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## Nanostructured oxides as key components for solar energy conversion

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Nanostructured oxide electrodes had its breakthrough in the discovery of mesoporous dye-sensitized TiO<sub>2</sub> electrodes for efficient solar cells in the early 1990's by Grätzel and co-workers. This was truly a paradigm shift for research in photovoltaics, with the entering of chemistry for the development of molecules, nanomaterials and interfaces. The research has led to other energy applications using nanostructured oxides, such as solar fuel, batteries and displays. The concept of dye-sensitized solar cells is also the origin of presently the hottest topic in solar cells research, perovskite solar cells.

Coming from Uppsala, Sweden, where [oxygen](#) was first separated and characterized by Scheele in 1772-1773, it is natural to take number 8 in the periodic system as the key element for my presentation.



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# Silicon, the key element for photovoltaic energy: past, present and future perspectives

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The most important material for solar cells has been, and still is, [silicon](#). In the year 2018, around 100 GW of new photovoltaic modules installed worldwide employed crystalline silicon (Si) as the absorber material. If we consider its peculiar properties and unique advantages with respect to the other materials for solar cell - availability, efficiency, low cost, no toxicity, long lifetime and sustainability - it should be the leading material also in the future.

In this paper, the past, present and future of crystalline silicon solar cells will be discussed also through a personal lens: that of my research activity on silicon for PV carried out for several European Projects since 1991.



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Her research activity has been mainly devoted to the experimental study of the effect of defects on electrical and optical properties of elementary semiconductor (silicon) and composed semiconductor (silicon germanium alloy and chalcogenide alloys CIGS, CZTS) for photovoltaic (PV) application. In this context she developed original research activities on the role of defects on the opto-electrical properties of silicon and now she is recognized an expert of defects on silicon based solar cells. Since 1990, she has been involved in 10 European photovoltaic energy projects, national projects, some of them as leader, collaborating in research for private owned companies. Currently leading 3 projects. Co-author of 130 peer reviewed publications, 4 chapter books, 6 patents. She did more than 30 invited talks mainly on PV conferences. Her research group currently includes, 3 post-doctoral fellows, 1 PhD student and some master students; the main current scientific interest of the group are materials and devices for inorganic photovoltaics.



## Functional organic dyes in light harvesting applications

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The term “functional dyes” has been used for the first time in the early '80s to indicate dye or pigment molecules developed for purposes other than the classical coloration of substrates. Starting from the two seminal International Symposium of Functional Dyes on the early nineties the development of this research frontier has been very fast.

In this contribution recent advances on the development of functional dyes for photovoltaics and other energy-related applications will be discussed. More specifically will be highlighted the role of the organic dyes as photosensitizers and solar harvester. In fact, their extended and versatile conjugated carbon structure can be finely tuned in order to absorb not only the visible part of the solar light, but also, selectively if needed, the UV and NIR part of the solar spectrum, making possible the realization of both colorful or colorless transparent solar cells.



**Claudia Barolo** received her PhD in Chemistry from Università di Torino in 2001. In 2006, she became assistant professor and, in 2014, associate professor in Industrial Chemistry at the Department of Chemistry of the same university. She is vice-coordinator of the Innovative PhD Programme in Innovation for the Circular Economy.

Her research activity is mainly focused on the synthesis and characterization of functional dye molecules and hybrid materials for technological applications (photovoltaics, nanotechnology, biotechnology). As an expert in the field of sensitizers for solar cells, she is the recipient of several national and international research grants and industrial collaborations. She is part of the Management Board of NIS Interdepartmental Centre and of the Scientific Board of the ICxT Interdepartmental Centre. Her research work resulted in more than 100 ISI articles.

