

# Darien J. Morrow

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I build computationally reproducible acquisition, analysis, simulation, and representation pipelines.  
I am interested in spectroscopy, nonlinear optics, lasers, magnetic resonance, and algorithm development.

## EDUCATION

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**University of Wisconsin–Madison** 2015 - 2020  
*PhD: Physical Chemistry. GPA: 4.0/4.0* Madison, WI

- Dissertation title: Development of multidimensional spectroscopies to investigate transition metal dichalcogenide and lead halide perovskite semiconductors
- Adviser: John C. Wright.

**Missouri Western State University** 2011-2015  
*BS (Honors): Chemistry; Minors: Mathematics & Physics. GPA: 4.0/4.0* Saint Joseph, MO

## RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Emerald Cloud Lab** 2023 - Present  
*Scientific Software Developer*

- Empowering end-to-end remote life-science research

**Center for Nanoscale Materials at Argonne National Laboratory** 2020 - 2022  
*Postdoctoral Appointee supervised by Xuedan Ma* Lemont, IL

- Researching doped low-dimensional materials as RF to NIR transducers for Quantum Information Science.
- Building a cryogenic, paramagnetic spin resonance microscope.
- Modeling nanolasers, noise sources & transients in single-photon detectors, exciton trapping, and RF antennas

**John C. Wright Research Group** 2015 - 2020  
*Graduate Assistant* Madison, WI

- Pioneered spectrally resolved harmonic generation as a probe of semiconductor excited state dynamics
- Developed a suite of ultrafast techniques to explore excited state dynamics of thin film semiconductors relevant to photovoltaics (lead halide perovskites and transition metal dichalcogenides)
- Developed open-source software packages for the collection, processing, and modeling of multidimensional spectra (see [github.com/wright-group](https://github.com/wright-group))
- Responsible for maintenance and furtherance of custom ultrafast laser systems including construction of new optomechanical & electronic hardware, training new users, and troubleshooting hardware & software

**Christopher G. Elles Research Group** 2014  
*REU Fellow* Lawrence, KS

- Investigated the excited state dynamics of substituted thiophene photo-rearrangement reactions
- Developed and implemented reaction quantum yield measurement technique
- Used ultrafast transient absorption spectroscopy to probe singlet and triplet excited state manifolds

**Michael W. Ducey Research Group** 2011 - 2012  
*Undergraduate Assistant* Saint Joseph, MO

- Investigated the solvatochromism of room temperature ionic liquids (RTILs) in common solvents

- Demonstrated that solvents can induce order in the alkyl side chains of methylimidazolium RTILs

