



# Program

## 22nd Sede Boqer Symposium on Solar Electricity Production

### September 24-25, 2019

George Evens Family Auditorium

Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research

Sede Boqer Campus

**Organized by the Department of Solar Energy and Environmental Physics**

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*During the symposium, we will honor Prof. David Faiman  
on the occasion of his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday*

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## Tuesday, September 24, 2019

- 9:00 – 9:20** Arrival and Registration at the George Evens Family Auditorium, Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Midreshet Ben-Gurion)
- 9:20-10:00 Opening Greetings – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sede Boqer Symposium**
- Chair: Eugene Katz
- Gal deBotton**, Vice Rector, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- David Saltz**, Director of the Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental & Energy Research, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- Ela Strauss**, Ministry of Science and Technology
- Yael Harman**, Ministry of Energy
- 10:00-11:30 Session 1.1: Broad Perspectives and new ideas in photovoltaics**
- Session chair: Eugene Katz**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- 10:00-10:30 *Photovoltaics and Halide Perovskites* – Invited Talk  
**David Cahen**  
Weizmann Institute of Science (Rehovot) and Bar-Ilan University (Ramat Gan)
- 10:30-11:00 *Optical, Electrical and Electro-Optical Properties of MS<sub>2</sub> (M=Mo,W) Nanotubes* – Invited Talk  
**Reshef Tenne**  
Weizmann Institute of Science (Rehovot)
- 11:00-11:30 *Quantum simulations with artificial lattices in an STM and the relevance for real 2-D electronic materials* – Invited Talk  
**Daniel Vanmaekelbergh**,  
Utrecht University (The Netherlands); and T. Prins, and M. Alimoradi Jazi, Utrecht University (The Netherlands); A. J. Houtepen, Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands); W. Heiss, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen (Germany) and C. Delerue, UMR CNRS (France)
- 11:30-11:45 Coffee break**
- 11:45-12:30 Session 1.2: Keynote Talk**
- Session chair: Gary Hodes**, Weizmann Institute of Science
- From Perovskite Solar Cells to Modules and Panels*  
**Aldo di Carlo**  
“Tor Vergata” University of Rome
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch – Student Club**
- 13:30-14:30 Poster session I in lobby of Evens Auditorium**
- 14:30-15:50 Session 1.3: Perovskite-based Photovoltaic Materials and Devices**
- Session chair: Iris Visoly-Fisher**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- 14:30-15:00 *Why do bromide perovskite solar cells have a larger voltage loss than iodide ones?* – Invited Talk  
**Gary Hodes**, Weizmann Institute of Science (Rehovot)

- 15:00-15:30 *Towards more stable hybrid perovskite solar cells: unravelling the bulk and interface-induced degradation mechanisms – Invited Talk*  
**Pavel Troshin**  
Institute for Problems of Chemical Physics of RAS and Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology; Azat F. Akbulatov, RAS; Alexandra Boldyreva, Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology; Mohamed Elnaggar, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology; Olga Yamilova, Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology and RAS; Keith Stevenson, Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology (Russia)
- 15:30-15:50 *How to assess the operational stability of perovskite solar cells?*  
**Eugene Katz**,  
Mark Khenkin, Iris Visoly-Fisher (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) and Monica Lira-Cantu ICN2, CSIC and The Barcelona Institute of Science and Technology (Spain)
- 15:50-16:10** **Coffee break**
- 16:10-17:00** **Session 1.4: Keynote Talk**  
Session chair: **David Cahen**, Weizmann Institute and Bar-Ilan University  
*Photovoltaic Research and Technology: Current Status and Future Prospects*  
**Martin Green**  
University of New South Wales
- 17:00-18:20** **Session 1.5. Round table discussion “Perovskite-based photovoltaics: prospects vs challenges”**  
Chairs: **Iris Visoly Fisher** and **Eugene Katz**  
17:05-17:20 *The Ministry of Science in support of alternative energy sources*  
Dr. **Ela Strauss** (Israel Ministry of Science and Technology)  
17:20-18:20 **Panel Participants:** Aldo di Carlo, Martin Green, David Cahen, Gary Hodes, Pavel Troshin, Eli Yablonovitch  
**Free time (final registration, room check-in)**
- 19:00-20:15** **Festive dinner -** Lobby French Associates Institute for Agriculture & Biotechnology Drylands Building [#25]
- 20:30-21:30** **Concert – A Festive Evening of Musical Delights: A Potpourri of Folk Songs, Including Sicilian folk songs by Giacomo Meyerbeer.**  
Introduction by Sivan Rotem, “David Faiman – The Meyerbeer Knight”  
**Sivan Rotem** (Soprano), **Oded Shoub** (Guitar) and **Inbar Solomon** (Recorder)

