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**Education**

*Jan 2018* **Ph.D. Chemistry | University of California Davis (UCD) | Davis, CA**

Thesis*: Spectroscopic Investigations of [FeFe]-Hydrogenase – Catalysis and Maturation*

*June 2013* **B.S. Chemistry | California State University Long Beach (CSULB) | Long Beach, CA**

**Industry Positions**

*Starting*

*mid-Jan 2022* **Principal Systems Program Integration** **Engineer** | **Active Security Clearance**

Northrop Grumman, Space Parks | El Segundo, CA

*2019-2021*  **Senior Systems & Test Engineer | Active Security Clearance**

Lockheed Martin, Missiles & Fire Control | Santa Barbara, CA

* Technical test lead for infrared Integrated Dewar Cooler Assembly (IDCA) and Focal Plane Array (FPA) testing from development to low-rate production program – Low-Rate Production (LRP)
* Maintained scheduled and troubleshoot deliverables for an LRP and Full Rate Production (FRP)
* Functional team lead for reviewing and approving validation plans, design drawings, test procedures, etc.
* Co- lead for restructuring Risk & Opportunity management for site-wide programs
* Software lead for multiple major production programs
* Managed budget, schedule, and/or performance for (but not limited to) design verification testing (DVT), Non-Reoccurring Engineering (NRE), and Test Readiness Review (TRR) tasks

**Academic Positions**

*2018-2019* **Post-Doctoral Researcher |**Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory | Berkeley, CA | Laboratory Principle Investigator (PI): Junko Yano, Vittal Yachandra, and Jan Kern

* Expertise in preparation, purification, and characterization of metallo-proteins
* Aligned XFEL and UV-Vis lasers for testing
* Maintained, operated, upgraded, and customized components for microfluidic delivery system to characterize protein samples at XFEL
* Managed scope and schedule for our team and collaborators statewide and international during beam time
* Submitted and co-authored grant funding proposal and scientific publications

*2013-2018* **Graduate Researcher |** University of California Davis | Davis, CA |

Laboratory PI: Stephen P. Cramer

* Project lead maintaining scope, schedule, and collaborator requirements for experiments at national lab facilities statewide and internationally
* Designed and successfully executed experiments with varying environmental conditions for metallo-proteins for spectroscopic characterization (full list in skills)
* Daily operations manager 2016-2018: managed junior researchers, laboratory (lab) instrumentations and equipment, inventory/procurement of lab supplies and chemical, and maintained sample integrity
* Analyzed spectroscopic data using python, Mathematica, MATLAB, WMoss, MössWin, and spectra.tools
* Supported and/or co-authored federal funding applications, internal grant proposals, X-ray beam time proposals, and eight peer-reviewed publications

*2013-2010* **Undergraduate researcher |** California State University Long Beach | Long Beach, CA

Laboratory PI: Michael P. Schramm

* Lead author of paper on the synthesis of a diverse series of dipyrrolemethanes using 2-carboxypyrrole building blocks
* Trained junior members on lab processes like synthesis, purification, and NMRS characterization of organic molecules

Collected and/or analyzed NMR, spectrofluorometric, and mass spectrometry data

**Skills**

* *Analytical/Spectroscopic Methods*: Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), Nuclear Resonance Vibrational Spectroscopy (NRVS), Mössbauer, X-ray Free Electron Laser (XFEL), X-ray Absorption and Emission Spectroscopy (XAS/XES), infrared radiometric testing, Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR), Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR), and UV-Vis
* *Software*: MATLAB, Python, Mathematica, bitbucket, GIT, Sourcetree, JIRA, confluence, MossWin, WMoss, spectra.tools, PyMol, Chimera, ChemDraw, Endnote, iNMR, Kaleidagraph , and Microsoft office programs
* *Mechanical/hardware:* microfluidic systems, high vacuum assemblies, gas assemblies, cryostats and cryogenics (liquid He/N2), anaerobic glovebox, Schleck line, blackbody, Agilent power supplies, GPIB, Lakeshore temp controllers, thermal chambers, water chillers, Swagelok systems, soldering, and operation and maintenance of turbo pumps
* *Languages:* English and Vietnamese
* *Relevant certifications and courses:* Mental Health First Aid Responder Certified, Engineering Project Management Course (In Progress)

