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EDUCATION & TRAINING

University of Toronto (UofT), Department of Chemistry

Toronto, ON, Canada

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Advisor: Professor Alán Aspuru-Guzik

2019 – present

Florida State University (FSU), Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Tallahassee, FL, USA

- PhD Candidate in Chemistry, GPA 4.0, Advisor: Professor Igor V. Alabugin

2014 – 2018

- *in-flight* MSc in Chemistry

2014 – 2016

Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Institute of Chemistry

Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

- BSc in Chemistry, with technological attributions

2008 – 2013

- *Science without Borders* scholar, academic exchange at **University of Lisbon (UL)**, Portugal

2012 – 2013

PUBLICATIONS (§ = authors contributed equally to this work)

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Intramolecular α -Effect", *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2017**, *139* (31), 10799

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1. I. V. Alabugin, S. Bresch, **G. P. Gomes** "Orbital Hybridization: A Key Electronic Factor in Control of Structure And Reactivity" *J. Phys. Org. Chem.*, **2014**, *28*, 147 (one of the *most accessed* papers on: • *JPOC* between 10/2015-09/2016 & 02/2016-08/2017 • department's most read paper on *ResearchGate* in October–November 2017; featured on: • *amphoterios.com*)

AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS

- Featured as a Florida State University Student Star (2018)
- Selected for IUPAC's Periodic Table of Younger Chemists as "Yttrium" (2018)
- CAS SciFinder Future Leaders Program (2018; featured on: • C&EN News; • CAS Program for the 256th ACS National Meeting)
- ACS Graduate Research Symposium @ Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (*invited talk*, 2018)
- ACS COMP Chemical Computing Group Excellence Award (2018)
- Machine Learning in Science and Engineering Symposium @ Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA (*travel award*, 2018)
- FSU's Graduate Student Research and Creativity Award (2018)
- Florida State University Fellows Society (*inducted*, 2017)
- 67th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting (Chemistry), *invitation as young researcher* (2017; featured on:

- FSU News; • Brazilian Academy of Sciences; • Süddeutsche Zeitung, a *German newspaper*)
- Philip Schlenoff Graduate Travel Award (2017): grant used to attend the 67th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting
- FSU Student Employee of the Year Award, *nomination* (2017)
- IBM PhD Scholarship (2016, featured on: • chem.fsu.edu/news; • FSU's Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards)
- NSF XSEDE (TG-CHE160006): grant in the form of supercomputer time (2016, *renewed* for 2017 & 2018)
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Book Stipend (2016)
- FSU's Congress of Graduate Students (COGS): grant to attend the 253rd ACS National Meeting (2016)
- Latin America-Caribbean (LAC) FSU Scholarship (2015 - present)
- Latin American Student Education and Research (LASER) Program Fellowship @ FSU (2014)
- Science without Borders Program and Scholarship @ UL (2012-2013)
- Gas Exploitation Oral Section winner: 6th Brazilian Meeting of R&D in Oil and Gas, as PRH01-ANP Scholar (2011)
- Honorable Mention: XXXII Jornada Giulio Massarani de Iniciação Científica, as a CNPq Scholar (2010)

RESEARCH, TEACHING, & WORK EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant (RA) at FSU (2014-present): Computational Chemistry, Alabugin Group
- Teaching Assistant (TA) at FSU (2015-2017): Organic Chemistry II: Laboratory & Recitation.
- Supervisor to Undergraduate Students:
 - Shelby Davis (Honors Thesis, 2018) "Weaving Together Alkynes to Form Fully Six-Membered Polyaromatic Frameworks"
 - Nicholas Bigerton (Directed Individual Study, 2014-15) "Computational Studies of Triple-Cycloadditions of Arynes to Ynolates"
- Internship at CCMM-FCUL (2013): "Development of electrodes with reduced graphene oxide" Advisor: Dr. M. J. Lourenço
- PRH01-ANP scholar at INTERLAB-IQ/UFRJ (2010-2012): Undergraduate Thesis "Development and Molecular Study of Methane Hydrates Inhibitors". Advisor: Prof. Pierre Esteves
- CERN's GISELA-GRID at IF/UFRJ (2012): High performance computing (HPC) manager and infrastructure administrator.
- Teaching Assistant at *descomplica.com.br*, 3rd most innovative company of Latin America by *Fast Company* (2010-2014)
- Teaching Assistant at Institute of Chemistry, UFRJ (2010): Exptl. Organic Chemistry I and II
- CNPq scholar at INTERLAB-IQ/UFRJ (2008-2010): "Theoretical Study of Electrophilic Aromatic Nitration" Dr. Pierre Esteves

