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Education

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), U.S.A.	Physics	Ph.D., 2014
Wuhan University, China	Physics	B.S., 2008

Research Areas

Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics; Computational Physics; First-principles Density Functional Theory; Many-body GW Method; Quantum Materials; Nanomaterials

1. Theoretical research on diverse properties of quantum materials and nanomaterials, including their electronic, magnetic, optical, vibrational, thermal, thermoelectric, piezoelectric, photovoltaic properties, etc.
2. Developing and applying computational packages for quantum modeling of various experimental techniques, such as scanning tunneling microscopy/spectroscopy, Raman spectroscopy, photoluminescence spectroscopy, etc.
3. Close collaborations with experimentalists across the world to explain and guide experimental measurements on diverse systems ranging from molecules to nanomaterials to strongly correlated materials.

Research Projects

CNMS Theme Science: “Heterogeneities in Quantum Materials”.

Wigner Fellowship Project: “Integration of Accurate Theoretical/Computational Approaches with Experimental Techniques for the Understanding of Two-Dimensional Layered Nanomaterials”.

Professional Experience

Research Staff, Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, ORNL	2018–Present
Eugene Wigner Fellow/Research Staff Associate, Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, ORNL	2015–2018
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Physics, RPI (Supervisor: Dr. Vincent Meunier)	2014–2015
Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Physics, RPI (Advisor: Dr. Vincent Meunier)	2010–2014

Professional and Synergistic Activities

Invited Talk at the Fifth Wuhan University International Forum (China)	2018
Invited Talk at the 26th International Conference on Raman Spectroscopy (South Korea)	2018
Invited Talk at Graphene Week 2017 (Greece)	2017
Invited Talk at 2017 CNMS-SNS User Meeting Workshop	2017
Program Coordinator for International Phosphorene Symposium	2015
Invited Talk at the Physics Colloquium at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	2013

Referee to journals: ACS Nano, Nanoscale, Carbon, Scientific Reports, Small, ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces, Nanotechnology, 2D Materials, Journal of Applied Physics, Journal of Raman Spectroscopy, etc.

Reviewer for proposals: DOE, ORNL LDRD.

Honors and Awards

CNMS Division Award: Distinguished Scientific Paper	2017
CNMS Division Award: Outstanding Scientific or Technical Contribution	2017
CNMS Division Award: Most Notable CNMS User Project	2016
Eugene Wigner Fellowship of Oak Ridge National Laboratory	2015
Outstanding Reviewer - Journal Carbon	2015
Hillard Huntington Award for Outstanding Graduate Student (for top one of the Department at RPI)	2014
Outstanding Undergraduate Student of Wuhan University	2008
First Prize of the National Scholarship (for top one of the class at Wuhan University)	2007
Samsung Scholarship (for top one of the Department at Wuhan University)	2006

Teaching and Mentoring Experience

Mentoring/Co-advising Students, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (<i>e.g., Natalya Sheremetyeva and Andrew Cupo, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Jingjie Zhang, University of Virginia; Weijun Luo, Boston University</i>)	2015-Present
Mentoring Students and Postdoctoral Researchers, Department of Physics, RPI (<i>e.g., Pan Zhu and Daniel Massote, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</i>)	2013-2015

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Physics, RPI 2010-2012
(For courses “General Physics”, “Statistical Mechanics”, and “Computational Physics”. I was responsible for teaching parts of the courses, leading discussion sessions, holding office hours, developing and grading assignments, etc.)

Academic and Community Service

Oral Presentation at the School of Science Graduate Symposium at RPI 2013
(disseminating research at the Physics Department to RPI community and company representatives)

Poster Presentation at the Accepted Student Open House at RPI 2013
(representing the Physics Department to introduce nanoscience to prospective students)

Publications

(64 publications in total with 3,000+ citations, h-index=27 from Google Scholar/22 from Web of Science)

