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Experience:

2023-Present:	Distinguished University Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
2023-Present:	Co-founder, Hea-Tech Inc.
2022-Present:	Co-founder, WH-Power Inc.
2020-2023:	Herbert Rabin Distinguished Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
2019-2020:	Minta Martin Professor of Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
2018-Present:	Founder, HighT-Tech Inc.
2016-Present:	Founder, InventWood Inc.
2016-2019:	Associate Professor (with Tenure), Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
2011-2016:	Assistant Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
2009-2011:	Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Stanford University, CA
2006-2009:	Founding Scientist, Unidym Inc., Menlo Park, California, CA
2003-2007:	Research Assistant, Department of Physics, University of California, Los Angele, CA

Education:

University of California, *Los Angeles*, CA
Ph.D. in Physics, 2002−2007
University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), Anhui, China
B.S. in Physics, 1997−2002

Research (Selective):

- ***Engineered Wood Through Nanoscale Engineering***
  In the past 12 years at UMD, my research group has made a few original, high-impact contributions to engineered wood technologies.

  - Invented super strong and tough wood (Super Wood, stronger than steel, but six-times lighter, *Nature*). The Super Wood research has been widely reported in many media including BNN Bloomberg, VOA news, New York Post, Scientific America and many others. This technology won the R&D 100 Award in 2019, widely recognized as the "Oscars of Invention." The research received $4M in research funding from DOE ARPA-E to scale up the manufacturing of Super Wood for energy-efficient lightweight vehicle applications. In 2023, my startup company, InventWood LLC, received **$20M** ARPA_E SCALEUP (the largest DOE ARPA_E grant) funding to scale up the manufacturing and commercialization of Super Wood technology.

- Invented transparent wood (a transmittance of > 92%, a low thermal conductivity 1/6 of glass, and better mechanical toughness and light guiding effects, Advanced Materials, 6, 22, 2016). This transparent wood has been broadly covered by mass media, including CNN, Yahoo Finance, Insider, Science Alert, Phys. Org., *etc*.
- Invented cooling wood (achieving interior temperatures of up to 9 ºC below ambient, *Science*, 364, 760, 2019). While other radiative cooling materials have been demonstrated (e.g., dielectric coating layers, metallized polymer films, and even organic gases), it remains a challenge to both manufacture and apply these structures at the size and scale required for construction purposes. I led an engineering strategy to tailor the optical and thermal properties of wood to achieve a high-performance radiative cooling effect. The multiscale fibers and channels function as randomized and disordered scattering elements for an intense broadband reflection at all visible wavelengths. Meanwhile, the molecular vibration and stretching of chemically treated cellulose in cooling wood facilitate strong emission in the infrared. This invented cooling wood has been reported by Xinhua Net, Chemial & Engineering News, MIT Technology Review, The India Express, Phys. Org. and others.
- Invented moldable wood that can be shaped like plastic and metal (*Science,* 374, 465, 2021; Cover). Wood is a sustainable structural material, but it cannot be easily shaped while maintaining its mechanical properties. I led an invention that that uses cell wall engineering to shape flat sheets of hardwood into versatile three-dimensional structures. This approach widens wood's potential as a structural material, with lower environmental impact for buildings and transportation applications. This moldable wood has been covered by media including Chemical & Engineering News, Yahoo News, Physics World, Chemistry World, Daily Magazine News and others.
- Invented thermal insulating nanowood (Science Advances, 4, 3, 2018). The material features a low thermal conductivity of ~0.03 W/m·K. When compared with synthetic, nonrenewable structures (e.g., Styrofoam), the Insulating Nanowood possesses a similar thermal conductivity but significantly higher mechanical strength (highlighted in the *Los Angeles Times*, and the 2018 HIVE 500 Building Tech Award Winner). Other media have also reported this work on insulating nanowood, including Phys. Org., Nova Next, Inverse, Europa Press, Physics World, *etc*.
- Invented wood cellulose batteries (Nature, 598, 590, 2021; patent). Opening the molecular channels between the cellulose chains through Cu^{2+} coordination, my group achieve a Li-ion conductivity as high as 1.5×10^{-3} S cm^{-1} at room temperature—a record among all known polymer ion conductors. My group was awarded a $2.6M DOE ARPA_E grant to further develop solid-state battery technology using these Cu-Cellulose-based ion conductors. This work has been broadly covered by media including Physics World, Nature, Yahoo, Green Car Congress, AZO Materials, Eco Inventos, Science Magazine and others.

