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Developing an international research and leadership profile in applied data science for analytical chemistry and physics through fundamental research and collaborations. Interested in developing sophisticated analytical techniques and improving instrumentation through the use of data-driven methods. Driven by a collaborative approach to research and a founding member of the Open Reflectometry Standards Organisation. Experienced educator and developer of open educational resources, passionate about engaging others in scientific research and practice.

Employment

University of Bristol

BRISTOL, GB

LECTURER IN CHEMISTRY

AUG. 2023 - ONGOING

- Leading the statistical chemical analysis methods research group at the University of Bristol (SCAMs@bristol)
- Teaching on the MSc Scientific Computing with Data Science program, focusing on training physical and life scientists in computational skills

European Spallation Source ERIC

KØBENHAVN, DK & LUND, SE

INSTRUMENT DATA SCIENTIST FOR NEUTRON REFLECTOMETRY

JAN. 2021 - AUG. 2023

- Leading data reduction and analysis development for reflectometry instruments at the European Spallation Source Data Management and Software Centre
- Interfacing between the software development and instrument groups to ensure data-centric aspects of instrumentation are ready for beam on target
- Working with the Open Reflectometry Standards Organisation to develop best practices
- Independent research focusing on improving experimental analysis approaches using Bayesian methodologies
- Work package leader for the PaNOSC (photon and neutron open science cloud) subproject on User Training and e-Learning

Diamond Light Source

HARWELL-OXFORD, GB

DATA ANALYSIS SCIENTIST – REFLECTIVITY

APR. 2019 - DEC. 2020

- A collaborative project between Diamond Light Source, ISIS Neutron and Muon Source and the Ada Lovelace Centre to increase automation in neutron and X-ray reflectometry reduction and analysis
- Supporting reflectometry users through local contacting on the I07 beamline; including instrument set-up, data collection, data reduction and analysis
- Assisting both neutron and X-ray reflectometry users with data analysis; developing batch time-resolved analysis methodologies

Education

University of Bristol

BRISTOL, GB

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ACADEMIC PRACTICE

JAN. 2024 - ONGOING

- Reflecting on and developing teaching practice
- Strong interest in pedagogy and educational technology

University of Bath & Diamond Light Source

BATH & HARWELL-OXFORD, GB

PHD IN CHEMISTRY

SEPT. 2015 - APR. 2019

- Undertook a PhD supervised by Prof. Karen Edler, Prof. Stephen Parker, Dr Andrew Smith and Dr Jonathan Rawle
- Developed computational methodologies to improve the analysis of neutron and X-ray reflectometry
- Implemented high-performance optimisation & sampling algorithms to rationalise experimental scattering data
- Participated in many reflectometry and small-angle scattering experiments at Diamond Light Source and ISIS Neutron and Muon Source
- Developed open educational resources to introduce classical simulation methods, including the pylj Python package and an introduction to classical simulation for users of small-angle scattering

University of Edinburgh

EDINBURGH, GB

MCHEM IN MATERIALS CHEMISTRY WITH A YEAR IN INDUSTRY

SEPT. 2010 - JUN. 2015

- Degree Classification: **First Class**
- Year in Industry at Cytec Industries in Stamford, US

Invited Positions

Diamond Light Source

HARWELL-DIDCOT, GB

VISITING SCIENTIST

MAR. 2024 - ONGOING

- Collaboration with the Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence team at Diamond Light Source

European Spallation Source ERIC

KØBENHAVN, DK & LUND, SE

VISITING SCIENTIST

SEPT. 2023 - SEPT. 2024

- Assisting with ongoing data reduction development efforts

University of Bath

BATH, GB

VISITING LECTURER

SEPT. 2019 - SEPT. 2022

- Co-organisation and delivery of final year Chemistry course (CH40208), focused on introducing Python programming and applications of programming to computational chemistry
- Developed and delivered twenty-one hours of lecture-workshop hybrid classes to a cohort of seventy students
- Successfully transferred this module to a completely online learning module in 2020

X-RAY & NEUTRON TECHNIQUES FOR CHEMISTS LECTURER

JAN. 2016 - MAY 2018

- Delivery of workshops devoted to the analysis of small-angle scattering and reflectometry as a component of a final year undergraduate course

