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CHAIR OF ENERGY MATERIALS

RESEARCH PROFILE

We synthesize, characterize, and apply nanomaterials. We use electrochemistry to enable, among others, energy storage (supercapacitors, redox electrolytes, batteries), water treatment (desalination, pollutant removal), and tailored ion recovery (esp. Lithium recovery). The foundation is the highly reversible ability of electroactive materials to immobilize ions via electrosorption and redox processes. Carbon materials, 2D materials (e.g., MXene, MBene), and hybrids are promising materials with tunable structure, composition, electrochemical properties. electrolytes capitalize on rapid charge transfer when nanoconfined to create storage devices of high power and energy ratings. Combined with material characterization techniques, we use in-situ methods to gain novel insights into electrochemical processes. Our contributions extend from basic research, materials synthesis, and the refinement of testing procedures to industrial collaboration and technology development. We also implement the development of sustainable synthesis and materials along with recycling, up-cycling, and second-life applications.

Explore! Create! Apply!













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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- Editor-In-Chief ENERGY ADVANCES, Royal Society of Chemistry, United Kingdom; SINCE 08/2021
- Full Professor (W3) · SAARLAND UNIVERSITY, Saarbrücken, Germany; SINCE 12/2015
- Research Department Leader INM LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR NEW MATERIALS, Saarbrücken, Germany; SINCE 12/2015

PAST APPOINTMENTS

- 04/2013-11/2015 · Assistant Professor (W1), Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany
- 06/2012-11/2015 · Junior Research Group Leader, INM Leibniz Institute for New Materials, Saarbrücken, Germany
- 07/2011-05/2012 · Research Assistant Professor, Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA
- 01/2010-12/2011 · Humboldt Research Fellow, Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA

ACADEMIC TITLES

- 06/2009 · Dr. rer. nat. (Doctor of Natural Sciences)
 Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen, Germany (SUMMA CUM LAUDE)
- 02/2006 · Dipl.-Min. (Diploma in Mineralogy)
 Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen, Germany (MAGNA CUM LAUDE)

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- Highly Cited Researcher, Web of Science Group. 2023, 2022, 2021, 2018
- Zhaowu Tian Prize for Energy Electrochemistry, International Society of Electrochemistry. 2022
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). 2020
- ARCHES Award of the Minerva Foundation. 2016
- Foundation Award of the Prof. Lenz Foundation. 2015
- Innovator of the Year & TR35 Award of Technology Review Germany. 2015
- Ross Coffin Purdy Award of the American Ceramic Society (ACerS). 2013
- Heinz Maier Leibnitz Prize of the German Research Foundation (DFG). 2013
- Early Excellence in Science Award in Materials Science of the Bayer Foundation. 2012
- Dissertation Award of the Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen. 2010
- Bernd Rendel Prize of the German Research Foundation (DFG). 2008

FIVE SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Currently, over 280 peer-reviewed papers with over 31,000 citations without self-citations (h-index: 70)

- Fleischmann, Zhang, Wang, Cummings, Wu, Simon, Gogotsi, <u>Presser</u>, Augustyn, "Continuous transition from double-layer to Faradaic charge STORAGE IN CONFINED ELECTROLYTES", <u>Nature Energy</u> 7[3]: 222-228 (2022).
- Wang, Velasco, Breitung, <u>Presser</u>, "High-entropy energy materials in the AGE OF BIG DATA: A CRITICAL GUIDE TO NEXT-GENERATION SYNTHESIS AND APPLICATIONS", <u>Advanced Energy Materials</u>, 11[47]: 2102355 (2021).
- Srimuk, Su, Yoon, Aurbach, <u>Presser</u>, "Charge-transfer materials for ELECTROCHEMICAL WATER DESALINATION, ION SEPARATION, AND THE RECOVERY OF ELEMENTS" <u>Nature Reviews Materials</u>, 5[7]: 517-538 (2020).
- Lee, Srimuk, Fleischmann, Su, Hatton, <u>Presser</u>, "Redox-electrolytes for NON-FLOW ELECTROCHEMICAL ENERGY STORAGE: A CRITICAL REVIEW AND BEST PRACTICE", <u>Progress in Materials Science</u> 101[1]: 46-89 (2019).
- Prehal, Koczwara, Jäckel, Schreiber, Burian, Amenitsch, Hartmann, <u>Presser</u>, Paris, "Quantification of ion confinement and desolvation in Nanoporous carbon supercapacitors with modelling and in-situ X-ray SCATTERING" Nature Energy, 2[3]: 16215 (2017).





