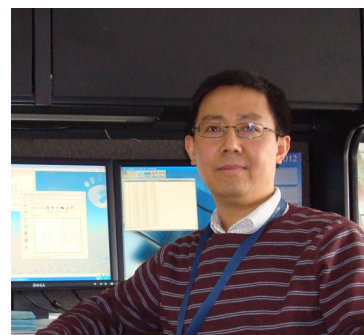


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Short Bio

I received my bachelor's degree in Chemistry in 1991 from Southwest China Normal University (currently known as Southwest University) in 1991 and master's degree in 1994 in Physical Chemistry from Nankai University. Prior to study abroad, I worked as an engineer at the Southwest Research & Design Institute of Chemical Industry. My initial background was experimental Organic Chemistry and Physical Chemistry. Since 1999 I decided to pursue theoretical research using computational chemistry. I earned my Ph D in Physical Chemistry in 2006 from Georgetown University. Research interests are mainly the theoretical studies of the electronic, optical, and magnetic properties of solid-state and low-dimensional materials, chemical reaction mechanism, and electrical energy storage. With a background of an experimental chemist and the expertise of a computational and theoretical chemist, my primary goal is to establish the bridge between experimental observations and theoretical rationalizations, which will hopefully lend supports for experimental materials optimizations.

Research Areas/Topics

1. *Structure-property correlations of organic and hybrid materials* through the modeling/theories of electronic structures of 0D through 3D materials including organic conjugated polymers, molecular materials of pentacene derivatives, anthradithiophene derivatives, and BTQBT, and hybrid $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$. In addition to organic and hybrid materials, we are also interested in *layered and/or nanostructured inorganic materials* such as graphene, SiC, BN, and Cd (or Zn) chalcogenides of the 0D, 1D, and 2D. These materials are important for applications in electronic devices such as light-emitting diodes, photovoltaics, field effect transistors, magneto-optics, spintropics, etc. The calculations of electronic properties include crystal orbitals, band structures, density of states, charge carrier properties, intermolecular transfer integrals, and various physical properties such as

- thermochromism, photochromism, solid-state UV-Vis, fundamental and optical band gaps, angle-resolved photoelectron spectroscopy (ARPES) as a function of both k_{\parallel} and k_{\perp} , electron affinity, and ionization potential. We employ tight binding model, DFT, time-dependent DFT, quasiparticle GW approximation, and Bethe Salpeter Equation (BSE) to understand the electronic, optical, and magnetic properties. We are interested in charge and spin density wave phenomena.
2. *Unusual multicenter covalent pi-pi bonding interactions* of long distance ($\sim 3\text{\AA}$) between organic pi-radicals or biradicaloids. Typical examples are phenalenyl and spiro-biphenalenyl derivatives, and TTF-TCNQ which are exploited as the building blocks. Some of these materials form organic conductors due to the electron delocalizations – thus giving organic metal without metal elements. Some others display magnetic properties due to the electron localizations. The conducting pathway along the pi-pi stacking and the magnetic exchanges between neighboring unpaired spins are deeply rooted in the novel multicenter covalent pi-pi bondings. Since chemical bonds usually go hand in hand with magnetism, we study the weak pi-pi bonding using magnetic properties measured by ESR, Faraday balance, or SQUID. Specifically, we conduct broken symmetry or spin-polarized DFT calculations and then compare with the analysis of experimental data with different models such as the alternating chain models, the Bleaney-Bowers dimer model, and extended Bleaney-Bowers dimer models. The weak bonding interactions may render an alteration of optical, electric, or magnetic properties due to the change of external stimuli, and thus making these materials “smart”.
 3. *Electrical energy storage* with supercapacitors, Li-S batteries, and solid-state proton exchange electrolytes. This fits especially well the US DOE’s mission of discovering new materials for energy storage. For supercapacitors, we pay special attention to the electric double layer structure at the interface of porous carbon and various electrolytes (aqueous, organic, and ionic liquid). For Li-S batteries, we scrutinize the reaction mechanism on the S cathode without additive and with additive that serves as the catalyst to promote the dissolution of solid Li_2S deposits. Molecular dynamics is instrumental in clarifying the reaction mechanism of the electrochemical reaction at the interface. Additionally, we perform rational design of solid-state proton exchange electrolytes and are also testing these materials for Li^+ conduction.

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