ISIS Neutron Training Course

HARWELL-OXFORD, GB

LECTURER

MAR. 2017 - MAR. 2018

- Twice invited to lecture at the ISIS Neutron Training Course
- Developed and delivered a one hour lecture and interactive tutorial introducing classical molecular dynamics simulations and showing how they can be applied to neutron scattering

Funding Secured

- **Royal Society of Chemistry Solid State Chemistry Group** – Support for the Solid Data Summer School (£10 000)
- **Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council** – Co-investigator for “A unique cutting-edge Atomic Force Microscopy platform to converge frontier biosciences with engineering, environmental and physical sciences” (£1 000 000)
- **Carlsberg Fondet** – Conference grant for DMSC Summer School (60 000 DKK)
- **DanScatt** – Sponsorship of DMSC Summer School (25 000 DKK)
- **Diamond Light Source Year in Industry Studentship 2020/2021** – Development of a Bayesian regularisation framework for the analysis of reflectometry (~£20 000)
- **Royal Society of Chemistry Higher Education Group Kickstart Scheme** – pythoninchemistry Hackathon (£300)
- **University of Bath Travel Fund for Teaching Development** – VICEPHEC18 Travel Grant (£135)
- **Royal Society of Chemistry Tertiary Education Group** – VICEPHEC18 Group Bursary (£70)
- **Armourers & Brasiers’ Gauntlet Trust** – Research Student Travel Grant (£900)

Awards

- 2024/04/11 **B.T.M. Willis Prize**, UK Neutron Scattering Group
- 2023/12/19 **Materials Advances Computational Science Prize**, Royal Society of Chemistry Solid State Chemistry Group Christmas Meeting
- 2018/10/12 **IUCr Journals Prize for the Best Student Lecture**, SAS2018
- 2018/06/14 **The Computational Prize – Best Oral Presentation**, University of Bath Bolland Symposium
- 2018/05/17 **Nominated for Faculty Teaching Assistant Award**, University of Bath Faculty of Science
- 2017/06/12 **Best Talk Award – Sponsored by Santander**, University of Bath Faculty of Science Graduate School Research Afternoon

Software Projects

- kinisi** A robust methodology for uncertainty quantification in *in-silico* diffusion, implemented in an open-source Python package and published in the Journal of Open Source Software.
- uravu** An open-source Bayesian data analysis Python package. This gives access to powerful Bayesian inference libraries through a simple interface for model-dependent data analysis. Published in the Journal of Open Source Software.
- islatsu** A open-source, documented package enabling reproducible and automated X-ray reflectometry reduction for data collected at the I07 beamline. Published in the Journal of Open Source Software.
- pylj** An open-source Python library to facilitate student interaction with classical atomistic simulation. It is designed to operate within the Jupyter notebook framework, making it easy to implement in the classroom or computer lab. Published in the Journal of Open-Source Education.

Language Fluency

- Mother tongue** English
- CEFR-level B2** Danish (Prøve i Dansk 3)

Service/Community

Journal of Open Source Education

TOPIC EDITOR

OCT 2022 - PRESENT

- Served as a topic editor for the Journal of Open Source Education (Open Journals), focusing on computational chemistry and physics

Various Academic Journals

PEER REVIEWER

MAY 2020 - PRESENT

- Carried out peer review for Journal of Physical Chemistry, Journal of Chemical Education (American Chemical Society), Journal of Open Source Software (Open Journals), Journal of Applied Crystallography (International Union of Crystallography) & Journal of Statistics and Data Science Education (Taylor & Francis)

Open Reflectivity Standards Organisation

MEMBER

OCT. 2019 - PRESENT

- A founding member of an international collaborative organisation aiming to standardise reflectivity measurements
- Organised two workshops, bringing together experts in reflectometry to collaborate on open standards
- Chair of the Reproducibility working group

RSC/IOP Neutron Scattering Group Committee

TREASURER/ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER/EARLY CAREER REPRESENTATIVE

JUN. 2017 - PRESENT

- Currently serve as the treasurer of the NSG Committee (since 2024) and the RSC Materials Chemistry Community Representative (since 2023), previously served as Early Career Representative and an Ordinary Committee Member
- Responsible for the organisation of Early Career Meetings for the group and acting as *de-facto* webmaster

