

Sr Battery Designer / Engineer (Pouch cell)

Paraclete Energy, Inc. – Chelsea, MI

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Company Overview

Paraclete Energy, Inc. located outside of Ann Arbor Michigan in the city of Chelsea, Michigan is establishing itself as the leading supplier of high capacity anode materials with its nanoparticle SM-Silicon™ family of products to the fast-growing Lithium-Ion battery industry. Paraclete's nanoparticle silicon is the standard silicon for the Department of Energy's National Lab's Next Generation Anode materials. Paraclete in the coming months is scaling its research and production facilities. This expansion has created a need for a variety of core skills and opportunities for multiple Electrochemists and Material and Battery scientists and engineers.

Paraclete offers a very attractive pay and benefits package along with bonuses and stock-based compensation with liberal vacation and holidays off per year.

The Position

The focus of this role is on battery design, optimization, and pouch cell building and not on fundamental science and material research.

Paraclete is seeking senior battery engineers to design, develop, and build lithium-ion batteries in the form of coin and pouch cells, as well as electrochemical testing for lithium-ion battery electrodes and cells that contain silicon. The ideal candidate is expected to demonstrate the ability to formulate and then to make silicon-based anode slurries and then build half and full coin cells and pouch cells with a variety of cathodes. The ideal candidate is expected to have experience in designing, optimizing, and building pouch cells and conducting electrochemical tests and analysis for measuring lithium-ion battery performance, preferably that contain silicon. The candidate must have a positive attitude, passion, and also be a team player and able to work with others.

This person is expected to collaborate with other material scientists in the team to manage the design process from small scale material validation at the coin cell level to multi-stack pouch cells with the same high gravimetric capacity and energy density. This person will design and optimize pouch cell components including type of cathode, electrolyte, separator in addition to anode design. This important position will, along, with others in the Paraclete laboratory perform electrochemical and chemical characterizations for lithium-ion battery materials to support enhanced anode materials development goals. This role will involve developing a detailed understanding of the relationships between material properties, cell design, and electrochemical and other performance parameters for high energy density, cycle stable battery characteristics. This role will include working with other

members of the Paraclete team to discuss, brainstorm, and strategize the next steps towards improved product development.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Building of pouch cells and coin cells
- Electrode slurry formulations, mixing, and coating
- Provide engineering analysis for the impact of different components in the pouch cell on the overall performance of the cell
- Operating equipment for laboratory testing including electrochemical analyzers
- Prepare electrochemical reports, communicate results in an effective way
- Laboratory management including equipment management, tools and chemicals inventory
- Work with external prospects and customers to define, develop, and exceed specifications.

Desired Experience

- 2-5 years of relevant experience (experience during M.S. or Ph.D. research will also be considered)
- At least 1-year experience of assembling batteries, MUST have experience in pouch cells
- Experience in solving open-ended engineering problems
- Knowledge of electrochemistry fundamentals, such as ions diffusivity, charge transfer kinetics, and cell balance
- Analyzing operating Electrochemical conditions and functions of battery cell formation equipment and process to scale up the coin cell performance to multi-layer and multi-stack pouch cell design with high gravimetric capacity and energy density
- Knowledge of material design and impact of material morphology of fast charging and rate capability
- Experience in dealing with Nanopowders and making slurries for batteries
- Experience working in the glovebox, ideally building coin cells for battery, better if has experience in pouch cells also
- Experience working with battery analyzers
- Experience with silicon and overcoming the issues of working with silicon in Li-ion batteries are preferred, but not the only consideration.
- Knowledge and preferably hands-on experience in multiple characterization techniques, XRD, SEM, TEM, and XPS (training can be provided)

Qualifications

- Must have a positive attitude, passion, and teamwork skills
- Excellent communication skills including technical writing, presentations, and interpersonal interaction
- Ph.D. or M.S. degree in Chemical Engineering, Nanotechnology or Materials Science, or related field. B.Sc. can apply if have the relevant work experience and passion to learn new skills
- Background in chemical engineering/physics, prefer electrochemistry
- Ability to think creatively and analytically.
- Strong verbal and written communication.

- Excellent cross-functional and teamwork skills.

Job Type: Full-time