**Publications**

*2021*

14. S.M.Keable…**C.C.Pham**…V.K. Yachandra, J. Yano, A. Zouni, J. Kern, *Room Temperature XFEL Crystallography reveals asymmetry in the vicinity of the two phylloquinones in Photosystem I.* Nature Comm*.* November 2021

13. XP.Rabe… **C.C.Pham**…V.K.Yachandra, J.Yano, J.F. Kern, A.M. Orville, and C.J. Schofield *X-ray free electron laser studies reveal dioxygen binding to isopenicillin N synthase induces correlated motions during catalysis.* Science Advances*.* August 2021.

*2020*

12. V. Srinivas.…**C.C. Pham**… V.K. Yachandra, J, Yano, J.D. Lipscomb, J. Kern, M.Högbom. . *High Resolution XFEL Structure of the Methane Monooxygenase Hydroxylase Complex with its Regulatory Component at Ambient Temperature in Two Oxidation States.* Journal of the American Chemical Society, July 2020.

11. M. Ibrahim,… **C.C. Pham**, … J. Kern, V.K. Yachandra, and J. Yano. *Untangling the sequence of events during the S2 → S3transition in photosystem II: Implications for the water oxidation mechanism.* Proceedings of National Academy of Science. *June* 2020.

*2019*

10. E.S Burgie, …**C.C. Pham**… R. Alonso-Mori, M.S. Hunter, J.E. Koglin, J. Yano, V.K. Yachandra, N.K Sauter, AE Cohen, J. Kern, A.M. Orville, G.N. Phillips, R.D. Vierstra. *Photoreversible interconversion of a phytochrome photosensory module in the crystalline states*. Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences. January 2020.

9*.* R. Chatterjee… **C.C. Pham**…V.K. Yachandra, J. Kern, J. Yano *XANES and EXAFS of dilute solutions of transition metal of XFELS.* Journal of Synchrotron Radiation. September 2019.

*2018*

8. **C.C. Pham…** Y. Yoda, and S.P. Cramer: *Terminal Hydride Species of [FeFe]-Hydrogenases are Vibrationally Coupled to the Activated Site Environment.* Angewandte Chemie, August 2018.

7. M.R. Carlson, D. L. Gray, C.P. Richers, W. Wang, P.H. Zhao, T.B. Rauchfuss, V. Pelmenschikov, **C. C. Pham**, L.B. Gee, H. Wang, S. P. Cramer: *Sterically Stabilized Terminal Hydride of a Diiron Dithiolate*. Inorganic Chemistry 01/2018; 57(4)., DOI:10.1021/acs.inorgchem.7b02903

*2017*

6. \*V.Pelmenschikov, \*J.A. Birrell, \***C.C. Pham**,…Yoshitaka Yoda, Thomas B Rauchfuss, Wolfgang Lubitz, Stephen P Cramer: *Reaction Coordinate Leading to H2 Production in [FeFe]-Hydrogenase Identified by NRVS and DFT*. Journal of the American Chemical Society 10/2017; 139(46)., DOI:10.1021/jacs.7b09751

5. \*E.J. Reijerse, \***C. C. Pham**, … Wolfgang Lubitz, Thomas B. Rauchfuss, Stephen P. Cramer: *Direct Observation of an Iron-Bound Terminal Hydride in [FeFe]-Hydrogenase by Nuclear Resonance Vibrational Spectroscopy*. Journal of the American Chemical Society 03/2017; 139(12)., DOI:10.1021/jacs.7b00686

*2016*

4. D.L.M Suess, **C.C. Pham**, I. Bürstel, J. R. Swartz, S.P. Cramer, R.D. Britt: *The Radical SAM Enzyme HydG Requires Cysteine and a Dangler Iron for Generating an Organometallic Precursor to the [FeFe]-Hydrogenase H-Cluster*. Journal of the American Chemical Society 01/2016; 138(4)., DOI:10.1021/jacs.5b12512

