

## Metal-organic Framework Mediated Electrode Engineering for Electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

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## PROPOSITIONS

*belonging to the thesis*

### **Metal-organic framework mediated catalyst engineering for electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction**

*by Riming Wang*

1. Electrocatalysts for electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction should be inactive toward oxygen reduction.  
Mondal., *et al. ACS Catalysis* 9.5 (2019): 3895-3899  
This thesis, *Chapter 1*
2. The synthesis of electrocatalysts with electrochemical methods can favour the stability of catalyst under electrochemical conditions.  
This thesis, *Chapter 2*
3. For the application of single-site catalysts in electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, the metal-selectivity relation has to be re-explored to rationalize the choice of catalysts.  
Hori *et al. Modern aspects of electrochemistry*. Springer, New York, (2008): 89-189.  
This thesis, *Chapter 5*
4. Totally human-designed crystals of metal-organic frameworks constitute a milestone of Materials Science.  
Hoskins and Robson, *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 111.15 (1989): 5962-5964  
Yaghi *et al. Journal of Solid State Chemistry* 152.1 (2000): 1-2  
Yaghi *et al. Nature* 423.6941 (2003): 705
5. The use of different performance parameters to evaluate electrocatalytic and thermocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> reduction hampers the comparison of these two approaches.
6. The popularity of a material in the field of Materials Chemistry is not necessarily dependent on its functionality, but rather due to its facile synthesis or its easily-measured performance.
7. Unless researchers can achieve directional charge transport, photocatalysis remains scientific fiction.
8. Eastern and Western cultures share more similarities than disparities.
9. The environmental benefit of electrical vehicles lies in the centralization of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
10. Big data analysis only provides (cor)relations between facts, instead of understanding.

*These propositions are considered to be opposable and defendable, and have been approved as such by the promoters Prof. dr. F. Kapteijn and Prof. dr. J. Gascon*

## STELLINGEN

*behorende bij het proefschrift*

### **Metal-organic framework mediated catalyst engineering for electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction**

*door Riming Wang*

1. Elektrokatalysatoren voor electrochemische CO<sub>2</sub> reductie moeten inactief zijn voor zuurstof reductie.  
Mondal., *et al. ACS Catalysis* 9.5 (2019): 3895-3899  
Dit proefschrift, *Hoofdstuk 1*
2. De bereiding van elektrokatalysatoren via electrochemische methoden kan de stabiliteit van de katalysator onder electrochemische condities bevorderen.  
Dit proefschrift, *Hoofdstuk 2*
3. Een weloverwogen katalysatorkeuze voor toepassing van single-site katalysatoren in electrochemische CO<sub>2</sub> reductie vereist een herevaluatie van de metaal-selectiviteitsrelatie.  
Hori *et al. Modern aspects of electrochemistry*. Springer, New York, (2008): 89-189.  
Dit proefschrift, *Hoofdstuk 5*
4. Het compleet menselijk ontwerp van metal-organic framework kristalstructuren vormt een mijlpaal in Materiaalkunde.  
Hoskins and Robson, *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 111.15 (1989): 5962-5964  
Yaghi *et al. Journal of Solid State Chemistry* 152.1 (2000): 1-2  
Yaghi *et al. Nature* 423.6941 (2003): 705
5. Het gebruik van verschillende evaluatieparameters voor de elektrokatalytische en thermokatalytische CO<sub>2</sub> reductie bemoeilijkt de vergelijking van deze twee routes.
6. De populariteit van een materiaal in het vakgebied Materiaalchemie hangt niet persé af van de functionaliteit, maar eerder van hoe makkelijk het te synthetiseren is.
7. Fotokatalyse blijft wetenschappelijke fictie tenzij wetenschappers ladingstransport richting weten te geven.
8. Oosterse en Westerse culturen hebben meer overeenkomsten dan verschillen.
9. Het milieuvoordeel van elektrische voertuigen ligt in de centralisatie van CO<sub>2</sub> emissies.
10. Big data analyse levert slechts (cor)relaties tussen feiten, geen begrip.

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