

Prof. Dr. Karsten Meyer, FRSC

Karsten Meyer studied chemistry (October 1989 – 1994) at the Ruhr-University of Bochum (Germany) and received his Diploma in May 1995. Starting in summer 1995, he performed his PhD thesis work under the direction of Professor Karl Wieghardt at the Max-Planck-Institute in Mülheim / Ruhr (Germany) and received his Ph.D. (Dr. rer. nat., *summa cum laude*) in January 1998. With a DFG postdoctoral fellowship, Karsten proceeded to gain research experience in the laboratory of Professor Christopher Cummins at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1998 – 2000, MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA). In January 2001, he was appointed to the faculty of the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) as an Assistant Professor and was named an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow in 2004. In 2006, he accepted an offer (C4/W3) to be the Chair of the Institute of Inorganic & General Chemistry at the Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), Germany.

Professional Career

Oct. 1989	Study of Chemistry at the Ruhr-University-Bochum in Germany
May 1995	Diploma (Ruhr-University-Bochum)
July 1995	PhD Studies at the Max-Planck-Institute in Mülheim/Ruhr, Germany under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Karl Wieghardt
Jan. 1998	Dissertation (Dr. rer. nat., <i>summa cum laude</i>) “Molecular and Electronic Structure of High-Valent Transition-Metal Nitrido Complexes”
Feb. 1998	Postdoctoral Studies at the Max-Planck-Institute Mülheim/Ruhr (Germany)
Oct. 1998	Postdoctoral Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) under the direction of Prof. Christopher C. Cummins, USA
Jan. 2001	Assistant Professor at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), USA
Jan. 2006	University Full Professor (W3/C4) Chair of Inorganic and General Chemistry (FAU)

Awards & Honors

2002	Hellman Fellow, Christ & Warren Hellman Young Faculty Award, USA
2003	Faculty Career Development Award, UC Academic Senate, USA
2004	Alfred P. Sloan Award, USA
2009	Israel Chemical Society, Lifetime Honorary Member, IL
2009	Visiting Professorship, University of Manchester, UK
2009	Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science Award (JSPS), JP
2010	Dalton Transactions European Lectureship Award, RSC, UK
2010	MBRAUN Lecturer, Pacificchem 2010, Honolulu Hawaii, USA
2011	Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, FRSC, UK
2012	Visiting Professor, Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse, F
2015	Visiting Professor, Nagoya Institute of Technology, JP
2015	JSPS Professorship “Brain Circulation Project” Nagoya Institute of Technology, JP
2017	Elhuyar-Goldschmidt Award , Royal Society of Chemistry of Spain
2017	Ludwig-Mond Award , Royal Society of Chemistry, UK
2017	Chugaev Commemorative Medal, Kurnakov Institute, Moscow, Russian Academy of Sciences
2018	Guest Professor, ETH Zürich, CH
2022	XingDa Lecture, Peking University, China
2022	Japan Society of Coordination Chemistry International Award , JP

Publications and Invitations

Karsten Meyer has published 275+ publications in peer-reviewed journals, leading to an *h*-Index of 61 with a total of 11,000+ citations, and an average citation per item of 40+. The list of publications includes, among others, reports and articles in *Science*, *Nature*, *Nature Chem.*, *Chem*, *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, *Angewandte Chemie*, and *Chemical Science*. He has given more than 200 invited talks, including opening and plenary lectures, at conferences as well as research and academic institutions worldwide.

Editorial Activities

2005	Volume Editor, Elsevier "Comprehensive Organometallic Chemistry III, Vol. 2"
2009	International Advisory Board, Wiley-VCH "European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry"
2011	International Advisory Board, ACS "Inorganic Chemistry" (2-yr term)
2013	Guest Editor, Wiley-VCH "European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry"
2014	International Advisory Board, Taylor & Francis "Journal of Coordination Chemistry"
since 2014	Associate Editor, ACS "Organometallics"
since 2019	Editor-in-Chief, Elsevier "Comprehensive Organometallic Chemistry-IV"
since 2022	Co-Editor, Academic Press "Advances in Inorganic Chemistry"

Research Interests

In general, synthetic chemistry is at the heart of the Meyer group research program. Studies focus on the synthesis of custom-tailored ligand architectures and their transition and light actinide metal coordination complexes. Special attention is drawn to molecularly engineered, ordered structures that provide well-defined confined spaces for highly selective molecular and catalytic transformations. While transition metals are traditionally a very important source of inspiration for our research, the Meyer group has developed a distinguished expertise in uranium coordination chemistry. Transition-metal-based catalysts in pre-organized materials, such as custom-tailored, including chiral ionic liquids (ILs) and ionic liquid crystals (ILCs), play an important role in our research. Recently, the development of platforms to facilitate charge and light-driven catalytic processes relevant to sustainable energy cycles has been explored.

