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Curriculum Vitae

The author of this thesis, David Maarten Klein, was born in Haarlem, the Netherlands, on December 20th, 1993. In 2011 he graduated from the Stedelijk Gymnasium Haarlem. From 2012 to 2015, he performed his BSc studies Molecular Science and Technology at Leiden University and Delft University, with a final thesis entitled “The crystal structure of solid N₂O: insights from first-principles calculations” under the supervision of dr. J. Meyer at Leiden University. From 2015 to 2017, he followed the Chemistry MSc program at Leiden University, with the specialisation Energy & Sustainability, and in parallel he followed the class of excellence “Sustainability: the Molecular Approach” from the Holland Research School of Molecular Chemistry (HRSMC), a collaboration between Leiden University, the University of Amsterdam (UvA), and the Free University of Amsterdam. During his MSc studies, he won the “VNCI Topsector Chemiebeurs” prize (2015) and as a result he performed an internship at LyondellBasell (Rotterdam Botlek). He graduated cum laude in 2017, with a thesis entitled “Developing stable photosensitizers for photocatalytic water oxidation” under the supervision of Prof. dr. S. Bonnet.

His PhD research proposal “Unidirectional electron transfer across lipid bilayers for artificial water splitting using transmembrane peptide-photosensitizer conjugates and liposomes” was granted by the HRSMC. He started hence his PhD studies at Leiden University under the co-supervision of Prof. dr. S. Bonnet and Prof. dr. A. M. Brouwer (UvA). During his PhD studies, he collaborated with dr. S. Rodríguez-Jiménez, dr. C. Casadevall, and Prof. dr. E. Reisner from the University of Cambridge, dr. H. Song and Prof. dr. L. Hammarström from Uppsala University, A. Prabhakaran and Prof. dr. T. Keyes from Dublin University, dr. A. Pannwitz from Ulm University, dr. A. Boyle, dr. A. Sevink, and dr. X. Li from Leiden University, dr. M. Siegler from Johns Hopkins University, and dr. A. Poortinga, Prof. dr. D. Bonn and Prof. dr. C. van Rijn from UvA. He supervised four MSc students and worked as a teaching assistant for the bachelor courses “Practicum Basisvaardigheden”, “Practicum Organische Chemie”, “Inorganische Chemie”, and “Leren

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- International Conference on Photochemistry, virtual conference, July 2021 (oral, runner-up for best oral presentation award)
- NWO CHEmistry As INnovating Science (CHAINS), virtual conference, December 2021 (poster)
- Symposium of the Holland Research School of Molecular Chemistry, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, November 2019 (poster) and March 2022 (poster)
- Netherlands' Catalysis and Chemistry Conference, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands, March 2018 (poster) and March 2019 (poster)
- Autumn School: Advanced Metal-Organic Chemistry and Catalysis, Doorn, The Netherlands, September-October 2018 (poster)

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