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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. in Chemistry** University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, March 2005  
Supervisor: Prof. Jun Yoshinobu  
Thesis title: Structure and Reaction of Water Ice on Rh(111)
- B.Arts in Chemistry** International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan, March 2000

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Apr 2005 – present **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory, Stanford, CA, USA.  
Supervisor: Prof. Anders Nilsson
- Utilized synchrotron-based Ambient Pressure X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy for *in situ* characterization of gas-solid and gas-liquid interfaces under ambient conditions at the beamline 11.0.2 of Advanced Light Source. Special focus was on water adsorption and chemistry on various surfaces (metals and metal oxides).
  - Studied the interaction of water with thin-film oxide surfaces and hydrophobic surfaces in ultrahigh vacuum, using X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy, X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy at the beamline 5-1 of Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory.
- Apr 2002 – Mar 2005 **Graduate Research Assistant**  
University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan.  
Supervisor: Prof. Jun Yoshinobu
- Investigated the formation process and morphology of thin water ice film on a single crystal metal surface using Infrared Reflection Absorption Spectroscopy.
  - Explored low-energy electron-induced chemical reactions in water ice.
  - Developed the ultrahigh vacuum system that enables Infrared Reflection Absorption Spectroscopy at a liquid helium temperature. Performed calibration, designed and machined parts to upgrade the system.
  - Participated in the synchrotron-based experiments to study the adsorbed states of organic molecules on silicon surfaces and the valence band structure at the silicon/silicon oxide interface, using X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy, X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy, and X-ray Emission Spectroscopy at Photon Factory at Tsukuba, Japan, and SPring-8 at Hyogo, Japan.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2004 Student Prize of The 5th Surface Electronics Workshop  
2004 Student Travel Award from University of Tokyo

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS:

- [1] **S. Yamamoto**, H. Bluhm, K. Andersson, G. Ketteler, H. Ogasawara, M. Salmeron, and A. Nilsson,  
“*In-situ* X-ray photoemission spectroscopy studies of water on metals and metal oxides”,  
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M. Salmeron, and A. Nilsson,  
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M. Salmeron, and A. Nilsson,  
“Bridging the Pressure Gap in Water and Hydroxyl Chemistry on Metal Surfaces: the Cu(110)  
case”,  
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sawara, A. Nilsson, and M. Salmeron,  
“The Nature of Water Nucleation Sites on TiO<sub>2</sub>(110) Surfaces Revealed by Ambient Pressure  
X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy”,  
J. Phys. Chem. C **111**, 8278-8282 (2007).
- [5] **S. Yamamoto**, K. Andersson, H. Bluhm, G. Ketteler, D. E. Starr, T. Schiros, H. Ogasawara,  
L. G. M. Pettersson, M. Salmeron, and A. Nilsson,  
“Hydroxyl-Induced Wetting of Metals by Water at Near Ambient Conditions”,  
J. Phys. Chem. C (Letters) **111**, 7848-7850 (2007).
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“The first layer of water on Rh(111): Microscopic structure and desorption kinetics”,  
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Y. Takata, S. Shin, K. Akagi, and S. Tsuneyuki,  
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- [8] Y. Yamashita, **S. Yamamoto**, K. Mukai, J. Yoshinobu, Y. Harada, T. Tokushima, Y. Takata,  
and S. Shin,  
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- [9] Y. Yamashita, **S. Yamamoto**, K. Mukai, J. Yoshinobu, Y. Harada, T. Tokushima, T. Takeuchi,  
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“Direct Observation of Site-specific Valence Electronic Structure at Interface: SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si Inter-  
face”,  
Phys. Rev. B **73**, 045336 (2006).
- [10] **S. Yamamoto**, A. Beniya, K. Mukai, Y. Yamashita, and J. Yoshinobu,  
“Water adsorption on Rh(111) at 20 K: from monomer to bulk amorphous ice”,  
J. Phys. Chem. B **109**, 5816-5823 (2005).

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by high resolution Si 2p core level photoelectron spectroscopy”,  
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“Direct Evidence for Asymmetric Dimer on Si(100) at Low Temperature by means of High  
Resolution Si 2p Photoelectron Spectroscopy”,  
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#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

- [1] J. Yoshinobu, **S. Yamamoto**, H. Okuyama,  
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The Fifth Series of Experimental Chemistry, Vol. 24 Surface and Interface, p.158-178,  
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## REFERENCES

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