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## CURRENT APPOINTMENT (SINCE 12/2015)

**Full Professor (W3),** Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany  
**Program Division Leader,** INM - Leibniz Institute for New Materials, Saarbrücken, Germany

## PAST APPOINTMENTS

- 04/2013-11/2015: **Assistant Professor**, 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 DEGREES

- 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)

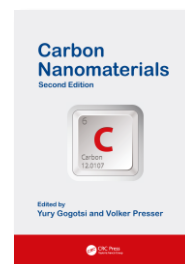
## FIVE SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Currently >130 peer reviewed papers with >4700 citations (**h-index: 31**)

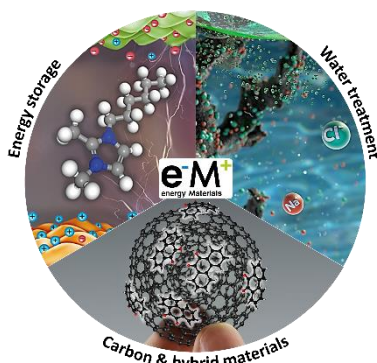
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- Shpigel, Levi, Sigalov, Girshevitz, Aurbach, Daikhin, Pikma, Marandi, Jänes, Lust, Jäckel, Presser, "IN SITU HYDRODYNAMIC SPECTROSCOPY FOR STRUCTURE CHARACTERIZATION OF POROUS ENERGY STORAGE ELECTRODES" **Nature Materials**. 2016;15:570-575.
- Suss, Porada, Sun, Biesheuvel, Yoon, Presser, "WATER DESALINATION VIA CAPACITIVE DEIONIZATION: WHAT IS IT AND WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM IT?" **Energy & Environmental Science**. 2015;8:2296-2319.
- Prehal, Weingarth, Perre, Lechner, Amenitsch, Paris, Presser, "TRACKING THE STRUCTURAL ARRANGEMENT OF IONS IN CARBON SUPERCAPACITOR NANOPORES USING IN-SITU SMALL-ANGLE X-RAY SCATTERING" **Energy & Environmental Science**. 2015;8:1725-1735.
- Gogotsi, Presser, "CARBON NANOMATERIALS" **CRC Press**, 2014.

## SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 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



## RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY OF ENERGY MATERIALS



My research is focused on the **synthesis, characterization, and application** of **functional nanomaterials**. Our activities focus on **electrochemical energy storage** (supercapacitors, redox electrolytes, batteries) and **water treatment** using capacitive deionization. **Carbon materials** and **nanohybrids** are the most important electrode materials, and we utilize non-porous carbon nanoparticles (carbon onions, carbon black) and nanoporous carbon materials (activated carbons, carbide-derived carbon, polymer-derived carbon, carbon nanofibers) to obtain electrodes for electrochemical applications. **Redox electrolytes** capitalize on the rapid charge transfer when in nanoconfined; utilized as nanoreactors, nanoporous carbons combined with redox electrolytes enable the unique combination of battery-like energy storage while maintaining supercapacitor-like charge/discharge rates. We focus on a comprehensive array of materials characterization techniques and **in-situ methods** to gain novel insights in electrochemical processes. Our contributions extend from basic research, materials synthesis, and the refinement of testing procedures to **industrial collaboration** and technology development.

## SELECTED RESEARCH KEYWORDS

- Carbon and hybrid nanomaterials
- Electrochemical energy storage
- Electrochemical water treatment

