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EDUCATION

University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)

Sept. 2019-Jul. 2023 (expected) Bachelor of Science (Majoring in Applied Physics) **GPA:** 3.66/4.3 (Overall) 3.70/4.3 (Major) Average Score: 87.75/100 (Overall)

Ranking: 42/195 in Applied Physics 30/91 in Condensed Matter Physics

Core courses: College Physics Experiment: 96 Computational Physics: 92 Mechanics: 97 Electrodynamics: 99 Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics: 98 Atomic Physics: 93

AWARDS

National Inspirational Scholarship (Top 5% among all students in USTC) 2022 First Prize, The 12th China Undergraduate Physics Tournament (National Top 5%) 2021 The 12th China Undergraduate Physics Tournament (1^{st} in East China Division) 2021 National Inspirational Scholarship (Top 5% among all students in USTC) 2021 Yang Ya Foundation Scholarship (Top 5% among all students in USTC) 2020 Chen Guoliang Scholarship (Top 5% among all undergraduates in USTC) 2020 Excellent Student Scholarship-Bronze (Top 20% among all undergraduates in USTC) 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Modeling and Manufacture of Low-dimensional Nanodevices
- Discovery and Characterization of Exotic Properties of Quantum Materials
- Computational Design of Novel Information and Energy Materials
- Development of State-of-Art Computational Methods

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Adjustment of the work function of diamond with electric intercalation layers Advisor: Prof. Boris Yakobson, Rice University Apr.2022-Oct.2022

- Proposed a fast convergence Fourier analysis method for electrostatic potential distribution of a 2D lattice.
- Numerically calculated the spatial electrostatic potential distribution of different crystal planes by optimized summation methods in real space and reciprocal space, respectively.
- Derived a theoretical formula for the potential offset of different crystal orientations, in agreement with the DFT results.

(**Mechanism of thickness-dependent color variation of 2D materials Report Advisor: Prof. Boris Yakobson, Rice University Jun. 2022-Aug. 2022

- Calculated the color of 2D materials based on electronic structure and transfer matrix method.
- Proposed a physical mechanism to explain the experimentally observed oscillation of the optical color of graphene, MoS₂ and WSe₂ by establishing a multi-beam interference model.

★ Kinetic Monte Carlo simulation of topographic evolution for CVD growth Advisor: Prof. Zhenyu Zhang, Prof. Ping Cui, USTC
Nov.2021-Jan.2022

- Developed a deposition-diffusion-aggregation KMC model for simple substance growth.
- Performed accurate KMC simulation of monolayer hBN growth on graphene lasting 1ms.
- Verified the law of evolution of island morphology and density observed experimentally with temperature and deposition rate.

Thermochromic smart windows regulating radiative cooling and solar transmission simultaneously

Advisor: Prof. Chongwen Zou, USTC

Dec.2022-Present

- Designed intelligent windows which adjust the solar transmittance and infrared emissivity automatically for energy saving by combining WO₃ hydrogel or and VO₂.
- Optimized the phase transition speed and optical modulation amplitude of the smart windows.
- Preparation and optimization of electrochromic glass films with high discoloration rate and recyclability

 Report

Advisor: Prof. Chongwen Zou, USTC

Sept. 2021-Dec. 2021

- Synthesised and characterized WO₃ and NiO complementary electrochromic films
- Optimized discoloration and cycle performance of the ITO/WO₃/LiClO₄/NiO/ITO device.

SKILLS & STANDARDIZED ENGLISH TEST

Programming C/C++, Python, Linux, Shell, Mathematica, MATLAB

Computational Expertise VASP, Deepmd-kit, DPGEN

Experiment XRD, STM, Magnetron Sputtering

TOEFL 102 (Listening: 28, Reading: 29, Writing: 20, Speaking: 25)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Teaching Assistant for "Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics B" Course Sept.2022-Jan.2023
Leadership of the Campus Alumni Volunteer Team Sept.2019-Sept.2022
Community Volunteer for Epidemic Prevention and Control Jan.2021-Mar.2021