- ***Ultrahigh Temperature Synthesis:***
  Pioneered ultrahigh-temperature synthesis through multiple inventions, including ultrafast high-temperature sintering (UHS) for bulk ceramics and thermal shock for high entropy nanoparticles. He has published extensively in this research direction since 2016, with > 90 publications in top journals, including two *Science* cover articles and two *Nature* articles.

- Discovered high entropy alloy nanoparticles synthesized by a rapid, ultrahigh temperature shock method (Science, Cover). This was the first report of high entropy nanostructures with uniformly distributed atoms in nanoparticles with a diameter of just a few nanometers. This work has been widely reported by media, including Materials Today, Science, EurekAlert (AAAS), Science Daily, among others.
- Extened the high temperature shock synthesis to various compositions and different temperature/time profiles to achieve intermetallic (Science Advances), high entropy oxide (Nature Catalyst), and metallic glass structures (Nature), which are technologically important for catalyst applications but were previously impossible to obtain until now. These catalysts show great promising in various

catalytic applications, such as ammonia oxidation (Science), ammonia decomposition (Nature Commun.), nitrate reduction (Nano Letter), and methane (Nature Catalyst, Cover).

- Invented ultrafast high-temperature sintering (UHS) as the leading inventor (Science, Cover). This exciting breakthrough allows various ceramics to be sintered in just 10 seconds, which is ~1000-times faster than conventional sintering processes, which often take ~10 hours. This technique can greatly accelerate the screening and discovery of high-performance ceramic materials, and it may have a huge impact on multiple technological fields, including solid-state batteries, 3D printing, and high-temperature structural ceramics. This work has been widely reported by media, including Yahoo, Chemical & Engineering News, Nanowerk, Science Daily, Eurek Alert, and others.
- Invented programmable heating and cooling method for the non-equilibrium synthesis of thermo-chemical reactions for ammonia synthesis (Nature, Cover) and plastic upcycling (Nature). The dynamic heating process helps prevent the agglomeration of the nanoparticle catalysts. These works have been highlighted by Nature Synthesis, Packaging Insights, Chemistry World, Nature Podcast, Phys. Org, Nature Physics, among others.

Awards and Recognitions:

