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## Curriculum vitae

**Jianwei Gao** was born in January 1996 in Weifang, China. From 2014 to 2018, he studied Petroleum Engineering at China University of Petroleum (east China), where he obtained his bachelor's degree at China University of Petroleum (east China) in Tsingdao, China. His bachelor thesis was on the "Dynamic analysis of reservoir development based on numerical simulation". In 2018, he was admitted through a postgraduate admission program to pursue graduate studies at Shandong University. During his master, he developed a strong interest in two-dimensional materials and nanoelectronics devices. His master's thesis, entitled "Graphene-based field-effect transistor biochemical sensors", was performed at Shandong University in Tsingdao, China. In 2021, he received his master degree in electronic science and technology also from Shandong University. Following his graduation, Jianwei received a CSC scholarship and joined the Leiden Institute of Chemistry at Leiden University, where he conducted research in the Supramolecular & Biomaterials Chemistry (SBC) group under the joined supervision of Professor Schneider, Professor Kros and Dr. Fu. During the first two years of his PhD program, he worked in the research group of Wangyang Fu, where he gained expertise in nanofabrication and biosensing. His research focused on graphene nanoribbon field-effect transistor biosensors and graphene edge-based sensing platforms.

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- **CHAINS 2022** Eindhoven, The Netherlands (Poster: J. Gao, Z. Wang, X. Kang, G. Jiang, W. Fu, G.F. Schneider. Graphene bridged polyaniline organic field effect transistor biosensor)
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