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Education

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Aug 2023 – present

B.Sc. (Honours) in Chemistry and Biological Chemistry with minor in Mathematical Sciences

- GPA: 4.90/5.0, predicted Honours (Highest Distinction)
- College of Science Dean's List, AY 24/25, 25/26
- Peer tutor, Division of Chemistry and Biological Chemistry, AY 24/25, 25/26

Riga Secondary School No.10, Riga, Latvia

Sep 2011 – May 2023

Secondary diploma with focus in Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry

- Valedictorian, recipient of Latvian Finance Ministry Centenary Excellence Scholarship

Publications and Conference Proceedings

An 8-dimensional symmetry-adapted neural network potential energy surface for H₂ dissociative chemisorption on hexagonal boron nitride ortho site with explicit surface atom motion

Jan 2026

Kargin Daniil, Lu Yunpeng. J. Chem. Phys. 164, 014303 (2026). doi: 10.1063/5.0309397

A Modern Discrete Variable Representation (DVR) Method of Solving the Time Dependent Schrodinger Quantum Chemical Reaction Dynamics Problem

June 2025

International Conference on Undergraduate Research (ICUR) 2025, Singapore. Poster and panel presentation.

Theoretical problems from the Baltic Chemistry Olympiad: 1st-30th BChO from 1993 to 2024.

April 2024

Päkk Andreas, Smošljajev Artemi, *Kargin Daniil*, Narvaišs Nauris, Ivanistsev Vladislav. Tartu: Tartu University Press. ISBN 978-9916-27-520-7.

Cobalt-catalyzed amino acid C(sp²)-H functionalization using organic isocyanides

July 2022

Genius Olympiad Student Research Conference. New York, USA, Honourable Mention prize in Research section.

Cobalt-catalyzed amino acid C(sp²)-H functionalization using organic isocyanides

May 2022

Latvian Student Research Conference. Riga, Latvia, Gold Prize in Chemistry section.

Professional Experience

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Singapore

Nanyang Technological University Lu Yunpeng lab

July 2024 – present

- URECA Research Scholar
- Designed and implemented high-performance numerical algorithms for HPC clusters in Fortran for optimised pseudospectral basis set quantum dynamics of chemical processes on covalent surfaces, currently investigating algorithm scalability on NSCC Cray clusters for up to 1000 cores
- Developed workflows for creating *ab initio*, symmetry-adapted and physics-aware potential energy surfaces using machine learning and artificial neural networks

Research Intern

Riga, Latvia

Riga Technical University (RTU) Konrade lab

Sep 2022 - Jan 2023

- Developed new fluorescent biological markers
- Experimentally quantified fluorescence properties of dye molecules

- Carried out high sensitivity analysis

Research Intern

Latvia Organic Synthesis Institute (LOSI) Grigorjeva lab

Riga, Latvia

Sep 2021 - May 2022

- Developed a catalysis procedure with 3-valent cobalt to yield potential anti-cancer drugs
- Worked in a team to produce an international award-winning research paper and successfully present it at an international conference in New York
- Substituted a palladium catalyst by a 200x cheaper cobalt catalyst with greater yields

Skills

Programming Languages: Modern Fortran, Legacy Fortran, C++ (basic), Bash, Python, Mathematica, HTML

Languages: Russian, English, German, Spanish (intermediate), Latvian, Mandarin (basic)

Numerical methods: Quantum mechanics and machine learning algorithm development, numerical stability validation and performance profiling, optimised numerical libraries (Intel MKL, GNU BLAS/LAPACK), own scalable tensor-product linear algebra schemes with MPI distributed memory

HPC development: Intel OneAPI HPC toolkit, HPC programming using MPI, OpenMP, CUDA; Linux operating systems and Linux HPC clusters with PBS

Computational chemistry tools for HPC: Gaussian, VASP, ORCA, PySCF

Experimental chemistry techniques: organic synthesis; compound purification; spectroscopic methods (NMR, IR, UV-vis); analytical techniques (fluorimetry, mass spectrometry, HPLC, GC-MS); compound characterisation

Data analysis and visualisation using machine learning algorithms and software packages

Teaching material design, lecture and tutorial delivery both individually and to large groups of students

Achievements and Awards

NTU President Research Scholar	2025, 2024
NTU College of Science Dean's list award	2025, 2024
Latvian Prime Minister Prize for outstanding results in the international Chemistry Olympiad	2023, 2022, 2021
Latvian Ministry of Finance Centenary Excellence Scholarship	2023
International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) silver medal	2023, 2021

Projects

HVZ Project

- Collaborating on the project with Rostislavs Rostovskis, Latvia University Solid State Physics Institute
- Molecular dynamics and ab initio method development
- Supervision of high school research under schools' Independent Research projects and mentorship

Camp lecturer, Baltic Chemistry Olympiad

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- Lectured Physical Chemistry to the national teams of Estonia and Latvia
- Worked in organising committee of an international-level competition
- Co-author of an anniversary book on Chemistry competition problems and history in the region