

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Appointments

Since June 2021 Department Head at the Helmholtz Center Berlin (HZB) for Materials and Energy, Professor at the Technical University of Berlin, and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2015 - 2021 Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Department of Chemistry and the Materials Research Laboratory, affiliated with the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Urbana, USA
2013 - 2015 Project group leader at the Max Planck Institute (MPI) for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, affiliated with the Deutsches Elektronen Synchrotron (DESY), Hamburg, Germany

Professional Preparation

2011-2013 Postdoctoral Scholar in the group of Prof. A.H. Zewail (Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, 1999) at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Pasadena, USA
2006–2010 PhD at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) and the Swiss Light Source (SLS), Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI), Switzerland
Supervisor: Prof. Majed Chergui
2005–2006 Master in Chemistry at the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) in Zürich, Switzerland (*with distinction*)
2002–2005 Bachelor in Chemistry at the ETH in Zürich, Switzerland (*with distinction*)

Awards & Fellowships

2022 - 2027	Funding of first-time professorial appointments of excellent women scientists (W2/W3), Initiative and Networking Fund of the President of the Helmholtz Association (€2.145M)
2018 - 2023	Packard Fellowship in Science and Engineering, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation (\$875,000)
2018 - 2023	National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER award (\$626,944)
2014	Sofja Kovalevskaja Award of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany (€1.6M)
2014	Independent Max Planck Research Group appointed by the President of the Max Planck Society
2010	Prospective Researcher Fellowship of the Swiss National Science Foundation
2007	Swiss Chemical Society (SCS) prize, SCS Fall Meeting, Lausanne
2006	Doctoral fellowship awarded by the Doctoral School of Photonics, EPFL

Third-Party Funding

01/2023 – 12/2025	UniSysCat Cluster of Excellence Projektantrag, co-PI ((€214,041)
09/2020 – 09/2023	Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Photochemistry Program, individual grant (\$497,268)
05/2020 – 05/2021	NSF Illinois Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (I-MRSEC) Seed Program, UIUC, co-PI (\$90,000)
04/2020 – 03/2021	Strategic Research Initiative Program, Grainger College of Engineering, UIUC, 2020 Phase I funding, co-PI (\$70,000)
03/2019 – 02/2020	NSF CHE CSDM-A Graduate Research Supplement for Veterans, supplement to CAREER award, individual grant (\$63,976)
08/2018 – 07/2021	NSF Major Research Instrumentation grant, lead-PI (\$561,254)
09/2018 – 08/2020	American Chemical Society (ACS) Petroleum Research Fund (PRF) Doctoral New Investigator (DNI) grant, individual grant (\$110,000)

Oral Presentations

Invited talks

1. Microscopy Conference 2023 (MC 2023), invited in the session "IM 1 - Progress in instrumentation and ultrafast EM", Darmstadt, February 2023
2. TU Berlin Physics Colloquium, Berlin, December 2022
3. Dancscatt XFEL Workshop, Copenhagen, August 2022
4. European XFEL Science Seminar, Hamburg, May 2022
5. Materials Research Society (MRS) Spring meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, invited in the symposium "CH01 - Frontier of In Situ Materials Characterization - From New Instrumentation and Method to Imaging Aided Materials Design", May 2022
6. Pacificchem 2020, Honolulu, HI, invited two speak in three symposia: "Solutions to the Energy- and Environmental-Related Problems by Cutting-Edge Accelerator-Based Techniques", "Ultrafast Phenomena in Transition Metal-Containing Systems", and "Ultrafast Structural Dynamics in Condensed Matter", December 2021 (**virtual**)
7. *Fast electrons and hard X-rays for unraveling light-induced dynamics in energy materials*, invited seminar Max Born Institute, Berlin, December 2021 (**virtual**)
8. *Fast electrons and hard X-rays for unraveling light-induced dynamics in energy materials*, invited seminar UniSysCat Cluster of Excellence, Berlin, November 2021 (**virtual**)
9. *Fast electrons and hard X-rays for unraveling charge carrier dynamics*, invited seminar SFB 1073, University of Göttingen, October 2021 (**virtual**)

