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Education

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA May 2021
Ph.D. Candidate Materials Science & Engineering (Expected)
Thesis: “Creation and control of quantum states in layered materials”
Advisor: Vivek B. Shenoy

Boston University, Boston, MA 2016
M.A. Physics

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 2014
B.Sc. Physics and Mathematics, *Summa Cum Laude* & Phi Beta Kappa
B.Sc. Honors Thesis: “Automatic oligomeric state analysis of SecYEG in atomic force microscopy images”

Experience

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 2016 - Present
National Defense Science & Engineering Graduate Fellow

- Performed multiscale modeling of two-dimensional and bulk materials for quantum information science and energy applications with density functional theory, tight binding, molecular dynamics, and finite element analysis.
- Proposed simple phenomenological models supported by first-principles calculations to explain magnetic behavior in two-dimensional transition-metal nitrides.
- Developed a semi-supervised machine learning framework to predict synthesizability of novel bulk and two-dimensional materials and identified over 100 promising theoretical materials for synthesis.
- Deployed deep transfer learning and machine learning to predict optimal defect structures for quantum and neuromorphic information processing.
- Communicated findings in six first-author and two co-first-author publications in leading journals, and five national conference presentations.

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA 2019 - 2020
Affiliate Scientist

- Built a high-throughput, automated computational workflow for materials informatics study of magnetic and topological materials.
- Identified 18 potential magnetic topological materials with high-throughput virtual screening.
- Integrated workflow with Materials Project database, one of the largest online repositories of materials simulation data with over 100,000 users.

Boston University, Boston, MA 2015 - 2016
Graduate Research Assistant

- Investigated exciton-phonon coupling effects on optical properties of bioinspired molecular nanowires with electronic and vibronic structure calculations.

Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY 2014
Student-Intern

- Optimized structure of ultrathin photovoltaic materials for light trapping using a genetic algorithm and the transfer-matrix method.

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University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

2010 - 2014

Undergraduate Researcher

- Designed and implemented an algorithm to automate analysis of protein complexes in atomic force microscopy data.

Awards

- Merck Quantitative Biosciences Career Exploration Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2020
- Geoffrey Belton Memorial Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2019
- National Defense Science & Engineering Graduate Fellowship, Department of Defense, 2016
- Materials Science & Engineering Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2016
- Dean's Fellowship, Boston University, 2016
- Dean's Award, Boston University, 2014
- Student Undergraduate Lab Internship, Brookhaven National Laboratory, 2014
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute Fellowship, University of Missouri, 2013
- Physics Leaders Meeting Undergraduate Research Prize, University of Missouri, 2012
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, 2010

Select Publications (9 of 18)

1. NC Frey, D Akinwande, D Jariwala, VB Shenoy. *Machine Learning-Enabled Design of Point Defects in 2D Materials for Quantum and Neuromorphic Information Processing*; ACS Nano (2020).
2. NC Frey, MK Horton, JM Munro, SM Griffin, KA Persson, VB Shenoy. *High-throughput search for magnetic and topological order in transition metal oxides*; Science Advances (in press, 2020).
3. NC Frey, CC Price, A Bandyopadhyay, H Kumar, VB Shenoy. (2019) Predicted Magnetic Properties of MXenes. In: Anasori B., Gogotsi Y. (eds) *2D Metal Carbides and Nitrides (MXenes)* (pp. 291-300). Springer, Cham.
4. CC Price*, NC Frey*, D Jariwala, VB Shenoy. *Engineering Zero-Dimensional Quantum Confinement in Transition Metal Dichalcogenide Heterostructures*; ACS Nano (2019).
5. T Schultz*, NC Frey*, K Hantanasirisakul*, S Park, SJ May, VB Shenoy, Y Gogotsi, N Koch. *Surface termination dependent work function and electronic properties of $Ti_3C_2T_x$ MXene*; Chemistry of Materials (2019).
6. NC Frey, J Wang, GIV Bellido, B Anasori, Y Gogotsi, VB Shenoy. *Prediction of Synthesis of 2D Metal Carbides and Nitrides (MXenes) and Their Precursors with Positive and Unlabeled Machine Learning*; ACS Nano (2019).
7. NC Frey, A Bandyopadhyay, H Kumar, B Anasori, Y Gogotsi, VB Shenoy. *Surface Engineered MXenes: Electric Field Control of Magnetism and Enhanced Magnetic Anisotropy*; ACS Nano (2019).
8. NC Frey, H Kumar, B Anasori, Y Gogotsi, VB Shenoy. *Tuning Noncollinear Spin Structure and Anisotropy in Ferromagnetic Nitride MXenes*; ACS Nano (2018).
9. NC Frey, BW Byles, H Kumar, D Er, E Pomerantseva, VB Shenoy. *Prediction of optimal structural water concentration for maximized performance in tunnel manganese oxide electrodes*; Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. (2018).

* Denotes equal contribution

Presentations

- *Engineering Quantum States in Layered Materials*, contributed talk, New York Academy of Sciences, AI for Materials Symposium (virtual), October 2020.

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- *High-throughput Search for Magnetic and Topological Order in Transition Metal Oxides*, contributed talk, American Physical Society March Meeting (virtual), March 2020.
- *Machine Learning in Materials Science and Chemistry*, invited talk, US Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA, February 2020.
- *Engineering Zero-Dimensional Quantum Confinement in Transition Metal Dichalcogenide Heterostructures*, contributed talk, Society of Engineering Science Technical Meeting, St. Louis, MO, October 2019.
- *Prediction of Synthesis of 2D Metal Carbides and Nitrides (MXenes) and Their Precursors with Positive and Unlabeled Machine Learning*, contributed talk, Materials Research Society Spring Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, April 2019.
- *Prediction of Optimal Crystal Water Concentration for Maximized Performance in Transition-Metal Oxide Electrodes*, contributed talk, American Physical Society March Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, March 2018.

Professional Development

- Theory and Computation for 2D Materials, IPAM UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, January 2020
- Instructor, Mid-Atlantic Materials Project Workshop, Philadelphia, PA, November 2019
- National Science Foundation Enabling Quantum Leap Workshop, Philadelphia, PA, September 2019
- Materials Project Workshop, Berkeley, CA, July 2019
- Spring School on the Mathematical Design of Materials, Cambridge University, UK, March 2019
- Recent Developments in Electronic Structure, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 2017
- BerkeleyGW Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, 2015

References

Vivek Shenoy, Ph.D.

Eduardo D. Glandt President's Distinguished Professor

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Vivek Shenoy is my Ph.D. advisor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Yury Gogotsi, Ph.D.

Charles T. and Ruth M. Bach Distinguished University Professor

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Yury Gogotsi has collaborated on research projects with me and is a member of my thesis committee.

Kristin Persson, Ph.D.

Professor of Materials Science, Faculty Staff Scientist, Director Molecular Foundry

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Kristin Persson was my supervisor at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.