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Professional Positions

2022.09 – present Vice President, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

2010.12 - present Professor, School of Life Sciences, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

2021.10 – 2022.09 Assistant President, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

2021.03 – 2022.10 Dean of Institute of Biomedicine, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

2020.07 – 2022.01 Director, Human Resources Office, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

2016.04 – 2021.04 Dean, School of Life Sciences, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

2009.01 - 2011.07 Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA.

2006.06 - 2008.12 Research Scientist, Life Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA, USA.

2001.08 - 2006.05 Postdoctoral Fellow, Life Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA, USA.

Education

1996.08 – 2001.07 Ph.D. in Biophysics, Department of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

1992.09 – 1996.07 B.S. in Biological Sciences & Biotechnology, Department of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.



Honors and Awards

2025	Second Prize of the 2025 Ministry of Education Natural Science Award (1 st rank)
2020	2020 Outstanding Science and Technology Achievement Prize, Chinese Academy of Sciences for his Significant Achievement in Research Group of Plant Immunity Mechanism.
2019	2019 Science and Technology Breakthrough Award (with Jijie Chai), School of Life Sciences, Tsinghua University.
2019	The project “Structural and functional research on a plant NLR resistosome” (with Jijie Chai and Jianmin Zhou) was selected as “2019 Top Ten Progresses in Life Sciences in China”.
2019	1 st XPLOER PRIZE, Tencent Foundation.
2019	2 nd Chinese Cryo-EM Outstanding Contribution Award, Cryo-Electron Microscopy Subsociety of The Biophysical Society of China.
2019	Chair-Elected, 2017 Gordon Research Conference on Three-Dimensional Electron Microscopy.
2019	Young and Middle-aged Leading Scientists, Engineers and Innovators, Ten Thousand Talent Program, The Ministry of Science and Technology.
2018	The National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars, National Science Foundation of China.
2018	11 th Tan Jiazhen Life Sciences Innovation Award, Tan Jiazhen Life Sciences Foundation.
2018	16 th "The Best Mentor Like A Friend", Tsinghua University.
2018	Beijing Teachers' Role Model.
2017	Beijing Outstanding Teacher Award.
2016	15 th "The Best Mentor Like A Friend", Tsinghua University.
2012	Youth One-Thousand Talent Program, State Council of China.
2009	Smith Family Award for Excellence in Biomedical Research, the Smith Family Foundation.
2005	National Award of Natural Science (2nd rank) by State Council of China.
2005	Outstanding Performance Award, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. (Berkeley Lab's highest award to employee's significant one-time achievement)
2004	On the SPOT Recognition Award, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.
2001	Distinguished Ph.D. Dissertation Award, Tsinghua University. (Less than 20 out of 500 Ph.D. Dissertations each year are awarded by the university)



Professional Society Experience

2020 – present	Advisory Board Member, <i>Cell</i> .
2017 - present	Executive Editor, <i>Biochemistry</i> .
2014 - present	Editorial Board Member, <i>Biophysics Reports</i> .
2021 – 2025	Vice President, The Biophysical Society of China.
2020 – 2023	Vice President, Chinese Electron Microscopy Society.
2020 – 2023	Editorial Board Member, <i>Ultramicroscopy</i> .
2018 – 2023	Council Member, China Instrument and Control Society.
2017 - 2025	Chair, Cryo-Electron Microscopy Subsociety of The Biophysical Society of China.
2017 – 2021	Executive Editor, <i>Biochemistry</i> .
2017 – 2021	Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Biological Chemistry</i> .
2013 – 2021	Council Member, The Biophysical Society of China.
2012 – 2020	Council Member, Chinese Electron Microscopy Society.
2009 – 2019	Member and Reviewer, Faculty of 1000, Cytoskeleton Section.
2009 – present	Member, American Physical Society.
2005 – present	Member, Sigma Xi Society.
2002 – present	Member, Biophysical Society.
	Ad Hoc Reviewers for Human Frontier Science Program; Netherland Organization for Scientific Research; Jeffress Research Grant; Indo-US Science and Technology Forum; <i>Cell</i> , <i>Nature</i> , <i>Science</i> , <i>Nature Structural & Molecular Biology</i> , <i>Genes & Development</i> , <i>PNAS</i> , <i>Journal of Molecular Biology</i> , <i>Structure</i> , <i>Journal of Structural Biology</i> , <i>Experimental Cell Research</i> .

Research Interests

Our research group is devoted to elucidating the architecture and mechanism of macromolecular complexes and assemblies using cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) combined with other biophysical and biochemical techniques. More specifically, we are interested in the methodology development for more efficient and high resolution cryo-electron microscopy, the mechanism and regulations of nucleic acid quality control, and the coordination mechanisms of cytoskeleton and membrane systems.

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2. Zheng LM, Xia Y, Jia X, Gao M, Liu N*, Song J, Li XP, Zhao X, Gao X, Zhou W, Kang W, Yang L, Wang Q, Gao Y*, **Wang HW***, Peng HL*. (2025) Cryo-electron tomography reconstructs polymer in liquid film for fab-compatible lithography. *Nat Commun.*, 16(1):8671.
 3. Huang MT, Ma JY, Fu XY, **Wang HW**, Shen Y*, Li XM*. (2025) Accurate helical parameter estimation based on cylindrical unrolling. *Structure*, 33(9):1603-1613.
 4. Fan JJ, Yang Z, Liang L, Wang J, **Wang HW***, Ouyang Z*, Zhou XY*. (2025) Electrospray-based sample preparation for high-resolution protein structure elucidation by cryo-EM. *Clin Transl Med.*, 15(8):e70405.
 5. Cao N, Wang J*, Deng T, Fan B, Su S, Ma JB*, **Wang HW***. (2025) Structural basis of endo-siRNA processing by Drosophila Dicer-2 and Loqs-PD. *Nucleic Acids Res.*, 53(4):gkaf102.
 6. Su JY, Tian XY, Cheng H, Liu DS, Wang ZY, Sun S*, **Wang HW***, Sui SF*. (2025) Structural insight into synergistic activation of human 3-methylcrotonyl-CoA carboxylase. *Nat Struct Mol Biol.*, 32(1):73-85.
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 11. Yang Z, Fan J, Wang J, Fan X, Ouyang Z*, **Wang HW***, Zhou XY*. (2024) Electrospray-assisted cryo-EM sample preparation to mitigate interfacial effects. *Nat*



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12. Xu J, Gao XY, Zheng LM, Jia X, Xu K, Ma Y, Wei XD, Liu N*, Peng HL*, **Wang HW***. (2024) Graphene sandwich-based biological specimen preparation for cryo-EM analysis. **Proc Natl Acad. Sci USA**, 121(5):e2309384121.
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