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EDUCATION/TRAINING

2022.01 – now Massachusetts Institute of Technology Research Scientist

Research laboratory of electronics (RLE)

Research topic: Nonlinear Optical Effect in 2D In-Plane Ferroelectric Materials

Advisor: Prof. Jing Kong & William A. Tisdale

2017.01 – 2022.01 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Postdoctoral Associate

Research laboratory of electronics (RLE)

Research topic: Electron-Phonon Coupling and Nonlinear Optical Effect in 2D Materials

Advisor: Prof. Mildred Dresselhaus, Jing Kong & William A. Tisdale

2017.6 – now Boston University Visiting Researcher

Department of Chemistry *Advisor: Prof. Xi Ling*

2011.09 – 2016.07 Peking University, China

Ph.D. degree

College of Chemistry and Molecular Engineering, Physical Chemistry

Thesis: Raman Spectroscopy and Optical Anisotropy of Two-Dimensional Black Phosphorus

Crystals"

Advisor: Prof. Jin Zhang & Lianming Tong

2007.08 - 2011.06 Lanzhou University, China

Bachelor's degree

College of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Chemistry

Advisor: Prof. Haoli Zhang

RESEARCH INTEREST

Optical spectroscopy of nanomaterials, functional nanomaterials

- ◆ Resonance Raman investigation of atomic and electronic structure of nanomaterials.
- ◆ Spontaneous and transient nonlinear optical investigation of nanomaterials (such as ferroelectric 2D materials) and its interfacial dynamics.
- Exciton dynamics of luminating nanomaterials;
- ◆ Advanced optical imaging and spectroscopy with high temporal and spatial resolution.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

◆ Nonlinear optical effect of two-dimensional (2D) ferroelectric materials

- Nonlinear optical imaging of 2D materials (including ferroelectric materials).
- Measuring nonlinear optical susceptibility of 2D materials.
- Measuring broadband spectrally resolved second harmonic generation spectra of 2D materials;

♦ Exciton and exciton dynamics in 2D semiconductors

- Solvent surrounding-controlled transformation of trion and exciton in monolayer MoS₂;
- Exciton dynamics investigation of monolayer transition metal dichalcogenides using time correlated single photon counting module.

◆ Resonance Raman investigation of exciton-phonon coupling in 2D semiconductor

- Raman characterization of nanomaterials: layer number, edge type, crystalline orientation.
- Fundamental investigation of electron/exciton-phonon, electron-photon coupling, doping, stain,

interlayer coupling in nanomaterials.

- Resonance Raman investigation of excitonic state in BP crystals.
- Revealing Fermi resonance in atomically-thin black phosphorus.

♦ Scanning Near-Field Microscopic (SNOM) investigation of 2D materials

- Direct imaging of local doping distribution of monolayer WS₂ below the diffraction limit.
- Distinguishing the different types of WS₂ edges using the near-field Raman and PL signals.

♦ Liquid exfoliation of the 2D materials

• A green mixed-solvent strategy for efficient exfoliation of inorganic graphene analogues

SKILLS

> Sample preparation and nanofabrication Techniques

- ♦ 2D materials exfoliation and transfer;
- ♦ Langmuir-Blodgett technique, lithographic technique, metal and organic molecular evaporation

> Characterization:

- ♦ Optical technique: polarized optical imaging and spectroscopy, Raman/photoluminescence spectroscopy, Spectroscopic ellipsometer, UV-VIS-NIR
- ♦ Non-optical technique: TEM, SEM, OM, contact angle measurement, scanning probe microscopy (SPM) based surface characterization such AFM, PFM and c-AFM.

> Special:

- ♦ Building stead state and ultrafast second/third harmonic generation microscopy and micro-Raman/photoluminescence spectroscopy;
- ♦ Building sensitive optical spectroscopy based on single-photon detection;
- ♦ Matlab/LabVIEW control of home-built optical spectroscopy.

