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Research Interests

Imaging Mass Spectrometry, Electronic Structure of molecules, Vacuum Ultraviolet Photoionization Dynamics, Synchrotron Radiation and Chemical Applications

Academic Qualifications

PhD Physical Chemistry, 1989, University of Cambridge, U.K.
Thesis Adviser: Dr. A.B. Callear

BSc (Hons) Chemistry, 1985. University of Delhi, India.

Professional Experience

Senior Scientist – Chemical Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA (July 2010-present)

Acting Beamline Director – Chemical Dynamics Beamline, Advanced Light Source, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA (January-June 2009, January-June 2010)

Visiting Scholar – College of Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley, CA (January 2008-present)

Principal Investigator – Chemical Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA (2006-present)

Technical Expert – International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria (September 2006)

Staff Scientist – Chemical Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA (2000-2010)

Scientist – Chemical Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA (1995-2000)

Post-doctoral Research Fellow – University of Manchester, U.K. 1993-1995 (Prof. J. C. Whitehead);
Max Planck Institute for Strömungsforschung, Göttingen, Germany. 1991-1993 (Prof. P. Potzinger);
University of Leicester U.K. and British Petroleum, Sunbury, U.K. 1989-1991 (Prof. I. M. T. Davidson)

Awards and Grants

Visualizing Functional Surfaces with Molecular Nano-imaging, DOE grant, 2006

The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation Grant for Environmental Chemistry, 2005

Laboratory Directed Research Funding, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2003-2006

Outstanding Performance Award, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2003

Overseas Research Scholarship, Cambridge University, U.K. 1986-1988

Professional membership and activities

Fellow of American Physical Society, Member of American Chemical Society, Member of American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Reviewer for the Journal of Physical Chemistry, Journal of the American Chemical Society, Journal of Chemical Physics, Journal of American Society of Mass Spectrometry, Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry, Chemical Physics, Chemical Physics Letters, Analytical Chemistry, Journal of Mass Spectrometry, Progress in Energy and Combustion Science, New Journal of Chemistry, Chemistry- an Asian Journal.

Discussion leader and Chair at Gordon Research Meetings and American Chemical Society Symposiums.

Member of committees

Best Practices Diversity Council, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (2001-2004)

Staff committee, Chemical Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (2010-present)

Scientific Collaborators (2008-present)

Joel Bowman (Emory U), Kristie Boering (UC, Berkeley), Chris Cappa (UC. Davis), Romy Chakraborty (LBNL), Agnes Chang (National Dong Hwa U., Taiwan), John Daily (U Colorado, Boulder), Hugo Destailats (LBNL), Luke Hanley (U Illinois, Chicago), Mike Duncan (U Georgia, Athens), Barney Ellison (U Colorado, Boulder), Mattanjah De Vries (UC Santa Barbara), Ralf Kaiser (U Hawaii, Manoa), Kostas Kalogerakis (SRI), Marcus Kleber (U Oregon), Anna Krylov (USC), Stephen Klippenstein (ANL), Stephen Leone (LBNL, UC Berkeley), Alex Mebel (Florida International U), Ricardo Metz (U Mass, Amherst), Peter Nico (LBNL), Trent Northen (LBNL), Deirdre Olynick (LBNL), David Osborn (Sandia), Matt Shawkey (U Akron) Tom Slanger (SRI), Mohamed Sleiman (LBNL), John Stanton (U Texas, Austin), Craig Taatjes (Sandia), Mark Thiemens (UC San Diego), Kevin Wilson (LBNL), Doug Worsnop (Aerodyne)

Invited talks and lectures (2008-present)

(1) *Probing molecular growth and thermal decomposition processes with a heated tubular reactor and tunable VUV radiation*; (2) *A Next Generation X-ray Laser Array at the Berkeley Lab*. International Workshop on Frontiers in Synchrotron Tools for Studies of Combustion and Energy, Shanghai, China, October 2011

Spectroscopy, analysis, and imaging of molecules with synchrotron radiation and laser desorption, Telluride Workshop "New Frontiers and Grand Challenges in Laser-based Biological Microscopy", Telluride, CO, August 2011

Probing Kinetics with Synchrotron Radiation. International Conference on Chemical Kinetics, Cambridge, MA, July 2011

Spectroscopy, Analysis, and imaging of organic molecules with vacuum ultraviolet synchrotron radiation, Seminar at Environmental and Molecular Sciences Laboratory, PNNL, Richland, May 2011

Mass Spectrometry with VUV radiation, First Annual Berkeley Metabolomics Symposium, LBNL, Berkeley, Jan. 2011

Imaging mass spectrometry, cluster and biomolecule energetics with VUV radiation, Chemical Society seminar, Cotton College, Guwahati, India, Dec 2010

Imaging mass spectrometry, cluster and biomolecule energetics with VUV radiation, Chemistry department seminar, Guwahati University, India, Dec 2010

Imaging Mass Spectrometry, aerosol chemistry, cluster and biomolecule energetics with VUV radiation. Topical Conference on Interaction of EM Radiation with Atoms, Molecules & Clusters (TC - 2010), RRCAT, Indore, India, March 2010

