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Education

2007–2012 **Ph.D., Department of Materials Science and Engineering,
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2003–2007 **B.S., Department of Physics, Peking University, China**

Professional Experience

2015–present **Assistant Professor, Materials Science and Engineering,
Department of Applied Physics and Applied Mathematics,
Columbia University**
2012–2015 **Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Mechanical Engineering,
MIT**

Awards & Honors

2017 Scialog Fellow on Advanced Energy Storage
2017 Research Initiatives for Science and Engineering (RISE) Award of
Columbia University
2015 MRS Postdoctoral Award for 2015 Spring Meeting
2014 World Changing Ideas Selected by *Scientific American*
2014 Best Poster Award, ASME International Mechanical Engineering
Congress & Exposition
2010 Dan Cubicciotti Award of Electrochemical Society (honor mention)
2010 O. Cutler Shepard Award at Stanford University

Journal Publications

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47. G. Qian, B. Zhu, X. Liao, H. Zhai, A. Srinivasan, N. Fritz, Q. Cheng, M. Ning, B. Qie, B, Y. Li, S. Yuan, J. Zhu, X. Chen, **Y. Yang***, Bio-inspired, spine-like flexible rechargeable lithium-ion batteries with high energy density. *Advanced Materials*, online. DOI: 10.1002/adma.201704947.
46. Y. Qiao, Z. Zhou, Z. Chen, S. Du, Q. Cheng, H. Zhai, N. Fritz, Q. Du, **Y. Yang***, Visualizing Ion Diffusion in Battery Systems by Fluorescence Microscopy: A Case Study on the Dissolution of LiMn_2O_4 . *Nano Energy*, 45, 68-74 (2018).
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- Efficiency and Stable Cycling. *Nano Letters*, 17, 7859 (2017).
44. C. Gao, S. Lee*, **Y. Yang***, Thermally Regenerative Electrochemical Cycle for Low-grade Heat Harvesting. *ACS Energy Letters*, 2, 2326 (2017)
 43. J. Mandal, D. Wang, A. Overvig, N. Shi, D. Paley, A. Zangiabadi, Q. Cheng, K. Barmak, N. Yu*, and **Y. Yang***, Scalable, Low-temperature ‘Dip-and-dry’ Technique to Fabricate Plasmonic Selective Absorber for High-efficiency Solar-thermal Energy Conversion. *Advanced Materials*, 29, 1702156 (2017)
 42. H. Zhai, P. Xu, M. Ning, Q. Cheng, J. Mandal, and **Y. Yang***, A Flexible Solid Composite Electrolyte with Vertically Aligned and Connected Ion-Conducting Nanoparticles for Lithium Batteries. *Nano Letters*, 17 (5), 3182–3187 (2017).
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 39. **Y. Yang***, X. P. Huang, Z. Y. Cao, and G. Chen*, Thermally conductive separator with hierarchical nano/microstructures for improving thermal management of batteries. *Nano Energy*, 22, 301–309 (2016).

