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Research interests: Microporous materials, carbon capture, C1 chemistry, structure-performance relationships, spectroscopy



RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CO₂ capture and utilization (Postdoc)

- Direct air capture from humid air using microporous materials
- CO₂ and CH₄ co-conversion using zeolite membrane reactors (*awarded together with supervisor a Proof of Concept grant from the European Research Council*)

Zeolites (Membrane) Synthesis (PhD)

- Synthesis and characterization of zeolites and zeolitic membranes for catalysis and separation
 1. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2018**, 57, 12458
 2. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2017**, 56, 11217 (*cover story*)
 3. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2016**, 55, 16044 (2nd author)

Catalysis and Spectroscopy (PhD and Master)

- Structure-performance relationships for the methanol-to-hydrocarbons and syngas to lower olefins processes
 1. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2020**, 10.1002/anie.202009139 (*front cover and hot paper in Angew. Chem., highlighted by Chemistryviews*)
 2. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2020**, 59, 15502
 3. *Chem. Commun.*, **2017**, 53, 13012 (*cover story*)
 4. *ChemCatChem*, **2015**, 7, 752 (*cover story*)
- Study of reaction kinetics of the oxidation of ethylene glycol to glyoxal on copper (collaborated with BASF)

EDUCATION & WORK EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral scholar • California Institute of Technology (Caltech) • Jan. 2020-Present

- Supervisor: [Prof. Mark E. Davis](#) (elected member of the National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Science and the Institute of Medicine in the United States)
- Project: Rational Design of Microporous Materials for Direct Air Capture under Humid Conditions (\$ 400K)

Postdoctoral scholar • Utrecht University (UU) • Sep. 2020-Dec. 2020

- Funded by a European Research Council (ERC) Proof of Concept Grant (€ 150 K)
- Supervisor: [Prof. Bert M. Weckhuysen](#) (elected member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences, the European Academy of Science and the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Sciences and Arts)
- Project: High-flux zeolite membrane-based reactor for the efficient conversion of CO₂ and CH₄

PhD candidate in Physical Chemistry • UU • Sep. 2015-Aug. 2019

- Funded by a European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grant (No. 321140, € 2.3 million)
- Supervisor: [Prof. Bert M. Weckhuysen](#)
- Thesis: Oriented Zeolite Membranes: Synthesis, Characterization and Applications

MS in Chem. Eng. • East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST) • 2015 • Ranking 1/250

- Supervisors: [Prof. Yi-Fan Han](#) and [Prof. Jing Xu](#)
- Thesis: Structure-Performance Relationships of an Iron Oxide Catalyst for Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis

BS in Chem. Eng. • Northwest University (NWU) • 2012 • Ranking 1/94

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- Chinese government award for outstanding self-finance students abroad • **2020**
- Distinguished alumni in 20 years at the ChE school of NWU • **2019**
- Full scholarship for PhD studying at Utrecht University • **2015-2019**
- Outstanding graduates for ECUST (**2015**) and NWU (**2012**)
- The first prize of Wanhua (Co.) Innovation Competition • **2014**
- The first prize scholarship at ECUST • **2013**
- Outstanding students for NWU (**2009-2012**) and ECUST (**2013**)
- State first Prize of "Mitsui Cup" Competition of Chemical Engineering Design (Team leader) • **2011**
- Cyrus Tang Scholarship for Personal Development and Community Service • **2009-2012**

SKILLS

Materials: Zeolites (membranes) synthesis and characterization (XRD, NH₃-TPD, FTIR, SEM, GC-MS, AFM, *etc.*)

Heterogenous catalysis: Ambient/high pressure and high temperature fixed bed reactors design and operation

Adsorption and separations: Design and construction of setups as well as performance evaluation

Advanced spectroscopy: (*Operando*) UV-Vis, DRIFTS, Raman spectroscopy and solid-state NMR as well as Nanospectroscopy, such as AFM-IR, Single Molecule Fluorescence and Atom Probe Tomography

