

# Oliver Bünermann

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## CURRENT POSITION

2010– Group Leader, Atom-Surface Scattering Dynamics, Institute for Physical Chemistry, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany  
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## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

2021 Habilitation in Physical Chemistry, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Germany  
2009-2010 Post-doctoral researcher, Department of Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley, USA  
2006-2009 Post-doctoral researcher, Faculty of Physics, University of Freiburg, Germany  
2006 Ph.D. Faculty of Physics, University of Bielefeld, Germany  
2003 Diploma, Faculty of Physics, University of Bielefeld, Germany

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2009 Forschungsstipendium, DFG  
2008 Dissertationspreis 2007 der Westfälisch Lippischen Universitätsgesellschaft (Ph.D. thesis award)

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

2010– Lectures in physical chemistry, Institute for Physical Chemistry, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany

## INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2015- Executive Director of the International Center for Advanced Studies of Energy Conversion (ICASEC), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany  
2021- Local chairman OV GDCh Göttingen

## MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Member of Deutsche Bunsen-Gesellschaft für physikalische Chemie (DBG)  
Member of Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft (DFG)  
Member of Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh)  
Member of American Chemical Society (ACS)

## RESEARCH MENTORS

- Prof. Dr. Frank Stienkemeier, Bielefeld and Freiburg, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Daniel M. Neumark, Berkeley, USA
- Prof. Dr. Alec M. Wodtke, Göttingen, Germany

## INVITED AND PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

1. 2nd International Workshop on Scattering of Atoms and Molecules from Surfaces, 2013, *Inelastic Hydrogen Atom Scattering: A new tool to investigate energy conversion processes at surfaces*.
2. XIXth Symposium on Atomic, Cluster and Surface Physics, 2014, *Inelastic Hydrogen Atom Scattering: A new tool to investigate energy conversion processes at surfaces*.
3. Gordon Research Conference on Dynamics at Surfaces, 2015, *Inelastic Hydrogen Atom Scattering from Metals: Importance of Electron-Hole-Pair Excitations*.
4. 20<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Atomic, Cluster and Surface Physics, 2016, *Inelastic Hydrogen Atom Scattering: Role of Electron-Hole Pair Excitations*.
5. Bunsen Tagung 2016, *Inelastic Hydrogen Atom Scattering: Role of Electron-Hole Pair Excitations*.
6. 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Scattering of Atoms and Molecules from Surfaces, 2016, *Inelasticity in H atom scattering from surfaces*.
7. International Conference on Molecular Energy transfer in Complex Systems, 2017, *H atom scattering from surfaces*.
8. DPG Frühjahrstagung der Sektion Kondensierte Materie, 2018, *Hydrogen Atom Adsorption on Surfaces studied in Scattering Experiments*.
9. Symposio Max Planck / Colombia Fronteras de la Ciencia, 2019, *Dynamics and Surfaces - Hydrogen Atom Adsorption on Surfaces Studied in Scattering Experiments*.
10. Bunsen Tagung 2023, *Surface electronic structure of semiconductors probed by H atom scattering*.
11. 2024 WPI Symposium: Energy Research for a Carbon Neutral Future, *Inelastic H-atom scattering as a probe for energy conversion on surfaces*.
12. Sandia National Laboratories PI Meeting, 2024, *Inelastic hydrogen atom scattering as probe for surface dynamics*.

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS [1-41] ORCID: 0000-0001-9837-6548

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2. Jooss, C., M. Seibt, M. Wenderoth, O. Bünermann, O. Bunjes, T. Domröse, C. Eckel, F. Falorsi, C. Flathmann, M.K.M.d. Azagra, M. Krüger, J. Lindner, T. Meyer, C. Ropers, U. Ross, K. Rossnagel, S.S.N. Lalithambika, S. Techert, G.A. Traeger, C. Volkert, R.T. Weitz, and A.M. Wodtke, *Advancing Energy Materials by In Situ Atomic Scale Methods*. *Advanced Energy Materials* 2404280 (2025), DOI: 10.1002/aenm.202404280.
3. Zhu, L., Q. Zheng, Y. Wang, K. Krüger, A. Wodtke, O. Bünermann, J. Zhao, H. Guo, and B. Jiang, *Mechanistic Insights into Non-Adiabatic Interband Transitions on a Semiconductor Surface Induced by Hydrogen Atom Collisions*. *JACS Au* **4**, 4518-4526 (2024), DOI: 10.1021/jacsau.4c00909.
4. Krüger, K., N. Hertl, A.M. Wodtke, and O. Bünermann, *Temperature dependence of the Ge(111) surface electronic structure probed by inelastic H atom scattering*. *Physical Review Materials* **8**, 034603 (2024), DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.8.034603.
5. Liebetrau, M., Y. Dorenkamp, O. Bünermann, and J. Behler, *Hydrogen Atom Scattering at the Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0001) Surface: A Combined Experimental and Theoretical Study*. *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics* **26**, 1696-1708 (2024), DOI: 10.1039/d3cp04729f.

