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EDUCATION

08/2018-Present	Ph.D. (expected 04/2023), 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

SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS

Quantum Computing; Quantum Chemistry; Computational Materials Design; Computational Catalysis; Chemical Bonding; Adiabatic and Non-Adiabatic Molecular Dynamics Simulations.

AWARDS

Oppenheimer Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow appointment at Los Alamos National Laboratory; recognizes outstanding individuals whose research aligns with the Laboratory's mission || December **2022** ([International Competition, success rate < 0.25% or 1 Awardee out of ~400 postdocs](#))

ACS Utah Outstanding Graduate Student Award 2022 recognizes the research, mentorship, leadership, and public outreach of an outstanding chemistry graduate student in Utah || October **2022** ([State Competition, success rate < 0.5% or 1 Awardee out of ~250 students](#))

Claude E. ZoBell Scholarship, a support for the graduate student pursuing degrees in biology, chemistry and biochemistry, geology, or physics. Utah State University || June **2022** ([USU College of Science Competition, success rate: < 1% or 1 Awardee out of ~150 students](#))

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** ([Departmental Competition, success rate: < 3% or 1 Awardee out of ~35 students](#))

The Early Research Progress in Chemistry Award for outstanding research progress at Utah State University || April **2020** ([Departmental Competition, success rate: < 15% or 1 Awardee out of ~7 students](#))

Marjorie H. Gardner Teaching Award for outstanding work as a teaching assistant at Utah State University || March **2019** ([Departmental Competition, success rate: < 10% or 3 Awardees out of ~35 students](#))

British Petroleum Scholarship Award for High Academic Standing and Outstanding Leadership Qualities || **2017, 2016** ([University Competition, success rate: < 5% or 10 Awardees out of ~250 students](#))

1st Degree Diploma of the “VII International Natural Sciences Tournament” – Individual Competition || November **2016** (International Competition, success rate: < 7% or 7 Awardees out of ~100 students)

1st Degree Diploma of the International Forum of Young Scientists “Science Game” – Team Competition || May **2016** (National Competition, success rate: < 5% or 1 Team Awardee out of ~20 teams)

CITATION METRICS AND PUBLICATIONS

Total citations: 479 (according to [Google Scholar](#))

h-index: 14; **i10-index:** 18

42) Rublev P., [Tkachenko N.V.](#), Pozdeev A.S., Boldyrev A.I. “Tinning the Carbon: Hydrostannanes Strike Back”, *Dalton Trans.*, **2022**, Accepted DOI: 10.1039/D2DT03545F. (Featured on the Front Cover Page) (IF = 4.57, citations = 0)

41) [Tkachenko N.V.](#), Sun Z.M., Boldyrev A.I., Munoz-Castro A. “Advances in Cluster Bonding: Bridging Superaatomic Building Blocks via Intercluster Bonds”, In *Atomic Clusters with Unusual Structure, Bonding and Reactivity*, **2023**, Elsevier, pp. 321-332, DOI: 10.1016/B978-0-12-822943-9.00010-3 (Invited Chapter, citations = 0).

40) [Tkachenko N.V.](#), Rublev P., Dub P.A. “The Source of Proton in the Noyori–Ikariya Catalytic Cycle”, *ACS Catal.*, **2022**, Accepted DOI: 10.1021/acscatal.2c03540. (IF = 13.70, citations = 0)

39) Getmanskii I.V., Koval V.V., [Tkachenko N.V.](#), Zaitsev S.A., Boldyrev A.I., Minyaev R.M. “Ultralight Supertetrahedral Aluminum: Stability at Various Temperatures”, *MRS Bull.* **2022**, Accepted, DOI 10.1557/s43577-022-00383-6. (IF = 4.88, citations = 0)

38) [Tkachenko N.V.](#), Zhang Y., Cincio L., Boldyrev A.I., Tretiak S., Dub P.A. “Quantum Davidson Algorithm for Excited States”, *ArXiv*, **2022**, 2204.10741. Under Review in *PRX Quantum*. (IF = 7.51, citations = 6)

