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### **Research interests**

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Computational design of novel materials for clean energy generation/fuel synthesis and energy storage; Thermo/Electro-catalysis; Surface reactions; gas-solid and liquid-solid interfaces.

Methods/Approach: Density functional theory (DFT) electronic structure calculations; Kinetic Monte Carlo (KMC) simulations; Microkinetic modeling and Machine learning

### **Employment, education and research training**

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**Assistant Professor of Physics**; August 2024-present  
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

**Assistant Professor of Physics**; Jan 2019-July 2024  
Florida A&M University (FAMU), Tallahassee, FL

**Associate Research Scientist**; July-Dec 2018  
Chemical Engineering, Columbia University, New York, NY

**Research Associate**; July 2014-June, 2018  
Chemical Engineering, Columbia University/Chemistry, Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), NY

**Postdoctoral Research Associate**; August 2012-June, 2014  
Materials Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

**Ph. D.** in Physics; 2012  
New Mexico State University (NMSU), Las Cruces, NM

**MS** in Physics; 2005  
Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

**BS**, Physics; 2001  
Mahendra Morang Campus, Biratnagar, Nepal

### **Awards**

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Emerging Researcher Award, 2024, FAMU

Dean's Award for Graduate Excellence 2012, College of Arts and Sciences, NMSU

Merit-Based Enhancement Fellowship Award 2011-2012, Graduate School, NMSU

Roberts Memorial Leadership Award 2011, Campus Activities, NMSU

Best Comprehensive Exam Award 2010, Department of Physics, NMSU

Dean's Award for Graduate Excellence 2012, College of Arts and Sciences

### **Current external grants**

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1. Perovskite Solar Cell Powered Hydrogen Production Using Low Cost Catalysts, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), total funding \$400,000 (Kattel portion \$85,000), 2024-2025, **Co-PI**

2. Machine Learning Study of Multicomponent Catalysts, Applied Research Institute, UNF/Google \$35,000, 2024, **PI**
3. Magnetic Matter at Atomic Pressures, subaward from Laboratory of Laser Energetics, University of Rochester, \$530,000, 2023-2028, **Co-PI**
4. Integrated Platform to Predict Degradation of Catalysts for Sustainable Conversion of Alternate Feedstocks to Fuels and Chemicals, DOE, Accelerate Innovations in Emerging Technologies, total funding \$8M, (Kattel portion \$240,000), 2023-2025, **Co-PI**
5. Electrochemical nitrate reduction to ammonia on single-atom alloy catalysts, DOE (FAIR), \$750,000, 2023-2026, **PI**.
6. Excellence in Research: Transition metal carbides and nitrides supported single-atom catalysts for aqueous-phase methanol-reforming, NSF, \$650,787, 2022-2025, **PI**.
7. HBCU-RISE: Enhancement of Research and Education Infrastructure in the Chemistry and Engineering of Multifunctional Materials, NSF, \$1,000,000, 2022-2025, **Co-PI**.
8. Research Initial Award: A computational study of hydroformylation of ethylene over heterogeneous bimetallic catalysts, NSF, \$298,542, 2021-2024, **PI**.

#### **Completed grants**

9. Unraveling the Role of Catalytic Surfaces in Planetary Atmospheres, Florida Space Grant, \$25,000, 2020, **Co-PI**.

#### **Current external computing time grants**

10. National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC)
11. Advanced Cyberinfrastructure Coordination Ecosystem: Services & Support (ACCESS)
12. Center of Functional Nanomaterials, Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)

#### **Post-doc, graduate, and undergraduate students advised at FAMU**

1. Dr. Bipin Lamichhane – Postdoctoral Research Associate (current, FAMU)
2. Dr. Sourav Ghoshal – Postdoctoral Research Associate (current, FAMU)
3. Dr. Adyasa Priyadarsini – Postdoctoral Research Associate (current, FAMU)
4. Debit Subedi – Graduate student (current, FAMU)
5. Chidozie Ezeakunne – Graduate student (current, UCF)

#### **(Past members)**

1. Muhammad Jehanzaib Aslam – Graduate Student (FAMU)
2. Michael Lynn – Undergraduate student (2022-2024, FAMU)
3. Ebiere Keniye – Undergraduate student (Summer, 2024, FAMU)
4. Esther Perceval – Undergraduate student (Summer, 2024, FAMU)
5. Emmanuel Ray – Undergraduate (Summer 2023, FAMU)
6. Damilola Ologunagba – Graduate student (2019-2022; **graduated with Ph.D.**, FAMU)
7. Fayrachel Peterson- Undergraduate (2021, FAMU)
8. Camillia Fullerton - Undergraduate (2021, FAMU)
9. Elijah Athouris - Undergraduate (2019, FAMU)
10. Liana Vigoa – Undergraduate (2019, FAMU)

