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### **Date and place of birth:**

20 September 1949, Vilnius, Lithuanian Republic

**Total citations 13.000+**

**Citation H-index: 58**

According to a leading academic

platform for researchers “research.com” release in 2023, E. Kotomin have been **ranked #1 in Latvia in the field of (theoretical) chemistry:**

<https://research.com/scientists-rankings/chemistry/lu>

**Number of papers in refereed journals: 580**

**Number of communications/posters at scientific meetings: 600+**

**Number of books and book chapters- 17, 12 review articles**

**Number of invited talks at International Conferences: 55**

## **Main interests**

Theoretical materials science based on first principles calculations

Theory of radiation-induced effects and defects in solids, kinetics of reactions with a focus on

Self-organization phenomena in diffusion-controlled reactions

Quantum chemistry of defective solids, nanomaterials and surfaces/interfaces

## **Current research activities are focused on**

Functional materials and devices for new energy applications including fusion reactors, solid oxide fuel cells, batteries, sensors

Nanomaterials and confinement effects in advanced perovskites

Defects and surface-related processes in advanced complex oxides and nitrides

Physics and chemistry of actinides and nuclear fuels, new functional materials for fusion and fission reactors

Radiation physics and chemistry, self-organization in non-equilibrium systems

## **Honours**

**2011** Full member of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

**2009** Corresponding member of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

**1997** F. Cander's prize in Physics from Latvian Academy of Sciences

**2023** E.Silinsh prize in Physics from Latvian Academy of Sciences

External expert for research project evaluations at the EC ERA-NET, Irish, Swiss, Estonian Universities, DFG (Germany) as well as US Department of Energy (DOE) and National Science Foundation (NSF)

## **Education (*degrees, dates, universities*)**

- 1992 Dr habil. Phys., University of Latvia, Riga
- 1988 Dr Sc (Soviet Doctor of Sciences) degree in Solid State Physics.  
Title of Thesis: "Theory of defect accumulation and recombination in ionic crystals controlled by electron tunnelling".
- 1975 Ph D degree: Institute of Physics, The Latvian Academy of Sciences. Advisor: Prof. I. Tale  
Title of Thesis: "Role of electron tunnelling in radiation- induced defect accumulation and in diffusion-controlled reactions of defects"
- 1973-1974 Visiting Fellow, Dept. of Quantum Chemistry, Leningrad University. Advisor: Prof. R.A. Evarestov
- 1966-1971 B.S.+M.S. degrees: Dept. of Physics, Latvian State University, 19 Rainis blvd., Riga LV-1058, Latvia

## **Career/Employment (*employers, positions and dates*)**

- 2008-2012- Visiting Professor, Astana University, Kazakhstan
- 1996-2000 Full Professor of the University of Latvia
- 2005-2007- Visiting Professor, EC Institute for Transuranium Elements, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2001-2025- Visiting Scientist, Max Planck Institute for solid state research, Stuttgart, Germany
- 2000- DAAD Professor, Osnabrueck University, Germany
- 1998- DFG Professor, Osnabrueck University, Germany
- 1995- Visiting Professor, Aarhus University, Denmark
- 1988-**present** Leading Research Scientist and head of the theoretical laboratory at the Institute of Solid State Physics, The University of Latvia, Riga
- 1987-1991, A lecturer in general physics, University of Latvia, Riga
- 1987 Associate Professor, Dept. of Semiconductor Physics, Latvian State University
- 1986 Senior Visiting Fellow, Dept. of Theoretical Chemistry, Turin University, Italy. Advisor: Prof. C.Pisani
- 1980-1985 Scientist and Senior Scientist at the Institute of Solid State Physics
- 1975-1979 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Semiconductor Physics, Latvian State University, Riga

- 8 Kengaraga Str., LV-1063, Riga, Latvia
- 1971-1974 Engineer and Research Associate, Institute of Solid State Physics, Latvian State University,

### **Member of the organizing committees of the following International conferences:**

Radiation Effects in Insulators (REI): since 1995 up to now (14 meetings)

Co-director of the NATO schools on computational chemistry, Italy, September 2001 and Radiation Physics, Erice, Italy, July 2004

NATO Advanced Research Workshop on Defects and Surface-Induced Effects in Advanced Perovskites, Riga, 1999

European Materials Research Society Meetings, Strasburg: 1993, 1994, 1995, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2026

Quantum Chemistry of Solids; Riga 1985, 1990

### **Research support and agency**

2025-2027 M-ERA-NET project GRIPHUS (GReen Innovative PHotocatalytic systems for CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization to produce e-fuels)

2024-2026 Development of new advanced phosphors for lighting and non-contact optical thermometry  
Latvian Council of Science (LZP grant 2023-0063)

