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Protection Materials Under Extreme Loading Conditions

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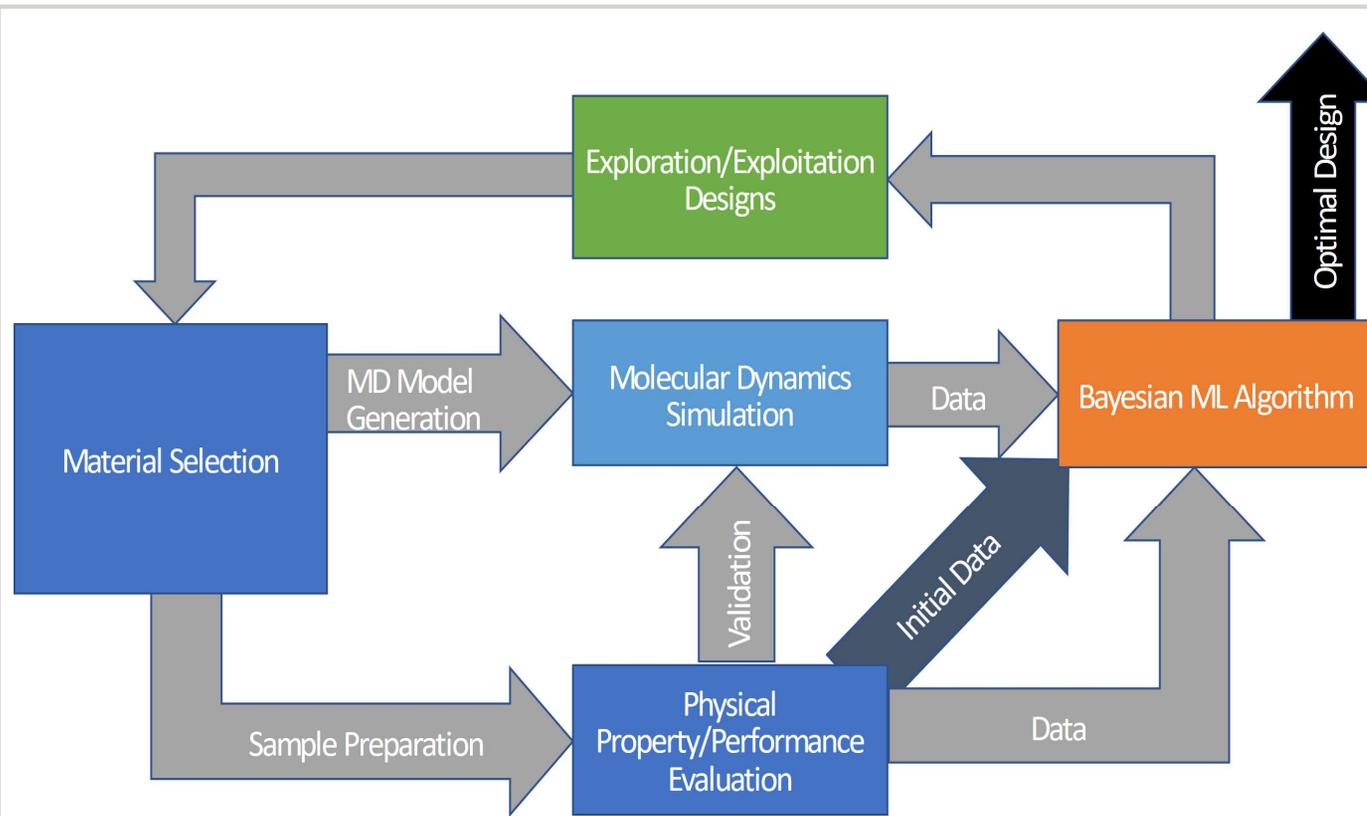
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DEVELOPMENT OF A METHODOLOGY FOR HIGH THROUGHPUT MATERIALS DISCOVERY FOR PROTECTION MATERIALS UNDER EXTREME LOADING CONDITIONS



General Thrust Area: Data-driven Material Design



Accelerated discovery path to develop ballistic protection materials for drastically improved performance

Approach will link process-nano/micro structure-properties-performance

Initial materials: Graphene based nanocomposites

Develop and demonstrate a methodology that incorporates input from coarse grained MD simulations and data from material performance characterization experiments into a ML algorithm that would optimize the design of protection materials.

