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RESEARCH TOPICS

Our main research goal is to develop earth-abundant catalysts and catalytic processes for chemical transformations of relevance to synthesis, energy, and sustainability.

Current research topics include:

- (i) Artificial enzymes and biocatalysis for organic synthesis
- (ii) Electrocatalysis for energy conversion – water splitting, CO₂ and CO reduction, H₂ oxidation, O₂ reduction – at both near ambient (< 100 °C) and high temperatures (> 600 °C)
- (iii) Electrochemical energy devices including electrolyzers, fuel cells, and redox flow batteries
- (iv) Ion exchange membranes for energy devices

EDUCATION

Postdoc., California Institute of Technology, USA, February **2005** – June **2007**.

Advisor: Prof. Jonas C. Peters

Ph.D. in Chemistry, University of California, San Diego, USA, December **2004**.

Advisor: Prof. Karsten Meyer

- **Doctoral thesis title:** Metal complexes of tripodal N-heterocyclic carbene ligands: synthesis, structure, bonding, and reactivity.

M.S. in Chemistry, University of California, San Diego, USA, June **2002**.

Advisor: Prof. Karsten Meyer

B.S. in Chemistry, Peking University, Beijing, P. R. China, June **2000**.

Advisor: Prof. Jianhua Lin

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Full Professor of Chemistry, Jun. **2016** –, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland.

- **Areas of interest:** Organometallic chemistry, synthetic methodology, homogeneous catalysis; Artificial enzymes, biocatalysis; Energy, electrocatalysis, water splitting, CO₂ and CO reduction, fuel cells, inorganic materials.

Associate Professor of Chemistry (with tenure), Jan. **2013** – May **2016**, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland.

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Jul. **2007** – Dec. **2012**, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland.

AWARDS AND HONORS (independent career)

2023	IUPAC-Zhejiang NHU International Award for Advancement in Green Chemistry Experienced Chemist Award
2023	Robert K. Grasselli Award in Catalysis, European Federation of Catalysis Societies
2022	Swiss Green and Sustainable Chemistry Award
2020	Member, Academia Europaea
2020	International Catalysis Award, International Association of Catalysis Societies

2019 Fellow, European Academy of Sciences
2019 Royal Society of Chemistry Homogeneous Catalysis Award
2018 Resonate Award for Sustainability Science, Caltech
2017 National Latsis Prize, Swiss National Science Foundation and the Latsis Foundation (now called Swiss Science Prize Latsis)
2017-22 Highly Cited Researcher (Web of Science, Clarivate Analytics)
2017 Tajima Prize, International Society of Electrochemistry
2017 *Organic Letters* Outstanding Publication of the Year Lectureship Award, ACS
2016,18 European Research Council (ERC) Proof-of-Concept Grant
2016 Bau Family Award in Inorganic Chemistry
2015 European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant
2015 Outstanding Reviewer Award, Wiley-VCH, ChemPubSoc Europe, ACES
2015 Young Researcher Award, European Federation of Catalysis Societies
2014 Fellow, Royal Society of Chemistry (UK)
2014 European Medal for Bio-Inorganic Chemistry (Eurobic Medal)
2014 *Organometallics* Young Investigator Fellowship, American Chemical Society
2014 Rising Star, International Conference on Coordination Chemistry
2013 *Chemical Society Reviews* Emerging Investigator Lectureship, RSC
2012 Member, Young Academy of Europe
2012 Extraordinary Young Scientist, World Economic Forum
2012 EuCheMS Organic Division Young Investigator
2011 Werner Prize, Swiss Chemical Society
2011 Thieme Chemistry Journal Award
2010 European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant
2010 Finalist, European Young Chemist Award, EuCheMS Congress
2010 JSP Fellowship, Bürgenstock Conference

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

Coordination chemistry (Bachelor level)
Bioinorganic chemistry (Bachelor level)
Catalysis for energy storage (Master level)
Catalyst design for synthesis (Master level)
Frontier in chemical synthesis – towards sustainable chemistry (Ph.D. level)
Frontier in organic synthesis – synthesis of carbo- and hetero-cycles (Ph.D. level)
Frontier in organic synthesis – stereochemistry (Ph.D. level)

