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## Nanoscale profiles: contributors to the 2024 Emerging Investigators collection

This profile gathers together the biographies of our 2024 Emerging Investigators, exceptional nanoscientists in the early stages of their independent career. Congratulations to all of the researchers featured, find out more about them below.



Milad Abolhasani is an Associate Professor, ALCOA Scholar, and a University Faculty Scholar in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at North Carolina State University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 2014. Prior to joining NC State University in 2016, he was an NSERC Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Chemical Engineering at MIT. At NC State University, Dr Abolhasani leads a flow chemistry research group that studies self-driving labs tailored toward accelerated discovery, development, and manufacturing of advanced functional materials and molecules using autonomous experimentation.

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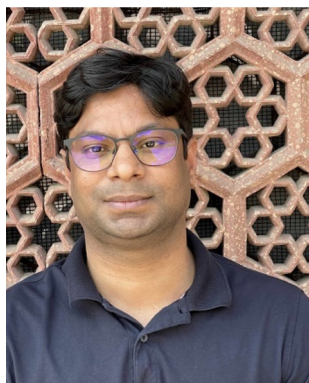
Mohammad Arjmand is a leading and award-winning researcher in the areas of nanotechnology and polymer science and engineering. Dr Arjmand is a faculty member (since 2018) at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus (UBCO). He is also a Canada Research Chair in Advanced Materials and Polymer Engineering and the lead of the Plastic Recycling Research Cluster at UBCO. Dr Arjmand directs the Nanomaterials and Polymer Nanocomposites Laboratory (NPNL), which focuses on the synthesis and engineering of multifunctional nanomaterials and polymer nanocomposites. Prior to joining UBCO, Dr Arjmand was a postdoctoral fellow at the Universities of Calgary and Toronto.

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Antonino Arrigo completed his Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Messina (Sicily) in collaboration with Arizona State University. After a few years as a Post-Doc at the University of Messina and University of Bologna (Italy), he spent 7 years working as a regulatory affairs specialist in the paint company Sherwin-Williams, based in Bologna. Since March 2023, he has been a Researcher at the University of Messina. His research focuses on the design, synthesis, and investigation of supramolecular systems for artificial photosynthesis. In parallel, he is also fabricating luminescent solar concentrators and studying the photophysical features and photovoltaic performances of the device.

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Deepak Asthana obtained his Ph.D. degree in Supramolecular and Materials chemistry from the School of Physical Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. He was awarded a JSPS postdoctoral fellowship to work at the Department of Applied Chemistry, Kyushu University, Japan, where he explored the field of triplet-triplet annihilation-based photon up-conversion. Afterwards, he joined the 'Molecular Magnets' group at The University of Manchester, UK, where he worked on the synthesis and functionalisation of heterometallic  $\{Cr_7Ni\}$ -based multiqubit systems. Currently, he is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry, Ashoka University, India. His current research interests include the design and synthesis of molecular materials for optoelectronic applications.

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in 2015. Later, he was a DAAD scholarship holder and worked as a visiting researcher at the Technische Universität Dresden, Germany. He was also a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Delaware. His research area primarily focuses on the design, synthesis, and characterization of emerging heteroanionic inorganic functional materials for energy applications.

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Chris Bartel is an Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science at the University of Minnesota. He received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Auburn University and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at the University of Colorado and subsequently worked as a postdoctoral scholar at Berkeley. His research focuses on the design and discovery of solid-state materials using atomistic simulations.

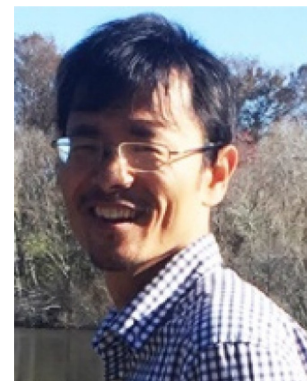
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Ren Cai, a Professor at Hunan University, earned his Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from the University of Florida (USA) in 2017. Dr Cai's research interests focus on novel analytical technologies, nanomedicine, and novel biosensors. At present, Dr Cai has published over 70 peer-reviewed articles, including over 50 articles as the first author or corresponding author at *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, *Anal. Chem.*, etc. Dr Cai serves on the young editorial boards of *Collagen and Leather* and *Exploration*.