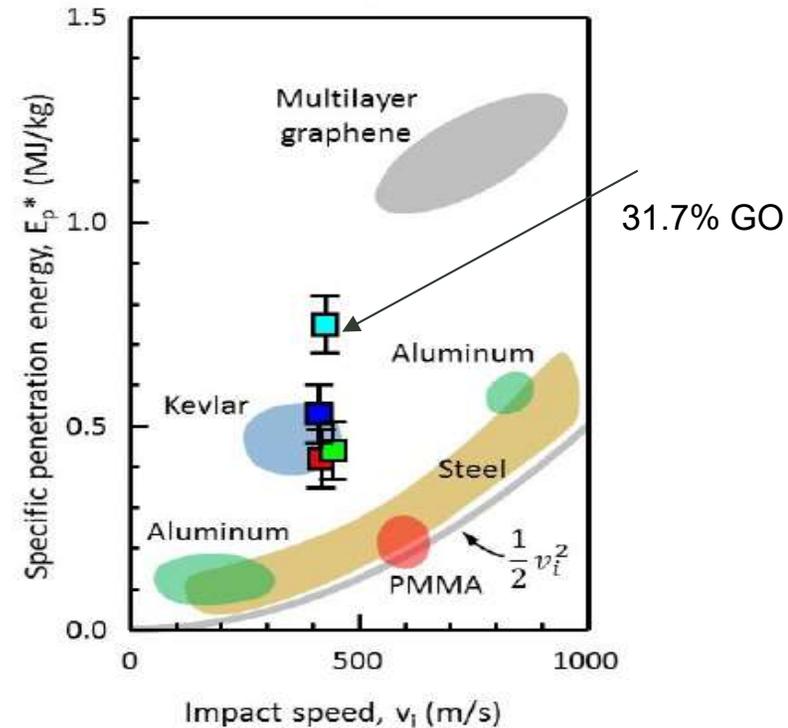
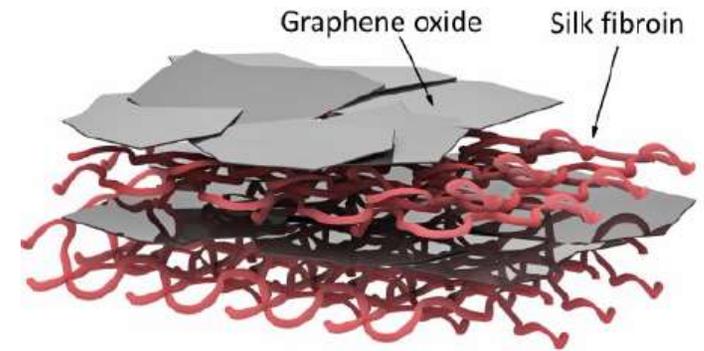
- ↳ Minimized number of experiments/simulations, minimized trial & error in design,
- ↳ Performance assessment criteria directly linked to ballistic performance: V50, Specific penetration energy, hole size, etc.



FIRST YEAR'S SCOPE :



- Experimental and Computational work on:
 - GO-silk fibroin composites
 - MLG-PC composites
- Implementation/adaptation of ML algorithm
- Assessment/validation of process flow



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Extreme Mechanical Behavior of Nacre-Mimetic Graphene-Oxide and Silk Nanocomposites

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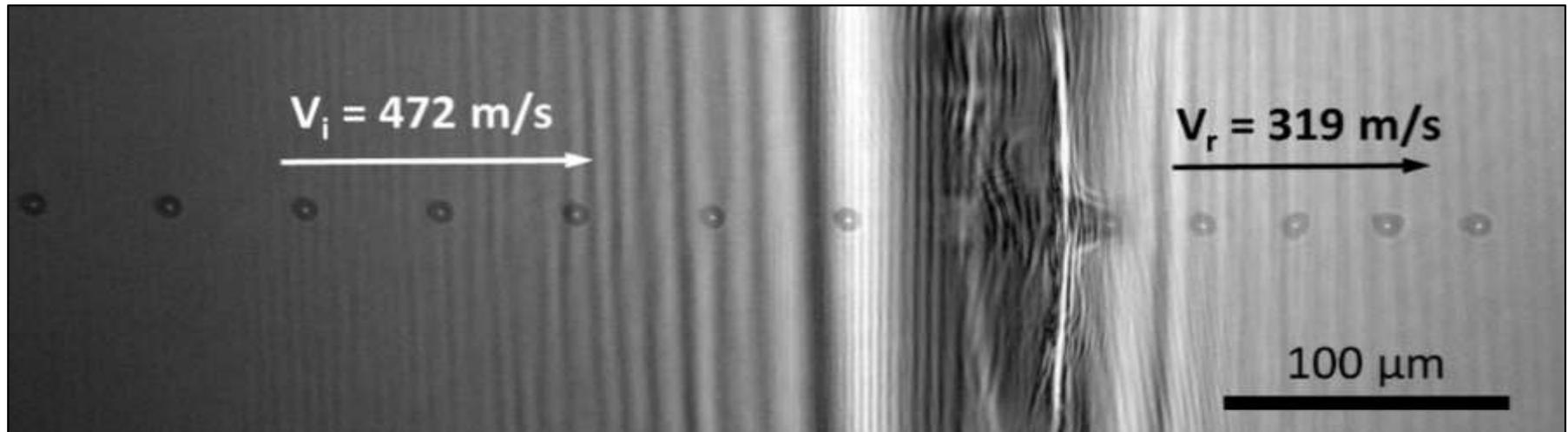
PROPERTY/PERFORMANCE EVALUATION



