EDUCATION

University of Houston - Houston, TX, US

Ph.D, Chemistry (GPA: 3.6)

Anticipated graduation: MAY 2016

- Dissertation: *Ab initio* Calculations of Intramolecular Charge and Energy Transfer with Reduced Modes in Donor-bridge-acceptor Species
- Advisor: Dr. Eric R. Bittner

Xiamen University - Xiamen, Fujian, China

Bachelor of Science, Chemistry; Mathematics Minor

JULY 2009

- Thesis: Study of Weak Interaction and Aromatic Carbon Atom in DREIDING Force Field

Udacity - Machine Learning Engineer Nanodegree

FEBRUARY 2016

Udacity - Data Analyst Nanodegree

SEPTEMBER 2015

Skills

Working knowledge

Python, Mathematica, R, HTML/CSS, D3.js, Octave/MATLAB, SQL, TensorFlow, SAS, Vim, Linux, LTFX, Q-Chem, Gaussian, various chemistry instruments

Basic knowledge

JavaScript, MongoDB, Hadoop, HBase, Pig, Hive, Spark, Splunk, FORTRAN, C, Haskell

Languages

Fluent in English, Chinese. Proficient in Taiwanese.

Project Experience

English Letter Recognition

FEBRUARY 2016

- Trained a 6 layer convolutional neural network with 95% accuracy on notMNIST dataset using TensorFlow

Clustering of Vervet Monkey's Alarms

FEBRUARY 2016

- Verified the classical discovery of three types of alarms in vervet monkey by hierarchical, k-means and partitioning around medoids (PAM) clustering, achieved at least 75% classification accuracy
- Built an AdaBoost model with 99% prediction accuracy

Creating Customer Segments

JANUARY 2016

- Applied PCA and independent component analysis (ICA) to a customer dataset of a wholesale distributor to preprocess and understand purchasing behavior better
- Used Gaussian mixture model to find customer segments for better A/B test on policy change

Train a Smartcab to Drive

JANUARY 2016

- Taught toy smartcab traffic laws and best routing strategy with Q-learning. The driving agent was able to consistently reach the destination within allotted time with 90% success rate

Forum Data Analysis

OCTOBER 2015

- Analyzed the posts on Udacity's forum using Hadoop MapReduce codes

PISA Data Visualization

SEPTEMBER 2015

- Explored the relations between family possessions and student scores in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) data using R and Python
- Visualized the analysis with interactions using D3.js and dimple.js

Red Wine Study

SEPTEMBER 2015

- Modeled the influence of various chemicals to red wine quality on a wine dataset by linear regression with Lasso in RStudio

Increased-by-one Single Tape Turing Machine

JUNE 2015

- Implemented an increased-by-one single tape Turing machine program with only HTML/CSS, inspired by a discussion of the Turing completeness of HTML/CSS

Identifying Fraud from Enron Email

May 2015

- Investigated the Enron email corpus data with decision tree, Gaussian naive Bayesian, and k-means clustering machine learning techniques

Houston Map Data Wrangling

May 2015

- Cleaned the map data on openstreetmap of the great Houston area (file size > 500M)
- Analyzed the cleaned data with MongoDB queries

New York Subway Data Analysis

May 2015

- Statistically tested the relation between the ridership of subway and weather in New York

CERTIFICATES

SAS Certified Base Programmer for SAS 9 Credential

11 computer science courses on edX, Coursera and Udacity (certificates available on my LinkedIn)

Research & Teaching Experience

University of Houston, Houston, TX

Research & Teaching Assistant

AUGUST 2010 - PRESENT

- Developed and coded in Mathematica a new theoretical molecular dynamics analysis scheme based on Lanczos algorithm and time-convolutionless master equation
- Benchmarked the scheme with a classical series of molecules and researched the dynamics
- Optimized the geometry of tripodal amine-Cu(I) complexes using density functional theory (DFT), to assist further research of their reactivity and stability
- Taught general and physical chemistry labs independently. Instruments used include UV/VIS, FT-IR, ESR, NMR, STM and XRD

Xiamen University, Xiamen, Fujian, China

Research Assistant

AUGUST 2009 - JUNE 2010

Issued: 12/22/2004

- Implemented FORTRAN programs for the point group and atom type recognition in AMBER and DREIDING force fields, as part of efficient QM/MM method development

Publications

Intramolecular Charge and Energy Transfer Rates with Reduced Modes: Comparison to Marcus Theory for Donor-Bridge-Acceptor Systems

Yang, Xunmo and Bittner, Eric. *The Journal of Physical Chemistry A*, **2014**, *118*(28), pp 5196-5203 Computing Intramolecular Charge and Energy Transfer Rates using Optimal Modes Yang, Xunmo and Bittner, Eric. *The Journal of Chemical Physics*, 142, *244114* (2015)

Tripodal Amine Ligands for Accelerating Cu-Catalyzed Azide-Alkyne Cycloaddition: Efficiency and Stability against Oxidation and Dissociation

Zhiling Zhu, Siheng Li, Haoqing Chen, Yongkai Huang, Xunmo Yang, Eric Bittner, and Chengzhi Cai. (Submitted to *Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry*)

No.: CN 2665845 Y

PATENT Coriolis force experiment plate