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RESEARCH FOCUS

- Finite element modeling of tribological systems
- Application of engineering ceramics in tribological systems
- Modeling hydrogen diffusion in tribological contact

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Feb. 2025 – present

Vice-President for Academic Excellence
German Jordanian University, Amman, Jordan

Key responsibilities

- Academic Excellence and Quality Assurance
- Digital Transformation and Innovation
- Student-Centered Learning
- Institutional Partnerships

Sept. 2021 – Feb. 2025

Dean

School of Applied Technical Sciences (SATS)
German Jordanian University, Amman, Jordan

June 2022 – Feb. 2025

Board of Trustees member
Irbid National University, Irbid, Jordan

July 2021 – present

Professor

Department of Industrial Engineering
German Jordanian University, Amman, Jordan

- **Editorial Board member** for the *Journal of Mechanical Engineering*
- **Regular reviewer** for the journals: *Wear*, *Journal of the European Ceramic Society*, *Ceramics International*, *International Journal of Fatigue*, *Engineering Failure Analysis* and others
- **Academic advisor, co-advisor and mentor** for bachelor, master, and doctoral students at the German Jordanian University and the Fraunhofer Institute for Mechanics of Materials IWM
- **Research collaboration** with the Tribology Unit at the Fraunhofer Institute for Mechanics of Materials IWM

Actively involved in multiple interdisciplinary research projects with European academic institutions and industries

Sept. 2020 – Sept. 2021

Assistant Dean for Accreditation and Quality Assurance

School of Applied Technical Sciences (SATS)

German Jordanian University, Amman, Jordan

Heading the committee responsible for the German accreditation of all study programs offered by SATS in collaboration with the accreditation agency ASIIN

June 2016 – July 2021

Associate Professor

Department of Industrial Engineering

German Jordanian University, Amman, Jordan

August 2018 – Sept. 2020

Visiting Researcher

Tribology Unit

Fraunhofer Institute for Mechanics of Materials IWM, Freiburg, Germany

Feb. 2012 – June 2016

Assistant Professor

Department of Industrial Engineering

German Jordanian University, Amman, Jordan

Feb. 2013 – Oct. 2015

Head of Industrial Engineering Department

Department of Industrial Engineering

German Jordanian University, Amman, Jordan

Dec. 2011 – Dec. 2014

Assistant Coordinator for Research and Technical Development (RTD) of the FP-7 EU project **RoLiCer** (www.rolicer.eu). RoLiCer (Enhanced reliability and lifetime of ceramic components through multiscale modelling of degradation and damage) is a collaborative research project that focuses on multi-scale modeling of degradation mechanisms in engineering ceramics (Coordinator: Dr. Andreas Kailer, Fraunhofer IWM)

June 2010 – Dec. 2011

Postdoctoral Researcher

Institute for Applied Materials IAM-ZBS (currently the Institute for Applied Materials IAM)

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology KIT, Karlsruhe, Germany, and

Department of Wear Protection and Advanced Ceramics

Fraunhofer Institute for Mechanics of Materials IWM, Freiburg, Germany

- Directly responsible for the proposal preparation and acquisition of a multinational project, involving five European countries and seven worldwide renowned research institutions, higher education establishments and industrial partners with a total budget of 3.2 million € RoLiCer (www.rolicer.eu)
- Acquisition of several collaborative research projects
- Engagement in several collaborative research projects between Fraunhofer IWM and various research institutions and industrial companies throughout Germany

August 2006 – June 2010

Research Assistant

Institute for Applied Materials IAM-ZBS (currently the Institute for Applied Materials IAM)

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology KIT, Karlsruhe, Germany, and

Department of Wear Protection and Advanced Ceramics

Fraunhofer Institute for Mechanics of Materials IWM, Freiburg, Germany

Research work focused on experimental and numerical damage analysis of engineering ceramics in bulk metal-forming processes

EDUCATION

August 2006 – June 2010

Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering, Dr.-Ing. (magna cum laude)

Institute for Reliability of Components and Systems IZBS (currently the Institute for Applied Materials IAM)

