

Michael Shaughnessy

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Computer Skills : AWS, Linux, Python, SQL, ML/AI, prompting

Experience

- July 2024 - Present *Co-founder* **The Mithril Company**
Developed and implemented RSX Protocol for monetizing remnant robot labor.
Created COBRA a digital countermeasures security suite.
- April 2019- July 2024 *Technical Fellow* **VDX.tv**
Developed models for automated decision-making, measurement and identity resolution.
Benchmarked RTB, identity and location data for ML targeting system.
Built and operated data platform for end-to-end model training and ad-hoc queries.
- 2016-2019 *Machine Learning Team Lead* **AppThis, LLC (Acquired Dec 2018)**
Automated decision making for routing mobile app install traffic, increasing revenue and profit by 30%.
Built and operated prediction API handling >600M requests/day.
Implemented multi-armed bandit / reinforcement learning for model selection.
- 2015 *VP of Engineering* **Leap Year Technologies**
Defined and implemented differentially private data analytics algorithms.
- 2014- 2015 *Data Scientist / Data Engineer* **RTBiQ, Inc**
Algorithms for buying RTB advertising inventory. Deployed an ad-buying ML system that lowered cost by up to 50%, identified fraud, and improved KPIs.
- 2013-2014 *R&D Engineer* **Synopsys TCAD**
Integrated quantum mechanical methods into TCAD software. Enabled customers to simulate III-V semiconductors without experimental data.
- 2011-2013 *Postdoctoral Researcher* **Sandia National Labs**
Supported nuclear energy and weapons reliability missions through machine learning, molecular dynamics, and electronic structure calculations.
- 2009-2011

Lawrence Scholar **Lawrence Livermore National Lab**

Identified new magnetic alloys for permanent magnet and spintronic applications.

- 2004-2011 *Research Assistant* **University of California, Davis**
2003-2004 *Student Researcher* **Musculoskeletal Research Lab, Hershey**
2002 *Student Researcher* **Cornell Controlled Environment Agriculture, Ithaca**
2000-2004 *Library Supervisor* **Cornell Physical Sciences Library, Ithaca**

Education

- 2011 PHD, Physics, University of California, Davis
Thesis: *Electronic and Magnetic Structure in Doped Semiconductors*
2004 BS, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Cornell University

Patents

Differentially private processing and database storage (US 20170126694 A1)
Adaptive Parallelization for Multi-Scale Simulation (14/497681)
First Principles Design Automation Tool (PCT/US14/57803)
Estimation of Effective Channel Length for FinFETs and Nanowires (PCT/US14/57637)
Simulation Scaling with DFT and Non-DFT (14/498458)
Iterative Simulation with DFT and Non-DFT (14/498492)
Parameter Extraction of DFT (PCT/US14/57840)
Characterizing Target Material Properties Based on Properties of Similar Materials (14/497695)
Mapping Intermediate Material Properties to Target Properties to Screen Materials (PCT/US14/57707)

Publications

- 2008 J.Y. Lim, M. Shaughnessy, Z. Zhou, H. Noh, E. A. Vogler, and H. J. Donahue. Surface energy effects on osteoblast spatial growth and mineralization. *Biomaterials* **29**: 1776-1784
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- C. Y. Fong, M. Shaughnessy, L. Damewood, and L. H. Yang. Theory, Experiment and Computation of Half Metals for Spintronics: Recent Progress in Si-based Materials. *Nanoscale Systems: Mathematical Modeling, Theory and Applications*, **1**: 1-22, 2012.
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- L.H. Yang, M. Shaughnessy, L. Damewood, C.Y. Fong. Half-metallic hole-doped Mn/Si trilayers. *Jour. of Phys. D.: Appl. Phys.*. (2013)
- 2014 M. Shaughnessy, J.D Sugar, N. Bartelt, J. Zimmerman. Energetics and thermodiffusion of Au in Bi₂Te₃. *Journal of Applied Physics*.(2014)
- 2015 L. Damewood, B. Busemeyer, M. Shaughnessy, C.Y. Fong, L.H. Yang, C. Felser. Stabilizing and increasing the magnetic moment of half-metals: The role of Li in half-Heusler LiMn Z (Z= N, P, Si). *Physical Review B*. (2015)
- 2016 M. Shaughnessy and R. E. Jones, Efficient use of an adapting database of ab initio calculations to generate accurate Newtonian dynamics. *Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation*. (2016)

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