37) [Tkachenko N.V.](#), Chen W.X., Morgan H.W.T., Muñoz-Castro A., Boldyrev A.I., Sun Z.M. “Sn₃₆⁸⁻: A 2.7 nm Naked Aromatic Tin Rod”, *Chem. Commun.*, **2022**, 58, 6223-6226. (IF = 6.07, citations = 0)

36) Xu H.L., [Tkachenko N.V.](#), Szczepanik D., Popov I.A., Muñoz-Castro A., Boldyrev A.I., Sun Z.M. “Symmetry Collapse due to the Presence of Multiple Local Aromaticity in Ge₂₄⁴⁻”, *Nat. Commun.* **2022**, 13, 2149. (IF = 17.69, citations = 2)

35) Rublev P., [Tkachenko N.V.](#), Boldyrev A.I. “Overlapping electron density and the global delocalization of π -aromatic fragments as the reason of conductivity of the biphenylene network”, *J. Comp. Chem.* **2022**, Accepted DOI: 10.1002/jcc.26854. (IF = 3.67, citations = 0)

34) [Tkachenko N.V.](#), Rublev P., Boldyrev A.I., Lehn J.M. “Superalkali Coated Rydberg Molecules”, *Front. Chem.* **2022**, 10, 880804. (IF = 5.22, citations = 0)

33) Yokelson D., [Tkachenko N.V.](#), Robey R., Li Y.W., Dub P.A. “Performance Analysis of CP2K Code for Ab Initio Molecular Dynamics”, *J. Chem. Inf. Model* **2022**, 62, 2378-2386. (IF = 6.16, citations = 3)

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 [Ru₂Sn₁₉]⁴⁻ and [Ru₂Sn₂₀]⁶⁻”, *Nano Res.*, **2022**, 15, 5705–5711. (IF = 9.24, citations = 0)

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 = 1.57, citations = 2)

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 As₇³⁻”, *Chin. J. Chem.*, **2022**, 40, 65-70. (IF = 5.56, citations = 4)

