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Personal Details

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Education

June 2017 **Habilitation in Theoretical Chemistry**, *Technical University Munich, Germany.*
Feb. 2008 **PhD in Physics**, *University of Vienna, Austria, with Univ. Prof. Christoph Dellago.*
(graduation with distinction)
July 2005 **Master des Sciences de la Matière (MSc)**, *Ecole Normale Supérieure Lyon, France.*
Oct. 2004 **Diploma in Physics (MSc)**, *University of Vienna, Austria.*
(graduation with distinction)

Work History

Feb. 2011 – **Group leader (Privatdozent)**, *Chair for Theoretical Chemistry, Technische Universität München.*
Feb. 2012 – **von Humboldt Foundation post-doctoral research fellow**,
Jan. 2014 *Chair for Theoretical Chemistry, Technische Universität München.*
Feb. 2008 – **Post-Doctoral research associate**, *Department of Chemistry,*
Jan. 2011 *University of Cambridge.*
Dec. 2004 – **Research assistant**, *Faculty of Physics, University of Vienna.*
Jan. 2008

Languages

German mother tongue
English fluent, spoken and written
Chinese advanced, CEFR level B1 (2005)
French basic, CEFR level A2 (2004)

Prizes

- 2017 **Ernst Haage prize for chemical energy conversion.**
(MPI for Chemical Energy Conversion)
- 2017 **Hans Fischer Memorial Award.**
(Hans Fischer Society e.V.)

Fellowships and grants

- 2017 **INCITE computing grant**, together with Prof. N. Marom, Prof. V. Blum, Prof. P. Rinke, Prof. T. Körzdörfer, Prof. O. Hoffmann, (Volume: 330 mil. Core hours).
- 2016 **DFG Research Grant**, “*Theoretical Investigation of Photo-Electro-Catalysis Beyond Proton-Coupled Electron Transfer*”, (Volume: 1 PhD position, 3 years; travel money).
- 2016 **DFG Focus Program SPP 1928**, “*Development of Electrically Conductive MOFs and their Integration in Multiparametric MOF@SAW Sensor Devices*”, (Volume: 1 PhD position, 3 years; travel money).
- 2015 – **PI in “Solar Technologies go Hybrid” program of the state of Bavaria.**
- 2012 – 2014 **von Humboldt Foundation post-doctoral research fellowship.**
- 2013 **BayIntAn travel grant for the initiation of international collaborations.**
- 2011 **SuperMUC computing grant**, together with Prof. K. Reuter, (Volume: 4 mil. Core hours).
- 2010 **PRACE early access computing grant**, together with Dr. J. Blumberger, (Volume: 25 mil. Core hours).
- (Oct. 2009 - April 2011) **College research associateship**, Clare College, Cambridge.

Teaching

- 2017 **Lecture: “Molecular Structure and Statistical Thermodynamics”**, TU Munich, Germany.
(Undergraduate level)
- 2014–2017 **Lecture: “Introduction to Quantum Mechanics”**, TU Munich, Germany.
(Undergraduate level)
- 2014–2016 **Lecture: “Solid State Theory”**, TU Munich, Germany.
(Master level)
- 2012–2014 **Lecture: “Advanced Electronic Structure”**, TU Munich, Germany.
(Master level)
- 2012–2014 **Lecture: “Methods of Molecular Simulation”**, TU Munich, Germany.
(Master level)
- 2011 **Lecture: “Current Topics in Theoretical Chemistry”**, TU Munich, Germany.
(Master level)
- 2008–2010 **Supervisions: “Electronic Structure”, “Perturbation Theory”, “Theoretical techniques and ideas in Chemistry”, “Energetics and Equilibria”, “Chemical Kinetics”, “Quantum Mechanics”, and “Spectroscopy”**, various colleges, Cambridge, UK.
(Undergraduate level)

Referee for

ERC (EU), NWO (Netherlands), NSF (USA), J. Chem. Theor. Comput., Phys. Rev. E, J. Chem. Phys., Chem. Phys., J. R. Soc. Interface, J. Phys. Chem., J. Phys. Chem. Lett., Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., Appl. Phys. Lett., ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces