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38. **Y. Yang**, G. Y. Zheng, and Y. Cui, Nanostructured Sulfur Cathodes. *Chemical Society Reviews* 42, 3018-3032 (2013).
37. S. W. Lee[§], **Y. Yang**[§], H. W. Lee, H. Ghasemi, D. Kraemer, G. Chen, and Y. Cui, An Electrochemical System for Highly Efficient Harvesting of Low-grade Heat Energy. *Nature Communications*, 5, 3942 (2014).
36. **Y. Yang**[§], S. W. Lee[§], G. Ghasemi, J. Loomis, X. B. Li, D. Kraemer, G. Y. Zheng, Y. Cui, and G. Chen, Charging-free Electrochemical System for Harvesting Low-grade Thermal Energy. *PNAS*, 111, 17011–17016 (2014).
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27. **Y. Yang**, Q. Zhao, X. Z. Zhang, Z. G. Liu, C. X. Zou, B. Shen, and D. P. Yu, Mn-doped AlN Nanowires with Room Temperature Ferromagnetic Ordering. *Applied Physics Letters* 90, 092118 (2007).
26. H. L. Wang[§], **Y. Yang**[§], Y. Y. Liang, G. Y. Zheng, Y. G. Li, Y. Cui, and H. J. Dai, Rechargeable Li-O₂ Batteries with Covalently Coupled MnCo_2O_4 -Graphene Hybrid as Oxygen Cathode Catalyst. *Energy & Environmental Sciences* 5, 7931-7935 (2012).
25. J. Nelson[§], S. Misra[§], **Y. Yang**[§], A. Jackson, Y. J. Liu, H. L. Wang, H. J. Dai, J. C. Andrews, Y. Cui, and M. F. Toney, In operando X-ray Diffraction and Transmission X-ray Microscopy of Lithium Sulfur Batteries. *JACS* 134, 6337–6343 (2012).
24. G. Y. Zheng[§], **Y. Yang**[§], J. J. Cha, S. S. S, and Y. Cui, Hollow Carbon Nanofiber-Encapsulated Sulfur Cathodes for High Specific Capacity Lithium Batteries. *Nano Letters* 11, 4462-4467 (2011).
23. H. L. Wang[§], **Y. Yang**[§], Y. Liang, J. T. Robinson, Y. Li, A. Jackson, Y. Cui, and H. Dai, Graphene-Wrapped Sulfur Particles as a Rechargeable Lithium/sulfur Battery Cathode Material with High Capacity and Cycling Stability. *Nano Letters* 11, 2644-2647 (2011).
22. H. L. Wang[§], **Y. Yang**[§], Y. Y. Liang, L. F. Cui, H. S. Casalongue, Y. G. Li, G. S. Hong, H. J. Dai, and Y. Cui, $\text{LiMn}_{1-x}\text{Fe}_x\text{PO}_4$ Nanorods Grown on Graphene Sheets for Ultrahigh-Rate-Performance Lithium Ion Batteries. *Angewandte Chemie - International Edition* 50, 7364-7368 (2011).
21. J. Wang, S. P. Feng, **Y. Yang**, N. Hau, M. Munro, E. F. Yang, and G. Chen, “Thermal Charging” Phenomenon in Electrical Double Layer Capacitors, *Nano Letters*, DOI: 10.1021/acs.nanolett.5b01761 (2015).
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17. H. L. Wang, L. F. Cui, **Y. Yang**, H. S. Casalongue, J. T. Robinson, Y. Y. Liang, and H. J. Dai, et al. Mn_3O_4 -Graphene Hybrid as a High-Capacity Anode Material for Lithium Ion Batteries. *JACS* 132, 13978-13980 (2010).
16. L. F. Cui, **Y. Yang**, C. M. Hsu, and Y. Cui, Carbon-Silicon Core-Shell Nanowires as High Capacity Electrode for Lithium Ion Batteries. *Nano Letters* 9, 3370-3374 (2009).
15. J. Zheng, **Y. Yang**, B. Yu, X. B. Song, and X. G. Li, [0001] Oriented Aluminum

- Nitride One-dimensional Nanostructures: Synthesis, Structure Evolution, and Electrical Properties. *ACS Nano* 2, 134-142 (2008).
14. G. Y. Zheng, Q. F. Zhang, J. J. Cha, **Y. Yang**, W. Y. Li, Z. W. Seh, and Y. Cui, Amphiphilic Surface Modification of Hollow Carbon Nanofibers for Improved Cycle Life of Lithium Sulfur Batteries. *Nano Letters*, 13, 1265–1270 (2013).
 13. J. G. Zhou, J. Wang, Y. F. Hu, T. Regier, H. L. Wang, **Y. Yang**, Y. Cui, and H. J. Dai, Imaging State of Charge and Its Correlation to Interaction Variation in an $\text{LiMn}_{0.75}\text{Fe}_{0.25}\text{PO}_4$ Nanorods–graphene Hybrid. *Chemical Communications*, 49, 1765 -1767 (2013).
 12. Z. W. Seh, W. Y. Li, J. J. Cha, G. Y. Zheng, **Y. Yang**, M. T. McDowell, P. C. Hsu, and Y. Cui, Sulphur– TiO_2 Yolk–shell Nanoarchitecture with Internal Void Space for Long-cycle Lithium–sulphur Batteries. *Nature Communications*, 4, 1331 (2013).
 11. P. H. Hsu, H. Wu, T. J. Carney, M. T. McDowell, **Y. Yang**, E. C. Garnett, M. Li, B. L. Hu, and Y. Cui, Passivation Coating on Electrospun Copper Nanofibers for Stable Transparent Electrodes. *ACS Nano* 6, 5150–5156 (2012).
 10. H. Wu, G. Chan, J. W. Choi, I. Ryu, Y. Yao, M. T. McDowell, S. W. Lee, A. Jackson, **Y. Yang**, L. B. Hu, and Y. Cui, Stable Cycling of Double-walled Silicon Nanotube Battery Anodes through Solid–electrolyte Interphase Control. *Nature Nanotechnology* 7, 310-315 (2012).
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 8. L. B. Hu, W. Chen, X. Xie, N. Liu, **Y. Yang**, H. Wu, Y. Yao, M. Pasta, H. N. Alshareef, and Y. Cui, Symmetrical MnO_2 -Carbon Nanotube-Textile Nanostructures for Wearable Pseudocapacitors with High Mass Loading. *ACS Nano* 5, 8904-8913 (2011).
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 5. L. B. Hu, H. Wu, F. La Mantia, **Y. Yang**, and Y. Cui, Thin, Flexible Secondary Li-Ion Paper Batteries. *ACS Nano* 4, 5843-5848 (2010).
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Book Chapter

1. **Y. Yang**, J. W. Choi, and Y. Cui, Oxide Nanostructures for Energy Storage, *Functional Metal Oxide Nanostructures*, Edited by Junqiao Wu, Jinbo Cao, Wei-Qiang Han, Anderson Janotti, Ho-Cheol Kim, Springer, 2012.

