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Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Oak Ridge, TN

Post-Doctoral Researcher, Geochemistry and Interfacial Sciences

Oct 2018 - Present

Advisors: Hsiu-Wen Wang, Andrew Stack

Education

Stony Brook University

Stony Brook, NY

Materials Science and Chemical Engineering

Aug 2013 - Aug 2018

Advisors: Esther S. Takeuchi, Amy C. Marschilok, Kenneth J. Takeuchi

Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Aug 2009 - May 2013

Awards/Honors

Stony Brook Graduate Council Fellowship

2013-2017

• Cornell University Dean's List

2009-2011

Research Experience

Postdoc in X-Ray Scattering | Oak Ridge National Lab

Oak Ridge, TN

Oct 2018 – Present

- Collected in situ SAXS and WAXS diffraction of BaSO₄ deposition on a porous silica substrate.
- Combining neutron diffraction and molecular dynamics modelling to study sodium ion intercalation into MXene structures.
- Created new procedures for data reduction and combined modelling approaches.
- Measured the solvation structure around sulfate and chlorine ions with combined neutron diffraction isotope substation (NDIS) and molecular dynamics modelling.
- Created PDF models for Ti₃CN and Ti₃C₂ MXenes using DISCUS and Python.
- Measured the structure changes of titanium carbides *in situ* with x-ray diffraction upon intercalation with various cations.
- Group lead for FIRST EFRC junior scientist A-Team.
- Co-mentored two undergraduate students for summer of 2019, including trips to APS beamlines.

Research Assistant | Stony Brook University Stony Brook, NY

June 2013 - Aug 2018

- Created PDF models of Ag_xMn₈O₁₆ and ZnFe₂O₄.
- Developed a stacking faulted model for AgFe₂O₄ and simulated structure in DIFFaX.
- Created Rietveld Refinement models of numerous materials in pristine and lithiated conditions, including AgxMn8O16, Li1+xV3O8, CuFe2O4, AgFe2O4, Ag2VOPO4, and ZnFe2O4.
- Collected and analyzed experimental diffraction data, both on lab-scale X-Ray machines and at synchrotron light sources. Performed calibration for over 200 samples collected at the XPD (28-ID) beamline at NSLS-II, in addition to running samples at numerous other beamlines.
- Analyzed neutron diffraction data collected via mail-in from POWGEN at ORNL.
- Ran a conductivity study using two and four point methods, of Ag₂VO₂PO₄ and Fe₃O₄. Characterized the effect of pellet composition, pressing, and annealing conditions on conductivity.
- Simulated alpha-MnO₂ and LiV₃O₈ systems with DFT (density functional theory) modeling, using the software VASP and Siesta.

- Characterized the electrochemical behavior of many materials, especially polypyrrole and Ag₂VO₂PO₄, using cyclic voltammetry and galvanostatic cycling measurements.
- Synthesized Ag₂VOPO₄ and Ag₂VP₂O₈ using hydrothermal and solid state methods.
- Synthesized Fe₃O₄ and polypyrrole by electrodeposition. Mentored undergraduate researchers to test the effect of varied synthetic conditions (pH, current, voltage, and reactant concentration).
- Co-mentored three undergraduate students in summer of 2017.

