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## EDUCATION

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08/2018-Present	Ph.D., Physical Chemistry, <i>Utah State University</i> , Logan, Utah, USA GPA = 4.0
09/2013-07/2018	Specialist degree, Fundamental and Applied Chemistry major, <i>Novosibirsk University</i> , Novosibirsk, Russia GPA = 4.0 ( <i>summa cum laude</i> )
09/2011-05/2013	High school diploma, <i>Educational and Scientific Center of Novosibirsk University</i> , Novosibirsk, Russia

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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*Claude E. ZoBell Scholarship*, a support for the graduate student pursuing degrees in biology, chemistry and biochemistry, geology, or physics. College of Science, Utah State University || June **2022**

*Summer internship at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)* || May-August **2020**

*Stephen Bialkowski Award in Environmental Chemistry*, a support of a specific environmental chemistry research at the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Utah State University || April **2020**

*The Early Research Progress in Chemistry Award* for outstanding research progress at Utah State University || April **2020**

*Marjorie H. Gardner Teaching Award* for outstanding work as a teaching assistant at Utah State University || March **2019**

*British Petroleum Scholarship Award* for High Academic Standing and Outstanding Leadership Qualities || **2017, 2016**

*1st Degree Diploma* of the "VII International Natural Sciences Tournament" – Individual Competition || November **2016**

*1st Degree Diploma* of the International Forum of Young Scientists "Science Game" – Team Competition || May **2016**

## CITATION METRICS

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**h-index:** 13

**Total citations:** 433 ([Google Scholar Profile](#))

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- 32) Chen W.X., Tkachenko N.V., Munoz-Castro A., Boldyrev A.I., Sun Z.M. "Ruthenium-mediated assembly and enhanced stability of heterometallic polystannides [Ru<sub>2</sub>Sn<sub>19</sub>]<sup>4-</sup> and [Ru<sub>2</sub>Sn<sub>20</sub>]<sup>6-</sup>", *Nano Res.*, **2022**, 15, 5705-5711. (IF = 8.90)
- 31) Minkin V.I., Ivakhnenko E.P., Knyazev P.A., Starikov A.G., Demidov O.P., Tkachenko N.V., Boldyrev A.I. "Electronic isomerism (electromerism) of 6,8-di-tert-butyl-3H-phenoxazin-3-one oxime radical", *Russ. Chem. Bull.*, **2022**, 1, 30-37. (IF = 1.22)
- 30) Zhang W.Q., Tkachenko N.V., Qiao L., Boldyrev A.I., Sun Z.M. "Synthesis and structure of binary copper/silver-arsenic clusters derived from Zintl ion As<sub>7</sub><sup>3-</sup>", *Chin. J. Chem.*, **2022**, 40, 65-70. (IF = 6.00)
- 29) Tkachenko N.V., Munoz-Castro A., Boldyrev A.I. "Occurrence of Double Bond in  $\pi$ -Aromatic Rings: An Easy Way to Design Doubly Aromatic Carbon-Metal Structures", *Molecules*, **2021**, 26, 7232. (IF = 4.41)
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- 26) Xu Y.H., Tkachenko N.V., Popov I.A., Qiao L., Munoz-Castro A., Boldyrev A.I., and Sun Z.M. "Ternary aromatic and anti-aromatic clusters derived from the hypho species [Sn<sub>2</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>", *Nat. Commun.*, **2021**, 12, 4465. (IF = 14.92)
- 25) Dub P.A., and Tkachenko N.V. "Mechanism of Potassium tert-Butoxide-Catalyzed Ketones Hydrogenation in the Solution Phase", *J. Phys. Chem. A*, **2021**, 125, 5726-5737. (IF = 2.78)
- 24) Tkachenko N.V., Sud J., Zhang Y., Tretiak S., Anisimov P. M., Arrasmith A. T., Coles P. J., Cincio L., and Dub P. A. "Correlation-Informed Permutation of Qubits for Reducing Ansatz Depth in the Variational Quantum Eigensolver" *PRX Quantum*, **2021**, 2, 020337.

