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#### **Education**

Applied Data Science Program, MIT Professional Education, Fall 2022 University of California, Berkeley, California, 2008-2013

Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering, 2013, Area of Specialization: Photoelectrochemistry M.S. in Materials Science and Engineering, 2011

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, 2005-2007

B.S. in Chemistry, 2007, concentration in Specialized Chemistry, cum laude with Highest Honors

## **Awards and Honors**

Circle of Technical Excellence and Innovation (3M), 2021
Jane Lewis Fellowship (UC Berkeley), 2010-2011
Chancellor's Fellowship (UC Berkeley), 2008-2010
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (UC Berkeley), 2010-2011
Outstanding Scholar Award (College of Lake County), 2005

## **Work Experience**

Chemical and Materials Engineer - Immersion Technologist: NVIDIA, Santa Clara California, 2024-Current

- Support and advise datacenter customers exploring single and two-phase immersion cooling technologies incorporating next-generation NVIDIA compute hardware
- Design and perform internal and external research programs in areas including:
  - Material compatibility with a focus on elastomeric materials
  - Signal integrity of high-speed interconnects
  - Immersion tank design and operation
  - Dielectric fluid hygiene
  - Boiling enhancement coatings

Principal Electrochemist: Fortescue Future Industries Colorado Innovation Center, Boulder Colorado, 2023-2024

- Planned and executed research and development efforts in support of Fortescue's decarbonization projects with the aim of identifying and minimizing technological risks
- Principal investigator on a Direct Electrochemical Reduction of Iron pilot facility targeting a 95% reduction in GHG emissions compared to coke-based iron ore reduction technologies
- Performed technology evaluation and due diligence on strategic acquisitions and investment opportunities across multiple green energy industries including hydrogen production, ammonia production, long duration energy storage, and renewable power generation
- Advisor and technical oversight of a direct solar to hydrogen start-up investment
- Technical advisor for the Hydrogen Production Systems business unit focused on low temperature electrolysis (PEM and AEM) MEA component-level scouting and characterization
- Three invention submissions

Specialist Chemist: Electronic Materials Solutions Division, 3M Company, St. Paul Minnesota, 2018-2023 Senior Electrochemist: Energy Components Program, 3M Company, St. Paul Minnesota, 2013-2018

 Technical lead on multi-discipline carbon dioxide recycling project funded in part by the Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-e, <a href="https://arpa-e.energy.gov/impact-sheet/dioxide-materials-open-2012">https://arpa-e.energy.gov/impact-sheet/dioxide-materials-open-2012</a>)

- Co-author on ARPA-e plus-up application (awarded) as follow-on to successful CO<sub>2</sub> recycling project
- Anion exchange membrane polymer synthesis and characterization for solid state CO<sub>2</sub> electrolyzer applications resulting in one granted U.S. patent
- Optimization of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction electrocatalyst development, from deposition/fabrication utilizing
  physical vapor deposition techniques including thermal evaporation, e-beam evaporation, and
  reactive ion DC sputtering, to in situ and ex situ characterization techniques including cyclic/linear
  sweep voltammetry, chronoamperometry, chronopotentiometry, electrochemical impedance
  spectroscopy, and SEM/EDS
- Technical research member of an energy storage technology "deep dive" assessment team guiding future 3M research programs in the Corporate Research Materials Laboratory (CRML)
- Synthesis and characterization of redox flow battery materials including optimized PFSA-based ion exchange membranes and novel electrocatalysts for grid-level energy storage applications
- Designed, built, and operated rotating disc electrode electrochemical characterization capability to develop and optimize novel hydrogen fuel cell electrode ionomers
- Battery electric vehicle immersion cooling application development using 3M Novec<sup>TM</sup> brand dielectric fluids to mitigate risk of thermal runaway and improve battery performance
- Technical lead on a project to identify and mitigate electrochemical failure mechanism of a fluoroketone two-phase immersion cooling fluid for hyperscale datacenter applications
- Subject matter expert on signal integrity issues relevant to immersion in dielectric fluids
- Performed thermal decomposition studies on Novec<sup>TM</sup> dielectric fluids to identify and quantify decomposition products
- Built and maintained datacenter server hardware in immersion cooling pilot studies
- Developed and maintained a general-purpose ETL software tool to automate data processing and visualization from disparate data sources and laboratory equipment (Visual C++ front-end with embedded user-customizable Python scripting and Linux web/FTP/OracleDB back-end)
- Built custom software & hardware apparatus to monitor hydrogen generation of unattended water electrolyzer test stations to enable emergency shutoff (Arduino hardware, Visual C++ user interface)
- 26 invention submissions, 10 patent filings, numerous 3M internal technical reports

Doctoral Research: Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of California at Berkeley, 2008-2013 (research advisor: Prof. Junqiao Wu); Materials Science Division and the Joint Center for Artificial Photosynthesis, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2011-2013 (research advisor: Dr. Joel W. Ager III)

- Growth and characterization of novel, Earth-abundant metal-oxide semiconductors in thin-film and nanostructured form to serve as the photoanode in an artificial water-splitting device to convert solar energy into chemical energy
- Optimization of thin-film metal-oxide semiconductor growth utilizing reactive-ion sputtering, electrochemical deposition, electron-beam evaporation, and chemical vapor deposition
- Developed process of anodic aluminum oxide (AAO) nanotemplate formation on Si and ITOcoated glass for the growth of highly-ordered semiconductor nanowire arrays using electrochemical deposition
- Structural, electronic, and electrochemical characterization of semiconductors utilizing SEM/EDS, TEM, XRD, XPS, AFM, Auger, Raman, IPCE, illuminated and dark I-V, UV-Vis spectroscopy, Photolithography, Hall Effect, Cyclic and Linear Sweep Voltammetry, Chonoamperometry, Chronopotentiometry, and Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy
- Graduate student instructor for MSE 241: Electron Microscopy and Microanalysis Techniques (TEM lab)

