
PERSONAL DATA

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PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: Buenos Aires, Argentina | 16 October 1990
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EDUCATION

2016-2020 | **Dr. Rer. Nat.** (Grade: *summa cum laude*)
Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society and Freie Univesität (Berlin)

2009-2014 | **Licenciante in Chemical Sciences**
University of Buenos Aires, equivalent to MSc. degree
(GPA: 9.27/10)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

MID-APRIL 2022 | **Research Associate (Walter Benjamin Fellow)**
CURRENT | Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge
Stuart Althorpe and Angelos Michaelides

SEP 2021 | **Postdoctoral Position**
FEB 2022 | Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research (MPIP)
Supervisors: Yuki Nagata and Mischa Bonn

AUG 2020 | **Postdoctoral Position**
AUG 2021 | Max Planck Institute for the Structure and Dynamics of Matter (MPSD)
Supervisor: Mariana Rossi

OCT 2016 | **Doctoral Studies**
AUG 2020 | PhD student contract at Fritz Haber Institute of The Max Planck Society (FHI)
Thesis Title: Tunneling and Zero-Point Energy Effects in Multidimensional Hydrogen Transfer
Reactions: From Gas Phase to Adsorption on Metal Surfaces. Supervisor: Mariana Rossi. Co-
supervisor: Beate Paulus (Freie Univertät)

AWARDS

2022 | Poster Prize at Vibrational Spectroscopy GRC, Rhode Island, United States

2019 | Acceptance to 70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting

2019 | Poster Prize at 81st Okazaki Conference, Okazaki, Japan

2018 | Poster Prize at CECAM/Psi-k school on "Path Integral Quantum Mechanics"

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 | **Rückkehrprogramm** Ministry of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.
Funding: 1.25 million Eur/5 years
- 2023 | **Junior Research Fellowship** Wolfson College, University of Cambridge **Funding:** 2400 GBP
- 2022 | **DAAD travel fellowship** **Funding:** 2000 EUR
- 2021 | **Walter Benjamin fellowship** German Research Foundation (DFG) **Funding:** 84000 EUR/2 years
- 2021 | **Newton International Fellowship 2021** **Funding:** 105000 GBP
- 2018 | **DAAD travel fellowship** **Funding:** 2000 EUR
- 2018 | **Computational Resources at High-Performance Computing Facility CSCS National Computer Center** **Allocation:** 16.000.000 core hours

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023 | **Master thesis co-supervisor**
Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge
Co-supervision of one Master thesis student. The student was awarded the Norrish Prize for the best Theoretical project.
- 2022 | **Teaching assistant**
Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge
Duties: Grading papers, answering questions from students, and carrying out practical lectures. Three small groups (2 or 3 students each)
- AUG-2019 | **Tutor Leader on Practical Exercises on Molecular Dynamics**
AUG-2017 | *Hands-On DFT and Beyond Workshop*
Duties: prepare and test practical exercises; carry out the tutorial on *ab initio* molecular dynamics.
- 2015-2016 | **Teaching Assistant**
Graduate position at University of Buenos Aires
Duties: grading papers and exams, answering questions from students, and carrying out lectures. Courses: Analytical Chemistry and Chemical Physics I

WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Organizer

- 04-Jun-2023 | **Path Integral Quantum Mechanics**
08-Jun-2023 | M. Ceriotti, B. Hirshberg, V. Kapil, Y. Litman, T. Markland, and M. Rossi
Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
[Event website](#)
- 14-Jun-2021 | **Path Integral Quantum Mechanics: From the Basics to the Latest Developments**
18-Jun-2021 | M. Ceriotti, V. Kapil, Y. Litman, T. Markland, and M. Rossi
Total 76 participants. Virtual event.
[Event website](#)