Selected invited talks

- 2017 **Electrochemistry Beyond Thermodynamics and Idealised Models**, *Workshop: Electric Fields in Electrochemistry*, Reisenburg, DE.
Embedding Quantum Regions into Classical Environments, *Workshop: Surrogate Models and Coarsening Techniques*, IPAM, Los Angeles, USA.
Embedding Quantum Regions into Classical Environments, *Hands-on Summer School: DFT and Beyond*, Berlin, DE.
Implicit Solvation Models in the FHI-AIMS Numeric Atomic Orbital Code, *Coding Solvation Workshop*, Livorno, IT.
“Cheap” DFT for structure prediction, and what else it is good for., *IMPRESS Workshop*, Helsinki, FI.
Photo-electrochemistry modelling beyond idealised surfaces and the computational hydrogen electrode, *GCYS Symposium on Structures & Dynamics at Surfaces*, Göttingen, DE.
Photo-electrochemistry modelling beyond idealised surfaces and the computational hydrogen electrode, *DPG Spring Meeting*, Dresden, DE.
- 2016 **First-principles photo-electrocatalysis beyond the computational hydrogen electrode**, *DPG Spring Meeting*, Regensburg, DE.
- 2015 **First-principles screening for intrinsic charge carrier mobility in organic devices**, *Workshop: Multiscale Simulations of Organic Electronic Materials*, Telluride, USA.
- 2014 **A theoretical description of water splitting on metal decorated oxide surfaces**, *9th International Conference on Functional Materials and Nanotechnologies*, Riga, Latvia.

List of publications

- 32 **An efficient implicit solvation method for full potential DFT**, *M. Sinstein, C. Scheurer, S. Matera, V. Blum, K. Reuter, and H. Oberhofer*, published online (2017), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/acs.jctc.7b00297>.
- 31 **Charge Transport in Molecular Materials: an Assessment of Computational Methods**, *H. Oberhofer, K. Reuter, and J. Blumberger*, *Chem. Rev.* **117**, 10319 (2017).
- 30 **Transferable Ionic Parameters for First-Principles Poisson-Boltzmann Solvation Calculations: Neutral Solutes in Aqueous monovalent Salt Solutions**, *S. Ringe, H. Oberhofer, and K. Reuter*, *J. Chem. Phys.* **146**, 134103 (2017).
- 29 **Consecutive reactions of small, free tantalum clusters with dioxygen controlled by relaxation dynamics**, *J.F. Eckhard, D. Neuwirth, C. Panosetti, H. Oberhofer, K. Reuter, M. Tschurl, and U. Heiz*, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **19**, 5985 (2017).
- 28 **Perspective: On the active site model in computational catalyst screening**, *K. Reuter, C.P. Plaisance, and H. Oberhofer, M. Andersen*, *J. Chem. Phys.* **146**, 040901 (2017).

- 27 **First-Principles Free-Energy Barriers for Photoelectrochemical Surface Reactions: Proton Abstraction at TiO₂ (110)**, *T. Stecher, K. Reuter, and H. Oberhofer*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **117**, 276001 (2016).
- 26 **Function-Space-Based Solution Scheme for the Size-Modified Poisson-Boltzmann Equation in Full-Potential DFT**, *S. Ringe, H. Oberhofer, C. Hille, S. Matera, and K. Reuter*, *J. Chem. Theor. Comput.* **12**, 4052 (2016).
- 25 **Surface adsorption energetics studied with “Gold Standard” wave-function-based Ab initio methods: Small-molecule binding to TiO₂ (110)**, *A. Kubas, D. Berger, H. Oberhofer, D. Maganas, K. Reuter, and F. Neese*, *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **7**, 4207 (2016).
- 24 **Virtual Screening for High Carrier Mobility in Organic Semiconductors**, *C. Schober, K. Reuter, and H. Oberhofer*, *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **7**, 3973 (2016).
- 23 **Report on the sixth blind test of organic crystal structure prediction methods**, *A.M. Reilly et al.*, *Acta Crystallogr. Sect. B* **72**, 439 (2016).
- 22 **Thermal and electronic fluctuations of flexible adsorbed molecules: Azobenzene on Ag (111)**, *R.J. Maurer, W. Liu, I. Poltavsky, T. Stecher, H. Oberhofer, K. Reuter, and A. Tkatchenko*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **116**, 146101 (2016).
- 21 **Critical analysis of fragment-orbital DFT schemes for the calculation of electronic coupling values**, *C. Schober, K. Reuter, and H. Oberhofer*, *J. Chem. Phys.* **144**, 054103 (2016).
- 20 **First-principles embedded-cluster calculations of the neutral and charged oxygen vacancy at the rutile TiO₂ (110) surface**, *D. Berger, H. Oberhofer, and K. Reuter*, *Phys. Rev. B* **92**, 075308 (2015).
- 19 **Electronic couplings for molecular charge transfer: Benchmarking CDFT, FODFT, and FODFTB against high-level ab initio calculations II**, *A. Kubas, F. Gajdos, A. Heck, H. Oberhofer, M. Elstner, and J. Blumberger*, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **17**, 14342 (2015).
- 18 **Photoswitching in nanoporous, crystalline solids: an experimental and theoretical study for azobenzene linkers incorporated in MOFs**, *Z. Wang, L. Heinke, J. Jelic, M. Cakici, M. Dommaschk, R. J. Maurer, H. Oberhofer, S. Grosjean, R. Herges, S. Bräse, K. Reuter, and C. Wöll*, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **17**, 14582 (2015).
- 17 **Embedded-cluster calculations in a numeric atomic orbital density-functional theory framework**, *D. Berger, A.J. Logsdail, H. Oberhofer, M.R. Farrow, C.R.A. Catlow, P. Sherwood, A.A. Sokol, V. Blum, and K. Reuter*, *J. Chem. Phys.* **141**, 24105 (2014).
- 16 **Electronic couplings for molecular charge transfer: Benchmarking CDFT, FODFT, and FODFTB against high-level ab initio calculations**, *A. Kubas, F. Hoffmann, A. Heck, H. Oberhofer, M. Elstner, J. Blumberger*, *J. Chem. Phys.* **140**, 104105 (2014).
- 15 **Chemical activity of thin oxide layers: Strong support interactions yielding a new thin film phase of ZnO**, *V. Schott, H. Oberhofer, A. Birkner, M. Xu, Y. Wang, K. Reuter, and Ch. Wöll*, *Ang. Chem. Int. Ed.* **52**, 11925 (2013).
- 14 **First-principles thermodynamic screening approach to photo-catalytic water splitting with co-catalysts**, *H. Oberhofer and K. Reuter*, *J. Chem. Phys.* **139**, 044710 (2013).
- 13 **On the inapplicability of electron-hopping models for the organic semiconductor phenyl-C₆₁-butyric acid methyl ester (PCBM)**, *F. Gajdos, H. Oberhofer, M. Dupuis, and J. Blumberger*, *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **4**, 1012 (2013).