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology KIT, Karlsruhe, Germany

Dissertation: Damage mechanisms in silicon nitride rolling tools applied in caliber rolling copper and steel wires (Advisor: Prof. Dr. Peter Gumbsch)

October 2003 – August 2006

M.Sc. in Mechatronics

Hamburg University of Technology, Hamburg, Germany

Thesis: Comparison of flutter results obtained from various analyses for a sample wing, Department of Reliability Engineering

October 1998 – July 2003

B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering

University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan

Thesis: Response of non-linear systems to non-stationary excitations, Department of Mechanical Engineering

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

D. Kürten, **I. Khader**, T. Amann, Felix Gatti, Maximilian Baur, Natalie Oberle, Stefan Grundei, Jörg Franke, Andreas Kailer, Conductive lubricants to prevent hydrogen assisted rolling contact fatigue, *Engineering Failure Analysis* (2024), 180, 109819, DOI: [10.1016/j.engfailanal.2025.109819](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.engfailanal.2025.109819).

M. Baur, **I. Khader**, D. Kürten, T. Schieß, A. Kailer, M. Dienwiebel, Premature damage in bearing steel in relation with residual stresses and hydrogen trapping. *Lubricants* (2024), 12, 311, DOI: [10.3390/lubricants12090311](https://doi.org/10.3390/lubricants12090311).

I. Khader, Modeling Wear using the Finite Element Method in Abaqus® in L. R. De Tembleque Solano, J. Vazquez Valeo and M.H. Aliabadi (Eds.) Computational and Experimental Methods in Structures, *Volume 12: Wear in Advanced Engineering Applications and Materials*, World Scientific Publishing Co Pte Ltd, 2022, pages 173-204, DOI: [10.1142/9781800610699_0007](https://doi.org/10.1142/9781800610699_0007).

- B. Zhao, **I. Khader**, H. Liu, T. Zhou, G. Konrath, A. Kailer, Tribological characterization of an alumina-based composite in dry sliding contact against laser-heated and unheated Inconel 718, *Tribology International* (2021) 155 106773. DOI: [10.1016/j.triboint.2020.106773](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.triboint.2020.106773).
- P. Berlet, D. Hoffmann, K. Pöhlmann, A. Kailer, **I. Khader**, D. Kürten, R. Luther, J. Rausch, C. Rynio, J. Neuhaus, Tribologische Aspekte zukünftiger Verbrennungsmotoren für Power-to-X, submitted to the 62nd German Tribology Conference 2021, Sept. 27th – Sept. 29th, 2021, Online.
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- I. Khader**, D. Kürten and A. Kailer, The influence of mechanical stresses on the diffusion and accumulation of hydrogen in a CRTB, in Bearing World 2020, 19-23 Oct., 2020.
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- D. Kürten, **I. Khader**, A. Kailer, Determining the effective hydrogen diffusion coefficient in 100Cr6, *Materials and Corrosion* (2020) 71(6) 918-923. DOI: [10.1002/maco.201911322](https://doi.org/10.1002/maco.201911322).
- D. Kürten, **I. Khader**, A. Kailer, Tribochemical degradation of vacuum-stable lubricants: A comparative study between multialkylated cyclopentane and perfluoropolyether in a vacuum ball-on-disc and full-bearing tests, *Lubrication Science* (2020) 32(4) 183-191. DOI: [10.1002/lis.1494](https://doi.org/10.1002/lis.1494).
- B. Zhao, **I. Khader**, R. Raga, U. Degenhardt, A. Kailer, Tribological behavior of three silicon nitride ceramics in dry sliding contact against Inconel 718 over a wide range of velocities, *Wear* (2020) 448-449 203206. DOI: [10.1016/j.wear.2020.203206](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wear.2020.203206).
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- D. Kürten, **I. Khader**, A. Kailer, Hydrogen assisted rolling contact fatigue, 13th VDI-Fachtagung „Gleit- und Wälzlagerungen, 5-6 June 2019, Schweinfurt, Germany, VDI-Berichte 2348, VDI Wissensforum GmbH, Düsseldorf, 2019, ISBN 978-3-18-092348-2, 273-286.
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- R. Raga, **I. Khader**, Z. Chlup, A. Kailer, Damage progression in silicon nitride undergoing non-conforming hybrid cyclic contact, *International Journal of Fatigue* (2017) 105 97-110. DOI: [10.1016/j.ijfatigue.2017.08.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijfatigue.2017.08.010).
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- R. Raga, **I. Khader**, Z. Chlup, A. Kailer, Experimental and numerical investigation of crack initiation and propagation in silicon nitride ceramic under rolling and cyclic contact, *Journal of Physics: Conference Series* (2017) 843(1). DOI: [10.1088/1742-6596/843/1/012030](https://doi.org/10.1088/1742-6596/843/1/012030).
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- N. Winzer, **I. Khader**, Hydrogen diffusion and trapping in bodies undergoing rolling contact, *Wear* (2013) 303(1-2) 451-458. DOI: [10.1016/j.wear.2013.03.042](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wear.2013.03.042).
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I. Khader, A. Kailer: Damage mechanisms in silicon nitride wire-rolling tools: Lab-scale experiments and correlation with finite element modeling. *Journal of Materials Processing Technology* (2010) 210 (10) 1314-1325. DOI: [10.1016/j.jmatprotec.2010.03.021](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmatprotec.2010.03.021).

