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EDUCATION

Ph. D., Physics

May 2014

Department of Physics, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

- Advisor: Prof. Michael Widom
- Dissertation: “Thermodynamics from First Principles: Prediction of Phase Diagrams and Materials Properties Using Density Functional Theory”

M. S., Physics

May 2010

Department of Physics, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

B. S., Physics and Mathematics

May 2008

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

- Minor in Computer Science

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Computing Skills

High performance computing, GPU acceleration, parallel programming, data analysis, large scale simulations, Linux administration

Programming Languages

Fortran 2003, Python, C/C++, Bash

Libraries & APIs

MPI, BLAS, (Sca)LAPACK, CUDA, cuBLAS, NumPy, matplotlib

Software & Tools

git, GitLab CI, CMake, GNU Make, LaTeX

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Associate

July 2014 - Present

Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, Duke University (PI: Prof. Volker Blum)

- Developer for FHI-aims, a massively-parallel scientific computation package for modeling quantum mechanics at the atomic level
 - Achieved 3x-4x overall GPU speedups, as measured on 103 calculations across three HPC platforms
 - Enabled simulations on 1000+ HPC nodes using vectorized domain decomposition and parallelized linear algebra
 - Maintained CMake build system and GitLab CI test suite to ensure portability across HPC resources
 - Top developer (out of 70) in number of git commits over last four years
- Lead postdoctoral developer for the ELectronic Structure Infrastructure (ELSI), an open source library for high performance computing which unites algorithms solving the Kohn-Sham eigenvalue equation
 - Led team of 20 US and European researchers to release May 2017 version
- Organized two international scientific software development conferences
- Administrator of a local Linux development cluster containing 18 nodes with 348 cores and three GPUs

Research Assistant

August 2010 - June 2014

Physics Department, Carnegie Mellon University (Advisor: Dr. Michael Widom)

- Predicted new order-disorder phase transitions using Monte Carlo simulations derived from cluster expansion models
- Modeled corrosion resistance of membranes using free energy models fitted to datasets of calculations
- Calculated theoretical trends in elastic properties for early-late transition metal alloys

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Co-Organizer, Solving or Circumventing Eigenvalue Problems in Electronic Structure Theory *August 2018*
Co-Organizer, Electronic Structure Theory with Numeric Atom-Centered Basis Functions *July 2018*
Co-Organizer, EElectronic Structure Infrastructure (ELSI) Connector Meeting 2017 *August 2017*
Lead Tutor, Hands-On Workshop Density-Functional Theory and Beyond *August 2017*
ELSI Representative, Electronic Structure Library Coding Workshop: Drivers *July 2017*
Session Chair, APS March Meeting 2017 *March 2017*
Team Leader, 2016 Oak Ridge National Laboratory GPU Hackathon *October 2016*
ELSI Representative, Electronic Structure Library Coding Workshop: Solvers *June 2016*
Lead Tutor, Hands-On Workshop Density-Functional Theory and Beyond *July 2015*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Mentor to Graduate Students (Tong Zhu, Tiago Botari, Chi Liu, Wen-Zhe Yu) *August 2014 - Present*
Council Member, Duke University Postdoctoral Association (DUPA) *December 2014 - Present*
Professional Development Chair, DUPA *November 2017 - Present*
Panelist, Choosing a Postdoc Position: What to Know Before You Go *April 2018*
Social Chair, DUPA *May 2015 - February 2016*
Physics Representative, CMU MCS Graduate Student Advisory Committee *June 2011 - May 2014*
Physics Representative, CMU Graduate Student Association *August 2011 - May 2014*
Participant, Fall 2013 Legislative Action Days Sponsored by NAGPS *September 2013*

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fellowship to Promote Scientific Cooperation Between Countries (\$15k) *July 2014 - December 2014*
· Research fellowship awarded by Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society (Berlin, Germany)
George E. and Majorie S. Pake Fellowship (\$8k) *August 2010 - December 2010*
· Endowed research fellowship awarded by CMU Physics Department
NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates Recipient *June 2006 - August 2006*
· Awarded by NSF and Rice Quantum Institute (Rice University, Houston, TX)
Arizona State University Barrett Honors College Student *August 2003 - May 2005*
· Awarded by ASU to academically outstanding undergraduates from across the nation
New American University Scholar - President's Award (\$10k) *August 2003 - May 2005*
· Awarded by ASU to top students from Arizona high schools

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (OUT OF 20)

