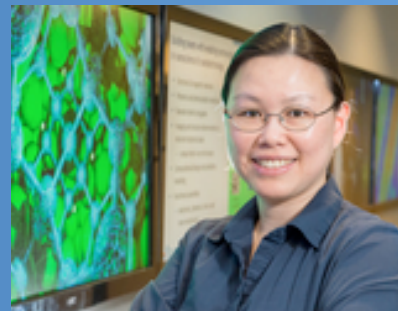


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## Education

Ph. D. Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
B. S. Physics & Applied Mathematics, University of California, Los Angeles

## Research Interests

Development of efficient atomistic and first principles computation methodologies, and application of such to renewable energy materials and nanoscale phenomena. Research topics include first principles and atomistic modeling of nanomaterials and renewable energy materials, e.g. photovoltaics, energy storage, photo- and electro-catalysts, thermal transport, and thermoelectrics. Also involved in methodology and software development for integrating atomistic modeling and experimental measurements.

## Professional Experience

### Argonne National Laboratory - Center for Nanoscale Materials Assistant Scientist

*2012-present*

- Center for Nanoscale Materials: structural and electronic properties of semiconductor nanoparticles, transition-metal dichalcogenides for catalysis, hybrid perovskite photovoltaics, force field development, connecting modeling to synchrotron characterization and microscopy techniques using machine learning
- Center for Electrochemical Energy Science: high capacity lithium-ion, lithium-oxygen, and hybrid lithium-ion/lithium-oxygen battery materials, solid-electrolyte interphase, surface and interfacial interactions
- Midwest Integrated Center for Computational Materials: validation of computational software for materials modeling
- DOE SunShot: grain boundaries in CdTe photovoltaics
- Industrial sponsors: electronic and lattice thermal transport modeling

### Argonne National Laboratory - Center for Nanoscale Materials & Center for Electrical Energy Storage Postdoctoral Associate

*2010-2012*

- Si as anodes for Li-ion batteries: developed algorithm to simulate lithiation and delithiation of crystalline silicon; investigated effects of surface orientation, dopants, and surface chemistry on thermodynamics and kinetics of Li-Si reaction. Investigated effects of micro- and nano-structuring on lithiation reaction.
- Transition metal oxide electrocatalysts for Li-air batteries: investigated Fe and Mn oxides capable of incorporating Li-oxides in their structure; investigated oxygen reduction and evolution reaction in these transition metal oxides in Li/oxygen battery environment.

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Materials Science & Engineering Postdoctoral Associate

*2009-2010*

- High-throughput search for novel materials for solar energy conversion: defect studies, band edge level predictions in aqueous environment, effects of interfacial phase stability/electronic structures and defects on photovoltaic performance.
- Correlation effects in transition metal oxides and halides: evaluated DFT+U and hybrid functionals for the accurate computation of formation and redox energies.

## Publications

### Method development

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7. V. L. Chevrier, S. P. Ong, R. Armiento, M. K. Y. Chan, and G. Ceder, "Hybrid density functional calculations of redox potentials and formation energies of transition metal compounds," *Physical Review B* **82**, 075122 (2010). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevB.82.075122](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.82.075122).

### Electrochemistry, Energy Storage, and Electrocatalysis

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3. Z. Yang, L. Trahey, Y. Ren, M. K. Y. Chan,<sup>#</sup> C. Lin, J. Okasinski, and M. M. Thackeray, "In-Situ High-Energy Synchrotron X-ray Diffraction Studies and First Principles Modeling of  $\alpha$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> Electrodes in Li-O<sub>2</sub> and Li-ion Coin Cells," *Journal of Materials Chemistry A* **3**, 7389 (2015). DOI: [10.1039/C4TA06633B](https://doi.org/10.1039/C4TA06633B). #Corresponding author.
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