INVITED PROFESSORSHIP

2019, State Key Laboratory of Metal Matrix Composites, Shanghai Jiaotong University
2016, University of Paris Diderot
2016, GIAN Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Editorial Advisory Board, *Chemical Communications* (RSC), 2012 – 2020
Editorial Board (2013-2016), Editorial Advisory Board (2016 -), *Inorganic Chemistry Frontiers* (RSC)
International Advisory Board, *Chemistry, An Asian Journal* (Wiley), 2013 – 2021
Editorial Advisory Board, *ACS Catalysis*, 2014 – 2018
Management Committee, European Cooperation (COST) Action: CM 1003; CM1205
Scientific Commission for Chemistry, Swiss Occidental Universities (CUSO), 2008 – 2011
Ad-Hoc referee for scientific journals, funding agencies, international science prizes, and universities
Organizer or member of organizing committee for: *CUSO Summer School 2009 - chemistry for a sustainable world*; *Fall meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society 2013*; *Annual meeting of the international society of electrochemistry 2014*; *Vice Chair, Gordon Research Conference Renewable Energies, Solar Fuels, 2018*; *International Conference of Biological Inorganic Chemistry, 2019*; *Chair, Gordon Research Conference Renewable Energies, Solar Fuels, 2022*

Session Chair or Discussion leader for: *European biological inorganic chemistry conference 2008; Fall meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society 2011; ACS Spring meeting 2012; Gordon research seminar in solar fuels 2012; MRS Spring meeting 2014; European congress of catalysis 2015; Gordon research conference in solar fuels 2016.*

INVITED TALKS AND DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

(i) Plenary, keynote, and named lectures

26. 2nd Advanced Catalysis and Materials for Energy Conversion Symposium, Max-Planck Institute for Energy Conversion, Mulheim, **Germany**, March 2025. Keynote Lecture
25. Royal Society of Chemistry Challenges in Catalysis VIII, London, **UK**, November 2024. Keynote Lecture
24. Master Distinguished Lecture, Shanghai Jiatong University, Shanghai, **China**, July 2024.
23. European Catalysis Congress 2023, Prague, **Czech**, August 2023. Plenary Lecture
22. The 2022 Swiss Chemical Society Fall Meeting, Zurich, **Switzerland**, September 2022. Plenary Lecture
21. HK PolyU 85th Anniversary Workshop Electrochemical Energy Storage and Conversion Towards Carbon Neutrality, **Hong Kong**, online, July 2022. Keynote Lecture
20. Henry Royce Institute Conference 2021, **UK**, online, March 2021. Keynote Lecture
19. International Congress of Catalysis, San Diego, **USA**, June 2020. Keynote lecture
18. French National Symposium in Solar Fuels, Gif-sur-Yvette, **France**, May 2019. Plenary lecture
17. International Conference on Hydrogenases, Lisbon, **Portugal**, April 2019. Keynote lecture
16. Resnick Young Investigator Symposium, Caltech, Pasadena, **USA**, September 2018. Keynote lecture
15. 69th Annual Meeting of International Society of Electrochemistry, Bologna, **Italy**, September 2018. Award lecture
14. Winter School, Challenges and Opportunities in Energy Research, Crans-Montana, **Switzerland**, March 2018. Plenary Lecture.
13. BASF Research Seminar, **Germany**, September 2017. Keynote Lectures (2).
12. International Symposia for Chinese Organic and Inorganic Chemists, **Singapore**, December 2016. Plenary Lecture
11. 5th International Symposium on Solar Fuels and Solar Cells, Dalian, **China**, October 2016. Keynote Lecture
10. 11th Congress of Catalysis Applied to Fine Chemicals, Lyon, **France**, September 2016. Plenary Lecture
09. Dutch National Chemistry Conference (Chains 2015), Veldhoven, **Netherlands**, December 2015. Keynote Lecture
08. 12th European Congress on Catalysis, Kazan, **Russia**, August 2015. Keynote Lecture
07. 12th European Biological Inorganic Conference, Zurich, **Switzerland**, August 2014. Plenary Lecture
06. EuCheMs Symposium in Organic Free Radicals, Prague, **Czech**, June 2014. Royal Society of Chemistry lecture.
05. Christian Doppler Lecture 2014, Cambridge University, **UK**, March 2014.
04. 6th International Symposium on Molecular Aspects of Catalysis by Sulfides, Satillieu, **France**, May 2013. Keynote Lecture
03. 2012 Congress of Coordination Chemistry, Organometallic Chemistry, and Catalysis (GECOM CONCOORD), Métabief, **France**, June 2012. Plenary Lecture
02. The 2011 Swiss Chemical Society Fall Meeting, Lausanne, **Switzerland**, September 2011. Plenary Lecture
01. University of Zürich, Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Zürich, **Switzerland**, November 2009. Student-Elected Lecture