Publications

- 1. Transition Metal Substitution of Hollandite α-MnO2: Enhanced Potential and Structural Stability on Lithiation from First Principles Calculation, **AB Brady**, KR Tallman, ES Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, KJ Takeuchi, P Liu, Journal of Physical Chemistry C, 123 (41), 25042-25051 (2019)
- 2. Energy-Dispersive X-ray Diffraction: Operando Visualization of Electrochemical Activity of Thick Electrodes, AM Bruck, L Wang, **AB Brady**, DM Lutz, BL Hoff, KLi, N Stavinski, DC Bock, KJ Takeuchi, ES Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, Journal of Physical Chemistry C 123 (31), 18834-18843 (2019)
- 3. Tomographic 3D Analysis of Reduction Displacement Reaction with Associated Formation of a Conductive Network in High Energy Primary Batteries, AM Bruck, YR Li, **AB Brady**, AC Chuang, JS Okasinski, KJ Takeuchi, ES Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, Journal of the Electrochemical Society 166 (14), A3210-A3216 (2019)
- Temporally and Spatially Resolved Visualization of Electrochemical Conversion: Monitoring Phase Distribution During Lithiation of Magnetite (Fe3O4) Electrodes, AM Bruck, NW Brady, CN Lininger, DC Bock, AB Brady, KR Tallman, CD Quilty, KJ Takeuchi, ES Takeuchi, AC West, AC Marschilok, ACS Applied Energy Materials 2 (4), 2561-2569 (2019)
- 5. Investigation of α-MnO2 Tunneled Structures as Model Cation Hosts for Energy Storage, LM Housel, L Wang, A Abraham, J Huang, GD Renderos, CD Quilty, **AB Brady**, AC Marschilok, KJ Takeuchi, ES Takeuchi, Accounts of Chemical Research 51 (3), 575-582 (2018)
- Capacity Retention for (De) lithiation of Silver Containing α-MnO2: Impact of Structural Distortion and Transition Metal Dissolution, J Huang, LM Housel, CD Quilty, AB Brady, PF Smith, A Abraham, MR Dunkin, DM Lutz, B Zhang, ES Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, KJ Takeuchi, Journal of the Electrochemical Society 165 (11), A2849-A2858 (2018)
- 7. The Effect of Silver Ion Occupancy on Hollandite Lattice Structure, **AB Brady**, J Huang, JL Durham, PF Smith, J Bai, ES Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, KJ Takeuchi, MRS Advances 3 (10), 547-552 (2018)
- 8. Unveiling the Structural Evolution of Ag_{1.2}Mn₈O₁₆ under Coulombically Controlled (De) Lithiation, J Huang, X Hu, **AB Brady**, L Wu, Y Zhu, ES Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, KJ Takeuchi, Chemistry of Materials 30 (2), 366-375 (2018)
- 9. Deliberately Designed Atomic-Level Silver Containing Inter-phase Results in Improved Rate Capability and Utilization of Silver Hollandite for Lithium-Ion Storage, PF Smith, **AB Brady**, SY Lee, AM Bruck, E Dooryhee, L Wu, Y Zhu, KJ Takeuchi, ES Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces (2017)
- Probing the Li Insertion Mechanism of ZnFe₂O₄ in Li-Ion Batteries: A Combined X-Ray Diffraction, Extended X-Ray Absorption Fine Structure, and Density Functional Theory Study, Y Zhang, CJ Pelliccione, AB Brady, H Guo, PF Smith, P Liu, AC Marschilok, KJ Takeuchi, ES Takeuchi, Chemistry of Materials 29 (10), 4282-4292 (2017)
- 11. Investigation of Structural Evolution of Li_{1.1}V₃O₈ by In Situ X-ray Diffraction and Density Functional Theory Calculations, Q Zhang, **AB Brady**, CJ Pelliccione, DC Bock, AM Bruck, J Li, V Sarbada, R Hull, EA Stach, KJ Takeuchi, ES Takeuchi, P Liu, AC Marschilok, Chemistry of Materials 29 (5), 2364-2373 (2017)
- 12. Hybrid Ag₂VO₂PO₄/CF_x as a High Capacity and Energy Cathode for Primary Batteries, YR Li, AM Bruck, **AB Brady**, D Bock, KJ Takeuchi, ES Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, Journal of The Electrochemical Society 164 (12), A2457-A2467 (2017)
- 13. Electrochemical (de) lithiation of silver ferrite and composites: mechanistic insights from ex situ, in situ, and operando X-ray techniques, JL Durham, **AB Brady**, CA Cama, DC Bock, CJ Pelliccione, Q Zhang,

- M Ge, YR Li, Y Zhang, H Yan, X Huang, Y Chu d, ES Takeuchi, KJ Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics 19 (33), 22329-22343 (2017)
- 14. Lithium Vanadium Oxide (Li1.1V3O8) Coated with Amorphous Lithium Phosphorous Oxynitride (LiPON): Role of Material Morphology and Interfacial Structure on Resulting Electrochemistry, Q Zhang, AK Kercher, GM Veith, V Sarbada, AB Brady, J Li, EA Stach, R Hull, KJ Takeuchi, ES Takeuchi, NJ Dudney, AC Marschilok, Journal of The Electrochemical Society 164 (7), A1503-A1513 (2017)
- 15. Magnesium-ion battery-relevant electrochemistry of MgMn₂O₄: crystallite size effects and the notable role of electrolyte water content, J Yin, **AB Brady**, ES Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, KJ Takeuchi, Chemical Communications 53 (26), 3665-3668 (2017)
- 16. Electrode Reaction Mechanism of Ag₂VO₂PO₄ Cathode, R Zhang, TA Abtew, NF Quackenbush, LW Wangoh, M Huie, **AB Brady**, D Bock, H Efstathiadis, MS Whittingham, AC Marschilok, KJ Takeuchi, ES Takeuchi, P Zhang, LFJ Piper, Chemistry of Materials 28 (10), 3428-3434 (2016)
- 17. Redox chemistry of a binary transition metal oxide (AB₂O₄): a study of the Cu₂₊/Cu₀ and Fe₃₊/Fe₀ interconversions observed upon lithiation in a CuFe₂O₄ battery using X-ray absorption spectroscopy, CA Cama, CJ Pelliccione, **AB Brady**, J Li, EA Stach, J Wang, J Wang, ES Takeuchi, KJ Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics 18 (25), 16930-16940 (2016)
- 18. Structural Defects of Silver Hollandite, AgxMn8Oy, Nanorods: Dramatic Impact on Electrochemistry, L Wu, F Xu, Y Zhu, **AB Brady**, J Huang, JL Durham, E Dooryhee, AC Marschilok, ES Takeuchi, and KJ Takeuchi, ACS Nano 9 (8), 8430-8439 (2015)
- 19. Electrochemical reduction of an Ag₂VO₂PO₄ particle: dramatic increase of local electronic conductivity, KC Kirshenbaum, DC Bock, **AB Brady**, AC Marschilok, KJ Takeuchi, ES Takeuchi, Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics 17 (17), 11204-11210 (2015)
- Synchotron Enabled Ex-Situ and in-Situ Mechanistic Interrogation of Energy Storage Systems, AB Brady, K Kirshenbaum, KJ Takeuchi, AC Marschilok, ES Takeuchi, ECS Transactions 61 (18), 1-8 (2014)