Microballistics via laser-induced projectile impact test (LIPIT)

10^9 times reduction of the ballistic interaction volume

→ Extremely simplified mechanical characterization under extreme conditions



Source: Jae-Hwang Lee

+ AFM, SEM, ...

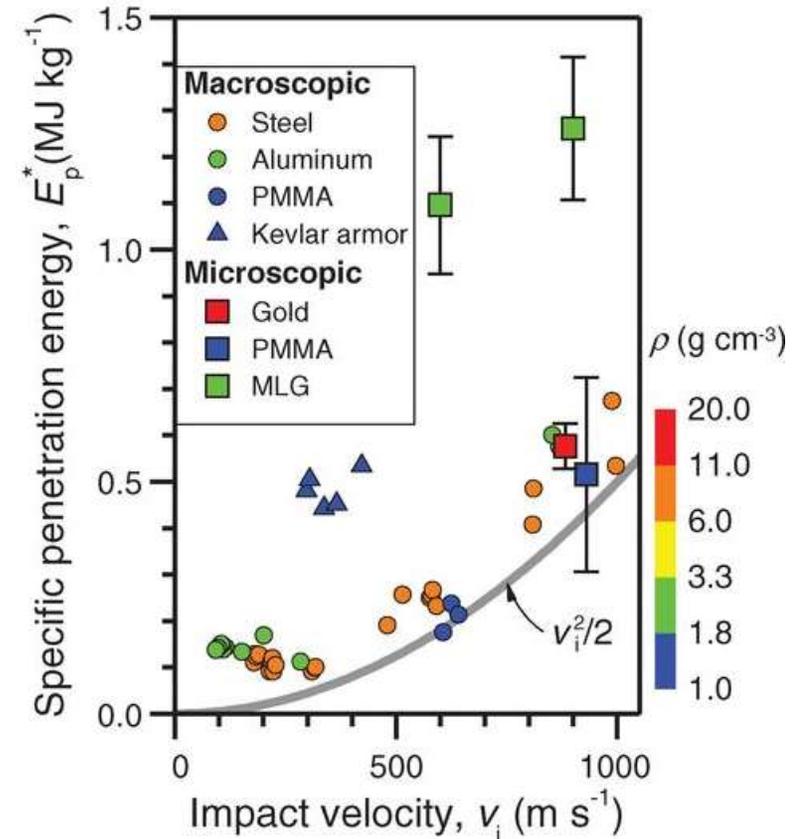
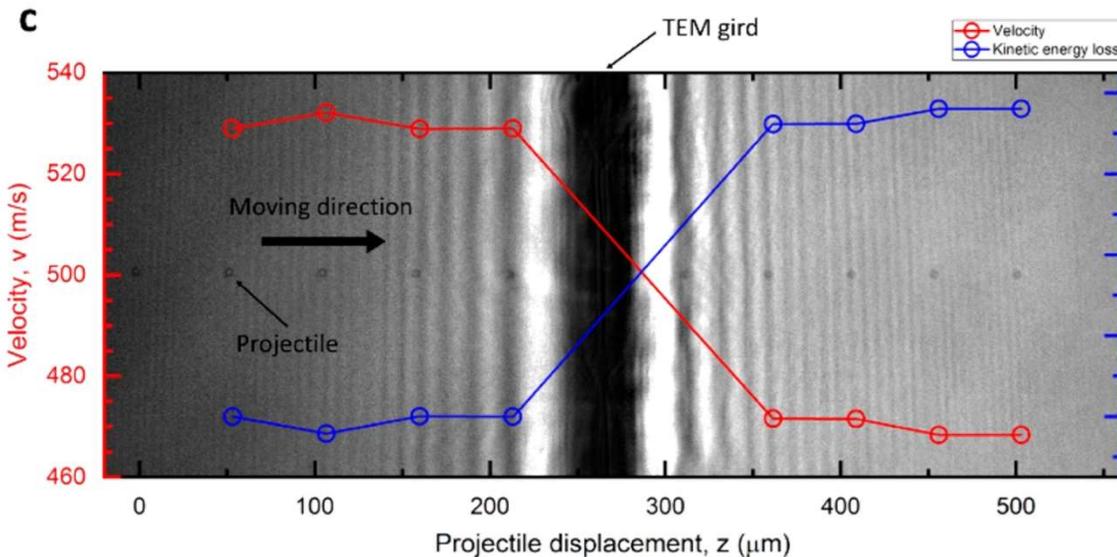
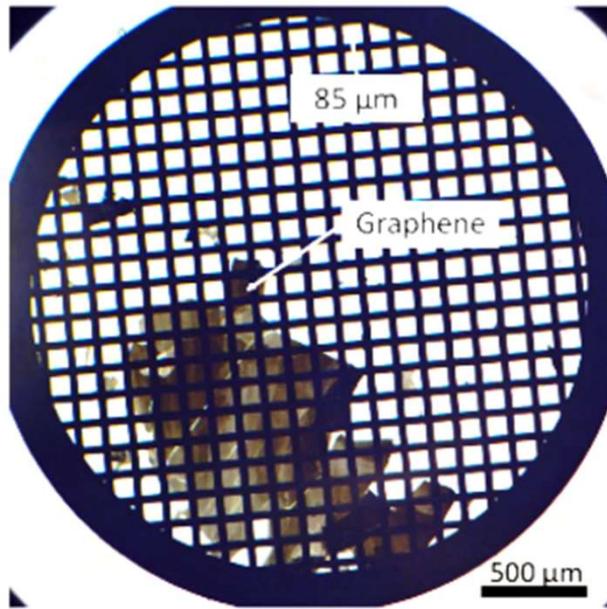


