



## Hongchang Hao

Male | China | March 22, 1995

Postdoctoral Scholar at SLAC-Stanford Battery Center

(Supervisors: Jagjit Nanda, Xueli Zheng)

E-mail: hhao7@stanford.edu | Mobile: +1-5122870057

---

### EDUCATION

- 08/2019 – 05/2024    **Doctor of Philosophy:** Clean Energy  
The University of Texas at Austin (UT-Austin) | Texas Materials Institute | Austin, Texas, United States
- 07/2016 – 07/2019    **Master of Science:** Materials Chemistry and Physics  
University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS) | Shanghai Institute of Ceramics | Shanghai, China
- 09/2012 – 07/2016    **Bachelor of Engineering:** Functional Materials  
Tianjin University (TJU) | School of Materials Science and Engineering | Tianjin, China

---

### LEADING RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 09/2019 – 05/2024    **Tuned Reaction Kinetics at Electrode-Electrolyte Interphases for Stable Alkali Metal Batteries**
- Fabricated molybdenum carbides electrocatalysts for promoting sulfur redox kinetics in **RT Na-S batteries**; *Publication [1]*.
  - Tuned reactivity at Li-Li<sub>6</sub>PS<sub>5</sub>Cl solid-state electrolyte interphase in **all-solid-state lithium metal batteries**; *Publication [2]*.
  - Tuned reaction heterogeneity & kinetics at Li-Li<sub>6</sub>PS<sub>5</sub>Cl interphase in **all-solid-state lithium metal batteries**; *Publication [3]*.
  - Designed functional separators & **artificial SEI layers** for **alkali (Li, Na, and K) metal-sulfur batteries**; *Publications [4 & 5]*.
  - Developing effective current collector for stable **anode-free lithium metal all-solid-state batteries**; Achieved an average CE of **99.0%** for 400 cycles, *to be continued at SLAC*.
  - Designed a **polymer electrolyte** and **artificial SEI layer** for dendrite-free **potassium metal batteries**; *to be submitted*.
- 06/2017 – 07/2019    **Design of Efficient Photocatalysts for Hydrogen Production and Selective Organic Synthesis**
- Designed solar-driven system for simultaneous H<sub>2</sub> production and selective benzyl alcohol oxidation; *Publications [6 & 8]*.
  - Modified titania with nickel sulfide and sulfate species for facilitating cellulose photoreformation; *Publications [7]*.

---

### PUBLICATIONS (\* CORRESPONDING AUTHOR)

1. **Hao, H.\***, Wang, Y., Katyal, N., Yang, G., Dong, H., Liu, P., Hwang, S., Mantha, J., Mitlin, D.\* *et al.*, Molybdenum carbide electrocatalyst in-situ embedded in porous nitrogen-rich carbon nanotubes promotes rapid kinetics in sodium metal – sulfur batteries. *Adv. Mater.*, 2022, 2106572. (Back Cover) [link](#)
2. **Hao, H.\***, Liu, Y.\*, Greene, S. M., Yang, G., Naik, K. G., Vishnugopi, B. S., Mitlin, D.\* *et al.*, Tuned reactivity at the lithium metal – argyrodite solid state electrolyte interphase. *Adv. Energy Mater.*, 2301338. [link](#)
3. Wang, Y.\*, **Hao, H.\***, Naik, K. G., Vishnugopi, B. S., Fincher, C. D., Yan, Q., Mitlin, D.\* *et al.*, Mechanical milling – induced microstructure changes in argyrodite LPSCI solid-state electrolyte critically affect electrochemical stability. *Adv. Energy Mater.*, 2304530. [link](#)
4. **Hao, H.\***, Hutter, T., Boyce, B. L., Watt, J., Liu, P., Mitlin, D.\*, Review of multifunctional separators: stabilizing the cathode

