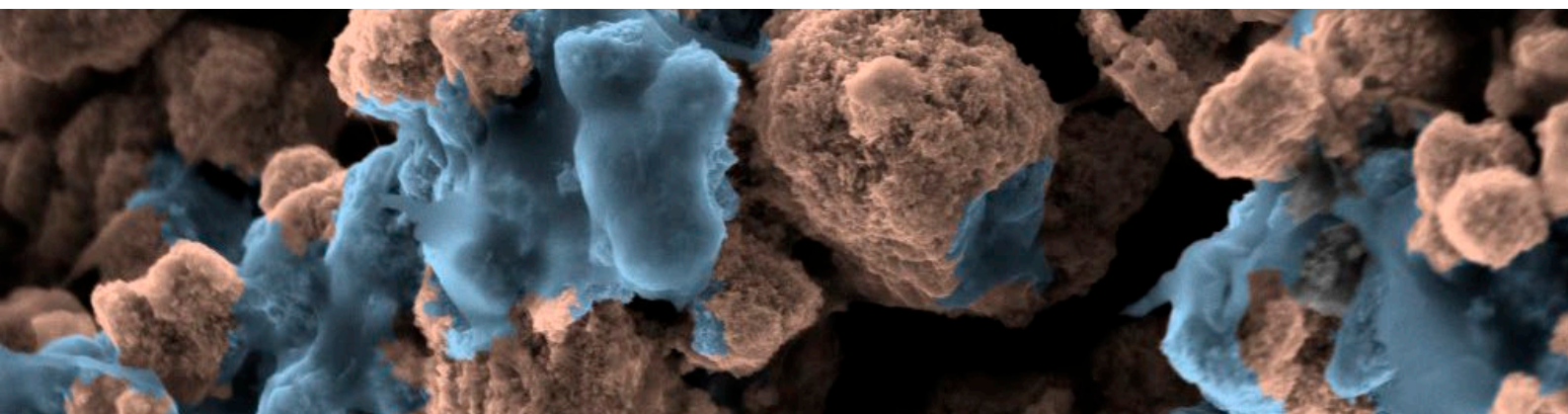


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## Program

### *Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, Evening*

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18:30 Registration desk opens

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19:00 Welcome Get-Together with Apéro Riche  
(Trafo Halle 37)

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21:30 Closing

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*Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, Morning 1*

8:00	Registration desk opens	
8:45	Welcome, Room 36-2	
9:00	Plenary 1, Chair: L. Gubler, Room 36-2 <b>U. Krewer</b> Electrosynthesis: Modeling Processes at Electrodes	
	Session A <i>Conversion Devices</i> Room 36-3	Session B <i>Batteries</i> Room 36-2
9:50	Short Break	
10:00	Session A1: <i>Durability</i> Chair: C. Fink	Session B1: <i>Electrolyte</i> Chair: E. Knobbe
10:00	<b>J. Heitz</b> Unraveling the Influence of Ionomer on Catalyst Layer Degradation in Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells: A Hierarchical Modeling Approach	<b>C. Schwetlik</b> A model for Solvation in Battery Electrolytes and analysis of Electrochemical Double Layer differential capacitance
10:20	<b>L. Klass</b> Bootcamp for Neural Networks: Boost Neural Network Training using Physical Simulation Models and Transfer Learning for Fuel Cell Operation Monitoring	<b>T. Ayadi</b> Ab initio study of the thermodynamic properties of the Li <sub>6</sub> PS <sub>5</sub> Cl solid electrolyte
10:40	<b>A. Abd El Kader</b> Investigating the Impact of Air Pollutants on Fuel Cell Performance and Durability: Experimental and Modelling Approaches	<b>B. Ruhstaller</b> Extracting Ion Density and Mobility - Transient Current Method Revisited
11:00	Coffee Break	

*Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, Morning 2*

Session A <i>Conversion Devices</i> Room 36-3		Session B <i>Batteries</i> Room 36-2	
11:30	Session A2: <i>Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC)</i> Chair: F. Büchi	Session B2: <i>Processing</i> Chair: W. Bessler	
11:30	<b>R.K. Jeela</b> Multiphase-field Simulation studies on Coarsening in FIB-SEM reconstructed Ni/CGO SOFC Anodes	<b>B. Kellers</b> Systematic Workflow for Efficient Identification of Local Representative Elementary Volumes	
11:50	<b>S. Golani</b> Impedance model for SOFC stacks	<b>M. Prasad</b> Influence of Passive Material Distribution and its Structural Properties on Cathode Performance	
12:10	<b>N. Sawant</b> Towards SOFC modeling with the Lattice Boltzmann method	<b>G. Lenne</b> Modeling Li-ion battery electrodes accounting for microstructure properties: The Newman's model revisited	
12:30	Lunch & Poster Session (Halle 37)		



*Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, Afternoon 1*

Session A <i>Conversion Devices</i> Room 36-3		Session B <i>Batteries</i> Room 36-2	
14:00	Session A3: <i>PEFC Water Management</i> Chair: M. Hanauer	14:00	Session B3: <i>Cathode</i> Chair: A. Latz
14:00	Invited A3 <b>J. Pauchet</b> Liquid water formation and transport in Membrane Electrode Assembly of PEMFC: liquid injection, vapor condensation and mixed scenario	14:30	Invited B3 <b>I. Castelli</b> Computational Workflows for an Accelerated Design of Novel Materials and Interfaces
14:30	<b>Y. Sun</b> Effect of liquid saturation transients on electrochemical impedance of PEM fuel cell	14:50	<b>O. Furat</b> Quantifying the impact of operating conditions on particle cracking in Li-ion battery cathodes, using super-resolution of SEM images and stereology
14:50	<b>P. Oppek</b> Empirical PEMFC model for local performance and resistance prediction	15:10	<b>S. Daubner</b> Investigation of nano-porous cathode particles for battery cell simulations
15:10	<b>L. König</b> Predicting the performance of real fuel cells with a fast MATLAB model	15:30	<b>J. Naumann</b> Understanding the effect of hierarchically structured cathode morphology on the performance of intercalation battery cells
15:30 Coffee Break & Poster Session (Halle 37)			

*Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, Afternoon 2*

Session A <i>Conversion Devices</i> Room 36-3		Session B <i>Batteries</i> Room 36-2
16:00	Session A4: <i>Two-Phase Flow</i> Chair: J. Pauchet	Session B4: <i>Methods &amp; Analytics</i> Chair: E. Ayerbe
16:00	<b>I. Dorner</b> Model-assisted Analysis of Carbon-free Silver Gas Diffusion Electrode Designs for Performance Enhancement in Electrochemical CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction	<b>E. Hagopian</b> Improving the Relationship between State of Charge, Charge History and Voltage Hysteresis Evolution in First Order Differential Equation Voltage Hysteresis Models
16:20	<b>T.C. Ma</b> Modeling the Interface between Transport and Catalyst Layer and its Influence on Water Electrolysis Performance	<b>X. Raynaud</b> Optimization and Parameterization of Electrochemical Systems in BattMo, the Battery Modeling Toolbox
16:40	<b>L. Feierabend</b> Numerical and Experimental Analysis of Two-phase Flow in Porous Transport Layers in Water-Electrolysis Processes	<b>J. Valenzuela</b> Parametrization of a Thermochemical-Kinetic Model for Gas Analysis of Lithium-ion Batteries
17:00	(talk canceled)	<b>N. Halleman</b> Characterising diffusion in lithium-ion batteries from operando impedance measurements during relaxation
17:30 19:00	Poster Session with Snacks & Drinks (Halle 37)	
19:30	Conference Dinner (Trafohalle)	
22:30	Closing	

*Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>, Morning 1*

9:00	Plenary 2, Chair: S. Trabesinger, Room 36-2 <b>A. Latz</b> Battery Design by Modeling and Simulation: From Particle over Electrode Structure to Cell Performance	
9:50	Short Break	
	Session A <i>Conversion Devices</i> Room 36-3	Session B <i>Batteries</i> Room 36-2
10:00	Session A5: <i>Redox Flow Battery (RFB)</i> Chair: J. Schumacher	Session B5: <i>Lithium Plating</i> Chair: I. Castelli
10:00	<b>M. Barzegari</b> Topology optimization of porous electrodes for redox flow batteries using the finite element method	<b>S. Sahu</b> A continuum model for lithium plating and dendrite formation in lithium-ion batteries: formulation and validation against experiment
10:20	<b>R.P. Schärer</b> An Open-source Model for High-throughput Flow Battery Cell Performance Predictions	<b>M. Lagnoni</b> Interplay between charging and plating in graphite electrodes via phase-field modelling and operando optical microscopy
10:40	<b>M. Jałowiecka</b> Tracking CO <sub>2</sub> bubble flow in a direct formic acid fuel cell, numerical and experimental investigation	<b>N. Bless</b> A complementary model-based approach with electrochemical and operando microscopy experiments to unravel Li plating in Lithium-ion batteries
11:00	Coffee Break & Poster Session (Halle 37)	

*Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>, Morning 2*

Session A <i>Conversion Devices</i> Room 36-3		Session B <i>Batteries</i> Room 36-2
11:30	Session A6: <i>Stacks &amp; Systems</i> Chair: J. Eller	Session B6: <i>State of Charge</i> Chair: F. Röder
11:30	<b>S. Mull</b> Experimental and simulative analysis of the dependence between liquid water amount and mass transfer in a planar membrane humidifier	<b>T. Hofmann</b> The $\Delta Q$ -Method: State of Health and Degradation Mode Estimation for Lithium-Ion Batteries Using a Mechanistic Model with Relaxed Voltage Points
11:50	<b>S. Nicolay</b> Model-based design of a strategy for switching stacks in a multi-stack PEM fuel cell system	<b>X. Gao</b> Predicting failure behaviors in lithium-ion batteries subjected to thermal abuse following long-term degradation
12:10	<b>E. Revello</b> Thermal Management Design and Optimization for Hydrogen-Powered Fuel Cell Systems in Aviation	<b>S. O’Kane</b> Lithium-Ion Battery Degradation: the Missing Piece in Model Validation
12:30	<b>Y. Fischer</b> Spatially Resolved Quantification of Diffusion Losses in a Segmented PEM Fuel Cell with adjustable Clamping Forces	<b>W. Bessler</b> Operando SOC and SOH diagnosis with voltage-controlled models: Application to an LFP battery pack and to smart phone batteries
12:50	Lunch & Poster Session (Halle 37)	

*Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>, Afternoon*

Session A <i>Conversion Devices</i> Room 36-3		Session B <i>Batteries</i> Room 36-2
14:00	Session A7: <i>Catalyst Layer</i> Chair: J. Herranz	Session B7: <i>Lithium Transport</i> Chair: O. Furat
14:00	Invited A7 <b>F.N. Büchi</b> The Catalyst- and Porous Transport Layer Interface: Decisive for PEWE Performance	Invited B7 <b>N. Marzari</b> What Electronic-structure Simulations Can Teach Us About Li-ion Batteries
14:30	<b>M.G. Justino Vaz</b> Effect of Model Parameters on the Performance of a PEM Fuel Cell Using a Pore-scale Catalyst Layer Model	<b>F. Mendez-Corbacho</b> Physics Informed Neural Network for solving Single Particle Model without using labeled data
14:50	<b>K. Gülicher</b> Simulation of Oxygen Diffusion and Reduction Reaction in the Cathode Catalyst Layer of a PEM Fuel Cell using Lattice Boltzmann Modeling	<b>M. Cornish</b> Modelling Dynamic Limitations of Lithium Transport in Lithium-Sulfur Batteries
15:10	<b>E. Tardy</b> Modeling Oxygen Reduction Reaction kinetics in a Gas Diffusion Electrode	<b>R. Pakula</b> Application and customization of Matlab Simscape framework for P2D simulation of batteries
15:30	<b>Y. Hou</b> Machine Learning-Assisted Optimization of Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell Catalyst Layer Production Recipe	<b>F. Röder</b> Modeling of Path Dependency in Batteries
15:50	Short Break	
16:00	ModVal 2025 Announcement Room 36-2	
16:15	Poster Award & Farewell Room 36-2	