SPECIFIC PENETRATION ENERGY OF MLG



MLG demonstrates high E_p^* via its delocalization dynamics due to high speed of sound (>20 km/s)

$$E_p^* \cong \frac{1}{2} v_i^2 + \frac{E_d}{(\rho h) A_s}$$



Lee, J.-H. *et al.* Dynamic mechanical behavior of multilayer graphene via supersonic projectile penetration. *Science* **346**, 1092-1096 (2014). <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1258544>



PRELIMINARY WORK ON GO STRUCTURE VARIATIONS



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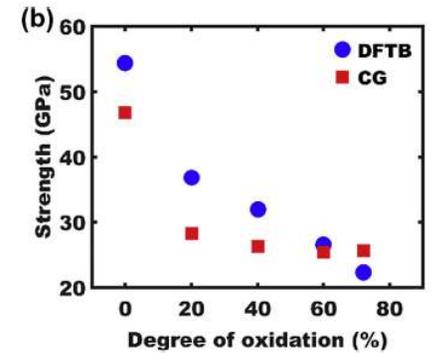
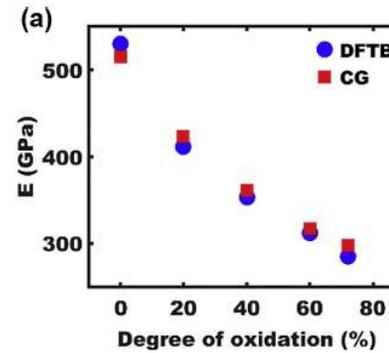
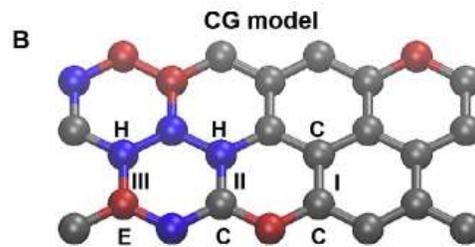
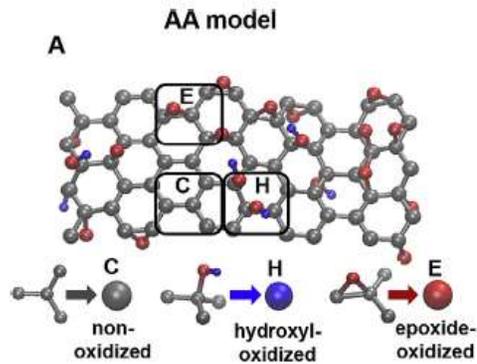
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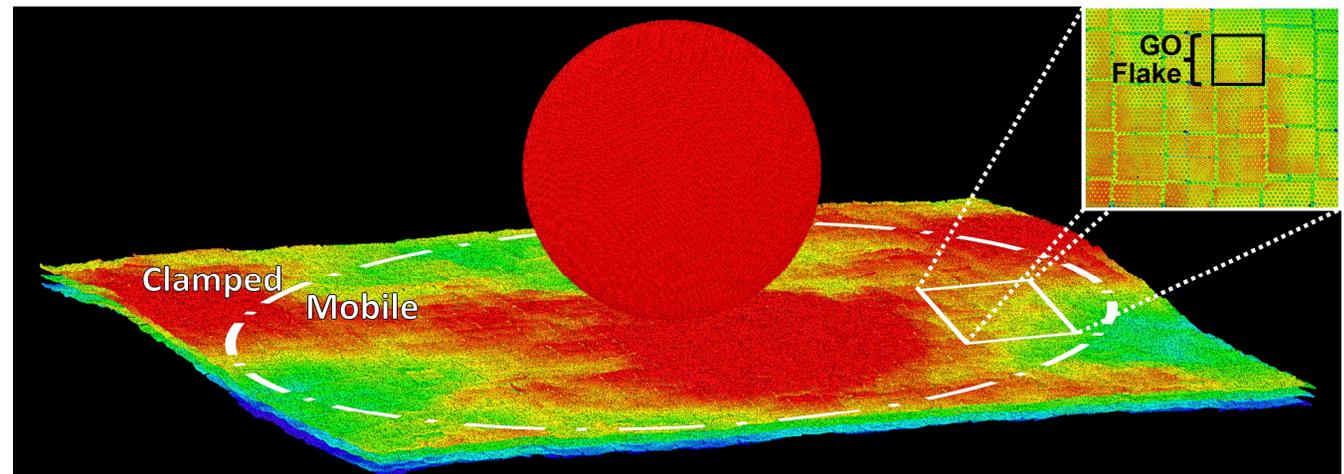


- Leveraging pre-existing collaboration with Keten group (Northwestern University)
- Coarse-grained models for graphene oxide, graphene, polycarbonate, etc.
- Models implemented in LAMMPS, highly scalable for HTMDEC data needs
- MATLAB and Python scripts
- High-throughput computational data and modeling to inform the design process



Molecular dynamics model for coarse-grained graphene oxide

(Meng, Soler-Crespo et al. 2017)

