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## Profile

Scientific software engineer with a Ph.D. in Chemical Physics and nearly a decade of experience developing **end-to-end imaging systems, machine-learning pipelines, and long-lived scientific software** at Lund University.

My work bridges **instrument control, data acquisition, modeling, and ML-based inference**, with a strong emphasis on **reliability, interpretability, and reproducibility**.

Experienced in translating complex experimental workflows into **maintainable software tools** used daily by collaborators across multi-year projects.

## Core Skills

### *Scientific Software & Systems*

- End-to-end pipeline design (acquisition → processing → modeling → visualization)
- Long-term maintainable research software (not one-off scripts)
- Instrument control, synchronization, and data acquisition
- Debugging complex hardware–software systems

### *Machine Learning & Data*

- Supervised regression, CNNs (U-Net–style), ML for inverse problems
- Physics-informed modeling and validation
- Dataset curation, experiment tracking, evaluation (SSIM, MSE)
- Failure-mode analysis & model interpretability

### *Programming & Tools*

- Python, MATLAB
- PyTorch, scikit-learn
- Scientific computing, signal processing
- HPC / GPU workflows (SLURM-based clusters)
- Git, Linux

## Professional Experience

*Postdoctoral Researcher — Scientific Software & Imaging*

*Lund University, Sweden*

*Jan 2021 – Dec 2025*

- Designed and maintained a complete software stack for **intensity-modulated two-photon microscopy (IM-2PM)**, covering calibration, synchronized acquisition, data management, modeling, and ML-assisted analysis.
- Built **ML-assisted functional imaging pipelines** to extract spatially resolved physical parameters (trap states, recombination pathways) from nonlinear optical signals.
- Integrated **ODE-based physical simulations with supervised ML** to ensure interpretability and physical consistency.
- Developed **deep-learning super-resolution workflows** to enhance spatial resolution under photon budget and acquisition-time constraints.
- Deployed workflows on **GPU/HPC environments**, enabling scalable training and parameter inference.
- Produced stable tools used repeatedly by collaborators over multiple years.

*Ph.D. Researcher — Nonlinear Optical Imaging & Data Analysis*

*Lund University, Sweden*

*Sep 2016 – Dec 2020*

- Developed **intensity-modulated two-photon microscopy (IM-2PM)** for high-resolution mapping of charge-carrier dynamics in hybrid perovskites.
- Built analysis pipelines for **signal processing, model fitting, and parameter extraction**, transitioning from manual fitting to automated ML-based inference.
- Contributed to multi-institution collaborations combining spectroscopy, theory, and data-driven analysis.

### **Selected Projects (Engineering-Focused)**

*Instrument Control & Imaging Acquisition System (MATLAB GUI)*

- Designed **MATLAB App Designer GUIs** for synchronized control of digitizers, piezo delay stages, and motorized translation stages.
- Implemented parameter validation and guardrails to prevent invalid hardware states.
- Enabled reliable, repeatable acquisition workflows used across PhD and postdoctoral experiments.

*Technologies:* MATLAB, GUI development, hardware APIs, data acquisition

*AI-Enhanced Functional Imaging*

- Built ML-assisted inference pipelines linking IM-2PM observables to physical recombination parameters.
- Combined ML predictions with ODE-based carrier population models.
- Enabled quantitative, spatially resolved mapping of trap-mediated losses.

*Technologies:* Python, ML regression, physical modeling, imaging pipelines

 *Energy & Environmental Materials* (2025)

#### *Deep Learning Super-Resolution for Functional Microscopy*

- Developed CNN (U-Net-style) models for super-resolving functional IM-2PM maps.
- Designed training and validation strategies to avoid non-physical “hallucinated” features.
- Integrated inference into existing analysis workflows with standardized outputs and QC overlays.

*Technologies:* PyTorch, CNNs, SSIM/MSE evaluation, pipeline integration


#### *ml-IM2PM: Machine Learning Regression for IM-2PM*

- Implemented supervised regression models mapping modulation harmonics to physical parameters.
- Built a reproducible preprocessing, training, and validation pipeline.
- Replaced slow, fragile manual fitting with scalable ML inference.

 *ACS Photonics* (2024)

#### *LIBS + Machine Learning for Quantitative Elemental Analysis (M.Sc.)*

- Applied SVR and PLSR to multi-element LIBS spectra.
- Compared univariate vs multivariate calibration strategies.
- Designed preprocessing and cross-validation workflows for robustness.

 *J. Anal. At. Spectrom.* (2015, 2018); *Analytical Methods* (2019)

### Education

- Undergraduate university:

Anyang Normal University, China, College of Chemistry and Chemical engineering, majoring in Chemical and Pharmaceutical, May 2013.

- Master university:

Sichuan University, China, Department of Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, May 2016.  
Thesis title: Exploration of Laser-induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) in Quantitative Analysis of Sedimentary Rocks Based on Machine Learning.

- Ph.D. university:

Lund University, Sweden, Department of Chemistry, Division of Chemical Physics, Ph. D. defense December 2020. Advisor: Tönu Pullerits. Thesis title: Phase modulation two photon microscopy of hybrid halide perovskite.

