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POSITIONS HELD

Imperial College London

- ◇ Schmidt A.I in Science Fellow. iX institute.
- ◇ Research associate, Stephens group, Department of Materials.
- ◇ Research associate, Durrant group, Department of Chemistry.

September 2023 - present
September 2022 - present
January 2021 - September 2022

EDUCATION

Imperial College London

- ◇ PhD - *awarded PhD prize for outstanding performance.*
- Supervised by Professor James Durrant.
- ◇ MRes in Green Chemistry (*Distinction*).

September 2014 - present

June 2016 - November 2020

September 2014 - 2015

University of Edinburgh

- ◇ Bachelor of Science, Chemistry - *First Class. Graduated first in year.*

September 2010-2014

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PRIZES AND AWARDS

- ◇ **Lindemann Fellowship** (£ 110,000) UK wide competition with 3 prizes awarded annually. *May 2023*
- ◇ **iX Schmidt A.I in Science Fellowship** (£ 120,000) UK wide competition with 10 prizes awarded annually. *December 2022*
- ◇ **Edward Steers award** (£7000) UK wide competition with 2-3 prizes awarded annually. *June 2022*
- ◇ **Awarded 24 h Beam Time (Value ca. £40k,) at Diamond light source.** *January 2022*
- ◇ UK doctoral research awards - finalist for best UK chemistry PhD. *September 2021*
- ◇ **Imperial College Chemistry PhD prize.** *March 2021*
- ◇ Talk prize. Society of Chemical Industry functional surfaces conference. London. *July 2019*
- ◇ SuperSolar International Conference bursary. (£500). *May 2019*
- ◇ Poster prize. Imperial College London Graduate Symposium. *July 2018*
- ◇ Science and Technology Facilities Council Impedance Summer School Scholarship at the University of Bath. (£1050) *July 2017*
- ◇ **Solar Fuels Network bilateral exchange bursary** to work in the Domen Group at the University of Tokyo. (£2000, UK wide competition.) *March 2017*
- ◇ Solar Fuels Network travel grant to attend Fotofuel Almeria. (£500) *September 2016*
- ◇ Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council doctoral training partnership. *June 2016*
- ◇ **Imperial College Green chemistry scholarship** (£4000, global competition.) *January 2015*
- ◇ **Edinburgh University Chemistry BSc prize.** (*Best overall academic performance.*) *August 2014*

TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Instruments Built:

- ◇ Microsecond transient reflectance and transmittance spectrometer and accompanying software.
- ◇ Potential resolved Vis/NIR transmittance and reflectance spectroscope and accompanying software-see upcoming first author and named author publications with Liang and He.
- ◇ Operando photoluminescence quantum yield system and accompanying software - for output see named author publication with Xu.

- ◇ **Founder of the open source spectroscopy project.** This project aims to make cutting edge operando spectroscopy hardware schematics, software and analysis methods freely available and easily accessible to non-specialist researchers.

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TEACHING AND MENTORING

- ◇ **Mentor for In2Research - supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds with research experiences including applying for postgraduate research study and navigating research environments.**
- ◇ Volunteer tutor - 7 years tutoring at school level (Reference: Mr Iain D'Costa +447951472376).
- ◇ 2 years lab demonstration at Imperial College (groups of ca. 15).
- ◇ Year 2 thermodynamics tutorials at Imperial College (group of 6).
- ◇ Year 2 quantum mechanics tutorials at Imperial College (group of 7).
- ◇ Undergraduate admissions interviewer (ICL). *With the mentorship of Dr Carlotta Sutherland, I gained experience interviewing neurodiverse candidates.*
- ◇ Supervision of PhD students: Ms. Anna Wilson, Ms. Louise Oldham and Mr Tianhao He.
- ◇ Supervision of MRes students (Ms. Louise Oldham, Mr Yifeng Wang).