Presentations

- 1. AB Brady, Stacking Faults in Layered Electrode Materials: Developments in Structure Solutions for Diffraction Data. Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the American Crystallographic Association, 2019, Covington, Kentucky
- 2. AB Brady, *The Use of* Ex Situ, In Situ, *and* Operando *X-Ray Diffraction to Understand Rate-Dependent Phenomena in Energy Storage Materials and Systems*. Oral presentation at the fall meeting of the Materials Research Society, 2017, Boston, Massachusetts
- 3. AB Brady, High Resolution X-ray Analysis and Complementary Spectroscopy to Describe the Structures and Function of Crystallographically Imperfect, Composite Energy Storage Materials. Poster presented at the fall meeting of the Materials Research Society, 2017, Boston, Massachusetts
- 4. AB Brady, Structural Defects of Silver Hollandite, Ag_xMn₈O_y, Nanorods: Dramatic Impact on Electrochemistry. Poster presented at the Energy Frontier Research Centers PI meeting, 2015, Washington, DC

Expertise and Skills

- X-ray Crystallography: GSAS I and II, TOPAS, DISCUS, Fullprof, PDFgetX3, PDFgetN, PDFGUI, VESTA, Mercury, CrystalMaker, CrystalDiffract
- **Data analysis**: Rietveld analysis using GSAS, Matlab, Zview, PeakFit, PDXL released by Rigaku, ImageJ, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- **Beamline Experiences**: XPD beamline at NSLSII at Brookhaven National Laboratory (Multiple Dates), EDXRD at Advanced Photon Source (APS) at Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) (Date); XAS experiment at APS (Date), Hard X-ray Nanoprobe (HXN) at NSLS-II (BNL), powder and liquid diffraction at POWGEN and NOMAD at SNS (ORNL).

- Characterization Methods: XRD, thermogravimetric/calorimetric analysis (TGA/DSC), Scanning electron microscopy (SEM), inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy (ICP–OES), Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET) surface area and porosity measurements.
- Chemical Modeling: Density Functional Theory (DFT) using VASP and SIESTA. Classical molecular dynamics in LAMMPS.
- **Programming**: Matlab, Python (Numpy and Scipy), C, PHP, Java, Labview, Perl
- **Battery systems**: Coating electrode and pellet electrode preparation, Karl Fischer titration, Assembling and de-assembling Li and Na coin cells, T-cells, Pouch cells
- **Electrochemistry**: Cyclic Voltammetry, Galvanostatic cycling, Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS), Four-point probe
- **Synthesis**: Hydrothermal, solid state
- Language: Intermediate Chinese
- Microsoft Office: Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint

Instrumental Experience

- Rigaku Smartlab Diffractometer, Rigaku Miniflex Diffractometer, Empyrean Diffractometer
- ThermoScientific iCap 6000 Inductively Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission spectrometer
- JSM-6010Plus Scanning Electron Microscope instrument
- TA Q600 Thermogravimetric Analysis instrument, TA Q2000 Differential Scanning Calorimeter
- Quantachrome Nova 4200e Surface Area Instrument (BET)
- Maccor Cycle Life Tester, Bio-Logic, Four-Point Probe and CHI Potentiostat
- Pellet Press, 8000M Spex Mill, Dry Room, Glovebox