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION

- Daily supervisor of two bachelor's students (2018) and 1 master's student (2018-2019) at UU for their theses
- Teaching electrochemistry courses for first year bachelor students at UU for 3 years (2016-2019)
- Reviewer for *J. of Catal.*, *Chem. Commun.*, *Chem. Eng. Sci.* and *J. Energy Chem.*

Scientific Contributions

As of Sep., 2020, Donglong Fu (**H index= 12**) published **23 papers** in highly impact peer-reviewed journals, such as *Nat. Mat.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, *ACS Catal.*, *etc.* Among these, **6 papers** are published as (**co**)-**first author** in *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* (**4**), *Chem. Commun.* (**1**) and *ChemCatChem* (**1**); **7 papers** are selected as **cover story**; **1 paper** is highlighted as **hot paper** in *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* and *Chemistryviews* magazine, **1 paper** is highlighted by *Nature Energy*.

25. **D. Fu**, E. Maris, D. M. Salas Pastene, M. Veselý, O. van der Heijden, F. Meirer, L. Kapitein, B. M. Weckhuysen, Visualizing Diffusion Patterns in Zeolite ZSM-5 using Single Molecule Fluorescence Spectroscopy, **2020**, *In preparation*.
24. **D. Fu**, M. Filez, M. Veselý, S. Zanoni, D. H. Merino, F. Meirer, B. M. Weckhuysen, In Situ SAXS of Zeolite Growth: A Comparison Study of Ethanol and Tetrapropylammonium, **2020**, *In preparation*.
23. E. Maris, **D. Fu**, F. Meirer, B. M. Weckhuysen, Single-Molecule Observation of Diffusion and Catalysis in Nanoporous Solids, *Adsorption*, **2020**, *accepted*. (**Invited book chapter**)
22. H. Dai, Y. Shen, T. Yang, C. Lee, **D. Fu**, A. Agarwal, T. T. Le, M. Tsapatsis, J. C. Palmer, B. M. Weckhuysen, P.J. Dauenhauer, X. Zou, J. D. Rimer, Finned Zeolite Catalysts, *Nat. Mat.* **2020**, 19, 1074-1080. (**Front cover**)
21. **D. Fu**⁺, A. Lucini Paioni⁺ (**co-first author**), C. Lian, O. van der Heijden, M. Baldus, B. M. Weckhuysen, Elucidating Zeolite Channel Geometry-Reaction Intermediates Relationships during the Methanol-to-Hydrocarbons Process, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2020**, 59, 20024-20030. (**Front Cover, hot paper, highlighted by chemistryviews**)
20. **D. Fu**, O. van der Heijden, K. Stančíková, B. M. Weckhuysen, Channel Orientation Effects of MFI zeolite in Catalytic Reactions, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2020**, 59, 15502-15506.
19. B. Birmingham, J. Yuan, M. Filez, **D. Fu**, J. Hu, J. Lou, M. O. Scully, B. M. Weckhuysen, Z. Zhang, Probing the Effect of Chemical Dopant Phase on Photoluminescence of Monolayer MoS₂ Using in Situ Raman Microspectroscopy, *J. Phys. Chem. C.*, **2019**, 123, 15738-15743.
18. G. Whiting, S.H. Chung, D. Stosic, A. Dutta Chowdhury, L. van der Wal, **D. Fu**, J. Zečević, A. Travert, K. Houben, M. Baldus, B. M. Weckhuysen, Multi-Scale Mechanistic Insights of Shaped Catalyst Body Formulations and Their Impact on Catalytic Properties, **2019**, *ACS Catal.*, **2019**, 9, 4792-4803.
17. A. D. Chowdhury, A. L. Paioni, G. T. Whiting, **D. Fu**, M. Baldus, B. M. Weckhuysen, Unraveling the Homologation Reaction Sequence of the Zeolite-Catalyzed Ethanol-to-Hydrocarbon Process, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2019**, 58, 3908-3912.
16. B. Birmingham, J. Yuan, M. Filez, **D. Fu**, J. Hu, J. Lou, M. O. Scully, B. M. Weckhuysen, Z. Zhang, Spatially-

Resolved Photoluminescence of Monolayer MoS₂ under Controlled Environment for Ambient Optoelectronic Applications, *ACS Appl. Nano Mater.*, **2018**, *1*, 6226-6235.

