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## **SPOTLIGHT**

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#### **Research Interests:**

Prof Chen's research interests are in the fields of novel multi-electron secondary batteries and key energy materials, new ionic liquids and functional composite electrolyte materials, new thin film materials and structural devices for special power supplies, resourceful regeneration of green secondary batteries, the construction of new systems for high energy density and safety batteries, as well as the design and development of functional devices.

#### **Admission Information:**

Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows with Material Science and Engineering, Environmental Science and Engineering, Chemistry, Control Science and Engineering, Synthetic Biology, Information Science and Technology, Advanced Characterization and Testing Technology and other related disciplines and professional backgrounds, with solid basic knowledge and diligent efforts.

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Glasgow (2015–2018). He started his independent research in the December of 2018 and built his own research team at Xiamen University.

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Prof. Chen's group research interests mainly include following two aspects:

1. The structural evolution and self-assembly of redox-active materials with multi-electron redox ability. His group has the ability to build in-operando spectroscopy techniques to reveal the self-

Received 15 March 2023; Received in revised form 20 March 2023; Accepted 20 March 2023 Available online 22 March 2023 assembly behaviors those clusters with multielectron redox ability. This will in turn help us to design interesting materials rationally.

2. Functional electrolyte and the related physical electrochemistry in soluble and solid states. The metal-oxo clusters can exist in aqueous, nonaqueous and solid-state electrolytes/polymer electrolyte, which will play important roles on the solar/thermal/electrical-driven energy storage and conversion systems.

#### **Admission Information:**

Prof. Chen's group aims at recruiting 3–5 post-doctoral, 2 PhD students and 3–5 master students in physical chemistry, inorganic chemistry, energy chemistry, spectral analysis and other fields all year round.

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field of renewable energy systems. His research interests focus on the rational design, chemical synthesis, interfacial engineering, and mechanism studies of advanced organic/inorganic hybrid materials for energy conversion and storage devices, including secondary batteries, redox flow batteries, fuel cells, and photo-/electro-catalytic systems. He has published more than 210 peerreviewed research papers with an H-index of 63 and more than 15,000 times cited by other researchers. He was recognized as a Clarivate Top 1% Global Highly Cited Researcher in Cross-Field (2021-2022), and an Elsevier Highly Cited Scholar of China (2021-2022). He was selected into the Science and Technology Innovation Leading Talents of National "Ten Thousand Talents" Program of China (2020), the Science Foundation for Excellent Young Scholars of NSFC (2020), and the National Overseas Young Talents Program of China (2014). He was awarded the National Natural Science Award (2nd Class, 2021), the Natural Science Award of MOE (1st Class, 2018), the Science and Technology Award of Jiangsu (2021), the Education Teaching and Research Achievement Award of Jiangsu (2018), and the Innovation and Pioneering Award Certificate of Jiangsu (2017). He is an Associate Editor of Frontiers in Chemistry, an Editorial Board Member of Nanomaterials, and also a Young Star Editor of Nano Research, SmartMat, Chinese Chemical Letters, and Journal of Electrochemistry.

#### **Admission Information:**

The research group of prof. Zhong Jin is recruiting associate researchers, postdocs, postgraduates and undergraduates. Young scholars and students who are interested in new energy and new materials research are most welcome to join us.

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