(ii) Invited lectures

11. Webinar, Soeul National University, Korea, December **2025**. “Membranes and Catalysts to Accelerate Green Hydrogen Technologies”
113. Lecture Series, ‘Innovations in Green Hydrogen Technologies’, JOŽEF STEFAN INSTITUTE, Slovenia, November **2025**. “Membranes and Catalysts to Accelerate Green Hydrogen Technologies”
112. Westlake University, Hanzhoug, **China**, April **2025**. “Cooperative molecular, bio, and electro-catalysis”
111. Yunan University, Kunming, **China**, July **2024**. “Organometallic and Bio-Catalyzed Enantioselective Hydrofunctionalization of Alkenes”
110. Swiss Electrochemistry Symposium, Aarau, **Switzerland**, April **2024**. “Anion exchange membrane based energy devices using non-precious catalysts”
109. University of Basel, Basel, **Switzerland**, Januray **2024**. “Cooperative catalysis”
108. Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Daejeon, **Korea**, December **2022**. (online) “Conventional and unconventional electrocatalysts for oxygen evolution and CO₂ reduction”
107. Syngenta, Stein, **Switzerland**, June **2022**. “Streamlined synthesis of C(sp³)-rich molecules via base-metal-catalyzed cross-coupling and hydrocarbonation reactions”
106. University of Lyon, Lyon, **France**, May **2022**. “Streamlined synthesis of C(sp³)-rich molecules via base-metal-catalyzed cross-coupling and hydrocarbonation reactions”
105. University of St-Andrews, Scotland, **UK**, March **2022**. Online. “Streamlined synthesis of C(sp³)-rich molecules via base-metal-catalyzed cross-coupling and hydrocarbonation reactions”
104. International Conference of Biological Inorganic Chemistry, Interlaken, **Switzerland**, August **2019**. “Mn-hydrogenase”
103. Gordon Research Conference in Organometallic Chemistry, Newport, **USA**, July **2018**. “Cooperative Catalysis by Nickel Pincer Complexes”
102. SCS Seminar, Catalysis Across Scales, Interlaken, Switzerland, June **2018**. “Nickel and iron-containing oxides as oxygen evolution catalysts”
101. GDCh Lecture, Bayer Healthcare and Wuppertal, Wuppertal, Germany, February **2018**. “Base Metal Catalysis”
100. University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, February **2018**. “Base Metal Catalysis for Radical Alkylation: From Cross Coupling to Functionalization of Alkenes and Alkynes”
99. 2nd International Solar Fuels Conference, San Diego, **USA**, July 2017. “Nickel Iron Oxides as Oxygen Evolution Catalysts”
98. The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, **USA**, July 2017. “Base Metal Catalysis for Radical Alkylation: From Cross Coupling to Functionalization of Alkenes and Alkynes”
97. University of Zurich, Zurich, **Switzerland**, May 2017. “Earth-abundant catalytic materials for the water splitting reaction”
96. COST Carisma Annual Meeting, Lisbon, **Portugal**, March 2017. “Nickel pincer complexes as hydrosilylation catalysts and enzyme mimics”
95. Leiden University, Leiden, **Netherlands**, March 2017. “Earth-abundant catalytic materials for the water splitting reaction”
94. SwissPec Symposium, Lausanne, **Switzerland**, November 2016. “Earth-abundant catalytic materials for the water splitting reaction”
93. EPFL Vallais Campus, Sion, **Switzerland**, October 2016. “Earth-abundant catalytic materials for the water splitting reaction”
92. Pekin University, Beijing, **China**, October 2016. “Earth-abundant catalytic materials for the water splitting reaction”
91. Dalian University of Technology, Dalian, **China**, October 2016. “Transition metal oxides for the oxygen evolution reaction”

