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Curriculum Vitae

Education

06/2013–05/2017 **Ph.D. in Computational Chemistry**, *Technical University Munich* *(Germany)*
Prof. Dr. Karsten Reuter, *"Summa Cum Laude"*

10/2010–03/2013 **M.Sc. in Chemistry**, *Georg-August University Göttingen* *(Germany)*
"With Honors"

10/2007–09/2010 **B.Sc. in Chemistry**, *Georg-August University Göttingen* *(Germany)*
"With Honors"

Professional Experience

1/2025–present **Associate Professor**, *Korea University* *(Rep. of Korea)*
Department of Chemistry

02/2022–12/2024 **Assistant Professor**, *Korea University* *(Rep. of Korea)*
Department of Chemistry

02/2022–present **Research Fellow**, *Institute for Basic Science (IBS)* *(Rep. of Korea)*
Center for Molecular Spectroscopy and Dynamics

02/2020–02/2022 **Assistant Professor**, *DGIST* *(Rep. of Korea)*
Department of Energy Science & Engineering

02/2019–02/2020 **Postdoctoral Research Scholar**, *KAIST* *(Rep. of Korea)*
Prof. Dr. Hyungjun Kim

07/2017–01/2019 **Postdoctoral Research Scholar**, *Stanford University* *(USA)*
Prof. Dr. Jens Nørskov

Research Interests

- **Computational Design for Sustainable Energy Conversion**: CO_2 reduction, water oxidation (oxygen evolution reaction – OER) and reduction (hydrogen evolution reaction – HER), oxygen reduction reaction (fuel cell), NO reduction....
- **Electrified Solid-Liquid Interface Engineering**: Solid-liquid interface electrification and its influence on electrochemical reaction kinetics.
- **Machine Learning**: Development of *ab initio*-based machine learning techniques for modeling molecular dynamics at electrified solid-liquid interfaces and high-throughput screening of electrocatalysts.
- **Multi-scale Modeling of Electrochemical Systems**: Mass transport, buffer reactions, electrolyte design, porous electrodes.

Awards

2023-2024 **Fellowship of the Cluster of Excellence Sustainable and Energy-Efficient Aviation (SE2A)**, SE2A/TU Braunschweig, Braunschweig (Germany)

2019 **Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation**, 130th Physical Chemistry Summer Symposium, Busan (Rep. of Korea)

2016 **DAAD scholarship (Kongressreise)**, 67th Annual Meeting of the ISE, The Hague (Netherlands)

2014 **Selection for Global Young Scientist Summit**, *Singapore National University of Singapore (Singapore*

2013 **Award for Outstanding Graduation**, *Georg-August University Göttingen (Germany)*, awarded by chemistry department

2012 **Award for Outstanding Teaching**, *Georg-August University Göttingen (Germany)*, awarded by students

2010,2011,2012 **Scholarship of Lower Saxony**

2010 **Otto Wallach Award**, *Georg-August University Göttingen (Germany)*, best B.Sc. degree in chemistry

2007 **GDCh Award**, *Halepaghen-Gymnasium Buxtehude*, best graduation in chemistry (German Society of Chemistry)

Teaching and Mentoring Experience

2022– **Mentoring/Supervision**, *Korea University (Rep. of Korea)*, Master students (4), Integrated/PhD students (5), Postdocs (3)

2020–2022 **Mentoring/Supervision**, *DGIST (Rep. of Korea)*, Master students (2, 2 graduated)

2014–2020 **Mentoring/Supervision**, *Technical University Munich (Germany)*, Master students (4), PhD students (2)

2020– **Lecturer**, *Technical University Munich* *(Germany)*,
General chemistry, Thermodynamics (basic and advanced courses), Quantum chemistry, Computational chemistry (basic and advanced courses), AI and chemistry

10/2013– 09/2016 **Tutor**, *Technical University Munich* *(Germany)*,
Mathematics, computational & theoretical chemistry, molecular simulations, thermodynamics, numerical methods, spectroscopy