**Morrow Contracting and Construction LLC**  
*Skilled Laborer*

2011 - 2015  
 Saint Joseph, MO

## PUBLICATIONS

- *In preparation*: **Morrow, D. J.**; Room temperature paramagnetic spins in carbon nanotubes with  $sp^3$  defects.
  - *In preparation*: **Morrow, D. J.**; Coherent modulation of broadband optical harmonic generation in graphene.
  - *In preparation*: **Morrow, D. J.**; Ferrimagnetic states with tunable, chiral emission in layered  $BaFMn_{0.5}Te$ .
  - *In preparation*: **Morrow, D. J.**; Modulation of carbon nanotube emission with GHz split ring resonators.
  - *In preparation*: **Morrow, D. J.**; Ultrafast dynamics of  $WS_2$ - $MoS_2$  Lateral Heterojunctions.
  - *Submitted*: Kohler, D. D.; **Morrow, D. J.**; Zhao, Y.; Scheeler, J. M.; Jin, S.; Wright, J. C. Spatially Resolved Spectroscopy Reveals the Disorder of  $WS_2$ - $MoS_2$  Lateral Heterojunctions.
  - *Submitted*: **Morrow, D. J.**; Ma, X. Noisy detectors with unmatched detection efficiency thwart identification of single photon emitters via photon coincidence correlation.
  - Preprint: arXiv:2204.07654.
  - *Submitted*: **Morrow, D. J.**; Ma, X. Facile reconstruction of time-resolved fluorescence data with exponentially modified Gaussians.
  - Preprint: arXiv:2201.03561.
14. Lu, S.<sup>†</sup>; **Morrow, D. J.**<sup>†</sup>; Li, Z.; Yu, X.; Wang, H.; Schultz, J. D.; O'Connor, J. P.; Jin, N.; Fang, F.; Wang, W.; Cui, R.; Chen, O.; Su, S.; Wasielewski, M. R.; Ma, X.; Li, X. Encapsulating Semiconductor Quantum Dots in Supramolecular Cages Enables Ultrafast Guest-Host Electron and Vibrational Energy Transfer *Journal of the American Chemical Society*. DOI: 10.1021/jacs.2c119816. **2017**.  
<sup>†</sup>: equal author contribution
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  12. **Morrow, D. J.**; Ma, X. Trapping Interlayer Excitons in van der Waals Heterostructures by Potential Arrays. *Physical Review B*. DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevB.104.195302. **2021**.  
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  11. Lohmann, S.; Cai, T.; **Morrow, D. J.**; Chen, O.; Ma, X. Brightening of Dark States in  $CsPbBr_3$  Quantum Dots Caused by Light-Induced Magnetism. *Small*. DOI: 10.1002/smll.202101527. **2021**
  10. Pan, D.; Fu, Y.; Spitha, N.; Zhao, Y.; Roy, C.; **Morrow, D. J.**; Kohler, D. D.; Wright, J. C.; Jin, S. Deterministic fabrication of arbitrary vertical heterostructures of 2D Ruddlesden-Popper halide perovskites. *Nature Nanotechnology*. DOI:10.1038/s41565-020-00802-2. **2020**
  9. **Morrow, D. J.**; Kohler, D. D.; Zhao, Y.; Scheeler, J. M.; Jin, S.; Wright, J. C. Quantum interference between the optical Stark effect and resonant harmonic generation in  $WS_2$ . *Physical Review B*. DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevB.102.161401. **2020**.  
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 · Data and code repository: DOI 10.17605/OSF.IO/sntpc.
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· Data and code repository: DOI 10.17605/OSF.IO/jn24u.
7. Hautzinger, M. P.; Pan, D.; Piggs, A. K.; Fu, Y.; **Morrow, D. J.**; Leng, M.; Kuo, M.; Spitha, N., Lafayette, D. P.; Kohler, D. D.; Wright, J. C.; Jin, S. Band Edge Tuning of 2D Ruddlesden-Popper Perovskites by A Cation Size Revealed through Nanoplates. *ACS Energy Letters*. DOI:10.1021/acsenerylett.0c00450. **2020**  
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· Preprint: arXiv:1909.06445.  
· Data and code repository: DOI 10.17605/OSF.IO/UMSXC.
  5. Thompson, B. J.; Sunden, K. F.; **Morrow, D. J.**; Kohler, D. D.; Wright, J.C. WrightTools: a Python package for multidimensional spectroscopy *The Journal of Open Source Software*. DOI: 10.21105/joss.01141. **2019**.
  4. **Morrow, D. J.**; Kohler, D. D.; Czech, K. J.; Wright, J. C. Communication: Multidimensional Triple Sum-Frequency Spectroscopy of MoS<sub>2</sub> and Comparisons with Absorption and Second Harmonic Generation Spectroscopies. *Journal of Chemical Physics*. DOI: 10.1063/1.5047802. **2018**.  
· Preprint: arXiv:1805.06985.  
· Data and code repository: DOI 10.17605/OSF.IO/2WF6G.
  3. **Morrow, D. J.**; Kohler, D. D.; Wright, J. C. Group and phase velocity mismatch fringes in triple sum-frequency spectroscopy. *Physical Review A*. DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevA.96.063835. **2017**.  
· Preprint: arXiv:1709.10476.  
· Data and code repository: DOI 10.17605/OSF.IO/EMGTA.
  2. Fu, Y.; Rea, M. T.; Chen, J.; **Morrow, D. J.**; Hautzinger, M. P.; Zhao, Y.; Manger, L. H.; Wright, J. C.; Goldsmith, R. H.; Jin, S. Selective Stabilization and Photophysical Properties of Metastable Perovskite Polymorphs of CsPbI<sub>3</sub> in Thin Films. *Chemistry of Materials*. DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemmater.7b02948. **2017**.
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· Data and code repository: DOI 10.17605/OSF.IO/V5KZN.

## PATENTS

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1. *US Patent 10,823,664* **Morrow, D. J.**; Kohler, D. D.; Wright, J. C. Ultrafast, multiphoton-pump, multiphoton-probe spectroscopy.

## POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

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8. Presentation. **Darien J. Morrow**, Zhengjie Huang, Jia-Shiang Chen, Xuedan Ma. Spin triplets in carbon nanotubes with sp<sup>3</sup> defects. 8<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Nanotube Optics and Nanospectroscopy (WONTON). 2022.
7. Invited Presentation. **Darien J. Morrow**. Developing new, multidimensional pump-probe spectroscopies for investigating semiconductors. APS March Meeting. 2021.
6. Presentation. **Darien J. Morrow**, Xuedan Ma. Modeling Interlayer Exciton Trapping in Two-dimensional Heterostructures with Discrete, Random-walks. APS March Meeting. 2021.