## Wednesday, September 25, 2019

<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Arrival at the George Evens Family Auditorium, Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Midreshet Ben-Gurion), (and checking out of rooms)</b>
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	<b>Two parallel sessions</b>
	<b>Session 2.1a: Thermosolar</b> location: Evens Auditorium
	Session chair: <b>Daniel Feuermann</b> , Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
9:00-9:30	<i>From particles and solar heat to power, design issues</i> – Invited Talk <b>Gilles Flamant</b> Benjamin Grange and Omar Behar, PROMES-CNRS (France)
9:30-10:00	<i>Solar electricity and storage with a lithium-air thermo-electro-chemical cycle</i> – Invited Talk <b>Abraham Kribus</b> Tel Aviv University; Michael Epstein, Tel Aviv University
	<b>Session 2.1b: Organic Photovoltaics</b> location: Albert Katz International School, Classroom 1.
	Session chair: <b>Pavel Troshin</b> , Institute for Problems of Chemical Physics of RAS and Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology
9:00-9:30	<i>Metal Oxide Interlayers for Organic Photovoltaic Devices and Modules</i> – Invited Talk <b>Morten Madsen</b> , University of Southern Denmark; Mehrad Ahmadpour, Andre L. Fernandes Cauduro, Mina Mirsafaei, Vida Turkovic and Horst-Günter Rubahn, University of Southern Denmark; Roland Resel, Graz University of Technology (Austria); Brian Julsgaard and Peter Balling, Aarhus University (Denmark); Andreas K. Schmid, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (U.S.A.); and Nadine Witkowski, Sorbonne Université (France)
9:30-10:00	<i>Additive-assisted Stabilization of Organic Solar Cells</i> – Invited Talk <b>Vida Turkovic</b> University of Southern Denmark; Michela Prete, University of Southern Denmark; Mikkel Bregnhøj, Aarhus University (Denmark); Liana Inasaridze, IPCP of Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia); Dmytro Volyniuk, Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania); Philipp Obrezkov, Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology (Russia); Juozas Vidas Grazulevicius, Kaunas University (Lithuania); Sebastian Engmann, Theiss Research and National Institute of Standards and Technology (USA); Horst-Günter Rubahn, University of Southern Denmark; Pavel A. Troshin, IPCP and Skolkovo Institute (Russia); Peter Remsen Ogilby, Aarhus University (Denmark) and Morten Madsen, University of Southern Denmark
<b>10:00-10:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

**10:15-11:00 Session 2.2: Keynote Talk**Session Chair: **Daniel Vanmaekelbergh**, Utrecht University*Mass Production of Thin-Film Single-Crystal GaAs Solar Cells***Eli Yablonovitch**

University of California - Berkeley

**11:00-12:00 Session 2.3. New Materials, Devices and Ideas for Solar Energy conversion (1)**Session Chair: **Rodolphe Vaillon**, University of Montpellier

11:00-11:30

*Quantum separation between free-energy and heat for cost-effective base-load solar energy generation – Invited Talk***Carmel Rotschild**, Technion Institute of Technology (Haifa)

11:30-12:00

*Photonic front structures for Efficiency and stability improvement of Silicon and Perovskite photovoltaics – Invited Talk***Manuel João Mendes**,

i3N/CENIMAT; Olala S. Sobrado, Sirazul Haque, Miguel F. Alexandre, Manuel M. Chapa, Pedro Centeno, Jenny Boane, Tiago Mateus, Ugur D. Menda, Hugo Águas, Elvira Fortunato and Rodrigo Margins, i3N/CENIMAT, Universidade Nova de Lisboa and CEMOP/UNINOVA (Portugal)