*2015*

3. D.L. M. Suess, … **C.C. Pham**, S.P. Cramer, J. R. Swartz, R.D. Britt: *Cysteine as a ligand platform in the biosynthesis of the [FeFe]- hydrogenase H cluster*. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 08/2015; 112(37)., DOI:10.1073/pnas.1508440112

2. R.Gilbert-Wilson, J.F. Siebel, A. Adamska-Venkatesh, **C.C Pham**, E.Reijerse, H. Wang, S.P. Cramer, W. Lubitz, T.B. Rauchfuss: *Spectroscopic Investigations of [FeFe]-Hydrogenase Maturated with [ 57 Fe 2 (adt)(CN)2(CO)4] 2–*. Journal of the American Chemical Society 06/2015; 137(28)., DOI:10.1021/jacs.5b03270

2013

1. **C.C. Pham,** M.H. Park, J.Y. Pham, S.G. Martin, M.P. Schramm, *Modular Preparation of Diverse Dipyrrolemethanes.* ChemInform 08/2013; 44(34)., DOI:10.1002/chin.201334099

\*These authors contributed equally.

**Teaching and Mentoring Experience**

*2021* Lockheed Martin | Goleta , CA

* Students mentored: Shaley German

*2019* Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory | Berkeley, CA

* Students Mentored: Alexandra Holmes (Undergraduate), Ramzi Masad (Undergraduate), Alexander Jackson (High School), and Isabel Bogacz (Graduate Student)

*2014-2018* University of California, Davis | Davis, CA

* Undergraduate Students Mentored: Kyle Gibson, Nathaniel Grimes, Lindsay Basore, Kristopher Quon, Justin Okomoto, Gerson Naverette, Anne Kutt, and Alexander Jackson (High School Student)
* Teaching Assistant (TA) Courses : General Chemistry (Che 2A) , Advance Methods in Physical Chemistry(Che 215), Physical Chemistry: Properties of Atoms and Molecules (Che 110b), Physical Chemistry for the Life Science(Che 107B), Organic Chemistry (118b), Organic Chemistry a Brief Course(Che 8b), X-ray and Synchrotron spectroscopy (Che 248b - Graduate level course), Forensic Application of Analytical Chemistry (Che 104)

**Awards, Nominations, and Recognitions**

*2021*

* Multiple spotlight awards from site management for strengthening our foundation at Lockheed Martin recognizing work completed on my program and for site-wide improvements

*2020*

* Nomination: Proud Alumni award nomination from CSULB chapter for being a model Alumni of Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participant (LSAMP) Fellowship

*2015-2016*

* Grant: UC Davis Chemistry Department Travel Grant awarded twice for conference participation with an accepted poster or talk

*2014*

* Fellowship: Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) grant was awarded to one first year and third year graduate student for their commitment to pursuing an academic career

*2013*

* Award: American Chemical Society (ACS) Green Chemistry Award awarded to Students Association of American Chemical Society (SAACS), Student Chapter
* ACS Commendable Award for SAACS Student Chapter
* ACS Community Interaction Grant: Award to SAACS 2012 board members for their support in student outreach programs like demos for education
* Award: Plaque received from CSULB Associated Student Inc. (ASI), Student Organization of The Year awarded to SAACS (Chair of public relations)
* Plaque received from Student Life and Development Award for Silver in Excellence
* Organization Management of SAACS, CSULB 2012 board members

*2012*

* Scholarship: Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) – (NIH grant)
* Scholarship: NHK Inc. Scholarship for Certification of Excellence in Chemistry and Biochemistry
* Scholarship: Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation scholar for 2012-2013 academic year (NSF #HRD-080262
* Award: Tony Horalek Award, for Outstanding Service for Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
* Award: National Meeting Travel Grant (NMTG) for 243rd ACS National Meeting Award: CSULB Chemistry Department Travel Grant

*2011*

* Scholarship: Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation fellow for 2011-2012 academic year (NSF #HRD-0802628)