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tion can be read at <https://doi.org/10.1039/D3NR05231A>.



Yahui Cai received his Ph.D. degrees in chemical engineering and technology and applied chemistry from Soochow University, China. He is currently an Associate Professor of the College of Materials Science and Engineering, Nanjing Forestry University, China. He mainly engages in the preparation and application of new multifunctional composite materials in the field of environmental remediation, including sewage treatment, seawater desalination and nanofiltration.

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Cassandra Callmann is an Assistant Professor and CPRIT Scholar in Cancer Research in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin. She earned her Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of California, San Diego. Her graduate work was supported by fellowships from the Inamori Foundation, the ARCS Foundation, and the Cancer Researchers in

Nanotechnology program (NIH R25T). She was recognized for her thesis research with an Outstanding Dissertation Award from the UC San Diego Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Following her Ph.D., Cassandra was an American Cancer Society Postdoctoral Fellow at Northwestern University. For her work as an early career researcher, she was selected as a 2019 CAS Future Leader by the Chemical Abstracts Service of the American Chemical Society. Her research at UT-Austin is focused on the development of carbohydrate-containing materials to probe the interface of chemistry, biology, and materials science.

Her contribution to the 2024 *Nanoscale* Emerging Investigators collection can be read at <https://doi.org/10.1039/D3NR06154J>.



Jing Cao is currently a project leader at the Institute of Materials Research and Engineering (IMRE), Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR), Singapore. She received her Ph.D. degree in Materials Science at the University of Cambridge in 2019. Her research is primarily focused on electronic transport, specifically in thermoelectrics and ferroelectrics, and bulk photovoltaic effects. Besides experiments, she also does first principles calculations to supplement her work. Outside research, she is active in outreach activities by serving on the scientific committee for Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad organized by the SNIC (Singapore National Institute of Chemistry).

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tion can be read at <https://doi.org/10.1039/D3NR04584F>.



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Biao-Qi Chen received his Ph.D. degree in Biochemical Engineering in 2019 from Huaqiao University. He is currently an assistant professor at the Institute of Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering at Huaqiao University, China. His research interests include the fabrication of 2D and 3D nanoframeworks for drug delivery, and molecular imaging, focusing on generating bio-inspired nanomaterials for cancer theranostics.

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Fang Chen is an instructor in the Department of Ophthalmology at Stanford University. Her research focuses on materials science and engineering approaches to biological or biomedical problems. Specifically, she is dedicated to understanding the design principles and developing nanoscale and macroscale biomaterials for medical applications, experimental investigations of cell therapies, and integration across multiple disciplines including materials science, chemistry, medical imaging, and life science. Her ongoing projects are developing nanoparticles (funded by the NIH K99/R00 award) and hydrogels to treat various eye diseases. Dr Chen has published over 30 peer-reviewed papers and co-authored 4 patents.

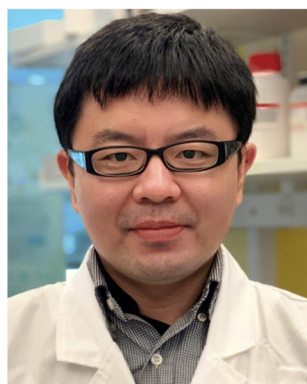
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Shuai Chen obtained his B.S. degree from the University of Science and

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Wei Chen received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Chemistry from National Taiwan University. He then received his Ph.D. degree in Chemistry from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) under the supervision of Prof. Jeffrey I. Zink. Following this, he joined Prof. Wei Tao's and Prof. Omid Farokhzad's labs at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School as a research fellow. He is currently an assistant professor and principal investigator at the Genomics Research Center, Academia Sinica. His research interests include nanomedicine and biomaterials, focusing on their applications in the treatment of cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and other inflammatory diseases.

