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## Professional Appointments

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08/2021 - Present Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering, University of Utah, USA  
11/2020 - 07/2021 R&D Associate Staff Scientist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA  
08/2017 - 10/2020 Postdoc, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA

## Education

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08/2017 Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA  
– Thesis: Theoretical phonon spectroscopy using predictive atomistic simulations  
– Advisor: Prof. Xiulin Ruan  
12/2013 M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA  
– Thesis: Accurate prediction of spectral phonon relaxation time and thermal conductivity of intrinsic and perturbed materials  
– Advisor: Prof. Xiulin Ruan  
07/2011 B.S. in Physics, University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), Hefei, China

## Selected Honors/Awards

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- 2024 NSF CAREER Award
- 2023 Brillouin Medal
  - This medal is awarded every two years to a single groundbreaking research breakthrough in the field of phononics worldwide.
- 2023 ORAU Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award
  - This award annually honors the 35 most promising junior faculty members, selected from a pool of diverse disciplines of over 150 universities in the US.
- 2016 Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship, Purdue University
  - A most prestigious fellowship, awarded only to top ~3% PhD students, in Mechanical Engineering at Purdue.

## Research Interests

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- **Ultrahigh-temperature materials and thermal transport:** thermal barrier coatings, thermal protection, high-temperature energy harvesting, heat transfer in Earth mantle
- **Nanoscale thermal management:** heat and charge transport with impurities and defects, interfacial thermal transport, thermal interface materials, ultra-high thermal conductivity materials
- **Building energy efficiency:** thermal insulation materials, building envelope air leakage detection, thermal energy storage, passive cooling, ultra-low thermal conductivity materials
- **Thermal transport with radiation:** thermal properties of materials after irradiation
- **Thermal radiative properties:** emissivity of materials, photon transport inside materials
- **Ionic transport:** lithium-ion materials, quantum materials, 2D materials

## Major Media Exposure

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- 1/2024 NSF CAREER Award! Prof. Feng received the 2024 NSF CAREER Award! <https://www.price.utah.edu/2024/01/17/mechanical-engineerings-tianli-feng-earns-nsf-career-award-to-study-heat-transport-for-extreme-electronics>
- 06/2023 Brillouin Medal! Prof. Feng, together with Prof. Xiulin Ruan, received the 2023 Brillouin Medal, which is awarded every 2 years to 1-3 people who make significant contributions to phonon research. Prof. Ruan will deliver a Brillouin talk at Phononics 2023 in Manchester, UK (June 12-16, 2023). More news will come out soon. <https://www.mech.utah.edu/tianli-feng-receives-2023-brillouin-medal/>  
<https://phononics2023.org/conf/index.php/phononics/2023/pages/view/Medals>
- 05/2022 Our research work on Thermal Conductivity at Ultra-High Temperatures is reported by <https://www.mech.utah.edu/thermal-conductivity-at-ultra-high-temperatures>
- 03/2021 Our paper about finding new ultra-high thermal conductivity material tantalum nitride, published in Physical Review Letters, was reported by many new media: <https://aps.altmetric.com/details/102012911/news>
- 11/2020 Our paper that finds the heat transport ability of lithium-ion battery cathodes is much lower than previously determined, published in Nano Energy, was reported by news media: <https://www.ornl.gov/news/batteries-catching-heat>
- 04/2020 Our paper that demonstrated four-phonon scattering in infrared and Raman for the first time, published in Physical Review B, was reported by news media: <https://engineering.purdue.edu/ME/News/2020/fourphonon-scattering-affects-materials-infrared-and-raman-spectra>
- 03/2018 Our work that realized nanoscale temperature measurement using an electron probe for the first time, published in Physical Review Letters, was reported by many News Media: <https://aps.altmetric.com/details/34290601/news>
- 12/2017 Our breakthrough of four-phonon scattering thermal conductivity prediction, published in Physical Review B: rapid communications, was reported by many news media: <https://aps.altmetric.com/details/28312669/news>