- 2023 Distinguished University Professor
- *R&D100 (2022), Expanded Cellulose Super Ion Conductor.* Citation: In pursuit of high-energy and safe batteries, researchers are working to replace the common liquid electrolytes with solid ion conductors. Solid polymer electrolytes are promising candidates but often have limited ionic conductivities of < 10-5 S/cm. This conductivity dilemma has persisted since the solid polymer electrolyte concept was proposed in 1978. The team at the University of Maryland overcame this challenge by inventing a disruptive super ion conductor using expanded cellulose derived from tree wood. This super ion conductor yields a record-high ionic conductivity of 1.5×10−3 S/cm (10–100x- improvement), which is a significant step toward bringing solid-state battery technology to the mass market. This expanded cellulose concept could be a paradigm shifting advance for next-generation batteries. The molecular-expanding strategy also allows for a wide range of applications, such as fuel cells.
- 2021 Nature Spinoff Prize by Nature
- R&D100 (2021), UHS rapid sintering. Citation: The team has invented and patented an ultrafast high-temperature sintering (UHS) process that can achieve record-high temperatures of up to 3,000 ℃ and ultrafast heating rates of up to 100,000 ℃/minute via radiative heating. The UHS method can directly sinter oxide precursors into solid, dense ceramics in just seconds.
- Fellow of MRS, Class of 2021. Citation: For his pioneering advances in the area of wood nanotechnologies and ultra-high temperature manufacturing and for uncovering new materials and methods for energy storage and conversion, printed electronics and wearables.
- 2022 American Chemical Society Energy & Fuels (ENFL) Research Excellence Award in Electrochemical Energy Storage
- 2022 Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry Nano Technical Award
- 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 Blavatnik National Award for Young Scientists Finalist
- 2021 Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award
- R&D100 (2020), High Entropy Alloy Catalysts. Citation: Finding new and better catalysts is paramount yet largely limited by immiscibility among elements and slow experimentation. Researchers at the University of Maryland invented a disruptive high-temperature shock technique (e.g., 2000 K within 1 sec) and opened a new material space of multielement high entropy alloy catalysts, which exhibit significantly higher performance and stability than few-element catalysts. The rapid synthesis further enables data-driven, accelerated exploration, and continuous optimization in the unlimited multielement space for various catalytic reactions. This technology was initially reported in Science and further developed as a product in 2019. It has raised significant interests from industry and government agencies (e.g., funding from Maryland Innovation Initiative and Dept. of Energy ARPA-

E). High entropy alloy catalysts will become next-generation, game-change catalysts for a wide range of fields, including battery and fuel cells, chemical and drug production.

- 2019 TAPPI Nano Middle Career Award
- R&D100 (2018), Super Wood: Stronger and Lighter Than Steel
- 2017 ACS Nano Letter Young Investigator
- 2016 Emerging Investigator Award, ACS Division of Energy and Fuel
- 2016 ONR Young Investigator Award
- 2013 Air Force Young Investigator Award (AFOSR YIP)

Professional Services:

(a) Editorships:

- Associate Editor, ACS Nano, American Chemical Society, Since January 2023.
- Program Chair, American Chemical Society Energy and Fuels Division, 2024.
- Advisory Panel, Nature Sustainability
- Associate Editor, Energy Storage Materials, 01/2018-12/2021, Impact Factor ~ 15
- International Editorial Advisory Board, Small Structures, Wiley, Since March 2020
- Editorial Advisory Board of Advanced Functional Materials, Since October, 2018
- Committee chair of TAPPI on Electronic Materials, Optical Materials and Catalysis/Templating, 2016-Present
- 2014~present, Editorial Board of Nature Scientific Report
- 2016~2017, Editorial Board of Energy Storage Materials
- Editorial Board of Frontiers in Energy Storage
- Editorial Advisory Board of Advanced Fiber Materials, 2018

(b) Reviewer for:

Science, Nature, Nature Reviews Materials, Nature Materials, Nature Energy, Nature Nanotechnology, Nature Synthesis, Nature Catalysis, Nature Sustainability, Nature Water, Nature Communications, Science Advances, Chemical Society Reviews, Chemical Reviews, Journal of American Chemical Society, Angewandte Chemie International Edition, Proceeding of the National Academy of Sciences, Energy and Environmental Science, Matter, Chem, Joule, Materials Today, Advanced Materials, Advanced Energy Materials, Advanced Functional Materials, ACS Energy Letters, ACS Materials Letter, ACS Nano, ACS Central Science, Nano Letters, Energy Storage Materials, Nano Energy, Chemistry of Materials, Small, Small Methods, ACS Applied Materials Interfaces, Nano Research, Chemical Engineering Journal, Journal of Materials Chemistry A, Chemical Communications, Journal of the Electrochemical Society, Journal of Power Sources, Cell Reports Physical Science, Scientific Reports.

