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Research Experience

- 2017-07/2019 **Postdoctoral Associate**, *Department of Chemistry, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ*, supervisor: Prof. Piotr Piotrowiak.
- experiments on vibrational cooling of hot ground state of azulene
 - ultrafast laser spectroscopy (time resolved fluorescence, transient absorption, transient reflectivity)
- 2015-2017 **Visiting Research Scholar, Postdoctoral Fellow**, *Department of Chemistry, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA*, supervisor: Prof. Eric Borguet.
- developed ultrabroadband Mid-IR source based on noncollinear difference frequency generation in silver thiogallate crystal
 - improved power conversion efficiency of two stage broadband KTP (potassium titanyl phosphate) NOPA (noncollinear optical parametric amplifier)
 - built transient reflectivity setup, developed data acquisition software (in LabView)
 - built intensity autocorrelator and prism compressor of laser pulses
 - characterized 2D and layered materials by optical spectroscopy - Raman, UV/Vis, fluorescence
 - studied the effect of environment on fluorescence kinetics of MoS_2 monolayers (experiments performed at Argonne National Laboratory)

Education

- 2016 **Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering**, *Optoelectronic Materials Section, Department of Chemical Engineering, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands*.
thesis: "Singlet exciton fission and photochemical upconversion",
supervisor: Dr. Ferdinand Grozema
- 2010 **MSc in Nanoscience**, *Zernike Institute for Advanced Materials, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, cum laude*.
thesis "Excitons in Organic Materials", supervisor: Prof. Maria Loi
- 2008 **BSc, MSc in Applied Physics and Electrical Engineering**, *Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine, with honors*.

Technical Skills

- operation, alignment, installation and maintenance of laser systems
- development of optical setups
- ultrafast laser spectroscopy: time resolved fluorescence (streak camera, fluorescence upconversion, time correlated single photon counting), transient absorption, transient reflectivity
- supercontinuum generation, noncollinear optical parametric amplification (NOPA) difference frequency generation (DFG), second harmonic generation (SHG), sum frequency generation (SFG)
- characterization: UV/Vis, Raman, fluorescence FTIR, ellipsometry, polarized optical microscopy, AFM, profilometry, powder X-ray diffraction, differential scanning calorimetry
- fabrication: physical vapor deposition, vacuum deposition of metal thin films, spincoating, solutions degassing (freeze-pump-thaw), wet lab and clean room skills

Computer skills

- LabView, Igor, Origin, Matlab, AutoCAD
- MS Office
- SNLO, Glotaran
- PYTHON (NUMPY, SCIPY, MATPLOTLIB), C/C++, L^AT_EX, BASH

Publications

14. **Y.V. Aulin**, M. Liu, and P. Piotrowiak, *Ultrafast Vibrational Cooling Inside a Molecular Container*, Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters, 10,10, 2434-2438 (2019)
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9. N.H. Attanayake, A.C. Thenuwara, A. Patra, **Y.V. Aulin**, T.M. Tran, H. Chakraborty, E. Borguet, M.L. Klein, J.P. Perdew, D.R. Strongin, *Effect of Intercalated Metals on the Electrocatalytic Activity of 1T-MoS₂ for the Hydrogen Evolution Reaction*, ACS Energy Letters, 3, 7-13 (2018)
8. H. Li, **Y.V. Aulin**, L. Frazer, E. Borguet, R. Kakodkar, J. Feser, Y. Chen, K. An, D. Dikin, and F. Ren, *Structure evolution and thermoelectric properties of carbonized polydopamine thin films*, ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces, 9 (8), 6655-6660 (2017)
7. A.C. Thenuwara, S.L. Shumlas, N.H. Attanayake, **Y.V. Aulin**, I.G. McKendry, Q. Qiao, Y. Zhu, E. Borguet, M. J. Zdilla and D.R. Strongin, "Intercalation of Cobalt into the Interlayer of Birnessite Improves Oxygen Evolution Catalysis", ACS Catalysis, 6, 7739-7743 (2016)
6. **Y.V. Aulin**, M. van Seville, M. Moes, F.C. Grozema *"Photochemical upconversion in metal-based octaethyl porphyrin-diphenylanthracene systems"*, RSC Advances, 5, 130 (2015)
5. S.C. Boehme, I.M. Azpiroz, **Y.V. Aulin**, F.C. Grozema, D. Vanmaekelbergh, L.D.A. Siebbeles, I. Infante and A.J. Houtepen, *The Density of Trap States and Auger mediated electron trapping in CdTe Quantum-Dot Solids*, Nano Letters, 15, 5 (2015)
4. L.T. Kunneman, M.D. Tessier, H. Heuclin, B. Dubertret, **Y.V. Aulin**, F.C. Grozema, J.M. Schins, L.D.A. Siebbeles, *Bimolecular Auger recombination of electron-hole pairs in two-dimensional CdSe and CdSe/CdZnS core/shell nanoplatelets*, The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters, 4, 21 (2013)
3. N. Tian, **Y.V. Aulin**, D. Lenkeit, S. Pelz, O.V. Mikhnenko, P.W.M. Blom, M.A. Loi, E. Holder, *Cyclometalated red iridium (III) complexes containing carbazolyl-acetylacetonate ligands: efficiency enhancement in polymer LED devices*, Dalton Transactions, 39, 37 (2010)