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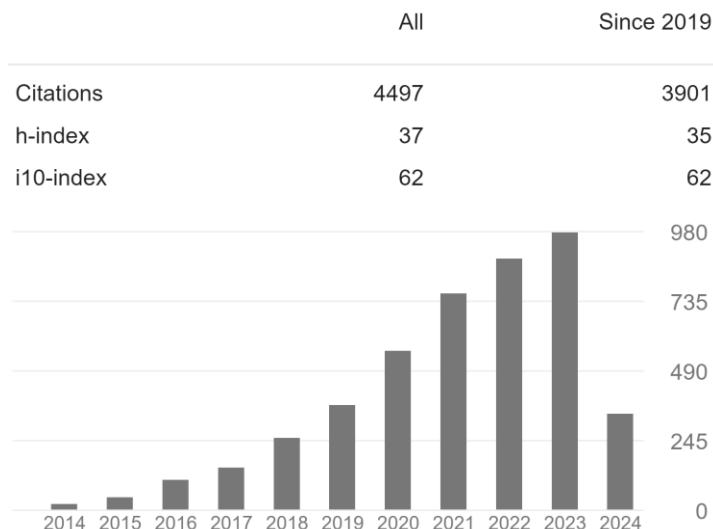
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## **TEACHING & OUTREACH**

### **Courses Taught at University of Utah**

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- Advanced Conduction, ME EN 7650 (Fall 23)
- Thermodynamics, ME EN 2300 (Spring 23, Spring 24)
- Intermediate Heat Transfer, ME EN 5560/6560 (Fall 22, Fall 21)

### **Ph.D. Students**

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- 2023-now, Tanvirul Abedien, University of Utah
- 2023-now, Jacob Crossley, University of Utah
- 2023-now, Khalid Adnan, University of Utah
- 2022-now, Hao Zhou, University of Utah
- 2021-now, Janak Tiwari, University of Utah
- 2017-2018, Xiaolong Yang. Visiting scholar at Purdue University
- 2015-2016, Wenjun Yao. Visiting scholar at Purdue University

### **M.S. Students**

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- 2024-now, Garima Neupane, University of Utah
- 2021-2023, Rui Xie, University of Utah, Thesis: “Interfacial Phonon Transport by Molecular Dynamics Simulations Based on Classical and Machine Learning Potentials”
- 2013-2015, Vignesh Gouthaman, Purdue University. Now in Trelleborg Vibracoustic, MI.
- 2013-2015, Eshaan Mathew, Purdue University. Now in Digital Energy, CA.

### **Undergraduate Students**

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- 2023-2024, Brady Mccone, University of Utah
- 2023-2024, Wyatt Jones, University of Utah
- 2023-2024, Bryce Rundell, University of Utah
- 2023-2024, Yara Ahmed, University of Utah
- 2017, Yang Zhong, Purdue University. Position after graduation: Ph.D. student at MIT.
- 2017, Divya Chalise, Purdue University. Position after graduation: UC Berkeley.

### **K-12 Students**

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- 2023, Audrey Bradley, Summer Intern, Project: “First principles-based machine learning molecular dynamics simulations”, University of Utah
- 2023, Adam Clark, Summer Intern, Project: “First principles-based machine learning molecular dynamics simulations”, University of Utah

### **Short Courses Taught**

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- Half-day tutorial at Materials Research Society (MRS) conference, Boston, MA, November 2021. “Four-Phonon Scattering - A Critical Process Determining Thermal and Radiative Properties”. The audience was expected to (1) be familiar with the background of three- and four-phonon scattering and their roles in thermal and radiative properties of materials, (2) understand the various characteristics of four-phonon scattering mechanism in different systems and scenarios, (3) understand the broad impact of four-phonon scattering on thermal transport and radiative properties in various materials, (4) be able to tell in which types of materials and scenarios will four-phonon scattering be critical, (5) be able to use the open-source code FourPhonon together with ShengBTE to calculate four-phonon scattering rates (linewidth) and thermal conductivities for materials. The outline of this tutorial is as follows.
  - 1:30-2:05 Overview, background, and formalism
  - 2:05-2:20 Characteristics of four phonon scattering
  - 2:20-2:30 First principles predictions
  - 2:45-3:10 Materials with large acoustic optical phonon band gaps
  - 3:10-3:30 Optical phonons and radiative properties
  - 4:00-4:15 Two dimensional materials with reflection symmetry
  - 4:15-4:30 Impact of phonon renormalization
  - 4:30-4:50 Usage of FourPhonon with ShengBTE
  - 4:50-5:00 Q&A

