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EDUCATION

PhD Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, (2023)

Thesis: Influence of the structure and topology on the deformation behavior and fracture of oxide glasses."

Advisor: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Erik Bitzek

Grade: Very good

M2 University of Hassan II, Physics of Materials and Nanomaterials, 2017

Thesis: "Molecular dynamics simulation of the thermodynamic and structural properties of calcium aluminosilicate glasses."

Advisors: Prof. Said Ouaskit and Prof. Abdellatif Hasnaoui

M1 University of Hassan II, Physics and New Technologies, 2016

BS University of Hassan II, Physics and Applications, 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Universität des Saarlandes (01.07.2022 –)

Guest Scientist, Max-Planck-Institut für Eisenforschung (MPIE) (01.07.2021 – 31.12.2022)

Research Associate, Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (16.04.2018 – 15.04.2022)

Research Internship, Faculty of Sciences Ben M'SIK – (LPMC), CASABLANCA, (01.02.2017 – 15.07.2017)

Advisor: Prof. Said Ouaskit, Prof. Abdellatif Hasnaoui

PROJECTS AND GRANTS

CPUH project: Granted computing proposal at Jülich supercomputing center to study the deformation and failure mechanisms of bulk metallic glasses, Granting period: 01.11.2022 – 31.10.2023, Total CPUH: 29 Mcoreh

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistance, Universität des Saarlandes (01.07.2022 –)

- Oct.2022-Feb.2023, Computer simulations in materials physics, Teaching Assistant, (50 h)
- Apr.-Jul.2023, Theoretical materials physics, Teaching Assistant, (50 h)

Teaching Assistance, Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (16.04.2018 – 15.04.2022)

- Pre-course MatLab/Octave and Linux
- Introduction to atomistic simulation methods
- Teaching assistant in the lectures “Computational Nanoscience”, “Thermodynamics and mechanics of materials” and “Numerische Methoden in den Werkstoffwissenschaften”
- Student exams handling and supervision

**PEER-REVIEWED
PUBLICATIONS**

Published:

1. The Origin of Deformation-Induced Topological Anisotropy in Silica Glass. S. Ganisetti, **A. Atila**, J. Guérolé, A. Prakash, J. Horbach, L. Wondraczek, E. Bitzek, *Acta Materialia*, DOI: [10.1016/j.actamat.2023.119108](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actamat.2023.119108)
2. Thermally activated nature of synchro-Shockley dislocations in Laves phases. Z. Xie, D. Chauraud, **A. Atila**, E. Bitzek, S. Korte-Kerzel, J. Guérolé, *Scripta Materialia*, DOI: [10.1016/j.scriptamat.2023.115588](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scriptamat.2023.115588)
3. Structural Origin of the Boson Peak in Silicate Glasses: Insight from Molecular Dynamics. A. El Hamdaoui, E.M. Ghardi, **A. Atila**, H. Jabraoui, M. Badawi, A. Hasnaoui, S. Ouaskit (Submitted)
4. Unveiling the mechanisms of motion of synchro-Shockley dislocations. Z. Xie, D. Chauraud, **A. Atila**, E. Bitzek, S. Korte-Kerzel, J. Guérolé, *Physical. Review. Materials*, 7, 053605 (2023), DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.7.053605](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.7.053605)
5. Density-diffusion relationship in soda-lime phosphosilicate. Y. Ouldhnini, **A. Atila**, S. Ouaskit, A. Hasnaoui, *Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids*, 590, 121665 (2022) DOI: [10.1016/j.jnoncrysol.2022.121665](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jnoncrysol.2022.121665)
6. Atomistic origins of the mixed-alkali effect in phosphosilicate glasses. **A. Atila**, Y. Ouldhnini, S. Ouaskit, A. Hasnaoui, *Physical. Review. B*, 105, 134101 (2022), DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevB.105.134101](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.105.134101)
7. Atomistic insights into the structure and elasticity of densified 45S5 bioactive glass. Y. Ouldhnini*, **A. Atila***, S. Ouaskit, A. Hasnaoui, *Physical. Chemistry. Chemical. Physics*. 23 (28) (2021), pp. 15292-15301, DOI: [10.1039/D1CP02192C](https://doi.org/10.1039/D1CP02192C)