I. Khader, A. Kailer: Silicon nitride wire rolling tools: Damage analysis and correlation with rolling-contact fatigue. In Bućko, M.M., Haberko, K., Pędzich, Z., Zych, L. (Eds.) Proc. 11th European Ceramic Society Conference **2009**, Cracow, ISBN 978-83-60958-54-4, CD-ROM, pp. 74-83.

I. Khader, S. Fünfschilling, A. Kailer, R. Oberacker: The Behavior of silicon nitride tools in hot rolling copper wire, in A. Fischer and K. Bobzin (Ed.), Friction, Wear and Wear Protection, Wiley-VCH **2009**. DOI: [10.1002/9783527628513.ch48](https://doi.org/10.1002/9783527628513.ch48).

I. Khader, A. Kailer, P. Gumbsch: Modelluntersuchungen zum Drahtwalzen mit keramischen Walzwerkzeugen, in K.H. Zum Gahr and J. Schneider (Ed.), 3. Statuskolloquium SFB483, **2007**, 95-103, ISBN 978-3-933733-00-9.

I. Khader, P. Gumbsch, A. Kailer: Damage mechanisms of silicon nitride rolls in hot rolling of copper wire, Proc. Tribologie-Fachtagung, Göttingen **2007**, ISBN 978-3-00-022603-8, 73/1-14.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Werkstoffmechanik-Preis recognition award of the Plansee Group and Fraunhofer Institute for Mechanics of Materials IWM, 2011, for PhD Dissertation “Damage mechanisms in silicon nitride rolling tools applied in caliber rolling copper and steel wires”

Sonderforschungsbereich SFB483 Research Fellowship 2006-2012, German Research Foundation (DFG)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Finite Element Method (FEM) Modeling

Specialized in contact analysis and thermomechanical analysis using ABAQUS/Explicit® and ABAQUS/Standard®

Finite Element Pre-Processing and Post-Processing

HyperMesh® and ABAQUS/CAE®

Computational Mathematics and Visualization Packages

MATLAB® and Simulink®

Basic Computer Applications

Fortran and Python programming

Measurements and Analytical Techniques

Digital microscopy and profilometry

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)/Energy Dispersive X-Ray (EDX) spectroscopy

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Arabic: Mother tongue

English: Professional level

German: Fluently spoken and very good professional command

French: Basic knowledge

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

July 2003 – Present

Member of the Jordan Engineers Association

August 2006 – Dec. 2011

Member of the Collaborative Research Center “Sonderforschungsbereich SFB483, DFG: High performance sliding and friction systems based on advanced ceramics”, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology KIT