### **Lectures to K-12 Students:**

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- 11/2023 Three lectures (each 30 mins) on Engineering Day to the high school students in Utah to help them understand the significance of heat transfer in cutting-edge applications.
- 09/2023 Two lectures (each 60 mins) to high school students on the topic of “Control The Heat” in Farmington Bay Youth Center, Farmington, Utah.
- 02/2023 Three lectures (each 80 mins) to high school students on the topic of “Control The Heat” in the Decker Lake Youth Center, West Valley City, Utah.
- 11/2022 Three lectures (each 50 mins) on Engineering Day to the high school students in Utah to help them understand what research in engineering looks like. The students were well engaged.
- 11/2021 Two lectures (each 50 mins) on Engineering Day to the high school students in Utah to help them understand what research in engineering looks like. The students were well engaged.
- 10/2021 One lecture (50 mins) about my research to the high school students at Mill Creek Youth Center in Ogden. The activity was organized by STEM Community Alliance Program (STEMCAP), which forges novel connections through inquiry-based and interactive STEM programming to put scientists, artists and community educators inside Youth-In-Custody (YIC) facilities. <https://stemcap.org/archive/past-presentations>
- 10/2021 One lecture to undergraduate students at Brigham Young University (BYU), Provo, Utah, for the graduate recruitment of our ME department.

### **Mentored Capstone Projects**

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- The senior students mentored by Dr. Rao, Dr. Shiri, and Dr. Feng won the 2023 IEEE/EPAS ASME K16 Student Heat Sink Design Challenge! Congratulations, Xander Lehnardt, Chandler Elliott, Preston Bodily, Taylor Cox, and Zachary Julien! This is a part of the capstone course.

### **Other Outreach Activities**

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- Participated in the Hi-GEAR (Girls Engineering Abilities Realized) summer camp in 2023. Showed high school female students the lab and research activities. Gave a talk.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Editorial Activities

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- **Advisor** of Materials Research Letters (Impact Factor of 8.5), Article Collection: Micro and Nanoscale Thermal Transport in Materials, 2023.
- **Associate Editor**, Frontiers in Thermal Engineering, Micro- and Nano-Scale Heat Transfer section, 2022 – present
- **Editorial board member**, Energy and Environment Focus, American Scientific Publisher, 2021 - Present
- **Early-Career Editorial board member**, ES Energy & Environment, a journal of Engineered Science, 2021 – present

### Conference Organizational Activities

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- **Organizer and Session Chair** of the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE) conference, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 2023.
- **Session Chair** of the Materials Research Society (MRS) Spring Conference, San Francisco, CA, Apr. 2023.
- **Session Chair** of The 47th International Conference and expo on Advanced Ceramics and Composites (ICACC2023), Daytona Beach, Florida, Jan, 2023.
- **Organizer and Session Chair** of the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE) conference, Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 2022.
- **Organizer** of the ASME Summer Heat Transfer Conference (SHTC) 2022.
- **Committee member** of the ASME HTD K-9 Nanoscale Thermal Transport since November 2021.
- **Topic Organizer** of the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE), November 2019.
- **Session Chair** of the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE), Pittsburgh, PA, November 2018.