M4 Colloids

ORGANISING COMMITTEE MEMBER

JUL. 2016

- Organisation of the student-led M4 Colloids conference at the University of Bath

Royal Society of Chemistry

MEMBER

SEPT. 2010 - PRESENT

- Member of the RSC since start of undergraduate
- Full member since August 2020

Publications

23. H. Richardson, J. Dunn*, & **A. R. McCluskey*** On the Estimation of Centre of Mass in Periodic Systems, *Preprint*, 2025. Available on arXiv: 2501.14578.
22. **A. R. McCluskey***, S. W. Coles, & B. J. Morgan*. Accurate Estimation of Diffusion Coefficients and their Uncertainties from Computer Simulation, *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, **21**(1), 79-87, 2025. DOI: 10.1021/acs.jctc.4c01249.
21. N. Shialelis*, L. A. Clifton, & **A. R. McCluskey***. Investigating model influence on the analytical resolution of neutron reflectometry, *Preprint*, 2024. Available on arXiv: 2403.13566.
20. **A. R. McCluskey***, M. Rivera*, & A. S. J. S. Mey*. Digital Skills in Chemical Education, *Nat. Chem.*, **16**(9), 1383-1384, 2024. DOI: 10.1038/s41557-024-01613-x.
19. J. Dunn, J. M. Crossley-Lewis, **A. R. McCluskey**, F. Jackson, C. Buda, G. Sunley, A. J. Mulholland, N. L. Allan*. Diffusion Mechanisms and Preferential Dynamics of Promoter Molecules in ZSM-5 Zeolite, *Catal. Sci. Technol.*, **14**(13), 3674-3681, 2024. DOI: 10.1039/D4CY00506F.
18. **A. R. McCluskey***, P. Aulin, F. Bolmsten, M. Bertelsen, C. M. C. Lobley, J. Lewis, M. Novelli, C. Somani, A. Stefanov, M. Trajanovski, N. Vaytet, P. K. Willendrup, J.-L. Wynen, S. Yoo, T. H. Rod*. The First European Spallation Source Data Management and Software Centre Summer School, *Neutron News*, **35**(1), 1-3, 2024. DOI: 10.1080/10448632.2024.2331387.
17. **A. R. McCluskey***, A. G. Squires, J. Dunn, S. W. Coles, & B. J. Morgan*. kinisi: Bayesian analysis of mass transport from molecular dynamics simulations, *J. Open Source Softw.*, **9**(94), 5984, 2024. DOI: 10.21105/joss.05984.
16. **A. R. McCluskey***. Is there still a place for linearization in the chemistry curriculum?, *J. Chem. Educ.*, **100**(11), 4174-4176, 2023. DOI: 10.1021/acs.jchemed.3c00466.
15. G. Krenzer, J. Klarbring, K. Tolborg, H. Rossignal, **A. R. McCluskey**, B. J. Morgan*, & A. Walsh*. Nature of the Superionic Transition of Lithium Nitride from Machine Learning Force Fields, *Chem. Mater.*, **35**(15), 6133-6140, 2023. DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemmater.3c01271.
14. **A. R. McCluskey***, A. J. Caruana*, C. J. Kinane, A. J. Armstrong, T. Arnold, J. F. K. Cooper, D. L. Cortie, A. V. Hughes, J.-F. Moulin, A. R. J. Nelson, W. Potrzebowski, & V. Starostin. Advice on describing Bayesian analysis of neutron and X-ray reflectometry, *J. Appl. Crystallogr.*, **56**(1), 12-17, 2023. DOI: 10.1107/S1600576722011426.
13. R. Brearton*, **A. R. McCluskey**, & T. Snow. islatu: A Python package for the reduction of reflectometry data, *J. Open Source Softw.*, **7**(77), 4397, 2022. DOI: 10.21105/joss.04397.
12. T. Arnold*, A. Terry, E. Blackburn, U. Hejral, Z. Heyles, **A. R. McCluskey**, T. Nylander, & M. Wolff. The 16th International Conference on Surface X-ray and Neutron Scattering (SXNS16), *Neutron News*, **33**(2), 2, 2022. DOI: 10.1080/10448632.2022.2050633.

