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Scientist III, March 2019 – August 2019
Scientist II, March 2016 – February 2019
Scientist I, January 2013 – February 2016
[Institute of High Performance Computing, A*STAR, Singapore](#)

Research Fellow, March 2012 – December 2012
Research Associate, August 2011 – February 2012
[Department of Physics, National University of Singapore, Singapore](#)

EDUCATION Ph.D in Physics, August 2007 - February 2012
[National University of Singapore, Singapore](#)
PHD thesis: *First-principles Simulations of Nanomaterials for Nanoelectronics and Spintronics*

M.S. in Materials science, September 2004 - April 2007
[Northwestern Polytechnic University, China](#)

B.S. in Materials science, September 2000 - July 2004
[Northwestern Polytechnic University, China](#)

TEACHING GREEN ENERGY FOR GLOBAL SOCIETY (GEGA1006), Undergraduate, University of Macau, Spring semester (2020, 2021, 2022), Fall Semester (2020);
LOW-DIMENSIONAL PHYSICS (APAC3007), Undergraduate, University of Macau, Fall Semester (2021, 2022, 2023);
THEORY AND MODELING OF MATERIALS PROPERTIES (APAC4009), Undergraduate, University of Macau, Spring Semester (2023, 2024).

HONORS & AWARDS 2023 [Stanford's top 2% most highly cited scientists 2023](#)
2020 [The National Science Fund for Excellent Young Scholars \(Hong Kong & Macau\), China](#)
2014 [Institute Best Paper Award, Institute of High Performance Computing, A*STAR, Singapore](#)
2007 [Distinguished Master Thesis, Northwestern Polytechnic University, China](#)
2004 [Distinguished Bachelor Thesis, Faculty of Materials, Northwestern Polytechnic University](#)
2002 [1st level, Advanced Mathematics Competition, Shaanxi Province, China](#)

RESEARCH INTERESTS Computational materials science and physics via first-principles quantum simulations, some more specific area include:

- ◆ Molecular dynamics and metadynamics
- ◆ Phonons: Transport of phonons; Electron-phonon coupling; Raman intensity
- ◆ Phase transition: Ferroelectricity and Multiferroics
- ◆ Light-matter interaction, Polariton
- ◆ Defects: Donors and acceptors; Vacancy clustering; Grain boundary; Twinning
- ◆ Machine learning potential
- ◆ Advanced materials for energy applications

GRANTS
COMPLETED

1. Project title: *First-principles Simulations of Two-Dimensional Materials for Nanoelectronics and Energy Harvesting*; Funding Agency: University of Macau (SRG); Principle Investigator; 2019/09/15-2022/09/14;
2. Project title: *Atomic-scale Mechanisms and Efficient Modulation of Layered Transition Metal Chalcogenides for Nanoelectronics*; Funding Agency: The Science and Technology Development Fund (FDCT)-Macau SAR; Principle Investigator; 2020/05/23-2023/05/22;
3. Project title: *High-throughput Materials Informatics*; Funding Agency: National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC); Principle Investigator; 2021/01/01-2023/12/31;
4. Project title: *Thermodynamics and Electronic Excitations of Layered Transition Metal Chalcogenides for Layered Transition Metal Chalcogenides*; Funding Agency: Guangdong Research Grant; Principle Investigator; 2021/01/01-2023/12/31;
5. Project title: *Exploration of Exotic Electronic Properties of Novel Two-dimensional Materials*, Funding Agency: University of Macau; Principle Investigator; 2022/01/01-2023/12/31.