Patents Applications

5. **Y. Yang**, and Z. Y. Cao, “Alkali Metal Battery Negative Electrodes And Related Methods”, pending.
4. **Y. Yang**, L. B. Hu, Y. Cui, and S. Jeong, "Transparent electrochemical energy storage devices", US 13/551,749 (2013).
3. **Y. Yang**, M. McDowell, A. Jackson, and Y. Cui, "Device and electrode having nanoporous graphite with lithiated sulfur for advanced rechargeable batteries", US 12/914,876 (2013).
2. W. Y. Li, Y. Cui, Z. W. Seh, G. Y. Zheng, and **Y. Yang**, "Encapsulated sulfur cathodes for rechargeable lithium batteries" US 13/612,493 (2013).
1. L. B. Hu, J. W. Choi, **Y. Yang**, and Y. Cui, "Conductive fibrous materials", PCT/US2010/054776 (2011).

Selected Presentations

17. Rational Structural Design for Lithium-based Rechargeable Batteries with High Energy Density, ACS 254th National meeting, Washington DC, Aug 22, 2017 **(Invited)**
16. Electrochemical Materials and Devices for Energy Storage and Conversion, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Binghamton University, Mar 5, 2016 **(Invited)**
15. Electrochemical Materials and Devices for Energy Storage and Conversion, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Columbia University, Feb 6, 2015 **(Invited)**
14. Efficient Electrochemical System for Waste Heat Recovery, Oral Presentation at 2013 MRS Fall Meeting – Boston, Dec 3, 2013
13. Efficient Electrochemical System for Low-Grade Heat Recovery, 224th Electrochemical Society (ECS) Meeting, Oct 30, 2013
12. A Membrane-Free Lithium/Polysulfide Semi-Liquid Battery for Large-Scale Energy Storage, 224th Electrochemical Society (ECS) Meeting, Oct 30, 2013
11. Rechargeable Batteries and Beyond, College of Engineering, Nanjing University, China, Sep 9, 2013 **(Invited)**
10. Rechargeable Batteries and Beyond, Department of Chemistry, Peking University, China, Aug 27, 2013 **(Invited)**
9. Advanced Batteries: Materials Development and Device Fabrication. Oral Presentation in Mechanical Engineering, MIT, Mar 20, 2013 **(Invited)**
8. High-capacity Li₂S Cathode for Next-generation Rechargeable Li-ion Batteries. Oral Presentation at 2012 MRS Fall Meeting – Boston, Nov 27, 2012.
7. Transparent Batteries for Future Transparent Electronics. Oral Presentation at Printed Electronics & Photovoltaics USA 2011 – Santa Clara, CA, Dec 1, 2011 **(Invited)**

6. Designing Nanostructures for High Performance Batteries and Supercapacitors. Oral Presentation at 2011 AIChE annual meeting – Minneapolis, MN, Oct 17, 2011
5. Improved Performance of Sulfur-lithium Batteries by Coating and Modifying the Electrolyte. Oral Presentation at 2011 MRS Spring Meeting – San Francisco, CA, April 28, 2011.
4. Paper and Textile for Energy Storage. Oral Presentation at Printed Electronics & Photovoltaics USA 2010 – Santa Clara, CA, Dec 1, 2011 (Invited)
3. Nanostructured High-energy and Low-cost Batteries. 2010 User Meeting for the Molecular Foundry & the National Center for The Molecular Foundry & the National Center for Electron Microscopy – Berkeley, CA, Oct 1, 2010
2. A Nanostructured Li₂S/Silicon Rechargeable Battery with High Specific Energy. Oral Presentation at 217th ECS Meeting - Vancouver, Canada, April 27, 2010.
1. Electrochemical and Electrical Properties of LiMn₂O₄ and Doped LiMn₂O₄ Nanorods. Oral Presentation at 215th ECS Meeting - San Francisco, CA, May 28, 2009.

Professional Activities

Conference Organizer:

2. Symposium ES2: High Capacity Electrode Materials for Next-generation Energy Storage, 2017 MRS Spring Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, USA
1. Symposium B-5: Heat Transfer: from Meso-scale to Macro-scale, Oct 3-4, 2016, College Park, MD, USA

Journal Reviewer: Nature Advanced Materials; Nano Letters; Energy & Environmental Science; Chemical Communications; Journal of Materials Chemistry; Nano research; Nano energy; Langmuir; RSC Advance; Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics; RSC Advances

Memberships: Materials Research Society; American Society of Mechanical Engineers