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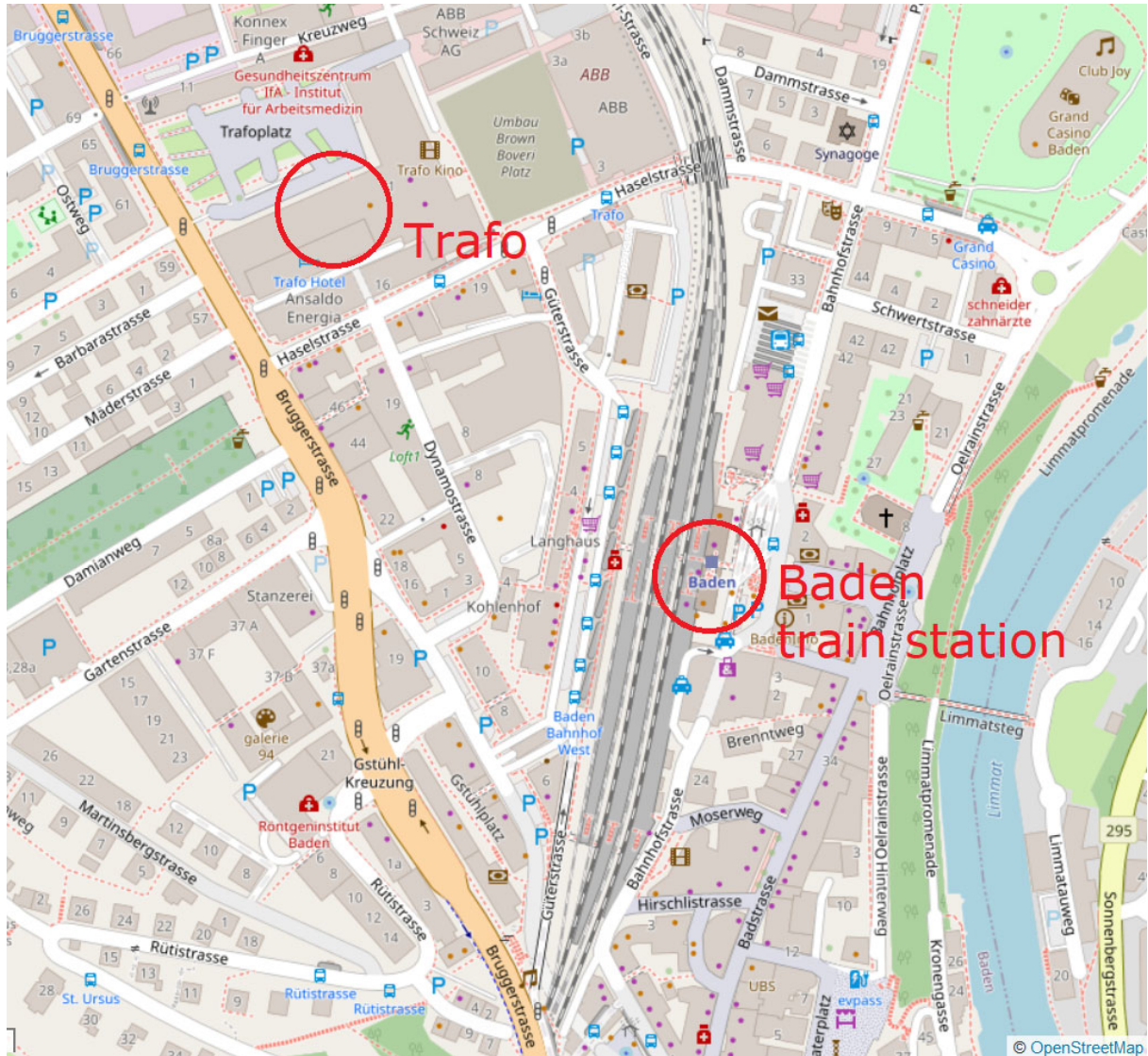
