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EDUCATION

The George Washington University

01/2019 - present

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering

Professor Danmeng Shuai

Research Focus: Transformation of engineered nanomaterials in aquatic systems and rational design of novel catalysts in nanoscales

University of Science and Technology of China

09/2015 - 11/2018

Hefei National Laboratory for Physical Sciences at the Microscale

M.Sc. in Chemistry

Professor Yujie Xiong

Thesis: Designing TiO₂-supported PdPt alloys for photocatalytic water-donating selective alkyne semihydrogenation

University of Science and Technology of China

09/2011 - 06/2015

School of the Gifted Young B.Sc. in Material Physics

Professor Yi Xie

Thesis: Photocatalytic properties of ultrathin two-dimensional nanosheets of $GaSe_1 - xS_x$

PUBLICATIONS

- M. Li, D. P. Durkin, G. Waller, Y. Yu, Y. Men, T. Ye, H. Chen*, D. Shuai*, Reactive chlorine species-induced transformation of graphitic carbon nitride: "weak" oxidants are the main culprits. In preparation
- M. Li, H. Shen, M. Zhang, T. Diba, J. M. Zara, N. Altan-Bonnet, D. Shuai*, Toxicity evaluation of fresh and aged graphitic carbon nitride: Transformation processes make a difference. In preparation
- M. Li[#], Q. Zheng[#], D. P. Durkin, H. Chen*, D. Shuai*, Environmental application of chlorine-Doped graphitic carbon nitride: continuous solar-driven photocatalytic production of hydrogen peroxide. *J. Hazard. Mater.*, **2022**, 436: 129251
- M. Li, D. Liu, X. Chen, Z. Yin, H. Shen, A. Aiello, K. R. McKenzie Jr, N. Jiang, X. Li, M. J. Wagner, D. P. Durkin*, H. Chen*, D. Shuai*, Radical-driven decomposition of graphitic carbon nitride nanosheets: light exposure matters. *Environ. Sci. Technol.*, 2021, 55: 12414.
- M. Li, H. Huang, J. Low, C. Gao, R. Long*, Y. Xiong*, Recent progress on electrocatalyst and photocatalyst design for nitrogen reduction. *Small Methods*, **2019**, 3: 1800388.
- M. Li, N. Zhang, R. Long*, W. Ye, C. Wang, Y. Xiong*, PdPt alloy nanocatalysts supported on TiO₂: maneuvering metal-Hydrogen interactions for light-driven and water-donating selective alkyne semihydrogenation. *Small*, **2017**, 13: 1604173.
- M. Zhang, S. Ghosh, M. Li, N. Altan-Bonnet*, D. Shuai*, Vesicle-cloaked rotavirus clusters are environmentally persistent and resistant to free chlorine disinfection. *Environ. Sci. Technol.*, 2022
- H. Shen, A. J. Gulbrandson, S. Park, M. Li, D. Shuai, P. C. Trulove, D. P. Durkin*, Antimicrobial biocomposites fiber-welded with lignocellulose containing silver nanoparticles. *Macromol. Mater. Eng.*, 2022, 307: 2100872.
- C. Zhang, Y. Li*, M. Li, D. Shuai, X. Zhou, X. Xiong, C. Wang*, Q. Hu, Continuous photocatalysis *via* photocharging and dark-discharging for sustainable environmental remediation: Performance, mechanism, and influencing factors. *J. Hazard. Mater.*, **2021**, 420: 126607.
- Z. Zhou, M. Li, C. Kuai, Y. Zhang, V. F. Smith, F. Lin, A. Aiello, D. P. Durkin*, H. Chen*, D. Shuai*, Fe-based single-atom catalysis for oxidizing contaminants of emerging concern by activating peroxides. *J. Hazard. Mater.*, **2021**, 418: 126294.

- Y. Feng, L. Tao, Y. He, Q. Jin, C. Kuai, Y. Zheng, M. Li,Q. Hou, Z. Zheng, F. Lin*, and H. Huang*, Chemical-enzymatic fractionation to unlock the potential of biomass-derived carbon materials for sodium ion batteries. *J. Mater. Chem. A*, 2019, 7: 26954.
- N. Zhang, X. Li, Y. Liu, R. Long, M. Li, S. Chen, Z. Qi, C. Wang, L. Song, J. Jiang, Y. Xiong*, Defective tungsten oxide hydrate nanosheets for boosting aerobic coupling of amines: synergistic catalysis by oxygen vacancies and Brønsted acid sites. *Small*, 2017, 13: 1701354.

PATENT

• Y. Xiong M. Li, N. Zhang, R. Long, Methods of light-driven and water-donating selective alkyne semihydrogenation. CN 106905113 B Small, 2017, 13: 1604173.

