

# NIKOLAY TKACHENKO

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## EDUCATION

- 2023 **Ph.D. in Computational Chemistry, [Utah State University](#), Logan, Utah, USA**  
2018 **Specialist Degree (Analog of M.S.) in Fundamental and Applied Chemistry (*summa cum laude*) [Novosibirsk State University](#), Novosibirsk, Russia**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2025-now **Assistant Professor, [the University of Oklahoma](#), Norman, USA**  
**Research topic:** Chemistry on Quantum Computers, Interfacial Photochemistry, and Computational Enantioselective Catalysis.
- 2023-2025 **Postdoctoral Scholar, [University of California](#), Berkeley, USA**  
**Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**, Berkeley, USA  
**(Martin Head-Gordon Group)**  
**Research topic:** Computational materials design for hydrogen storage and CO<sub>2</sub> capture; Development of modified BWs-CC2 method for accurate electronic structure calculations; Development of modified D3 and D4 schemes; Application of atomistic machine-learning potentials for accurate thermodynamical sampling of gas adsorption; Algorithms development for quantum chemistry on quantum computers;
- 2020-2023 **Graduate Student Contractor, [Los Alamos National Laboratory](#), Los Alamos, USA**  
**(T1 Theoretical Division, Sergei Tretiak Supervision)**  
**Research topic:** Atomistic machine-learning potentials applications for configurational space sampling; Investigation of mechanisms of enantioselective catalytic hydrogenation reactions; Development of algorithms for ground and excited electronic state calculations on quantum computers;
- 2018-2023 **Graduate Research Assistant, [Utah State University](#), Logan, USA**  
**(Alexander Boldyrev Group)**  
**Research topic:** Development of multicenter chemical bonding theory and investigation of its application in inorganic 3D-Zintl clusters and 2D materials;
- 2016-2018 **Undergraduate Research Assistant, [Boreskov Institute of Catalysis](#), Novosibirsk, Russia**  
**(Konstantin Bryliakov Supervision)**  
**Research topic:** Experimental investigation of mechanisms of catalytic enantioselective aromatic C-H oxidation and oxidative coupling reactions with biomimetic non-heme iron complexes;
- 2015-2016 **Undergraduate Research Assistant, [Nikolaev Institute of Inorganic Chemistry](#), Novosibirsk, Russia**  
**(Vladimir Fedin Group)**  
**Research topic:** Synthesis and characterization of zinc-containing metal-organic frameworks with unique fluorescence activity;

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computational Materials Design; Electronic Structure Theory; Quantum Computing; Computational Catalysis; Adiabatic and Non-Adiabatic Molecular Dynamics Simulations; Monte Carlo Simulations; Chemical Bonding Theory.







**1) Tkachenko N. V., Lyakin O. Y., Samsonenko D. G., Talsi E. P., and Bryliakov K. P. "Highly Efficient Asymmetric Aerobic Oxidative Coupling of 2-Naphthols in the Presence of Bioinspired Iron Aminopyridine Complexes", *Catal. Comm.*, **2018**, *104*, 112-117. (IF=3.4) (EXP)**

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### **Awards:**

- 15) Best Flash Presentation Award at the ACS Meetings Global Virtual Symposia Fall 2024 - Materials for Energy Storage || Oct. 2024 (International competition, success rate < 6.0 % or 3 Awardee out of ~50 speakers)**
- 14) Molecules 2023 Best PhD Thesis Award**, goes to recently qualified PhD who have produced a highly anticipated thesis with great academic potential || Jan. **2024** (International competition)
- 13) Dr. William Moore Scholarship** for outstanding research progress in Physical Chemistry || Apr. **2023** (Departmental Competition, success rate: < 15% or 1 Awardee out of ~7 students)
- 12) Teng Outstanding Graduate Student in Chemistry** for outstanding research progress at Utah State University || Apr. **2023** (Departmental Competition, success rate: < 15% or 1 Awardee out of ~7 students)
- 11) Utah State University Robins Award: The Doctoral Student Researcher of the Year 2023**, goes to the doctoral student researcher at Utah State University who has shown superior research capability and academic excellence. || Apr. **2023** (University Competition, success rate: < 0.15% or 1 Awardee out of ~800 students)
- 10) College of Science PhD Student Researcher of the Year Award 2023**, given to a student, who has demonstrated outstanding research and academic achievements. Utah State University || Feb. **2023** (USU College of Science Competition, success rate: < 1% or 1 Awardee out of ~150 students)
- 9) J. R. Oppenheimer Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow** appointment at Los Alamos National Laboratory; recognizes outstanding individuals whose research aligns with the Laboratory's mission - declined || Dec. **2022** (International Competition, success rate < 0.25% or 1 Awardee out of ~400 postdocs)
- 8) ACS Utah Outstanding Graduate Student Award 2022**, recognizes the research, mentorship, leadership, and public outreach of an outstanding chemistry graduate student in Utah || Oct. **2022** (State Competition, success rate < 0.5% or 1 Awardee out of ~250 Ph.D. students)
- 7) Claude E. ZoBell Scholarship**, a support for the graduate student pursuing degrees in biology, chemistry and biochemistry, geology, or physics. Utah State University || Jun. **2022** (USU College of Science Competition, success rate: < 1% or 1 Awardee out of ~150 students)
- 6) Stephen Bialkowski Award in Environmental Chemistry**, a support of a specific environmental chemistry research at the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Utah State University || Apr. **2020** (Departmental Competition, success rate: < 3% or 1 Awardee out of ~35 Ph.D. students)
- 5) The Early Research Progress in Chemistry Award** for outstanding research progress at Utah State University || Apr. **2020** (Departmental Competition, success rate: < 15% or 1 Awardee out of ~7 Ph.D. students)
- 4) Marjorie H. Gardner Teaching Award** for outstanding work as a teaching assistant at Utah State University || Mar. **2019** (Departmental Competition, success rate: < 10% or 3 Awardees out of ~35 Ph.D. students)
- 3) British Petroleum Scholarship Award** for High Academic Standing and Outstanding Leadership Qualities || **2017, 2016** (University Competition, success rate: < 5% or 10 Awardees out of ~250 students)
- 2) 1st Degree Diploma** of the "VII International Natural Sciences Tournament" – Individual Competition || Nov. **2016** (International Competition, success rate: < 7% or 7 Awardees out of ~100 students)
- 1) 1st Degree Diploma** of the International Forum of Young Scientists "Science Game" – Team Competition || May **2016** (National Competition, success rate: < 5% or 1 Team Awardee out of ~20 teams)
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### **Conferences and Invited Talks:**