Invited Talks

- Feb-2024 | **Decoding Aqueous Interfaces with molecular dynamic simulations and surface-specific spectroscopies**
Chemistry Department, Tel Aviv University. Tel Aviv, Israel.
- Feb-2024 | **Surface-specific spectroscopy from first principles**
Chemistry Department, Ben Gurion University. Beer Sheva, Israel.
- Sep-2023 | **New Insights on Aqueous Electrolyte Interfaces** (Selected poster presentation)
The Inaugural Lennard-Jones Centre Meeting, Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- Aug-2023 | **Simulation of Tip-enhanced Raman Spectroscopy**
FHI-aims users' and developers' meeting. Hamburg, Germany.
- Jun-2023 | **Tunneling and Zero-Point Energy Effects in Multidimensional Hydrogen Transfer Reactions**
Department of Biological Physics and Molecular Chemistry and Department of Materials Science, Weizmann Institute. Rehovot, Israel.
- Jun-2023 | **Surface-specific spectroscopy from first principles**
Schulich Faculty of Chemistry, Technion University. Haifa, Israel.
- Jul-2022 | **Surface-Sensitive Spectroscopy with ab initio Accuracy Using Machine Learning**
Vibrational Spectroscopy, Gordon Research Seminar. Rhode Island, United States.
- Jul-2022 | **Let the atoms dance with i-PI**
Summerschool on Theoretical Modelling at the Nanoscale, Ringberg, Germany.
- Jun-2022 | **Tunneling and Zero-Point Energy Effects in Multidimensional Hydrogen Transfer Reactions**
Lennard-Jones Centre. Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- Nov-2018 | **Elucidation of the Quantum Dynamics of Intramolecular Proton Transfer Reaction in Porphycene**
Workshop on H-bonding/transfer dynamics of porphycene and its derivatives. Warsaw, Poland.

Contributed Talks (since 2019)

- Mar-2023 | **Surface-Sensitive Spectroscopy from First Principles**
Y. Litman, J. Lan, K.Y. Chiang, V. Kapil, Y. Nagata, and D. Wilkins.
DPG (Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft) Spring Meeting. Regensburg, Germany.
- Sep-2022 | **The surface of electrolyte solutions is stratified**
Y. Litman, K-Y. Chiang, T. Seki, Y. Nagata, M. Bonn
DPG (Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft) Spring Meeting. Regensburg, Germany.
- Sep-2022 | **Incorporating First-Principles Electronic Friction in Instanton Rate Theory**
Y. Litman, E. S. Pos, C. L. Box, R. Martinazzo, R. J. Maurer, M. Rossi
DPG (Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft) Spring Meeting. Regensburg, Germany.

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- Sep-2021 | **Surface vibrations enhance intramolecular hydrogen tunneling in (some) molecular switches**
Y. Litman, M. Rossi
APS (American Physical Society) March Meeting. Online event.
- Sep-2019 | **Temperature Dependence of the Vibrational Spectrum of Porphycene**
Y. Litman, J. Behler, M. Rossi
Faraday Discussion: Quantum effects in complex systems. Coventry, United Kingdom.
- Apr-2019 | **Elucidation of the Quantum Dynamics of Intramolecular Proton Transfer Reaction in Porphycene**
Y. Litman, T. Kumagai, J. O. Richardon, M. Rossi
DPG (Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft) Spring Meeting. Regensburg, Germany.
- Mar-2019 | **Elucidation of the Quantum Dynamics of Intramolecular Proton Transfer Reaction in Porphycene**
Y. Litman, T. Kumagai, J. Richardon, M. Rossi
APS (American Physical Society) March Meeting. Boston, USA.
- Feb-2019 | **Elucidation of the Quantum Dynamics of Intramolecular Proton Transfer Reaction in Porphycene**
Y. Litman, T. Kumagai, J. Richardon, M. Rossi
Workshop on Theoretical Chemistry 2019 Path Integral Methods for Nuclear Quantum Effects. Mariapfarr, Austria.

YAIR LITMAN - LIST OF PUBLICATIONS: JUL-2024

(*=corresponding author, ‡=equal contribution)

