# Hieu Anh Doan, Ph.D.

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## Summary of Qualifications

I am a research chemical engineer with expertise in using computational simulations and AI to aid materials development and discovery. I have published scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals such as *Science*, *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, and *Chemistry of Materials*. I have received several recognitions including the *Best Presentation Award* at Argonne Postdoctoral Symposium and the *Best Paper Award* from the Joint Center for Energy Storage Research.

## Technical Skills

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| **Programming Language** | Python, C/C++, Java, Fortran, shell scripting |
| **Modeling Software** | VASP, Gaussian, Aspen, MATLAB, COMSOL |
| **Data Science Code** | Tensorflow, Scikit-learn, Pandas, Numpy, Scipy |
| **Machine Learning Method** | Gaussian Process Regression, Multiobjective Active Learning, Deep Learning |

## Experience

**Postdoctoral Appointee** *2018-present*

Argonne National Laboratory - Materials Science Division *Lemont, IL*

My current interest is in utilizing high-throughput molecular simulations, materials informatics, and machine learning to accelerate the discovery of new functional materials relevant to energy storage and catalysis. Projects:

- Materials discovery for sustainable redox flow batteries
- Catalyst screening for biomass conversion
- Self-driving laboratory for electrolyte design

Other relevant tasks: Write quarterly progress reports and prepare research proposals for new fundings

**Postdoctoral Fellow** *2016-2018*

Northwestern University - Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering *Evanston, IL*

My work focused on designing optimal catalysts for natural gas conversion by means of cheminformatics and molecular simulations:

- Evaluated the prospect of supported metal oxide nanoclusters for direct conversion of methane to methanol
- Performed high-throughput computational screening of metal-organic frameworks for efficient natural gas utilization
- Additional responsibilities: Mentor Ph.D. students, write proposals to acquire research funding and allocations at supercomputing centers

**Graduate Research Assistant** *2010-2015*

University of Houston *Houston, TX*

I used a combination of quantum mechanical simulations and kinetic modeling to study catalysts and catalytic reactions:

- Developed a microkinetic modeling code for activity prediction of multifunctional catalytic materials
- Conducted a detailed mechanistic study of CO oxidation over gold/titania catalysts to explain experimental observations
- Performed computational screening to guide experimental evaluations of improved palladium catalysts for methane slip reduction in natural gas vehicles
- Other responsibilities: Train new group members, supervise undergraduate research projects, conduct tutoring sessions and grade assignments and exams for the following courses (20-30 students/class): Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics, Design, Safety&Reliability

## Education

**Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering** *December 2015*
University of Houston *Houston, TX*

- Dissertation : Computational Screening of Bifunctional Catalysts for CO and $CH_4$ Oxidation
- Advisor : Professor Lars C. Grabow

**B.S. in Chemical Engineering - Magna Cum Laude** *December 2009*
University of Houston *Houston, TX*

- Honor Thesis : Experimental Analysis of Soot Combustion in Diesel Particulate Filter
- Advisor : Professor Dan Luss

## Honors & Awards

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| 2020 | Best Paper Award from Joint Center for Energy Storage Research (JCESR) | *Argonne, IL* |
| 2019 | Best Poster Presentation at the Argonne Postdoctoral Symposium | *Argonne, IL* |
| 2018 | Best Fundamental Paper Award from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers | *Houston, TX* |
| 2015 | Kokes Travel Award for the 24$^{th}$ North American Catalysis Society Meeting | *Pittsburgh, PA* |
| 2014 | Best Fundamental Paper award from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers | *Houston, TX* |
| 2008 | Provost Undergraduate Research Scholarship | *Houston, TX* |
| 2008 | AMOCO Foundation Scholarship | *Houston, TX* |
| 2008 | Julie Ryan Academic Scholarship | *Houston, TX* |
| 2008 | University of Houston Competitive Scholarship | *Houston, TX* |
| 2007 | Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship | *Houston, TX* |
| 2007 | Herman Krause Academic Scholarship | *Houston, TX* |

## Select Presentations

**Accelerated Discovery of Energy Storage Materials via Multiobjective Bayesian Optimization** *March. 2022*
AIChE Midwest Regional Conference *Virtual*

**Active Learning via Bayesian Optimization for Discovery of Energy Storage Materials** *June. 2021*
nanoHUB Tutorial Series on Machine Learning (Invited) *Virtual*