# Oxygen- and sulfur-functionalized ionic liquids as electrolyte components in lithium batteries

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Lithium-ion batteries have revolutionized the energy storage technology and enabled the mobile revolution, as recognized by the recently assigned Noble Prize in Chemistry 2019. Thanks to its redox potential, high energy density and capacity, lithium, the lightest metal of our periodic table, is the best candidate as negative electrode to replace intercalation materials, like graphite, which is used today in commercial batteries. However, due to the great reactivity of lithium and possible dendrite formation during cycling operations, most suitable electrolytes, stabilizing the interface with lithium and having optimized safety features, must be developed. To combat flammability of the organic electrolyte commonly adopted in lithium-ion batteries, highly stable ionic liquids (ILs), having negligible vapour pressure, have been widely investigated as electrolytes.

The goal of this work was to develop highly conductive, stable IL compounds, with reduced viscosity and suppressed crystallization. Tailored, in-house synthesized new ILs, based on cyclic quaternary ammonium cations, with oxygen or sulfur functionalization [1,2], and bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide (TFSI) or bis(fluorosulfonyl)imide (FSI) anion [3], will be here described and their electrochemical performances in lithium-metal and lithium-ion configurations will be discussed.

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# Carbon-based, layered composites for energy storage and environmental applications

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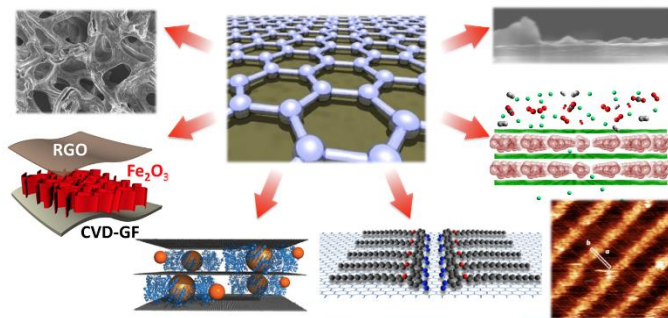
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In this talk I will describe how to use graphene and related materials to produce 2D composites with polymers, metal oxides or organic molecules, and how such composites can allow novel technological applications for energy storage, gas and water purification.

The element **carbon** is the main building block of all forms of life and also of many useful materials, thanks to its versatile chemistry coupled with the ability to form strong chemical bonds. In particular, benzene rings made by six C atoms are stable building blocks in organic chemistry and materials science. Merging together an infinite number of benzene rings we obtain a flat, flexible sheet of carbon atoms, mechanically robust, chemically stable in air and electrically conductive: graphene.

The 2-dimensional (2D) shape of graphene can be used to create nanostructures impossible to do with conventional 3D materials or 1D polymers, like ultralight foams or layered composites, made of different stacked nanosheets. Molecules and ions can penetrate and diffuse in between these 2D nanosheets, allowing applications that span from lithium storage for batteries to water purification, to gas separation.

Using this approach, there is practically no limit to the number of possible 2D structures inspired to graphene which shall be created.



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# In situ NMR and diffraction studies of battery materials: H, Li, Na and Mg

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The development of light, long-lasting rechargeable batteries (and the invention of the lithium-ion battery, now 25 years ago) has been an integral part of the portable electronics revolution. This revolution has transformed the way in which we communicate and transfer and access data globally. Rechargeable batteries are now playing an increasingly important role in transport and grid applications, but the introduction of these devices comes with different sets of challenges. New technologies are being investigated, such as those using sodium and magnesium ions instead of lithium, and the flow of materials in and out of the electrochemical cell (in aqueous-based redox flow batteries for example). Importantly, fundamental science is key to producing non-incremental advances and to develop new strategies for energy storage and conversion.

The first part of this talk will focus on our work on the development of methods that allow devices to be probed while they are operating (i.e., *in-situ*). This allows, for example, the transformations of the various cell components to be followed under realistic conditions without having to disassemble and take apart the cell. To this end, the application of new *in* and *ex-situ* nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and X-ray diffraction approaches to correlate structure and dynamics with function in lithium- and sodium-ion and redox flow batteries will be described. The *in-situ* approach allows processes to be captured, which are very difficult to detect directly by *ex-situ* methods. To illustrate, we have used NMR, theory and pair distribution function (PDF) analysis methods, to determine the local and longer-range structures of a series of amorphous and disordered **Li** and **Na** anode structures, including **C**, **Sn**, **Ge**, **Si** and **P**. Both thermodynamic and metastable phases are identified via theoretical (DFT) approaches and compared with NMR, PDF and (in situ) diffraction measurements, the materials often transforming via metastable structures. New on-line vs. operando methods to study redox flow batteries will be discussed. Finally, many of the battery electrode materials are paramagnetic and their study has involved the development of new experimental (NMR) and theoretical approaches to acquire and interpret spectra. Recent studies to correlate lithium, sodium and magnesium hyperfine shifts with local structure and to probe dynamics will be described.