2023-2026 M-ERA-NET project Hetcat (Engineering of two-dimensional heterostructural photocatalysts for hydrogen generation” on water splitting improvement on perovskite nanoparticles

2019-2025 EUROFUSION project on Functional materials (WP-15-PPPT-MAT) for fusion applications

2020-2023 FLAG-ERA JTC project To2Dox (Transferable two-dimensional correlated oxide layers)

2019-2025 EC COST Action CA18234 Computational materials sciences for efficient water splitting with nanocrystals from abundant elements

2019-2022 ERA-NET project Sun2Chem on water splitting improvement on perovskite nanoparticles

2016-2018 ERA-NET project HarvEnPiez on piezoelectric properties of nano-perovskites

2015-2022 EUROFUSION project on Functional materials (WP-15-PPPT-MAT) for fusion applications

2014-2017 EC FP7 project GREEN-CC on ceramic membranes for gas separation

2012-2016 EC COST Action CM1104 on chemistry of oxides of reducible oxides

2006-2010 3 service contracts with the EC JRC Institute for Transuranium Elements, Karlsruhe, Germany

2009-2011 EC FP7 project NASA-OTM on innovation of new ceramic permeation membranes

2008-2011 EC FP7 project F-Bridge on development of new generation of nuclear fuels

2004-2006 NSF collaborative grant at Northwestern University, USA

1999-2000 Swedish-Latvian Joint research grant with Uppsala University

1999-2000 British-Latvian UK Royal Society Joint grant (University College London)

1999-2000 NATO research grant for senior visitors (Aarhus University, Denmark)

1996-1998 Volkswagen research grant Freie Universitat Berlin, Germany

1994-96 European Community HCM Network Grant on Large Scale Computer Simulations of Solids

1994-96 European Community Human Capital and Mobility (HCM) Network Grant on Polarons and Bipolarons in New Materials

1994-96 Two-year ISF research grant

1993, 1994, 1997 ISF travel grants for conferences

1992 International Science Foundation (ISF) grant

### **Recent selected publications**

#### **Books**

1. E.A. Kotomin, R. Merkle, Yu.A. Mastrikov, M.M. Kuklja, and J. Maier, Energy Conversion: Solid Oxide Fuel Cells. First-Principles Modeling of Elementary Processes. - Chapter 6 in book: Computational Approaches to Energy Materials (eds. A.Walsch, A.Sokol, C.R.A. Catlow, Wiley), 2013, p. 149-186.
2. Heifets E., Kotomin E.A., Mastrikov Yu., Piskunov S., and Maier J. Book chapter on Thermodynamics of ABO<sub>3</sub> perovskite surfaces. -- In: *Thermodynamics-Intective study* (InTech Open Access Publishers), 2012, p.491-518.

3. Kuzovkov V.N., Kotomin E.A., Zvejnieks G., Li K.D., Ding T.H., Wang L.M. Void Superlattice Formation in Electron Irradiated Insulating Materials.—Book chapter 11 in: *Advances in Materials Science Research*, vol. 2, 2011, pp. 191-216 (Nova Science Publ, ed. M. C. Wythers).
4. Sickafus K. and Kotomin E.A. (eds.). *Radiation Effects in Solids*, 2006, NATO ASI Science Series II. Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics, Vol. **235**.
5. Catlow C.R.A. and Kotomin E.A. (eds.) *Computational Materials Science*, IOS press, Amsterdam, Berlin, Oxford, Tokyo, Washington, DC, 2003, 420 pp. (NATO Science series III: Computer and Systems Sciences, vol. **187**).
6. Kotomin E.A. and Kuzovkov V.N. Modern Aspects of Diffusion-Controlled Processes: Cooperative Phenomena in Bimolecular Reactions, North Holland, Elsevier Publ. (vol. **34** in a series of *Comprehensive Chemical Kinetics*), 1996. 620 p.
7. Kantorovich L.N., Kotomin E.A., Kuzovkov V.N., Tale I.A., Shluger A.L., Zakis Yu.R. Models of defect processes in wide-gap solids. -Riga: Zinatne, 1991. -320 p.
8. Evarestov R.A., Kotomin E.A., Ermoshkin A.N. Molecular models of point defects in wide-gap solids. -Riga: Zinatne, 1983. -287 p.

