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OBJECTIVE

Seeking a challenging position in understanding and developing new quantum phenomena in materials science to leverage my expertise in computational materials science. Aiming to contribute to innovative projects at the intersection of chemistry, physics, materials science, and computational techniques and practical problem-solving in fields such as new quantum materials.

EDUCATION

- **Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Delaware** 2019 – early 2025 (expected)
Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering Newark, Delaware, United States
 - GPA: 3.80/4.00
- **University of Science and Technology** 2015 – 2017
Master in Nanomaterials Science and Engineering Daejeon, Republic of Korea
 - GPA: 4.07/4.50. Percentage equivalent 95.22/100
- **Department of Chemistry, Quy Nhon University** 2008 – 2012
Bachelor in Chemistry Quy Nhon, Vietnam
 - GPA: 8.55/10.00. Salutatorian

RECENT PROJECTS

- **Project 1: Controlling spin dynamics in altermagnets by strong coupling** 2024 – Present
Tools: VASP, Wannier90, OpenMX, TB2J, analytical tight-binding model [🔗]
 - Searching for materials having magnon quasiparticles with THz functionality within the new phase of magnetism dubbed altermagnets (AM)
 - Studying the strong coupling between magnons in AM with other quasiparticles forming hybridized quasiparticles such as phonon-plasmon-magnon polaritons.
 - Ultimately controlling spin dynamics in AM by external perturbations such as light or thermal sources.
- **Project 2: Spontaneous Development of Surface Magnetism in RuO₂** 2023 – Present
Tools: VASP, LOBSTER, HIVE-STM, VESTA [🔗]
 - Demonstrated the emergence of surface magnetization at the (110) surface of non-magnetic bulk RuO₂
 - Explained the phenomenon through surface symmetry breaking caused by termination, leading to structural modifications and electronic reconstruction.
 - Showed that surface magnetism in RuO₂(110) generates spin-polarized surface states, spin-resolved STM images, and potential spin-dependent transport phenomena.
- **Project 3: Electronic Structures of Rare-Earth Pnictides Under Dimensionality Reduction** 2021 – 2023
Tools: VASP, OpenMX, Wannier90, WannierTools, VESTA [🔗]
 - Investigated the electronic structure of semi-metallic rare-earth monpnictide (RE-V) thin films using first-principles hybrid functional calculations, focusing on LaSb as a case study
 - Discovered the quantum spin Hall (QSH) insulator phase in ultrathin (001)-oriented films (3, 5, 7 monolayers), with a band inversion driven by selective effect of quantum confinement on electron and hole bands near Fermi level and a topological gap opened by spin-orbit coupling
 - Demonstrated that RE-V thin films can exhibit topological properties, with potential for coupling 4f magnetism with nontrivial band structures in ultrathin films.
- **Project 4: Electronic Structures of Rare-Earth Pnictides Under Strain** 2021 – 2023
Tools: VASP, OpenMX, Wannier90, WannierTools, chinook, VESTA [🔗]
 - Investigated the evolution of band topology in biaxially strained GdSb(001) epitaxial films using ARPES and DFT, demonstrating strain-induced tuning of bandgaps in rare-earth monpnictides
 - Developed a tight-binding model explaining orbital-specific band shifts and the role of biaxial compressive strain in promoting band inversion and increasing electron carrier density
 - Highlighted practical implications for strain-controlled topological phase transitions and semimetal-semiconductor transitions, paving the way for advanced applications in magnetic Weyl semimetals and topological half-Heusler alloys.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

For full list of publication please see my [Google Scholar](#)

