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## Education:

- **Ph.D: Xinjiang Technical Institute of Physics & Chemistry, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences**  
Influence of Fluorine on Electronic Structures and Nonlinear Optical Effects of A Series of Borate Crystals 2014-2018
- **Masters: University of Sargodha, Pakistan**  
A Theoretical Study of Two-Dimensional Second-Order Non-Linear Optical Properties of Terpyridine Substituted Hexamolybdates 2010-2013

## Professional Skills:

### Expertise in Density Functional Theory (DFT)

VASP, CASTEP, GAUSSIAN-09w, DIAMOND, ChemDraw, ADF

## Work Experience:

- **Current Job: Postdoc researcher** 06-15-2022-to date  
**Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, George Mason University (Fairfax Campus)**  
**Topic:** Properties of Porphyrins using Computational Chemistry
- **Research Scholar** 2021-2022  
**Materials Science and Engineering, Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen, China**  
**Topic:** Promoting Nitrogen Electroreduction to Ammonia by Non-Noble Metal Single-Atom Catalysts
- **Postdoc: Department of Chemistry, Tsinghua University, China** 2018-2020  
**Topic:** Computational Investigation on the Catalytic Mechanism and Bonding Analysis of Single Atom Catalyst

## Research Interests:

- Electronic structure calculations for understanding the catalytic mechanism and kinetics of functional materials
- Electrochemical nitrogen reduction reaction (eNRR) performance of single atom catalysis (SACs)
- Exploring the structure-to-property correlation in transition metal SACs

- Surface properties of catalyst surface, including the structural, energetic, electronic properties, and chemical reactivity
- 2D Dye-sensitized solar cell materials
- Exploring structural properties and bandgap engineering of Nonlinear optical (NLO) materials and rare earth metal borates

### Research Contributions:

- Exploring the stability, geometries, electronic structures, and catalytic mechanism of direct benzene oxidation to phenol over phosphomolybdic acid cluster-based metal single-atom catalyst (SAC)
- Modelling of functional, 2D polyoxometalate (POM) based terpyridine-substituted compounds
- Functionality of  $d^{10}$  cations (Zn, Cd) consolidated with fluorine ( $F^-$ ) anions
- Explored the chemical nature of  $F^-$  and  $OH^-$  anions in borates under different metal cations

### Publications:

1. **B. Bashir**, S. H. Talib, H. Xiao, and J. Li. A Comparative Theoretical Investigation on the Mechanism of Direct Benzene Oxidation to Phenol Over Fe-PMA Cluster. (To be submitted)
2. H. H. Yang, **B. Bashir**, and G. Luo. Metal Phthalocyanine Catalysts for Electrochemical Oxygen Reduction. (To be submitted)
3. **B. Bashir**, B. B. Zhang, S. L. Pan, and Z. H. Yang. Combination  $d^{10}$ -cations and fluorine anion as active participants to design novel borate/carbonate nonlinear optical materials. *J. Alloys Compd.* 2018, **758**, 85–90.
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8. S. H. Talib, S. Baskaran, X. Yu, Q. Yu, **B. Bashir**, S. Muhammad, S. Hussain, X. Chen, J. Li. Non-noble metal single-atom catalyst of  $Co_1/MXene$  ( $Mo_2CS_2$ ) for CO oxidation. *Sci. China Mater.* 2020, **64**, 651-663.
9. N. Mushtaq, G. Chen, Q. Wang, **B. Bashir**, L. R. Sidra, X.-Z. Fang. Synthesis of polyamide-imides with different monomer sequence and its effect on transparency and thermal properties. *Polymer*, 2020, **190**, 122218.
10. N. Gogoi, **B. Bashir**, P-C. Ma. Z. H. Yang. Supramolecular assembly of leaf-like fluorescent tetraphenylethylene through polymer-directed inter-locking. *Compos. Commun.* 2019, **11**, 45–51.

11. T. Baiheti, S. J. Han, **B. Bashir**, Z. H. Yang, H. H. Yu, S. L. Pan. Four new deep ultraviolet borates with isolated B<sub>12</sub>O<sub>24</sub> groups: Synthesis, structure, and optical properties. *J. Solid State Chem.* 2019, **273**, 112–116.
12. L. R. Sidra, G. Chen, N. Mushtaq, M. Kai, **B. Bashir**, X.-Z. Fang. Processable poly (benzoxazole imide)s derived from asymmetric benzoxazole diamines containing 4-phenoxy aniline: Synthesis, properties and isomeric effect. *Polym. Chem.* 2018, **9**, 2785-2796.
13. S. Sambasivam, L. Liu, Y. Yang, G. Han, **B. Bashir**, Z. H. Yang, and S. L. Pan. Syntheses, crystal structures and characterization of three alkaline metal borates. *CrystEngComm.* 2017, **19**, 2561–2569.
14. M. R. S. A. Janjua, M. Amin, M. Ali, **B. Bashir**, M. U. Khan, M. A. Iqbal, W. Guan, L. K. Yan, Z. M. Su. A DFT Study on the Two-Dimensional (2-D) Second-Order Nonlinear Optical (NLO) Response of Terpyridine-Substituted Hexamolybdates: Physical Insight of 2-D Inorganic-Organic Hybrid Functional Materials. *Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.* 2012, **4**, 705–711.
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#### Key Conferences:

1. **B. Bashir**, Z. H. Yang, M.-H. Lee, and S. L. Pan. A DFT approach towards the role of luorine as NLO active participant in borate fluoride crystals. The **2016** National Symposium on Optical Materials. (*Poster*)
2. **B. Bashir**, M. R. S. A. Janjua, M. Amin, M. Ali, M. U. Khan, M. A. Iqbal, W. Guan, L. K. Yan, Z. M. Su, “A DFT Study on the Two-Dimensional (2-D) Second-Order Nonlinear Optical (NLO) Response of Terpyridine-Substituted Hexamolybdates: Physical Insight of 2-D Inorganic-Organic Hybrid Functional Materials. 10<sup>th</sup> International and 22<sup>nd</sup> National Chemistry Conference **2011**. (*Poster*)

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