



Current Position

Aug. 2019 **Postdoctoral Scholar**, MIT, *Department of Chemical Engineering*, Cambridge, MA.
Advisor: Prof. Heather Kulik

Education

Aug. 2019 **Ph.D. Chemical Engineering**, *University of Pittsburgh*, Pittsburgh, PA.
Molecular modelling to elucidate nanomaterials growth and stability.
Advisor: Prof. Giannis Mpourmpakis

May 2013 **B.S. Chemical Engineering**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*, Lincoln, NE.
Cum Laude

Research Experience

2019-Present **Postdoctoral Scholar**, MIT, *Department of Chemical Engineering*, Cambridge, MA.
Advisor: Prof. Heather Kulik

III-V quantum dots and metal organic framework electronic properties

Applying *ab-initio* methods to these materials classes to understanding and control useful properties.

2014-2019 **Doctoral Researcher**, *University of Pittsburgh, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering*, Pittsburgh, PA.

Advisor: Giannis Mpourmpakis

Atomically-precise Nanocluster Growth and Stabilization

Apply Density Functional Theory (DFT) methods to understand the stability and growth of metal nanoclusters. Findings used to develop methods for rapid computational design of hypothetical metal nanoclusters.

Stability and Chemical Reactivity of Nanoalloys

Created a new model for screening the energetics of nanoalloys based on size, shape, composition, and chemical ordering. Currently applying this new model for metal nanoparticle and nanoalloy design for catalysis.

Kidney Stone Growth Modifier Efficacy

Calculated adsorption and facet-preference for different growth modifiers to kidney stones helping rationalize dissolution of kidney stones observed in experiments.

Summer 2012 **NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Fellow**, *University of Pittsburgh*, Pittsburgh, PA.

Advisor: J. Karl Johnson

Zwitterion-functionalized Carbon Nanotubes for Desalination

Applied Molecular Dynamics (MD) to understanding desalination through carbon nanotube materials.

2011-2013 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*, Lincoln, NE.

Functionalized Chitosan Microspheres for Targeted DNA Detection

Summer 2010 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, *Creighton University*, Omaha, NE.

Understanding Inner-ear Developmental Biology in Mouse Models

Publications

- [1] M. G. Taylor and G. Mpourmpakis. “Rethinking Heterometal Doping in Ligand-Protected Metal Nanoclusters.” In: *Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters, Cover Highlight* 9.23 (2018), pp. 6773–6778. DOI: 10.1021/acs.jpcllett.8b02679.
- [2] J. Chung, M. G. Taylor, I. Granja, J. R. Asplin, G. Mpourmpakis, and J. D. Rimer. “Factors Differentiating the Effectiveness of Polyprotic Acids as Inhibitors of Calcium Oxalate Crystallization in Kidney Stone Disease”. In: *Crystal Growth & Design* 18.9 (2018), pp. 1528–7483. DOI: 10.1021/acs.cgd.8b00945.
- [3] M. G. Taylor*, Z. Yan*, A. Mascareno, and G. Mpourmpakis. “Size-, Shape-, and Composition-Dependent Model for Metal Nanoparticle Stability Prediction”. In: *Nano Letters* 18.4 (2018), pp. 2696–2704. DOI: 10.1021/acs.nanolett.8b00670.
- [4] Q. Li, K. J. Lambright, M. G. Taylor, K. Kirschbaum, T.-Y. Luo, J. Zhao, G. Mpourmpakis, S. Mokashi-Punekar, N. L. Rosi, and R. Jin. “Reconstructing the Surface of Gold Nanoclusters by Cadmium Doping”. In: *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 139.49 (2017), pp. 17779–17782. DOI: 10.1021/jacs.7b11491.
- [5] Q. Li, M. G. Taylor, K. Kirschbaum, K. J. Lambright, X. Zhu, G. Mpourmpakis, and R. Jin. “Site-selective substitution of gold atoms in the Au₂₄(SR)₂₀ nanocluster by silver”. In: *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science* 505 (2017), pp. 1202–1207. DOI: 10.1016/j.jcis.2017.06.049.
- [6] M. G. Taylor and G. Mpourmpakis. “Thermodynamic Stability of Ligand-Protected Metal Nanoclusters”. In: *Nature Communications* 8 (2017), p. 15988. DOI: 10.1038/ncomms15988.
- [7] M. G. Taylor*, Q. Li*, T.-y. Luo*, S. Wang, X. Zhu, Y. Song, G. Mpourmpakis, N. L. Rosi, and R. Jin. “Molecular "surgery" on a 23-gold-atom nanoparticle”. In: *Science Advances* 3.5 (2017), e1603193. DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.1603193.
- [8] J. Chung, M. G. Taylor*, I. Granja*, G. Mpourmpakis, J. R. Asplin, and J. D. Rimer. “Molecular modifiers reveal a mechanism of pathological crystal growth inhibition”. In: *Nature* 536.7617 (2016), pp. 446–450. DOI: 10.1038/nature19062.
- [9] M. G. Taylor*, N. Austin*, C. Gounaris, and G. Mpourmpakis. “Catalyst Design Based on Morphology and Environment Dependent Adsorption on Metal Nanoparticles”. In: *ACS Catalysis* 5.11 (2015), pp. 6296–6301. DOI: 10.1021/acscatal.5b01696.
- [10] W. Chan, H.-y. Chen, A. Surapathi, M. G. Taylor, X. Shao, E. Marand, and J. K. Johnson. “Zwitterion Functionalized Carbon Nanotube / Polyamide Nanocomposite Membranes for Water Desalination”. In: *ACS Nano* 7.6 (2013), pp. 5308–5319. DOI: 10.1021/nn4011494.