90. University of Paris Diderot, Paris, **France**, September 2016. "Understanding and improving transition metal oxides for the oxygen evolution reaction"
89. University of Paris Diderot, Paris, **France**, September 2016. "Development of Earth-abundant catalytic materials for hydrogen evolution"
88. Max Plank Institute – EPFL Workshop "Bio-inspired nanostystems for energy conversion", Berlin, **Germany**, July 2016.
87. India Institute of Technology, Mumbai, **India**, March 2016. "Base Metal Catalysis for Cross-Coupling and Addition Reactions"
86. Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Pune, **India**, March 2016. "Base Metal Catalysis for Cross-Coupling and Addition Reactions"
85. The Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata, **India**, March 2016. "Biomimetic chemistry of [Fe]-hydrogenase"
84. India Institute of Technology, Kanpur, **India**, March 2016. "Biomimetic chemistry of [Fe]-hydrogenase"
83. University of Girona, Girona, **Spain**, November 2015. "Base Metal Catalysis for Cross-Coupling and Addition Reactions"
82. Technical University of Berlin, Unicat, Berlin, **Germany**, April 2015. "Inorganic water splitting catalysts: from soft chemical synthesis to integrated photoelectrochemical devices"
81. Nankai University, Tianjin, **China**, April 2015. "Biomimetic chemistry of [Fe]-hydrogenase: from synthetic mimics to modified enzymes"
80. International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory, Braga, **Portugal**, March 2015. "Abundant and inexpensive inorganic catalysts for water splitting"
79. University of Paul Sabatier, Toulouse, **France**, March 2015. "Base metal catalysis for alkylation: scope and mechanism".
78. Gordon Research Conference Metals in Biology, Ventura, **USA**, January 2015. "Biomimetic chemistry of [Fe]-hydrogenase: from synthetic mimics to modified enzymes"
77. Beijing University of Chemical Technology, Beijing, **China**, January 2015. "Abundant and inexpensive inorganic catalysts for water splitting"
76. RSC Faraday Discussion: Next Generation Materials for Energy Chemistry, Xiamen, **China**, October 2014. "Enhanced oxygen evolution activity by NiO_x and Ni(OH)₂ nanoparticles"
75. Summer School: reactivity of nanoparticles for more efficient and sustainable energy production, Kobaek Strand, **Denmark**, August 2014. "Electrocatalysts for solar fuels: integration at the photoelectrochemical interface"
74. American Chemical Society Fall Meeting, San Francisco, **U.S.A.**, August 2014. "Nickel and iron pincer complexes as catalysts and intermediates in cross coupling reactions"
73. 41st International Conference on Coordination Chemistry, **Singapore**, July 2014. "Nickel and iron pincer complexes as catalysts and intermediates in cross coupling reactions"
72. Fusion Conference in Small Molecule Activation, Chicago, **U.S.A.**, July 2014. "Natural and unnatural ways of hydrogen activation".
71. International Workshop on Solar Energy Materials, Vipava, **Slovenia**, June 2014. "Earth-abundant inorganic catalysts for electrochemical and photoelectrochemical water splitting"
70. Materials Research Society Spring Meeting 2014, San Francisco, **U.S.A.**, April 2014. "Abundant and inexpensive inorganic catalysts for energy storage".
69. CaRLa Winter School, University of Heidelberg/BASF, Heidelberg, **Germany**, February 2014. "Base metal catalysis for alkylation: scope and mechanism".
68. Syngenta Workshop on Cost-efficient Metal Catalysis, Stein, **Switzerland**, February 2014. "Base Metal Catalysis for Cross Coupling of Alkyl Halides, Direct C-H Alkylation, and Perfluoroalkylation of Olefins and Alkynes".
67. Swiss Snow Symposium, Saas fee, **Switzerland**, January 2014. "Base metal catalysis for synthesis and energy storage".