- 1. Is Quantum Vibrational Coupling Important in Water? A spectroscopic perspective (In Preparation)**
Haggard, C; [Litman, Y*](#); Althorpe, S.
- 2. i-PI 3.0: a flexible and efficient framework for advanced atomistic simulations**
In review, Journal of Chemical Physics
[Litman, Y](#); Kapil, V; Feldman, Y; Tisi, D; Begusic, T; Fidanyan, K; Fraux, G; Higer, J; Kellner, M; Li, T. E; Pócs, E. S; Stocco, E; Trenins, G; Hirshberg, B; Rossi, M; Ceriotti, M.*
- 3. Quantum Rates in Dissipative System with Spatially Variable Friction**
Accepted, Journal of Chemical Physics
Bridge, O; Martinazzo, R; Rossi, M; Althorpe, S; Lazzaroni, P; [Litman, Y*](#).
- 4. Learning Electronic Polarizations in Aqueous Systems**
[Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling](#), 2024, 64, 4426
Jana, A; Shepherd, S; [Litman, Y](#); Wilkins, D. M*.
- 5. Surface Stratification Determines the Interfacial Water Structure of Simple Electrolyte Solutions**
[Nature Chemistry](#) 2024, 16, 644
[Litman, Y*](#)‡; Chiang, K‡; Seki, T; Nagata, Y; Bonn, M*.
- 6. Fully First-Principles Spectroscopy with Machine Learning**
[Journal of Physical Chemistry Letter](#) 2023, 14, 8175
[Litman, Y*](#); Lan, J; Nagata, Y; Wilkins, D. M*.
- 7. Tip-enhanced Raman Scattering Imaging Reveals Atomic Scale Chemical Enhancement**
[Journal of Physical Chemistry Letter](#), 2023, 14, 6850
[Litman, Y*](#)‡; Bonafe, F‡; Akkoush, A; Appel, H; Rossi, M*.
- 8. A Hybrid-DFT Study of Intrinsic Point Defects in MX₂ (M=Mo, W; X=S, Se) Monolayers**
[Physica Status Solidi A: Applications and Materials Science](#), 2023, 2300180
Akkoush, A*; [Litman, Y](#); Rossi, M.*
- 9. Is Unified Understanding of Vibrational Coupling of Water Possible? Hyper-Raman Measurements and Machine Learning Spectra**
[Journal of Physical Chemistry Letter](#), 2023, 14, 3063
Inoue, K‡; [Litman, Y](#)‡; Wilkins, D. ; Nagata, Y*; Okuno, M*.
- 10. Dissipative Tunneling Rates through the Incorporation of First-Principles Electronic Friction in Instanton Rate Theory II: Benchmarks and Applications**
[Journal of Chemical Physics](#) 2022, 156, 194107
[Litman, Y*](#); Pócs, E. S; Connor, L. B; Martinazzo, R; Maurer, R. J; Rossi, M*.
- 11. Dissipative Tunneling Rates through the Incorporation of First-Principles Electronic Friction in Instanton Rate Theory I: Theory**
[Journal of Chemical Physics](#) 2022, 156, 194106
[Litman, Y*](#); Pócs, E. S; Connor, L. B; Martinazzo, R; Maurer, R. J; Rossi, M*.
- 12. Charge Transfer Mediated Dramatic Enhancement of Raman Scattering upon Molecular Point Contact Formation**
[Nano Letters](#) 2022, 22, 2170–2176
Cirera, B; [Litman, Y](#); Chenfang, L; Akkoush, A; Hammud, A; Wolf, M; Rossi, M; Kumagai, T*.