1. A. Puzetky, A. Oyedele, K. Xiao, B. Sumpter, D. Mandrus, D. Geohegan, **L. Liang***, “Anomalous interlayer vibrations in strongly coupled layered PdSe₂”, 2D Materials, 5, 035016 (2018). [*Corresponding author]
2. G. Nguyen, **L. Liang***, Q. Zou, M. Fu, A. Oyedele, B. Sumpter, Z. Liu, Z. Gai, K. Xiao, A. Li*, “3D imaging and manipulation of subsurface selenium vacancies in PdSe₂”, Physical Review Letters, 121, 086101 (2018). [*Co-corresponding author]
3. Y. Song, D. Johnson, R. Peng, D. Hensley, P. Bonnesen, **L. Liang**, J. Huang, F. Yang, F. Zhang, R. Qiao, A. Baddorf, T. Tschaplinski, N. Engle, M. Hatzell, Z. Wu, D. Cullen, H. Meyer, B. G. Sumpter, A. Rondinone, “A physical catalyst for the electrolysis of nitrogen to ammonia”, Science Advances, 4, e1700336 (2018).
4. L. Webster, **L. Liang**, J. Yan, “Distinct spin-lattice and spin-phonon interactions in monolayer magnetic CrI₃”, Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics, 20, 23546 (2018).
5. **L. Liang**, B. Sumpter, V. Meunier, book chapter “Raman scattering of transition metal dichalcogenides”, in the book “Beyond Graphene, New Layered Nanomaterials: Theory, Experiment and Applications”, Wiley-VCH Verlag, Accepted (2018).
6. A. Hoffman, M. Stanford, C. Zhang, I. Ivanov, A. Oyedele, M. Sales, S. McDonnell, M. Koehler, D. Mandrus, **L. Liang**, B. Sumpter, K. Xiao, P. Rack, “Atmospheric and Long-term Aging Effects on the Electrical Properties of Variable Thickness WSe₂ Transistors”, ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces, 10, 36540 (2018).
7. D. Geohegan, A. Puzetky, A. Boulesbaa, G. Duscher, G. Eres, X. Li, **L. Liang**, M. Samani, C. Rouleau, K. Xiao, M. Yoon, book chapter “Laser Synthesis, Processing, and Spectroscopy of Atomically-Thin Two Dimensional Materials”, in the book “Advances in the Application of Lasers in Materials Science”, Springer Nature (2018).
8. O. Deniz, C. Sanchez, R. Jaafar, N. Kharche, **L. Liang**, V. Meunier, X. Feng, K. Muellen, R. Fasel, P. Ruffieux, “Electronic characterization of silicon intercalated chevron graphene nanoribbons on Au (111)”, Chemical Communications, 54, 1619 (2018).
9. **L. Liang***, A. Puzetky, B. G. Sumpter, V. Meunier, “Interlayer bond polarizability model for stacking-dependent low-frequency Raman scattering in layered materials”, Nanoscale, 9, 15340 (2017). [*Corresponding author] [Nanoscale HOT Article Collection]
10. **L. Liang**, J. Zhang, B. G. Sumpter, Q. Tan, P. Tan, V. Meunier, “Low-Frequency Shear and Layer-Breathing Modes in Raman Scattering of Two-Dimensional Materials”, ACS Nano, 11, 11777 (2017).
11. C. Ma, **L. Liang***, Z. Xiao, A. Puzetky, W. Lu, V. Meunier, J. Bernholc, A. Li*, “Seamless staircase electrical contact to semiconducting graphene nanoribbon”, Nano Letters, 17, 6241 (2017). [*Co-corresponding author]
12. A. Oyedele*, S. Yang*, **L. Liang***, A. Puzetky, P. Yu, P. Pudasaini, Z. Liu, C. Rouleau, B. Sumpter, M. Chisholm, W. Zhou, P. Rack, D. Geohegan, K. Xiao, “PdSe₂: Pentagonal Two-Dimensional Layers with High Air Stability for Electronics”, Journal of the American Chemical Society, 139, 14090 (2017). [*Co-lead author]
13. M. McGuire, J. Yan, P. Lampen-Kelley, A. May, V. Cooper, L. Lindsay, A. Puzetky, **L. Liang**, K. Santosh, E. Cakmak, S. Calder, B. Sales, “High-temperature magnetostructural transition in van der Waals-layered α -MoCl₃”, Physical Review Materials, 1 (6), 064001 (2017).
14. M. Stanford, P. Pudasaini, E. Gallmeier, N. Cross, **L. Liang**, G. Duscher, K. Xiao, D. Geohegan, B. Sumpter, P. Rack, “High Conduction Hopping Behavior Induced in Transition Metal Dichalcogenides by Percolating Defect Networks: Toward Atomically Thin Circuits”, Advanced Functional Materials, 27, 1702829 (2017).
15. Y. Cao, N. Sheremetyeva, **L. Liang**, V. Meunier, M. Pan, “Anomalous vibrational modes in few layer WTe₂ revealed by polarized Raman scattering and first-principles calculations”, 2D Materials, 4, 035024 (2017).