PUBLICATIONS (Total Citations: > 6600; h-index: 31)

First author publications (‡equation contribution)

- (1) <u>N. Mao</u>, S. Huang, H. Yan, X. Ling, L. Liang*, J. Kong*, W. A. Tisdale*, Fermi Resonance in Atomically-thin Black Phosphorus, *in preparation*.
- (2) N. Mao‡, Y. Luo‡, M.-H. Chiu, C. Shi, X. Ji, T. S. Pieshkov, Y. Lin, H.-L. Tang, A. J. Akey, J. A. Gardener, J.-H. Park, V. Tung, X. Ling, X. Qian, W. L. Wilson, Y. Han*, W. A. Tisdale*, J. Kong*, Giant Nonlinear Optical Response in In-Plane Ferroelectric SnSe, *Adv. Mater.*, 2023, n/a (n/a), 2210894. Link
- (3) Y. Luo‡, N. Mao‡, D. Ding, M.-H. Chiu, X. Ji, K. Watanabe, T. Taniguchi, V. Tung, H. Park, P. Kim, J. Kong and W. L. Wilson*, Electrically Switchable Anisotropic Polariton Propagation in A Ferroelectric van der Waal Semiconductor, *Nature Nanotechnol.*, Nat. Nanotechnol. 18 (2023), 350-356. Link
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- (5) N. Wang‡, N. Mao‡, Z. Wang, X. Yang, X. Zhou, H. Liu, S. Qiao, X. Lei, J. Wang, H. Xu, X. Ling, Q. Zhang, Q. Feng, J. Kong, Electrochemical Delamination of Ultralarge Few-Layer Black Phosphorus with a Hydrogen-Free Intercalation Mechanism. *Adv. Mater.*, 33 (2021), 2005815. Link
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- (8) W. S. Leong‡, Q. Ji‡, N. Mao‡, Y. Han, H. Wang, A. J. Goodman, A. Vignon, C. Su, Y. Guo, P.-C. Shen, Z. Gao, D. A. Muller, W. A. Tisdale, J. Kong, Synthetic Lateral Metal-Semiconductor Heterostructures of Transition Metal Disulfides, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 140 (2018), 12354-12358. Link
- (9) N. Mao, J. Tang, L. Xie, J. Wu, B. Han, J. Lin, S. Deng, W. Ji, H. Xu, K. Liu, L. Tong, and J. Zhang, Optical Anisotropy of Black Phosphorus in the Visible Regime, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 138 (2015), 300-305. Link

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- (10) J. Wu[‡], N. Mao[‡], L. Xie, H. Xu, and J. Zhang, Identifying the Crystalline Orientation of Black Phosphorus Using Angle-Resolved Polarized Raman Spectroscopy, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 54 (2015), 2366-69. Link
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- (11) N. Mao, Y. Chen, D. Liu, J. Zhang, and L.M. Xie, Solvatochromic Effect on the Photoluminescence of MoS₂ Monolayers, *Small*, 9 (2013), 1312-15. Link
- (12) N. Mao, J. Wu, B. Han, J. Lin, L. Tong, and J. Zhang, Birefringence-Directed Raman Selection Rules in the Two-Dimensional Black Phosphorus Crystal, *Small*, 19 (2016), 2627-33. Link
- (13) <u>N. Mao</u>, S. Zhang, J. Wu, H. Tian, J. Wu, H. Xu, H. Peng, L. Tong, Investigation of Black Phosphorus as a Nano-optical Polarization Element by Polarized Raman Spectroscopy, *Nano Res.*, 11 (2017), 3154-3163. <u>Link</u>
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♦ Second Harmonic Generation

- (15) Z. Zheng, Q. Ma, Z. Bi, S. de la Barrera, M.-H. Liu, <u>N. Mao</u>, Y. Zhang, N. Kiper, K. Watanabe, T. Taniguchi, J. Kong, W. A. Tisdale, R. Ashoori, N. Gedik, L. Fu, S.-Y. Xu, P. Jarillo-Herrero, Unconventional Ferroelectricity in Moiré Heterostructures. *Nature*, 588 (2020), 71-76. <u>Link</u>
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- (16) Q. Ji, C. Su, N. Mao, X. Tian, J.-C. Idrobo, J. Miao, W. A. Tisdale, A. Zettl, J. Li, J. Kong, Revealing the Brønsted-Evans-Polanyi Relation in Halide-activated Fast MoS₂ Growth Toward Millimeter-sized 2D Crystals. *Sci. Adv.* 7 (2021), eabj3274. <u>Link</u>
- (17) P.-C. Shen, C. Su, Y. Lin, A.-S. Chou, C.-C. Cheng, J.-H. Park, M.-H. Chiu, A.-Y. Lu, H.-L. Tang, M. M. Tavakoli, G. Pitner, X. Ji, Z. Cai, N. Mao, J. Wang, V. Tung, J. Li, J. Bokor, A. Zettl, C.-I. Wu, T. Palacios, L.-J. Li, J. Kong, Ultralow contact resistance between semimetal and monolayer semiconductors. *Nature* 593 (2021), 211-217. Link ESI highly cited paper, Hot paper
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♦ 2D Ferroelectric Materials