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tion can be read at <https://doi.org/10.1039/D3NR06333J>.



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Zhou Chen received his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Xiamen University in 2020. Subsequently in 2020, he joined College of Materials of Xiamen University, as an Assistant Professor. His current research interests mainly focus on the development of new catalytic materials for photo/electrolytic water splitting, carbon dioxide reduction, and biomass conversion, and the in-depth understanding of catalytic mechanisms.

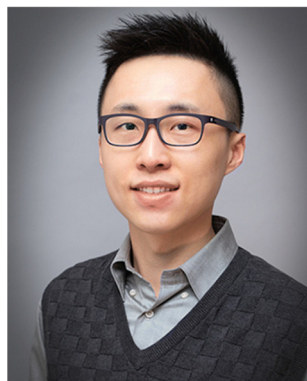
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the development of electrocatalysts for the sustainable production of commodity chemicals from CO<sub>2</sub> and waste materials.

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Irene de Lázaro started her independent lab at NYU in January 2023 after completing her Ph.D. at UCL and postdoctoral positions at The University of Manchester and Harvard University. Irene is a pharmacist by training, interested in nanomedicine and drug delivery. During her training, she developed *in vivo* cell reprogramming technologies for tissue regeneration, including skeletal and cardiac muscle. Most recently, she discovered that cells in the aged heart can be rejuvenated *via* partial reprogramming. In her own lab, she is using her nanomedicine and cell reprogramming expertise to bring these therapies closer to the clinic.

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Giacomo Filippini obtained his master's degree in industrial chemistry from the University of Bologna (Italy). In 2013 he joined the group of Prof. Paolo Melchiorre at ICIQ in Tarragona (Spain), where he undertook his doctoral studies. In 2017, he started a postdoctoral appointment in the group of Prof. Maurizio Prato at the University of Trieste (Italy), where he is currently working as an assistant professor, investigating the use of carbon-based nanomaterials to design novel organic transformations.

His contribution to the 2024 *Nanoscale* Emerging Investigators collection can be read at <https://doi.org/10.1039/D3NR06669J>.



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sion of Prof. van der Zant with a thesis about electrical transport through single-molecules contacted by movable nano-electrodes. After his Ph.D., RF moved as a postdoc to the laboratory of Dr Castellanos-Gomez in IMDEA Nanoscience and later in the Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Madrid (ICMM) to study optoelectronics devices based on 2D materials, strain in 2D materials and 2D metal–2D semiconductor interfaces. In 2022 RF moved back to his alma mater, La Sapienza University, where he currently investigates spectroscopy in 2D materials and 2D device physics.

His contribution to the 2024 *Nanoscale* Emerging Investigators collection can be read at <https://doi.org/10.1039/D3NR06535A>.



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Nicholas Glavin, a Senior Materials Engineer at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), has dedicated his early career research towards nanotechnology solutions for electronics, sensing, and defense-related applications. Holding a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University and an M.S./B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Dayton, he is recognized for his expertise in nanomaterial synthesis, processing and implementation into relevant applications. His research area focuses on two dimensional (2D) materials, 2D/3D integration, organic electronic materials, and heterostructures for microelectronics, chemical/biological sensors, and extreme environment electronics.

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tion can be read at <https://doi.org/10.1039/D3NR05798D>.



Wanbing Gong received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Science and Technology of China in 2018 under the supervision of Professor Huijun Zhao. Then, he joined the Hefei Institutes of Physical Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences as a postdoc. He is currently a research associate professor at the University of Science and Technology of China. His current research interests focus on searching for new nonprecious catalytic materials and novel catalytic systems to meet the need of industries.