**Publications** (\*=corresponding author; ‡ = co-first author, [google scholar citations](#): 11,000+; h-index = 46)

1. H. Mou, J. J. Jeong, B. Lamichhane, **S. Kattel**, Z. Zhuang, J. H. Lee, Q. Chang, J.G. Chen, "Trends in Electrocatalytic activity and stability of transition metal nitrides" *Chem. Catal.*, 2024, 4, 100867.
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3. M. Lynn, D. Ologunagba, B. Bangi, **S.Kattel\***, "Bulk properties of Transition metal nitrides", *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 2023, 25, 5156-5163.
4. D. Ologunagba, **S. Kattel\***, "A Density Functional Theory Study of Electrochemical Nitrogen Reduction to Ammonia on the (100) Surface of Transition-Metal Oxynitrides", *J. Phys. Chem. C*, 2022, 126, 17045–17055.
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7. X. Yang, J.H. Lee, **S. Kattel\***, B. Xu, J.G. Chen, "Tuning Reaction Pathways of Electrochemical Conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> by Growing Pd Shells on Ag Nanocubes", *Nano Lett*, 2022, 22, 4576–4582.
8. D. Ologunagba, **S. Kattel\***, "Pt- and Pd-Modified Transition Metal Nitrides Catalysts for the Hydrogen Evolution Reaction" *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* 2022, 24, 12149-12157. ([Back cover](#))
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12. S. Biswas, C. Kundu, A. P. Kulkarni, **S. Kattel**, S. Giddey, S. Bhattacharya, "A Study on CO<sub>2</sub> Hydrogenation Using a Ceria–Zirconia Mixed Oxide (Ce<sub>x</sub>Zr<sub>1-x</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)-Supported Fe Catalyst", *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.* 2021, 60, 14410–14423.
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[Before joining Florida A & M University](#)

29. J. Wang, **S. Kattel**,<sup>‡</sup> C.J. Hawxhurst, J.H. Lee, B.M. Tackett, K. Chang, N. Rui, C. J. Liu, J. G. Chen “Enhancing Activity and Reducing Cost for Electrochemical Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> by Supporting Palladium on Metal Carbides”, **Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.** 2019, 58, 6271-6275
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- urea electrooxidation in alkaline electrolyte”, *Appl. Catal. B: Environ.* 2018, 232, 365–370.
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### **Patent**

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### **Presentations**

1. Invited department seminar: Physics department, University of South Florida, April 2024  
Title: Computations guided design of novel materials for energy and sustainability
2. Invited: American Chemical Society Spring meeting, March, 2024. New Orleans, LA  
Title: Designing catalysts for electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to C1 products
3. Invited: American Chemical Society Spring meeting, March, 2024. New Orleans, LA  
Title: Tuning the selectivity of electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction reaction
4. Invited department seminar: Chemistry department, University of Texas at San Antonio, September 2023  
Title: Catalysts design guided by theoretical insights
5. Invited: Florida Section of American Chemical Society meeting, June 2023, Tampa,  
Title: Computations Guided Catalysts Design
6. Invited department seminar: Loyola University of Chicago, April 2023  
Title: Computations Guided Catalysts Design
7. Invited: AIChE meeting, Phoenix, AZ, November 2022  
Title: Transition metal nitride-based catalysts for electrochemical nitrogen reduction and hydrogen evolution reactions
8. Invited department seminar: Kennesaw State University in Georgia, Kennesaw, GA, September, 2022  
Title: Computations Guided Materials Design
9. Invited Colloquium: Association of Nepalese Physicst in America, September 2022  
Title: Computations Guided Design of Materials
10. ACS Fall meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2022  
Title: Theoretical study of electrochemical nitrogen reduction and hydrogen evolution reactions on transition metal nitride-based materials
11. Invited: ACS Florida section meeting, Tampa, FL, August 2022  
Title: Machine Learning Study of bulk and surface properties of alloys
12. ACS Florida section meeting, Tampa, FL, August 2022  
Title: Bulk properties of Transition Metal Nitrides: A Density Functional Theory Study
13. Invited department seminar: Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 2022  
Title: Theory Guided Materials Design for Catalysis



14. Invited department seminar: Florida A&M University, Department of Physics, January, 2022  
Title: Strategies to Design Materials for Low-Carbon Footprint Production of Energy and Fuels
15. Invited (virtual): Neplase Student Association, New Mexico State University, March, 2021  
Title: Strategies to design materials for low-carbon footprint production of energy and fuels
16. Invited (virtual): Doolittle Institute, Air Force Research Laboratory, February 2021  
Title: Machine Learning method to study heterogeneous surface catalysis
17. ACS Spring meeting (virtual), April, 2021  
Title: Transition Metal Oxynitrides Catalysts for Electrochemical Reduction of Nitrogen to Ammonia
18. Invited: National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), July 2019, Golden, CO  
Title: Computational catalysis research at FAMU
19. Florida Section of ACS meeting, May 2019, Tampa, FL  
Title: Key Steps and Mechanisms of CO<sub>2</sub> Hydrogenation on Metal/Oxide Catalysts
20. Invited: ACS Spring Meeting, 2019, April, Orlando, FL  
Title: Key steps and mechanisms of CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation on metal/oxide catalysts