SERVICE &
PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITY

1. 2022,2023, 國家自然基金委評審專家
2. 07/03/2023, Pedagogic Activity, Scientific Talk at Escola Choi Nong Chi Tai (澳門菜農子弟學校)
3. 22/03/2023, English Table at Cheong Kun Lun College
4. 01/01/2023-now, Associate Editor, Computer Modeling in Engineering & Science (CMES)
5. 20/12/2022, Expert Committee Members, Global Youth Technology and Innovation Forum
6. 16/12/2022, Pedagogic Activity, Scientific Talk at Sacred Heart Canossian College (澳門嘉諾撒聖心女子中學)
7. 01/09/2022-now, Committee Member, Chinese Chemistry Society (Theoretical Chemistry Division) 中國化學學會-理論化學專業委員會委員
8. 14/10/2021-now, Editorial Board Members, Data
9. 31/03/2021, Guest Editor, Special Issue for 60th Anniversary Celebration, “Modelling of Low-dimensional Functional Nanomaterials”, *Physica Status Solidi (RRL) - Rapid Research Letters*
10. 12/03/2021, Pedagogic Activity, Scientific Talk at Yuet Wah College (澳門粵華中學) for whole college student
11. 02/2021-now, European Materials Modelling Council (EMMC), Associated Member
12. 16/12/2020, Pedagogic Activity, Tutorial at Cheong Kun Lun College
13. 14/12/2020, Pedagogic Activity, Scientific Talk at Yuet Wah College (澳門粵華中學) for graduating students

PUBLICATIONS

1 Book

1 Nature Materials, 1 Nature Catalysis, 1 Nature Nanotechnology, 1 Nature Electronics,
2 Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 1 Joule, 4 Nature Communications,
5 Journal of the American Chemical Society, 2 Angewandte Chemie, 3 ACS Nano,
1 Advanced Science, 5 Advanced Materials, 7 Advanced Functional Materials,
12 Physical Review B

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Total	9500	12000
h-index	50	55
i10-index	97	129

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BOOK:

Yongqing Cai (editor), Gang Zhang, Yong-Wei Zhang, “*Phosphorene: Physical Properties, Synthesis, and Fabrication*”, Pan Stanford Publishing, ISBN 9789814774642 (2018).

REPRESENTATIVE PAPERS:

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2. Huifang Xu, Qingbin Jiang, Zheng Shu, Kwan San Hui*, Shuo Wang, Yunshan Zheng, Xiaolu Liu, Huixian Xie, Weng-Fai Ip, Chenyang Zha, **Yongqing Cai***, and Kwun Nam Hui*, *Fundamentally manipulating the electronic structure of polar bifunctional catalysts for lithium-sulfur batteries: Heterojunction design versus doping engineering*. **Adv. Sci.** 2307995 (2024)
3. Xiangyue Cui, Hejin Yan, Xuefei Yan, Kun Zhou, **Yongqing Cai***, *Promoted electronic coupling of acoustic phonon modes in doped semimetallic MoTe₂*. **ACS Nano** 17, 16530–16538 (2023)
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5. Tingting Yin*, Hejin Yan, Ibrahim Abdelwahab, Yulia Lekina, Xujie Lü, Wenge Yang, Handong Sun, Kai Leng, **Yongqing Cai***, Ze Xiang Shen*, Kian Ping Loh*, *Pressure driven rotational isomerism in 2D hybrid perovskites*. **Nature Commun.** 14, 411 (2023)
6. Yan Shao, Wei Gao, Hejin Yan, Runlai Li, Ibrahim Abdelwahab, Xiao Chi, Lukas Rogée, Lyuchao Zhuang, Wei Fu, Shu Ping Lau, Siu Fung Yu*, **Yongqing Cai***, Kian Ping Loh*, and Kai Leng*, *Unlocking surface octahedral tilt in two-dimensional Ruddlesden-Popper perovskites*. **Nature Commun.** 13, 138 (2022)
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8. Devesh R. Kripalani, **Yongqing Cai***, Jun Lou, and Kun Zhou*, *Strong edge stress in molecularly thin organic–inorganic hybrid Ruddlesden–Popper perovskites and modulations of their edge electronic properties*. **ACS Nano** 16, 1, 261–270 (2022)
9. Jiaren Yuan, Yuanping Chen, Yuee Xie, Xiaoyu Zhang, Dewei Rao, Yandong Guo, Xiaohong

