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EDUCATION

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Thesis: Gas Permeation through Sol-gel Derived Alumina and Silica Based Membranes

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, 2014-present
Chemical Engineering Department, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey

Post-doctoral Associate, 2012-2014
Chemical Engineering and Material Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA,
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Research: Nanosheet based zeolite films

Post-doctoral Fellow 2010-2012
Department of Chemical Engineering, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
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Research Assistant 2002-2009
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PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles Covered by Science Citation Index:

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5. Agrawal K.V⁺, Topuz B⁺, Pham T.C.T., Sauer N., Rangnekar N., Zhang H., Narasimharao K., Basahel S., Francis L.F., Macosko C. W., Al-Thabaiti S., Tsapatsis M.*, Yoon K.B.*, “Oriented MFI Membranes by Gel-less Secondary Growth of sub-100 nm MFI-nanosheet Seed Layers”, *Advanced Materials*, 27 (2015), 3243-3249 (⁺ **co-first author, inside back cover article**). Impact Factor: 15.409
6. Rangnekar N., Shete M., Agrawal K.V., Topuz B., Kumar P., Guo Q., Ismail I., Alyoubi A., Basahel S., Francis L.F., Narasimharao K., Macosko C. W., Mkhoyan A., Al-Thabaiti S., Stottrup B., Tsapatsis M.*, “2D Zeolite Coating: Langmuir Trough Deposition of 3 nm-thick MFI Zeolite Nanosheets”, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 54 (2015), 6571-6575 (**evaluated as hot paper**). Impact Factor: 11.261
7. Topuz B.*, Şimşek D., Çiftçioğlu M.”Preparation of Monodisperse Silica Spheres and Determination of Their Densification Behaviour” , *Ceramics International*, 41 (2015) 43-52. Impact Factor: 2.758
8. Keser N., Topuz B., Yılmaz L, Kalıpçılar H.*, “Synthesis of ZIF-8 from Recycled Mother Liquors”, *Microporous and Mesoporous Materials*, 198 (2014) 291-300. Impact Factor: 3.349
9. Topuz B., Oral E.E., Kalıpçılar H.*, “Synthesis of Sapo-34 at Low Temperatures from Stagnant and Recirculating-Flow Mixtures”, *Journal of Porous Materials*, 20 (6) 2013, 1491-1500. Impact Factor: 1.385
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12. Topuz B.*, Çiftçioğlu M., ”Preparation and Characterization of Diphasic Sol-gel Derived Unsupported Mullite Membranes”, Journal of Sol-Gel Science and Technology, 58 (1) (2011) 6-11. Impact Factor: 1.473
13. Topuz B.*, Çiftçioğlu M., ”Sol-gel Derived Mesoporous and Microporous Alumina Membranes”, Journal of Sol-Gel Science and Technology, 56 (3) (2010) 287-299. Impact Factor: 1.473
14. Topuz B.*, Çiftçioğlu M., “Preparation of Particulate/Polymeric Sol-gel Derived Microporous Silica Membranes and Determination of Their Gas Permeation Properties”, Journal of Membrane Science, 350 (1-2) (2010) 42-52. Impact Factor: 5.557
15. Topuz B.*, Çiftçioğlu M., “Permeation of Pure Gases through Silica Membranes with Controlled Pore Structures”, Desalination, 200 (2006) 80-82. Impact Factor: 4.412
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2. Yurtsever HA., Akgünlü MA., Kurt T., Yurttaş AS., Topuz B.*” Photocatalytic Activities of Ag⁺ Doped Zif-8 and Zif-L Crystals, JOTCS-A, 3 (3) (2016), 265-280.
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4. Topuz B.*, Yılmaz L., Kalıpçılar H., “Preparation and Characterization of Supported PES Membranes”, sGazi Üniversitesi Journal of Science and Engineering, *accepted*.

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2. Sheete Meera, Kumar Manjesh, Kim Donghun, Rangnekar Neel, Xu Dandan, TOPUZ BERNA, Varoon Agrawal Kumar, Karapetrova Evguenia, Stottrup Benjamin, Al Thabaiti Shaeel, Basahel, Sulaiman, Katabathini Narasimharao, Rimer Jeffrey, Tsapatsis Michael Nanoscale Control of Homoeptaxial Growth on a Two-Dimensional Zeolite. AIChE Meeting, 2017, Minneapolis, MN, USA.
3. Kurt Tugçe, Topuz Berna, Preparation of Organically-linked Silica Membranes, International Congress on Chemistry and Material Science, October 5-7, Ankara, Turkey.
4. Topuz B., Tsapatsis M., “Fabrication of High Performance Zif-8 Membranes for Gas Separation, International Membrane Science and Technology Conference, 2016, December 5-8, Adelaide, South Australia.
5. Sahin F., Topuz B., Kalıpçılar H., “Solvent Recovery by PDMS/ZIFs Mixed Matrix Membrane”, Euromembrane 2015, 6-10 September, 2015, Aachen, Germany.
6. Rangnekar N., Agrawal K.V., Topuz B⁺, Pham T.C.T., Sauer N., Zhang H., Narasimharao K., Basahel S., Francis L.F., Macosko C. W., Al-Thabaiti S., Tsapatsis M., Yoon K.B. “Oriented MFI membranes by gel-less secondary growth of sub-100nm MFI-nanosheet seed layers” 2015 AIChE Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, USA.
7. Agrawal K.V, Topuz B., Francis L.F., Tsapatsis M., “Purification of MFI-Nanosheets by Density Gradient Centrifugation and Their Application as Ultrathin Zeolite Membranes”, 17th International Zeolite Conference, 2013, July 7-12, Moscow, Russia.
8. Zhang H., Agrawal K.V., Jeon M.Y., Topuz B., Macosko C., Francis L., Tsapatsis M., “Zeolite Membranes Supported by Porous Supports with MFI Nanosheets as Building Blocks”, 6th International Zeolite Membrane Meeting, 2013, June 15-19, Jeju Island, Korea.
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10. Agrawal K.V., Topuz B., Rojas M.N., Jiang Z., Francis L.F., Tsapatsis M., “Purification of Zeolite Nanosheets by Density Gradient Centrifugation and Sub-100 nm Thin Zeolite Film”, 2012 AIChE Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.
11. Önder A., Topuz B., Kalıpçılar H., Yılmaz L., “Synthesis of MFI Membranes through Recirculated Flow at Elevated Temperatures”, International Congress on Membranes and Membrane Processes, (ICOM-2011) July 23-29, 2011, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
12. Topuz B., Çiftçioğlu M., “Preparation and Characterization of Alumina-Silica Membranes”, 5th

