 | Edinburgh, U.K.

- Troubleshooted customer issues and performed device repairs
- Aligned with customers, establishing mutual empathy to de-escalate situations

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

242ND ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY MEETING TRAVEL AWARD

ECS | October 2022 | Atlanta, GA

GLOBAL NMR TWITTER CONFERENCE 2022 POSTER AWARD

Global NMR Discussions | August 2022 | Twitter

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE (RMC) ON MAGNETIC RESONANCE TRAVEL AWARD

RMC | July 2022 | Copper Mountain, CO

EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE CONFERENCE TRAVEL AWARD

ENC | April 2022 | Orlando, FL

GROVE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING FELLOWSHIP

CCNY | Academic Year 2020-2021 | New York, NY

ACRIVOS FELLOWSHIP

CCNY | Academic Year 2018-2019 | New York, NY

LANGUAGES

SPOKEN & WRITTEN

English - Native

German - Intermediate

PROGRAMMING

Matlab, Python - Proficient

HTML - Basic

REFERENCES

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PUBLICATIONS

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- [2] Theresa Schoetz, Loeth E. Robinson, **Leo W. Gordon**, Sarah A. Stariha, Celia E. Harris, Hui Li Seong, John-Paul Jones, Erik J. Brandon, and Robert J. Messinger. Elucidating the role of electrochemically formed lif in discharge and aging of li-cf x batteries. *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces*, 16:18722–18733, 4 2024.
- [3] Oi Man Leung, **Leo W. Gordon**, Robert J. Messinger, Themis Prodromakis, Julian A. Wharton, Carlos Ponce de León, and Theresa Schoetz. Solid polymer electrolytes with enhanced electrochemical stability for high-capacity aluminum batteries. *Advanced Energy Materials*, 2303285, Jan 2024.
- [4] Brendan E. Hawkins, Theresa Schoetz, **Leo W. Gordon**, Surabh KT, Jonah Wang, and Robert J. Messinger. Reversible Zinc Electrodeposition at $-60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ Using a Deep Eutectic Electrolyte for Low-Temperature Zinc Metal Batteries. *The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters*, 14(9):2378–2386, Mar 2023.
- [5] **Leo W. Gordon**, Jonah Wang, and Robert J. Messinger. Revealing impacts of electrolyte speciation on ionic charge storage in aluminum-quinone batteries by NMR spectroscopy. *Journal of Magnetic Resonance*, 348:107374, Mar 2023.
- [6] Atanu Roy, Theresa Schoetz, **Leo W. Gordon**, Hung-Ju Yen, Qingli Hao, and Daniel Mandler. Formation of a CoMn-layered double hydroxide/graphite supercapacitor by a single electrochemical step. *ChemSusChem*, e202201418, Aug 2022.
- [7] **Leo W. Gordon**, Ankur L. Jadhav, Mikhail Miroshnikov, Theresa Schoetz, George John, and Robert J. Messinger. Molecular-scale elucidation of ionic charge storage mechanisms in rechargeable aluminum–quinone batteries. *The Journal of Physical Chemistry C*, 126:14082–14093, Aug 2022.
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- [10] T. Schoetz, **L.W. Gordon**, S. Ivanov, A. Bund, D. Mandler, and R.J. Messinger. Disentangling faradaic, pseudocapacitive, and capacitive charge storage: A tutorial for the characterization of batteries, supercapacitors, and hybrid systems. *Electrochimica Acta*, 412:140072, Feb 2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE (ENC) CONFERENCE | April 2024

"Spatially Resolved NMR Methods for Determination of Solute Partitioning," Experimental Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Conference (ENC), 7-11 April, 2024, Asilomar, CA.

EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE (ENC) CONFERENCE | April 2023

"Impacts of Electrolyte Speciation on Ion Binding Environments in Aluminum-Quinone Batteries Elucidated by Dipolar-Mediated and Multiple-Quantum Solid-State NMR Methods," Experimental Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Conference (ENC), 16-20 April, 2023, Asilomar, CA.

BATTERY & ENERGY STORAGE (BES) CONFERENCE | October 2022

"Impacts of Electrolyte Speciation on Aluminum-Organic Battery Charge Storage," Battery and Energy Storage (BES) Workshop, 26-28 October, 2022, New York, NY.

ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY (ECS) MEETING | October 2022

"Understanding Improved Lifetimes of Lithium-Metal Batteries LiPF₆ Carbonate Electrolyte Modified by Phosphorus Pentoxide," Electrochemical Society (ECS) Meeting, 9-13 October, 2022, Atlanta, GA.

GLOBAL NMR TWITTER CONFERENCE | August 2022

"Electrochemical Complexation of Polyatomic Aluminum Ions to Heterogeneous Organic Electrode Samples Investigated Using Solid-State Dipolar-Mediated NMR Methods," Global NMR Twitter Conference, 3-5 August, 2022, Virtual.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE (RMC) ON MAGNETIC RESONANCE | July 2022

"Electrochemical Complexation of Polyatomic Aluminum Ions to Heterogeneous Organic Electrode Samples Investigated Using Solid-State Dipolar-Mediated NMR Methods," Rocky Mountain Conference on Magnetic Resonance (RMC), 25-29 July, 2022, Copper Mountain, CO.

EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE (ENC) CONFERENCE | April 2022

"Molecular Structures of Reaction Products in LiPF₆ Carbonate Electrolyte with a Phosphorous Pentoxide Scavenger for Rechargeable Lithium Metal Batteries," Experimental Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Conference (ENC), 24-29 April, 2022, Orlando, FL.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CHEMICAL ENGINEERS (AIChE) CONFERENCE | November 2021

"Charge Storage Mechanisms of Quinone- & Flavin-Type Organic Electrodes for Rechargeable Aluminum Batteries Elucidated with Molecular-level Specificity," AIChE Annual Meeting, 7-12 November, 2021, Boston, MA.

ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY (ECS) MEETING | October 2021

"Electrochemical Complexation of Polyatomic Aluminum Cations in Quinone-type Organic Battery Electrodes Revealed by Solid-state NMR," Electrochemical Society (ECS) Meeting, 10-14 October, 2021, Virtual.

EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE (ENC) CONFERENCE | March 2021

"Molecular-level Insights into the Charge Storage Mechanisms of Rechargeable Aluminum-Indanthrone Quinone Batteries Revealed by Solid-state NMR Spectroscopy," Experimental Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Conference (ENC), 29-31 March, 2021, Virtual.

BATTERY & ENERGY STORAGE (BES) CONFERENCE | October 2020

"Molecular-level Investigation into the Charge-storage Mechanisms of Rechargeable Aluminum-organic Batteries," Battery and Energy Storage (BES) Workshop, 21-23 October, 2020, Virtual.

ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY (ECS) MEETING | October 2020

"Molecular-Scale Understanding of Charge Storage Mechanisms in Organic Positive Electrode Materials for Rechargeable Aluminum Batteries," Electrochemical Society (ECS) Meeting, 4-9 October, 2020, Virtual.

BATTERY & ENERGY STORAGE (BES) CONFERENCE | October 2019

"Rechargeable Aluminum Batteries Using Organic Cathode Materials with High Cycle Life and Capacity," Battery and Energy Storage (BES) Workshop, 21-22 October, 2019, New York, NY.