### Grants & Awards

- Research grant from Fysiografiska 2018, Mapping the Spatial Distribution of Large Polarons in Hybrid Perovskites Using Temperature Dependent Photoluminescence

and Photocurrent Imaging

- Travel grant from Fysiografiska 2019, ICMAT 2019
- Light material profile Young Investigator Synergy Award 2023 with grant, Sustainable GaInP Nanowire based micro-LEDs ( $\mu$ -LEDs) with AI-Enhanced Functional Imaging
- Travel grant from Lund University 2024, Nordic-Baltic Femtochemistry Conference 2024
- Light material profile Young Investigator Synergy Award 2025 with grant, Charge Dynamics in Lead-Free Perovskite Nanocrystals with Single-Atom Cocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> Photoreduction

### Conferences, seminars, colloquia

Nanolund Annual meeting 2016-2024, Lund, posters.

Chemical Physics Science day 2016-2024, talk.

ICMAT 2019, Singapore, talk.

2nd LU-USTB, 2024, Invited speaker.

Nordic-Baltic Femtochemistry Conference 2024, talk.

LINXS Science Day on New Materials, 2024, poster.

Perovskite workshop 2023-2024, Lund, posters.

HAMLET-PHYSICS 2025 Conference, Copenhagen, talk.

### Publications

**13 selected articles** out of over 26 peer-reviewed journal publications, \* marks the corresponding authors, citation data from Google Scholar, i10-index 20, h-index 16, total number of citations over 896 (2026/1/17).

Google Scholar link: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=rIOfcsMAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>

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2. **Shi, Q\***. and Pullerits, T\*., **2025**. AI-Enhanced High-Resolution Functional Imaging Reveals Trap States and Charge Carrier Recombination Pathways in Perovskite. *Energy & Environmental Materials*, p.e70062. (1 citation)

3. **Shi, Q\***. and Pullerits, T\*., **2024**. Machine Learning Regression Analyses of Intensity Modulation Two-Photon Microscopy (ml-IM2PM) in Perovskite Microcrystals. *ACS Photonics*, 11(3), pp.1093-1102. (7 citation)

4. **Shi, Q.**, Kumar, P. and Pullerits, T\*., **2023**. Temperature-Dependent Intensity Modulated Two-Photon Excited Fluorescence Microscopy for High Resolution Mapping of Charge Carrier Dynamics. *ACS Phys. Chem. Au.*, 3(5), pp.467-476. (5 citations)

5. Kumar, P., **Shi, Q.** and Karki, K.J\*., **2019**. Enhanced radiative recombination of excitons and free charges due to local deformations in the band structure of MAPbBr<sub>3</sub> perovskite crystals. *J. Phys. Chem. C*, 123(22), pp.13444-13450. (22 citations)

6. K. J. Karki, J. Chen, A. Sakurai, **Q. Shi**, A. T. Gardiner, O. Kühn, R. J. Cogdell, T. Pullerits\*. **2019**. Before Förster. Initial excitation in photosynthetic light harvesting. *Chem. Science* 10, 7923. (64 citations)
7. Guo, G., Niu, G., **Shi, Q.**, Lin, Q., Tian, D. and Duan, Y\*., **2019**. Multi-element quantitative analysis of soils by laser induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS) coupled with **univariate and multivariate regression methods**. *Analytical Methods*, 11(23), pp.3006-3013. (103 citations)
8. **Shi, Q.**, Ghosh, S., Sarkar, A.S., Kumar, P., Wang, Z., Pal, S.K\*., Pullerits, T\*. and Karki, K.J\*., **2018**. Variation in the photocurrent response due to different emissive states in methylammonium lead bromide perovskites. *J. Phys. Chem. C*, 122(7), pp.3818-3823. (14 citations)
9. **Shi, Q.**, Ghosh, S., Kumar, P., Folkers, L.C., Pal, S.K., Pullerits, T. and Karki, K.J\*., **2018**. Variations in the composition of the phases lead to the differences in the optoelectronic properties of MAPbBr<sub>3</sub> thin films and crystals. *J. Phys. Chem. C*, 122(38), pp.21817-21823. (21 citations)
10. Niu, G., **Shi, Q.**, Yuan, X., Wang, J., Wang, X. and Duan, Y\*., **2018**. Combination of **support vector regression (SVR)** and microwave plasma atomic emission spectrometry (MWP-AES) for quantitative elemental analysis in solid samples using the continuous direct solid sampling (CDSS) technique. *J. Anal. At. Spectrom.*, 33(11), pp.1954-1961. (10 citations)
11. Ghosh, S., **Shi, Q.**, Pradhan, B., Kumar, P., Wang, Z., Acharya, S., Pal, S.K\*., Pullerits, T\*. and Karki, K.J\*., **2018**. Phonon coupling with excitons and free carriers in formamidinium lead bromide perovskite nanocrystals. *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.*, 9(15), pp.4245-4250. (79 citations)
12. **Shi, Q.**, Niu, G., Lin, Q., Xu, T., Li, F. and Duan, Y\*., **2015**. Quantitative analysis of sedimentary rocks using laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy: comparison of **support vector regression and partial least squares regression chemometric methods**. *J. Anal. At. Spectrom.*, 30(12), pp.2384-2393. (74 citations)
13. **Shi, Q.**, Niu, G., Lin, Q., Wang, X., Wang, J., Bian, F. and Duan, Y., **2014**. Exploration of a 3D nano-channel porous membrane material combined with laser-induced breakdown spectrometry for fast and sensitive heavy metal detection of solution samples. *Journal of analytical atomic spectrometry*, 29(12), pp.2302-2308. (34 citations)