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13. **Multidimensional Hydrogen Tunneling in Supported Molecular Switches: The Role of Surface Interactions**
[Physical Review Letters 2020, 125, 216001](#)
[Litman, Y*](#); Rossi, M*.
 14. **Temperature Dependence of the Vibrational Spectrum of Porphycene: A Qualitative Failure of Classical-Nuclei Molecular Dynamics**
[Faraday Discussions, 2020, 221, 526-546.](#)
[Litman, Y](#); Behler, J; Rossi, M*.
 15. **Zero-point energy and tunnelling: general discussion**
[Faraday Discussions 2020, 221, 478-500](#)
(Authors given in alphabetic order)
Althorpe, S; Alvertis, A; Barford, W; Benson, R; Burghardt, I; Giannini, S; Habershon, S; Hammes-Schiffer, S; Hay, S; Iyengar, S; Kelly, A; Komarova, K; Lawrence, J; [Litman, Y](#); Martens, C; Maurer, R; Plant, D; Rossi, M; Sakaushi, K; Schile, A; Sturniolo, S; Tew, D; Trenins, G; Worth, G.
 16. **Emerging opportunities and future directions: general discussion**
[Faraday Discussions 2020, 221, 564-581](#)
(Authors given in alphabetic order)
Althorpe, S; Barford, W; Blumberger, J; Bungey, C; Burghardt, I; Datta, A; Ghosh, S; Giannini, S; Grünbaum, T; Habershon, S; Hammes-Schiffer, S; Hay, S; Iyengar, S; Jones, G; Kelly, A; Komarova, K; Lawrence, J; [Litman, Y](#); Mannouch, J; Manolopoulos, D; Martens, C; Maurer, R; and Melander, M; Rossi, M; Sakaushi, K; and Saller, M; Schile, A; Sturniolo, S; Trenins, G; Worth, G.
 17. **Spectroscopic signatures of quantum effects: general discussion**
[Faraday Discussions 2020, 221, 322-349](#)
(Authors given in alphabetic order)
Alvertis, A.; Barford, W; Bourne Worster, S; Burghardt, I; Chin, A; Datta, A; Dijkstra, A; Fay, T; Fielding, H; Grünbaum, T; Habershon, S; Hammes-Schiffer, S; Iyengar, S; Jones, A; Komarova, K; Léonard, J; [Litman, Y](#); Picconi, D; Plant, D; Schile, A; Scholes, G; Segarra-Martí, J; Segatta, F; and Troisi, A; Worth, G.
 18. **Quantum coherence in complex environments: general discussion**
[Faraday Discussions 2020, 221, 168-201](#)
(Authors given in alphabetic order)
Alvertis, A; Barford, W; Bourne Worster, S; Burghardt, I; Datta, A; Dijkstra, A; Fay, T; Ghosh, S; Grünbaum, T; Habershon, S; Hore, P; Hutchinson, D; Iyengar, S; Jones, A; Jones, G; Komarova, K; Lawrence, J; Léonard, J; [Litman, Y](#); Mannouch, J; Manolopoulos, D; Martens, C; Mondelo-Martell, M; Picconi, D; Plant, D; Sakaushi, K; Saller, M; Schile, A; Scholes, G; Segarra-Martí, J; Segatta, F; Troisi, A; Worth, G.
 19. **Elucidating the Nuclear Quantum Dynamics of Intramolecular Double Hydrogen Transfer in Porphycene**
[Journal of the American Chemical Society 2019, 141, 2526-2534.](#)
[Litman, Y](#); Richardson, J; Kumagai, T; Rossi, M*.
 20. **i-PI 2.0: A Universal Force Engine for Advanced Molecular Simulations**
[Computer Physics Communications 2019, 236, 214-223](#)
Kapil, V; Rossi, M; Marsalek, O; Petraglia, R; [Litman, Y](#).; Spura, T; Bingqing, C; Cuzzocrea, A; Meißner, R; Wilkins, D; Helfrecht, B; Przemyslaw, J; Bienvenue, S; Fang, W; Kessler, J; Poltavsky, I; Vandenbrande, S; Wieme, J; Corminboeuf, C; Kühne, T; Mano-

Iopoulos, D; Markland, T; Richardson, J; Tkatchenko, A; Tribello, G; Van Speybroeck, V; Ceriotti, M*.

21. **Photophysics of Xanthene Dyes at High Concentrations in Solid Environments: Charge Transfer Assisted Triplet Formation**
[Photochemistry & Photobiology 2018, 94, 865-874](#)
[Litman, Y; Rodríguez, H; Braslavsky, S; San Román, E*](#).
22. **Decisive Role of Nuclear Quantum Effects on Surface Mediated Water Dissociation at Finite Temperature**
[The Journal of Chemical Physics 2018, 148, 102320](#)
[Litman, Y; Donadio, D; Ceriotti, M; Rossi, M*](#).
23. **Quantum Tunneling in Real Space: Tautomerization of Single Porphycene molecules on the (111) surface of Cu, Ag, and Au**
[The Journal of Chemical Physics 2018, 148, 102330](#)
Kumagai, T*; Ladenthin, J; [Litman, Y](#); Rossi, M*; Grill, L; Gawinkowski, S; Waluk, J; Persson M.
24. **Positional Isotope Exchange in $\text{HX} \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ ($X = \text{F}, \text{I}$) Clusters at Low Temperatures**
[The Journal of Physical Chemistry A 2016, 120, 7213-7224](#)
[Litman, Y; Videla, P; Rodriguez, J; Laria, D*](#).
25. **Tuning the Concentration of Dye Loaded Polymer Films for Maximum Photosensitization Efficiency: Phloxine B in Poly(2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate)**
[Photochemistry & Photobiology Sciences 2016, 15, 80-85](#)
[Litman, Y; Rodríguez, H; San Román, E*](#).
26. **Effect of concentration on the Rose Bengal triplet state formation on microcrystalline cellulose: A combined laser induced optoacoustic spectroscopy, diffuse reflectance flash photolysis and luminescence study**
[The Journal of Physical Chemistry A 2014, 118, 10531-10537](#)
[Litman, Y; Rodríguez, H; San Román, E*](#).