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1. S.N. Savenkov, **Y.V. Aulin**, *Orthogonal properties of homogeneous anisotropy medium*, Proc. SPIE, **6536** (2007)

Talks

9. "Laser spectroscopy of advanced materials for photovoltaics and catalysis", Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, 2017
8. "Laser spectroscopy of advanced materials for photovoltaics and catalysis", Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, 2017
7. "Laser spectroscopy of advanced materials for photovoltaics and catalysis", Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA, 2017
6. "Laser spectroscopy of advanced materials for photovoltaics and catalysis", Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, 2017
5. "Phonons: Theory and Experiments", EFRC CCDM tutorial, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, 2016
4. "Steady state and ultrafast optical characterization of 2D materials", EFRC CCDM Annual Meeting, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, 2016
3. "Singlet Exciton Fission and Photochemical Upconversion", AMOLF, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2014
2. "Extremely efficient singlet exciton fission in perylenediimides", FOM Physics Conference, Veldhoven, the Netherlands, 2014
1. "Crystal engineering of singlet exciton fission in perylenediimides", Singlet Fission Workshop, Lyons, CO, 2013

Poster Presentations

11. **Yaroslav V. Aulin**, Thi M. Tran, Johanan H. Odhner, Nuwan H. Attanayake, Dan Trainer, Ian McKendry, Akila Thenuwara, Robert J. Levis, Michael J. Zdilla, Maria Iavarone, Xiaoxing Xi, Daniel R. Strongin, Eric Borguet, Optical characterization and ultrafast spectroscopy of MoS_2 monolayers, bilayers, and ion intercalated structures, EFRC CCDM Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2017
10. **Yaroslav V. Aulin**, Thi M. Tran, Johanan H. Odhner, Nuwan H. Attanayake, Dan Trainer, Ian G. McKendry, Akila C. Thenuwara, Robert J. Levis, Maria Iavarone, Xiaoxing Xi, Daniel R. Strongin, Eric Borguet, "Optical characterization and ultrafast spectroscopy of MoS_2 monolayers, bilayers, and ion intercalated structures", ACS YCC Poster Session and Grad School/Career Fair, Philadelphia, 2017
9. **Yaroslav V. Aulin**, Dan Trainer, Laszlo Frazer, Johanan H. Odhner, Robert J. Levis, Richard Schaller, Maria Iavarone, Eric Borguet, "Control of exciton and trion dynamics in a molybdenum disulfide monolayer with interfacial dielectrics", 252nd ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2016
8. **Yaroslav Aulin**, Laszlo Frazer, Eric Borguet, "Steady state and ultrafast optical characterization of 2D materials", EFRC CCDM Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2016