(c) Organizer of Professional Conferences:

- SMART Conference, leading organizer, 2022
- ACS Division of Cellulose and Renewable Materials, Symposium Organizer, Emerging Applications of Bio-Based Nanomaterials, ACS Spring, 2022
- MRS Symposium, Advanced Solid-State Batteries, Seattle, Washington, Spring 2021.
- Workshop Lead-Organizer, NSF Convergence Workshop on Re-think Nature for Innovative Solutions to Grand Challenges, Oct 2020
- Symposium Lead-Organizer, ACS National Meeting, Wood-mimics: Hierarchical Structures and Architectures, Philadelphia, Spring 2018
- MRS Symposium Lead-Organizer, MRS Fall, Solid State Batteries: Materials, Interfaces, and Performance, Boston, 2018.

- Symposium Lead-Organizer, 255th ACS National Meeting, Wood-Based Materials for Energy and Water, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2018
- Symposium Co-Organizer, Two-dimensional Materials for Energy and Fuel, 254th ACS National Meeting, Washington DC, 2017
- 'Manufacturing Science and Technology' Program Committee for the AVS 64th International Symposium & Exhibition, also 63th
- Symposium Lead-Organizer, Cellulose Electronics, TAPPI Nano, 2017 International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Nanomaterials.
- Symposium Lead-Organizer, MRS Fall, Materials science and materials chemistry for grid-scale energy storage, Boston, 2016
- Symposium Lead-Organizer, TAPPI Nano, International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Nanomaterials, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Symposium Co-Organizer, 2D Materials: Graphene & Beyond & their Device Applications, 252nd ACS National Meeting, 2016
- Innovative Chemistry & Materials for Electroenergy Production & Storage, 252nd ACS National Meeting, 2016
- Symposium Lead-Organizer, MRS Fall, Nanocellulose Materials and Beyond-Nanoscience, Structures, Devices and Nanomanufacturing, Boston, 2015
- Symposium Lead-Organizer, TAPPI Nano, 2015 International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Nanomaterials, Atlanta, 2015
- Symposium Co-Organizer, Two-dimensional Materials for Energy and Fuel, 249th ACS National Meeting, Denver, Texas-Division of Energy and Fuel, 2015
- Symposium Co-Organizer, Two-dimensional Materials for Energy and Fuel, 247th ACS National Meeting, Dallas, Texas-Division of Energy and Fuel, 2014
- Symposium Lead-Organizer, 3rd International Symposium on Graphene for Energy and Fuels, 248th ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, California-Division of Energy and Fuel, 2014
- Symposium Lead-Organizer, Applications and Manufacturing of Devices on Paper and Textiles, 61th AVS National Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, 2014
- Symposium Co-Organizer, ISDRS 2013 International Semiconductor Device Research, Hyatt Regency Bethesda, Maryland, 2013
- Symposium Lead-Organizer, Materials Challenges and Integration Strategies for Flexible Energy Devices and Systems, MRS Spring, San Francisco, 2014
- Symposium Co-Organizer, Capacitors and Related Systems for Energy Storage, 245th ACS National Meeting, New Orleans-Division of Energy and Fuel, 2013
- Symposium Co-Organizer, 2nd International Symposium on Graphene for Energy and Fuels, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2013

Publications:

(a) Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (Total 453 Publications in Five Research Areas)

Research Area 1. Wood and Nanocellulose for Emerging Technologies (Total 164 Publications)

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162. Gelfond, J.; Meng, T.; Li, S.; Li, T.; **Hu, L**[*] Highly electrically conductive biomass-derived carbon fibers for permanent carbon sequestration, **Sustainable Materials and Technologies**, 2023, e00573.

161. Chen, C.; Zhou, Y.; Xie, W.; Meng, T.; Zhao, X.; Pang, Z.; Chen, Q.; Liu, D.; Wang, R.; Yang, V.; Zhang, H.; Xie, H.; Leiste, U.; Fourney, W.; He, S.; Cai, Z.; Ma, Z.; Li, T.; Hu, **Hu, L**[*] Lightweight, Thermally Insulating, Fire-Proof Graphite-Cellulose Foam, **Advanced Functional Materials**, 2022, 33, 2204219.

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