**12:00-13:00 Lunch – Student Club****13:00-13:40 Poster session II in lobby of Evens auditorium (TBD)****13:40-14:00 Session 2.4: Special talk**Session chair: **Lucien Yehuda Bronicki**, Ormat Industries Ltd*Could the World Stop Building New Fossil-Fueled Power Plants?***David Faiman**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**14:00-15:40 Session 2.5: New Materials, Devices and Ideas for Solar Energy conversion (3)**Session chair: **Carmel Rotschild**, The Technion

14:00-14:30

*Operando characterization of charge extraction profiles in semiconductor photoelectrodes with nanoscale resolution – Invited Talk***Gideon Segev**, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Tel-Aviv University and the Technion Institute of Technology (Israel); Hen Dotan, David S. Ellis, Yifat Piekner, and Dino Klotz, The Technion; Jeffrey W. Beeman and Jason K. Cooper, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (USA); Daniel A. Grave, The Technion; Chang-Ming Jiang, LBNL and Technische Universität München; Gregory Zaborski and Francesca M. Toma, LBNL (USA); Ian D. Sharp, LBNL and Technische Universität München; and Avner Rothschild, The Technion.

14:30-14:50

*Light Manipulation in silicon at Nanoscale for efficient light absorption in energy harvesting devices***Alina Karabchevsky**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- 14:50-15:10 *2D Materials for Atomically-Thin Photovoltaics – Invited Talk*  
**Ariel Ismach**  
 Tel Aviv University
- 15:10-15:30 *Progress in photoluminescence-based characterization of silicon bricks, wafers and modules,*  
**Ziv Hameiri**, University of New South Wales (Australia).

- 15:30-15:50 *Compact hybrid solar photovoltaic/thermal systems: recent progresses and remaining challenges – Invited Talk*  
**Alexis Vossier**  
 PROMES – CNRS (France); Dounia Ziyati, PROMES and Université de Perpignan; Alain Dollet, Gilles Flamant and Yann Volut, PROMES; Eugene A. Katz and Jeffrey M. Gordon, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)

**15:50 – 16:05 Coffee break**

- 16:05-18:30 Session 2.6: New Materials, Devices and Ideas for Solar Energy conversion (4)**  
 Session chair: **Gilles Flamant**, PROMES-CNRS

- 16:05 – 16:35 *Photovoltaic concentrators tailored to the special requirements of private commercial space missions – Invited Talk*

**Jeffrey M. Gordon**  
 Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Christian J. Ruud and Noel C. Giebink, Pennsylvania State University (USA); Daniel Feuermann, Ben-Gurion University

- 16:35 – 16:55 *Aplanatic solar towers that increase concentration, reduce geometric losses, and permit ground-level receivers*

**Jeffrey M. Gordon**  
 Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Daniel Feuermann, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- 16:55-17:15 *Roadmap on thermophotovoltaics for solar energy conversion*

**Alejandro Data**  
 Technical University Madrid (Spain) and Rodolphe Vaillon, CNRS (France)

- 17:15-17:35 *Thermodynamic detailed balance of a single junction solar cell*

**Avi Niv**  
 Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Ido Frenkel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- 17:35-17:55 *Differentiating between mobile and non-mobile optically excited states in complex materials*

**David Ellis**  
 The Technion Institute of Technology, Daniel A. Grave, The Technion Institute of Technology; Dennis Friedrich, Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin für Materialien und Energie GmbH (Germany); Yifat Piekner, Asaf Kay and Hen Dotan, The Technion; Roel van de Krol and Fatwa F. Abdi, Helmholtz-Zentrum (Germany) and Avner Rothschild, The Technion

- 17:55-18:25 *Graphitic Carbon Nitride Layers as Light-Harvesting Semiconductors for Photo-electrochemical Cells – Invited Talk*

**Menny Shalom**  
 Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- 18:25 Closing remarks and announcement of Poster Session Awards** (Daniel Feuermann)

- 18:40 Bus returns to Beer-Sheva**

## ABSTRACTS FOR THE POSTER SESSION

(In Alphabetical Order by Presenter)