7. **Yaroslav Aulin**, Aashish Tuladhar, Stefan Piontek, Eric Borguet, "Optical Characterization Techniques", Temple Materials Institute Symposium, Philadelphia, PA, 2016
6. **Y.V. Aulin**, D.D. Günbaş, N.Gorczak, W. Jager, E.S.R. Sudhölter, F.C. Grozema, "Relation between crystal structure and efficiency of singlet fission in perylene diimides", NWO CW Study group meeting "Chemistry in Relation to Physics and Materials Sciences", Veldhoven, the Netherlands, 2013
5. **Yaroslav V. Aulin**, Deniz Günbaş, Natalie Gorczak, Wolter Jager, E.J.R Sudhölter, Ferdinand Grozema, "Relation between crystal structure and efficiency of singlet fission in perylene diimides", FOM Physics, Veldhoven, the Netherlands, 2013
4. **Yaroslav V. Aulin**, D. Deniz Günbaş, Natalie Gorczak, Wolter F. Jager, Ernst J.R. Sudhölter, and Ferdinand C. Grozema, "Relation between crystal structure and efficiency of singlet fission in perylene diimides", Electron Donor-Acceptor Interactions Grodon Research Conference, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI, 2012
3. **Yaroslav V. Aulin**, Martijn van Sebille, Laurens D.A. Siebbeles, Ferdinand C. Grozema, Photochemical upconversion kinetics in solution, TULIP 2012 summer school, Noordwijk, the Netherlands, 2012
2. **Yaroslav V. Aulin**, Martijn van Sebille, Michiel Moes, Laurens D.A. Siebbeles, Ferdinand C. Grozema "Photochemical Upconversion kinetics in solution", 10th International Conference on Excitonic Processes in Condensed Matter, Nanostructured and Molecular Materials, Groningen, the Netherlands, 2012
1. **Y.V. Aulin**, M. Moes, L.D.A. Siebbeles, F.C. Grozema, "Kinetics of photochemical upconversion in solution", FOM Physics, Veldhoven, the Netherlands, 2012

Contributed Presentations

21. Michael Zdilla, Daniel Strongin, John Perdew, Ian McKendry, Michael Klein, Richard Remsing, Ran Ding, Haowei Peng, Eric Borguet, Laszlo Frazer, **Yaroslav Aulin**, Tim Marshall, Akila Thenuwara, "Turning a Cheap, Poor Catalyst into a Cheap, Excellent Catalyst—Optimizing Layered MnO-Based Materials for Water Oxidation Using Experiment and Theory", MRS Spring Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, 2019
20. Lujia Fang, **Yaroslav V. Aulin**, Piotr Piotrowiak, "Intramolecular vibrational energy transport studied by ultrafast laser spectroscopy" Chemistry Graduate Open House and Poster Session, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, 2018
19. M. Zdilla, R. Ding, I. McKendry, R. Remsing, H.W. Peng, J. Perdew, D. Strongin, Q. Kang, A. Thenuwara, E. Borguet, **Y. Aulin**, "Layer-by-layer assembly of colloidal nanosheets with individually differing properties to generate improved water oxidation catalysts ", 256th ACS National Meeting, Boston, MA, 2018
18. Michael Zdilla, Daniel Strongin, Eric Borguet, Michael Klein, John Perdew, Ian McKendry, Ran Ding, Richard Remsing, Haowei Peng, Ravneet Bhullar, Loveyy Mohamad, Akila Thenuwara, Samantha Shumlas, **Yaroslav Aulin**, Qing Kang, "Modifying layered manganese oxides for enhanced water oxidation: Turning a cheap, poor catalyst into a cheap, excellent catalyst", 255th ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2018
17. Ferdinand Grozema, Kevin Felter, **Yaroslav Aulin**, Maria Fravventura, Tom Savenije, "Effect of Intermolecular Interactions on Excited State Dynamics in Aromatic Molecular Crystals", 10th International Conference on Porphyrins and Phthalocyanines, Munich, Germany, 2018

