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**Personal Circumstances**

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2 children (born 2011 and 2014)

**Education and Employment History**

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2017 – present Professor (W1 t.t. W2), Institute of Physical Chemistry, WWU Münster  
2012 – 2016 Group Leader at Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), Cluster of Excellence Engineering of Advanced Materials (EAM) and Institute of Particle Technology (LFG), Director Prof. Dr.-Ing. Peukert  
2011 – 2012 Postdoc with Feodor Lynen Return Fellowship, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg  
2009 – 2010 Feodor-Lynen Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Prof. Dr. Andrzej Wieckowski and Prof. Dr. Martin Gruebele  
2009 PhD in Physics (summa cum laude), Clausthal University of Technology  
1999 – 2004 Diploma in Physics, Clausthal University of Technology

**Scientific Awards, Honors, Appointments and Professional Recognition**

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2018 Key note lecture at ECIS meeting in Ljubljana  
2014 ERC Starting Grant  
2014 BASF Fellowship, supporting a Junior Professional Management-Program  
2012 Max Buchner Research Fellowship  
2009 Feodor-Lynen Fellowship, Alexander-von-Humboldt Foundation  
2009 Dissertation award of the Verein von Freunden der TU Clausthal

**Memberships**

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Member of the German Physical Society (DPG), American Chemical Society (ACS) and European Colloid and Interface Society (ECIS)

**Research Interests and Scientific Focus**

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Dynamic wetting• Molecular self-assembly at interfaces• soft matter interfaces• interface spectroscopy with nonlinear optics • electrochemistry

## The Ten Most Important Publications

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1. Structure of Polystyrenesulfonate/Surfactant Mixtures at Air–Water Interfaces and Their Role as Building Blocks for Macroscopic Foam. F. Schulze-Zachau, **B. Braunschweig**, *Langmuir* **2017**, 33, 3499-3508.
2. In situ spectroscopy of Ligand Exchange Reactions at the Surface of Colloidal Gold and Silver Nanoparticles, R. Dinkel, W. Peukert and **B. Braunschweig**, *J. Phys.: Cond. Mat.* **2017**, 29, 133002. (Invited)
3. Specific Effects of Ca<sup>2+</sup> Ions and Molecular Structure of  $\beta$ -Lactoglobulin Interfacial Layers That Drive Macroscopic Foam Stability. **B. Braunschweig**, F. Schulze-Zachau, E. Nagel, K. Engelhardt, S. Stoyanov, G. Gochev, Khr. Khristov, E. Mileva, D. Exerowa, R. Miller and W. Peukert, *Soft Matter* **2016**, 12, 5995.
4. Self-Assembled Monolayers Get Their Final Finish via a Quasi-Langmuir–Blodgett Transfer. C. Meltzer, H. Dietrich, D. Zahn, W. Peukert, **B. Braunschweig**, *Langmuir*. **2015**, 31, 4678-4685.
5. Indentation and Self-Healing Mechanisms of a Self-Assembled Monolayer - A Combined Experimental and Modeling Study. C. Meltzer, J. Paul, H. Dietrich, C.M. Jäger, D. Zahn, T. Clark, **B. Braunschweig** and W. Peukert, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, 136, 10718.
6. Vibrational Sum-Frequency Generation at Protein Modified Air-Water Interfaces: Effects of Molecular Structure and Surface Charging. K. Engelhardt, W. Peukert, **B. Braunschweig**, *Curr. Opinion Coll. Int. Sci.* **2014**, 19, 207-215. (Invited)
7. Mixed Layers of  $\beta$ -Lactoglobulin and SDS at Air-Water Interfaces with Tunable Intermolecular Interactions. K. Engelhardt, U. Weichsel. E. Kraft, D. Segets, W. Peukert, **B. Braunschweig**, *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2014**, 118, 4098-4105.
8. pH Effects on the Molecular Structure of  $\beta$ -Lactoglobulin Modified Air–Water Interfaces and Its Impact on Foam Rheology. K. Engelhardt, M. Lexis, G. Gochev, C. Konnerth, R. Miller, N. Willenbacher, W. Peukert, and **B. Braunschweig**, *Langmuir* **2013**, 29, 11646-11655.
9. Electrocatalysis: a Fuel Cell and Surface Science Perspective. **B. Braunschweig**, D. Hibbitts, M. Neurock and A. Wieckowski, *Catalysis Today* **2013**, 202, 197-2019
10. Real-Time Investigations of Pt(111) Surface Transformations in Sulfuric Acid Solutions. **B. Braunschweig**, P. Mukherjee, R. B. Kutz, A. Wieckowski and D. D. Dlott, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, 132, 14036-14038.