1. **Dai Q. Ho**, D. Quang To, Ruiqi Hu, Garnett W. Bryant, Anderson Janotti, Symmetry breaking induced surface magnetization in non-magnetic RuO₂, **2025** (In preparation)
2. Muhammad Hassan Shaikh, Matthew Whalen, **Dai Q. Ho**, Aqiq Ishraq, Collin Murtua, Kenji Watanabe, Takashi Taniguchi, Yafei Ren, Anderson Janotti, John Xiao, and Chitraleema Chakraborty, Magnetic proximity coupling to defects in a two-dimensional semiconductor, **2024** (Submitted)
3. Ruiqi Hu, **Dai Q. Ho**, D. Quang To, Garnett W. Bryant, Anderson Janotti, Fermi Level Pinning in ErAs Nanoparticles Embedded in III-V Semiconductors, *Nano Lett.*, **2024**, 24, 15, 4376-4382 [link](#).
4. Nguyen Ngoc Tri, **Dai Q. Ho**, Nguyen Tien Trung, Theoretical insights into the adsorption and gas sensing performance of Fe/Cu doped graphene, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, **2024**, 26, 14265-14276 [link](#)
5. Nguyen Ngoc Tri, **Dai Q. Ho**, Nguyen Tran Gia Bao, Nguyen Tien Trung, The adsorption of tetracycline, ciprofloxacin on reduced graphene oxide surfaces: role of intermolecular interaction, *Chemical Physics*, **2024**, 579, 112207 [link](#)
6. **Dai Q. Ho**, Ruiqi Hu, D. Quang To, Garnett W. Bryant, Anderson Janotti, Emerging nontrivial topology in ultra-thin films of rare-earth pnictides, *ACS Nano*, **2023**, 17, 21, 20991-20998 [link](#)
7. Hadass S. Inbar, **Dai Q. Ho***, Shouvik Chatterjee, Aaron N. Engel, Shoaib Khalid, Connor P. Dempsey, Mihir Pendharkar, Yu Hao Chang, Shinichi Nishihaya, Alexei V. Fedorov, Donghui Lu, Makoto Hashimoto, Dan Read, Anderson Janotti, Christopher J. Palmström, Tuning the band topology of GdSb by epitaxial strain, *APL Materials*, **2023**, 11, 111106 (*co-first author) [link](#)
8. Tran Nam Trung, Nguyen Thi Thuy Kieu, **Dai Q. Ho**, Dong-Bum Seo, Eui-Tae Kim, Understanding the doping mechanism of Sn in TiO₂ nanorods toward efficient photoelectrochemical performance, *Journal of Materials Science*, **2023**, 58 (5), 2156-2169 [link](#)
9. Hadass S. Inbar, **Dai Q. Ho**, Shouvik Chatterjee, Mihir Pendharkar, Aaron N. Engel, Jason T. Dong, Shoaib Khalid, Yu Hao Chang, Taozhi Guo, Alexei V. Fedorov, Donghui Lu, Makoto Hashimoto, Dan Read, Anderson Janotti, and Christopher J. Palmström, Epitaxial growth, magnetoresistance, and electronic band structure of GdSb magnetic semimetal films, *Phys. Rev. Materials*, **2022**, 6 (12), L121201 [link](#)
10. Yongchen Liu, Wilder Acuna, Huairuo Zhang, **Dai Q. Ho**, Ruiqi Hu, Zhengtianye Wang, Anderson Janotti, Garnett Bryant, Albert V. Davydov, Joshua M. O. Zide, Stephanie Law, Bi₂Se₃ Growth on (001) GaAs Substrates for Terahertz Integrated Systems, *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces*, **2022**, 14 (37), 42683-42691 [link](#)
11. D. Quang To, Zhengtianye Wang, **Dai Q. Ho**, Ruiqi Hu, Wilder Acuna, Yongchen Liu, Garnett W. Bryant, Anderson Janotti, Joshua M. O. Zide, Stephanie Law, and Matthew F. Doty, Strong coupling between a topological insulator and a III-V heterostructure at terahertz frequency, *Phys. Rev. Materials*, **2022**, 6 (3), 035201 [link](#)
12. Nguyen Ngoc Tri, **Dai Q. Ho**, A. J. P. Carvalho, Minh Tho Nguyen, Nguyen Tien Trung, Insights into adsorptive interactions between antibiotic molecules and rutile-TiO₂(110) surface, *Surface Science*, **2021**, 703, 121723 [link](#)
13. Nguyen Thi Thanh Cuc, **Dai Q. Ho**, Nguyen Thi Ai Nhung, Nguyen Phi Hung, Nguyen Tien Trung, Roles of H₂O to hydrogen bonds, structure and strength of complexes of CH₃CHS and H₂O, *Vietnam Journal of Chemistry*, **2019**, 57 (4), 425-432 [link](#)
14. Pham N. Khanh, Cam-Tu D. Phan, **Dai Q. Ho**, Quan Van Vo, Vu T. Ngan, Minh T. Nguyen, and Nguyen T. Trung, Insights into the Cooperativity between Multiple Interactions of Dimethyl Sulfoxide with Carbon Dioxide and Water, *Journal of Computational Chemistry*, **2019**, 40 (2), 464-474 [link](#)
15. Nguyen Ngoc Tri, **Dai Q. Ho**, Nguyen Tien Trung, Insights into the absorption of organic molecules on rutile TiO₂(110) surface: A theoretical study, *Vietnam Journal of Chemistry*, **2018**, 56 (6), 751-756 [link](#)
16. **Dai Q. Ho**, Seungchul Kim, Role of Aluminum Doping in Anatase to Rutile Transformation from Thermodynamic View Point, *Phys. Status Solidi RRL*, **2018**, 12 (12), 1800234 [link](#)
17. **Dai Q. Ho**, Nguyen Ngoc Tri, Nguyen Thi Thu Trang, and Nguyen Tien Trung, Remarkable effects of substitution on stability of complexes and origin of the C-H...O(N) hydrogen bonds formed between acetone's derivative and CO₂, XCN (X = F, Cl, Br), *RSC Adv.*, **2014**, 4, 13901-13908 [link](#)

SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Python, FORTRAN, Mathematica, Shell scripting
- **Research Software:** VASP, Quantum ESPRESSO (QE), OpenMX, Gaussian, Wannier90, WannierTools, TB2J, etc.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Odon Vallet Scholarships for Academic and Research Excellence** 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012
The Vallet Scholarship Fund
 - Prestigious scholarship awarded to outstanding students with excellent academic and research achievements.
 - Recognized for consistent academic excellence and contribution to research over multiple years.
- **Annual Government Scholarship for Excellent Students** 2008 – 2012
Ministry of Education, Vietnam
 - Merit-based scholarship awarded to top-performing students nationwide, recognizing exceptional academic records.
 - Supported undergraduate studies, enabling opportunities for further research and professional development.
- **Gold Medals in Vietnam National Chemistry Olympiad for University Students** 2010, 2012
Chemical Society of Vietnam
 - Achieved national rankings: 7th out of 142 participants in 2010 (as a sophomore) and 3rd out of 139 in 2012 (as a senior).
 - Demonstrated expertise in General, Analytical, Inorganic, Organic, and Physical Chemistry, covering both advanced theoretical knowledge and fundamental experimental skills.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Vietnamese (Native language), English (Fluent), Korean (Basic)

Interests: Doing research, Reading books, Hiking, Fishing

REFERENCES

1. **Anderson Janotti**
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