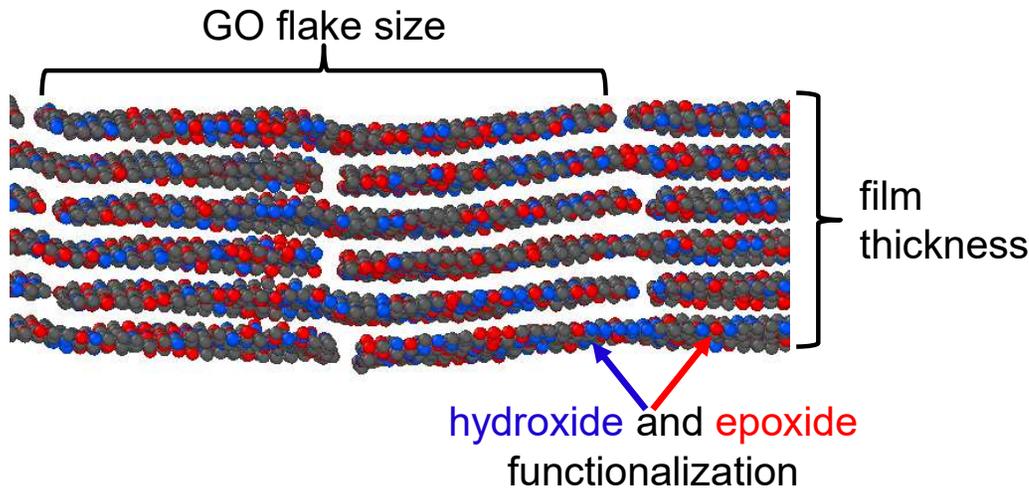




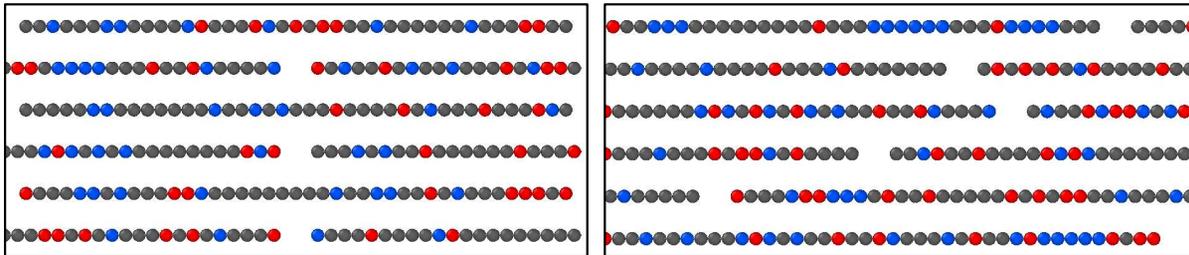
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Molecular Design Variables

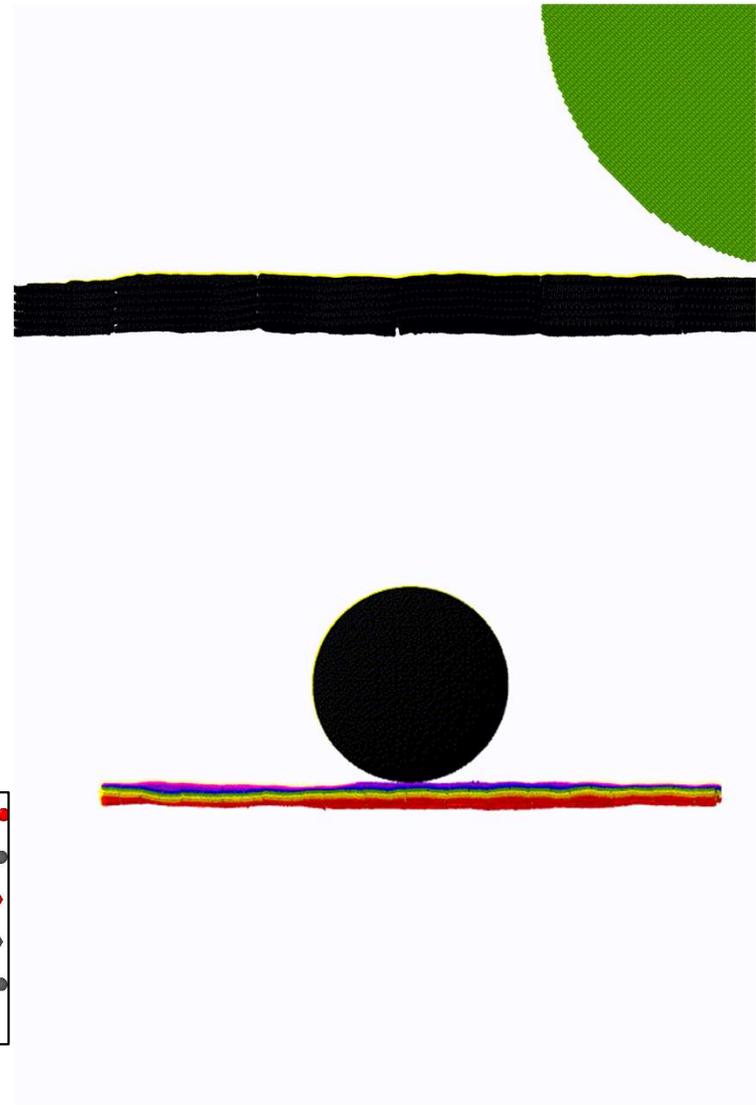


aligned vs random flake placement



White, Keten (NWU)

