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Curriculum vitae

Chunmiao Ye was born on December 18th, 1992, in Anhui, China. She attended Maotanchang High School from 2008 to 2010. In 2010, she enrolled at the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Materials Chemistry, graduating in June 2014. Chunmiao continued her academic journey at USTC, where she completed her Master's degree in Chemical Physics in July 2017. Her master's research focused on designing nanostructures with high surface atom exposure for electrocatalytic applications.

In October 2017, Chunmiao began her PhD at Leiden University under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Marc Koper. Her PhD project was part of the Marie Curie ITN ELCOREL, which included collaborations with seven partner institutions, fostering a dynamic and interdisciplinary research environment. Her research primarily investigated the factors affecting the activity and selectivity of the electrochemical CO₂ reduction reaction. Additionally, she had the opportunity to work on large-scale CO₂ electrolysis systems during her time as a visiting researcher at Avantium, a chemical technology company specializing in renewable chemistry solutions, based in Amsterdam. There, she was supervised by Dr. Klaas Jan Schouten and Matthew Philips. The results of Chunmiao's research are presented in this thesis, and parts of her work have been showcased at several national and international conferences. During her PhD, she also contributed to teaching "Organic Chemistry" practical courses.

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