

#### Researcher · Data Scientist

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## Education\_

#### **University of Washington**

Seattle, WA

Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry - Defending May 2017 Modeling core excitations and preserving spin symmetry in molecular systems Sept. 2012 - present

#### York College of Pennsylvania

York, PA

B.S. in Chemistry - Summa Cum Laude

Sept. 2008 - May 2012

#### Skills\_

**Scientific Communcation** 7 peer-reviewed publications, 8 conference presentations

**Collaborative Work** Worked with other universities and national labs resulting in 4 publications

**Mentoring** Mentored 1 high school, 2 undergraduate, and 6 graduate students **Technical Editing** Significant editing of others' papers, grants, award applications, etc.

Programming Python (numpy, scipy, pandas), Perl, C++, Fortran77, Javascript, SQL, LaTeX

# Relevant Experience \_

Gaussian, Inc.

Wallingford, CT

Software Developer

Summer 2012 & Winter 2013

- · Worked with industry professionals to develop new methods to model quantum mechanical systems
- Implemented these techniques in a commercial software package leading to several publications

## **Publications**

- 7. D. B. Lingerfelt, P. J. Lestrange, J. J. Radler, S. E. Brown-Xu, P. Kim, F. N. Castellano, L. X. Chen, X. Li, "Can Excited State Electronic Coherence be Tuned via Molecular Structural Modification? A First-Principles Quantum Electronic Dynamics Study of Pyrazolate-Bridged Pt(II) Dimers." J. Phys. Chem. A, 2017, 121, 1932-1939.
- 6. L. X. Chen, M. L. Shelby, P. J. Lestrange, N. E. Jackson, M. W. Mara, K. Haldrup, A. B. Stickrath, D. Zhu, H. Lemke, M. Chollet, B. M. Hoffman, X. Li, "Imaging Ultrafast Excited State Pathways in Transition Metal Complexes by X-ray Transient Absorption and Scattering Using X-ray Free Electron Laser Source." Faraday Discuss., 2016, 194, 639-659.
- 5. M. L. Shelby, P. J. Lestrange, N. E. Jackson, M. W. Mara, K. Haldrup, A. B. Stickrath, D. Zhu, H. Lemke, B. M. Hoffman, X. Li, L. X. Chen, "Ultrafast Processes in the Relaxation of a Nickel(II) Porphyrin Described by Femtosecond X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy." J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2016, 138, 8752-8764. \*Featured in JACS Spotlights. DOI: 10.1021/jacs.6b07111
- 4. P. J. Lestrange, F. Egidi, X. Li, "The Consequences of Improperly Describing Oscillator Strengths Beyond the Electric Dipole Approximation." J. Chem. Phys., 2015, 143, 234103.
- 3. B. Peng, P. J. Lestrange, J. J. Goings, M. Caricato, X. Li, "Energy-Specific Equation-of-Motion Coupled-Cluster Methods for High-Energy Excited States: Application to K-edge X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy." J. Chem. Theory Comput., 2015, 11, 4146-4153.
- 2. P. J. Lestrange, P. D. Nguyen, X. Li, "Calibration of Energy-Specific TDDFT for Modeling K-edge XAS Spectra of Light Elements." J. Chem. Theory Comput., 2015, 11, 2994-2999.
- 1. P. J. Lestrange, B. Peng, F. Ding, G. W. Trucks, M. J. Frisch, X. Li, "Density of States Guided Møller-Plesset Perturbation Theory." J. Chem. Theory Comput., 2014, 10, 1910-1914.

## **Presentations**

- Apr. 2016 **P. J. Lestrange**, "Tracking electronic dynamics with X-rays." Oral presentation at York York, PA College of Pennsylvania.
- Dec. 2015 **P. J. Lestrange**, X. Li, "Transition properties in X-ray spectroscopy." Oral presentation at Honolulu, HI Pacifichem 2015.
- Aug. 2014 **P. J. Lestrange**, D. B. Lingerfelt, P. D. Nguyen, X. Li, "Electronic excitations in transition San Francisco, CA metal complexes." Poster presentation at 248th ACS National Meeting.
- Aug. 2014 **P. J. Lestrange**, "Shaping the climate change conversation through social media." San Francisco, CA Oral presentation at 248th ACS National Meeting.
- Sept. 2013 **P. J. Lestrange**, X. Li, "Density of States Guided Second-Order Møller-Plesset Palermo, Italy
  Perturbation Theory." Poster at European Summer School of Quantum Chemistry.
- Mar. 2012 **P. J. Lestrange**, J. B. Foresman, "New benchmarks for calibrating methods used to simulate VCD spectra." Poster presentation at 243rd ACS National Meeting.
- Mar. 2012 **P. J. Lestrange**, K. Peterman, G. Foy, "Student climate change engagement via UN San Diego, CA platform." Panel discussion at 243rd ACS National Meeting.
- Aug. 2011 **P. J. Lestrange**, T. Cumming, G. Foy, "Sustainability and IYC-2011: A York College Chemistry Society production." Oral presentation at 242nd ACS National Meeting.

# **Honors & Awards**.

- 2017 **Excellence Award**, American Chemical Society Chemical Computing Group
- 2016 Independent Study Fellowship, Scan Design Foundation
- 2015 **Clean Energy Institute Graduate Fellowship**, University of Washington
- 2014 **Brian R. Reid Endowed Fellowship**, University of Washington
- 2014 **Honorable Mention**, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2013 Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2012 Benton Seymour Rabinovitch Endowed Fellowship, University of Washington
- 2012 **Outstanding Chemistry Major**, Southeastern Pennsylvania Section of the ACS
- 2010-2016 Robert A. Grassman Scholarship, Steamfitters Local 475

# **Affiliations**

#### **Hvak Supercomputer Governance Board**

**Board Member** 

**High Performance Computing Club** 

Vice President and Founding Officer

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