# Dr Jon G. C. Kragskow

#### Post-Doctoral Research Associate

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I am a fast and enthusiastic learner, and thrive when solving complex, high-level problems. I have a broad interest in computational and theoretical chemistry and am passionate about communicating my research clearly and effectively.

#### Education

September Ph.D.

2018- April 2022 Department of Chemistry, The University of Manchester, UK

Supervisor: Professor Nicholas F. Chilton

Thesis title: "Chemical Control of Spin-Phonon Coupling"

September MChem in Chemistry – 1<sup>st</sup> Class honours (2<sup>nd</sup> place in cohort) 2014- June 2018 Department of Chemistry, The University of Manchester, UK

Dissertation title: "Understanding the Crystal Field of Metal Complexes"

# Research Experience

January 2023- Post-Doctoral Research Associate

Present Suturina Group, Department of Chemistry, University of Bath, UK

Development of new computational tools for the routine simulation and

analysis of paramagnetic nuclear magnetic resonance spectra.

Funded by EPSRC.

April 2022- Post-Doctoral Research Associate

October 2023 Chilton Group, Department of Chemistry, The University of Manchester, UK

Continuation of doctoral research, with an emphasis on extending previously developed approaches to the understanding of relaxation dynamics of solid-state materials and surface-bound single molecule

magnets. Funded by ERC.

September Doctoral Research Project

2018-April 2022 Chilton Group, Department of Chemistry, The University of Manchester, UK

Investigation and simulation of the electronic structure and spin dynamics of lanthanide based single molecule magnets, with particular focus on developing custom computer code and novel theoretical approaches. Funded by EPSRC studentship and University of Manchester President's

Doctoral Scholarship scheme.

September Master's Research Project

2017-June 2018 Chilton Group, Department of Chemistry, The University of Manchester, UK

Developed a new technique for the parameterisation of high-level ab initio

calculations in terms of simple crystal field models.

June 2017- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Summer Research Project

September 2017 Chilton Group, Department of Chemistry, The University of Manchester, UK

Explored the magnetic and electronic properties of transition metal single molecule magnets using *ab initio* calculations and spin-hamiltonian modelling methods and experimental data. Funded by a competitive Royal

Society of Chemistry research bursary.

June 2016- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Summer Research Project

September 2016 Mills Group, Department of Chemistry, The University of Manchester, UK

Synthesised and characterised novel f-block silylamide compounds and their derivatives using air-sensitive techniques. Funded by departmental

research bursary.

Teaching

September Graduate Teaching Assistant

2019-January Department of Chemistry, The University of Manchester, UK

2021 Taught MATLAB programming to 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate students.

Marked student manuscripts and performed assessment interviews with

students.

Co-developed an overhaul of the course material for virtual/distanced

learning during COVID-19 and beyond.

September Developer/Maintainer 2018-Present www.waveplot.com

Created Waveplot, an open-source python/flask-based teaching tool for

plotting 2D and 3D representations of different wavefunctions.

February 2022- Developer/Maintainer

Present www.magnetism-tools.manchester.ac.uk

Created, with Prof. Nicholas Chilton, a web-based tool for calculating and

plotting Tanabe-Sugano diagrams.

# Other responsibilities

September Code oversight and maintenance

2018-October Chilton Group, Department of Chemistry, The University of Manchester, UK

and for automated code documentation and release. Championed the use of good programming practice through style guides and documentation.

Lead education of others in the group on best practices for code

Responsible for maintenance of group subversion and git code repositories

development through tutorials and manuals.

#### Technical Skills

2022

Quantum Chemistry: High-level knowledge of computational and quantum chemistry methods (HF, DFT, CASSCF, CASPT2), theoretical molecular magnetism and spin-phonon coupling, and experience in using established programs (Gaussian, OpenMOLCAS). Implementation of original theory in both compiled and interpreted programming languages, and deployment of said code on large scale high-performance computing hardware.

Computer Software: Proficient in Fortran, Python, Bash, make, and MATLAB languages, and in git and subversion version control systems and CI/CD. Experience deploying/maintaining web servers (apache/wsgi) and scientific websites (dash/flask/js).

Computer Hardware/Systems: Experienced in assembly and management of computer systems for research and personal use.

#### **Publications**

- 8. K. R. McClain, H. Kwon, K. Chakarawet, R. Nabi, <u>J. G. C. Kragskow</u>, N. F. Chilton, R. D. Britt, J. R. Long, and B. G. Harvey, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2023, **145**, 8996–9002.
- 7. J. G. C. Kragskow, J. Marbey, C. D. Buch, J. Nehrkorn, M. Ozerov, S. Piligkos, S. Hill, N. F. Chilton, *Nat. Commun.*, 2022, **18**, 825.
- 6. C. A. Gould, K. R. McClain, D. Reta, <u>J. G. C. Kragskow</u>, D. A. Marchiori, E. Lachman, E.-S. Choi, J. G. Analytis, R. D. Britt, N. F. Chilton, B. G. Harvey and J. R. Long, *Science*, 2022, 6577, 198, **375**, 198-202.
- 5. D. Reta, J. G. C. Kragskow, N. F. Chilton, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2021, **15**, 5943–5950
- 4. K.-X. Yu, <u>J. G. C. Kragskow</u>, Y.-S. Ding, Y.-Q. Zhai, D. Reta, N. F. Chilton, Y.-Z. Zheng, *Chem*, 2020, **6**, 1–17.
- 3. C. A. P. Goodwin, B. L. L. Réant, G. F. Vettese, J. G. C. Kragskow, M. J. Giansiracusa, I. M. Dimucci, K. M. Lancaster, D. P. Mills, S. Sproules, *Inorg. Chem.*, 2020, **59**, 7571–7583
- 2. H. M. Nicholas, C. A. P. Goodwin, <u>J. G. C. Kragskow</u>, S. J. Lockyer, D. P. Mills, *Molecules*, 2018, **23**, 1138.

1. C. A. P. Goodwin, B. L. L. Réant, J. G. C. Kragskow, I. M. DiMucci, K. M. Lancaster, D. P. Mills and S. Sproules, *Dalt. Trans.*, 2018, **47**, 10613–10625.

#### **Awards**

- 2021: Department of Chemistry, Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- 2018: The University of Manchester, President's Doctoral Scholarship
- 2018: Department of Chemistry, Outstanding Academic Achievement award for undergraduate study
- 2017: Royal Society of Chemistry, summer research project bursary
- 2016: Department of Chemistry, summer research project bursary

#### Presented work

#### Contributed Talks

- 2022: 7<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Molecular Magnetism, Rennes
- 2022: American Physical Society March Meeting, Chicago
- 2021: 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Molecule Based Magnets Rising Star Symposium, The University of Manchester
- 2021: Department of Chemistry Staff Symposium, The University of Manchester
- 2018: Midlands Computational Chemistry Conference, Nottingham Trent University

# Posters

- 2019: 7th European Conference on Molecular Magnetism, University of Florence
- 2019: CASTEP Users Meeting, University of Oxford
- 2019: Royal Society of Chemistry Theoretical Chemistry Group Graduate Meeting, University of Nottingham
- 2018: National Training School in Theoretical Chemistry Summer School, University of Oxford

### **Funding**

- 2022: Royal Society of Chemistry Researcher Mobility Grant (~£500)
- 2017: Royal Society of Chemistry Undergraduate Research Bursary (~1.5k)
- 2016: University of Manchester Chemistry Undergraduate Departmental Research Bursary ( $\sim$ £1k)