**Clare P. Grey, FRS** is a Royal Society Research Professor, the Geoffrey Moorhouse-Gibson Professor of Chemistry at Cambridge University and a Fellow of Pembroke College Cambridge. She received a BA and D. Phil. (1991) in Chemistry from the University of Oxford. After post-doctoral fellowships in the Netherlands and at DuPont CR&D in Wilmington, DE, she joined the faculty at Stony Brook University (SBU) as an Assistant (1994), Associate (1997) and then Full Professor (2001-2015). She moved to Cambridge in 2009, maintaining an adjunct position at SBU. She was Director of the Northeastern Chemical Energy Storage Center, a Department of Energy, Energy Frontier Research Center (2009-2010) and Associate director (2011-2014).

She is currently the director of the EPSRC Centre for Advanced Materials for Integrated Energy Systems (CAM-IES) and a member of the Expert Panel of the Faraday Institution. Recent honours and awards include Honorary PhD Degrees from the Universities of Orleans (2012) and Lancaster (2013), the Research Award from the International Battery Association (2013), the Royal Society Davy Award (2014), the Arfvedson-Schlenk-Preis from the German Chemical Society (2015), the Société Chimique de France, French-British Prize (2017), the Solid State Ionics Galvani-Nernst-Wagner Mid-Career Award (2017), the Eastern Analytical Symposium Award for Outstanding Achievements in Magnetic Resonance (2018), the Sacconi Medal from the Italian Chemical Society (2018), the Charles Hatchett Award, Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (2019), and the RSC John Goodenough Award (2019). She is a foreign member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Fellow of the Electrochemical Society and the International Society of Magnetic Resonance. Her current research interests include the use of solid state NMR and diffraction-based methods to determine structure-function relationships in materials for energy storage (batteries and supercapacitors), conversion (fuel cells) and carbon capture.

## Copper for artificial photosynthesis

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Natural photosynthesis operating in plants and photosynthetic microorganisms is responsible for the production of all the biomass on earth from carbon dioxide and water using sunlight as the requested energy. This biological process is a unique source of inspiration for developing artificial photosynthetic systems. Indeed, conversion of carbon dioxide into hydrocarbons and alcohols using renewable electricity as an energy source is an amazingly attractive strategy not only for storing renewable energies into the form of chemical energy (a fuel), but also for using CO<sub>2</sub> as a raw material for the synthesis of chemical products, for example carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and alcohols. However, CO<sub>2</sub> activation is a complex process requiring multiple electron and proton transfers, which can be controlled only with specific catalysts. Finding new stable, efficient and selective catalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction is critical in order to make this strategy a practical industrial option. However, intriguingly, production of multicarbon organic compounds is only possible with **copper** (Cu)-based materials so far. Here we describe the artificial photosynthetic strategy and provide some recent examples from our laboratory of original Cu-based heterogeneous catalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> electroreduction. In particular, we describe a dendritic porous Cu oxide material which catalyzes both oxidation of water to oxygen at the anode and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction into ethylene at the cathode [1,2,3]. Coupling such an electrolyzer to a PV cell allow the production of “solar” ethylene [2]. Also a novel class of metal-doped nitrogen-doped carbon materials showing promising properties for CO<sub>2</sub> electroreduction to ethanol is described [4].

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# The challenge for a more sustainable society: catalysis for chemicals and fuels from renewables

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The so-called *biorefinery* is the emblem of a chemical industry striving to become more sustainable, by replacing conventional fossil-based sources with renewable ones. In the context of the *bioeconomy*, the use of biomass and *bio-platform molecules* to produce chemicals and fuel additives represents one of the most efficient ways to contrast the greenhouse effect by "recirculating" CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, an objective which perfectly fits the *Circular Economy* strategy.