10. *Transient lensing from an electron gas imaged by ultrafast electron microscopy*, Microscopy & Microanalysis (M&M) Meeting invited in the symposium "P11 - Fast and Ultrafast Dynamics Using Electron Microscopy", Pittsburgh, PA, USA, August 2021 (**virtual**)
11. *Ultrafast Imaging and Spectroscopy of Strongly Cooperative Spin-Crossover Nanomaterials*, Journées Matière de la Condensée 17 (JMC17), August 2021 (**virtual**)
12. *Transient lensing from an electron gas imaged by ultrafast electron microscopy*, Collaborative Research Center 1242 "Non-equilibrium dynamics in condensed matter in the time domain", June 2021 (**virtual**)
13. American Chemical Society (ACS) Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, invited to the "Addressing Chemical Complexity with Nonlinear Optical Microscopy" symposium, August 2020 (**virtual**)
14. *Fast and Curious: Unraveling Atomic-Scale Dynamics in Solar Energy Conversion*, 2020 US Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium, Seattle, WA, March 2020 (**cancelled**)
15. *Development of a Dynamic Environment Transmission Electron Microscope for the Study of (Ultra)Fast Phenomena in Nanoscale Materials*, EM-Situ'19 Workshop, Harvard University, Boston, MA, USA, December 2019
16. *Unraveling atomic-scale dynamics in solar energy conversion using fast electrons and hard X-rays*, Advanced Photon Source Upgrade (APS-U) workshop on time-resolved chemistry and catalysis, Chicago, IL, October 2019
17. *Fast and Curious: Unraveling Atomic-Scale Dynamics in Solar Energy Conversion*, 31st Packard Fellows Meeting, Monterey, CA, September 2019
18. *Development of a Dynamic Environment Transmission Electron Microscope at the University of Illinois*, Frontiers of electron Microscopy and Materials Science (FEMMS), Asheville, NC, September 2019
19. *Development of a Dynamic Environment Transmission Electron Microscope for the Study of Fast Phenomena in Nanoscale Materials*, M&M Meeting, Portland, OR, USA, August 2019 (**cancelled due to family emergency**)
20. *Development of a Dynamic Environment Transmission Electron Microscope for the Study of Fast Phenomena in Nanoscale Materials*, Femtosecond Electron Imaging and Spectroscopy 4 (FEIS-4), Lincoln, NE, USA, May 2019
21. *Ultrafast transmission electron microscopy for the study of light-induced phase transitions in strongly cooperative spin-crossover materials*, International Conference on Phase Transition and Dynamical Properties of Spin Transition Materials (PDSTM2019), Gainesville, FL, USA, May 2019
22. *Development of a Dynamic Environment Transmission Electron Microscope for the Study of Fast Phenomena in Nanoscale Materials*, Materials Research Society (MRS) Spring Meeting, Phoenix, TX, USA, April 2019
23. *Ultrafast transmission electron microscopy for the study of light-induced phase transitions in strongly cooperative spin-crossover materials*, American Chemical Society (ACS) Spring Meeting, Orlando, FL, USA, April 2019
24. *Ultrafast Electron Microscopy: a New Tool to Study Chemical Dynamics at the Nanoscale*, The Ohio State University, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, OH, USA, February 2019
25. *Ultrafast Electron Microscopy: a New Tool to Study Chemical Dynamics at the Nanoscale*, ETH Zürich, Laser Seminar, Switzerland, October 2018
26. *Ultrafast Structural Probing of Light-Induced Spin Crossover Dynamics*, "Light-Induced Processes" session of the 2018 Conductivity and Magnetism in Molecular Materials Gordon Research Conference (GRC), Bryant University, RI, USA, August 2018
27. *Development of a Dynamic Environmental TEM at the University of Illinois*, Telluride Science Research Center Workshop on "Development of an Integrated Transmission Electron Microscope", Telluride, CO, USA, June 2018
28. *Ultrafast Electron Microscopy: a New Tool to Study Structural Dynamics at the Nanoscale* Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, University of Minnesota, MN, USA, October 2017
29. *Ultrafast core-level spectroscopy in 4D-electron microscopy*, Electron Microscopy with High Time Resolution Workshop (EMHTR2017), Strasbourg, France, May 2017