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17. K. Huang, **L. Liang**, S. Chai, M. Li, Z. Wu, B. Sumpter, S. Dai, “Aminopolymer Functionalization of Boron Nitride Nanosheets for Highly Efficient Capture of Carbon Dioxide”, *Journal of Materials Chemistry A*, 5 (2017).
18. C. Ma, Z. Xiao, H. Zhang, **L. Liang**, J. Huang, B. Sumpter, K. Hong, J. Bernholc, A. Li, “Controllable conversion of quasi-freestanding polymer chains to graphene nanoribbons”, *Nature Communications*, 8, 14815 (2017).
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21. D. Massote, **L. Liang**, N. Kharche, V. Meunier, “Electronic, vibrational, Raman, and scanning tunneling microscopy signatures of two-dimensional boron nanomaterials”, *Physical Review B*, 94, 195416 (2016).
22. J. Gao, Y. Kim, **L. Liang**, J. Idrobo, B. Sumpter, T. Lu, V. Meunier, J. Hone, N. Koratkar, “Transition Metal Substitution Doping in Synthetic Atomically-Thin Semiconductors”, *Advanced Materials*, 28, 9735 (2016).
23. R. Peng, **L. Liang**, Z. Hood, A. Boulesbaa, A. Puzos, A. Ievlev, J. Come, O. Ovchinnikova, H. Wang, C. Ma, M. Chi, B. G. Sumpter, Z. Wu, “In-plane heterojunctions enable multiphase 2D MoS₂ nanosheets as efficient photocatalysts for hydrogen evolution from water reduction”, *ACS Catalysis*, 6, 6723 (2016).
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25. M. Mahjouri-Samani, **L. Liang**, A. Oyedele, Y. Kim, M. Tian, N. Cross, M. Lin, C. Rouleau, A. Puzos, K. Xiao, M. Yoon, G. Duscher, B. G. Sumpter, D. B. Geohegan, “Tailoring Vacancies Far Beyond Intrinsic Levels Changes the Carrier Type and Optical Response in Monolayer MoSe_{2-x} Crystals”, *Nano Letters*, 16, 5213 (2016).
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31. S. Huang*, **L. Liang***, X. Ling*, A. A. Puzos, D. B. Geohegan, B. G. Sumpter, J. Kong, V. Meunier, M. S. Dresselhaus, “Low-Frequency Interlayer Raman Modes to Probe Interface of Twisted Bilayer MoS₂”, *Nano Letters*, 16, 1435 (2016). [**Co-lead author*]
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34. M. Lin, H. Zhuang, J. Yan, T. Ward, A. A. Puzos, C. M. Rouleau, Z. Gai, **L. Liang**, V. Meunier, B. G. Sumpter, P. Ganesh, P. R. C. Kent, D. B. Geohegan, D. G. Mandrus, K. Xiao, “Ultrathin Nanosheets of CrSiTe₃: A Semiconducting Two-Dimensional Ferromagnetic Material”, *Journal of Materials Chemistry C*, 4, 315 (2016).
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- Doped Graphene Electrode”, *ChemistrySelect*, 1, 1-8 (2016).
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 40. A. A. Puzdov, **L. Liang**, X. Li, K. Xiao, K. Wang, M. Mahjouri-Samani, L. Basile, J. Idrobo, B. G. Sumpter, V. Meunier, D. B. Geohegan, “Low-Frequency Raman Fingerprints of Two-Dimensional Metal Dichalcogenide Layer Stacking Configurations”, *ACS Nano*, 9, 6333 (2015).
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 45. **L. Liang**, V. Meunier, “Atomically Precise Graphene Nanoribbon Heterojunctions for Excitonic Solar Cells”, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry C*, 119, 775 (2015).
 46. F. Qi, **L. Liang**, D. Zhang, X. Yu, “Sodium Controlled Synthesis of Hexagonal-Phase NaGdF₄: Yb, Er Nanocrystals with Enhanced Upconversion Fluorescence for Bioimaging”, *Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Letters*, 7, 121 (2015).
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Collaborators

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