**Conference and Presentation Proceedings**

*2020*

* University of California, Santa Barbara – Society of Asian Scientist & Engineer | Santa Barbara, CA

Panelist and recruiter for Lockheed Martin

*2019*

* Gordon Research Seminar: Bioiorganic | Ventura, CA

*Poster Presentation, “Simultaneous X-ray Diffraction and X-ray Emission Studies of Metalloenzymes at Room Temperature using an XFEL”*

*2018*

* Gordon Research Seminar: Bioiorganic | Ventura, CA

Speaker Presentation*, “Nuclear Resonance Vibrational Spectroscopy: Investigation of Fe-H modes in [FeFe]-hydrogenase and its variants”*

*2016*

* Gordon Research Conference and Seminar: Metallocofactors | Boston, MA

Speaker Presentation, “*A pathway towards a better hydrogen catalyst: a comprehensive study of [FeFe]-hydrogenase catalysis, maturases, and oxygen reactivity “*

*2015*

* University of California Symposium for Chemical Sciences (UCSCS) | Lakearrowhead, CA.

Speaker Presentation, “*A pathway towards better hydrogen catalysts: a comprehensive study of [FeFe]- hydrogenase catalysis, maturases, and oxygen reactivity”*

* Gordon Research Conference and Seminar: Bioniorganic | Ventura, CA

Poster Presentation, “*Mossbauer and NRVS study of [FeFe]Hydrogenase and maturase hydG*

* 8th Annual North American Mössbauer Symposium | Boston, MA

Poster Presentation, *“Mossbauer Study of HydG: A Maturase of [FeFe] Hydrogenase”*

*2012-2013*

* 243rd American Chemical Society National Conference | San Diego, CA

Poster Presentation, *“Preparation of 3- and 4-substituted pyrroles: Progress towards an alpha-helical peptidomimetic library”*

* Student Research Symposium- California State University | Long Beach, CA

Poster Presentation, “*Preparation of 3- and 4-substituted pyrroles: Progress towards an alpha-helical peptidomimetic library”*

* Physical Sciences Oncology Center Short Course - University of Southern California | Los Angeles, CA

Poster Presentation, “*Preparation of 3- and 4-substituted pyrroles: Progress towards an alpha- helical peptidomimetic library”*

* Summer Enhancement Conference for LSAMP students - California State University | Sacramento CA

Poster Presentation, “*Preparation of 3- and 4-substituted pyrroles: Progress towards an alpha- helical peptidomimetic library”*

**Volunteering Experience**

*2021-2022*  **Events Committee | Santa Barbara, CA**

* Events committee lead responsible for determining scope, plan, schedule, and budget for site-wide events
* Coordinating all Business Resource Groups (BRG’s)
* Maintained budget with limited resources and executed plans accommodating changing COVID restrictions

*2020 – 2021* **T’ena Foundation | Los Angeles, CA**

* *Principle investigator* for the research division: focused on grant applications, collecting data on the homeless population, providing data for social media team in a digestible manner, and building mobile care facility
* Our organization aims to provide care kits and a mobile care clinic with basic healthcare and dental needs for the homeless members of our community

*2014-2017*  **University of California, Davis | Davis, CA**

* *Safety Committee* - Graduate student representative
  + Worked on regulations,
* Provided scientific demonstrations and activities and also panelist to female youth groups such as AAUW TechTrek Science & Math Camp for girls and Girl Scouts Event for STEM

*2013-2010* **California State University, Long Beach | Long Beach, CA**

* *Grade Appeal Committee* - Undergraduate student representative
* *Student Affiliates of American Chemical Society (SAACS)* – CSULB Student Chapter
* *Founder and Editor-in-Chief* of student chemistry newsletter, *The Beaker*
* Public Relations chair
* Structured and coordinated student outreach within our community
  + demonstrated science experiments for students at Madison Elementary, McPherson Magnet School, and Franklin Classical Middle School
* Science fair judge for McPherson Magnet School - Provided feedback and spoke as a college panelist