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Xiaodan Gu received his Ph.D. from the Department of Polymer Science and Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2014. Subsequently, he did post-doctoral study at Stanford University and SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory. Since 2017, he has been a Nina Bell Suggs Endowed Associate Professor from the

School of Polymer Science and Engineering at the University of Southern Mississippi. His current research interests revolve around various fundamental polymer physics phenomena related to conjugated polymers and their derivative devices. His group studies the structure, dynamics, and morphology of conjugated polymers and aims to link their molecular structures to their macroscopic properties through advanced metrology with an emphasis on scattering techniques.

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Cong Guo is an associate professor in the Department of Physics, College of Sciences at Shanghai University, China. She obtained her Ph.D. from Fudan University under the supervision of Prof. Guanghong Wei in 2014 and worked as a postdoctoral fellow under the supervision of Prof. Huan-xiang Zhou at Florida State University and then Prof. Anant Paravastu at Georgia Institute of Technology before joining Shanghai University in December 2017. Her research focuses on understanding the molecular mechanism of the assembly of peptides into ordered nanostructures or amyloid fibrils and the regulation of pathological fibrillization by endogenous proteins with molecular dynamics simulations.

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Peijun Guo received his B.S. from Tsinghua University and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Northwestern University, all in Materials Science and Engineering. After spending three years at Argonne National Laboratory as an Enrico Fermi Named Postdoc Fellow, he joined the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering at Yale University in the year 2020, and he is also an affiliated faculty

member at the Energy Sciences Institute. He has authored and coauthored more than 90 peer-reviewed journal publications and has been recognized with the Materials Research Society Graduate Student Gold Award, the SPIE Education Scholarship, and the AFOSR Young Investigator Award. His research is focused on the design and synthesis of inorganic and hybrid materials for enhanced light-matter interactions, and time-resolved optical studies of excited-state dynamics in complex material systems for energy conversion, optoelectronics, and information science.

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record for the efficiency of a perovskite/organic tandem solar cell was documented in the “Solar cell efficiency tables (Version 60)”. In 2023, the Hou group set a new world record for single-junction perovskite solar cell efficiency ( $1\text{ cm}^2$ ), recognized in “Solar cell efficiency tables (Version 62)”. Yi has been named a Clarivate Analytics Highly Cited Researcher in the Cross-Field category for the second consecutive year, from 2022 to 2023.

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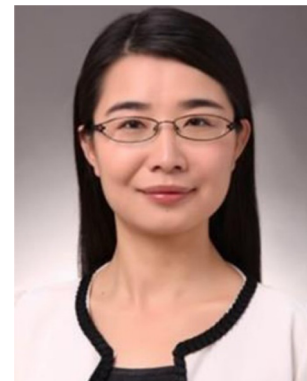
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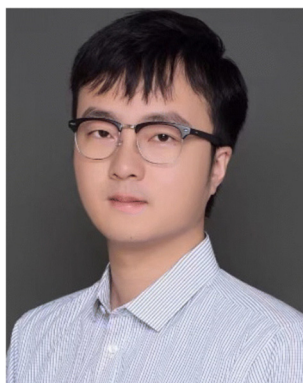
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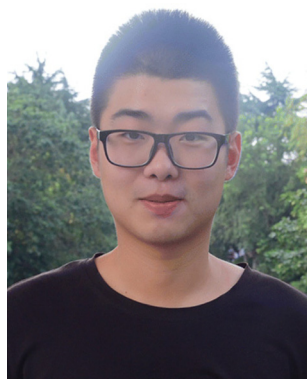
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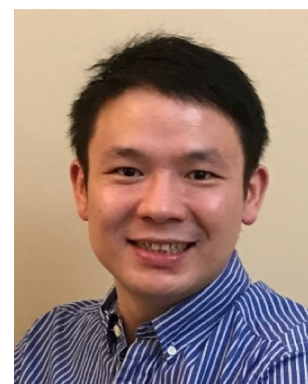
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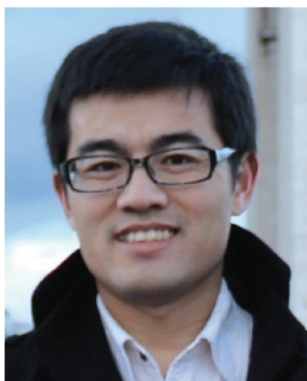
wearable electronics, energy storage, and radiative heat transfer.