In order to achieve these goals, catalysis plays a fundamental role. In this lecture, I will report about the state of advancements of a few technologies aimed at the valorisation of bio-based building blocks into chemicals and fuels, processes which are currently those offering the best chances to become commercial. Nanomaterials and multifunctional catalysts are the key tools for realising complex transformations, which often include defunctionalisation of highly oxygenated compounds and the introduction of new moieties. From another perspective, it is also crucial that scientists avoid the use of **critical metals** (e.g., conflict minerals, high-concern metals, critical minerals) for the development of new catalysts; indeed, the replacement of some catalysts currently used in the chemical industry is becoming one of the driving forces for research and innovation in this field.



**Fabrizio Cavani** received his Ph.D. in Industrial Chemistry in 1987. Then he worked at the Catalysis Centre of EniChem Synthesis. In 1990 he was appointed Assistant Professor at Bologna University, where since 2014 is Full Professor of Industrial Chemistry. Currently he is the Coordinator of the Interdivisional Group of Catalysis of the Italian Chemical Society, and Director of the Department of Industrial Chemistry "Toso Montanari" at Bologna University. His research is mainly in the field of heterogeneous and homogeneous catalysis, mainly oriented to application in the chemical industry.

## 2D-materials-based energy storage devices

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Graphene and related two-dimensional materials (GRMs) are entering several application areas [1-5], improving the performance of existing devices or enable new ones. A key requirement for the implementation of GRMs in the energy field is the development of industrial-scale, reliable, inexpensive production processes [2], while providing a balance between ease of fabrication and final product quality.

In this context, the production of GRMs by solution processing [2,6] represents a simple and cost-effective pathway towards the development of GRMs-based energy devices, presenting huge integration flexibility compared to other production methods. Here, I will first present our strategy to produce GRMs based on different [elements](#) at a large scale by wet-jet milling [7] of their bulk counterpart and then an overview of their applications for energy storage devices [3,8-16].

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Innovation of the Flagship. He was featured as 2016 Emerging Investigator by J. Mater. Chem. A and in 2019 by ChemPlusChem. His research interests encompass both the fundamental understanding and solution processing of novel nanomaterials and their technological applications. He is Co-founder of BeDimensional Spa.

## Il Sistema Periodico e due anniversari

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Il Sistema Periodico e due anniversari. Il primo è quello della proposta di una Tavola periodica degli elementi da parte di Dmitrij Ivanovič Mendeleev, che compie 150 anni. Il secondo anniversario è quello della nascita, cento anni fa, di Primo Levi, chimico e quindi, come amava dire, scrittore. Primo Levi è stato eletto dalla Royal Institution inglese a più grande scrittore di scienza di tutti i tempi. E un suo libro, proprio quello intitolato *Il Sistema Periodico* è stato eletto, sempre dalla Royal Institution, a miglior libro di scienza mai scritto. Il mio intervento sarà dedicato proprio a Primo Levi e alla sua interpretazione da scrittore del Sistema Periodico.

The Periodic System of the Elements has two anniversaries. The first one is the Periodic Table of Elements that Dmitrij Ivanovič Mendeleev proposed 150 years ago. The second one is the Primo Levi birth, one hundred years ago. The Royal Institution of United Kingdom designated the Italian writer as the best one in science literature history. The Royal Institution designed the Primo Levi's book, *Il Sistema Periodico* (The Periodic System), as the best one in science literature, also. In my talk I'll speak about Primo Levi and his interpretation of the Periodic System.



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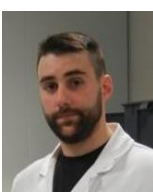



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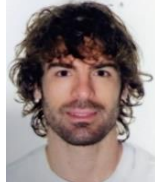


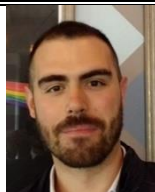

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