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Education:

University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley, CA, USA   Expected Fall 2018
Ph.D., Chemistry
  Concentrations: atmospheric chemistry, physical chemistry
    Dissertation: New remote sensing constraints on nitric oxide lifetime and emissions throughout the
      United States

The Pennsylvania State University; University Park, PA, USA   May 2013
The Schreyer Honors College   With Highest Distinction
B.S. Chemistry with Honors
    Thesis: Synthesis and Transport Studies of a Delivery Mechanism for Oxidative In-Situ Remediation
      of Groundwater
B.M. Music Composition with Honors
    Thesis: Virtual Evolving and Self-Producing Rapid Audio (V.E.S.P.R.A.)

Research Experience:

Cohen Research Lab, UC Berkeley   Oct 2013–present
NO_2 remote sensing retrieval development and space-based NO_x emissions constraints. Developer on the BEHR retrieval (`http://behr.cchem.berkeley.edu/`).

Mallouk Research Group, Penn State   June 2012–May 2013
Development of oxidative groundwater remediation using peroxide microcapsules

Merck Pharmaceuticals (Internship), Danville, PA, USA   June 2011–Aug 2011
Process optimization of crystal size for product yield and purity at the Danville, PA site

Curriculum development research w/ Dr. Katherine Masters, Penn State Jan 2011–Dec 2012
Design of new curriculum for honors organic chemistry lab course

Cherokee Pharmaceuticals (Internship), Danville, PA, USA   June 2010–Aug 2010
Study of the effect of antisolvent addition on product yield and purity

Publications:

J. L. Laughner, Q. Zhu, and R. C. Cohen (2018). "The Berkeley High Resolution Tropospheric NO_2 Product". In: *Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss.* submitted

J. Lapierre, J. Laughner, J. Geddes, W. Koshack, R. Cohen, and S. Pusede (2018). "Observing regional variability in lightning NO_x production rates". In: *J. Geophys. Res. Atmos.* submitted

J. L. Laughner and R. C. Cohen (2017). "Quantification of the effect of modeled lightning NO_2 on UV-visible air mass factors". In: *Atmos. Meas. Tech.* 10, pp. 4403–4419. DOI: 10.5194/amt-10-4403-2017

B. A. Nault, J. L. Laughner, P. J. Wooldridge, J. D. Crounse, J. Dibb, G. Diskin, J. Peischl, J. R. Podolske, I. B. Pollack, T. B. Ryerson, E. Scheuer, P. O. Wennberg, and R. C. Cohen (2017). "Lightning NO_x Emissions: Reconciling Measured and Modeled Estimates With Updated NO_x Chemistry". In: *Geophys. Res. Lett.* 2017GL074436. ISSN: 1944-8007. DOI: 10.1002/2017GL074436

J. L. Laughner, A. Zare, and R. C. Cohen (2016). "Effects of daily meteorology on the interpretation of space-based remote sensing of NO_2". In: *Atmos. Chem. Phys.* 16.23, pp. 15247–15264. DOI: `10.5194/acp-16-15247-2016`

K. R. Travis, D. J. Jacob, J. A. Fisher, P. S. Kim, E. A. Marais, L. Zhu, K. Yu, C. C. Miller, R. M. Yantosca, M. P. Sulprizio, A. M. Thompson, P. O. Wennberg, J. D. Crounse, J. M. St. Clair, R. C. Cohen, J. L. Laughner, J. E. Dibb, S. R. Hall, K. Ullmann, G. M. Wolfe, I. B. Pollack, J. Peischl, J. A. Neuman, and X. Zhou (2016). "Why do models overestimate surface ozone in the Southeast United States?" In: *Atmos. Chem. Phys.* 16.21, pp. 13561–13577. DOI: `10.5194/acp-16-13561-2016`

S. E. Pusede, K. C. Duffey, A. A. Shusterman, A. Saleh, J. L. Laughner, P. J. Wooldridge, Q. Zhang, C. L. Parworth, H. Kim, S. L. Capps, L. C. Valin, C. D. Cappa, A. Fried, J. Walega, J. B. Nowak, A. J. Weinheimer, R. M. Hoff, T. A. Berkoff, A. J. Beyersdorf, J. Olson, J. H. Crawford, and R. C. Cohen (2016). "On the effectiveness of nitrogen oxide reductions as a control over ammonium nitrate aerosol". In: *Atmos. Chem. Phys.* 16.4, pp. 2575–2596. DOI: `10.5194/acp-16-2575-2016`

Presentations:

Laughner, J. and Cohen, R.C. (15 Dec 2017) *The Next-generation Berkeley High Resolution NO_2 (BEHR NO_2) Retrieval: Design and Preliminary Emissions Constraints*, Poster at American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 11–15 Dec 2017.