Simulation Results

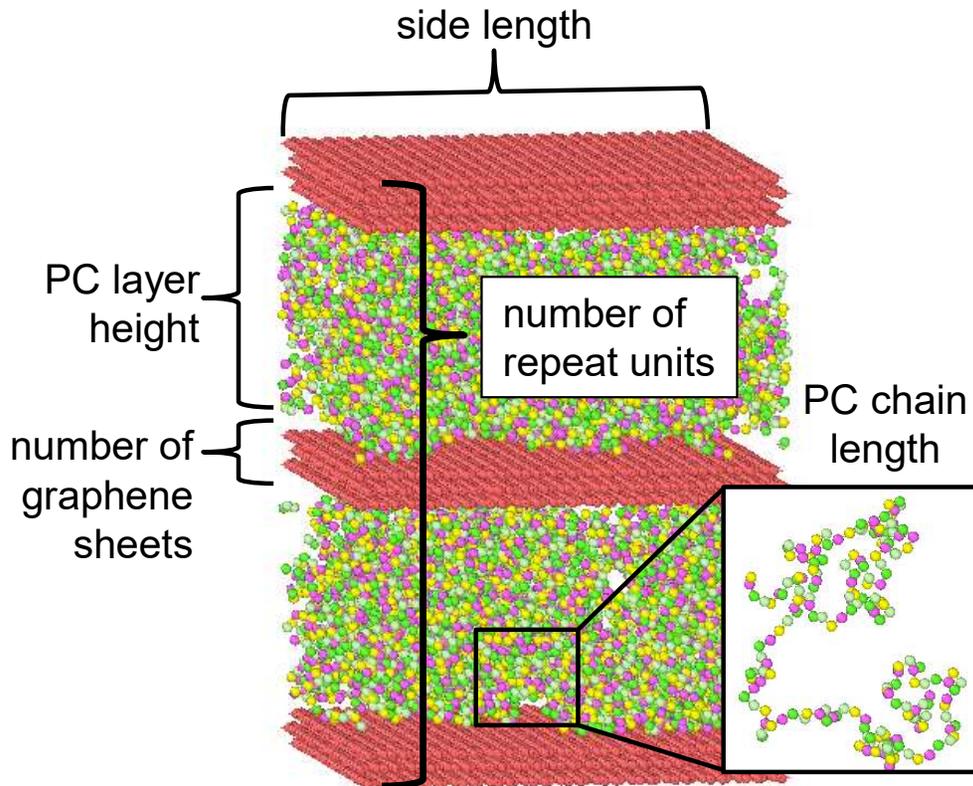




GRAPHENE / POLYCARBONATE COMPOSITES

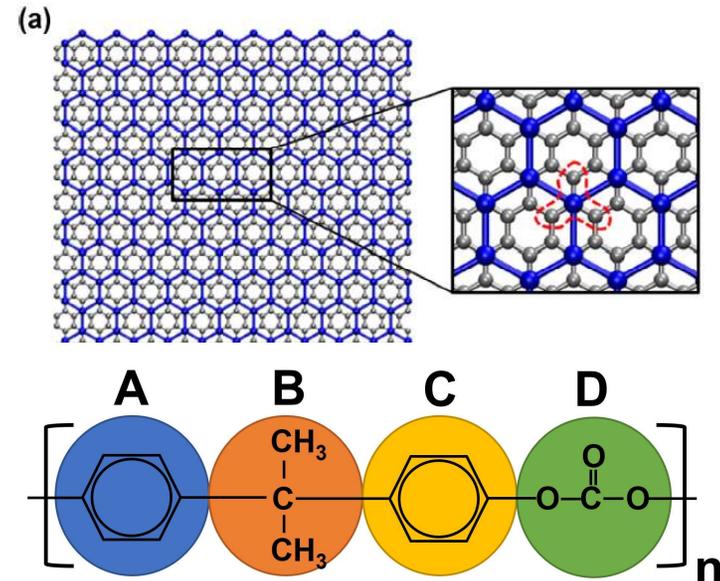


Molecular Design Variables



- For graphene, same mapping from all-atom to coarse-grain as in MLGO systems (Ruiz, Xia et al. 2015)
- Coarse-grain model for PC and force field parameters from (Xia, Hansoge et al. 2019)

