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Dr. Shi specializes in thermal transport and thermoelectric energy conversion in nanostructured and complex materials. He and his collaborators has developed a set of unique methods based on nanofabricated measurement devices and scanning probe microscopy to characterize coupled electron-phonon transport in individual carbon nantoubes, graphene, semiconducting nanowires and thin films, and nanocomposites. His other research efforts include nanotechnologies for drug delivery and biomedical imaging, and nano-catalysis for cleaner fossil fuel utilization.

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