Laughner, J. and Canfield-Dafilou, E. (22 June 2017) *Illustrating trends in nitrogen oxides across the United States using sonification,* Talk at International Conference for Auditory Display, University Park, PA, 20–23 June 2017.

Laughner, J., Zare, A., and Cohen, R.C. (3 Feb 2017) *Effects of daily, high resolution* a priori *profiles on satellite-derived NO_x emissions and lifetime*, Poster at Berkeley Atmospheric Science Symposium, Berkeley, CA, 2–3 Feb 2017.

Laughner, J., Zare, A., and Cohen, R.C. (16 Dec 2016) *Effects of daily, high resolution* a priori *profiles on satellite-derived NO_x emissions and lifetime*, Poster at American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 12–16 Dec 2016.

Laughner, J., Zare, A., and Cohen, R.C. (30 Aug 2016) *Effects of daily meteorology on satellite* a priori *and implications for constraint of NO_x chemistry from space*, Talk at Aura Science Team Meeting, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 30 Aug–1 Sept 2016.

Laughner, J., Zare, A., and Cohen, R.C. (14 Dec 2015) *The impact of day-to-day variability in input assumptions on regional satellite retrievals of NO_2*, Poster at American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 14–18 Dec 2015.

Laughner, J. and Cohen, R.C. (7 May 2015) *Aerosol effects on NO_2 retrievals: an assessment using DISCOVER observations*, Talk at DISCOVER-AQ Science Team Meeting, Boulder, CO, 3–8 May 2015.

Laughner, J. (Apr. 2013) *Synthesis and Transport Studies of a Delivery Mechanism for Oxidative In-Situ Remediation of Groundwater*, Thesis presentation, Dept. of Chemistry, Penn State.

Laughner, J. and Mallouk, T. (Aug. 2012) *Synthesis of PLGA Microcapsules for Groundwater Remediation*, Presentation of research at conclusion of 3M Summer Fellowship.

Laughner, J. and Mallouk, T. (Apr. 2012) *Oxidation of Groundwater Contaminants with Hydrogen Peroxide Containing Microcapsules*, Penn State Undergraduate Research Exposition.

Awards:
- NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship, 2014–2017.
- Teas Scholarship, Penn State Department of Chemistry, 2012.
- 3M Fellowship, Penn State, 2012.
- Golumbic Scholarship, Penn State College of Arts & Architecture, 2012.

Teaching Experience:

NASA Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE)	Dec 2014–present

Visit high school classes to discuss my research and help students with their own research projects.

Bay Area Scientists in Schools (BASIS)	Jan 2014–present

Science lessons with elementary students in Oakland and Berkeley, CA, USA

Graduate Student Instructor, Chem 15, UC Berkeley	Aug 2015–Dec 2015

Analytical chemistry: instructor for 25-student lab section; office hours on lab and lecture material

Graduate Student Instructor, Chem 4A, UC Berkeley	Aug 2013–Dec 2013
	Aug 2014–Dec 2014

General chemistry: instructor for 20-student lab section; office hours on lab and lecture material

Tutor for undergraduate resource room, Penn State	Sept 2010–May 2013

Individual to small group tutoring on general and organic chemistry

Mentor for high school student lab experience during summer leadership camp	Aug 2012

Led high-school students in water filtration lab, discussion of relevance

Undergraduate Instrument Room TA, Penn State	Aug 2011–Dec 2011

Instructed student use of NMR, IR, GC, and data interpretation

Skills:
- *Programming*: fluent in Matlab, Python, Bash, Git; conversant with Fortran, C, C++, C#, Supercollider.
- *Atmospheric remote sensing*: development of UV-visible retrieval algorithms; application of NO_2 remote sensing for emissions and lifetime constraints.
- *Atmospheric chemical transport modeling*: experienced with GEOS-Chem and WRF-Chem.
- *Radiative transfer modeling*: conversant with SCIATRAN.
- *Typesetting and visualization*: fluent with Latex, GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program), Inkscape (open source vector image editor), and Blender (open source 3D modeling program).

Selected programming examples:
- BEHR Retrieval: `https://github.com/CohenBerkeleyLab/BEHR-core` and dependencies
- Modification of WRF-Chem to automatically scale anthropogenic emissions to the run year: `https://github.com/CohenBerkeleyLab/WRF-Chem-R2SMH/commits/conv_emiss_racm2-r2smh`, esp. commits b7a4f62 & 64225f2
- Code to automate configuration, compilation, input preparation, and execution of WRF-Chem: `https://github.com/CohenBerkeleyLab/AutoWRFChem-Base`
- Matlab-Python data type interface: `https://github.com/firsttempora/MatlabPythonInterface`