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♦ Raman/ Photoluminescence Spectroscopy of 2D Materials

- (21) B. Xu, N. Mao, Y. Zhao, L. Tong, J. Zhang, Polarized Raman Spectroscopy for Determining Crystallographic Orientation of Low-Dimensional Materials. *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.*, 12(2021), 7442-7452. Link
- (22) Q. Feng, N. Mao, J. Wu, H. Xu, C. Wang, J. Zhang, and L. Xie, Growth of MoS_{2(1-x)}Se_{2x} (X=0.41-1.00) Monolayer Alloys with Controlled Morphology by Physical Vapor Deposition, *ACS Nano*, 9 (2015), 7450-55. Link
- (23) S. Zhang, N. Mao, J. Wu, L. Tong, J. Zhang, Z. Liu, In-Plane Uniaxial Strain in Black Phosphorus Enables the Identification of Crystalline Orientation. *Small*, 13(2017), 1700466. Link
- (24) S. Zhang, N. Zhang, J. Wu, L. Tong, J. Zhang, Anomalous Polarized Raman Scattering and Large Circular Intensity Differential in Layered Triclinic ReS₂. *ACS Nano*, 11(2017), 10366-10372. <u>Link</u>
- (25) W. Luo, A. D. Oyedele, N. Mao, A. Puretzky, K. Xiao, L. Liang, X. Ling, Excitation-Dependent Anisotropic Raman Response of Atomically Thin Pentagonal PdSe₂. *ACS Physical Chemistry Au*, 2(2022), 482-489. Link
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- (28) Xia, J., X.-Z. Li, X. Huang, N. Mao, D.-D. Zhu, L. Wang, H. Xu and X.-M. Meng Physical Vapor Deposition Synthesis of Two-Dimensional Orthorhombic SnS Flakes with Strong Angle/Temperature-Dependent Raman Responses. *Nanoscale* 8 (2016), 2063-2070. Link

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- (35) W. Xu, N. Mao, and J. Zhang, Graphene: A Platform for Surface-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy, *Small*, 9 (2013), 1206-24. (Review) Link
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♦ TEM Characterization

- (38) R. Du, N. Zhang, H. Xu, <u>N. Mao</u>, W. Duan, J. Wang, Q. Zhao, Z. Liu, and J. Zhang, Cmp Aerogels: Ultrahigh-Surface-Area Carbon-Based Monolithic Materials with Superb Sorption Performance, *Adv. Mater.*, 26 (2014), 8053-+.<u>Link</u>
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CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

