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## **Professional Preparation:**

Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, Ohio Electrochemistry Post doctorate, 1993-1995

Case Western Reserve University,

Cleveland, Ohio, USA Electrochemistry Ph.D., 1993 Xiamen University, Fujian, China Physical Chemistry B.S., 1983

## **Appointments:**

**Associate Professor** 

Chemical Engineering, The University of Toledo, Ohio
2017- Present
Engineering and Technology, IUPUI, Indianapolis, Indiana
2005-2017

Group Leader

Delphi, Indiana Technical Center, Indianapolis, Indiana 1995-2005

#### **Relevant Publications:**

- 1. J. Guo, **R. Chen\***, F. Zhu, S. Sun and Hebe M. Villullas, 2018. New understandings of ethanol oxidation reaction mechanism on Pd/C and Pd<sub>2</sub>Ru/C catalysts in alkaline direct ethanol fuel cells. *Applied Catalysis B: Environmental*. 224:602–611.
- 2. D. Godoi, M. Villullas, F. Zhu, Y. Jiang, S. Sun, J. Guo, L. Sun and **R. Chen\***, 2016. A comparative investigation of metal-support interactions on the catalytic activity of Pt nanoparticles for ethanol oxidation in alkaline medium. *Journal of Power Sources*. 311:81-90.
- 3. J. Guo, H. He, D. Chu, **R. Chen\***. 2013. Tuning the electrochemical interface of Ag/C electrodes in alkaline media with metallophthalocyanine molecules. *Journal of Physical Chemistry C*, 117 (8):4006–4017.
- 4. L. Ma, A. Hsu, D. Chu, and **R. Chen\***. 2013, PdRu/C catalysts for ethanol oxidation in anion-exchange membrane direct ethanol fuel cells. *Journal of Power Sources*. 241:696–702.
- 5. L. Ma, A. Hsu, D. Chu, **R. Chen\***. 2012. Comparison of ethanol electro-oxidation on Pt/C and Pd/C catalysts in alkaline media. *International Journal of Hydrogen Energy* 37(15): 11185–11194.

#### **Five Other Significant Products:**

1. K. Liu, Y. Lei, **R. Chen**, and G.Wang. 2016. "Theoretical Aspects of Oxygen Electroreduction on M-N4 Macrocyclic Complexes" for Book "Electrochemistry of N4 Macrocyclic Metal Complexes", Edited By Fethi Bedioui & José Zagal.

- 2. A. Strong, C. Thornberry, S. Beattie, **R. Chen** and S. Coles. 2015. Depositing Catalyst Layers in Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cells: A Review. *Journal of Fuel Cell Science and Technology*. 064001-1 to 11.
- 3. L. Sun, J. Guo, J. Zhou, Q. Xu, D. Chu, **R. Chen\***. 2012. Novel nanostructured high-performance anion exchange ionomers for anion exchange membrane fuel cells. *Journal of Power Sources* 202: 70-77.
- 4. Zhou, J., J. Guo, D. Chu, **R. Chen\***. 2012. Impacts of anion-exchange-membranes with various ionic exchange capacities on the performance of H2/O2 fuel cells. *Journal of Power Sources* 219: 272-279.
- 5. **R.** Chen\*, H. Li, D. Chu, G. Wang. 2009. Unraveling Oxygen Reduction Reaction Mechanisms on Carbon Supported Fe-Phthalocyanine and Co-Phthalocyanine Catalysts in Alkaline Solutions. *J. Phys. Chem. C*, 113: 20689.

# **Synergistic Activities:**

- Served as a Principal Investigator for two NSF grants, including "Electricity from Bio-Ethanol Powered Fuel Cells", \$600,000 (7/15/2013-6/14/2016) and "The Development of Multi-Functional Catalysts to Replace Pt for Fuel Oxidation Reactions in Low Temperature Fuel Cells Toward Environmentally Friendly Energy Production", \$389,114 (1/1/2014-12/31/2016).
- Patented ten inventions including: Anion Exchange Ionomers for Fuel Cell Electrodes (03/03/2005), Composite Anion Exchange Membranes for Alkaline Fuel Cell Application, New Catalysts for Oxygen Reduction (06/19/2010), Functionalization and Membrane Preparation of Polyimides and/or Polyethers for Alkaline Anion Exchange (01/15/2008), Improvement of Proton Exchange Membranes by Addition of Sulfonated Super Porous Polystyrene Particles (01/15/2008), Anion Exchange Membranes (WO089355Q1; 2009), Improved Positive Electrode (US patent 6,83,151; 10/2004), Plate Making Process for Lead Acid Battery (US patent 6,755,874; 06/2004), Active Material for High Power and High Energy Lead Acid Batteries and Method of Manufacturing (US patent 6,617,071, 09/2003).
- Invited speaker, The 233rd Electrochemical Society Meeting, May 13-17, 2018, Seattle; Energy Materials Nanotechnology (EMN) Meeting, Orlando, FL, Feb. 2016; Electrochemical Conference of Energy and Environment, E3, Shanghai, China, March, 2014; The 8th Pacific Rim International Congress on Advanced Materials and Processing (PRICM-8), Waikoloa, Hawaii, August, 2013; Electrochemical Society Meeting, Hawaii, Oct. 2012; Materials Research Society Annual Conference, Boston, MA, November 2011.

# **Collaborators and Other Affiliations:**

Collaborators and Co-Editors: Dr. Deryn Chu (Army Research Lab), Daniel Scherson (Case Western University), R. Adzic (Brookhaven National Lab), Shi-gang Sun (Xiamen University, China); Mercedes Villullas (Depto de Físico-Química, Instituto de Química – UNESP, Brazil).

## **Graduate Advisors and Postdoctoral Sponsors:**

**Ph.D. Advisor:** Ernest Yeager (Case Western Reserve University)

**Postdoctoral Advisor:** Daniel Scherson (Case Western Reserve University)