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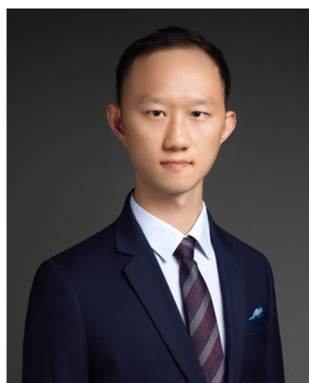
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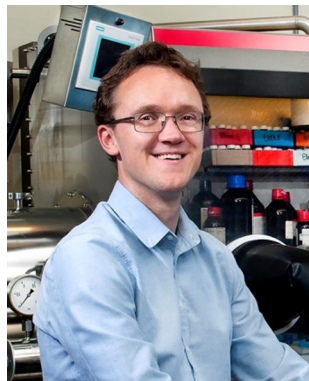
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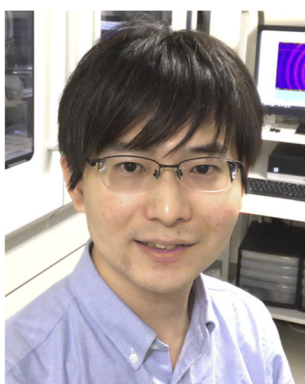
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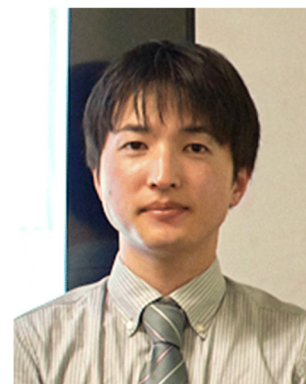
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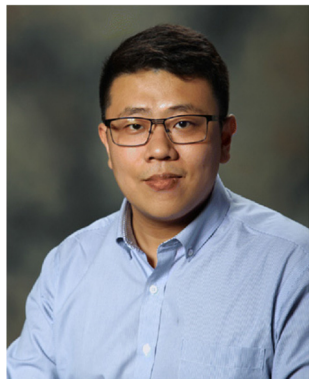


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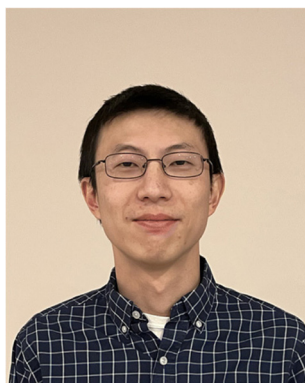
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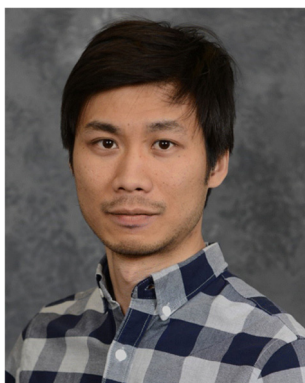
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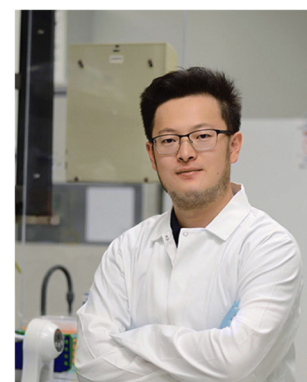
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