30. *Ultrafast core-level spectroscopy in 4D-electron microscopy*, 5th Banff Meeting on Structural Dynamics, Banff, Alberta, Canada, February 2017
31. *Ultrafast Electron Microscopy: Single-Nanoparticle Dynamics and Core-Level Spectroscopy*, Ahmed Zewail Memorial Symposium, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA, January 2017
32. *Ultrafast core-level spectroscopy in 4D-electron microscopy*, CMD26, European Physical Society - Condensed Matter Division, Groningen, The Netherlands, September 2016
33. *Ultrafast Electron Microscopy: a New Tool to Study Structural Dynamics at the Nanoscale*, Chemical Sciences and Engineering Colloquium, Argonne National Laboratory, IL, USA, February 2016
34. 45th World Chemistry Congress (IUPAC-2015), Busan, Korea, August 2015 (**declined due to pregnancy**)
35. 2015 Microscopy & Microanalysis (M&M) Meeting, Portland, OR, August 2015 (**declined due to pregnancy**)
36. SAGAMORE XVIII, Santa Margherita di Pula, Sardinia, Italy, June 2015 (**declined due to pregnancy**)
37. *4D Ultrafast Electron Microscopy*, 4th Banff Meeting on Structural Dynamics, Banff, Alberta, Canada, February 2015
38. *Ultrafast Electron Microscopy: a New Tool to Study Structural Dynamics at the Nanoscale*, Physics@Veldhoven conference, The Netherlands, January 2015
39. *Ultrafast Electron Microscopy: A New Tool to Study Chemical Dynamics at the Nanoscale*, Physical Chemistry Seminar, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland, April 2014
40. *Fundamental Ultrafast Processes in Light-Energy Conversion*, Fassberg Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Germany, March 2014
41. *Ultrafast Electron Microscopy: a New Tool to Study Chemical Dynamics at the Nanoscale*, The 28th Meeting of the European Crystallographic Association, The University of Warwick, United Kingdom, August 2013
42. *Ultrafast Electron Microscopy of Photoswitching Materials*, American Chemical Society (ACS) meeting, New Orleans, LA, USA, April 2013
43. *Ultrafast Electron Microscopy - Visualizing Structural Dynamics of Materials*, Institute for Complex Molecular Systems, TU Eindhoven, The Netherlands, December 2012
44. *Time-Resolved XAS experiments at the Swiss Light Source: Present Status and Future*, Workshop "New Developments in Time-Resolved Studies with Synchrotron Radiation", European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF), Grenoble, France, February 2011
45. *Ultrafast X-ray and optical spectroscopy of metal complexes in solution*, Photonics Day, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland, November 2010
46. *Femtosecond wavepacket dynamics in dimetal complexes*, Max-Born-Institut für Nichtlineare Optik und Kurzzeitspektroskopie, Berlin, Germany, November 2009
47. *Ultrafast X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy on Metal Complexes in Solution - Structural determination of the triplet excited state of PtPOP*, Chemistry Department, SUNY Buffalo, NY, USA, October 2008
48. *Ultrafast Structural Dynamics in Coordination Compounds Studied by Time-Resolved Optical and X-Ray Spectroscopies*, Department of Chemistry, The University of Sheffield, United Kingdom, October 2007

Contributed talks

1. *Single-nanoparticle Phase Transitions Visualized by Ultrafast Electron Microscopy*, Ultrafast Phenomena XIV, Okinawa, Japan, July 2014
2. *Retrieving photochemically active structures by ultrafast optical and X-ray spectroscopies*, Swiss Chemical Society Fall Meeting, Lausanne, September 2009
3. *Retrieving photochemically active structures using time-resolved EXAFS spectroscopy*, XAFS XIV, Camerino, Italy, July 2009

4. *Pump-probe Chemistry Studied by Ultrafast X-Ray Techniques*, SLS Symposium, PSI Villigen, October 2007
5. *Ultrafast Structural Dynamics in Organometallic Platinum Complexes*, Swiss Chemical Society Fall Meeting, EPFL, September 2007