16. M. Iavarone, E. Borguet, A. Bansil, I. Cone, G. Karapetrov, C. Lane, T. Polakovic, M. Precner, A. Putilov, Q. Qiao, D. Trainer, B. Wang, X. X. Xi, **Y. Aulin**, Y. Zhu, "Electronic and Structural Properties of 2D Materials", EFRC PI's Meeting, Washington, DC, 2017
15. Ian McKendry, Akila Thenuwara, Sam Shumlas, **Yaroslav Aulin**, Haowei Peng, Rick Remsing, Daniel Strongin, Michael Zdilla, Modification of 2D complexes for cheap and efficient water-oxidation catalysis, ACS YCC Poster Session and Grad School/Career Fair, Philadelphia, PA, 2017
14. Marshall Tim, **Aulin Yaroslav**, Gilroy Kyle, Neretina Svetlana, Aguilera Ares, Borguet Eric, Second Harmonic Generation Spectroscopy of Substrate-Based Surfactant Free Gold and Silver Nano-Hemispheres, ACS YCC Poster Session and Grad School/Career Fair, Philadelphia, PA, 2017
13. Attanayake Nuwan, Thenuwara Akila, **Aulin Yaroslav**, Borguet Eric and Strongin Daniel, Effect of the interlayer spacing and charge on the electrocatalytic activity of 1T-MoS₂ for the hydrogen evolution reaction, ACS YCC Poster Session and Grad School/Career Fair, Philadelphia, PA, 2017
12. Thi M. Tran, **Yaroslav V. Aulin**, Ian G. McKendry, Dan Trainer, Maria Iavarone, Eric Borguet., Temple University Functionalization of MoS₂ with organic molecules, ACS YCC Poster Session and Grad School/Career Fair, Philadelphia, PA, 2017
11. Ares Aguilera, **Yaroslav V. Aulin**, Stefan Piontek, Eric Borguet, "Optimization of an Ultrashort Pulse Prism Compressor for Plasmon Dephasing Experiments", 100th Annual Meeting of the Optical Society of America, Symposium on Undergraduate Research, Division of Laser Science, Rochester, NY, 2016
10. Thi M. Tran, **Yaroslav V. Aulin**, Dan Trainer, Maria Iavarone, Eric Borguet, "Emergent 2D Materials - Effective Semiconductors and Catalysts", Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium, College of Science and Technology, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, 2016
9. Ares Aguilera, **Yaroslav Aulin**, Stefan Piontek, and Eric Borguet, "Optimization of an Ultrashort Pulse Prism Compressor for Plasmon Dephasing Experiments", Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium, College of Science and Technology, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, 2016
8. Laszlo Frazer, **Yaroslav Aulin**, David Lioi, Ian McKendry, Andrew Pellegrino, Samantha Shumlas, Akila C. Thenuwara, Daniel Trainer, Maria Iavarone, Goran Karapetrov, Daniel Strongin, Matthäus Wolak, Michael Zdilla, Eric Borguet, Optical Characterization of Functional Layered Materials", ICONN 2016, International Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Canberra, Australia, 2016
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6. S. Sengupta, R.K. Dubey, **Y. Aulin**, K. Knierim, S.P.P. Eeden, R.W.M. van Hoek, E.J.R. Sudhölter, F.C. Grozema, W.F. Jager, "Modular perylene-based light harvesting antenna systems for efficient energy transfer", Annual Meeting BioSolar Cells Program, Wageningen, the Netherlands, 2014
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4. Fatemeh Mirjani, **Yaroslav Aulin**, Natalie Gorczak, Nicolas Renaud, Laurens Siebbeles, Ferdinand Grozema, "Optimizing the efficiency of singlet fission in Perylenediimide (PDI) derivatives by crystal engineering", FOM Physics, Veldhoven, the Netherlands, 2014

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Mentoring

13. Devon Nwosu, "Ultrafast transient absorption spectroscopy of bifluorenylidene", undergraduate student, Rutgers University, 09/2017 -04/2018
12. Kamal Wagle, "Transient reflectivity spectroscopy of 2D materials", Ph.D. student, Temple University, 02/2017-08/2017
11. Tim Marshall, "Intensity autocorrelator, second harmonic generation in nanoparticles", Ph.D. student, Temple University, 01/2017-03/2017
10. Thi M. Tran, "Characterization of 2D materials", undergraduate student, Temple University, 02/2016-05/2017
9. Ares Aguilera, "Prism compressor of laser pulses and autocorrelator", undergraduate research, Temple University, 07/2016-02/2017
8. Josh Carey, "Transient reflectivity of Si", undergraduate research, Temple University, 09/2016-01/2017
7. Matthew Johnson, "Development of transient reflectivity spectroscopy setup", undergraduate research, Temple University, 01/2016-08/2016
6. Anouk van der Wolf, "Photochemical upconversion: the role of Dexter energy transfer", bachelor thesis, Delft University of Technology, 2012
5. Martijn van Sebille, "Upconversion kinetics of a model system", master thesis, Delft University of Technology, 2011-2012
4. Toon Nieboer and Bob Mossink "Singlet oxygen production by the porphyrin molecules for photodynamic therapy against cancer", undergraduate research, Delft University of Technology, 2012
3. Roeland Dijkema and Tom Postma "Singlet oxygen production of substituted zinc-and freebase porphyrins for use in photodynamic therapy", undergraduate research, Delft University of Technology, 2012
2. Michiel Moes, "Photochemical upconversion in the system PtOEP/DPA", bachelor thesis, Delft University of Technology, 2011
1. Tobias Coppejans, "Towards efficient use of sunlight by up-conversion of (near) infrared photons", bachelor thesis, Delft University of Technology, 2011

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