- 29)** Tkachenko N.V., Munoz-Castro A., Boldyrev A.I. "Occurrence of Double Bond in π -Aromatic Rings: An Easy Way to Design Doubly Aromatic Carbon-Metal Structures", *Molecules*, **2021**, 26, 7232. (IF = 4.93, citations = 4)
- 28)** Tkachenko N.V., Tkachenko A.A., Kulyukin V.A., and Boldyrev A.I. "DFT Study of Microsolvated $[\text{NO}_3 \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n]^-$ ($n = 1-12$) Clusters and Molecular Dynamics Simulation of Nitrate Solution", *J. Phys. Chem. A*, **2021**, 40, 8899–8906. (IF = 2.94, citations = 1)
- 27)** Tkachenko N.V., Popov I.A., Kulichenko M., Fedik N., Sun Z.M., Munoz-Castro A., and Boldyrev A.I., "Bridging Aromatic/Antiaromatic Units. Recent Advances in Aromaticity and Antiaromaticity in Main-group and Transition-metal Clusters From Bonding and Magnetic Analyses", *Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.*, **2021**, 41, 4239-4250. (IF = 2.55, citations = 3)
- 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 $[\text{Sn}_2\text{Sb}_5]^{3-}$ ", *Nat. Commun.*, **2021**, 12, 4465. (IF = 17.69, citations = 5)
- 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 = 2.94, citations = 8)
- 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. (IF = 7.51, citations = 35)
- 23)** Kulichenko M., Fedik N., Tkachenko N. V., Munoz-Castro A., Sun Z.-M., and Boldyrev A. I. "Spherical aromaticity in inorganic chemistry" In *Aromaticity: Modern Computational Methods and Applications*, **2021**, Ed. Israel Fernandez, Elsevier, ISBN: 9780128227237, pp. 447-488. (Invited Chapter, citations = 1)
- 22)** Dub P. A., Tkachenko N. V., Vyas V. K., Wills M., Smith J. S., and Tretiak S., "Enantioselectivity in the Noyori-Ikariya Asymmetric Transfer Hydrogenation of Ketones", *Organometallics*, **2021**, 40, 1402-1410. (IF = 3.84, citations = 16)
- 21)** Xu H. L., Tkachenko N. V., Munoz-Castro A., Boldyrev A. I., and Sun Z.-M. " $[\text{Sn}_8]^{6-}$ -bridged mixed-valence $\text{Zn(I)}/\text{Zn(II)}$ in $\{[\text{K}_2\text{ZnSn}_8(\text{ZnMes})]_2\}^{4-}$ Inverse Sandwich-Type Cluster Supported by $\text{Zn}^{\text{I}}\text{-Zn}^{\text{I}}$ Bond", *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2021**, 60, 9990-9995. (IF = 16.82, citations = 7)
- 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 = 6.89, citations = 26)
- 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_3 Planar Fragment Flanked by Aromatic Nonagermanide Caps", *Nat. Commun.*, **2020**, 11, 5286. (IF = 17.69, citations = 13)
- 18)** Narendrapurapu B. S., Bowman M. C., Xie Y., Schaefer III H. F., Tkachenko N. V., Boldyrev A. I., and Li G. "Dibridged, Monobridged, Vinylidene-Like, and Linear Structures for the Alkaline Earth Dihydrides Be_2H_2 , Mg_2H_2 , Ca_2H_2 , Sr_2H_2 , and Ba_2H_2 . Proposals for Observations", *Inorg. Chem.*, **2020**, 59, 10404-10408. (IF = 5.44, citations = 2)
- 17)** Xu H. L., Popov I. A., Tkachenko N. V., Wang Z. C., Munoz-Castro A., Boldyrev A. I., and Sun Z.-M. " σ -Aromaticity-Induced Stabilization of Heterometallic Supertetrahedral Clusters $[\text{Zn}_6\text{Ge}_{16}]^{4-}$ and $[\text{Cd}_6\text{Ge}_{16}]^{4-}$ ", *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2020**, 59, 17286-17290. (IF = 16.82, citations = 19)
- 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 $\{[\text{CuGe}_9\text{Mes}]_2\}^{4-}$ ", *Chem. Commun.*, **2020**, 56, 6583-6586. (IF = 6.07, citations = 17)
- 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 = 3.67, citations = 14)