State-of-the-art spectroscopic investigations of the molecular and electronic structures of the reactive metal-substrate complexes as well as computational methods aid the elucidation of coordination modes, underlying electronic structures, and reactivities. The combination of synthesis, spectroscopy, electrochemistry, and computation facilitates deep understanding of molecular reactivity and better knowledge of structure-function relationships. Ultimate long-term objectives of the fundamental research are the development of efficient catalysts for the metal complex assisted conversion of abundant natural substrate resources and the discovery of renewable energy sources.

Selected Publications

1. "Ligand Tailoring Toward an Air-Stable Iron(V) Nitrido Complex"
M. Keilwerth, L. Grunwald, W. Mao, F.W. Heinemann, J. Sutter, E. Bill and K. Meyer
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2021**, *143*, 1458 – 1465
2. "A Series of Iron Nitrosyl Complexes $\{Fe-NO\}^{6-9}$ and a Fleeting Intermediate $\{Fe-NO\}^{10}$ en Route to a Metallacyclic Iron Nitrosoalkane"
M. Keilwerth, J. Hohenberger, F.W. Heinemann, J. Sutter, A. Scheurer, H. Fang, E. Bill, F. Neese, Shengfa Ye and K. Meyer*
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2019**, *141*, 17217 – 17235
3. "The Role of Uranium-Arene Bonding in H₂O Reduction Catalysis"
D. P. Halter, F. W. Heinemann, L. Maron and K. Meyer*
Nature Chem. **2018**, *10*, 259 – 267
4. "Electrocatalytic H₂O Reduction with *f*-Elements: Mechanistic Insight and Overpotential Tuning in a Series of Lanthanide Complexes"
D. P. Halter, C. T. Palumbo, J. W. Ziller, M. Gembicky, A. L. Rheingold, W. J. Evans* and K. Meyer*
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2018**, *140*, 2587 – 2594
5. "Uranium-Mediated Electrocatalytic Dihydrogen Production from Water"
D. P. Halter, F. W. Heinemann, J. Bachmann and K. Meyer*
Nature **2016**, *530*, 317 – 321

6. "Isolation and Structural and Electronic Characterization of Salts of the Decamethylferrocene Dication"
M. Malischewski*, M. Adelhardt, J. Sutter, K. Meyer* and K. Seppelt
Science **2016**, 353, 678 – 682
7. "Synthesis and Characterization of a Uranium(II) Monoarene Complex Supported by δ Backbonding"
H.S. La Pierre, A. Scheurer, F.W. Heinemann, W. Hieringer and K. Meyer*
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2014**, 53, 7158 – 7162
8. "Crystal Structure Determination of the Nonclassical 2-Norbornyl Cation"
F. Scholz, D. Himmel, F.W. Heinemann, P.v.R. Schleyer, K. Meyer* and I. Krossing*
Science **2013**, 341, 62 – 64
9. "Synthesis, Structure, and Reactivity of an Iron(V) Nitride"
J.J. Scepaniak, C.S. Vogel, M.M. Khusniyarov, F.W. Heinemann, K. Meyer* and J.M. Smith*
Science **2011**, 331, 1049 – 1052
10. "Carbon Dioxide Activation with Sterically Pressured Mid- and High-Valent Uranium Complexes"
S.C. Bart, C. Anthon, F.W. Heinemann, E. Bill, N.M. Edelstein and K. Meyer*
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2008**, 130, 12536 – 12546
11. "Towards Uranium Catalysts"
A.R. Fox, S.C. Bart, K. Meyer and C.C. Cummins
Nature **2008**, 455, 341 – 349
12. "A Linear, O-Coordinated η^1 -CO₂ Bound to Uranium"
I. Castro-Rodriguez, H. Nakai, L. N. Zakharov, A.L. Rheingold and K. Meyer*
Science **2004**, 305, 1757 – 1759

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