International Zeolite Membrane Meeting -IZMM 2010, 23-26 May, 2010, Loutraki, Greece.

13. Topuz B., Çiftçioğlu M., “Sol-Gel Derived Alumina-Silica Membranes”, 6th Chemical Engineering Conference for Collaborative Research in Eastern Mediterranean Countries, (EMCC-6), 7-12 March, 2010, Antalya, Turkey.
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15. Topuz B., Çiftçioğlu M., “Permeation of Pure Gases through Silica Membranes with Controlled Pore Structures”, Euromembrane 2006, 24-28 September, 2006, Giardini Naxos, Taormina, Italy.
16. Topuz B., Çiftçioğlu M., “Effects of Processing on the Properties and Permeability of Pure Gases through Sol-gel Derived Ceramic Membranes”, Application of Nanotechnologies for Separation and Recovery of Volatile Organic Compounds from Waste Air Streams (ANVOC), 30 May-1 June, 2005, Istanbul, Turkey.
17. Topuz B., Çiftçioğlu M., Özkan F., “Investigation of the Permeability of Pure Gases in Sol-gel Derived Al₂O₃ Membrane”, 8th Conference and Exhibition of the European Ceramic Society, 29 June-3 July, 2003, Istanbul, Turkey.
18. Topuz B., Çiftçioğlu M., Özkan F., “Effects of Processing on the Properties and Permeability of Pure Gases through Sol-gel Silica Membranes”, 8th Conference and Exhibition of the European Ceramic Society, (8th ECERS), 29 June-3 July, 2003, Istanbul, Turkey.

PROJECTS

Development of Thin Nanosheet based Hydrophobic MFI Membranes, Berna Topuz (PI), TUBITAK 214M165, 2015-2017.

Preparation and Characterization of ZIF-filled PDMS Mixed Matrix Membranes for Recovery of Volatile Organic Compounds, Berna Topuz (Researcher), TUBITAK 116M438, 2016-2018.

Preparation and Characterization of Organosilica Membranes, Berna Topuz (PI), Ankara University BAP, 17L0443001, 2017-2019.

Fabrication of 2-D Nanosheet based Films, Berna Topuz (PI), Ankara University BAP, 17H0443002, 2017-2017.

Development of High Performance ZIF-8 Membranes for Gas Separation, Berna Topuz (PI), TUBITAK 204M012, 2014-2016.

p-xylene Enrichment using Membranes, Exxon Mobil, Prof. Michael Tsapatsis (PI), Berna Topuz (Researcher), Kumar Varoon Agrawal (Researcher) 2012-2014.

SAPO-34 Membranes Synthesized using Circulating Flow, UOP-Honeywell, USA, Prof. Halil Kalıpçılar (PI), Berna Topuz (Researcher), 2010-2012.

Synthesis of Zeolite Membranes in Pressurized Recirculating Flow Systems at High Temperatures, TUBITAK, Project no: 110M402, Researcher, 2010-2011.

Preparation of Silica Membranes by Sol-Gel and Determination of Their Gas Permeabilities, (2003 İYTE 37), Researcher, İYTE, 2005.

The Use and Characterisation of Composite Alumina, Zirconia, Silica, Titania Ceramic Membranes in Gas Separation (2001 MÜHYL 06), Researcher, İYTE, 2003.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING COURSES

1. NanomemCourse EA1: Nanostructured materials and membranes for Energy: 8-17 March, 2009, SINTEF, Materials and Chemistry, Oslo, Norway.
2. NanomemCourse EF2: Nanostructured materials and membrane modeling and simulation: 18-27 June, 2008, FORTH/Institute of Chemical Engineering and High Temperature Chemical Processes, Patras, Greece.
3. XXII Summer School of the European Membrane Society on the 'Inorganic Membranes: Preparation, Characterization and Applications' September, 5-9, 2005– University of Zaragoza in Jaca, Spain.

RESEARCH GRANTS

1. Nanosheet-based Zeolite Films, TUBITAK 2219, International Postdoctoral Research Scholarship-University of Minnesota, 2012-2013.
2. Preparation and Characterization of Mixed Matrix Membranes, TUBITAK 2218, National Postdoctoral Research Scholarships-Middle East Technical University, 2011-2012.
3. European Membrane Society (EMS)-Euromembrane 2006-Student Registration Award
4. Marie Curie Scholarship for participation in the 3rd NanoMemCourse: *EA1*
5. 5th International Zeolite Membrane Meeting -IZMM 2010- Registration Award