

# Han Yang, Ph.D.

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## Summary

Han is a highly skilled computational researcher with a strong background in quantum chemistry, physics, mathematics, and scientific computing. With a focus on first-principles numerical simulations and high-performance computing, Han is dedicated to developing innovative predictive methods that accelerate the discovery of novel materials. To learn more about Han's work and achievements, please visit my personal page: <https://yanghan.dev>

## Education

- **Ph.D. in Chemistry (Computational)**, *The University of Chicago*, Chicago, Illinois  
Sept. 2016 – Dec. 2021  
**Dissertation:** *Electron-Electron and Electron-Phonon Interactions in Semiconductors and Insulators from Many-Body Perturbation Theory.*
- **Master of Science in Chemistry**, *The University of Chicago*, Chicago, Illinois  
Sept. 2016 – Dec. 2017
- **Bachelor of Science in Chemistry**, *Nanjing University*, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China  
Sept. 2012 – Jun. 2016

## Research Experience

- **Senior Researcher**, *Microsoft Research AI4Science*, Shanghai, China  
Aug. 2022 – Current
  - Conducted high-throughput investigation of thermal conductivity of materials using deep learning techniques, resulting in a forthcoming publication and patent application.
  - Executed high-throughput calculation of millions of materials using Density Functional Theory (DFT) in VASP. Devised a streamlined and resilient workflow on Microsoft Azure's cloud computing platform, demonstrating exceptional technical expertise and substantially improving the screening process.
  - Accelerated quantum chemistry calculations by **5 – 10x** using CUDA on Nvidia GPUs, demonstrating expertise in advanced computational methods.

- Played a key role in advancing deep learning models for incorporating long-range interactions and deriving a formalism that validated our developments, which leads to a **40% reduction in error** compared to existing methods.
- Contributed to the development of a machine-learned force field (ML-FF), performing post-processing tasks, and employing **active learning** strategy to enhance and supplement the data set, showcasing strong analytical abilities and technical expertise.
- **Research Assistant**, *The University of Chicago*, Chicago, Illinois, US  
Sept. 2016 – Dec. 2021
  - Solid knowledge of Density Functional Theory (DFT), Density Functional Perturbation Theory (DFPT) and Many-body Perturbation Theory (MBPT).
  - First-hand experience with DFT calculations using **Quantum Espresso**, ab initio molecular dynamics (AIMD) using **Qbox** code and  $G_0W_0$  calculations using **WEST** code.
  - Extensive experience with parallel computing using Message Passing Interface (MPI); Extensive experience running high performance computation on supercomputers.
  - 5 years experience with Linux programming environment, and Fortran, C++ programming languages.
  - Implemented massively parallelized Fortran codes on supercomputers to compute electron-phonon interactions in large scale materials.
  - Carried out simulations on world-leading supercomputers, including Mira (Argonne National Laboratory) and Cori (National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center).
  - Extensive experience using Python, Jupyter Notebook and Python libraries including Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib and Flask.
- **Undergraduate Researcher**, *Nanjing University*, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China  
Sept. 2014 – Jun. 2016
  - Developed and implemented a framework to reduced the computational cost of excitation energies in molecules.

## Teaching Experience

- **Teaching Assistant**, *Comprehensive General Chemistry*, Chicago, Illinois  
Spring Quarter, 2018
- **Teaching Assistant**, *Collaborative Learning in General Chemistry*, Chicago, Illinois  
Winter Quarter, 2017
- **Teaching Assistant**, *Collaborative Learning in General Chemistry*, Chicago, Illinois  
Autumn Quarter, 2016

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## Publications

- Yunyang Li, Yusong Wang, Lin Huang, **Han Yang**, Xinran Wei, Jia Zhang, Zun Wang, Tong Wang, Bin Shao, Tie-Yan Liu. Long-Short-Range Message-Passing: A Physics-Informed Framework to Capture Non-Local Interaction for Scalable Molecular Dynamics Simulation. 2023 [[link](#)]
- **Han Yang**, Marco Govoni, Arpan Kundu, Giulia Galli. Computational Protocol to Evaluate Electron-Phonon Interactions within Density Matrix Perturbation Theory. *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 18 (10), 6031–6042, 2022 [[link](#)]
- **Han Yang**. Electron-Electron and Electron-Phonon Interactions in Semiconductors and Insulators from Many-Body Perturbation Theory. Ph.D. Dissertation, The University of Chicago, 2021 [[link](#)]
- **Han Yang**, Marco Govoni, Arpan Kundu, Giulia Galli. Combined First-Principles Calculations of Electron–Electron and Electron–Phonon Self-Energies in Condensed Systems. *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 17 (12), 7468–7476, 2021 [[link](#)]
- Arpan Kundu, Marco Govoni, **Han Yang**, Michele Ceriotti, Francois Gygi, Giulia Galli. Quantum Vibronic Effects on the Electronic Properties of Solid and Molecular Carbon. *Phys. Rev. Materials* 5 (7), L070801, 2021 [[link](#)]
- **Han Yang**, Marco Govoni, Giulia Galli. Improving the Efficiency of  $G_0W_0$  Calculations with Approximate Spectral Decompositions of Dielectric Matrices. *J. Chem. Phys.* 151 (22), 224102, 2019 [[link](#)]

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## Talks

- Electron-Phonon Interaction in Molecules and Solids Using Hybrid Functionals. Contributed talk, American Physics Society March Meeting, Chicago IL & Online (2022)
- Implementation, validation and applications of electron-phonon calculations to large systems. Contributed talk, American Physics Society March Meeting, Online (2021)
- Coupling many-body-perturbation-theory calculations of electron-electron and electron-phonon coupling. Contributed talk, American Physics Society March Meeting, Denver CO (2020)
- Effect of Electron-Phonon Interaction on the Opto-Electronic Properties of Semiconducting Nanoparticles. American Physics Society March Meeting, Boston MA (2019)
- Approximate spectral decomposition of density-density response functions. Contributed talk, American Physics Society March Meeting, Los Angeles CA (2018)

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## Supervision

- Yiwei Liu, Ph.D. candidate at East China Normal University and intern student at Microsoft
- Zekun Chen, Ph.D. candidate at University of California, Davis and intern student at Microsoft (co-supervised)

## Skills

- **Quantum Chemistry Codes**  
Quantum Espresso, VASP, PySCF
- **Programming Languages:**  
Fortran, Python, C/C++
- **Computing**  
Message Passing Interface (MPI), CUDA, Microsoft Azure Cloud Computing
- **Other Tools**  
Git, Vim, Jupyter Notebook, Pandas, Numpy, Scikit-Learn, Matplotlib, Flask

## Languages

Mandarin	Native Speaker
English	Fluent