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Education

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Ph.D., Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics

Sep 2013 - Jul 2019

Advisor: Prof. Ellad Tadmor

Tianjin University

B.S., Process Equipment and Control Engineering

Sep 2008 - Jul 2012

Experience

University of California, Berkeley

Postdoc, Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Aug 2019 - Present

Advisor: Prof. Kristin Persson

Harvard University

Visiting Student, Department of Physics

Jan 2017 - Jun 2017

Advisor: Prof. Efthimios Kaxiras

Tianjin University

Research Assistant, School of Chemical Engineering and Technology

Jul 2012 - Jul 2013

Advisor: Prof. Xu Chen

Honors & Awards

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship	University of Minnesota	2018
Travel Grant of Machine Learning for Solids Workshop	Los Alamos National Laboratory	2019
Travel Grant of Uncertainty Quantification Conference	U.S. Association for Computational Mechanics	2019
National Scholarship for Graduate Students	China Ministry of Education	2012
National Scholarship for Undergraduate Students	China Ministry of Education	2010 & 2011
Outstanding Graduate from class of 2012	Tianjin University	2012

Selected Research Projects

Graph Neural Network Model for Bond Dissociation Energy (BDE) Prediction

Sep 2019 - Present

- Designed a graph neural network to model charged molecules
- Designed a difference graph model to represent both homolytic and heterolytic BDEs
- Our model improves testing accuracy by 20% on a homolytic BDE dataset
- Our model achieves a testing error below the chemical accuracy for a complex BDE dataset for charged molecules

Uncertainty Quantification in Molecular simulation

Jun 2018 - Aug 2019

- Proposed a dropout neural network potential with the ability to quantify uncertainty in energy and forces
- Developed a powerful and practical technique to propagate the uncertainty in molecular simulation
- Applied the dropout neural network potential to study uncertainty in carbon systems

Machine Learning Potential for Multilayer Graphene

Jun 2017 - Jan 2019

- Developed the KLIFF package to train both physics-based and machine learning potentials
- Devised a hybrid potential for multilayer graphene that combines physical rules and machine learning techniques
- The model accurately describes both the intralayer and interlayer interactions in multilayer graphene
- Investigated friction and thermal conductivity in multilayer graphene and the effects of defects

Physics-based Registry-dependent Interlayer Potential for Graphene

Jun 2015 - May 2017

- Identified various problems in existing interlayer potentials
- Devised a new potential for interlayer interactions in multilayer graphene
- Computed and compared canonical properties using the potential and DFT
- Studied the peeling behavior of graphene from graphite

Skills

Computer Language	Python, C, C++, Fortran
Machine Learning Framework	PyTorch, DGL, PyTorch-Lightning, scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Keras
Simulation Code	LAMMPS, VASP, ASE, pymatgen, OpenKIM, GULP

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

10. M Wen, R S Elliott, and E B Tadmor, KIM-based learning-integrated fitting framework (KLIFF), under review.
9. M Wen, S M Blau, E W C Spotte-Smith, S Dwaraknath and K A Persson, BonDNet: a graph neural network for the prediction of bond dissociation energies for charged molecules, *Chem. Sci.*, 2021.
8. M Wen and E B Tadmor, Uncertainty quantification in molecular simulations with drop out neural network potentials, *npj Comput. Mater.*, 6, 124 (2020).
7. M Wen and E B Tadmor, Hybrid neural network potential for multilayer graphene, *Phys. Rev. B*, 100, 195419, (2019).
6. M Wen, S Carr, S Fang, E Kaxiras, and E B Tadmor, Dihedral-angle-corrected registry-dependent interlayer potential for multilayer graphene structures, *Phys. Rev. B*, 98, 235404 (2018).
5. M Wen, S N Shirodkar, P Plecháč, E Kaxiras, and E B Tadmor, A force-matching Stillinger-Weber potential for MoS₂: Parameterization and Fisher information theory based sensitivity analysis, *J. Appl. Phys.*, 122, 244301 (2017).
4. M Wen, J Li, P Brommer, J P Sethna, R S Elliott, and E B Tadmor, A KIM-compliant *potfit* for fitting sloppy interatomic potentials: Application to the EDIP model for silicon, *Modell. Simul. Mater. Sci. Eng.*, 25, 014001, (2017).
3. M Wen, S M Whalen, R S Elliott, and E B Tadmor, Interpolation effects in tabulated interatomic potentials, *Modell. Simul. Mater. Sci. Eng.*, 23, 074008, (2015).
2. H Li, M Wen, G Chen, W Yu, and X Chen, Constitutive modeling for the anisotropic uniaxial ratcheting behavior of Zr-4 alloy at room temperature, *J. Nucl. Mater.*, 443, 152-160 (2013).
1. M Wen, H Li, D Yu, G Chen, and X Chen, Uniaxial ratcheting behavior of Zircaloy-4 tubes at room temperature, *Mater. Des.*, 46, 426-434 (2013).

THESIS

1. M Wen, Development of interatomic potentials with uncertainty quantification: applications to two-dimensional materials, *Ph.D. thesis, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, USA, July 2019.*

Talks & Posters

7. Uncertainty quantification in atomistic simulations with dropout neural network potentials, *Workshop on Machine Learning for Computational Fluid and Solid Dynamics*, Santa Fe, NM, Feb. 18-20, 2019.
6. Uncertainty quantification in atomistic simulations with dropout neural network potentials, *U.S. Association for Computational Mechanics Conference on Uncertainty Quantification in Computational Solid and Structural Materials Modeling*, Baltimore, MD, Jan. 17-18, 2019.
5. Machine learning interatomic potentials for multilayer graphene structures, *Conference on Emerging Ideas in Mechanics and Materials Science*, Minneapolis, MN, Oct. 19, 2018.
4. Interatomic potential models for 2D heterostructures, *18th U.S. National Congress for Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (USNC/TAM)*, Chicago, IL, Jun. 7, 2018.
3. Development of interatomic potentials for 2D heterostructures, *AEM Mechanics Research Seminar*, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, Nov. 21, 2017.
2. Stillinger-Weber potential for MoS₂: parameterization and sensitivity analysis, *Workshop on Multiscale Mathematical Modeling and Design Realization of Novel 2D Functional Materials*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Dec. 1-2, 2016.
1. Fitting interatomic models for layered heterostructures using OpenKIM, *Workshop on Multiscale Mathematical Modeling and Design Realization of Novel 2D Functional Materials*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Dec. 7-8, 2015.

Open-source Codes

5. LAMMPS “pair_style drip” for the DRIP Potential, contributor, https://lammps.sandia.gov/doc/pair_drip.html
4. KLIFF: KIM-based Learning-Integrated Fitting Framework, author, <https://kliff.readthedocs.io>
3. kimpy: a Python interface to the KIM-API, author, <https://github.com/openkim/kimpy>
2. BonDNet: a Graph Neural Network Model for the Prediction of Bond Dissociation Energies, author, <https://github.com/mjwen/bondnet>
1. Atomic Simulation Environment (ASE) KIM calculator, contributor, in collaboration with Ellad Tadmor and Dan Karls, <https://wiki.fysik.dtu.dk/ase/dev/ase/calculators/kim.html>