

# Shuxuan Liao

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## EDUCATION

### Qingdao University

Sep 2022 – Jun 2025

Materials Engineering

- **GPA:** 3.83/4.0
- **Core Courses:** Material structures and properties, Material synthesis and preparation, Modern analysis technique for materials, New energy materials and devices

### Nanjing Tech University

Sep 2017 – Jun 2021

Optoelectronic Information Science and Engineering

- **GPA:** 3.57/4.0
- **Core Courses:** Electromagnetism, Analog electronics, Digital fundamentals, Electrodynamics, Quantum mechanics, Solid state physics, Optoelectronic technology

## PUBLICATIONS

- [1] S. Liao, *et al.* From spent lithium-ion batteries to high-performance supercapacitors: enabling universal gradient recycling via spin capacitance, *Advanced Energy Materials*, 2024, 2403970.
- [2] S. Liao, *et al.* Decoding the space charge storage in solid electrolyte interphase via operando magnetometry, submitted to *Journal of the American Chemical Society*. (2025.7.19 Under Review)
- [3] S. Liao, *et al.* Magnetic phase transition reveals ligand holes produced by charge transfer. (In Preparation)
- [4] H. Liu<sup>#</sup>, F. Zou<sup>#</sup>, S. Liao<sup>#</sup>, *et al.* Reinterpreting the intercalation-conversion mechanism of FeP anodes in lithium/sodium-ion batteries from evolution of the magnetic phase, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters*, 2024, 15, 4694-4704.
- [5] J. Chen, S. Liao, *et al.* Operando magnetometry decodes fast sodium storage: Biomass-derived Bi@NSC anodes with triple-phase kinetics, *Chemical Engineering Journal*, 2025, 166439, 1385-8947.
- [6] L. Han, S. Liao, *et al.* Unlocking electrochemical potential: amorphous NaFePO<sub>4</sub> as a high-capacity and cycle-stable cathode material for advanced sodium-ion batteries, *Science China Materials*, 2025, 68, 1109-1116.
- [7] J. Chen, X. Guo, S. Liao, *et al.* Fresh sodium storage of FeCoNi alloys confined in biomass carbon revealed by operando magnetometry, *Energy Storage Materials*, 2024, 71, 103600.
- [8] Y. Liu, Y. Han, S. Liao, *et al.* In situ magnetometry study on the origin of anomalously capacity in transition metal sulfides, *ChemPhysMater*, 2023, 2, 246-252.
- [9] H. Fu<sup>#</sup>, F. Gu<sup>#</sup>, Y. Niu<sup>#</sup>, S. Liao, *et al.* Spatially confined transition metals boost high initial coulombic efficiency in alloy anodes, *Chemical Science*, 2025, 16, 418.
- [10] X. Li, Z. Bu, H. Liu, L. Qin, B. Qiu, K. Sun, Z. Zhang, S. Liao, *et al.* Electrochemical Na doping to spent lithium-ion batteries takes on an entirely new look, *Chemical Communications*, 2025, 61, 5349-5352.

## PATENT

- Q. Li, S. Liao, *et al.* A Recycling Method for Lithium-Ion Batteries and Spin Capacitance Mechanism. Patent Application No. 2024116995691. Status: Application accepted and under review by CNIPA.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Space Charge Behavior of SEI Probed by Fe<sub>3</sub>C Magnetic Response

Duration: Apr. 2023 – Present

Supervisors: Prof. Qiang Li

- Employed Fe<sub>3</sub>C as a magnetic probe material to investigate space-charge storage behavior in the SEI layer

through operando magnetometry;

- Combined multi-scale characterization techniques to quantify an additional space-charge capacity of  $\sim 236 \text{ mAh} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$  within the voltage range of 0.01–1.4 V;
- Demonstrated that the SEI functions as an ion-conductive interface that hosts spin-polarized electrons, enabling interface space-charge storage;
- This study provides new insights into the role of SEI in energy storage and interfacial ion-electron coupling behavior.

### **Magneto-electrochemical Study and Upcycling of $\text{LiFePO}_4$ Cathodes**

Duration: Nov. 2023 – Apr. 2024

Supervisors: Prof. Qiang Li & Prof. Yuxiang Hu

- Investigated the charge storage mechanism of  $\text{LiFePO}_4$  in the low-voltage window based on prior understanding of space-charge behavior;
- Analyzed the magneto-electrochemical response and spin accumulation characteristics of  $\text{LiFePO}_4$  under varied electrochemical states;
- Proposed a strategy for direct upcycling of spent  $\text{LiFePO}_4$  into high-performance supercapacitor materials via a gradient phase-reconstruction approach;
- The work offers a sustainable solution to battery material reuse and provides a new perspective on charge storage in cathode materials.

### **Ligand Hole Evolution in Layered Sodium-ion Cathodes**

Duration: May 2024 – Present

Supervisors: Prof. Qiang Li & Prof. Guoxing Miao

- Investigated ligand-to-metal charge transfer (LMCT) and ligand-hole generation in layered oxides using  $\text{Na}_{2/3}\text{Cu}_{1/3}\text{Mn}_{2/3}\text{O}_2$  as a model system;
- Conducted joint characterization using operando magnetometry, X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS), and density functional theory (DFT) calculations to elucidate ligand-hole accumulation behavior;
- Identified an antiferromagnetic-to-ferromagnetic transition during electrochemical cycling, validating the hypothesis that oxygen activity modulates cathode performance via magnetic-state evolution;
- Observed similar magnetic-electronic responses in Ni-rich systems such as NCM811, leading to the proposal of a generalized magneto-electrochemical model for strongly hybridized materials;
- This work bridges electrochemistry and condensed matter physics, providing interdisciplinary insights into oxygen redox mechanisms in high-energy-density cathode materials.

**Note:** A complete research experience can be found on the homepage: <https://shuxuanliao.github.io/>.

### **HONORS**

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- Academic scholarships, Qingdao University, Academic Year 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025
- Best Poster Award, The 4th Asia-Pacific Conference on Energy Storage and Conversion, 2023
- Outstanding Student Award, Qingdao University, 2023
- Campus Innovation Pioneer, China (Qingdao) International Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation Competition, 2022
- Second Prize, Provincial Level, China Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling (CUMCM), 2019
- Outstanding Student Cadre, Nanjing Tech University, 2019

### **SKILLS**

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**Software:** Origin, MS Office, Avantage, Vesta, MATLAB, etc.

**Characterization:** XRD, PPMS, EPR, XAS, TEM, SEM, DEMS, etc.

**Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (native), English (conversational).