15. Y. Shen, T. T. Le, **D. Fu**, J. E. Schmidt, M. Filez, B. M. Weckhuysen, J. D. Rimer, Deconvoluting the Competing Effects of Zeolite Framework Topology and Diffusion Path Length on Methanol-to-Hydrocarbons Reaction, *ACS. Catal.*, **2018**, *8*, 11042-11053.
14. **D. Fu**, J. E. Schmidt, P. Pletcher, P. Karakiliç, X. Ye, C. M. Vis, P. C. A. Bruijninx, M. Filez, L. D. B. Mandemaker, L. Winnubst, B. M. Weckhuysen, Uniformly Oriented Zeolite ZSM-5 Membranes with Tunable Wettability on a Porous Ceramic, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2018**, *57*, 12458-12462.
13. J. E. Schmidt, L. Peng, A. Lucini Paioni, H. Leona Ehren, W. Guo, B. Mazumder, D. A. Matthijs de Winter, Ö. Attila, **D. Fu**, A. Dutta Chowdhury, K. Houben, M. Baldus, J. D. Poplawsky, and B. M. Weckhuysen, Isolating Clusters of Light Elements in Molecular Sieves with Atom Probe Tomography, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2018**, *140*, 9154–9158.
12. J. E. Schmidt, F. C. Hendriks, M. Lutz, L. C. Post, **D. Fu**, B. M. Weckhuysen, Diagnosing the Internal Architecture of Zeolite Ferrierite, *ChemPhysChem* **2018**, *19*, 367-372. (Cover Story)
11. Y. Zhang, **D. Fu**, X. Liu, Z. Zhang, C. Zhang, B. Shi, J., Y.-F. Han, Operando Spectroscopic Study of Dynamic Structure of Iron Oxide Catalysts during CO₂ Hydrogenation, *ChemCatChem* **2018**, *10*, 1-6.
10. **D. Fu**, K. Park, G. Delen, Ö. Attila, F. Meirer, D. Nowak, S. Park, J. E. Schmidt, B. M. Weckhuysen, Nanoscale Infrared Imaging of Zeolites using Photoinduced Force Microscopy, *Chem. Commun.*, **2017**, *53*, 13012-13014. (Cover Story)
9. **D. Fu**, J. E. Schmidt, A. D. Chowdhury, B. M. Weckhuysen, Highly Oriented Growth of Catalytically Active Zeolite ZSM-5 Films with a Broad Range of Si/Al Ratios, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2017**, *56*, 11217-11221. (Cover Story)
8. J. E. Schmidt, **D. Fu**, M. W. Deem, B. M. Weckhuysen, Template-Framework Interactions in Tetraethylammonium-Directed Zeolite Synthesis, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 16044-16048.
7. J. E. Schmidt, J. D. Poplawsky, B. Mazumder, Ö. Attila, **D. Fu**, D. A. Matthijs de Winter, F. Meirer, S. R. Bare and B. M. Weckhuysen, Coke Formation in a Zeolite Crystal During the Methanol-to-Hydrocarbons Reaction as Studied with Atom Probe Tomography, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 11173-11177. (Highlighted by Nature Energy)
6. Y. Zhang, **D. Fu**, X. Xu, Y. Sheng, J. Xu, Y.-F. Han, Application of Operando Spectroscopy on Catalytic Reactions, *Curr. Opin. Chem. Eng.* **2016**, *12*, 1-7. (Invited Review)
5. J. Su, Z. Zhang, **D. Fu**, D. Liu, X. Xu, B. Shi, X. Wang, R. Si, Z. Jiang, J. Xua, Y.-F. Han, Higher Alcohols Synthesis from Syngas over CoCu/SiO₂ Catalysts: Dynamic Structure and the Role of Cu, *J. Catal.* **2016**, *336*, 94-106. (Feature Article)
4. W. Mao, J. Su, Z. Zhang, X. Xu, **D. Fu**, W. Dai, J. Xu, X. Zhou, Y.-F. Han, A Mechanistic Basis for the Effects of Mn Loading on C₂+ Oxygenates Synthesis Directly from Syngas over Rh-MnOx/SiO₂ Catalysts, *Chem. Eng. Sci.*, **2015**, *135*, 301-311.
3. W. Mao, J. Su, Z. Zhang, X. Xu, W. Dai, **D. Fu**, J. Xu, X. Zhou, Y.-F. Han, Kinetics Study of C₂+ Oxygenates Synthesis from Syngas over Rh-MnOx/SiO₂ Catalysts, *Chem. Eng. Sci.*, **2015**, *135*, 312-322.
2. **D. Fu**, W. Dai, X. Xu, W. Mao, J. Su, Z. Zhang, B. Shi, J. Smith, P. Li, J. Xu, Y.-F. Han, Probing the Structure Evolution of Iron-Based Fischer-Tropsch to Produce Olefins by Operando Raman Spectroscopy, *ChemCatChem*, **2015**, *7*, 752-756. (Cover Story)
1. X. Xu, J. Su, P. Tian, **D. Fu**, W. Dai, W. Mao, W. Yuan, J. Xu, Y.-F. Han, "First Principles Study of C₂ Oxygenates Synthesis Directly from Syngas over Co-Cu Bimetallic Catalysts", *J. Phys. Chem. C.*, **2015**, *119*, 216-227.