66. Gordon Research Conferences - Renewable Energies: Solar Fuels, Ventura, **U.S.A.**, January 2014. "Integrating Earth-Abundant Catalysts for Photoelectrochemical Solar Fuel Generation".
65. Ecole Polytechnique, Palaiseau, **France**, December 2013.
64. Institut de Chimie des Substances Naturelles (ICSN), CNRS, Gif-sur-Yvette, **France**, December 2013. Title for talk No. 64-65: "Alkyl electrophiles as the reaction partners in cross coupling and C-H functionalization reactions".
63. University of Münster, Münster, **Germany**, November 2013. "Base metal catalysis for cross coupling of alkyl electrophiles and direct C-H alkylation"
62. University of Stuttgart/Max Plank Institute of Solid State Research, Stuttgart, **Germany**, October 2013. "Amorphous molybdenum sulfides and related inorganic materials as catalysts for hydrogen evolution".
61. Wuhan Symposium on Homogeneous Catalysis, Wuhan, **China**, August 2013.
60. Chinese University of Hongkong, Hongkong, **China**, August 2013.
59. Hongkong University of Science and Technology, Hongkong, **China**, August 2013.
58. University of Hongkong, Hongkong, **China**, August 2013. Title for talk No. 58-62: "Cross coupling of alkyl electrophiles and direct C-H alkylation using base metal catalysis".
57. 15th Asian Chemical Congress, **Singapore**, August 2013. "Cross coupling of alkyl halides and direct C-H alkylation catalyzed by a nickel pincer complex".
56. Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Organic Chemistry, Budapest, **Hungary**, July 2013. "Cross coupling of alkyl electrophiles and direct C-H alkylation using base metal catalysis".
55. Firmenich, Geneva, **Switzerland**, May 2013. "Base metal catalysis for cross coupling, C-H functionalization, and beyond".
54. Lower Saxony Catalysis Symposium 2012, Goettingen, **Germany**, October 2012. "Cross coupling of alkyl electrophiles and direct C-H alkylation using base metal catalysis".
53. Danish Technical University, Lyngby, **Denmark**, September 2012
52. Workshop on Materials Science and Materials Chemistry for Energy, Peking University, Beijing, **China**, September 2012. Title for talk No. 52-53: "Amorphous molybdenum sulfide and related materials as hydrogen evolution catalysts".
51. Nankai University, Tianjian, **China**, September 2012. "Cross coupling of alkyl electrophiles and direct C-H alkylation using base metal catalysis".
50. World Economy Forum, Summer Davos, Tianjian, **China**, September 2012. "Creating renewable fuels from the Sun".
49. Beijing Normal University, Beijing, **China**, September 2012.
48. EuCheMs Organic Division Young Investigator Workshop, Vienna, **Austria**, August 2012. Title for talk No. 48-49: "Cross coupling of alkyl electrophiles and direct C-H alkylation using base metal catalysis".
47. Peking University, Beijing, **China**, July 2012. "Cross coupling of alkyl electrophiles and direct C-H alkylation using nickel catalysis".
46. 7th International Conference on Porphyrins and Phthalocyanines, Jeju Island, **Korea**, July 2012. "Bio-mimetic chemistry of [Fe]-hydrogenase".
45. Fudan University, Shanghai, **China**, June 2012.
44. Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, Shanghai, **China**, June 2012.
43. University of Pierre & Marie Curie Paris 6, Paris, **France**, June 2012. Title for talk No. 43-45: "Cross coupling of alkyl electrophiles and direct C-H alkylation using base metal catalysis"
42. The 2012 American Chemical Society Spring Meeting, San Diego, C.A. **U.S.A.**, March 2012. "Ni-catalyzed cross coupling of alkyl halides and direct C-H alkylation"

