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Research Interest: AI for materials, Inverse design, automatic platform and semiconductors.

Education

National University of Singapore
Master of Science in Materials Science

Singapore
August 2025

Queen Mary University of London
Bachelor of Engineering in Materials Science and Engineering with Honours
First Class Honours (Top 10%)

London, United Kingdom
2021 – 2025

Northwestern Polytechnical University (Joint-program)

Xian, China (2021-2025)

Research Experience

Leverage Transfer Learning and Multi-AI Agent for Design of Self-Assembled Monolayer Molecules
(*Graduation thesis*)

Supervised by Prof. Zhe Liu (NWPUP), Prof. Steffi Krause (QMUL)

Aug 1, 2024 – May 18, 2025

- Expanded the vocabulary of a pre-trained model using the SAMs dataset for full element embeddings.
- Applied fine-tuning by freezing various attention blocks and embedding layers to perform transfer learning, attaining fine-tuned model weights.
- Used fine-tuned model weights to generate molecules based on 10 selected scaffold-constrained conditions of varying lengths.
- Examined the conditional scaffold generated ratio and molecular similarities to validate the generated molecules.
- Enabled target property-guided molecule generation through parameter-efficient fine-tuning and classifier-free guidance, allowing the model to accept inputs from both property-labeled and unlabeled molecules.
- Leveraged the LangChain framework to build an AI agent platform with large language models to invoke a generator, a Unimol property predictor, and a Chemprice searcher.

Perovskite Multi-AI agent system (In manuscript)

Supervised by Prof. Zhe Liu, NWPUP

Oct 30, 2024 - Present

- Developed a novel Perovskite Multi-AI Agent System leveraging Large Language Models (LLMs) and external tools to automate materials science research workflows.
- Leveraged Langchain framework to orchestrate complex tasks, including data extraction, molecular generation, property prediction, precursor supplier search, and Retro-synthesis route plan.
- Applied DataExtractor agent to extract 319 literatures relevant to SAMs in photovoltaic area into four sub-dataset (1. Material Preparation 2. Material Property 3. Device fabrication 4. Device Performance). And validated the extraction performance by confusion matrices (Precision, Recall, F1 Score), proving that our DataExtractor is capable of extraction with precision > 84%.
- Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) is employed to reduce hallucinations in large language models (LLMs) by indexing vectorized data from extracted datasets and abstract sections. The model is able to provide accurate suggestions in (1. Material Preparation 2. Material Property 3. Device fabrication 4. Device Performance).

- Demonstrated the system's capability to handle multi-step queries by designing several comprehensive tasks, providing accurate, tool-augmented information compared to general-purpose LLMs.

AI-Assisted Additive Screening for High-Efficiency LED Devices by variational autoencoder

Supervised by Prof. Zhe Liu, NWPU

Jun 13, 2023 – April 18, 2024

- Developed stratified scaffold splitting method to replace the cross-validation to improve the prediction accuracy (Averagely 4% higher).
- Applied the Variational Autoencoder (VAE) to generate the molecules for the additives.
- Calculated the molecular similarities between the generated molecules and the original additives based on Tanimoto similarity and visualized the similar parts by Rdkit API.
- Extracted the latent representations of molecules inside of the VAE and compare the latent vectors with the common molecular descriptors, Extended-Connectivity Fingerprints (ECFP), Molecular Access System fingerprints (MACCS), and Molecular graph to check the regression model (SVC, MLP, Random forest, Logistic regression) accuracy. This step aims to validate the ability to represent molecular structures by the latent space vector (73% accuracy for both ECFP and latent vectors).
- Created a multi-input Deep neural network (DNN) that applies all representations listed above together to classify the good ($10.3\% < \text{PCE} < 22.0\%$) or bad ($\text{PCE} < 10.3\%$) property.

Achievements

Scholarship

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| • QMUL Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Progress | Sep 1, 2022 – June 25, 2023 |
| • NWPU campus second class scholarship, merit-based. | Sep 1, 2022 – June 25, 2023 |
| • NWPU campus second class scholarship, merit-based. | Sep 1, 2023 – June 25, 2024 |

Skills

Programming skills: Python, MATLAB, and LaTeX. Machine learning and Deep learning Frame: Scikit-learn, Tensorflow, Pytorch.

3D Modeling skills: Solidworks

Language: Chinese(native), English: IELTS total score 6.5. Listening 6.5, Reading 7, Writing 6.5, Speaking 6.5.