

# Research Internship/Master Thesis

Miniplants | Homogeneous Catalysis | Tandem Catalysis

## New tandem reaction concepts in miniplants

### Our group:

The Multiphase Catalysis Group in the department of Molecular Catalysis at the Max Planck Institute for Chemical Energy Conversion (MPI CEC) is currently looking for students interested in conducting research in the field of catalysis and reaction engineering.

Our research is focused on green chemistry, catalysis and process intensification. We work at the interface between chemistry and engineering and therefore offer a very versatile work environment. Projects include the development of new reactions, design of suitable catalysts, catalyst recycling in multiphase systems and scale-up of processes into batch and continuously operated miniplants.

### Your thesis:

The EU project *E-Tandem* aims to unlock an efficient and direct production of a new higher-oxygenate diesel-like e-fuel for the marine and heavy-duty transport sector in a once-through hybrid catalytic conversion process (<https://e-tandem.eu/>). As part of the E-Tandem project, you can focus on operating a continuous miniplant to demonstrate the aimed reaction and the downstream process (product separation, catalyst recycling) on a larger scale. Alternatively, you can foster the understanding of the reaction system and optimize the reaction conditions on the lab scale.

### What is waiting for you:

- A green and sustainable project in the field of chemical engineering on the interface between research and industry
- A fun and friendly international work environment at an excellent research institution with state-of-the-art equipment and laboratories
- HiWi contract and salary for 6 months in case of a master thesis

### Requirements:

- Interest and motivation to work in the field of homogeneous catalysis and green chemistry
- Interest and motivation to work with miniplants and pressure reactors
- A level of English that is sufficient for communication with your international colleagues and understanding scientific literature

If this description sounds like you and you are interested, do not hesitate to contact us with a short description of your background and interests and why you want to join the team!

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