## Review Articles

1. M.M. Kuklja, E.A. Kotomin, R. Merkle, Yu.A. Mastrikov, and J. Maier. Combined theoretical and experimental analysis of processes determining cathode performance in solid oxide fuel cells. - *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 2013, **15**, p. 5443-5471.
2. Kotomin E.A. and Popov A.I. The kinetics of radiation-induced point defect aggregation and metallic colloid formation in ionic solids. In: *Radiation Effects in Solids*, NATO ASI Science Series II. Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics 2006 (Eds. K. Sickafus and E.A. Kotomin), **235**, p. 153-192.
3. Zhukovskii Yu., Kotomin E.A., Evarestov R.A., Ellis D.E. Periodic Models in Quantum Chemical Simulations of F Centers in Crystalline Metal Oxides. - *Int. J. Quantum Chem.*, 2007, **107**, p.2956-2985.
4. Eglitis R., Kotomin E.A., Borstel G. Large scale computer modeling of point defects, polarons and pervoskite solid solutions. – *Defects and Diffusion Forum*, 2004, **226-228**, p. 169-180.
5. Kotomin E.A., Kuzovkov V.A. Phenomenological theory of the recombination and accumulation kinetics of radiation defects in ionic solids. -*Rept. Progr. Phys.*, 1992, **55**, p.2079-2202.
6. Vinetsky V.L., Kalnin Yu.R., Kotomin E.A., Ovchinnikov A.A. Radiation-induced Frenkel defect aggregation in solids. -*Sov.phys.-uspekhi*, 1990, **33**, No.10, p.793-811.
7. Millers D.K., Grigorjeva L.G., Kotomin E.A., Artjushenko V.G. Butvina L.N. Radiation-induced processes in crystals and fibers made of silver halides. *Latv.St.Univ. Preprint*. 1988. P.70.
8. Kuzovkov V.N., Kotomin E.A. Kinetics of bimolecular reactions in condensed media. -*Rep. on Progr. in Physics*, 1988, **51**, No.12, p.1479-1524.
9. Kalnin Yu.H., Kotomin E.A. Radiation-induced aggregation of immobile Frenkel defects in solids. -*Probl. of atom. Sci. and techn.*, Kharkov phys.-techn. Inst., **20**, 1984, p.18-34.
10. Kotomin E.A., Doktorov A.V. Theory of Tunnelling Recombination of Defects Stimulated by Their Motion. (II). Three Recombination Mechanisms. -*Phys. Stat. Solidi (b)*, 1982, **114**, No.2, p.287-318.
11. Doktorov A.B., Kotomin E.A. Theory of Tunnelling Recombination of Defects Stimulated by Their Motion. (I). General formalism. -*Phys. Stat. Solidi (b)*, 1982, **114**, No.1, p.9-14.

## Recent publications

1. A. Chesnokov, D. Gryaznov, E.A. Kotomin, J. Maier, R. Merkle. Protons in (Ga,Sc,In,Y) 3+ doped BaFeO<sub>3</sub> triple conductors — Site energies and migration barriers investigated by density functional theory calculations. -- *Solid state ionics*, 2025, 421, 116788. **Open Access**.
2. A. Lushchik, A. Podelinska, V. Seeman, E. Shablonin, E. A. Kotomin, and V. N. Kuzovkov. Open Questions on the Thermal Stability of Primary Electronic Centers in Irradiated MgO Single Crystals. - *J. Phys. Chem. C*, 2025, 129, 2775–2781
3. R. Merkle, M.F. Hoedl, A. Chesnokov, D. Gryaznov, E. Bucher, E.A. Kotomin, W. Sitte, J. Maier. Electronic structure, phase formation, and defect distribution in the Ba(Ce,Fe,Acc)O<sub>3-δ</sub> system. *Acta Mater*, 2025, 287, 120739. **Open Access**

