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SKILLS

Syntheses & Fabrications: Schlenk-line Quantum Dots & Nanoparticles Syntheses (CsPbBr₃, CdSe/CdS, PbS, InP, ZnO, TiO₂), Spin-Coating, Electrodeposition, CVD, ALD, Sputtering, Thermal Evaporation, Photolithography.

Characterizations: TEM, SEM, EDX, AFM, XRD, FTIR, Raman, Quantum Yield, Laser spectroscopy, Spectrophotometer, Spectrofluorometer, Ellipsometry, Profilometer, Oscilloscope, Optical Microscope.

Simulation & Programming: Quantum Espresso (DFT engine), Scaps (solar simulator tool), PSpice, OrCAD Capture, COMSOL Multiphysics, Python.

Electronics: EagleCAD and KiCAD, Arduino, Raspberry Pi, Amplifiers (OpAmp/transistors).

Rapid Prototyping: CNC Machining, Soldering Through-hole and SMD, AutoCAD, Extrusion-based 3D Printing.

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley, PhD Candidate / January 2019 – December 2023 (expected)

- Conducted air-free syntheses of Perovskite, Cadmium Chalcogenide, and Lead Chalcogenide Nanocrystals
- Executed optical and structural characterizations of synthesized materials

Quantum Solutions Inc, VP of Product / May 2018 – July 2018

- Managed product manufacturing, inventory, and packaging

Quantum Solutions Inc, Product Developer / December 2017 – May 2018

- Established large-scale production of PbS Quantum Dots using a microfluidic flow-based reactor
- Implemented Perovskite Quantum Dots for LCDs and UV detector applications.

Pitch Competitions:

Pitched and won first place with an award of \$26k in the 2018 MIT Enterprise Forum competition

Droplab Inc, Co-Founder / September 2016 – July 2017

- Developed a device for digitally manipulating fluid drops, involving high-voltage AC Signal Amplifiers and CNC machining
- Utilized material science principles to create hydrophobic and dielectric coatings controlled by applied voltage

University of California, Berkeley, Research Assistant at Prof. Alivisatos Group / January – August 2016

- Synthesized quantum dots and studied their photophysics dynamics using laser spectroscopy

University of Toronto, Research Assistant at Prof. Sargent Group / August 2014 – April 2015

- Designed a solar cell structure that achieved a record efficiency of 9.99% submitted in early 2016

KAUST, Research Assistant at Prof. Mohammed Group / January – April 2014

- Conducted research on optimal Donor-Acceptor organic molecules for LEDs
- Used Ultrafast Femtosecond Laser spectroscopy and spectrometers to study efficiency and stability

University of Waterloo, Research Assistant at Prof. Maheshwari Group / April – December 2013

- Built a single electron transistor using Gold Nanoparticles with Zinc Oxide (ZnO) nanowires as the gate electrode

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): Materials Science and Engineering,

University of California, Berkeley, Supervisor: Alivisatos / January 2019 – December 2023 (expected)

Master of Science in Engineering: Materials Science and Engineering,

University of California, Berkeley, Supervisor: Alivisatos / January 2019 – May 2021

Bachelor of Applied Science: Honours Nanotechnology Engineering,

Co-operative Program, University of Waterloo / September 2012 – April 2017