6. Krüger, K., Y. Wang, L. Zhu, B. Jiang, H. Guo, A.M. Wodtke, and O. Bünermann, *Isotope effect suggests site-specific nonadiabaticity on Ge(111)c(2x8)*. *Natural Sciences* **4**, e20230019 (2024), DOI: 10.1002/ntls.20230019.
7. Bünermann, O., *Surface electronic Structure of Semiconductors Probed by H Atom Scattering*. *Bunsen-Magazin* **4/2023**, 122-124 (2023).
8. Krüger, K., Y. Wang, S. Tödter, F. Debbeler, A. Matveenko, N. Hertl, X. Zhou, B. Jiang, H. Guo, A.M. Wodtke, and O. Bünermann, *Hydrogen atom collisions with a semiconductor efficiently promote electrons to the conduction band*. *Nature Chemistry* **15**, 326-331 (2023), DOI: 10.1038/s41557-022-01085-x.
9. Hertl, N., K. Kruger, and O. Bünermann, *Electronically Nonadiabatic H Atom Scattering from Low Miller Index Surfaces of Silver*. *Langmuir* **38**, 14162-14171 (2022), DOI: 10.1021/acs.langmuir.2c02140.
10. Lecroart, L., N. Hertl, Y. Dorenkamp, H. Jiang, T.N. Kitsopoulos, A. Kandratsenka, O. Bünermann, and A.M. Wodtke, *Adsorbate modification of electronic nonadiabaticity: H atom scattering from p(2 × 2) O on Pt(111)*. *Journal of Chemical Physics* **155**, 034702 (2021), DOI: 10.1063/5.0058789.
11. Hertl, N., A. Kandratsenka, O. Bünermann, and A.M. Wodtke, *Multibounce and Subsurface Scattering of H Atoms Colliding with a van der Waals Solid*. *Journal of Physical Chemistry A* **125**, 5745-5752 (2021), DOI: 10.1021/acs.jpca.1c03433.
12. Bünermann, O., A. Kandratsenka, and A.M. Wodtke, *Inelastic Scattering of H Atoms from Surfaces*. *Journal of Physical Chemistry A* **125**, 3059-3076 (2021), DOI: 10.1021/acs.jpca.1c00361.
13. Jiang, H.Y., X. Tao, M. Kammler, F. Ding, A.M. Wodtke, A. Kandratsenka, T.F. Miller, and O. Bünermann, *Small nuclear quantum effects in scattering of H and D from graphene*. *Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters* **12**, 1991-1996 (2021), DOI: 10.1021/acs.jpcclett.0c02933.
14. Wille, S., H. Jiang, O. Bünermann, A.M. Wodtke, J. Behler, and A. Kandratsenka, *An experimentally validated neural-network potential energy surface for H-atom on free-standing graphene in full dimensionality*. *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics* **22**, 26113-26120 (2020), DOI: 10.1039/d0cp03462b
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18. Kandratsenka, A., H.Y. Jiang, Y. Dorenkamp, S.M. Janke, M. Kammler, A.M. Wodtke, and O. Bünermann, *Unified description of H-atom-induced chemi-currents and inelastic scattering*. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* **115**, 680-684 (2018), DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1710587115.
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20. Bünermann, O., H.Y. Jiang, Y. Dorenkamp, D.J. Auerbach, and A.M. Wodtke, *An ultrahigh vacuum apparatus for H atom scattering from surfaces*. *Review of Scientific Instruments* **89**, 094101 (2018), DOI: 10.1063/1.5047674.

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