ORGANISATION

- ◇ Coordinator for the Durrant group on an EU project (SUN2CHEM).
- ◇ Co-organiser of a EU project meeting (A-LEAF).
- ◇ Board member of the Society For Chemical Industry early career committee.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- ◇ Invited talk, California Institute of Technology *Talk title: Cooperative effects in electrocatalysts.* January 2023
- ◇ Invited talk, University of Oregon *Talk title: Cooperative effects in cobalt electrocatalysts.* June 2022
- ◇ Invited talk, Stanford University. *Talk title: Cooperative effects in cobalt electrocatalysts.* June 2022
- ◇ NanoGe spring meeting - Electrocatalysis for the Production of Fuels and Chemicals. *Talk title: Cooperative effects in cobalt electrocatalysts.* March 2022
- ◇ Society of Chemical Industry functional surfaces conference. London. *Talk title: Understanding surface electronic structure changes in the low-cost and scalable "photocatalyst sheet" water splitting architecture.* July 2019
- ◇ European Materials Research Society spring meeting, Nice. *Talk title: Design concepts in photocatalyst sheet water splitting devices.* May 2019
- ◇ International Photochemistry Symposium, Hefei. *Talk title: d-orbital correlation: unravelling a key design concept behind the efficient, low-cost and scalable 'photocatalyst sheet' water splitting architecture.* July 2018
- ◇ FotoFuel, Almeria. October 2016
- ◇ UK and Ireland Semiconductor Photochemistry Network London. *Talk title: charge carrier dynamics in the polymorphs of TiO₂* September 2016

PUBLICATIONS.

(H-INDEX=12, 658 CITATIONS, 7 ARTICLES REVIEWED, 2 CORRESPONDING AUTHOR ARTICLES)

Work using new potential resolved spectroscopy system to be submitted in the next 3 months:

- **Moss, B.**, Svane, L., Nieto, D., Rao, R. R., Sachs, M. R., Tseng, C., Pennathur, A., Liang, C., Mazzolini, E., Oldham, L., Sankar, G., Scott, S., Dawlaty, J., Rossmeisl, J., Galan-Mascaros, J. R., Stephens I. E. L., Durrant, J. Cooperative effects drive current water oxidation catalysis in cobalt electrocatalysts through the destabilisation of intermediates. Target journal: Journal of the American Chemical Society.
- Liang, C., Rao, R. R., Svane, K. L., Haddena, J. H., **Moss, B.**, Scott, S., Sachs M. R., Murawski, J., Malthe, A., Frandsen, A., Riley, J., Ryan, M. P., Rossmeisl, J., J. R., Durrant, J., Stephens I. E. L. Unravelling the effects of active site densities and energetics on water oxidation activity of iridium oxides. Target journal: Nature Catalysis
- **Moss*, B. Liang, C., Rao, R. R. Durrant, J. R.**, Open source time and potential resolved visible and near-IR transmittance and reflectance spectroscopy with superior sensitivity accurately resolves the population of electrocatalytic surface intermediates and reproduces the J-V curve. Invited publication for Small Methods. **I am co-corresponding author on this work**

Accepted

1. Xu, W., Hart, L. J. F., **Moss, B.**, Caprioglio, P., Macdonald, T. J., Furlan, F., Panidi, J., Oliver, R. D. J., Pacalaj, R., Heeney M., Gasparini, N., Snaith, H. J., Barnes, P. R. F., Durrant, J. R. Impact of Interface Energetic Alignment and Mobile Ions on Charge Carrier Accumulation and Extraction in p-i-n Perovskite Solar Cells . Advanced Energy Materials .2023,13, 2301102
2. Guo, J., **Moss, B.**, Clarke, T. M., Quantifying triplet formation in conjugated polymer/non-fullerene acceptor blends. Journal of Materials Chemistry A 2022 (advance article)
3. Schukraft, G.E.M., **Moss, B.**, Kafizas, A.G., Petit, C., Effect of Band Bending in Photoactive MOF-Based Heterojunctions. ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces 2022, 14, 17, 19342–19352
4. Pinto, F., Wilson, A., **Moss, B.**, and Kafizas, A., Systematic Exploration of WO_3/TiO_2 Heterojunction Phase Space for Applications in Photoelectrochemical Water Splitting. Journal of Physical Chemistry C, 2022, 126, 2, 871–884
5. **Moss, B.**, Babacan, O., Kafizas, A., Hankin, A. A Review of Inorganic Photoelectrode Developments and Reactor Scale-Up Challenges for Solar Hydrogen Production. **Advanced Energy Materials, 2021, 2003286.**
6. **Moss, B.**, Wang, Q., Butler, K.T., Grau-Crespo, R., Selim, S., Regoutz, A., Hisatomi, T., Godin, R., Payne, D. J. Kafizas, A., Domen, K., Steier, L., Durrant, J.R. Linking in situ charge accumulation to electronic structure in doped $SrTiO_3$ reveals design principles for hydrogen-evolving photocatalysts. **Nature materials**, 2021, 20, 511–517
7. Mesa, C. A., Steier, L., **Moss, B.**, Francas, L., Thorne, J. E., Gratzel, M., Durrant, J. R. Impact of the Synthesis Route on the Water Oxidation Kinetics of Hematite Photoanodes Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters, 2020, 11, 17, 7285-7290
8. **Moss, B.***, Le, H., Corby, S., Morita, K., Selim, S., Sotelo-Vazquez, C., Chen, Y., Borthwick, A., Wilson, A., Blackman, C., Durrant, J. R., Walsh, A., Kafizas, A. Anisotropic Electron Transport Limits Performance of Bi_2WO_6 Photoanodes The Journal of Physical Chemistry C, 2020, 124, 35, 18859-18867. **I am co-corresponding author for this work**
9. Drosos, C., **Moss, B.**, Kafizas, A., Vernardou. D. V_2O_5 as magnesium cathode material with extended cyclic stability. Journal of Electrochemical Science and Engineering 2020, 10, 3, 257-262

