

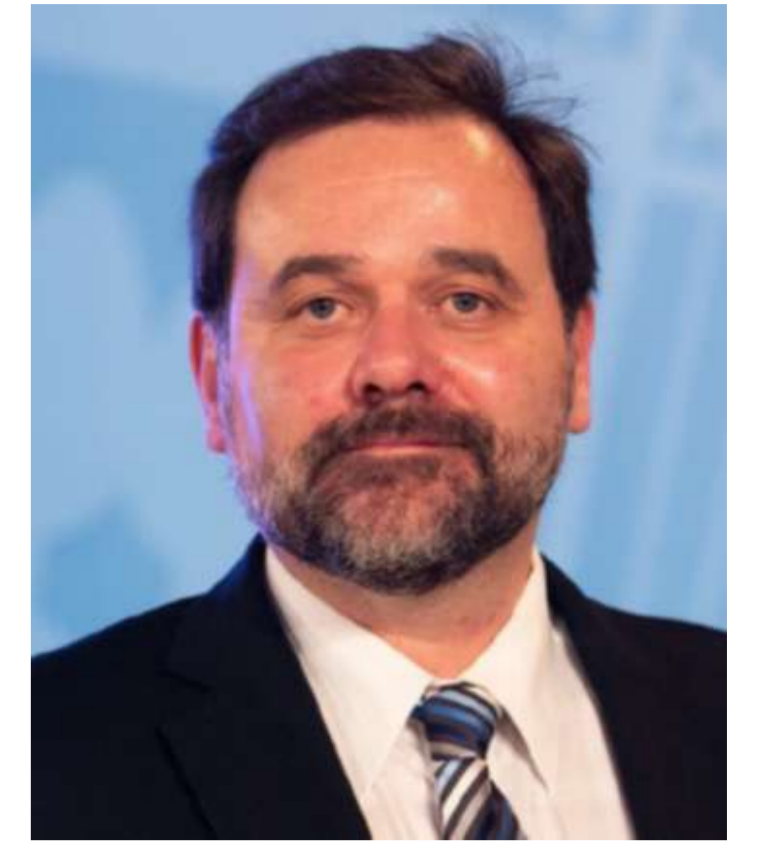


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### *Emerging materials & paradigms for energy conversion & storage*

A growing number of emerging classes of materials for energy conversion & storage are hard to classify (and understand) using the conceptual framework that we all learn as physicists or chemists when introduced to the world of condensed matter. Examples of the above include the metal intercalates that we all have in our mobile phones; phase-change materials for thermal-energy storage; barocalorics for solid-state refrigeration; or organic-inorganic perovskites for photovoltaics & photonics. Common to all of them is the emergence of dynamical disorder at the atomic and molecular levels from the outset, more-often-than-not responsible for their function, performance, and realm of applicability. With a broad audience in mind, this talk will provide an overview of our current research efforts in this area of materials research, using a combination of experimental probes (most notably neutron-based) along with computational materials modelling.

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