- and the anode for alkali (Li, Na, and K) metal – sulfur and selenium batteries. *Chem. Rev.*, 2022, 122, 8053. (Front Cover) [link](#)
- Liu, P.\*, [Hao, H.\\*](#), Singla, A., Vishnugopi, B. S., Watt, J., Mukherjee, P. P., Mitlin, D.\*, Alumina - stabilized SEI and CEI in potassium metal batteries. *Angew. Chem.*, 2024, e202402214. [link](#)
  - [Hao, H.](#), Zhang, L.\*, Wang, W.\*, Qiao, S., Liu, X., Photocatalytic hydrogen evolution coupled with efficient selective benzaldehyde production from benzyl alcohol aqueous solution over ZnS-Ni<sub>x</sub>S<sub>y</sub> composites. *ACS Sustain. Chem. Eng.*, 2019, 7, 10501. [link](#)
  - [Hao, H.](#), Zhang, L.\*, Wang, W.\* Zeng, S., Facile modification of titania with nickel sulfide and sulfate species for the photoreformation of cellulose into hydrogen. *ChemSusChem*, 2018, 11, 2810. [link](#)
  - [Hao, H.](#), Zhang, L.\*, Wang, W.\* Zeng, S., Modification of heterogeneous photocatalysts for selective organic synthesis. *Catal. Sci. Technol.*, 2018, 8, 1229. [link](#)
  - Liu, P.\*, [Hao, H.](#), Celio, H., Cui, J., Ren, M., Wang, Mitlin, D.\*, *et al.*, Multifunctional separator allows stable cycling of potassium metal anodes and of potassium metal batteries. *Adv. Mater.*, 2022, 2105855. (Back Cover) [link](#)
  - Wang, Y.\*, [Hao, H.](#), Hwang, S., Liu, P., Xu, Y., Boscoboinik, J.A., Datta, D., Mitlin, D.\*, Selenium infiltrated hierarchical hollow carbon spheres display rapid kinetics and extended cycling as lithium metal battery (LMB) cathodes. *J. Mater. Chem. A*, 2021, 9, 18582. [link](#)
  - Liu, P.\*, Wang, Y., [Hao, H.](#), Basu, S., Feng, X., Xu, Y., Boscoboinik, J.A., Nanda, J., Watt, J., Mitlin, D.\*, Stable potassium metal anodes with an all-aluminum current collector through improved electrolyte wetting. *Adv. Mater.*, 2020, 2002908. [link](#)
  - Xiao, C., Zhang, L.\*, [Hao, H.](#), Wang, W.\*, High selective oxidation of benzyl alcohol to benzylaldehyde and benzoic acid with surface oxygen vacancies on W<sub>18</sub>O<sub>49</sub>/holey ultrathin g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> nanosheets. *ACS Sustain. Chem. Eng.*, 2019, 7, 7268. [link](#)
  - Wang, Y., Dong, H.\*, Katyal, N., [Hao, H.](#), Liu, P., Celio, H., Mitlin, D.\*, *et al.*, A Sodium–antimony–telluride intermetallic allows sodium–metal cycling at 100% depth of discharge and as an anode–free metal Battery. *Adv. Mater.*, 2022, 2106005. (Front Cover) [link](#)
  - Tao, L., Yang, Y., Wang, H.\*, Zheng, Y., [Hao, H.](#), Song, W., Shi, J., Huang, M., Mitlin, D.\*, Sulfur-nitrogen rich carbon as stable high capacity potassium ion battery anode: Performance and storage mechanisms. *Energy Stor. Mater.*, 2020, 27, 212. [link](#)
  - Wang, Y., Liu, Y.\*, Nguyen, M., Cho, J., Katyal, N., [Hao, H.](#), Mitlin, D.\*, *et al.*, Stable anode–free all–solid–state lithium battery through tuned metal wetting on the copper current collector. *Adv. Mater.* [link](#)
  - Wang, Y.\*, Dong, H., Katyal, N., Vishnugopi, B. S., Singh, M. K., [Hao, H.](#), Liu, Y., Liu, P., Mitlin, D.\*, *et al.*, Intermetallics based on sodium chalcogenides promote stable electrodeposition–electrodissolution of sodium metal anodes. *Adv. Energy Mater.*, 2023, 22204402. [link](#)

(More publications are listed in [Google Scholar page](#); Accumulated citations: 1121)

---

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Experimental Experiences:** Nanomaterials synthesis (hydro-thermal method, photodeposition, thermal polymerization, microwave method), **film fabrication (spin coating, polymer synthesis)**, catalyst design for chemical reactions (Li–S, Na–S, K–S reactions, H<sub>2</sub>/NH<sub>3</sub>/NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> production, benzyl alcohol selective oxidation), battery assembling and testing (liquid- & solid-state batteries), and so forth.
- Scientific Instruments:** Cryo–stage focused ion beam electron microscopy (Cryo–FIB EM), XAS, TGA, BET, X-ray

---

powder diffraction, BioLogic, UV-vis diffuse-reflectance spectrometer, Fluorescence spectrophotometer, Gas chromatography, High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), Raman spectrometer, Optical microscopy.

---

#### AWARDS/HONORS

- **University Graduate Continuing Fellowship (Top 2%), UT-Austin, academic year of 2023-2024;**
- Professional Development Award, UT-Austin, academic year of 2023-2024;
- **National Scholarship for Graduate Students (Top 2%), UCAS, academic year of 2018-2019;**
- Outstanding Graduate of UCAS, UCAS, academic year of 2018-2019;
- Outstanding Graduate of Beijing, UCAS, academic year of 2018-2019;
- Award for First Class Scholarship for Master Student, UCAS, academic year of 2017-2018;
- National Encouragement Scholarship (Top 5%, twice), TJU, academic years of 2013-2015
- SHKP-Kwoks' Foundation Scholarship, TJU, academic years of 2012-2016
- Award for Excellent Student, UCAS, academic year of 2017-2018;
- Award for Excellent Student, TJU, academic years of 2012-2015 (Thrice);
- Award for Advanced individuals in Scientific and Technological Innovation, TJU, academic year of 2014-2015
- Award for Advanced individuals in Self-motivation, TJU, academic year of 2012-2013

---

#### ACADEMIC REFEREES

- David Mitlin, Professor (Ph. D Supervisor)  
The University of Texas at Austin, Materials Science and Engineering Program & Texas Materials Institute (TMI), U.S.  
Email: david.mitlin2@utexas.edu
- Jagjit Nanda, Professor (Postdoctoral Supervisor & Ph.D. Committee Member)  
Stanford University, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory & Department of Materials Science and Engineering, U.S.  
Email: jnanda@stanford.edu
- John Watt, Staff Scientist (Collaborator)  
Los Alamos National Laboratory, Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies, U.S.  
Email: watt@lanl.gov
- Guang Yang, R&D Staff (Collaborator)  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Chemical Sciences Division, U.S.  
Email: yangg@ornl.gov
- Wenzhong Wang, Professor (Master Supervisor)  
University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai Institute of Ceramics, China  
Email: wzwang@mail.sic.ac.cn