### Reviewer and Judge Services:

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- **Reviewer** for journals: ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces; Acta Materialia; Advanced Functional Materials; AIP Advances; Applied Physics Letters; Case Studies in Construction Materials; Ceramics International; Chemical Physics Letters; Computer Physics Communications; Crystals; Diamond and Related Materials; Energies; ES Energy & Environment; International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer; International Journal of Thermophysics; International Heat Transfer Conferences; Journal of Applied Physics; Journal of Heat Transfer; Journal of Materials Chemistry A; Journal of Molecular Liquids; Materials; Materials Horizons; Materials Today Physics; Nano Energy; Nano Letters; Nanomaterials; Nanoscale; Nanoscale and Microscale; Thermophysical Engineering; Nature Communications; npj Computational Materials; Philosophical Magazine; Physica B; Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics; Physical Review Applied; Physical Review B; Physical Review Letters; Physical Review Materials; Proceedings of National Academic Science; Results in Physics; Scientific Reports; Science China; The Journal of Physical Chemistry C; The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters.
- **Reviewer** for 2024 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)
- **Reviewer** for federal research grant proposals.
- **Judge** for the student poster competition at the ASME InterPACK (International Technical Conference and Exhibition on Packaging and Integration of Electronic and Photonic Microsystems), San Diego, CA, Oct. 2023.

- **Judge** for the NSF student poster competition at the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE), Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 2022.
- **Judge** for the NSF student poster competition at the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE), Pittsburgh, PA, November 2018.

## INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks

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9. Tianli Feng, “Accurate first-principles prediction of thermal and mechanical properties of ultra-high temperature ceramics”, **47th International Conference and Exposition on Advanced Ceramics and Composites** in Daytona Beach, Florida, USA, Jan. 2023.
8. Tianli Feng, “Pushing the Frontiers of Thermal Transport Predictions”, **University of California, Riverside**, ECE Colloquium, Oct. 2022.
7. Tianli Feng, “Four-Phonon Scattering - A Critical Process Ignored for Half Century”, **University of Utah**, MSE seminar series, Mar. 2022.
6. Tianli Feng, “Progress in Four-Phonon Scattering Calculations”, **Materials Quantum Characteristics and Computational Condensed Matter Physics Conference**, Chongqing, (Online) December 2021.
5. Tianli Feng, “Four-Phonon Scattering - A Critical Process Determining Thermal and Radiative Properties”, **Materials Research Society (MRS) Fall Meeting**, Boston, MA, November 2021.
4. Tianli Feng (together with Prof. Xiulin Ruan) “Four-phonon scattering: an ignored phonon scattering mechanism for decades”, **IMECE**, Pittsburgh, November 2018.
3. Tianli Feng, “Theoretical phonon spectroscopy using predictive atomistic simulations”, **Condensed Matter & Optics Seminars**, Vanderbilt University, February 2018.
2. Tianli Feng, “Theoretical Phonon Spectroscopy Using Predictive Atomistic Simulations”, **University of Minnesota Twin Cities**, August 2017.
1. Tianli Feng, “Theoretical Phonon Spectroscopy Using Predictive Atomistic Simulations”, **Computational Material Online Seminar**, July 2017.

### Conference Presentations

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#### Feng group members’ presentations:

- Hao Zhou, Tianli Feng, “Thermal conductivity of BAs under irradiation”, IMECE, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 2023
- Janak Tiwari, Tianli Feng, “First-principles prediction of thermal conductivity of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> at ultra-high temperatures”, IMECE, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 2023
- Hao Zhou, Tianli Feng, “On the flattening trend of thermal conductivity of La<sub>2</sub>Zr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> at ultra-high temperatures”, IMECE, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 2023

#### Tianli Feng’s Presentations

- Tianli Feng, “High thermal conductivity of cubic SiC”, ASME InterPACK International Technical Conference and Exhibition on Packaging and Integration of Electronic and Photonic Microsystems, San Diego, CA, Oct. 2023.
- Janak Tiwari, Xiaolong Yang, Tianli Feng, “First principles prediction of thermal conductivity at ultrahigh temperatures”, Materials Research Society (MRS) Spring Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2023.
- Rui Xie, Janak Tiwari, Tianli Feng, “Spectral Phonon Transport Across Interfaces: The Effects of Interfacial Engineering”, Materials Research Society (MRS) Spring Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2023.