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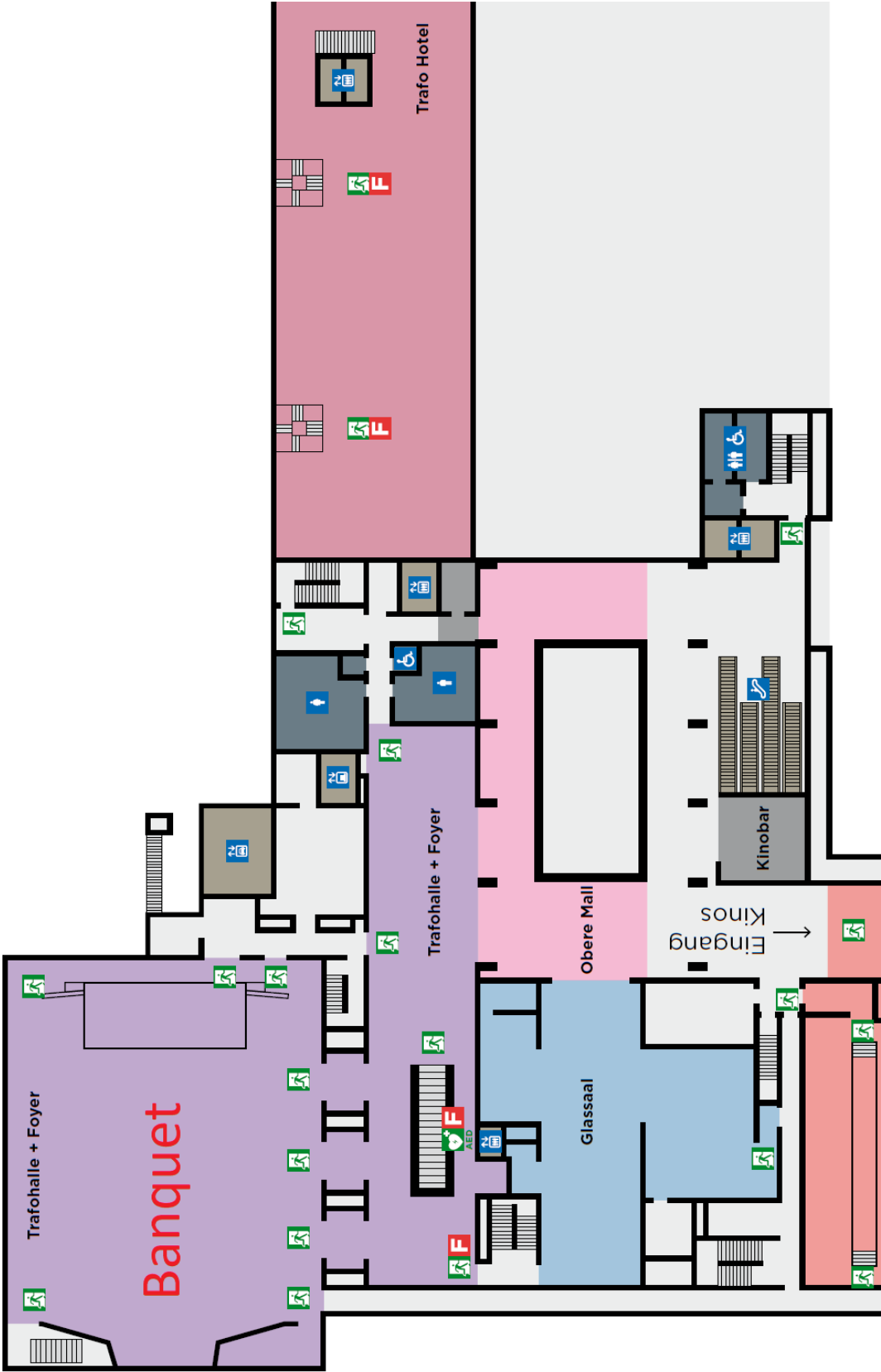
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