4. I. Mihailovs, E. Belobrovko, A. Bundulis, D.V. Bocharov, E.A. Kotomin, M. Rutkis. Use of factorial design for calculation of second hyperpolarizabilities. *Nanomaterials* 2025, 15, 1302. **Open Access**
5. E.A. Kotomin, R. Assylbayev, G. Baubekova, I. Kudryavtseva, V.N. Kuzovkov, A. Podelinska, V. Seeman, E. Shablonin, A. Lushchik. Annealing of oxygen-related Frenkel defects in corundum single crystals irradiated with energetic xenon ions. *Crystals* 2025, 15, 573. **Open Access**.
6. L.L. Rusevich, M.G. Brik, D. Gryaznov, A.M. Srivastava, I.D. Chervyakov, G. Zvejnieks, D. Bocharov, E.A. Kotomin. A comparative study of A<sub>2</sub>SiF<sub>6</sub> (A = Cs, K) phosphor host matrices: Linear combination of atomic orbital hybrid density functional theory calculations. *Materials* 2025, 18, 2025. **Open Access**
7. M. Tyunina, L.L. Rusevich, M. Savinov, T. Kocourek, O. Pacherova, A. Dejneka, E.A. Kotomin.
8. Substrate-controlled response coefficients in thin films. *Adv. Sci.* 2025, 12, e05761.
9. M.A. Kabanenko, V.O. Hamalii, D.G. Diachenko, Y.A. Mastrikov, E.A. Kotomin, N.V. Krainyukova. Pseudophysical sorption of aluminum in carbon honeycomb structures. *Low Temp. Phys.* 2025, 51, 1198–1204.
10. G. Lee, Y.-C. Cheng, Y.-T. Lin, J.C.S. Wu, W.-Y. Yu, M. Maček Kržmanc, S. Gupta, E.A. Kotomin. Photocatalytic water splitting of Al-doped Rh<sub>x</sub>Cr<sub>2-x</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/SrTiO<sub>3</sub> synthesized by flux method: Elucidating the role of different molten salts.--- *J. Phys. Chem. C*, 2023, 127, pp. 9981–9991.
11. M. Sokolov, Yu.A. Mastrikov, G. Zvejnieks, D. Bocharov, V. Krasnenko, K.S. Exner, E.A. Kotomin. First principles calculations of hydrogen evolution reaction and proton migration on stepped surfaces of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>.-- *Adv. Theory Simul.*, 2023, 2200619 (pp. 1-7). **Open Access**
12. Y.-Y. Tai, J.C.S. Wu, W.-Y. Yu, M. Maček Kržmanc, E.A. Kotomin. Photocatalytic water splitting of improved strontium titanate for simultaneous separation of H<sub>2</sub> in a twin photoreactor.--- *Appl. Catal. B*, 2023, 324, 122183 (pp. 1-10).
13. L.L. Rusevich, E.A. Kotomin, G. Zvejnieks, M. Maček Kržmanc, S. Gupta, N. Daneu, J.C.S. Wu, Y.-G. Lee, W.-Y. Yu. The Effects of Al doping on hydrogen production efficiency upon photostimulated water splitting on SrTiO<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles.--- *J. Phys. Chem. C*, 2022, 126, pp. 21223–21233.
14. V. Krasnenko, L.L. Rusevich, A. Platonenko, Yu.A. Mastrikov, M. Sokolov, E.A. Kotomin. Water splitting on multifaceted SrTiO<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals: calculations of Raman vibrational spectrum. *Materials*, 2022, 15, 4233 (pp. 1-17). **Open Access**
15. L.L. Rusevich, M. Tyunina, E.A. Kotomin, N. Nepomniashchaia, A. Dejneka. The electronic properties of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>-δ with oxygen vacancies or substitutions.--- *Sci. Rep.*, 2021, 11, 23341 (pp. 1-8). **Open Access**
16. M. Sokolov, Yu.A. Mastrikov, G. Zvejnieks, D. Bocharov, E.A. Kotomin, V. Krasnenko. Water splitting on multifaceted SrTiO<sub>3</sub> nanocrystals: computational study.---*Catalysts*, 2021, 11, 1326 (pp. 1-8). **Open Access**
17. M. Tyunina, L.L. Rusevich, E.A. Kotomin, O. Pacherova, T. Kocourek, A. Dejneka. Epitaxial growth of perovskite oxide films facilitated by oxygen vacancies.--- *J. Mater. Chem. C*, 2021, 9, pp. 1693–1700.
18. D. Zablotsky, L.L. Rusevich, G. Zvejnieks, V. Kuzovkov, E. Kotomin. Manifestation of 1dipole-induced disorder in self-assembly of ferroelectric and ferromagnetic nanocubes. *Nanoscale*, 2019, 11, pp. 7293-7303.
19. D. Zablotsky, L.L. Rusevich, G. Zvejnieks, V. Kuzovkov, E. Kotomin. Manifestation of 1dipole-induced disorder in self-assembly of ferroelectric and ferromagnetic nanocubes. *Nanoscale*, 2019, 11, pp. 7293-7303.
20. R.A. Evarestov, A. Senocrate, E.A. Kotomin, J. Maier. First-principles calculations of iodine-related point defects in CsPbI<sub>3</sub>. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 2019, 21, pp. 7841-7846

### **Reviewer for more than 40 basic research journals, including**

Physical Review Letters, Physical Review B and E, Nature Materials, MDPI journals, Journal of Nuclear Materials, Nuclear Instruments and Methods B, J. Applied Physics, Solid State Ionics, Surface Science, Applied Surface Science, Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics, Physica Status Solidi, Physica B, J Luminescence, Chemistry of Materials, J Physical Chemistry, J.Physical Chemistry Letters, J Physics: Condensed Matter, Solid State Communications, Chemical Physics, Philos. Magazin, Applied Physics Letters, J. Materials Chemistry, Advanced Materials, Advanced Functional materials, Chemical Physics Letters, Computational Materials Science, Radiation Effects and Defects in Solids, J. Alloys and Compounds, Energy and Environmental Science.