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Curriculum Vitæ

I was born on 4th February 1989 in Anhui Province, China. I obtained my BSc degree in Optical Science at China Jiliang University (Hangzhou, China) in 2011. I then enrolled in a master project at Zhejiang University in the same city under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Min Qiu. I obtained my master's degree in March 2014 with the thesis entitled "Research on the photothermal properties of metal nanoparticles". In July 2014, I was awarded a scholarship from the China Scholarship Council and started my Ph.D. in the single-molecule optics group at Leiden University under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Michel Orrit. During my Ph.D. I studied the enhancement of linear and nonlinear light emission of single molecules by gold nanorods.

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