5. Poster. **Darien J. Morrow**, Daniel D. Kohler, John C. Wright. Development of sum-frequency and transient sum-frequency spectroscopies to study transition metal dichalcogenide nanostructures. ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 2020. (meeting was canceled due to COVID-19)
4. Poster. **Darien J. Morrow**, Daniel D. Kohler, John C. Wright. Multi-photon pump, multi-photon probe spectroscopies and their application to MX<sub>2</sub> nanostructures. CMDS 2018, Seoul, South Korea. June 2018.
3. Poster. **Darien J. Morrow**, Jenna M. Wasylenko, Christopher G. Elles. Kinetics and Dynamics of the Photorearrangement Reactions of Aryl-Substituted Thiophenes. ACS National Meeting, Denver, CO. March 2015.
2. Poster. Michael W. Ducey, **Darien J. Morrow**, Bethany Thornton, Varun Lahoti. Conformational behavior and applications of mixed room temperature ionic liquid solvent systems examined with a panel of solvatochromic probes. ACS Midwest Regional Meeting, Columbia, MO. November 2014.
1. Poster. **Darien J. Morrow**, Jenna M. Wasylenko, Christopher G. Elles. Kinetics and Dynamics of the Photorearrangements of Conjugated Thiophenes. Council on Undergraduate Research, Research Experiences for Undergraduates Symposium, Arlington, VA. October 2014.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics</b>	Fall 2016
<i>Teaching Assistant for Prof. Gilbert M. Nathanson</i>	Madison, WI
<b>General Chemistry</b>	Fall 2015 - spring 2016
<i>Teaching Assistant for Prof. Ive Hermans and Dr. Paul Hooker</i>	Madison, WI
<b>Organic Chemistry II</b>	Fall 2013
<i>Teaching Assistant for Prof. Steven P. Lorimor</i>	Saint Joseph, MO

## FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Link Foundation Energy Fellowship. July 2018 - June 2020.  
Two year full stipend for *Investigation of Coherent Charge Transfer in Transition Metal Dichalcogenide Heterostructures with Multiresonant Coherent Multidimensional Spectroscopy*.
- Pei Wang Fellowship. Fall 2015 - spring 2016.
- Golden Griffon Honors scholarship. Fall 2011 - spring 2015.
- NSF funded Midwest Apex Project scholarship. Fall 2011 - spring 2015.
- Missouri Bright Flight scholarship. Fall 2011 - spring 2015.

## AWARDS & HONORS

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- (One of three finalists) American Physical Society Justin Jankunas Doctoral Dissertation Award in Chemical Physics. 2021.
- UW-Madison Department of Chemistry, Richard and Joan Hartl Award for Research Excellence in Physical Chemistry. 2020.
- UW-Madison Department of Chemistry, Roger Carlson Memorial Award for Excellence in Analytical Chemistry. 2018.
- (Honorable mention) NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program. 2017.
- MWSU Department of Chemistry, Edgar C. Little Outstanding Student Award. 2015.
- ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry, Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry. 2015.
- ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry, Undergraduate Award in Inorganic Chemistry. 2013.
- MWSU President's Honor's List. Fall 2011 - spring 2015.

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Member of Argonne's Nanoscience and Technology Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Working Group. 2021-present
- Volunteered weekly with the Palos Restoration Project and the Forest Preserves of Cook County. 2021-present.
- Journal Reviewer: *Journal of Chemical Physics*, *Physical Review Letters*, *Physical Review B*
- Served on panel to talk to KU REU students about navigating career options outside of the academy. Summer 2022.
- Hosted "Detector Building" competition at the Science Olympiad Regional Tournament. Madison, Wisconsin. Winter 2020
- Organized weekly seminar for physical chemistry graduate students to present their research to fellow graduate students. 2018-2019
- Served as a moderator for the annual Wisconsin Middle School Science Bowl (sponsored by the DOE). 2017-2020.
- Wisconsin Institute for Discovery volunteer. 2017-2020.
- Taught/supervised electronics for a week to high schoolers in the PEOPLE program. Summer 2017.
- Served on panel to talk to UW REU students about experiences applying to and surviving graduate school. Summer 2017.
- Talked and demonstrated to Institute of Chemical Education summer camp attendees about my research, renewable energy, and how solar cells work. Summer 2017.
- Served as vice-president (2014-2015) and member of Missouri Western State University's ACS affiliated Chemistry club. 2011-2015.
- Aided in the organization and implementation of Super Science Saturday and Chemathon at Missouri Western State University. 2011-2015.

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

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- Wolfram Mathematica
- Python and the scientific Python software stack (numpy, matplotlib, scipy, h5py)
- Working knowledge: Arduino, Git, Latex, Autodesk Inventor, Ansys HFSS
- Active contributor/maintainer of open source projects:
  - yaq (project): a modular and extensible instrument control framework
  - WrightTools (library): loading, processing, and plotting of multidimensional spectroscopy data
  - PyCMDS (application): orchestrating many hardware into multidimensional spectrometers
  - attune (library): tuning/calibrating multidimensional spectrometers

## REFERENCES

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