**Warp Jumping in the Molecular Universe with Active Learning** *Dec. 2020*
Argonne AI and HPC Seminar (Invited) *Argonne, IL*

**Toward the Optimal Design of Molybdenum Carbide Catalysts for Biomass Conversion** *Aug. 2019*
American Chemical Society Fall Meeting(Invited) *San Diego, CA*

**The Critical Role of Water at the Gold-Titania Interface in Catalytic CO Oxidation** *Feb. 2015*
Gordon Research Conference (Invited) *Ventura, CA*

## Publications

18. **H. A. Doan**, C. Li, L. Ward, M. Zhou, L. A. Curtiss, R. S. Assary, "Accelerating Catalyst Screening via Machine-learned Local Coordination Graph Representations." Submitted to Chemical Science.
17. H. Qian*, M. J. Counihan*, **H. A. Doan***, A. S. Danis, W. Setwipatanachai, N. S. Purwanto, J. Rodriguez-Lopez, R. S. Assary, J. S. Moore, "Mesolytic Cleavage of Homobenzylic Ethers for Programmable End-of-Life Function in Redoxmers." *Journal of Materials Chemistry A* 2022, Advance article.*Authors contributed equally.

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14. M. Zhou, **H. A. Doan**, L. A. Curtiss, R. S. Assary, "Identification of Active Metal Carbides and Nitrides Catalytic Facets for Hydrodeoxygenation Reactions." *Journal of Physical Chemistry C* 125, 8630-8637, 2021.
13. Y. Zhao, J. Zhang, G. Agarwal, Z. Yu, R. E. Corman, Y. Wang, L. A. Robertson, Z. Shi, **H. A. Doan**, R. H. Ewoldt, I. A. Shkrob, R. S. Assary, L. Cheng, V. Srinivasan, S. J. Baninec, L. Zhang, "TEMPO Allegro: Liquid Catholyte Redoxmers for Nonaqueous Redox Flow Batteries." *Journal of Materials Chemistry A* 9, 16769-16775, 2021.
12. G. Agarwal, **H. A. Doan**, R. S. Assary, "Molecular Structure and Electron Affinity of Metal-Solvent Complexes: Insights from Density Functional Theory Simulations." *Journal of the Electrochemical Society* 167, 5636-5646, 2020.
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9. P. Jian, **H. A. Doan**, S. Madireddy, R.S. Assary, P. Balaprakash, "Value-added Chemical Discovery using Reinforcement Learning." *arXiv*, 2019.
8. **H. A. Doan**, Z. Li, O. K. Farha, J. T. Hupp, R. Q. Snurr, "Theoretical Insights into Direct Conversion of Methane to Methanol over Supported Dicopper Oxo Nanoclusters." *Catalysis Today* 312, 2-9, 2018.
7. **H. A. Doan**, M. K. Sharma, W. S. Epling, L. C. Grabow, "From Active-Site Models to Real Catalysts: Importance of the Material Gap in the Rational Design of Pd Catalysts for Methane Oxidation." *ChemCatChem* 9, 1594-1600, 2017.
6. Q. Yuan, **H. A. Doan**, L. C. Grabow, S. R. Brankovic, "Finite Size Effects in Sub-monolayer Catalysts Investigated by CO Electrosorption on Pt/Pd(100)." *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 139, 13676-13679, 2017.
5. S. Pellizzeri, I. A. Jones, **H. A. Doan**, R. Q. Snurr, R. B. Getman, "Using Gas-Phase Clusters to Screen Porphyrin-supported Nanocluster Catalysts for Ethane Oxidation to Ethanol." *Catalysis Letters* 146, 2566-2573, 2016.
4. H-V Tran, **H. A. Doan**, B. D. Chandler, L. C. Grabow, "Water-assisted Oxygen Activation during Selective Oxidation Reactions." *Current Opinion in Chemical Engineering* 13, 100-108, 2016.
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2. J. Saavedra, **H. A. Doan**, C. J. Pursell, L. C. Grabow, B. D. Chandler, "The Critical Role of Water at the Gold-Titania Interface in Catalytic CO Oxidation." *Science* 345, 1599-1602, 2014.
   - Highlight article: G. M. Mullen, C. B. Mullins, "Water's place in Au catalysis." *Science*. 345, 1564- 1565, 2014.
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