11. T. Arnold*, B. Murphy, **A. R. McCluskey**, J. Stahn, & M. W. A. Skoda. A Report on the Third Meeting of the Open Reflectivity Standards Organisation (ORSO), *Neutron News*, **33**(1), 2, 2022. DOI: 10.1080/10448632.2021.2005422.
10. J. M. Dean, S. W. Coles*, W. R. Saunders, **A. R. McCluskey**, M. J. Wolf, A. B. Walker, & B. J. Morgan*. Overscreening and Underscreening in Solid-Electrolyte Grain Boundary Space-Charge Layers, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **127**(13), 135502, 2021. DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.127.135502.
9. A. Markvardsen*, T. Rees, M. Wathen, A. Lister, P. Odagiu, A. Anuchitanukul, T. Farmer, A. Lim, F. Montesino, T. Snow, & **A. McCluskey**. FitBenchmarking: an open source Python package comparing data fitting software, *J. Open Source Softw.*, **6**(62), 3127, 2021. DOI: 10.21105/joss.03127.
8. **A. R. McCluskey**, K. S. W. Hung, B. Marzec, J. O. Sindt, N. A. J. M. Sommerdijk, P. J. Camp, & F. Nudelman*. Disordered Filaments Mediate the Fibrillogenesis of Type-I Collagen in Solution, *Biomacromolecules*, **21**(9), 3631-3643, 2020. DOI: 10.1021/acs.biomac.0c00667
7. **A. R. McCluskey***, T. Arnold, J. F. K. Cooper, & T. Snow. A general approach to maximise information density in neutron reflectometry analysis, *Mach. Learn.: Sci. Technol.*, **1**(3), 035002, 2020. DOI: 10.1088/2632-2153/ab94c4.
6. **A. R. McCluskey***, & T. Snow. uravu: making Bayesian data analysis easy(er), *J. Open Source Softw.*, **5**(50), 2214, 2020. DOI: 10.21105/joss.02214.
5. **A. R. McCluskey***, J. Grant, A. J. Smith, J. L. Rawle, D. J. Barlow, M. J. Lawrence, S. C. Parker, & K. J. Edler*. Assessing molecular simulation for the analysis of lipid monolayer reflectometry, *J. Phys. Comm.*, **3**(7), 075001, 2019. DOI: 10.1088/2399-6528/ab12a9.
4. **A. R. McCluskey***, J. Grant, A. R. Symington, T. Snow, J. Douth, B. J. Morgan*, S. C. Parker, & K. J. Edler. An introduction to classical molecular dynamics simulation for experimental scattering users, *J. Appl. Crystallogr.*, **52**(3), 665-668, 2019. DOI: 10.1107/S1600576719004333.
3. **A. R. McCluskey***, A. Sanchez-Fernandez, K. J. Edler, S. C. Parker, A. J. Jackson, R. A. Campbell, & T. Arnold*. Bayesian determination of the effect of a deep eutectic solvent on the structure of lipid monolayers, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, **21**(11), 6133-6141, 2019. DOI: 10.1039/C9CP00203K.
2. **A. R. McCluskey***, B. J. Morgan, K. J. Edler, & S. C. Parker. pylj: A teaching tool for classical atomistic simulation, *J. Open Source Educ.*, **1**(2), 19-21, 2018. DOI: 10.21105/jose.00019.
1. **A. R. McCluskey**, & K. J. Edler*. Model-dependent Small-angle Scattering for the Study of Complex Organic Materials, *Curr. Org. Chem.*, **22**(8), 750-757, 2018. DOI: 10.2174/1875692115666170612104439.

* Denotes corresponding authorship.