41. Institute of Chemical Research of Catalonia, Tarragona, **Spain**, January 2012.
40. University of Durham, Durham, **U.K.**, January 2012.
39. ETH Zurich, Zurich, **Switzerland**, January 2012.
Title for talk No. 39-41: "Catalysts Made of Earth Abundant Elements for Making C—C and H—H Bonds"
38. Bayer Science and Innovation Dialogue, Leverkusen, **Germany**, October 2011. "Ni-catalyzed cross coupling of non-activated alkyl halides and direct C-H alkylation"
37. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, **U.S.A.**, September 2011.
36. University of Wisconsin Madison, Madison, WI, **U.S.A.**, September 2011.
35. Columbia University, New York, NY, **U.S.A.**, September 2011.
Title for talk No. 35-37: "Catalysts Made of Earth Abundant Elements for Making C—C and H—H Bonds"
34. 7th Sino-US Chemistry Professor Conference, Guiyang, **China**, June 2011. "Ni-catalyzed cross coupling of non-activated alkyl halides"
33. 5th Conference on Transition Metal Chalcogenide and Halide Nanostructures (TMCN 2011), Lausanne, **Switzerland**, June 2011. "Amorphous Molybdenum Sulfide as an Efficient Catalyst for Hydrogen Evolution in Water"
32. Shanghai Jiaotong University, Department of Chemistry, Shanghai, **China**, June 2011. "Catalysts Made of Earth Abundant Elements for Making C—C and H—H Bonds"
31. European Materials Research Society Spring Meeting 2011, Nice, **France**, May 2011. "Amorphous Molybdenum Sulfides as Efficient Catalysts for Electrochemical Hydrogen Evolution"
30. Northwestern University, Department of Chemistry, Evanston, IL, **U.S.A.**, April 2011.
29. Indiana University, Department of Chemistry, Bloomington, IN, **U.S.A.**, April 2011.
28. University of Illinois, Department of Chemistry, Urbana-Champaign, IL, **U.S.A.**, April 2011.
27. University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Department of Chemistry and Pharmacy, Erlangen, **Germany**, March 2011.
Title for talk No. 27-30: "Catalysts Made of Earth Abundant Elements for Making C—C and H—H Bonds"
26. Pacific Northwestern National Laboratories, Richland, WA, **U.S.A.**, February 2011. "Bio-Mimetic and Bio-Inspired Chemistry of Dihydrogen: From Molecular Approaches to the Pursuit of Functional Surfaces"
25. University of Washington, Department of Chemistry, Seattle, WA, **U.S.A.**, February 2011.
24. California Institute of Technology, Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Pasadena, CA, **U.S.A.**, February 2011.
23. Stanford University, Department of Chemistry, Stanford, CA, **U.S.A.**, February 2011.
22. University of California, San Diego, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, La Jolla, CA, **U.S.A.**, January 2011.
21. University of California, Berkeley, Department of Chemistry, Berkeley, CA, **U.S.A.**, January 2011.
Title for talk No. 21-25: "Catalysts Made of Earth Abundant Elements for Making C—C and H—H Bonds"
20. PacificChem 2010, Symposium on New Advances in Metal Catalyzed Alkylation and Fluoroalkylation, Honolulu, Hawaii, **U.S.A.**, December 2010. "Ni-Catalyzed Cross Coupling of Non-Activated Alkyl Halides"
19. 3rd EuCheMS Congress, EYCA 2010 Symposium, Nürnberg, **Germany**, August 2010. "Cross Coupling of Non-Activated Alkyl Halides by a Well-Defined Ni Catalyst"
18. University of Basel, Department of Chemistry, Basel, **Switzerland**, April 2010.
17. University of Southern California, Department of Chemistry, Los Angeles, CA, **U.S.A.**, January 2010.