Yan*, Yuan Ping Feng*, and **Yongqing Cai***, *Squeezed metallic droplet with tunable Kubo gap and charge injection in transition metal dichalcogenides*. **Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U S A** 117, 6362-6369 (2020)

10. **Yongqing Cai**, Qingqing Ke, Gang Zhang, Boris I. Yakobson, and Yong-Wei Zhang, *Highly itinerant atomic vacancies in phosphorene*. **J. Am. Chem. Soc.** 138, 10199-10206 (2016)
11. **Yongqing Cai**, Qingqing Ke, Gang Zhang, Yuan Ping Feng, Vivek B. Shenoy, and Yong-Wei Zhang, *Giant phononic anisotropy and unusual anharmonicity of phosphorene: Interlayer coupling and strain engineering*. **Adv. Funct. Mater.** 25, 2230-2236 (2015) **(Selected as journal Cover)**
12. **Yongqing Cai**, Gang Zhang, Yong-Wei Zhang, *Polarity-reversed robust carrier mobility in monolayer MoS₂ nanoribbons*. **J. Am. Chem. Soc.** 136, 6269–6275 (2014) **(Highly Cited Paper in Chemistry according to ISI)**

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7. Silin Tang, Yingzhi Meng, **Yongqing Cai**, Biaolin Peng, Laijun Liu, and Qingqing Ke, *Achieving improved electrocaloric effect and broad operation temperature by tailoring phase fraction in BaTiO₃-based ceramics*. **Ceram. Int.** 50, 10825-10834 (2024)
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9. Qiye Guan and **Yongqing Cai***, *Nanopore rigidity as an atomic descriptor of ion-transfer kinetics in sieving membranes: Insights from two-dimensional g-C₃N₄*. **Mater. Today Nano** 25, 100437 (2024)
10. Hanyan Fang, Harshitra Mahalingam, Xinzhe Li, Xu Han, Zhizhan Qiu, Yixuan Han, Keian Noori, Dikshant Dulal, Hongfei Chen, Pin Lyu, Tianhao Yang, Jing Li, Chenliang Su, Wei Chen, **Yongqing Cai**, Antonio Castro H. Neto, Kostya S. Novoselov, Aleksandr Rodin, and

