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Bio: Atsushi Urakawa is originally from Japan and was educated in an international environment, BSc study at Kyushu University (Japan) including one-year stay in the USA, MSc study at Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands), and PhD study at ETH Zurich (Switzerland). In 2006, he undertook a position as Oberassistent (Senior Scientist/Lecturer) in the group of Prof. Alfons Baiker at ETH Zurich. Since January 2010, he joined ICIQ as Group Leader where he leads a research group with particular emphasis on the development of heterogeneous catalysts and processes based on rational understanding aided by *in situ* and *operando* spectroscopic methods.