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8. On the Presence of Nanoscale Heterogeneity in Ni₁₅Co₁₅Al₇₀ Metallic Glass Under Pressure. **A. Atila**^{*}, M. Kbirou^{*}, S. Ouaskit, A. Hasnaoui, *Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids*, 550, 120381 (2020), DOI: [10.1016/j.jnoncrysol.2020.120381](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jnoncrysol.2020.120381)
9. Ionic self-diffusion and the glass transition anomaly in aluminosilicates. **A. Atila**, S. Ouaskit, A. Hasnaoui, *Physical Chemistry. Chemical Physics*. 22 (30) (2020), pp. 17205-17212, DOI: [10.1039/D0CP02910F](https://doi.org/10.1039/D0CP02910F)
10. Atomistic insights into the impact of charge balancing cations on the structure and properties of aluminosilicate glasses. **A. Atila**, M. Ghardi, A. Hasnaoui, S. Ouaskit, *Physical Review B*, 100, 144109 (2019), DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevB.100.144109](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.100.144109)
11. Alumina effect on the structure and properties of calcium aluminosilicate in the percalcic region: A molecular dynamics investigation. **A. Atila**, M. Ghardi, A. Hasnaoui, S. Ouaskit, *Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids*, 525, 119470 (2019), DOI: [10.1016/j.jnoncrysol.2019.119470](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jnoncrysol.2019.119470)
12. Computational Insights into the Structure of Barium Titanosilicate Glasses. E.M. Ghardi, **A. Atila**, M. Badawi, A. Hasnaoui, S. Ouaskit, *Journal of American Ceramic Society*, 102, 6626 (2019), DOI: [10.1111/jace.16536](https://doi.org/10.1111/jace.16536)

INVITED TALKS “Atomistic simulations of oxide glasses”. FPKD, Khouribga, Morocco

PRESENTATIONS, POSTERS, AND WORKSHOPS Talk, " Plasticity in fragile and strong bulk metallic glasses during nanoindentation." **A. Atila**, Sergey Sukhomlinov, and Martin Müser. USTV-DGG joint meeting, Orléans, France, 22-24.05.2023.

Talk, "The Origin of Deformation-Induced Topological Anisotropy in Silica Glass." S. Ganisetti, **A. Atila**, J. Guénoilé, A. Prakash, J. Horbach, L. Wondraczek, and E. Bitzek. International Congress on Glass ICG2022, Berlin, Germany, 03-8.07.2022.

Talk, "Topology-Controlled Deformation Behavior of Oxide Glasses." **A. Atila** and E. Bitzek. DPG spring meeting, Regensburg, Germany, 06-11.03.2022 (Postponed due to COVID-19).

IBM: ML0101EN, Machine Learning with Python: A Practical Introduction. 08.2020.

Talk, "Atomistic Study of Mechanical and Structural Anisotropy in Metaphosphate Glasses." **A. Atila** and E. Bitzek. USTV-DGG joint meeting, Orléans, France, 15-19.06.2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

Poster, "Atomistic mechanisms of Crack Nucleation in Silicate Glasses." **A. Atila** and E. Bitzek. USTV-DGG joint meeting, Orléans, France, 15-19.06.2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

Poster, "Atomic-Scale Study of Deformation-Induced Topological Anisotropy in Silica and Metaphosphate Glasses." **A. Atila**, S. Ganisetti, J. Guénolé, A. Prakash, J. Horbach, L. Wondraczek, and E. Bitzek. 4th Int. Workshop on Glass & Entropy, Jena, Germany, 9-12.09.2019.