Imaging Mass Spectrometry, aerosol chemistry, cluster and biomolecule energetics with VUV radiation. National workshop on catalysis-2009, Catalysis for clean environment and sustainable future. Tezpur University, India, December 2009

Imaging Mass Spectrometry, Aerosol Chemistry and Biomolecule Energetics with VUV Radiation. Condensed Phase, Interfaces and Molecular Sciences (CPIMS) DOE contractors meeting, Arlington, VA, October 2009

Investigating atoms to aerosols with Synchrotron Radiation, Chemistry Dept. Seminar, University of the Pacific, Stockton, October 2009

"WE LUV VUV" Investigating atoms to aerosols with Synchrotron Radiation, Chemistry Dept. Seminar, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, August 2009

Energy and Environmental science at a synchrotron; Aerosol Chemistry, Nanoparticle Physics, Biomolecule energetics with VUV radiation; Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics with Synchrotron Radiation, Visualizing Chemistry and Biology with IR, VUV, and X-Ray photons; 4 lectures at the Joint ICTP/IAEA School on Novel Synchrotron Radiation Applications, Trieste, Italy, March 2009

Investigating atoms to aerosols with VUV Synchrotron Radiation, ALS ESG/SSG seminar, LBNL, Berkeley, CA, November 2008

Energy and Environmental science at a synchrotron, workshop at ALS user meeting, Berkeley, CA, Oct. 2008

Visualizing organic surfaces with imaging mass spectrometry, Visualizing Chemistry: Advances in Chemical Imaging, ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, August 2008

Investigating Atoms to Aerosols with Vacuum Ultraviolet Radiation, DOE Imaging, Separations and Analysis Contractors meeting, Annapolis, Maryland, May 2008

Aerosol Chemistry, Nanoparticle Physics, and Imaging Mass Spectrometry with Vacuum Ultraviolet (VUV) Radiation, PIRE-ECCI Seminar series, UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA, February 2008

Publications

98. K. S. Kalogerakis, C. Romanescu, M. Ahmed, K. R. Wilson, and T. G. Slanger, "CO prompt emission as a CO₂ marker in comets and planetary atmospheres," *Icarus* (2012) **220**, 205
97. A. Golan, M. Ahmed, A. M. Mebel, and R. I. Kaiser, "A VUV Photoionization Study on the Formation of Primary and Secondary Products in the Reaction of the Phenyl Radical with 1,3-Butadiene under Combustion Relevant Conditions," (Submitted)
96. A.G. Vasiliou, K. M. Piech, B. Reed, X. Zhang, M. R. Nimlos, M. Ahmed, A. Golan, O. Kostko, D. L. Osborn, J. W. Daily, J. F. Stanton, and G. B. Ellison, "Thermal Decomposition of CH₃CHO Studied by Matrix Infrared Spectroscopy and Photoionization Mass Spectroscopy," (Submitted)
95. F. Zhang, R.I. Kaiser, A. Golan, M. Ahmed and N. Hansen, "A VUV Photoionization Study of the Combustion-Relevant Reaction of the Phenyl Radical (C₆H₅) with Propylene (C₃H₆) in a High Temperature Chemical Reactor," *J. Phys. Chem. A* (2012) **116**, 3541
94. S. Chakraborty, R. Davis, M. Ahmed, T. L. Jackson, and M. H. Thiemens "Oxygen isotope fractionation in vacuum ultraviolet photodissociation of carbon monoxide: Wavelength, pressure and temperature dependency," *J. Chem. Phys.* (2012) **137**, 024309
93. A. Golan, K. B. Bravaya, R. Kudirka, O. Kostko, S. R. Leone, A. I. Krylov, and M. Ahmed. "Ionization of stacked dimethyluracil dimers leads to facile proton transfer in the absence of H-bonds," *Nature Chem.* (2012) **4**,323
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91. M. J. Berg, K. R. Wilson, C. Sorensen, A. Chakrabarti, and M. Ahmed, "Discrete Dipole Approximation Model for Low-Energy Photoelectron Emission from NaCl Nanoparticles," *J. Quant. Spectrosc. Radiat. Transfer* (2012) **113**, 259
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87. A.G. Vasiliou, K. M. Piech, X. Zhang, M. R. Nimlos, M. Ahmed, A. Golan, O. Kostko, D. L. Osborn, J. W. Daily, J. F. Stanton, and G. B. Ellison, "The Products of the Thermal Decomposition of CH₃CHO," *J. Chem. Phys.* (2011) **135**, 014306

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80. K. B. Bravaya, O. Kostko, S. Dolgikh, A Landau, M. Ahmed, and A. I. Krylov "Electronic structure and spectroscopy of nucleic acid bases: Ionization energies, ionization-induced structural changes, and photoelectron spectra," *J. Phys. Chem. A* (2010) **114**, 12305
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Ablation, Aerosol Chemistry, Nanoparticle Physics, Light Scattering, Flames, Helium Droplets (2003-2007)

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