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Work Experience

PhD Student

Since Oct 2020

INRIA and IFP Energie Nouvelles

Paris / Lyon

PhD in Theoretical Chemistry under the supervision of **T. Lelièvre** and **P. Raybaud**. Combined machine learning and rare event sampling methods to sample reaction trajectories in *ab-initio* molecular dynamics. Machine learning approaches are used to identify collective variables and reaction coordinates that are subsequently used in the adaptive multilevel splitting rare event sampling method to sample reactive trajectories and compute reaction rate constants.

Research internship

Feb 2020 - Jul 2020

IFP Energie Nouvelles

Lyon

Revisiting edge and surface models for γ -alumina: structural, spectroscopic and reactive properties of sites by DFT calculations(VASP)

Research internship

Apr 2019 - Aug 2020

Ayers group at McMaster University

Hamilton, Canada

Python implementation of a linear response code for linear response and related quantities calculations

Research internship

Feb 2020 - Jul 2020

IFP Energie Nouvelles

Lyon

Development of γ -alumina edge models by periodic DFT calculations(VASP)

Education

Master 2: Chemistry, Concepts and Applications

2019 - 2020

ENS Lyon

Main courses: Computational chemistry, Quantum approach to catalytic reactivity

Engineer diploma

2016 - 2020

CPE Lyon

Main courses: Theoretical Chemistry, Chemical kinetic, Catalysis, Organic Chemistry

Publications

- T. Pigeon, C. Chizallet, P. Raybaud. Revisiting γ -Alumina Surface Models through the Topotactic Transformation of Boehmite Surfaces. *J. Catal.*, (2022), 405, (doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcat.2021.11.011>)
- F. Guégan, T. Pigeon, F. De Proft, V. Tognetti, L. Joubert, H. Chermette, P.W. Ayers, D. Luneau, C. Morell, Understanding Chemical Selectivity through Well Selected Excited States, *J. Phys. Chem. A*, (2020), 124 (doi:[10.1021/acs.jpca.9b09978](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jpca.9b09978))
- A.T.F. Batista, D. Wisser, T. Pigeon, D. Gajan, F. Diehl, M. Rivallan, L. Catita, A-S. Gay, A. Lesage, C. Chizallet, P. Raybaud, Beyond γ Al_2O_3 crystallite surfaces: The hidden features of edges revealed by solid-state ^1H NMR and DFT calculations, *J. Catal.*, (2019), 378, (doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcat.2019.08.009>)

Skills

Programming

Python, basic use of Julia and Fortran

Quantum Chemistry software

VASP, basic knowledge of Orca, Psi4 and Gaussian

Languages

French (native), English (C1 level), German (beginner)

Other

L^AT_EX, Github, Microsoft Office