Synergistic Activities

- Co-organizer of the mini-symposium "Spectroscopy at large-scale facilities: from steady-state to ultrafast" at the International Symposium of Molecular Spectroscopy (ISMS) at UIUC, June 2023
- Co-organizer of the symposium FT 19.01.06 on "Tools and Techniques for Exploring Materials Physics at the Frontier of Time and Length Scales" at the Spring Meeting of the American Physics Society (APS) in Las Vegas, March 2023
- Invited member of the Diversity Lab Language Guidelines at HZB, since January 2022
- Invited member of the strategic board for career support, "HZB Succeed", since January 2022
- Invited member of the Advisory Board for the "Relativistic Ultrafast Electron Diffraction & Imaging" (RUEDI) Facility, United Kingdom, since November 2021
- HZB contact person for the "Von Materie zu Materialien und Leben" (MML) topic "Materials - Quantum, Complex and Functional Materials" (RT2) in the POF IV program, November 2021 - June 2022
- Organizing chair (together with Dwayne Miller) of the biennial 7th Banff Meeting on Structural Dynamics, 2019-2022 (member of International Organization Committee since 2017)
- Organizing a symposium "Bridging the fundamental electron dose gap for observing atom processes in complex materials in their native environments" at the M&M conference, Milwaukee, August 2-6, 2020. Co-organizers: Joerg Jinschek (OSU), Stig Helveg (Haldor Topsoe), Dalaver H. Anjum (KAUST)
- Co-organizer of the "In situ and ultrafast electron microscopy" symposium at the Frontiers of Electron Microscopy and Materials Science (FEMMS), Asheville, NC, September 2019
- Co-organizer of the "Chemical Applications of Ultrafast X-ray/XUV Spectroscopy and Scattering Symposium" at the 256th ACS National Fall Meeting, Boston, August 2018
- Invited member of the SwissFEL Review Committee, Paul Scherrer Institute, Switzerland, since October 2018 (twice yearly)
- Invited speaker/panelist for the Illinois Female Engineers in Academia Training (iFEAT) program, Fall 2016 - Spring 2018
- Faculty member and judge at the "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day", Materials Science and Engineering Department, UIUC, Feb. 2017
- Elected member of the APS User Office Steering Committee (APSUC), Argonne National Laboratory, 2016-2019
- Member of the Graduate Student Admission Committee, Department of Chemistry, UIUC, Fall 2015-2020
- Member of the MRL Facilities Committee, Materials Research Laboratory, UIUC, 2016-2020
- Member of the REU Organization Committee, Department of Chemistry, UIUC, 2016-2018
- Member of the MRL Safety Committee, Materials Research Laboratory, UIUC, 2016-2020
- Banff International Advisory Committee for the Banff Meeting on Structural Dynamics, since 2017
- Peer-reviewing work for: *Science*, *Nature Materials*, *Science Bulletin*, *Scientific Reports*, *PNAS*, *JACS*, *ACS Energy Mat.*, *ACS Appl. Mat & Interf.*, *CPL*, *JCP*, *JPC*, *JPCL*, *JPB*, *J. Synchr. Rad.*, *APL*, *J. Phys. Condens. Matter*, *Ultramicroscopy*, *Structural Dynamics*, etc.
- Proposal review for the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, DOD AFOSR, NSF, ACS PRF, University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study (USIAS), Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation

Mentoring Activities

- **Current group members:** Staff: Robert Seidel (HZB), Christoph Merschjann (HZB), Postdoctoral scholars: Thomas Rossi (HZB); Graduate students: Conner Dykstra (shared with Josh Vura-Weis, UIUC), Rachel Wallick (shared with Josh Vura-Weis and Liviu Mirica, UIUC), Frank Alcorn (shared with Prashant Jain, UIUC), Jack Burke (shared with Josh Vura-Weis, UIUC), Aswin Jyothilakshmi Ravi (TU Berlin)
- **Graduated students:** Jocelyn Lai, M.S. (UIUC, 2017, jointly supervised with Prof. Jian-Min Zuo); Thomas Dixon, M.S. (UIUC, 2017); Ryan Cornelius, M.S. (UIUC, 2020); Cecilia Gentle, PhD (UIUC, 2020); Allan Sykes, PhD (UIUC, 2021), Tyler Haddock (UIUC, 2022)
- Physical Chemistry Graduate Student Advisor, UIUC, 2016-2017, 2017-2018
- Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) Mentor, UIUC, Summer 2016
- Faculty member of 17 thesis committees at UIUC (excl. own students): Drishty Guin, Bailey Jackson, Kimberly Lundberg, Elena Montoto-Blanco, Brian Nguyen, Kris Benke, Alexander Moore, Zacchary Gosage, Sean Carney, Lawrence Salvati, Matthew Kottwitz, Dinamol Devasia, Ryan Ash, Joseph Flannigan (MatSE), Alison Wallum, Yusef Shari'ati, Reed Mingione

Teaching Activities

- Master-level course: "X-ray Physics II", Summer Semester 2023, TU Berlin
- Undergraduate-level course: "CHEM 442 - Physical Chemistry I: Quantum Mechanics & Spectroscopy", Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, UIUC
- Graduate-level course: "CHEM 590 X - Materials Characterization at Large-Scale X-Ray Facilities", Spring 2016, 2018, and 2020, UIUC
- Cottrell Scholars Collaborative (CSC) New Faculty Development Workshop participant, May 2016
- Master-level course "Structural Determination at Large-Scale X-ray Facilities", SS 2014, University of Göttingen, Germany
- "Week Zero" Chemistry lectures for prospective graduate students of the International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) in Molecular Biology, Georg-August University Göttingen and Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, October 2014

Outreach Activities

- Dissemination of research conducted at large-scale facilities; organization of a "three-day synchrotron boot camp" for undergraduate and first-year graduate students, organization of a behind-the-scenes tour of the Advanced Photon Source at Argonne National Laboratory, 2018-2020
- Science demonstrations at primarily low-income middle schools in Champaign county (part of the "Science in Action" program in collaboration with David Sarlah), UIUC, 2018-2020
- Full-day science demonstrations during the "Girls Learning About Materials" day camp for middle-school girls, UIUC, 2018-2020

Berlin, March 7, 2023