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## Research Interests

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Phase Transitions in Materials  
Materials Simulation in Real Thermodynamic Conditions  
Machine Learning in Materials Science

## Education

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**Master** in Materials Science and Engineering **2021**  
Tongji University (985/211 national key univ, QS Ranking: 211) Shanghai, China  
GPA: 4.19/5 Average Score: 84.48/100

**Bachelor** in Materials Science and Engineering **2017**  
Hebei University of Science & Technology Hebei, China  
GPA: 3.51/4 Average Score: 85.66/100

## Professional Skills

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**Language:** Chinese Mandarin (native), English (CET-6 score:525)  
**Scientific Software:** CASTEP, VASP, VTST, Materials Studio, CrystalMaker, VESTA  
**Operate System:** Windows, Linux  
**Characterization:** XRD, TEM, SEM, AFM, OES  
**Computing:** Machine Learning, Python (both with Coursera certificates)

## Dissertation

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**"First-principles investigation of the evolution mechanism of  $\omega$  phase and carbides in Fe-C alloys"**

Supervisor: Prof. Hongping Xiang

Methods: Simulation (VASP, CASTEP) and Experiment (XRD, TEM, SEM)

- Confirmed the existence of  $\omega$ -Fe phase which has been neglected for decades in carbon steel and iron-carbon diagram.
- Proposed the stability mechanism of  $\omega$ -Fe phase and its relationships with  $\alpha$ -Fe and  $\gamma$ -Fe.
- Suggested a new formation process of cementite ( $\theta$ -Fe<sub>3</sub>C) and pearlite which are key factors for steel properties.

## Teaching Experience

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**Thesis Mentor**, School of Materials Science and Engineering, Tongji University **Spring 2021/2020**  
Mentored two undergraduates on their graduation theses.

- Provided topics and guide the design of calculation scheme.
- Taught calculation methods and software using.
- One was awarded with "outstanding graduates" title.

**Teaching Assistant**, School of Materials Science and Engineering, Tongji University **Fall 2020**  
"Computational Materials Science" course for 87 undergraduate students.

- Helped solve technical problems in software installation and using.
- Exercise.

**Specialized Course Consultant**, Remedial Classes of Postgraduate Entrance Examination **Fall 2020/2019**  
"Fundamentals of Materials Science" course for ~15 undergraduates who want to apply for Master program in Materials Science at Tongji University.

## Publications

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**Chen H**, Xiang H. P, First low-spin carbodiimide,  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{NCN})_3$ , predicted from first-principles investigations. *Zeitschrift für Naturforschung B* 76(10-12): 783-788 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1515/znb-2021-0128>

Ping D. H, **Chen H**, Xiang H. P, Formation of  $\theta\text{-Fe}_3\text{C}$  Cementite via  $\theta'\text{-Fe}_3\text{C}$  ( $\omega\text{-Fe}_3\text{C}$ ) in Fe–C Alloys. *Crystal Growth & Design* 21, 1683–1688 (2021). <https://dx.doi.org/10.1021/acs.cgd.0c01533>

Ping D. H, Xiang, H. P, **Chen H**, et al. A transition of  $\omega\text{-Fe}_3\text{C} \rightarrow \omega'\text{-Fe}_3\text{C} \rightarrow \theta'\text{-Fe}_3\text{C}$  in Fe–C martensite. *Scientific Reports* 10, 6081 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-020-63012-9>

**Chen H**, Xiang H. P, Ping D. H, Stability of C atoms in  $\gamma\text{-Fe}$ ,  $\alpha\text{-Fe}$ , and  $\omega\text{-Fe}$  in Fe–C alloys: A first-principles study. (In revision)

Contribute to:

Lu W. F, Wang Z. L, Xiang H. P, et al. Exploration of the atomic-level structures of the icosahedral clusters in Cu–Zr–Al ternary metallic glasses via first-principles theory. *Materials Research Express* 9, 065203 (2022) <https://doi.org/10.1088/2053-1591/ac7516>

## References

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