- (1) Oral presentation, "Giant Nonlinear Optical Response via Coherent Stacking of In-Plane Ferroelectric Layers", 2022 Material Research Society (MRS) Fall Meeting, Boston, MA, USA, December 2022;
- (2) Poster presentation, "In-Plane Ferroelectric SnSe with Strong Nonlinear Optical Response", *ARO MURI Review on "Ab-Initio Solid-State Quantum Materials"*, online, MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA, October 2022;
- (3) Invited talk, "Giant Nonlinear Optical Response via Coherent Stacking of In-Plane Ferroelectric Layers", ARO MURI "Quantum Materials" Monthly Meeting, online, MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA, Jan 2022
- (4) Poster presentation, "Resonance Raman Signatures of Atomically-Thin Black Phosphorus", 2020 MRS Fall Meeting, Boston, MA, USA, December 2019;
- (5) Poster presentation, "Strong Coupling between Quantum-Confined Subband Transitions and Phonons in Phosphorene" 2019 MRS Fall Meeting, Boston, MA, USA, December 2019;
- (6) Invited talk, "Probing the Electron-Phonon Coupling in Black Phosphorus (BP) Using Resonant Raman Spectroscopy" *Physical Chemistry Seminar*, Department of Chemistry, Boston University, Boston, MA, USA, May 2018.
- (7) Oral presentation, "Resonant Raman Scattering in Anisotropic Black Phosphorus Crystals", *APS March Meeting 2018*, Los Angeles, CA, USA, March 2018.
- (8) Oral presentation, "Strong Anisotropic Optical Property of Black Phosphorus in Visible Region", *Frontiers of Nanochemistry -2015 (FNC-2015)*, Peking University, Beijing, China, June 2015.
- (9) Poster presentation, "Rapid Identification of the Crystalline Orientation of Black Phosphorus Using Optical Microscopy", 3rd International Conference on Advanced Applied Raman Spectrocopy (Raman Fest), Xiamen, China, May 2015.
- (10) Poster presentation, "Direct Imaging of Local Doping Distribution of Monolayer WS₂ below the Diffraction Limit", XXIV. International Conference on Raman Spectroscopie (ICORS 2014), Jena, Germany, August 2014.
- (11) Poster presentation, "Effect of Atomically-Thin Conductive Layer on the Surface Plasmon of Noble Metal Nanostructures", 3rd International Conference on Frontiers of Plasmonics (FOP3), Xiamen, China, March 2014.
- (12) Poster presentation, "Solvatochromic Effect on the Photoluminescence of MoS₂ Monolayers", 17th National Conference on Light Scattering, Xi'an China, October 2013.
- (13) Poster presentation, "Solvatochromic Effect on the Photoluminescence of MoS₂ Monolayers", 19th China-Japan Bilateral Symposium on Intelligent Electrophotonic Materials and Molecular Electronics (SIEMME'19), Beijing, China, September 2013.
- (14) Poster presentation, "Solvatochromic Effect on the Photoluminescence of MoS₂ Monolayers", 8th Sino-US Symposium on Nanoscale Science and Technology, Hangzhou, China, June 2013.

SELECTED HONORS

2014-2015	Academic Scholarship	Peking University
2013-2014	Academic Scholarship	Peking University
2012-2013	The Star of JieFeng Scholarship	Peking University
2010-2011	Excellent Graduates	Lanzhou University
2009-2010	National Scholarship (top 3%)	Lanzhou University
2007-2009	National Encouragement Scholarship (2 times)	Lanzhou University

TEACHING

- (1) 2012 Fall semester, Teaching Assistant for course **General Chemistry** at Peking University.
- (2) 2013 Fall semester, Teaching Assistant for course **General Chemistry** at Peking University. Held over 100 students, held office hours, taught recitation, developed and graded assignments and problem sets)
- (3) Attended **MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program**, which is a systematic teaching training program designed for postdoc and graduates <u>Link</u>.

MENTORING

- (1) Mentored Narumi Wong (graduate student at MIT) on the project: *Z-polarized Second Harmonic Generation of Au Film* (Jan. 2022- Oct. 2022).
- (2) Mentored Yongli Duan (visiting graduate student at MIT) on the project: *Electrochemical Exfoliation of Atomically-Thin Black Phosphorus and Its Analogues* (Sep. 2019- Sep. 2022).
- (3) Mentored (Abigail) Zhien Wang (visiting graduate student at MIT) on the project: *Electrochemical Exfoliation of Atomically-Thin Black Phosphorus* (June. 2019- Aug. 2022).
- (4) Mentored Shuhang Pan (visiting graduate student at MIT) on the project: *Photophysics in Twisted Bilayer Transition Metal Dichalcogenides Heterostructures* (Oct. 2020- Dec. 2020).
- (5) Mentored summer high school students on *Second Harmonic Generation (SHG) Effect in Nonlinear Bulk Crystals and SHG microscopy* (Summer 2022 & 2019).
- (6) Mentored Shishu Zhang (graduate student at Peking University) on the project: *Polarized Raman Spectra of Anisotropic 2D Materials ReS*₂ (June. 2016- Dec. 2016).
- (7) Mentored Bowen Han (undergraduate student at Peking University) on the project: *Polarized Raman and Optical Investigation of Anisotropic 2D Materials* (Oct. 2014- May 2015).
- (8) Mentored Chenxin Tian (high school student from Beijing 101 Middle School) on the project: *Raman Enhancement Effect on Graphene/Metal nanostructures* (May 2013).

GRANT WRITING

(1) QuIC – TAQS Preliminary Proposal: Integrated Quantum Interconnects using Novel Nanophotonic Materials and Concepts

Title: Epsilon-Near-Zero Quantum Materials

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