16. University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Los Angeles, CA, **U.S.A.**, January 2010.
15. University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Santa Barbara, CA, **U.S.A.**, January 2010.
14. Technical University of Munich, Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Munich, **Germany**, January 2010.
Title for talk No. 14-18: "Molecular Catalysts Based on Earth-Abundant Elements: from Cross-Coupling to Hydrogenase Mimic"
13. CUSO Summer School "Chemistry for a Sustainable World", Villars, **Switzerland**, September 2009.
CUSO lecture. "Molecular Chemistry for Energy and Sustainability"
12. 2nd International Symposium on Bioinorganic Chemistry of the New Era, Takayama, **Japan**, August 2009. "Bio-Mimetic and Bio-Inspired Chemistry of the [Fe]-Hydrogenase (Hmd)"
11. Advanced Materials and Technologies in Energy Conversion 2008, Villars, **Switzerland**, August 2008.
"Chemical Challenges for the Making of Solar Fuels"
- 10 Xiamen University, Department of Chemistry, Xiamen, **China**, December 2007. "From Novel Ligand Design to the Search for Molecular Hydrogen Evolution Catalysts"

Invited talks prior to coming to EPFL: 9

Publications

(* denotes corresponding author)

222. Construction of dual-cofactor artificial metalloenzymes for synergistic and enantiodivergent catalysis of Michael addition reactions
Weijin Wang, Xinjian Ji, Pol Gorrea-Acín, Kelvin Lau, Florence Pojer, Thomas R. Ward & Xile Hu*
Nature Synthesis **2025**, doi: 10.1038/s44160-025-00940-2.
221. Switching Enantioselectivity in Phenylalanine Ammonia Lyase for the Synthesis of Electron-Deficient Aromatic d-Amino Acids
Ivan Buslov, Sarah Desmons, Weijin Wang, Laura Elena Massaad, Xile Hu*
Angewandte Chemie International Edition **2025**, e202511739
220. Cation Dehydration by Surface-Grafted Phenyl Groups for Enhanced C2+ Production in Cu-Catalyzed Electrochemical CO₂ Reduction
Miyeon Chang, Suhwan Yoo, Wenchao Ma, Hubert Girault, Yun Jeong Hwang, Xile Hu*
Journal of the American Society of Chemistry **2025**, 147, 34001-34010.
219. Nickel-Hydride-Catalyzed Hydroalkylation of Cyclic Phosphinates: Generation of Enantioenriched Phosphorus and Carbon Stereocenters
Lara Lavrencic, Uttam Dhawa, Xile Hu*
ACS Catalysis **2025**, 15, 16018-16025.
218. Enantioconvergent Cobalt-Catalyzed Hydroalkylation for the Construction of Fluoro-, Chloro-, and Trifluoromethyl Stereogenic Centers
Uttam Dhawa, Xile Hu*
Angewandte Chemie International Edition **2025**, e202508637.
217. Encapsulated Co–Ni alloy boosts high-temperature CO₂ electroreduction
Wenchao Ma, Jordi Morales-Vidal, Jiaming Tian, Meng-Ting Liu, Seongmin Jin, Wenhao Ren, Julian Taubmann, Christodoulos Chatzichristodoulou, Jeremy Luterbacher, Hao Ming Chen, Núria López & Xile Hu*
Nature **2025**, 641, 1156-1161.
216. Operando Nanoscale Characterization Reveals Fe Doping of Ni Oxide Enhances Oxygen Evolution Reaction via Fragmentation and Formation of Dual Active Sites
Yunchang Liang, Sofia O. Parreiras, Seunghwa Lee, Karla Banjac, Victor Boureau, José M. Gallego, Xile Hu, David Eciija, Magalí Lingenfelder*
Angewandte Chemie International Edition **2025**, e202419521.
215. An oxide-promoted, self-supported Ni₄Mo catalyst for high current density anion exchange membrane water electrolysis
Ariana Serban, Meng-Ting Liu, Nanjun Chen, Hao Ming Chen*, and Xile Hu*
Energy and Environmental Science **2025**, 18, 1533-1543.
214. Artificial Metalloenzymes with Two Catalytic Cofactors for Tandem Abiotic Transformations
Weijin Wang, Ryo Tachibana, Kailin Zhang, Kelvin Lau, Florence Pojer, Thomas R. Ward,* Xile Hu*
Angewandte Chemie International Edition **2025**, e202422783.
213. Field-enhanced CO electroreduction in membrane electrolyzers at a dehydrated interface
Wenhao Ren, Huanlei Zhang, Miyeon Chang, Jun Gu, Meng Lin, Xile Hu*
Chem **2025**, doi: 10.1016/j.chempr.2024.10.019.
212. Anion Exchange Membrane Water Electrolysis at 10 A·cm⁻² Over 800 Hours
Yiwei Zheng, Wenchao Ma, Ariana Serban, Andrit Allushi, Xile Hu*
Angewandte Chemie International Edition **2025**, e202413698.
211. Well-Defined Co₂ Dual-Atom Catalyst Breaks Scaling Relations of Oxygen Reduction Reaction
Qidi Sun, Xian Yue, Linke Yu, Fu-Zhi Li, Yiwei Zheng, Meng-Ting Liu, Jian-Zhao Peng, Xile Hu, Hao Ming Chen, Lei Li*, Jun Gu*
Journal of the American Chemical Society **2024**, 146, 35295-35304.