Scientific Achievements

Activities
- 10/2024 Organization committee of the *L06-Electrocatalysis at the Interface 2* symposium at ECS PRiME, Hawaii, USA
- 7/2024 Organization commitee of the *Computational Materials and Data Science for Nanotechnology* symposium at Nano Korea 2025, Ilsan, Rep. of Korea
- 4/2023 Organizer of the BK21 Germany-Korea On-Site Plenary Discussion on Computational Electrochemistry, Korea University, Rep. of Korea
- 03/2024-present International student affairs coordinator of the College of Science, Korea University
- 11/2022 Organizer of the BK21 online symposium on *International Symposium on Chemical Applications of Machine Learning*, Korea University, Rep. of Korea

Selected invited talks
- 06/2024 USTC School on Electrochemistry (online)Lecture 1, Lecture 2, Lecture 3
- 04/2024 87th Annual Conference of the DPG and DPG Spring Meeting, Berlin (Germany)
- 03/2024 Data-driven materials modeling, Ewha University, Seoul (Rep. of Korea)
- 01/2024 Lorentz Center Workshop on Atomistic Modelling of Solid-Liquid Interfaces in Electrocatalysis
- 06/2023 Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, Vancouver (Canada)
- 03/2023 1st Y-KAST International Conference, Jeju Shinhwa World, Jeju (Rep. of Korea)
- 02/2023 SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering (CSE23), RAI Congress Centre, Amsterdam (Netherlands)
- 02/2023 Virtual Winterschool on Computational Chemistry (online)
- 11/2020 6th International Conference on Electronic Materials and Nanotechnology for Green Environment (ENGE), Jeju (Rep. of Korea)
- 09/2020 2020 Pacific Rim Meeting of electrochemical and solid state science (PRIME), Online
- 07/2018 FHI-aims Developer & User Meeting, Technical University Munich (Germany)

Paper reviews Over 30 peer reviews/year for various SCI journals, such as *Nature Catal.*, *Nature Energy*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, *Joule*, *Adv. Energy Mater.*, *Nature Comm.*, etc.

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5 S.-J. Kim, S. Lebègue*, S. Ringe*, H. Kim*, *Elucidating Solvatochromic Shifts in Two-Dimensional Photocatalysts by Solving the Bethe–Salpeter Equation Coupled with Implicit Solvation Method*, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters* **2024**, *15*, 4575–4580.

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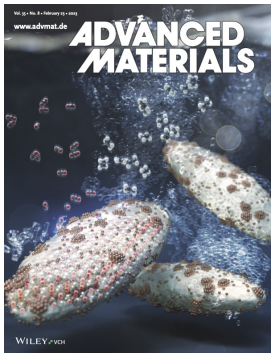

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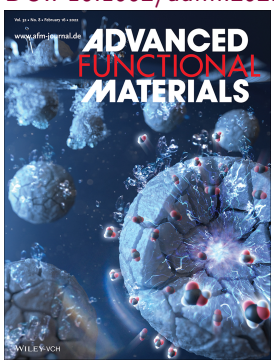

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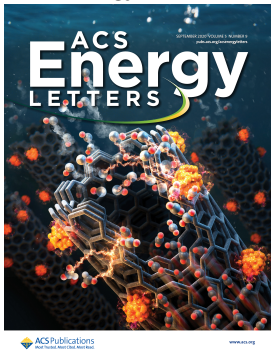

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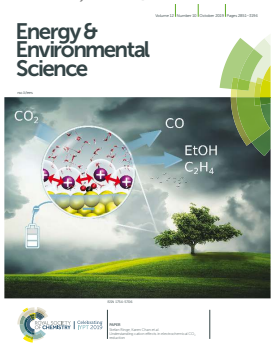

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34 E. L. Clark†, S. Ringe†, M. Tang, A. Walton, C. Hahn, T. F. Jaramillo, K. Chan, A. T. Bell*, *Influence of Atomic Surface Structure on the Activity of Ag for the Electrochemical Reduction of CO_2 to CO*, *ACS Catal.* **2019**, 4006–4014, DOI: 10.1021/acscatal.9b00260.

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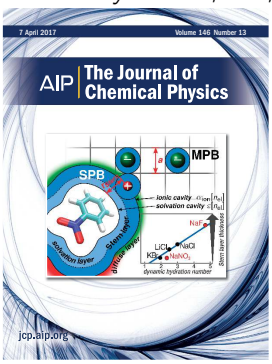

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