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Professional Profile

A chemist by training, Dr. Sanchez's background encompasses both materials synthesis and characterization, specializing in the analysis of lithium-ion batteries and renewable energy catalytic processes. During his time at Exponent, he has worked on evaluating current and next-generation battery and energy storage technologies via quality analysis, performance and accelerated lifetime testing, cell design/materials evaluation and failure analysis.

Dr. Sanchez is also skilled in a variety of both destructive and non-destructive characterization techniques, which he has applied to a variety of industries, including consumer electronics, chemicals, medical devices, transportation and aerospace. Besides his primary foci in high-resolution computed tomography X-ray (CT) scanning and Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), Dr. Sanchez also has extensive experience in various electrochemical (voltammetry, amperometry), microscopy (SEM/TEM, AFM), material properties (TGA, DSC, BET) and spectroscopic (XPS, XAS/XES, Auger, UV-Vis, Raman, XRD) techniques.

On the synthesis side, Dr. Sanchez is knowledgeable in both hydrothermal and solution synthesis of macro, meso and nanostructured materials. Dr. Sanchez is experienced in the synthesis of carbon-metal composite nanomaterials on either graphene or carbon nanotubes for battery and super capacitor applications.

Prior to joining Exponent, Dr. Sanchez led the first set of surface and chemically-sensitive in operando measurements on a working fuel cell through the use of Ambient Pressure X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (APXPS). Dr. Sanchez also applied this expertise to study water splitting for artificial photosynthesis as a part of the Joint Center for Artificial Photosynthesis (JCAP), a Department of Energy (DOE) Innovations Hub.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Chemistry, Stanford University, 2014

B.S., Chemistry, Haverford College, 2008

Phi-Beta-Kappa, 2008

Phi-Beta-Kappa Northern California Association Graduate Scholarship, 2014

The American Institute of Chemists Foundation student Award, 2008

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Licenses and Certifications

Professional Engineer, , #113301

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI)

PADI Certified Open Water Scuba Diver

Project Management Professional (PMP)

Prior Experience

Graduate Student Research Assistant, SLAC National Laboratory, 2010-2014

Graduate Student Research Assistant, Stanford University, 2008-2010

Undergraduate Researcher, Haverford College, 2004-2007

Languages

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Publications

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