- Jiong Lu, *Atomically-precise vacancy-assembled quantum antidots*. **Nature Nanotech.** 18, 1401-1408 (2023)
11. Yulan Huang, Bingzhe Wang, Tanghao Liu, Dongyang Li, Yujie Zhang, Tianqi Zhang, Xiyu Yao, Yun Wang, Abbas Amini, **Yongqing Cai**, Baomin Xu, Zikang Tang, Guichuan Xing, and Chun Cheng, *Stabilization of α -phase $FAPbI_3$ via buffering interfacial region for efficient $p-i-n$ perovskite solar cells*. **Adv. Funct. Mater.** 33, 2302375 (2023)
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 14. Hongfei Chen, Hejin Yan, and **Yongqing Cai***, *Recipe for the design of mixed cation lead halide perovskites: adsorption and charge transfer from A-site cations to PbI_2* . **J. Mater. Chem. A** 11, 19349 - 19359 (2023)
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 16. Prem Jyoti Singh Rana, Benny Febriansyah, Teck Ming Koh, Anil Kanwat, Junmin Xia, Teddy Salim, Thomas J. N. Hooper, Mikhail Kovalev, David Giovanni, Yeow Chong Aw, Bhumika Chaudhary, **Yongqing Cai**, Guichuan Xing, Tze Chien Sum, Joel W. Ager, Subodh G. Mhaisalkar, and Nripan Mathews, *Molecular locking with all-organic surface modifiers enables stable and efficient slot-die coated methyl-ammonium-free perovskite solar modules*. **Adv. Mater.** 2210176 (2023)
 17. Xuefei Yan, Xiangyue Cui, Bowen Wang, Hejin Yan, **Yongqing Cai***, and Qingqing Ke*, *Surface asymmetry induced turn-overed lifetime of acoustic phonons in monolayer $MoSSe$* . **iScience**, 26, 106731 (2023)
 18. Bingtao Liu, Hanxi Sun, Changmeng Huan, Renxu Jia, **Yongqing Cai**, and Qingqing Ke*, *Investigating the reliability of a negative capacitance field effect transistor regarding the electric field across the oxide layer*. **J. Electron. Mater.** 52, 3180–3187 (2023)
 19. Zheng Shu, Hongfei Chen, Xing Liu, Huaxian Jia, Hejin Yan, and **Yongqing Cai***, *High-throughput screening of heterogeneous transition metal dual-atom catalysts by synergistic effect for nitrate reduction to ammonia*. **Adv. Funct. Mater.** 2301493 (2023)
 20. Zheng Shu, and **Yongqing Cai***, *Thickness-dependent catalytic activity of hydrogen evolution based on single atomic catalyst of Pt above $MXene$* . **J. Phys.: Condens. Matter** 35, 204001 (2023)
 21. Guotao Qiu, Zongjin Li*, Kun Zhou, and **Yongqing Cai***, *Flexomagnetic noncollinear state with a plumb line shape spin configuration in edged two-dimensional magnetic CrI_3* . **npj Quantum Mater.** 8, 15 (2023)
 22. Changmeng Huan, **Yongqing Cai***, Devesh R. Kripalani, Kun Zhou, and Qingqing Ke*, *Abnormal behavior of preferred formation of the cationic vacancies from the interior in a γ - $GeSe$ monolayer with the stereo-chemical antibonding lone-pair state*. **Nanoscale Horiz.** 8, 404-411 (2023)
 23. Tingting Yin*, Hejin Yan, Ibrahim Abdelwahab, Yulia Lekina, Xujie Lü, Wenge Yang, Handong Sun, Kai Leng, **Yongqing Cai***, Ze Xiang Shen*, and Kian Ping Loh*, *Pressure driven rotational isomerism in 2D hybrid perovskites*. **Nat. Commu.** 14, 411 (2023)
 24. Xing Ming, Qing Liu, Miaomiao Wang, **Yongqing Cai**, Binmeng Chen, and Zongjin Li, *Improved chloride binding capacity and corrosion protection of cement-based materials by incorporating alumina nano particles*. **Cem. Concr. Compos.** 136, 104898 (2023)