10. Corby, S., Tecedor, M. G., Tengeler, S., Steinert, C., **Moss, B.**, Mesa, C. A., Heiba, H. F., Wilson, A., Kaiser, B., Jaegermann, W., Francas, L., Gimenez, S., Durrant, J. R. Separating bulk and surface processes in NiO_x electrocatalysts for water oxidation. *Sustainable Energy and Fuels*, 2020, 4, 10, 5024-5030
11. Selim, S., Pastor, E., Tecedor, M. G., Morris, M R., Francas, L., Sachs, M., **Moss, B.**, Corby, S., Mesa, C. A., Gimenez, S., Kafizas, A., Bakulin, A. A., Durrant, J. R. Impact of Oxygen Vacancy Occupancy on Charge Carrier Dynamics in BiVO_4 Photoanodes. *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 2019, 141, 47, 18791-18798
12. Yang, W., Godin, R., Kasap, H., **Moss, B.**, Dong, Y., Hillman, S.A.J., Steier, L., Reisner, E., Durrant, J.R. Electron accumulation induces efficiency bottleneck for hydrogen production in carbon nitride photocatalysts. *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 2019, 141, 28, 11219-11229
13. Crake, A., Christoforidis, K. C., Gregg, A., **Moss, B.**, Kafizas, A., Petit, C. The Effect of Materials Architecture in TiO_2/MOF Composites on CO_2 Photoreduction and Charge Transfer. *Small*, 2019, 15, 1805473
14. Crake, A., Christoforidis, K. C., Godin, R., **Moss, B.**, Kafizas, A., Zafeiratos, S., Durrant, J.R., Petit, C. Titanium dioxide/carbon nitride nanosheet nanocomposites for gas phase CO_2 photoreduction under UV-visible irradiation. *Applied Catalysis B: Environmental*, 2019, 242 369–378371.
15. **Moss, B.**, Hegner, F. S., Corby, S., Selim, S., Francas, L., Lopez, L., Gimenez, S., Galan-Mascaro, J. R., Durrant, J. R. Unraveling Charge Transfer in CoFe Prussian Blue Modified BiVO_4 Photoanodes. *ACS Energy Letters*, 2019, 4, 1, 337–342.
16. He, G., Han, X., **Moss, B.**, Weng, Z., Gadipelli, S., Lai, F., Kafizas, A., Brett, D.J.L., Guo, Z. X., Wang, H., Parkin, I. P. Solid solution nitride/carbon nanotube hybrids enhance electrocatalysis of oxygen in zinc-air batteries. *Energy Storage Materials*, 15, 2018, 380-387.
17. Drosos, C., Jia, C., Mathew, S., Palgrave, R. G., **Moss, B.**, Kafizas, A., Vernardou D. Aerosol-assisted chemical vapor deposition of V_2O_5 cathodes with high rate capabilities for magnesium-ion batteries. *Journal of Power Sources*, 2018, 384, 355–359357.
18. **Moss, B.**, Lim, K.K., Beltram, A. Monitz, S., Tang, J., Fornasiero, P., Barnes, P., Durrant, J. R. Comparing photoelectrochemical water oxidation, recombination kinetics and charge trapping in the three polymorphs of TiO_2 . *Scientific Reports*, 2017, 7, 2938.