

# HIEU A. DOAN

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## SUMMARY

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A computational scientist with over 10 years of experience in molecular simulations and high-performance computing (HPC), with the past 5 years dedicated to applying machine learning for accelerated materials discovery and optimization. Recognized for bridging experimental and computational teams to drive data-driven decision-making in research and development.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Computational Materials Scientist

Argonne National Laboratory | Lemont, IL

May 2022 – Apr 2024

- Designed workflows integrating physics-based simulations and graph neural networks to optimize catalyst materials for biomass utilization
- Developed active learning pipelines to accelerate electrolyte screening workflows, reducing discovery timelines significantly
- Collaborated cross-functionally with experimental scientists to improve experimental design and decision-making using data-driven insights

### Postdoctoral Appointee

Argonne National Laboratory | Lemont, IL

Nov 2018 – Apr 2022

- Developed Bayesian optimization algorithms for high-throughput molecular screening, integrating multi-objective parameters
- Managed high-throughput simulation workflows on HPC clusters, generating extensive computational datasets for materials discovery

### Postdoctoral Fellow

Northwestern University | Evanston, IL

Jul 2016 – Oct 2018

- Conducted high-throughput screening of catalytic nanoclusters and metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) for chemical conversions
- Collaborated closely with experimentalists to validate computational predictions

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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### Materials Simulation

Density functional theory (DFT using VASP/Gaussian 16), COMSOL

### Machine Learning

Bayesian optimization, graph neural network, generative AI

### Programming Language

Python, SQL, HTML, CSS, shell scripting

### Software Package

PyTorch, Scikit-learn, RDKit, Pandas, NumPy, SciPy, Streamlit

### Cloud Computing

HPC, AWS

## HONORS

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- 2023 Poster Session Award from the 5<sup>th</sup> Battery and Energy Storage Conference | AIChE
- 2022 Best Paper Award from the Joint Center for Energy Storage Research
- 2020 Best Paper Award from the Joint Center for Energy Storage Research
- 2019 Best Poster Presentation at the Argonne Postdoctoral Symposium
- 2018 Best Fundamental Paper Award from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- 2015 Kokes Travel Award for the 24<sup>th</sup> North American Catalysis Society Meeting
- 2014 Best Fundamental Paper award from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers

## EDUCATION

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### Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering

University of Houston | Houston, TX

Dec 2015

Dissertation : Computational Screening of Bifunctional Catalysts for CO and CH<sub>4</sub> Oxidation

- Developed expertise in density functional theory simulations, microkinetic modeling, and data analysis for catalyst design
- Mentored team members and contributed to teaching undergraduate courses

### B.S. in Chemical Engineering – Magna Cum Laude

University of Houston | Houston, TX

Dec 2009

Honor Thesis : Experimental Analysis of Soot Combustion in Diesel Particulate Filter

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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5. J. Noh\*, [H. A. Doan](#)\*, H. Job, L. A. Robertson, L. Zhang, R. S. Assary, K. Mueller, V. Murugesan, Y. Liang, "An Integrated High-throughput Robotic Platform and Active Learning Approach for Accelerated Discovery of Optimal Electrolyte Formulations". **Nature Communications**, 15, 2757, 2024. \*Authors contributed equally.
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