“GPU-Accelerated Real Space Electronic Structure Theory on HPC Resources”, GPU Technology Conference (GTC) Europe; Munich, Germany, October 2018
“Unified Access to Kohn-Sham DFT Solvers for Different Scales and HPC: The ELSI Project”, APS March Meeting 2018; Los Angeles, LA, March 2018
“Proposal for a Performance and Scaling Benchmark Set for Electronic Structure Calculations”, EElectronic Structure Infrastructure (ELSI) Connector Meeting 2017; Durham, NC, August 2017
“Benchmarking Relativistic Effects in Materials”, Electronic Structure Theory with Numeric Atom-Centered Basis Functions; Munich, Germany, July 2016
“Prediction of A2 to B2 Phase Transition in the High Entropy Alloy Mo-Nb-Ta-W”, APS March Meeting 2014; Denver, CO, March 2014
“First Principles Prediction of a New Low Temperature Phase in Boron Carbide”, Density Functional Theory and Beyond: Computational Materials Science for Real Materials; Trieste, Italy, August 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- W. P. Huhn**, B. Lange, V. Yu, V. Blum, S. Lee, M. Yoon, “GPGPU Acceleration of All-Electron Electronic Structure Theory Using Localized Numeric Atom-Centered Basis Functions“ (in preparation, expected: *Comput. Phys. Commun.*, 2018)
- C. Liu, **W. Huhn**, K.-Z. Du, Á. Vázquez-Mayagoitia, D. Dirkes, W. You, Y. Kanai, D. B. Mitzi, V. Blum, “Tunable Semiconductors: Control over Carrier States and Excitations in Layered Hybrid Organic-Inorganic Perovskites” (*Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2018)
- G. Wessler, T. Zhu, J.-P. Sun, A. Harrell, **W. Huhn**, V. Blum, D. Mitzi, “Band Gap Tailoring and Structure-Composition Relationship Within the Alloyed Semiconductor $\text{Cu}_2\text{BaGe}_{1-x}\text{Sn}_x\text{Se}_4$ ” (*Chem. Mater.*, 2018)
- V. W.-Z. Yu, F. Corsetti, A. García, **W. P. Huhn**, M. Jacquelin, W. Jia, B. Lange, L. Lin, J. Lu, W. Mi, A. Seifitokaldani, Á. Vázquez-Mayagoitia, C. Yang, H. Yang, V. Blum, “ELSI: A Unified Software Interface for Kohn-Sham Electronic Structure Solvers” (*Comput. Phys. Commun.*, 2018)
- T. Zhu, **W. P. Huhn**, G. C. Wessler, D. Shin, B. Saporov, D. B. Mitzi, V. Blum, “ $\text{I}_2\text{-II-IV-VI}_4$ (I = Cu, Ag; II = Sr, Ba; IV = Ge, Sn; VI = S, Se): Chalcogenides for Thin Film Photovoltaics” (*Chem. Mater.*, 2017)
- W. P. Huhn** and V. Blum, “One-Hundred-Three Compound Band-Structure Benchmark of Post-Self-Consistent Spin-Orbit Coupling Treatments in Density Functional Theory” (*Phys. Rev. Mater.*, 2017)
- S. K. Wallace, K. L. Svane, **W. P. Huhn**, T. Zhu, D. B. Mitzi, V. Blum, A. Walsh, “Candidate Photoferroic Absorber Materials for Thin-Film Solar Cells from Naturally Occurring Minerals: Enargite, Stephanite, and Bourbonite” (*Sustain. Energy Fuels*, 2017)
- T. Botari, **W. P. Huhn**, V. W.-H. Lau, B. V. Lotsch, V. Blum, “Thermodynamic Equilibria in Carbon Nitride Photocatalyst Materials and Conditions for the Existence of Graphitic Carbon Nitride $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ ” (*Chem. Mater.*, 2017)
- S. R. Jensen, S. Saha, J. A. Flores-Livas, **W. Huhn**, V. Blum, S. Goedecker, L. Frediani, “The Elephant in the Room of Density Functional Theory Calculations” (*J. Phys. Chem. Lett.*, 2017)
- D. Shin, B. Saporov, T. Zhu, **W. P. Huhn**, V. Blum, D. B. Mitzi, “ $\text{BaCu}_2\text{Sn}(\text{S},\text{Se})_4$: Earth-Abundant Chalcogenides for Thin-Film Photovoltaics” (*Chem. Mater.*, 2016)
- T. Theis, G. X. Ortiz Jr., A. W. J. Logan, K. E. Claytor, Y. Feng, **W. P. Huhn**, V. Blum, S. J. Malcolmson, E. Y. Chekmenev, Q. Wang, W. S. Warren, “Direct and Cost-efficient Hyperpolarization of Long-Lived Nuclear Spin States on Universal $^{15}\text{N}_2$ -Diazirine Molecular Tags” (*Sci. Adv.*, 2016)
- S. Yao, **W. P. Huhn**, M. Widom, “Phase Transitions of Boron Carbide: Pair Interaction Model of High Carbon Limit” (*Solid State Sci.*, 2015)
- W. P. Huhn**, M. Widom, M. C. Gao, “First Principles Modeling of the Temperature Dependent Ternary Phase Diagram for the Cu-Pd-S system” (*Comput. Mat. Sci.*, 2014)
- W. P. Huhn**, M. Widom, A. M. Cheung, G. J. Shiflet, S. J. Poon, J. Lewandowski, “First-Principles Calculation of Elastic Moduli of Early-Late Transition Metal Alloys” (*Phys. Rev. B*, 2014)
- M. Widom, **W. P. Huhn**, S. Maiti, W. Steurer, “Hybrid Monte Carlo/Molecular Dynamics Simulation of a Refractory Metal High Entropy Alloy” (*Metall. Mater. Trans.*, 2014)
- W. P. Huhn** and M. Widom, “Prediction of A2 to B2 Phase Transition in the High-Entropy Alloy Mo-Nb-Ta-W” (*J. Metals*, 2013)
- W. P. Huhn** and M. Widom, “A Free Energy Model of Boron Carbide” (*J. Stat. Phys.*, 2013)
- M. Widom and **W. P. Huhn**, “Prediction of Orientational Phase Transition in Boron Carbide” (*Solid State Sci.*, 2012)