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- 20)** Semenok D. V., Zhou D., Kvashnin A. G., Huang X., Galasso M., Kruglov I. A., Ivanova A. G., Gavriluk A. G., Chen W., Tkachenko N. V., Boldyrev A. I., Troyan I., Oganov A. R., and Cui T. "Novel Strongly Correlated Europium Superhydrides", *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.*, **2021**, *12*, 32-40. (IF = 6.48)
- 19)** Xu H.-L., Tkachenko N. V., Wang Z.-C., Chen W.-X., Qiao L., Munoz-Castro A., Boldyrev A. I., and Sun Z.-M. "A Sandwich-Type Cluster Containing Ge@Pd<sub>3</sub> Planar Fragment Flanked by Aromatic Nonagermanide Caps", *Nat. Commun.*, **2020**, *11*, 5286. (IF = 14.92)
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- 16)** Wang Z. C., Tkachenko N. V., Qiao L., Matito E., Muñoz-Castro A., Boldyrev A. I., and Sun Z.-M. "All-Metal σ-Antiaromaticity in Dimeric Cluster Anion {[CuGe<sub>9</sub>Mes]<sub>2</sub>}<sup>4-</sup>", *Chem. Commun.*, **2020**, *56*, 6583-6586. (IF = 6.22)
- 15)** Steglenko D. V., Tkachenko N. V., Boldyrev A. I., Minyaev R. M., and Minkin V. I. "Stability, electronic and optical properties of two-dimensional phosphorane", *J. Comp. Chem.*, **2020**, *41*, 1456-1463. (IF = 3.38)
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- 11)** Tkachenko N. V., Sun Z.-M., and Boldyrev A. I. "Record Low Ionization Potentials of Alkali Metal Complexes with Crown Ethers and Cryptands", *ChemPhysChem*, **2019**, *20*, 2060-2062. (Highlighted as Very Important Paper, featured on the Front Cover Page, highlighted in ChemViews Magazine) (IF = 3.10)
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- 9)** Liu C., Tkachenko N. V., Popov I. A., Fedik N., Min X., Xu C. Q., Li J., McGrady J. E., Boldyrev A. I., and Sun Z.-M. "Structure and Bonding in [Sb@In<sub>8</sub>Sb<sub>12</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> and [Sb@In<sub>8</sub>Sb<sub>12</sub>]<sup>5-</sup>", *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2019**, *58*, 8367-8371. (Featured on the Inside Cover Page) (IF = 15.34)
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- 1) Tkachenko N. V., Lyakin O. Y., Samsonenko D. G., Talsi E. P., and Bryliakov K. P. "Highly Efficient Asymmetric Aerobic Oxidative Coupling of 2-Naphthols in the Presence of Bioinspired Iron Aminopyridine Complexes", *Catal. Comm.*, **2018**, 104, 112-117. (IF=3.63)

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

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Invited seminar at Stanford University (T.J. Martinez group) "Exploring the Electronic-Structure Problem with Quantum Computers and Deciphering Exotic Chemical Bonding in Clusters and Solids" || 8 September **2022**, Stanford, USA

International Conference on Chemical Bonding, *invited talk* "Simulating Electronic Structure on Quantum Computers with PermVQE and QDavidson Algorithms" || 11-17 August **2022**, Kauai (Hawaii), USA

ACS National Meeting & Expo, Oral Presentation, the symposium on "Synergy Between Quantum Computing and High-Performance Computing in Quantum Chemistry and Materials Science" || 5-16 April **2021**, USA.

ACS National Meeting & Expo, Physical Chemistry Poster Session, Sci-Mix Session || 25-29 August **2019**, San Diego (CA), USA.

27th International Chugaev Conference on Coordination Chemistry, Oral Presentation, "Physicochemical Methods in Coordination Chemistry" || 2-6 October **2017**, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia.

IV Scientific Conference Boreskov Readings dedicated to the 110th anniversary of Academician Georgii K. Boreskov, Poster Session || 19-21 April **2017**, Novosibirsk, Russia.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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06/2020-08/2020

**Research Assistant, Los Alamos National Laboratory, USA**

### Responsibilities:

Collecting and analyzing the data obtained during the computational research work; writing scientific papers; conceiving and designing of scientific projects.

08/2020-12/2020 01/2020-04/2020 01/2019-04/2019	<b>Teaching Assistant, <i>Utah State University, USA</i></b>  <b>Responsibilities:</b> Conducting General Chemistry Recitations and Chemical Principles Laboratories; Grading students' works.
01/2021-Present 05/2019-12/2019 08/2018-12/2018	<b>Research Assistant, <i>Utah State University, USA</i></b>  <b>Responsibilities:</b> Collecting and analyzing the data obtained during the computational research work; writing scientific papers; conceiving and designing of scientific projects.
06/2016-07/2018	<b>Research Assistant, <i>Boriskov Institute of Catalysis, Russia</i></b>  <b>Responsibilities:</b> Collecting and analyzing the data obtained during the experimental research work; writing scientific papers.
06/2015-05/2016	<b>Research Assistant, <i>Nikolaev Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Russia</i></b>  <b>Responsibilities:</b> Collecting and analyzing the data obtained during the experimental research work.

## RECENT PROJECTS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

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Spring 2021 - Present	Participating in Los-Alamos National Laboratory sub-contract with Utah State University on the topic "Quantum Chemistry on Quantum Computers"
Summer 2020	Participating in Los-Alamos National Laboratory Graduate Research Assistantship program. "Quantum Chemistry on Quantum Computers", DR project.
08/2018-12/2019	Participating in National Science Foundation grant CHE-1664379

## SKILLS

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Programming using following programming languages: Python 3, C++;

Developing scientific software:

*AdNDP 2.0* (195 unique downloads, available through the links:

<https://zenodo.org/record/2648092#.XLwJdpnQhPY>,

<https://zenodo.org/record/3252298#.YNCrwOHPxPZ>)

*DFT-driven-PSO* (<https://github.com/ntkachenko95/DFT-driven-PSO>)

Performing quantum chemical calculations using following programs:

Gaussian, ORCA, VASP, CP2K;

Performing chemical bonding analysis using following programs: AdNDP,

AdNDP 2.0, SSAdNDP, MultiWFN;

Group website administration;

## LANGUAGE ABILITIES

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**First language:** Russian

**Second language:** English

## SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS

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Quantum computing; Quantum chemistry; Computational materials design;  
Computational catalysis; Chemical bonding of clusters and solids;  
Application of artificial intelligence to materials design; Computational  
chemistry.