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His research interests include nano-to-macro scale molecular, macromolecular and supramolecular assemblies, surface engineering, and nanobiotechnology based on hybrid π -materials with biomolecules. Toward fundamental knowledge, he investigates molecular-level interfacial interaction via empirical and simulation tools. In applied regime, he develops rapid on-site diagnostic and forensic sensor devices for chemical and biological objects. He also invents cryo-bio nanomaterials providing augmented antifreeze properties for cell preservation through innovations in ice-water interfaces. His major scientific contributions have been published in journals including Science, J. Am. Chem. Soc., Adv. Mater., Adv. Func. Mater., Acc. Chem. Res., ACS Nano, Nat. Commun., Macromolecules, and others.