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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Spin caloritronics, thermal management, thermoelectrics, lithium ion batteries, crystal growth

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Materials Science and Engineering , The University of Texas at Austin	Dec. 2014
M.S., Materials Science and Engineering , Zhejiang University, China	Apr. 2010
B.S., Materials Science and Engineering (with honor), Southeast University, China	July 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of ECE, UC Riverside	Aug. 2019—
Postdoctoral Researcher, UT Austin	Jan. 2015—July 2019
	Advisors: Li Shi, John B. Goodenough
▪ <i>Materials with extraordinary heat/spin coupling</i>	
▪ <i>High thermal conductivity materials</i>	
▪ <i>Mastering the interface for all-solid-state lithium ion batteries</i>	
Graduate Research Assistant, UT Austin	Sept. 2010—Dec. 2014
Ph.D Dissertation: <i>Synthesis and Thermoelectric Properties of Higher Manganese Silicides for Waste Heat Recovery</i>	Advisors: Li Shi, Jianshi Zhou
Graduate Research Assistant, Zhejiang University	Sept. 2007—Apr. 2010
M.S. Thesis: <i>Controlled Synthesis of PbTe Nanostructures</i>	Advisors: Tiejun Zhu, Xinbing Zhao

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Professional Development Award, The University of Texas at Austin, USA, 2011, 2014
- Outstanding Student Award and First-Class Scholarship, Zhejiang University, China, 2008, 2009
- Graduate with honors, Southeast University, China, 2007
- Outstanding Student Award, Southeast University, China, 2005

Membership and Services

- Peer reviewer of over 10 journals, including *Advanced Materials*, *Nano Energy*, *Physical Review B*, *Applied Physics Letters*, and *ACS Energy Letters*.
- Members of International Thermoelectric Society, Materials Research Society and American Physical Society

PUBLICATION LIST

23 peer-reviewed papers (including **13 first-authored or co-first-authored**) published in *Science*, *PNAS*, *Nature Communications*, *Physical Review Letters*, *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, *Physical Review B (editors' suggestion)*, *Advanced Energy Materials*, and so on

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- (5) **X. Chen**, K. Jarvis, S. Sullivan, Y. T. Li, J. S. Zhou, and L. Shi, "Effects of Grain Boundaries and Defects on Anisotropic Magnon Transport in Textured Sr₁₄Cu₂₄O₄₁," *Phys. Rev. B*, 95, 144310 (2017) [selected as **Editors' Suggestion**; featured in **PRB Kaleidoscopes**]
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- (9) C. Hu, K. Xia, **X. Chen*** (**corresponding author**), X. Zhao, T. Zhu*, "Transport mechanisms and property optimization of p-type (Zr, Hf)CoSb half-Heusler thermoelectric materials," *Mater. Today Phys.* 7, 69 (2018).
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"Direct Observation of Magnon-phonon Coupling in Yttrium Iron Garnet," *Phys. Rev. B Rapid Communication*, 96, 100406 (R) (2017) [selected as Editors' Suggestion]

- (13) K. An, K. S. Olsson, A. Weathers, S. Sullivan, X. Chen, X. Li, L. G. Marshall, X. Ma, N. Klimovich, J. S. Zhou, L. Shi, and X.Q. Li, "Magnons and Phonons Optically Driven out of Local Equilibrium in a Magnetic Insulator," *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 117, 107202 (2016)
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