- 16) Oral presentation** at ACS Spring 2025 National Meeting || 23-26 March 2025, San Diego, USA
- 15) Oral presentation** at APS March Meeting Global Physics Summit || 20-23 March 2025, Anaheim, USA
- 14) Invited speaker** at Pitzer Center Theoretical Chemistry Seminar at UC Berkeley || 24 Feb. **2025**, Berkeley, USA
- 13) Invited keynote speaker** at UC Davis annual Chemical Engineering and Materials Science (CHMS) Research Symposium "Tuning Hydrogen Binding Enthalpy in Metal-Organic Frameworks and Correcting Unphysical Potential Energy Surfaces in D3 and D4 Dispersion Models" || 18 Oct. **2024**, Davis, USA
- 12) Oral presentation** at ACS Fall 2024, "Global Virtual Symposium in Materials for Energy Storage" || 18-22 Aug. **2024**, USA
- 11) Oral and poster presentations** at Gordon Research Conference/ Gordon Research Seminar on Computational Chemistry, University of Southern Maine in Portland, Maine || 20 Jul. **2024**, Portland, USA
- 10) Discussion Leader** at NSF Challenge Institute for Quantum Computation Annual Meeting "Quantum chemistry and fermionic encoding" || 17 Jun. **2024**, Berkeley, USA
- 9) Invited seminar** at "Quantum Gathering" lecture series, University of California, Berkeley "Correlation-Informed Permutation of Qubits for Reducing Ansatz Depth in Electronic Structure Simulation on Quantum Computers" || 18 Aug. **2023**, Berkeley, USA

- 8) Invited seminar** at Computer Science Department, Utah State University “Quantum Computing and Its Applications in Quantum Chemistry” || 30 Nov. **2022**, Logan, USA
- 7) Invited seminar** at Stanford University “Exploring the Electronic-Structure Problem with Quantum Computers and Deciphering Exotic Chemical Bonding in Clusters and Solids” || 8 Sep. **2022**, Stanford, USA
- 6) Invited talk** at International Conference on Chemical Bonding, “Simulating Electronic Structure on Quantum Computers with PermVQE and QDavidson Algorithms” || 11-17 Aug. **2022**, Kauai (Hawaii), USA
- 5) Oral presentation** at ACS National Meeting & Expo, the symposium on "Synergy Between Quantum Computing and High-Performance Computing in Quantum Chemistry and Materials Science" || 5-16 Apr. **2021**, USA
- 4) Invited talk** at C-IIAC division, Los Alamos National Laboratory “Electronic Structure Simulation on Near-Term Quantum Computers with LANL-Developed PermVQE Algorithm” || 17 Dec. **2020**, Los Alamos National Laboratory.
- 3) Poster presentation** at ACS National Meeting & Expo, Physical Chemistry Session, Sci-Mix Session || 25-29 Aug. **2019**, San Diego (CA), USA
- 2) Oral presentation** at 27<sup>th</sup> International Chugaev Conference on Coordination Chemistry, “Physicochemical Methods in Coordination Chemistry” || 2-6 Oct. **2017**, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
- 1) Poster presentation** IV Scientific Conference Boreskov Readings dedicated to the 110th anniversary of Academician Georgii K. Boreskov || 19-21 Apr. **2017**, Novosibirsk, Russia
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### ***Teaching Experience***

- 6) CHEM 6010** Quantum Chemistry, Lecturing a full course || Jan.-May **2023**, Utah State University
- 5) CHEM 3060** Physical Chemistry I, Lecturing a part of the course || Aug.-Dec. **2021, 2022**, Utah State University
- 4) CHEM 1215** Chemical Principles Laboratory I, Labs || Aug.-Dec. **2020**, Utah State University
- 3) CHEM 1225** Chemical Principles Laboratory II, Labs || Jan.-May **2020**, Utah State University
- 2) CHEM 1220** Principles of Chemistry II, Recitations || Jan.-May **2019**, Utah State University
- 1) Structure of Matter**, Recitations || **2016-2018**, Novosibirsk State University
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