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ab-initio molecular dynamics • phase-change memory materials • thermoelectric materials • machine-learned interatomic potentials • structure searching

EDUCATION

- 2015– **PhD Chemistry**, *Chemical Physics Group*, University of Cambridge, *Expected submission 2018*.
- 2014–2015 **MPhil Scientific Computing**, University of Cambridge, *Distinction*.
- 2010–2014 **MSci Natural Sciences**, *Department of Chemistry*, University of Cambridge, *Upper Second Class (Hons)*.

RESEARCH

- PhD **First and second principles simulations of Ge-Sb-Te phase-change memory materials** with Prof. Stephen R. Elliott and Prof. Gábor Csányi (*University of Cambridge*)
Monte-Carlo sampling techniques for the fitting of a transferable Ge-Sb-Te machine-learned interatomic potential. Non-equilibrium molecular dynamics and stochastic-boundary conditions methods for calculating thermal conductivity. Structure searching and prediction of novel compositions for phase-change memory and thermoelectric materials. PhD research undertaken as a member of the EPSRC CDT for Computational Methods in Materials Science.
- MPhil **Towards high-throughput simulation of Ge-Sb-Te phase change materials** with Prof. Stephen R. Elliott and Prof. Gábor Csányi (*University of Cambridge*)
Worked on a machine-learned Gaussian Approximation Potential for the $\text{Ge}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_5$ phase-change memory material trained from *ab-initio* molecular dynamics trajectories.
- MSci **Ab-initio Molecular Dynamics of Phase Change Materials - NAND gate simulation** with Dr. James Dixon and Prof. Stephen R. Elliott (*University of Cambridge*)
Worked on the *ab-initio* molecular-dynamics simulations of the atomistic effects of thermal pulse programming in the $\text{Ge}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_5$ phase-change memory material for applications in-memory logic and neuromorphic ("brain-like") computation.
- UG **Synthesis and characterisation of functional cucurbituril-azobenzene host-guest assemblies**
summer student with Dr. Jesús del Barrio Lasheras and Prof. Oren Scherman (*University of Cambridge*)

INTERSHIPS

- 2012 **Rotatives Engineering Intern**
Cambridge Materials Placements for Undergraduates in Summer (CaMPUS) from the Materials Science Department with Dr.-Ing. Hartmut Schlums (*at Rolls-Royce Deutschland*) studying turbine blade lifetime in jet engines. I used finite-element analysis in order to compare different yielding criteria and study the influence of creep on component lifetime.

TEACHING

- 2016- Organiser of fortnightly simulation tutorials (*Chemical Physics Group*).
- 2017 Demonstrating Part IB Computational Practicals (*Department of Chemistry*).
- 2016- Demonstrating Part IA Labs (*Department of Chemistry*).
- 2016– Supervisor of Part II Theoretical Techniques course in Chemistry (Churchill College).
- 2015 Demonstrator IA C++ Computer Practicals (Engineering Laboratory).
- 2014-2016 Organiser of simulation sub-group meetings (*Chemical Physics Group*).

SIMULATION AND COMPUTING

DFT	VASP , CP2K, CASTEP, GPAW	MD	LAMMPS , QUIP
Platforms	Linux	Packages	ASE , quippy, pymatgen
Languages	Python , Julia, Fortran, C++	Databases	MongoDB , <i>SQL</i>

System administrator for the Elliott group *Hathor* computer cluster.

Tier-2 Resource Allocation (Project T2-CS020 “Thermoelectric Properties of Disordered Materials”): awarded 4 million CPU hours on the CSD3 supercomputer with Yuchen Hu and Prof. Stephen R. Elliott.

PUBLICATIONS

Status: in preparation, **submitted**, **preprint**, published.

1. Konstantinou, K., Lee, T. H., **Mocanu, Felix C.** & Elliott, S. R. Origin of radiation tolerance in amorphous $\text{Ge}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_5$ phase-change random-access memory material. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* **115**, 5353–5358. ISSN: 1091-6490 (May 2018).
2. Mavračić, J., **Mocanu, Felix C.**, Deringer, V. L., Csányi, G. & Elliott, S. R. Similarity Between Amorphous and Crystalline Phases: The Case of TiO_2 . *The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters* **9**, 2985–2990. ISSN: 1948-7185 (June 2018).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

CCP9 Young Researchers Event

- 2018 Modelling Ge–Sb–Te phase-change materials, Pico Talk, University of York
- International Symposium on Doped Amorphous Chalcogenides and Devices**
- 2018 Computer simulations of phase-change materials, Poster Presentation, University of Cambridge - *Runner-up Prize*
- Psi-k Workshop on Theory and Simulation Challenges of Nano Phase-Change Materials**
- 2017 Transferability of a machine-learned interatomic potential for the $\text{Ge}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_5$, Poster Presentation, University of Warwick
- European Phase-Change and Ovonic Symposium**
- 2017 A machine-learned interatomic potential for Ge–Sb–Te phase-change materials, Poster Presentation, RWTH Aachen
- Psi-k Conference on Electronic Structure**
- 2015 A Gaussian Approximation Potential (GAP) for the $\text{Ge}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_5$ phase change material, Poster Presentation, San Sebastián

REFEREES

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