Applications Manager: CambridgeSoft Corporation (now PerkinElmer), Cambridge MA, June 2007 to June 2008

- Lead developer and project leader for the Inventory Enterprise application, a chemical inventory application with an ASP/Javascript front-end and Oracle DB with PL/SQL back-end
- Skills include .NET, ASP, Visual C++, C#, CSLA, Java, HTML/Javascript, XML, Oracle PL/SQL

*Undergraduate Research:* Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2006-2007 (research advisor: Prof. Andrzej Wieckowski)

- Studied formic acid oxidation mechanism on Pt {100} single crystal and Pt polycrystalline electrodes in acidic media using cyclic voltammetry, linear sweep voltammetry, and chronoamperometry
- Learned and utilized a wide range of characterization techniques during coursework, including FT-IR, GC-MS, ICR-MS, LEED, LIF, HPLC, EPR, Raman, UV-Vis, NMR, XRD, and numerous electrochemistry techniques
- Developed software tool to automate electrochemical data collection, analysis and visualization (Visual C++ front-end and Lua scripting back-end, Excel document output)
- Developed web-based software tool to generate idealized titration curve graphs for arbitrary acid species using the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation (HTML/Javascript)

Business Systems Architect: Quill Corporation, Lincolnshire, IL (February 1997 to January 2004)

- Served as technical lead, project manager, systems architect, and programmer analyst for a 1000+ employee office supply company, developing n-tier applications to interface a variety of business-critical databases and external vendor systems
- Project lead and technical lead on an enterprise order entry database server conversion from MS-SQL Server 6.5 to MS-SQL 2000, delivered on-time and under budget
- Designed and developed a fully-automated script-based testing tool to perform extensive unattended load-testing of the company's mission-critical order entry database and user interface (Visual C++ front end with embedded Lua scripting for automation and MS-SQL back-end)
- Developed and maintained more than 20 n-tier client-server application systems in support of business requirements (ASP/HTML, Visual C++, MS-SQL Server)
- Managed a team of up to two programmers, and served as mentor to more junior-level programmers
- Skills include Visual C++ (MFC, STL), Visual Basic, Java, Python, Lua, MS-SQL, ASP, HTML/DHTML, Extended Stored Procedures, DTS, CORBA, COM, ADO, ISAPI, HLLAPI, MIME, ODBC, Microsoft domain and systems administration, Linux systems administration

#### **Publications and Presentations**

- T.S. Matthews, R. Behrens, W.-P. Zhou, G.-Q. Lu, and A. Wieckowski, Oxidative Fuel Cell Catalysis. *Electrochemical Society Spring Meeting*, 2007 (oral presentation)
- R.I. Behrens, G-Q. Lu, T. Matthews, A. Lagutchev, D.D. Dlott, and A. Wieckowski. Developments in the Formic Acid Oxidation Reaction Using Combined Electrochemistry and BB-SFG. *Electrochemical Society Fall Meeting*, 2007 (oral presentation)
- T.S. Matthews, A. Tang, J.W. Ager, R. Ramesh, and J. Wu. Electrochemical Deposition and Characterization of Metal-Oxide Semiconductor Nanowires. *Materials Research Society Spring Meeting*, 2011 (poster)
- T.S. Matthews, K.R. Balasubramaniam, S. Chen, E. Alarcon-Llado, L.-W. Wang, J. Wu, and J.W. Ager. Copper Tungstate Thin Film and Nanowire Photoanodes for Visible Light Water Splitting. *Materials Research Society Spring Meeting*, 2012 (poster)
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- Lee, M.H., Takei, K., Zhang, J., Kapadia, R., Zheng, M., Chen, Y.Z., Nah, J., Matthews, T.S., Chueh, Y.L., Ager, J.W. and Javey, A., 2012. p-Type InP nanopillar photocathodes for efficient solar-driven hydrogen production. Angewandte Chemie International Edition, 51(43), pp.10760-10764. (227 citations)
- Tongay, S., Zhou, J., Ataca, C., Lo, K., Matthews, T.S., Li, J., Grossman, J.C. and Wu, J., 2012. Thermally driven crossover from indirect toward direct bandgap in 2D semiconductors: MoSe<sub>2</sub> versus MoS<sub>2</sub>. Nano letters, 12(11), pp.5576-5580. (804 citations)

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- Tongay, S., Zhou, J., Ataca, C., Liu, J., Kang, J.S., Matthews, T.S., You, L., Li, J., Grossman, J.C. and Wu, J., 2013. Broad-range modulation of light emission in two-dimensional semiconductors by molecular physisorption gating. Nano letters, 13(6), pp.2831-2836. (442 citations)
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- T.S. Matthews, M. Kaplun, Z. Liu, Q. Chen, R. Kutz, S. Luopa, K. Lewinski, and R.I. Masel. Electrochemical Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> to CO with High Selectivity Using an All Solid-State Electrolyzer Cell. *227<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society*, Spring 2015 (oral presentation)
- Q. Chen, Z. Liu, R. Kutz, H. Yang, R.I. Masel, K.A. Lewinski, M. Kaplun, and T.S. Matthews. New High Conductivity Membranes for Alkaline Electrolyzers. 227<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society, Spring 2015 (oral presentation)
- Z. Liu, R.I. Masel, Q. Chen, R. Kutz, H. Yang, K.A. Lewinski, T.S. Matthews, and M. Kaplun. A Novel Anion Exchange Membrane Enabling Generation of Syngas from Water and CO<sub>2</sub> at Industrially Important Rates. 227<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society, Spring 2015 (oral presentation)

### **Patents and Published Applications**

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