Coarse-grained Models





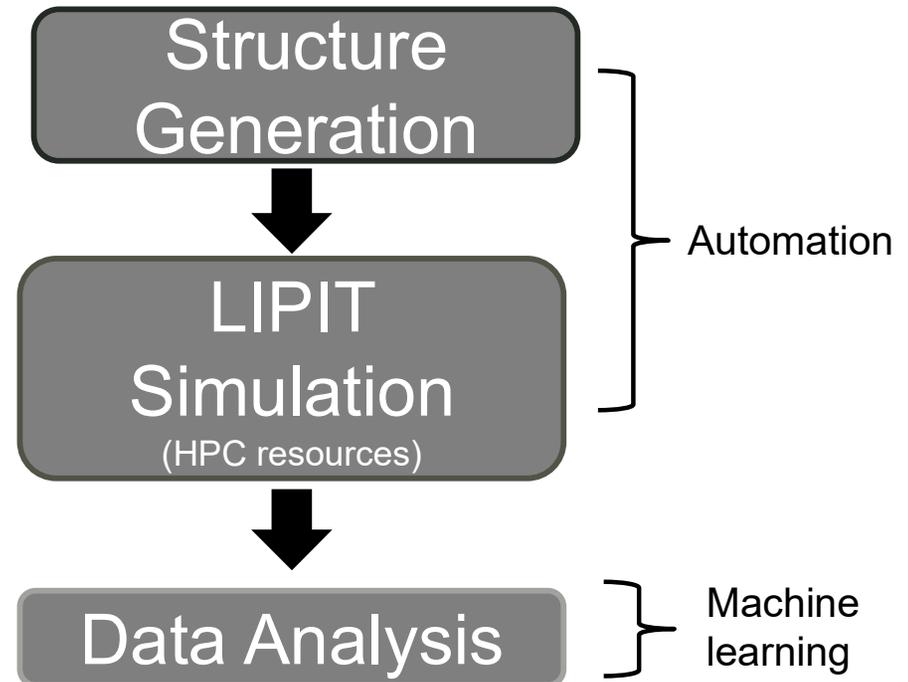
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Automated workflow components

- Job scheduling
- Structure generation (Python script)
- Structure equilibration based on polymer chain statistics



Coarse-grained molecular dynamics LIPIT simulations.
5 nm of PC with varying layers of graphene on each side.
Sliced views for clarity. [White, Keten (NU)]

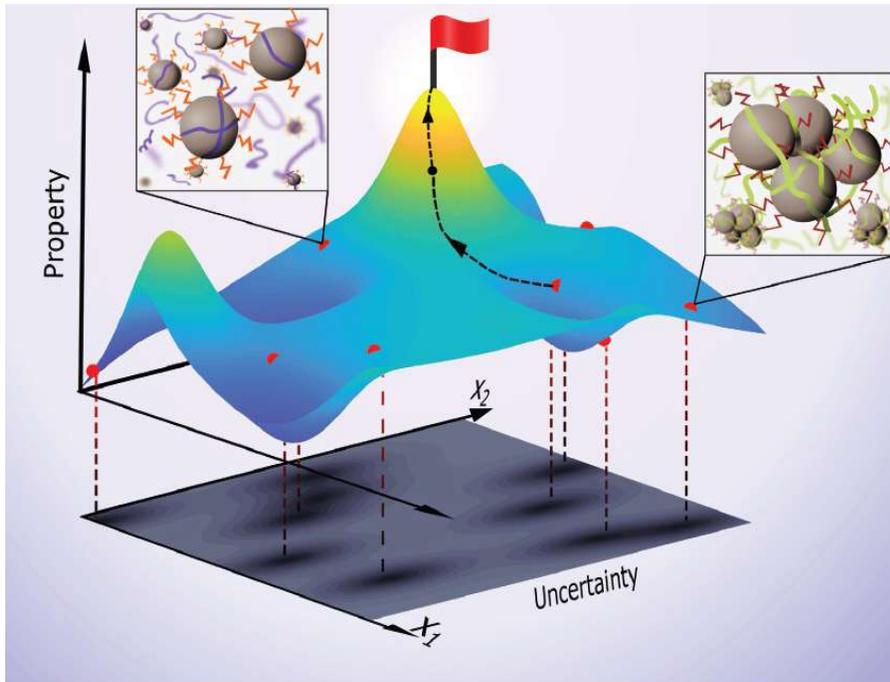
Automated high-throughput simulations will provide a rich dataset to explore and model design space



MACHINE LEARNING --- LVGP BO



- latent variable Gaussian processes (developed by potential collaborator Wei Chen (NU)
 - Mixed variable ML
 - Uncertainty quantification



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Data centric nanocomposites design via mixed-variable Bayesian optimization



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