***Poster Session – Day 1, September 24, 2019***

1. *Sunlight confocal photoluminescence spectroscopy of perovskite thin films*, **Georgios E. Arnaoutakis**, Natalya Samoylova, Mark V. Khenkin, Renjun Guo, Eugene A. Katz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
2. *Effective control of optical absorption in bilayer graphene nanomeshes by application of a transverse electric field or mechanical loadings*, **Leonid Chernozaotonskii**; Anastasiya Artyukh, Dmitry Kvashnin, Emanuel Institute for Biochemical Physics
3. *Breakdown of the static picture of defect energetics in halide perovskites: the case of the Br vacancy in CsPbBr*, **Ayala V. Cohen**, Weizmann Institute of Science; David A. Egger, University of Regensburg (Germany); Andrew M. Rappe, University of Pennsylvania (USA) and Leeor Kronick, Weizmann Institute.
4. *Effect of organic photovoltaic modules on top of a greenhouse tunnel on its microclimate*, **Maayan Friman Peretz**, Agricultural Research Organization at The Volcani Center and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Farhad Geoola, Volcani Center; Ibrahim Yehia, Triangle Research and Development Center; Shay Ozer and Asher Levi, Volcani Center; Esther Magadley, Triangle R&D Center, Roman Brikman and Lavi Rosenfeld, Volcani Center; Shely Gantz, Ministry of Agriculture; Avi Levy, Ben-Gurion University; Murat Kacira, University of Arizona (USA); and Meir Teitel, The Volcani Center.
5. *Metal-Organic Framework Based Photoelectrochemical Cells*, Raya Ifraemov, Ben Gurion University of the Negev; Dryalys Cardenas-Morcoso and Miguel Garcia-Tecedor, Universitat Jaume I (Spain), Itamar Liberman, Ben-Gurion University; Sixto Gimenez, Universitat Jaume I (Spain); and **Idan Hod**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
6. *Surface passivation of oxide selective contacts by ultra-thin metal nitride layer*, David Keller, **Anat Itzhak** and David Cahen, Bar Ilan University and Weizmann Institute of Science
7. *Can Self-healing kinetics in Halide Perovskites be related to their entropy?* **Naga Prathibha Jasti**, Bar-Ilan University; Davide Ceratti and Gary Hodes, Weizmann Institute of Science; David Cahen, Bar-Ilan and Weizmann Institute.
8. *How MnO Affects NiO as Hole-Selective Contact for Halide perovskite Solar Cells*, **Adi Kama**, Anat Itzhak, Isaac Buchine and David Cahen, Bar-Ilan University
9. *Sunlight concentration-dependent degradation of perovskite solar cells*, **Anoop K. Madhusoothanan**, Mark V. Khenkin, Eugene A. Katz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Yulia Galagan and Francesco Di Giacomo, Holst Centre-Solliance, Eindhoven (The Netherlands); Stav Rahmany and Lioz Etgar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; and Iris Visoly-Fisher, Ben-Gurion University.
10. *Greenhouse integrated organic photovoltaics*, **Esther Magadley** and Ibrahim Yehia, Triangle Research and Development Center; Meir Teitel, Maayan Friman Peretz, The Volcani Center, and Ben-Gurion University; Murat Kacira, The University of Arizona (USA).
11. *GaN/InGaN Multi-quantum-well solar cells under high solar concentration and elevated temperature for hybrid photovoltaic-thermal power plants*, **Gilad Moses**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Xuanqi Huang and Yuji Zhao, Arizona State University (USA); Eugene A. Katz and Jeffrey M. Gordon, Ben-Gurion University.
12. *Mapping the photocurrent and photovoltage of perovskite films at the nanoscale for stability studies*, **Chandra S. Pathak** and Iris Visoly-Fisher, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
13. *Roll-to-Roll processing of ITO-free non-fullerene based organic photovoltaic cells and modules using green solvents*, **Bushan R. Patil**, Jani Laminaho, Horst-Günter Rubahn and Morten Madsen, University of Southern Denmark.
14. *Two-step conversion of PbSe thin films to perovskites*, **Sa'ar Peled**, Maayan Perez, Dafna Meron and Yuval Golan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