210. Strain by metal nitrides accelerates oxygen reduction
Weiyang Ni, Xile Hu*
Nature Materials **2024**, 23, 1610-1611.
209. Nickel-Catalyzed Enantio- and Diastereoselective Synthesis of Fluorine-Containing Vicinal Stereogenic Centers
Uttam Dhawa, Lara Lavrencic, Xile Hu*
ACS Central Science **2024**, 10, 1657-1666.
208. Engineered Phenylalanine Ammonia-Lyases for the Enantioselective Synthesis of Aspartic Acid Derivatives
Ivan Buslov, Sarah Desmons, Yoan Duhoo, Xile Hu*
Angewandte Chemie International Edition **2024**, e202406008.
207. Regiodivergent and Enantioselective Synthesis of Cyclic Sulfones via Ligand-Controlled Nickel-Catalyzed Hydroalkylation
Chao Fan, Uttam Dhawa, Deyun Qian, Davor Sakic, Jennifer Morel, Xile Hu*
Angewandte Chemie International Edition **2024**, e202406767
206. A redox-responsive prodrug for tumor-targeted glutamine restriction
Celine Jasmin Prange, Nadia Yasmina Ben Sayed, Bing Feng, Christine Goepfert, Daniel Ortiz Trujillo, Xile Hu*, Li Tang*
Journal of Controlled Release **2024**, 368, 251-264.
205. Deoxygenative Transformation of Alcohols via Phosphoranyl Radical from Exogenous Radical Addition
Wenhao Xu, Chao Fan, Xile Hu, Tao XU*
Angewandte Chemie International Edition **2024**, e202401575.
204. Anion Exchange Ionomers Enable Sustained Pure-Water Electrolysis Using Platinum-Group-Metal-Free Electrocatalysts
Yiwei Zheng, Ariana Serban, Haoyue Zhang, Nanjun Chen, Fang Song, and Xile Hu*
ACS Energy Letters, **2023**, 8, 5018-5024.
203. Smart chemistry for traceless release of anticancer therapeutics
Celine J. Prange, Xile Hu*, and Li Tang*
Biomaterials **2023**, 303, 122353.
202. Tailored water and hydroxide transport at a quasi-two-phase interface of membrane electrode assembly electrolyzer for CO electroreduction
Wenhao Ren, Wenchao Ma, Xile Hu*
Joule, **2023**, 7, 2349-2360.
201. Robust Piperidinium-Enriched Polystyrene Ionomers for Anion Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells and Water Electrolyzers
Nanjun Chen, Qu Jiang, Fang Song, Xile Hu*
ACS Energy Letters, **2023**, 8, 4043-4051.
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