Always wondering about molecules and chemistry, wanting to dig deeper, and enjoying explaining tough concepts to people who are interested, I had an academic career in mind all the time. Going through many different subjects during my masters, PhD, post-doc, first independent fellowship I always enjoyed having freedom of research and being able to discuss my computational insights with experimentalists.

It turned out tough to find a permanent position in the universities of my choice with my research topic of choice, so when the opportunity presented itself to start working for a small scientific software company, I grabbed that.

I will talk about what I’ve been doing at Software for Chemistry and Materials. In the last 8+ years I’ve been in a role dealing both with developers to discuss improvements but mostly with (potential) users of our software - learning a lot about many different research areas and applications!