15. *A New Two-Step Method Towards MAPbI<sub>3</sub> Perovskite Films*, **Maayan Perez**, Saar Peled, and Yuval Golan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
16. *The Erasmus Capacity Building Project for Higher Education 'Innovative Photonics Education in Nanotechnology - iPEN': Scopes and Actions*. **Konstantinos Petridis**, Hellenic Mediterranean University.
17. *Photochemical and Mechanical stabilization of organic solar cells using additives*, **Michela Prete** and Vida Turkovic University of Southern Denmark; Mikkel Bregnøj, Aarhus University (Denmark); Elisa Ogliani, Technical University of Denmark; Liana Inasaridze, IPCP Russian Academy of Sciences; Dmytro Volyniuk, Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania); Filipp Obrazkov, Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology, Moscow (Russia); Juozas S. Grazulevicius, Kaunas University of Technology; Sebastian Engmann, Theiss Research and National Institute of Standards and Technology (USA); Horst-Günter Rubahn, Univ. of S. Denmark; A. Ladegaard Skov, Tech. Univ. of Denmark; Pavel A. Troshin, IPCP of Russian Academy of Sciences and Skolkovo Inst. of Science and technology (Russia); Peter R. Ogilby, Aarhus University; and Morten Madsen, Univ. of S. Denmark.
18. *Initial stages of photodegradation of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite: accelerated study by concentrated sunlight*, Renjun Guo, Mark V. Khenkin, Georgios Arnaoutakis, **Nataliya Samoylova**, and Ambrose A. Melvin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Jeremy Barbe, Swansea University (United Kingdom); Iris Visoly-Fisher and Eugene A. Katz, Ben-Gurion University.

### **Poster Session – Day 2, September 25, 2019**

19. *Near-Field study of arrays composed of sub-wavelength non-imaging light concentrators*, **Ankit Chauhan** and Gil Shalev, Ben-Gurion University.
20. *Diffusive external light-trap for solar-cells*, **Ido Frenkel** and Avi Niv, Ben-Gurion University
21. *Luminescent solar power*, **Shimry Haviv**, Natali Revivo, Nimrod Kruger and Carmel Rothschild, The Technion, Israel Institute of Technology.
22. *Light trapping beyond the Yablonovitch limit with Light Funnel Arrays realized on Silicon-on-insulator*, **Sarah Sowmya Priya Konedana**, Eitan Vaida, Vitaly Viller and Gil Shalev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
23. *Is the Use of temperature differences in the photovoltaic panel profitable?* **Yonatan Marmary** and N. Hochberg, Meir Shfeya Youth Village; M. Schechter, University of Haifa.
24. *Light trapping with deep-subwavelength sidewall features in nanopillar arrays*, **Ashish Prajapati**, Yevgeny Faingold, and Shay Fadida, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Jordi Llobet, Mariana Antunes, Helder Fonseca, Carlos Calaza and João Gaspar, International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory, Braga (Portugal); Gil Shalev, Ben-Gurion University.
25. *Modulating the Photoelectrochemical properties of TiO<sub>2</sub> for cathodic and anodic water splitting*, **Vivek Ramakrishnan**, Kumoh National Institute of Technology (S. Korea) and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Hyun Kim, Kumoh National Institute of Technology, Gumi (S. Korea); and Bee Lyong Yang, Ben-Gurion University.
26. *A self-consistent calculation “hot” carriers and temperatures of an illuminated solar cell*. **Subhajit Sarkar**, Yonatan Dubi and Yonatan Sivan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
27. *Hybrid photoelectrochemical and photovoltaic cells for simultaneous production of chemical fuels and electrical power*, **Gideon Segev**, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (USA) and Tel Aviv University; Jeffrey Beeman, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Jeffrey B. Greenblatt, Lawrence Berkley, and Emerging Futures LLC (USA); and Ian D. Sharp, Lawrence Berkeley and Technische Universität München (Germany)
28. *Sensitivity analysis of parabolic trough collector in soltrace*, **Anupam Sharma**, School of Electrical Sciences, IIT Goa (India).
29. *Second Harmonic Generation From Nano-scaled Heterodimers*, **Maya Shor**, Esti Toledo, Shilpi Shital, Achyut Maiti, Yonatan Sivan, Mark Schwartzman and Avi Niv, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.