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Awards and Grants

- Apr. 2016 **Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) - Awarded** , NSF, \$34,000 Stipend + \$12,000 Tuition Waiver for 3 Years.
- Oct. 2018 **CoMSEF Division Graduate Student Award (in recognition of substantial contributions to computational molecular sciences)**, AIChE , \$250.
- Dec. 2018 **Dr. James M. Coull Memorial Fellowship Award (highest honor for a graduate student as "most productive")**, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering University of Pittsburgh, \$1500.
- Dec. 2017 **Led: Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE) Proposal**, National Science Foundation (NSF), \$32,355.54.
- Apr. 2015 **GRFP - Honorable Mention**, NSF.
- Apr. 2019 **ChE Outstanding Research Assistant Award**, Engineering Graduate Student Organization, University of Pittsburgh.
- Mar. 2017 **Best Poster Presentation (Travel Grant)**, Advancing Research through Computing (ARC) Conference, University of Pittsburgh, \$500.

Jan. 2017 **GPSTG Travel Grant**, *University of Pittsburgh*, \$500.
Dec. 2018 **XSEDE Proposal (Contributed)**, *NSF*, \$33,370.34.
Dec. 2016 **XSEDE Proposal (Contributed)**, *NSF*, \$28,015.28.
Dec. 2015 **XSEDE Proposal (Contributed)**, *NSF*, \$83,860.70.
Summer 2012 **Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Fellow**, *NSF*.

Oral Presentations

- [1] M. G. Taylor, Z. Yan, A. Mascareno, and G. Mpourmpakis. Development of a Bond-Centric Model Thermodynamic Stability of Nanoalloys. AICHE Annual Meeting 2018, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 28 October 2018.
- [2] M. G. Taylor, Q. Li, R. Jin, and G. Mpourmpakis. Rationalizing Stability and Doping of Atomically Precise Ligand-Protected Metal Nanoclusters. AICHE Annual Meeting 2018, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 30 October 2018.
- [3] M. G. Taylor, Z. Yan, A. Mascareno, and G. Mpourmpakis. Simple bond-centric model for accelerated nanoalloy energetics. ACS Fall National Meeting 2018, Boston, MA, USA. 19 August 2018.
- [4] M. G. Taylor, Q. Li, R. Jin, and G. Mpourmpakis. Molecular "surgery" and beyond: Understanding heterometal doping in atomically precise nanoclusters. ACS Fall National Meeting 2018, Boston, MA, USA. 21 August 2018.
- [5] M. G. Taylor and G. Mpourmpakis Rationalizing Stability of Atomically-precise, Ligand-protect Nanoclusters. Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Research Day 2018, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 20 February 2018
- [6] M. G. Taylor and G. Mpourmpakis. Structure-Dependent Stability of Magic-Number Thiolated Metal Nanoparticles. AICHE Annual Meeting 2016, San Francisco, CA, USA. 16 November 2016.
- [7] M. G. Taylor and G. Mpourmpakis. Modeling the structure-dependent stability of thiolated metal nanoparticles. ACS Fall National Meeting 2016, Philadelphia, PA, USA. 23 August 2016.
- [8] M. G. Taylor, J. Chung, I. Carnaval, J. D. Rimer and G. Mpourmpakis. Kidney Stone Growth Modification: Insights from First Principles Calculations. AICHE Annual Meeting 2015, Salt Lake City, UT, USA. 12 November 2015.
- [9] M. G. Taylor, J. Chung, I. Carnaval, J. D. Rimer, and G. Mpourmpakis Kidney Stone Growth Modification: Insights from First Principles. Carnegie Mellon University - Pittsburgh Simulator's Meeting 2015, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 20 May 2015

Poster Presentations

- [1] M. G. Taylor and G. Mpourmpakis. Computer-Aided Description of Materials Stability at the Nanoscale. AICHE Annual Meeting 2018, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 29 October 2018.
- [2] M. G. Taylor, Z. Yan, A. Mascareno, and G. Mpourmpakis Bond-Centric Model for Metal Nanoparticle Energetics. Pittsburgh Cleveland Catalysis Society (PCCS), Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 8 June 2018
- [3] M. G. Taylor and G. Mpourmpakis Stability and Prediction of Thiolated Metal Nanoclusters. Advancing Research through Computing (ARC) Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 2 March 2017
- [4] M. G. Taylor, J. Chung, J. D. Rimer, and G. Mpourmpakis Elucidating the Mechanisms for Kidney Stone Growth Inhibition and Dissolution. Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Research Day 2016, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 25 October 2016
- [5] M. G. Taylor and G. Mpourmpakis Exploring the Structure-Dependent Stability of Thiolated Metal Nanoparticles. Midwest Theoretical Chemistry Conference (MWTCC) 2016, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 9 June 2016
- [6] M. G. Taylor, H-y. Chen, and J. K. Johnson Zwitterion-Functionalized CNTs for Efficient Desalination. AICHE Annual Meeting 2012 - Student Session, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 29 October 2012