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS & SERVICE

- "Drawing Catalytic Power from Charge Separation: Stereoelectronic and Zwitterionic Assistance in the Au(I)-Catalyzed Bergman Cyclization", ACS COMP Awards poster presentation @ 256th ACS Meeting, Boston, MA (2018)
- "Taming Oxygen-Rich Systems with Stereoelectronic Effects", oral presentation @ 256th ACS Meeting, Boston, MA (2018)
- "Drawing Catalytic Power from Charge Separation: Stereoelectronic and Zwitterionic Assistance in the Au(I)-Catalyzed Bergman Cyclization", poster presentation @ CAS, Columbus, OH (2018)
- CAS SciFinder Future Leaders Program @ Columbus, OH (2018)
- "Taming Oxygen-Rich Systems with Stereoelectronic Effects", oral presentation @ Graduate Research Symposium, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (2018)
- "Taming Oxygen-Rich Systems with Stereoelectronic Effects", oral presentation @ Institute of Chemistry, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil (2018)
- Machine Learning in Science and Engineering Symposium @ Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA (2018)
- "Taming Oxygen-Rich Systems with Stereoelectronic Effects", oral presentation @ Doyle Group, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (2018)
- "Taming Oxygen-Rich Systems with Stereoelectronic Effects", oral presentation @ Aspuru-Guzik Group, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (2018)
- "Taming Peroxides with Stereoelectronic Effects: Stereoelectronic Control in the Ozone-Free Synthesis of Ozonides", oral presentation, 4th year-talk @ FSU Organic Seminar, Tallahassee, FL (2018)
- MLx18: A Machine Learning Conference at Florida State University, FSU, Tallahassee, FL (2018)
- "Taming Peroxides with Stereoelectronic Effects: Stereoelectronic Control in the Ozone-Free Synthesis of Ozonides", poster presentation @ FloHet 2018, Gainesville, FL (2018)
- "Reinventing cycloaromatization reactions: the diradical/zwitterion dichotomy", Igor V. Alabugin, Gabriel Gomes @ WATOC 2017, Munich, Germany (2017)
- 67th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting (Chemistry), Lindau, Germany (2017)
- "Supramolecular Effects in Radical Chemistry", poster presentation @ 253rd ACS Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2017)

- Q-Chem 5.0 User Workshop, San Francisco, CA (2017)
- FSU's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Book Stipend Selection Committee, *invited* (2017)
- "Employing stereoelectronic effects to design organocatalyzed S→F exchange towards functional polythioethers" oral presentation @ IBM Research Center, Almaden, CA (2016)
- "Designing Cascade Cyclizations and Fragmentations with Stereoelectronic Effects: Controlling Radical Arrival and Departure" oral presentation @ Todd Martinez Group, Stanford University, CA (2016)
- "Stereoelectronic effects are in control of reactivity", poster presentation @ SETCA (2016)
- "Stereoelectronic effects are in control of reactivity", oral presentation, 2nd year-talk @ FSU Organic Seminar, Tallahassee, FL (2016)
- "Stereoelectronic effects are in control of reactivity", oral presentation @ 92nd FAME, (2016)
- "Stereoelectronic effects are in control: from the anomalous stability of bis-peroxides to radical cascade cyclizations" poster presentation @ 251th ACS Meeting, San Diego, CA (2016)
- Graduate Student Commission for Invited Lectures at FSU Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry (2016 – 2017)
- Computational Design of New Routes to Graphene Nanoribbons, poster presentation @ FSU Digitech (2015)
- 24th Winter Inter-American Photochemical Society Conference, poster presentation (2015)
- School of Advanced Characterization of Nanomaterials of INMETRO (2014)
- pDynamo Workshop & Molecular Simulation (2013) at University of Sao Paulo, SP – Brazil
- School of Advanced Studies in Applied Thermodynamics: Monte Carlo Simulations (2011)
- "Theoretical Study of Electrophilic Aromatic Nitration", poster presentation @ XV SBQt (2009)
- XXXI, XXXII and XXXIV Jornada Giulio Massarani de Iniciação Científica, oral presentations (2009-2013)
- Member of Students Commission of Chemistry Institute at UFRJ (2009-2012)
- Organization Commission of the XVII, XIX and XX Weeks of Chemistry of UFRJ (2009-2012)

SKILLS & SOFTWARES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quantum-Chemical Computations: Gaussian, Jprogdyn, ORCA, Psi4, GFN-xTB, TeraChem, Spartan, Q-Chem ▪ Analysis: NBO, NICS-xy, SAPT, ACID, FOD, Aroma ▪ Visualization: GaussView, ChemCraft, CYLView, Chimera, PyMol, JMol | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MATLAB, Mathematica, Prism ▪ <i>bash</i>, Python ▪ Office, Adobe & ChemDraw Suites ▪ <u>COP</u>: A Computational Organic Chemistry Routine Parser, developed by G. P. Gomes & D. R. Nascimento @ FSU |
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REFERENCES

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