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26. Ruxin Guo, Junmin Xia, Hao Gu, Xuke Chu, Yan Zhao, Xianghuan Meng, Zhiheng Wu, Jiangning Li, Yanyan Duan, Zhenzhen Li, Zhaorui Wen, Shi Chen, and **Yongqing Cai**, Chao Liang, Yonglong Shen, Guichuan Xing, Wei Zhang, and Guosheng Shao, *Effective defect passivation with a designer ionic molecule for high-efficiency vapour-deposited inorganic phase-pure CsPbBr₃ perovskite solar cells*. **J. Mater. Chem. A** 11, 408-418 (2023)
27. Yu-Long Hai, He-Jin Yan, and **Yong-Qing Cai***, *Structural screening of phosphorus sulfur ternary hydride PSH6 with a high-temperature superconductivity at 130 Gpa*. **Front. Phys.** 18, 23303 (2023)
28. Zheng Shu, Bowen Wang, Xiangyue Cui, Xuefei Yan, Hejin Yan, Huaxian Jia, and **Yongqing Cai***, *High-performance thermoelectric monolayer γ -GeSe and its group-IV monochalcogenide isostructural family*. **Chem. Eng. J.** 454, 140242 (2023)
29. Xiangyue Cui, Xuefei Yan, Bowen Wang, and **Yongqing Cai***, *Phononic transport in 1T' -MoTe₂: Anisotropic structure with an isotropic lattice thermal conductivity*. **Appl. Surf. Sci.** 608, 155238 (2023)
30. Kangdi Niu, Guotao Qiu, Chuanshou Wang, Daiyue Li, Yutao Niu, Songge Li, Lixing Kang, **Yongqing Cai***, Mengjiao Han*, and Junhao Lin*, *Self-intercalated magnetic heterostructures in 2D chromium telluride*. **Adv. Funct. Mater.** 33, 2208528 (2022)
31. Ziqing Ye, Junmin Xia, Dengliang Zhang, Xingxing Duan, Zhaohui Xing, Guangrong Jin, **Yongqing Cai**, Guichuan Xing, Jiangshan Chen, and Dongge Ma, *Efficient quasi-2D perovskite light-emitting diodes enabled by regulating phase distribution with a fluorinated organic cation*. **Nanomaterials** 12, 3495 (2022)
32. Qiye Guan, Hejin Yan, and **Yongqing Cai***, *Strongly modulated exfoliation and functionalization of MXenes with rationally designed groups in polymer: A Theoretical Study*. **Chem. Mater.** 34, 9414 (2022)
33. Bowen Wang, Xuefei Yan, Xiangyue Cui, and **Yongqing Cai***, *First-principles study of the phonon lifetime and low lattice thermal conductivity of monolayer γ -GeSe: A comparative study*. **ACS Appl. Nano Mater.** 5, 15441–15448 (2022)
34. Xuefei Yan, Bowen Wang, Yulong Hai, Devesh R. Kripalani, Qingqing Ke, and **Yongqing Cai***, *Phonon anharmonicity and thermal conductivity of two-dimensional van der Waals materials: A review*. **Sci. China: Phys. Mech. Astron.** 65, 117004 (2022)
35. Hejin Yan, Qiye Guan, Hongfei Chen, Xiangyue Cui, Zheng Shu, Dan Liang, Bowen Wang, and **Yongqing Cai***, *Low-energy intralayer phonon assisted carrier recombination in Z-scheme van der Waals heterostructures for photocatalysis*. **J. Mater. Chem. A** 10, 23744 - 23750 (2022)
36. Xing Ming, Qing Liu, Yunjian Li, **Yongqing Cai***, and Zongjin Li*, *Ab-initio modeling of chloride binding at hydrocalumite/sodium chloride solution interfaces*. **Cem. Concr. Res.** 162, 106996 (2022)
37. Xing Ming, **Yongqing Cai***, and Zongjin Li*, *Atomic scale insight into the mechanisms of chloride induced steel corrosion in concrete*. **Constr Build Mater.** 351, 128811 (2022)
38. Zheng Shu, Xiangyue Cui, Bowen Wang, Hejin Yan, and **Yongqing Cai***, *Fast intercalation of lithium in semi-metallic γ -GeSe nanosheet: A new group-IV monochalcogenide for lithium-Ion battery application*. **ChemSusChem**, 15, e202200564 (2022)
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40. Jiajun Feng, Hongmin Liu, Zhe Ma, Jiahao Feng, Lianfen Chen, Junhao Li, **Yongqing Cai**,

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41. Yuanxia Li, Jingxin Zhao*, Qiang Hu, Tianwei Hao, Heng Cao, Xiaomin Huang, Yu Liu, Yanyan Zhang, Dunmin Lin*, Yuxin Tang*, **Yongqing Cai***, *Prussian blue analogs cathodes for aqueous zinc ion batteries*. **Mater. Today Energy** 29, 101095 (2022).
 42. Xiaozong Hu, Kailang Liu, **Yongqing Cai**, Shuang-Quan Zang, Tianyou Zhai, *2D Oxides for Electronics and Optoelectronics*. **Small Science** 2, 2200008 (2022)
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 45. Jiaren Yuan, Qingyuan Wei, Minglei Sun, Xiaohong Yan, **Yongqing Cai***, Lei Shen*, and Udo Schwingenschlöggl, *Protected valley states and generation of valley- and spin-polarized current in monolayer MA₂Z₄*. **Phys. Rev. B** 105, 195151 (2022)
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