- 14)** Tkachenko N. V., Zhang X. W., Qiao L., Shu C. C., Steglenko D., Munoz-Castro A., Sun Z.-M., and Boldyrev A. I. "Spherical aromaticity of all-metal $[\text{Bi}@\text{In}_8\text{Bi}_{12}]^{3-/5-}$ clusters", *Chem. Eur. J.*, **2020**, 26, 2073-2079. (IF = 5.02, citations = 14)
- 13)** Tkachenko N. V., Song B., Steglenko D., Minyaev R. M., Yang L. M., and Boldyrev A. I. "Computational Prediction of the Low Temperature Ferromagnetic Semiconducting Two-Dimensional SiN Monolayer", *Phys. Status Solidi B*, **2020**, 257, 1900619. (IF = 1.78, citations = 11)
- 12)** Tkachenko N. V., Steglenko D., Fedik N., Boldyreva N. M., Minyaev R. M., Minkin V. I., and Boldyrev A. I. "Superoctahedral Two-Dimensional Metallic Boron with Peculiar Magnetic Properties", *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, **2019**, 21, 19764-19771. (IF = 3.95, citations = 30)
- 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 = 3.52, citations = 20)
- 10)** Tkachenko N. V., and Boldyrev A. I. "Multiple Local σ -Aromaticity of the Nonagermanide Clusters", *Chem. Sci.*, **2019**, 10, 5761-5765. (IF=9.97, citations = 25)
- 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 $[\text{Sb}@\text{In}_8\text{Sb}_{12}]^{3-}$ and $[\text{Sb}@\text{In}_8\text{Sb}_{12}]^{5-}$ ", *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2019**, 58, 8367-8371. (Featured on the Inside Cover Page) (IF = 16.82, citations = 26)
- 8)** Tkachenko N. V., and Boldyrev A. I. "Chemical bonding analysis of excited states using the adaptive natural density partitioning method", *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, **2019**, 21, 9590-9596. (IF = 3.95, citations = 60)
- 7)** Tkachenko N. V., and Scheiner S. "Optical Stability of 1,1'-Binaphthyl Derivatives", *ACS Omega*, **2019**, 4, 6044-6049. (IF = 4.13, citations = 11)
- 6)** Tkachenko N. V., and Bryliakov K. P. "Transition Metal Catalyzed Aerobic Asymmetric Coupling of 2-Naphthols", *Mini Rev. Org. Chem.*, **2019**, 16, 392-398. (IF = 2.16, citations = 7)
- 5)** Salnikov G. E., Genaev A. M., Shernyukov A. V., Zhu Z., Tkachenko N. V., and Koltunov K. Y. "Configurational Stability of 1,1'-Bi-2-naphthol in Superacid System $\text{HSO}_3\text{F}-\text{SbF}_5-\text{SO}_2\text{ClF}$ ", *Russ. J. Org. Chem.*, **2018**, 54, 792-794. (IF=0.70, citations = 6)
- 4)** Tkachenko N. V., Lyakin O. Y., Zima A. M., Talsi E. P., and Bryliakov K. P. "Effect of Different Carboxylic Acids on the Aromatic Hydroxylation with H_2O_2 in the Presence of an Iron Aminopyridine Complex", *J. Organomet. Chem.*, **2018**, 871, 130-134. (IF=2.35, citations = 7)
- 3)** Lyakin O. Y., Zima A. M., Tkachenko N. V., Bryliakov K. P., and Talsi E. P. "Direct Evaluation of the Reactivity of Nonheme Iron(V)-Oxo Intermediates toward Arenes", *ACS Catalysis*, **2018**, 8, 5255-5260. (IF = 13.70, citations = 35)
- 2)** Tkachenko N. V., Ottenbacher R. V., Lyakin O. Yu., Zima A. M., Samsonenko D. G., Talsi E. P., and Bryliakov K. P. "Highly Efficient Aromatic C-H Oxidation with H_2O_2 in the Presence of Iron Complexes of the PDP Family", *ChemCatChem*, **2018**, 10, 4052-4057. (IF=5.50, citations = 24)
- 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, citations = 15)

CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

Invited seminar at Computer Science Department, Utah State University "Quantum Computing and Its Applications in Quantum Chemistry" || 30 November **2022**, Logan, USA

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

Invited talk at International Conference on Chemical Bonding, "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

01/2021-Present 05/2019-12/2019 08/2018-12/2018	Research Assistant, Utah State University, USA Responsibilities: Collecting and analyzing the data obtained during the computational research work; writing scientific papers; conceiving and designing of scientific projects.
01/2022-Present 01/2021-09/2022	LANL Student Contractor, Utah State University, USA Responsibilities: Collecting and analyzing the data obtained during the computational/theoretical research work; writing scientific papers; conceiving and designing of scientific projects.
06/2020-08/2020	Graduate 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	Teaching Assistant, Utah State University, USA Responsibilities: Conducting General Chemistry Recitations, Chemical Principles Laboratories, and Physical Chemistry; Grading students' works.
06/2016-07/2018	Research Assistant, Boreskov Institute of Catalysis, Russia Responsibilities: Collecting and analyzing the data obtained during the experimental research work; writing scientific papers.
06/2015-05/2016	Research Assistant, Nikolaev Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Russia

Responsibilities:

Collecting and analyzing the data obtained during the experimental research work.

GRANTS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Spring 2021 – Fall 2022	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.
Summer 2018 – Fall 2019	Participating in National Science Foundation grant CHE-1664379

SKILLS

Programming using the following 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>)

Quantum chemical calculations using the following programs: Gaussian, ORCA, VASP, CP2K;

Chemical bonding analysis using the following programs: AdNDP, AdNDP 2.0, SSAdNDP, MultiWFN;

Group website administration;

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

First Language: Russian

Second Language: English