- 12 **Revisiting electronic couplings and hopping models for electron transport in crystalline C₆₀ at ambient temperatures**, *H. Oberhofer and J. Blumberger*, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. **14**, 13846 (2012).
- 11 **Proton transfer drives protein radical formation in Helicobacter pylori catalase but not in Penicillium vitale catalase**, *M. Alfonso-Prieto, H. Oberhofer, M.L. Klein, C. Rovira, and J. Blumberger*, J. Am. Chem. Soc. **133**, 4285 (2011).
- 10 **Insight into the mechanism of the Ru²⁺ - Ru³⁺ electron self-exchange reaction from quantitative rate calculations**, *H. Oberhofer and J. Blumberger*, Ang. Chem. Int. Ed. **49**, 3631 (2010).
- 9 **Electronic coupling matrix elements from charge constrained density functional theory calculations using a plane wave basis set**, *H. Oberhofer and J. Blumberger*, J. Chem. Phys. **133**, 4103 (2010).
- 8 **Prediction of Reorganization Free Energies for Biological Electron Transfer: A Comparative Study of Ru-Modified Cytochromes and a 4-Helix Bundle Protein**, *V. Tipmanee, H. Oberhofer, M. Park, K.S. Kim, and J. Blumberger*, J. Am. Chem. Soc. **132**, 17032 (2010).
- 7 **Efficient extraction of free energy profiles from non-equilibrium experiments**, *H. Oberhofer and C. Dellago*, J. Comp. Chem. **30** 1726 (2009).
- 6 **Charge constrained density functional molecular dynamics for simulation of condensed phase electron transfer reactions**, *H. Oberhofer and J. Blumberger*, J. Chem. Phys. **131**, 064101 (2009).
- 5 **Gas-phase formation of large neutral alkaline-earth metal tryptophan complexes**, *M. Marksteiner, P. Haslinger, H. Ulbricht, M. Scalfani, H. Oberhofer, C. Dellago, and M. Arndt*, J. Am. Soc. Mass. Spectr. **19**, 1021 (2008).
- 4 **Optimum bias for fast-switching free energy calculations**, *H. Oberhofer and C. Dellago*, Comp. Phys. Commun. **179**, 41 (2008).
- 3 **Single molecule pulling with large time steps**, *H. Oberhofer, C. Dellago, and S. Boresch*, Phys. Rev. E **75**, 061106 (2007).
- 2 **Equilibrium free energies from fast-switching trajectories with large time steps**, *W. Lechner, H. Oberhofer, C. Dellago, P.L. Geissler*, J. Chem. Phys. **124**, 044113 (2006).
- 1 **Biased sampling of nonequilibrium trajectories: Can fast switching simulations outperform conventional free energy calculation methods?**, *H. Oberhofer, C. Dellago, and P. L. Geissler*, J. Phys. Chem. B **109**, 6902 (2005).

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