- Rui Xie, Janak Tiwari, Tianli Feng, “Spectral Phonon Transport Across Interfaces: The Effects of Interfacial Engineering”, IMECE, Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 2022
- Janak Tiwari, Tianli Feng, “First Principles Prediction of Thermal Conductivity at Ultra-High Temperatures”, IMECE, Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 2022
- Janak Tiwari, Tianli Feng, “First principles prediction of thermal conductivity of ZrC and HfC at ultrahigh temperatures”, Ultra-High Temperature Ceramics (UHTC): Materials for Extreme Environment Applications V, An ECI Conference Series, Snowbird, Utah, June 2022.
- Xiaolong Yang, Janak Tiwari, Tianli Feng, “First principles prediction of thermal conductivity of UO<sub>2</sub> over a wide temperature range”, Materials Research Society (MRS) Spring Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 2022.
- Tianli Feng, A. O’Hara, S. T. Pantelides, “Quantum prediction of ultra-low thermal conductivity in lithium intercalation materials”, Materials Research Society (MRS) Fall Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2021.
- Tianli Feng, A. Rai, D. Hun, S. S Shrestha, “Revealing Energy Accommodation Between Gases and Polymers for High-Efficiency Thermal Insulation”, ASME 2020 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE), Virtual Conference.
- T. Feng, J. He, A. Rai, D. Hun, J. Liu, S. S Shrestha, “Discovering Size Effect of Thermal Conductivity of Amorphous Polymers”, ASME 2020 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE), Virtual Conference.
- Tianli Feng, Y. Zhong, J. Shi, X. Ruan, “Unexpected high inelastic phonon transport across solid-solid interface: Modal nonequilibrium molecular dynamics simulations and Landauer analysis”, Materials Research Society (MRS) Spring Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, April 2019.
- Tianli Feng, X. Wu, X. Yang, P. Wang, L. Zhang, X. Du, X. Wang, S. T. Pantelides, “Ultra-Low and Anisotropic Thermal Conductivities of Quasi-1D ZrTe<sub>5</sub> and HfTe<sub>5</sub> Single Crystals”, Materials Research Society (MRS) Spring Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, April 2019.
- Tianli Feng and Sokrates Pantelides, “Ultra-low and anisotropic thermal conductivity of quasi-1D single-crystalline ZrTe<sub>5</sub>”, Materials Research Society (MRS) Fall Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2018.
- Tianli Feng, Xiaolong Yang, Xiulin Ruan and Sokrates Pantelides, “First-Principles Prediction of Temperature Dependent Phonon Energy Shifts of Boron Nitride”, ASME 2018 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE), Pittsburgh, PA, November 2018.
- Tianli Feng and Sokrates Pantelides, “Accurate First-Principles Prediction of Temperature-Dependent Phonon Energy Shifts”, American Physical Society (APS) March Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, March 2018.
- Tianli Feng and Xiulin Ruan, “Phonon transport in defected graphene and graphene nanomesh”, ASME 2016 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE), Phoenix, AZ, November 2016.
- Tianli Feng and Xiulin Ruan, “First principles prediction of importance of four-phonon scattering in Si and BAs”, ASME 2016 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE), Phoenix, AZ, November 2016.
- Tianli Feng, Wenjun Yao, Zuyuan Wang, Jingjing Shi, Chuang Li, Bingyang Cao, and Xiulin Ruan, “Spectral phonon temperature as an effective tool to predict the ballistic and diffusive transport in nanomaterials and across interfaces”, ASME 2016 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE), Phoenix, AZ, November 2016.
- Tianli Feng, Bo Qiu, and Xiulin Ruan, “Coupling between Phonon-Phonon and Phonon-Impurity Scattering: A Critical Revisit of the Spectral Matthiessen’s Rule”, ASME 2015 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE), Houston, TX, November 2015.
- Tianli Feng and Xiulin Ruan, “Quantum mechanical prediction of four-phonon scattering rates and reduced thermal conductivity of solids”, ASME 2015 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE), Houston, TX, November 2015.

- Tianli Feng, Bo Qiu, and Xiulin Ruan, “Coupling between Phonon-Phonon and Phonon-Impurity Scattering: A Critical Revisit of the Matthiessen Rule”, 32nd International Thermal Conductivity Conference (ITCC) & 20th International Expansion Symposium (IES), West Lafayette, IN, April 2014.