Talk, "Atomistic Study of Mechanical and Structural Anisotropy of Metaphosphate Glasses." **A. Atila** and E. Bitzek. ISAM⁴ Symposium, Erlangen, Germany, 5-8.08.2019.

Poster, "Mixed alkaline-earth effect in metaphosphate glasses". **A. Atila** and E. Bitzek. DGG conference, Nürnberg, Germany, 13-15.05.2019.

Poster, "Structural and mechanical properties of sodium, magnesium and calcium metaphosphate glasses: insights from molecular dynamics simulations." **A. Atila** and E. Bitzek. DPG spring meeting, Regensburg, Germany, 1-5.04. 2019.

Poster, "Atomistic simulations of silica and metaphosphate glasses: mechanical properties and mechanically-induced structural anisotropy." **A. Atila**, S. Ganisetti, and E. Bitzek. SPP1594 Spring school "Glass under load" Dusseldorf, Germany, 19-22.02. 2019.

Poster, "The role of disorder in the BaO-TiO₂-SiO₂ glass plasticity: a molecular dynamics study". EM. Ghardi, **A. Atila**, A. Hasnaoui and S. Ouaskit. 9^{ème} Rencontre nationale des jeunes chercheurs en physique in Casablanca, Morocco 27-29.12.2018.

Paris International School on Advanced Computational Material Science – PISACMS2018, Paris, France, 26.08-2.09.2018.

Talk, "Alumina content effect on thermodynamic mechanical and structural properties of calcium silicate glass: a molecular dynamics simulation." **A. Atila**, A. Hasnaoui and S. Ouaskit. 6th International Conference Franco-Maghrebine on Nanomaterials for Energy and Environment (6thCFMNEE), Casablanca, Morocco, 19-21.03.2018.

Poster, "Charge balancing cations effect on elastic moduli of aluminosilicate glasses revealed by molecular dynamics simulations." **A.**

Atila, EM. Ghardi, A. Hasnaoui and S. Ouaskit. 6th International Conference Franco-Maghrebine on Nanomaterials for Energy and Environment (6'CFMNEE), Casablanca, Morocco, 19-21.03.2018.

Poster, "Structural investigation of TiO₂ role in barium titanosilicate glasses: A molecular dynamics simulation". EM. Ghardi, **A. Atila**, A. Hasnaoui and S. Ouaskit. 6th International Conference Franco-Maghrebine on Nanomaterials for Energy and Environment (6'CFMNEE), Casablanca, Morocco, 19-22.03.2018.

Poster, "Molecular dynamic study of the thermodynamic and structural properties of Calcium Aluminosilicate glass." **A. Atila**, A. Hasnaoui and S. Ouaskit. 2^{sd} International conference of functional materials and their technological applications (CIMFAT). Casablanca, Morocco, on 13.10.2017.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member of the organization committee.

6th International Conference Franco-Maghrebine on Nanomaterials for Energy and Environment (6'CFMNEE), Casablanca, Morocco, 19-21.03.2018.

Member of the organization committee.

1st International Conference on Theoretical and High Energy Physics (ICTHP), Casablanca, Morocco, 22-24.09.2016.

REFEREE SERVICE

Acta Materialia,
Scientific Reports,
Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids,
Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids: X,
Journal of Molecular Liquids,
Journal of Physics and Chemistry of Solids,
Modelling and Simulation in Materials Science and Engineering,
Journal of Applied Physics,
Applied Physics Letters,
Journal of Physical Chemistry,
Journal of Materials Science,
Physica Scripta,
Vacuum,
Journal of Inorganic and Organometallic Polymers and Materials

LANGUAGES

English, French, Arabic: Full professional proficiency
German: Beginner (A1 level)

COMPUTER SKILLS

- **Programming:** Python, FORTRAN, C/C++
- **Scientific publishing:** LaTeX
- **Software:** MS Office
- **OS:** Windows, Linux (system administration)

- **Plotting:** GNUPLOT, Origin.
- **Simulations:** Classical & Reactive MD (LAMMPS), DFT (Quantum Espresso).