**(Before joining FAMU)**

21. Invited: Department Seminar, August 2018, Florida A&M University,
22. Invited: Department Seminar, April 2018, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen, China
23. Invited: Department Seminar, April 2018, Department of Chemical Engineering, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
24. Invited: ACS Spring meeting 2018, New Orleans, LA
25. Invited: ACS Fall meeting 2017, Washington DC
26. Invited: International Conference on Catalysis and Chemical Engineering, 2017, Baltimore, MD
27. Invited: August 2016, NASA Ames Research Center, Mountain View, CA (Division Seminar)
28. Invited: Departmental seminar, Chemistry and Physical Sciences Department, March, 2016, Pace University, NY (Departmental Seminar)
29. ACS Fall meeting, 2015, Boston, MA
30. APS March Meeting, 2013, Baltimore, MD
31. APS March Meeting, 2012, Boston, MA
32. APS March Meeting, 2011, Dallas, TX
33. 218<sup>th</sup> ECS Meeting, 2010, Las Vegas, NV
34. APS March Meeting, 2010, Portland, OR

**Course Taught at FAMU**

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|  | Year/Semester | Course | Level | Short |
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| 1.  | Online course developed                                 | PHY 5226<br>Classical Dynamics -I  | Graduate level            | Online lecture course |
| 2.  | Online course developed                                 | PHY 5227<br>Classical Dynamics -II | Graduate level            | Online lecture course |
| 3.  | Spring 2019, 2023;<br>Fall 2020                         | PHY 3424: Optics                   | Upper level undergraduate | Lecture               |
| 4.  | Spring 2020, 2023,<br>2024; Fall 2021                   | PHZ 3114: Math<br>Physics-II       | Upper level undergraduate | Lecture               |
| 5.  | Fall 2019, 2022,<br>2023; Spring 2021                   | PHZ 3113: Math<br>Physics-I        | Upper level undergraduate | Lecture               |
| 6.  | Spring 2022   | PHY 2048                           | Lower level undergraduate | Lecture               |
| 7.  | Fall 2021   | PHY 2049                           | Lower level undergraduate | Lecture               |
| 8.  | Spring 2021   | PHY 2054                           | Lower level undergraduate | Lecture               |
| 8.  | Fall 2020   | PHY 2053                           | Lower level undergraduate | Lecture               |
| 10. | Summer 2019   | PHY 2049 L                         | Lower level undergraduate | Laboratory            |
| 11. | Fall 2019   | PHY 2048 L                         | Lower level undergraduate | Laboratory            |
| 12. | Spring 2019, Spring<br>2020, Spring 2022,<br>Fall 2022, | PHY 2054 L                         | Lower level undergraduate | Laboratory            |

### Teaching training/courses completed at FAMU

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1. Effective Online Teaching Practices, 2021-2022
2. Writing Across the Curriculum Summer Learning Institute (WAC SLI), Summer 2021
3. Planning & Implementing Effective Teaching Strategies (PIETS), Summer 2021
4. Freshmen Centric Certification Initiative Summer Learning Institute (FCCI SLI), Summer 2021
5. Faculty Certification for Teaching Online-003, Summer 2020

### University service at FAMU

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1. Organizing committee of STEM day (2019).
2. Organizing committee of STEM day (2020-canceled due to COVID).
3. Special committee on tenure and promotion criterion, College of Science and Technology (2020)
4. EP3 physics department review committee (2021)
5. Math tenure-track faculty search committees, multiple positions (2021)
6. Math instructor search committee (2021)

7. Chemistry instructor search committee (2021)
8. University-level physics department review committee (2022)
9. Chair of graduate student Damilola Ologunagba doctoral committee (2019-2022)
10. Member of physics department seminar committee (2022-present)
11. Physics department webpage committee (2022-present)
12. Physics representative for College-wide Curriculum Committee (2022-present)
13. Physics department Chair search committee (2022-present)
14. Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering tenure track faculty search committee (2022-present)
15. CST representative in faculty senate (2022-present)
16. Member of the recruitment committee for graduate students in the physics department (2022-present)
17. Member of the doctoral committee for graduate students George Kurian (2020-2022) and Damilola Dada (2022-current).
18. Member of faculty senate budget sub-committee (2023-present)

### **Professional Memberships**

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American Chemical Society

### **Synergistic Activities**

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1. **Journal Reviewer (20+ journals):** Nature Catal., Nat. Commun, JACS, ACS Energy Lett., ACS Catal., ACS Applied Mater. & Interfaces, J. Phys. Chem. C, J. Phys. Chem. Lett., Energy & Environ. Sci., Chem. Comm., Nanoscale, J. Mater. Chem. A, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. ChemSusChem, ChemCatChem, Appl. Catal. B, iScience, J. Catal., Appl. Surf. Sci.
2. **Grants Reviewer/panel:** Department of Energy, National Science Foundation (NSF), American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund
3. **Session Chair/Organizer:** Division of Catalysis Science and Technology, American Chemical Society National Meetings
4. **Summer School:** NSF-HBCU/MI Summer School: Computational Modeling of Disordered Materials, June 03-07, 2019, Long Beach, MS
5. **Workshop:** NSF-AAPT New Faculty Workshop, June 24 28, 2019, Baltimore, MD