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

2025/06/03	Accurate Estimations from Atomistic Simulations , PAQMAN	STAVANGER, NO
2025/04/16	Accurate Diffusion Estimation From Simulation – Plenary Speaker , Digital Chemistry Festival	BRISTOL, UK
2025/01/19	Accurate Diffusion Estimation From Simulation , Bragg Exchange 2025	LEEDS, UK
2024/11/27	Accurate Diffusion Estimation From Simulation and Propagation to Temperature Dependent Modelling , University of Warwick Computational Chemistry Seminar	WARWICK, UK
2024/06/26	A Short History of Trying To Make Computational Research More Reproducible , Reproducibility By Design Workshop	BRISTOL, UK
2024/06/05	Accurate Diffusion Estimation From Simulation and Propagation to Temperature Dependent Modelling , University of Birmingham Research Seminar	BIRMINGHAM, UK
2024/04/11	How To Care About Data in Neutron Scattering: A Biased Perspective , UK Neutron and Muon Science User Meeting 2024 – B.T.M. Willis Prize Lecture	WARWICK, GB
2024/03/12	Introduction to Reflectometry: With a Focus on Analysis , French-Swedish Academy for Scattering Experiments and Modelling for Life Science	LUND, SE
2022/07/05	Developing and sharing an undergraduate chemistry course for Python , 2022 RACI National Congress, Physical and Computational Chemistry Education Symposium – Keynote Speaker	HYBRID (BRISBANE, AU)
2020/04/03	Reflectometry and data science , #theLightStuff Webinars (youtu.be/PHBLK_3sfi8)	ONLINE
2017/06/19	Surfactants and Molecular Dynamics , CCP-SAS Joint Meeting, Cardiff University	CARDIFF, GB
2017/06/12	Putting computers to work for large experiments , Faculty of Science Graduate School Research Afternoon, Bath University – Best Talk Award	BATH, GB
2016/05/23	SAS, Sims and Soft Matter Self-Assembly , CCP-SAS Joint Meeting, NIST	GAITHERSBURG, US

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

2024/07/03	Accurate Diffusion Estimation From Simulation and Propagation to Temperature Dependent Modelling , Workshop on Synergies Between Mathematics, Data Science, and Molecular Simulations in Materials Science	BIRMINGHAM, UK
2023/09/22	A perspective on probabilistic chemical models to complement quantum algorithms , Scientific Applications of Quantum Computing: Materials, Chemistry and Biology	LONDON, GB
2022/09/21	PaN-Training e-Learning: education and training for scientists and students , NOBUGS (New Opportunities for Better User Group Software) 2022	HYBRID (VILLIGEN, CH)

2022/08/22	Using Bayesian inference as a tool to more completely understand neutron reflectometry , International Conference on Neutron Scattering 2022	BUENOS AIRES, AR
2019/07/12	Automating reflectometry reduction and analysis at Diamond Light Source , M4 COLLOIDS	BATH, GB
2019/05/07	Bayesian determination of the effect of a deep eutectic solvent on the structure of lipid monolayers , BAYES@LUND 2019	LUND, SE
2018/10/30	Comparing coarse-grained simulation-derived and traditional analysis method for monolayer reflectometry , Trends and Perspectives in Neutron Instrumentation	TUTZING, DE
2018/10/12	Using high-performance computing and molecular dynamics to rationalise micelle structure from small-angle scattering , SAS2018	TRAVERSE CITY, US
2018/10/09	pylj: an open-source Python library for teaching the interaction between molecular simulation and scattering , SAS2018 – Best Student Lecture Prize	TRAVERSE CITY, US
2018/09/16	Introducing programming to undergraduate chemists: and the tools we've developed to help them , PYCON UK	CARDIFF, GB
2018/08/23	Introducing programming to undergraduate chemists: and the tools we've developed to help them , VICEPHEC18	SHEFFIELD, GB
2018/06/14	Using markov chain monte-carlo to estimate uncertainties in x-ray reflectometry modelling , University of Bath Bolland Symposium	BATH, GB
2018/02/09	Probabilistic analysis of reflectometry data: Phospholipids at the DES-air interface , Neutrons and Global Challenges II: Health and Healthcare	LONDON, GB
2017/09/12	Simulations to understand reflectivity: How coarse can we go? , CCP5 AGM	GLASGOW, GB
2017/04/13	Simulations to understand reflectivity: How coarse can we go? , Faraday Joint Interest Group Conference	WARWICK, GB
2017/03/23	Coarse graining and reflectivity: a love story? , CompChem Seminar, University of Bath	BATH, GB
2017/02/28	Reflectivity: from simulation to experiment , International Soft Matter Workshop	HELDFORD, GB
2016/06/23	Smart analysis of soft matter , Bombannes Summer School	BOMBANNES, FR