Patents

- Chinese Patent: *An in situ Gas-Solid Reaction Cell for High-Pressure Spectroscopy*, CN103728247A.

Presentations (as the presenter)

1. **Invited Oral Presentation:** *Oriented Zeolite Thin-Films as Model Systems for Reaction Behaviors Study*, *Nanocatalysis for Fuels and Chemicals Workshop*, Lille 1 University, **France**, 19-04-2019.
2. **Oral Presentation:** Channel Orientation Effects of MFI zeolite during Methanol-to-Hydrocarbons Process, NAM26, Chicago, **United States**, 23 to 28-06-2019.
3. **Invited oral presentation:** An Oriented Microporous Membrane for Chemical Industry Applications, CHAINS2018 (Dutch chemistry conference), Veldhoven, **The Netherlands**, 3 to 5-12-2018.
4. **Invited oral presentation:** Oriented Zeolite Membranes with Controllable Performance, Dutch Zeolite Association

(DZA) meeting 2018, Amsterdam, **The Netherlands**, 11-10-2018.

5. **Oral presentation:** Nanoscale Infrared Imaging of Zeolites Using Photoinduced Force Microscopy, International Symposium on Zeolites and Microporous Crystals 2018, Yokohama, **Japan**, 5 to 10-08-2018.
6. **Invited poster presentation:** Synthesis of Highly Oriented Zeolite ZSM-5 Films as Catalysts and Model Catalytic Systems, Materials • Characterization • Catalysis, ETH, **Switzerland**, 07-01-2018.
7. **Oral presentation:** Fluorescence Microscopy-Assisted Fabrication of Highly *b*-Oriented Aluminosilicate MFI Films, the 13th European Congress on Catalysis, Florence, **Italy**, 27 to 31-08-2017.
8. **Poster presentation:** Synthesis of Highly Oriented Zeolite ZSM-5 Films as Catalysts and Model Catalytic Systems, Nanoporous Materials and Their Applications in GRC, Andover, **United States**, 06 to 11-08-2017.
9. **Oral presentation:** Fabrication of Highly *b*-Oriented Aluminosilicate MFI Films with a Broad Range of Si/Al Ratios, The 18th Netherlands' Catalysis and Chemistry Conference, Noordwijkerhout, **The Netherlands**, 07-03-2017.
10. **Poster presentation:** Fabrication of *b*-Oriented Aluminosilicate MFI Films: Influence of Aluminum on Film Morphology and Orientation, the 3rd Euro-Asia Zeolite Conference, Bali, **Indonesia**, 24-01-2017.
11. **Poster presentation:** Probing the Structure Evolution of Iron-Based Fischer-Tropsch to Produce Olefins by *Operando* Raman Spectroscopy, 2nd China-United States Symposium on Energy, Shanghai, **China**, 28-06-2015.
(**Best Poster**)