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Postdoctoral associate specializing in rechargeable batteries. Recognized for consistent excellence in research and substantial contributions to Na-ion and Li-ion battery development with expertise in advanced analytical tools like TEM, HAADF, FEG-SEM, XRD, along with pouch and cylindrical cell manufacturing. Seeking to advance pioneering research as an electrochemical energy storage device researcher.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Ph.D. Research Scholar

Mumbai, IN

July 2018–Sept 2024

- Thesis title: Mechanistic Insights of Heteroatom-doped Layered Oxide Cathode Materials for Next-gen Sodium-ion Batteries
 - Synthesis, electrode engineering, cell assembly (Swagelok, Coin, Pouch and 18650 Cylindrical cells)
 - Hands on experience on characterization techniques like TEM, XRD (*in-situ* & *ex-situ*), SEM, XPS, EXAFS, Raman, and FTIR analysis
- Teaching Assistant for Post-graduate and Undergraduate level students for EN 658 Electrochemical Energy Storage, EN 656 Chemistry for Energy Science, EN323 Renewable Energy Generation & Storage, EN 309 Thermal and Fluid Engineering Lab
- Mentoring and training of Ph.D. research scholars and Masters' students
- Written and obtained 4 project proposals funded by Government of India
- Presented the research work at Indian Navy and Indian Airforce, Ministry of Defence, Government of India
- Technical Software Skills: FullProf Rietveld Refinement, High Score plus for X-Ray diffraction analysis, Crystal structure creation and analysis through VESTA and Crystal Maker, X-Ray Photo Electron Microscopy analysis through CASA XPS
- Organized workshops, seminars and conferences
- Maintained excellent attendance record, consistently arriving to work on time

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Operator, Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

Mumbai, IN

Feb 2020–Aug 2024

- Experience of acquiring images in TEM, HR-TEM, SAED, Dark-field imaging, STEM, HAADF, EDS Mapping, EDS spectra
- Performed analysis and attained images of powder, nanoparticles, quantum dots, graphene, biologic, and bulk samples

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Operator, Field Emission Gun Electron Microscopy (FEG-SEM)

Mumbai, IN

Jan 2019–Mar 2020

- Acquired images in FEG-SEM and EDS mode of cathodes, anodes, solid-electrolytes, Na/Li-metals, dendrites

National Centre for Photovoltaics Research and Education (NCPRE), Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Senior Research Fellow

Mumbai, IN

Dec 2017–June 2018

- Student head of the Energy Storage group, quarterly report writing and compilation of the group's work
- Synthesis of electrode materials for Li-ion batteries; characterizations; cell fabrication (coin, pouch and 18650 cylindrical cells)
- Optimization of full-cell based on NMC//Graphite chemistry

EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Ph.D. on the thesis titles, “Mechanistic Insights of Heteroatom-doped Layered Oxide Cathode Materials for Next-gen Sodium-ion Batteries”

Mumbai, IN

July 2018-Sept 2024

University of Calcutta

Master of Technology in Chemical Engineering (Gold Medalist) (Rank – 1st)

Kolkata, IN

July 2015-July 2017

West Bengal University of Technology

Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering

Kolkata, IN

July 2011-July 2015

St. Thomas' Girls' School

Indian School Certificate

Kolkata, IN

April 2009-Mar 2011

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Fellowship for doctoral research by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB), Government of India
- Visiting researcher fellowship by Indo-Israel project, funded by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), India to visit Prof. Malachi Noked's Laboratory at Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- Best poster presentation award by the American Chemical Society (ACS) at ISMC-2022 (Bhabha Atomic Research Centre)
- International conference fellowship by DST-SERB, Government of India

PUBLICATIONS

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8. A. Kumar, A. Ghosh, A. Ghosh, A. Ahuja, **A. Sengupta**, M. Forsyth, D. R. MacFarlane, S. Mitra, Sub-zero and room-temperature sodium-sulfur battery cell operations: A rational current collector, catalyst and sulphur-host design and study, *Energy Storage Materials*, 2021, 42, 608-617
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13. A. Ahuja, A. Kumar, **A. Sengupta**, S. H. Akella, H. Lohani, P. Kumari, M. Noked, S. Mitra, Atomic Layer Deposition for Prolonged Li-ion Battery Life: Robust Coating on LNMO Cathodes (Submitted)
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