Honors and Awards

• AEESP 2022 Travel Grant	2022
• C. Ellen Gonter Environmental Chemistry Award	2021
• SNO (Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization) Student Award	2021
• ACS-CSW (Chemical Society of Washington) Student Travel Award	2021
• Graduate Research Assistantship	2019 - 2021
• Stipend Fellowship	2019 - 2021
\bullet National Scholarship for Graduate Students (top 5%)	2017
• First-class Academic Scholarship	2015 - 2017
HFNL Fellowship	2015 - 2017
• 2011 Excellent New Student Award	2011

Conference Presentations

- 2021 SNO (Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization) Conference M. Li, D. Liu, X. Chen, Z. Yin, H. Shen, A. Aiello, K. R. McKenzie Jr, N. Jiang, X. Li, M. J. Wagner, D. P. Durkin, H. Chen, D. Shuai, Insight into the role of light exposure in radical-driven decomposition of graphitic carbon nitride Poster
- 2021 ACS Fall C. Ellen Gonter Graduate Student Award Symposium (Invited), M. Li, D. Liu, X. Chen, Z. Yin, H. Shen, A. Aiello, K. R. McKenzie Jr, N. Jiang, X. Li, M. J. Wagner, D. P. Durkin, H. Chen, D. Shuai, Radical-driven decomposition of graphitic carbon nitride: light exposure matters Oral
- 95th ACS Colloid and Surface Science Symposium, M. Li, D. Shuai, Dilemma of activity and stability: Intrinsic photoreactivity promotes 2D nanomaterial decomposition under radical attack Oral
- 2021 ACS Spring, M. Li, D. Liu, X. Chen, Z. Yin, H. Shen, A. Aiello, K. R. McKenzie Jr, N. Jiang, X. Li, M. J. Wagner, D. P. Durkin, H. Chen, D. Shuai, Radical-driven decomposition of graphitic carbon nitride: light exposure matters Oral
- 2021 ACS Spring, Z. Zhou, M. Li, C. Kuai, Y. Zhang, V. F. Smith, F. Lin, A. Aiello, D. P. Durkin, H. Chen, D. Shuai, Single-Atom Catalysis for Oxidizing Contaminants of Emerging Concern via High-Valent Fe Species Poster
- 2018 CCS in Hangzhou, M. Li, Y. Xiong, PdPt alloy nanocatalysts supported on TiO₂: maneuvering metal-hydrogen interactions for light-driven and water-donating selective alkyne semihydrogenation Poster

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Research EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, The George Washington University

Supervisor: Professor Danmeng Shuai

01/2019 - present

- Fate and transformation of graphitic carbon nitride nanosheets in aquatic environments
- Toxicity study of fresh and aged graphitic carbon nitride nanosheets
- Applications of single-atom catalysts in environmental remediation
- Fabrication of bioactive membranes for indoor air purification

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Science and Technology of China Supervisor: Professor Yujie Xiong 09/2015 - 11/2018

- Photocatalytic CO₂ conversion by controlled hierarchical nanostructures
- Photocatalytic hydrogen transfer from water for selective alkyne semihydrogenation with the TiO_2 - $Pd_xPt_1 - x$ hybrid structures
- Catalytic properties of defective WO₃·H₂O nanosheets for aerobic couplings reactions

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF CHINA Supervisor: Professor Yi Xie & Professor Xiaodong Zhang 09/2013 - 06/2015

- Photocatalytic water splitting through ultrathin two-dimensional nanosheets of $GaSe_1 xS_x$
- National training program of innovation and entrepreneurship for undergraduates: photothermal properties of ultrathin two-dimensional nanosheets of transition metal chalcogenides

Teaching EXPERIENCE

- Guest Lecturer: Municipal water treatment-sedimentation and filtration 2022 Spring
- Teaching assistant for Environmental Engineering I (CE 3520)

2022 Spring

- Guest Lecturer: Introduction to membrane filtration and membrane reactors 2021 Fall
- Teaching assistant for Principles of Environmental Engineering (CE 6503)

2021 Fall

- Guest Lecturer: Introduction to photocatalysts and associated applications 2021 Spring
- Assisting in Environmental Engineering Laboratory

2021 Spring

- Assisting in Environmental Engineering I: Water Resources and Water Quality (CE 3520) 2020 Spring
- In-home and online tutoring for high school students

2014 - 2018

Professional SERVICE

Journal Reviewer

- Journal of Hazardous Materials
- Journal of Controlled Release
- RSC Advances
- Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety
- Environmental Nanotechnology, Monitoring & Management
- Materials Letters
- Chinese Chemical Letters
- Chemical Journal of Chinese Universities

SKILLS

- Characterization Transmission Electron Microscopy
 - Scanning Electron Microscopy
 - Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy