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# (Foto)-Elektrokatalytische Erzeugung von Brennstoffen und Chemikalien

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### **Chair of Electrochemistry**

Technische Universität Dresden 













### **Electrocatalytic Reactions**







### **Nature as Inspiration**

HER  $2e^- + 2H^+ \rightarrow H_2$ 

ORR

 $0_2 + 4e^- + 4H^+ \rightarrow 2H_2O$ 









Cooperation with M. Schwalbe, Utrecht Univ.





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### **Raman Spectroelectrochemistry**



For a review see Ly & Weidinger

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### C<sub>2</sub>N Materials for Reduction of Nitrogen

### $N_2 + 6e^- + 6H^+ \rightarrow 2NH_3$

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-X-FE

-0.5 -0.6 -0.7 -0.8 -0.9 -1.0 Potential (V vs. RHE)

NH<sub>3</sub> yield

h<sup>-1</sup>)

HH<sub>3</sub> yield (μg mg<sup>-1</sup>

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#### Scenarios for catalyst activation:

No major reaction of the nitrile groups or structural changes of the  $C_2N$  matrix Shift of electron density from the nitrile groups to the active site Changes in the electrochemical double layer





### **Photo-Electrocatalysis by Acethylenic Polymers**

Cooperation with X. Feng, TU Dresden





### **Photo-Electrocatalysis by Acethylenic Polymers**





Best HER in neutral conditions

Best HER in alkaline conditions

Bifunctional HER and OER catalyst

Only CAP that performs NRR





### **Photo-Electrocatalysis by Acetylenic Polymers**







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### **Photo-Electrocatalysis by Acetylenic Polymers**

HER (neutral): 2 e<sup>-</sup> + 2H<sup>+</sup>  $\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub> OER (alkaline): 4OH<sup>-</sup>  $\rightarrow$  2H<sub>2</sub>O + 4e<sup>-</sup> + O<sub>2</sub>



#### **Photo-Electrocatalysis by Acetylenic Polymers** HER: $2e^{-} + 2H^{+} \rightarrow H_{2}$ NRR: $N_2 + 6e^- + 6H^+ \rightarrow 2NH_3$ ..... pDT 514 nm Fe Fe S ⁺H− 594 nm S Current Density / mA cm<sup>-2</sup> 0.5 640 nm Ar Fe 0.0 N<sub>2</sub> 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000 2200 2400 600 Nitrogenase -0.5 Raman shift / cm<sup>-1</sup> .0 light off light on .5 $h_{ m V_{594\,nm}}$ 0.0 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.1 2111 E / V versus RHE



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