- [7] M. G. Taylor, J. Chung, I. Carnaval, J. D. Rimer, and G. Mpourmpakis Kidney Stone Growth Modification: Insights from First Principles. Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Research Day 2015, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 17 March 2015

Leadership, Outreach, and Broader Impacts

- May 2018 **Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)**, *Pittsburgh, PA*.
Served as a Grand Awards judge for the chemistry division with an emphasis on advances in computational chemistry.
- 2015-2017 **Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Association (GSA) President**, *University of Pittsburgh*.
Organization: Led the department research day 2016. Started and coordinated joint happy hours with Carnegie Mellon University department of chemical engineering 2015-2016. Helped coordinate recruiting events for incoming PhD students 2015-2017.
Volunteering: Co-coordinated department involvement in educational outreach at the Engineer the Future and National Chemistry Day events at the Carnegie Science center in Pittsburgh with *at least 4,000 students*, 2016-2017. Helped lead volunteer efforts to clean the city of Pittsburgh.
- Mar. 2019 **Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair**, *Pittsburgh, PA*.
Served as an awards judge for the Intermediate Chemistry division.
- Feb. 2019 **Engineer the Future**, *Carnegie Science Center*.
Gave Chemical Engineering career advice to senior high school students. Demonstrated basic phase change experiments to the public.
- 2017-2019 **Ingenium Graduate Student Editorial Board**, *Swanson School of Engineering*, University of Pittsburgh.
Served on the editorial board as a reviewer for Ingenium, the School of Engineering undergraduate research publication.
- Apr. 2017 **High school outreach presentation**, *Central Catholic High School*, Pittsburgh, PA.
Presented an informative and motivational talk on personal experiences as a Chemical Engineer and scientist to a high school, pre-engineering class (around 50 students).
- Apr. 2016 **Undergraduate research seminar presentation**, *University of Pittsburgh*, Department of Chemical Engineering.
Presented personal research and experiences in graduate school to undergraduates in the department advising them on their future careers.
- Apr. 2015 **ISEF**, *Pittsburgh, PA*.
Served as volunteer for safety and initial inspection of posters at the international high-school science fair.

Teaching and Advising Experience

- 2015-2018 **Research mentoring and advising**.
Undergraduates: Isadora Carnaval (2015), Peter Tancini (2015-2016), John Hoover (2016), Ashley Mascareno (Summer 2017) (Co-Author on publication)
Masters: Zihao Yan (2016-2018) (1st author publication)
- March 2019 **CHE 2101 - Graduate Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics**, *University of Pittsburgh*, 20 Students.
Gave 40 minute lecture on my published research highlighting connections to thermodynamics.
- Spring 2017 **Teaching Assistant, CHE 200 - Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics**, *University of Pittsburgh*, 70 Students.
Lead five, 2-hour recitations on problem solving and further conceptual understanding.
Presented 2-hour lecture on excess properties and the thermodynamics of mixtures, connected these properties to cutting-edge research.

- Spring 2016 **Teaching Assistant, CHE 200 - Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics**, *University of Pittsburgh*, 70 Students.
Presented 2-hour lecture on chemical equilibrium and chemical potential.
- Spring 2015 **Teaching Assistant, CHE 200 - Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics**, *University of Pittsburgh*, 70 Students.
Advised several students individually on future career directions and graduate school applications.

Professional Society Memberships

- 2012-Present **American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)**.
2015-Present **American Chemical Society (ACS)**.
2013-Present **Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Fraternity (TBP)**.

Computational Expertise

- Languages Proficient in: Python, BASH, ASE package, R, MATLAB, Some experience in FORTRAN
Modeling CP₂K (Molecular and Periodic DFT), Turbomole, LAMMPS, DFTB+, Gaussian
Platforms GNU/Linux (Redhat/Ubuntu), MacOS, Windows
Typesetting L^AT_EX, Markdown, Word
Web Github Pages/Jekyll
Visualization Blender, GIMP, Origin, Inkscape, Matplotlib
Development git, vim

Relevant Graduate Coursework

- Spring 2017 **CMCHE 0611**, *Computer Science for Chemical Engineers*.
Fall 2016 **IE 3097**, *Algorithms for Engineers*.
Fall 2016 **CHEM 2620**, *Atoms, Molecules, and Materials*.
Spring 2016 **CHE 3460**, *Advanced Scientific Visual Communication*.
Fall 2015 **STAT 2270**, *Data Mining*.
Fall 2015 **MSE 2003**, *Structure of Materials*.
Spring 2015 **CHE 2017**, *Chemical Energy and the Nature of the Chemical Bond*.

References

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