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Detailed Program

(K: Keynote, I: Invited, C: Contributed)

Day 1, 27th May, Monday

8:30 AM

Registration and Coffee

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| 9:30 AM | | Francois Legare | INRS-EMT, Université du Québec, Canada | Welcome Note |
| 9:40 AM | | Kulbir Ghuman | INRS-EMT, Université du Québec, Canada | CEMDI |
| 9:50 AM | | Chico Tongi | Toronto | A nod to art and science: Eco-conscious living |

Session I: Advancements in Sustainable Materials and AI

Chair: Francois Vidal

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| 10:00 AM | K | Normand Mousseau | Université de Montréal, Canada | Rethinking materials for a sustainable world |
| 10:30 AM | I | Jonathan Shock | University of Cape Town, South Africa | Rich Embeddings and Deep Understanding "?" |
| 11:00 AM | I | Laurent Karim Béliand | Queen's University, Canada | Machine-learning interatomic potentials through small-cell active learning: successes and challenges |

11:30 AM

Coffee Break (10 min)

Session II: Data-Driven Innovations in Materials Science

Chair: Chandra Veer Singh

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| 11:40 AM | I | Tom K. Woo | University of Ottawa, Canada | Flies in the ointment of materials databases: How common are structures with serious errors? |
| 12:10 AM | I | Hartmut Schlenz | Forschungszentrum Juelich, Germany | Machine learning for the prediction of physical properties of cubic oxide perovskite |
| 12:40 AM | I | Daniel Packwood | Kyoto University, Japan | Data science for stem cell science and bio-marker sensor research |

1:10 PM

Lunch (1 hour)

Session III: Machine Learning for Catalyst Design

Chair: Alex Hernandez-Garcia

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| 2:10 PM | I | Pierluigi Cesana | Kyushu University, Japan | Fully automatized optimization of ring-opening reactions in lactone derivatives via 2-step machine learning |
| 2:40 PM | C | Parastoo Agharezaei | INRS-EMT, Université du Québec, Canada | CuNi-based single-atom alloy catalysts for nitrogen reduction reaction: A DFT study |

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| 3:00 PM | C | Mehdi Shamekhi | Concordia University, Canada | Machine learning assisted screening and DFT characterization of bimetallic alloy catalysts for the nitrogen reduction reaction |
| 3:20 PM Coffee Break (20 min) | | | | |
| Session IV: Computational Innovations in CO₂ Capture Technologies | | | | Chair: Paul O'Brien |
| 3:40 PM | I | Aleksandar Staykov | Kyushu University, Japan | Design of Direct Air Capturing Polymer Membranes Using First-principle Simulations and Machine Learning |
| 4:10 PM | I | Josette El Haddad | National Research Council, Canada | Sensing solutions show the way for clean energy advances and decarbonised industries |
| 4:40 PM | I | Conrard G. T. Feugmo | University of Waterloo, Canada | Computational screening for improved electrochemical CO ₂ capture |
| 5:10 PM | C | Tanay Sahu | York University, Canada | Unlocking Metal Surface Charges for Green CO ₂ Capture: A First-Principle Study |

Day 2, 28th May, Tuesday

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| Session I: Advancements in Sustainable Materials and AI | | | | Chair: Sergei Manzhos |
| 9:00 AM | I | Chandra Veer Singh | University of Toronto | Design and optimization of energy materials using high throughput DFT computations and AI techniques |
| 9:30 AM | I | Linh Thi Hoai Nguyen | Kyushu University, Japan | Applied math for AI-driven design of photo-resisting polymers |
| 10:00 AM | I | Hector Orozco, Bertha Vazquez, Julien Robitaille, Francis Quintal | Clemex Technologies Inc., Canada | Making automated image analysis simple with AI |
| 10:30 AM | I | Alex Hernandez-Garcia | Mila, Université de Montréal, Canada | Crystal-GFN: generative machine learning to discover materials with desirable properties and constraints |
| 11:00 AM Coffee Break (10 min) | | | | |
| Session II: Data-Driven Innovations in Materials Science | | | | Chair: Jonathan Shock |
| 11:20 AM | I | Sergei Manzhos | Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan | Hybrid approaches to machine learning from small datasets for applications from materials informatics to large-scale DFT |
| 11:50 AM | I | Edern Menou | Safran Tech Inc., France | Machine-learning and thermodynamics-driven alloy design for high temperature aerospace applications |
| 12:20 PM | I | Normand Mousseau | Université de Montréal, Canada | Challenges and advances in the modeling of activated processes: how focusing on energy surfaces allows to better understand the temporal evolution of physical systems |

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| 12:50 | C | Zhiwen Chen | University of Toronto | Theoretical design of High entropy alloy catalysts |
| 1:10 PM Lunch (1 hour) | | | | |
| Session III: Machine Learning for Catalyst Design | | | Chair: Gabriel Antonius | |
| 2:10 PM | I | Kirk H. Bevan | McGill University, Canada | The machine learning driven design of single atom alloys for catalysis through physically compressed electronic structure descriptors |
| 2:40 PM | I | Takaya Fujisaki | Shimane University, Japan | A Strategy to Reduce the Activation Barrier in Methane Dissociation Reactions Using Ni Nanoparticles on CeO ₂ Based on First-Principles Calculation |
| 3:10 PM | C | Xue Yao | University of Toronto, Canada | Structural Self-Regulation-Promoted NO Electroreduction on Single Atoms |
| 3:30 PM | C | Samuel Lemay | UQTR (IRH), Canada | Simulations numériques de catalyseurs moléculaires pour la production d'hydrogène |
| 3:50 PM Coffee Break (10 min) | | | | |
| Session III: Computational Exploration of Thin Film Materials | | | Chair: Kirk Bevan | |
| 4:00 PM | I | Grace Wei | Encellin Inc. | Polymeric thin film applications in healthcare: enabling living medicine. |
| 4:30 PM | C | Brahim Ahammou | INRS-EMT, Université du Québec, Canada | Exploring SiN _x Thin Film Deposition and Mechanical Properties Through Molecular Dynamics |
| 4:50 PM | C | Youssef Ouldhnini | INRS-EMT, Université du Québec, Canada | Composition-Structure-Mechanical Properties Relationship of Amorphous Hydrogenated Silicon Nitride |
| 5:10 PM | C | Daniel Gueckelhorn | INRS-EMT, Université du Québec, Canada | Strain-induced enhancement of surface self-diffusion on strontium titanate (001) surfaces |

Day 3, 29th May, Wednesday

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| Session I: Advancements in Sustainable Materials and AI | | | Chair: Anderson Avila | |
| 9:00 AM | I | Gabriel Antonius | Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières | Machine learning assisted canonical sampling for hydrogen storage materials |
| 9:30 AM | C | Hao Sun | Queen's University, Canada | An interatomic potential for sodium and chlorine in both neutral and ionic states |
| 9:50 AM | C | Nasim Soltani | INRS-EMT, Université du Québec, Canada | A Regularized Reputation Mechanism for Enhanced Fairness in Federated Learning |

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| 10:10 AM | C | Yasser Bouchareb | INRS-EMT, Université du Québec, Canada | Screening binary alloys for CO2 photo capture using GNN |
| 10:30 AM | C | Jiapeng Zhang | University of Toronto | Dual Model Carbon Engineering in Kilogram-scale Si/C Composites for Stable Lithium Storage |
| 10:50 AM | Coffee Break (10 min) | | | |
| Session II: IEEE lectures | | | Chair: Alain Pignolet | |
| 11:00 AM | I | Clara Santato | Polytechnique Montreal, Canada | IEEE lecture |
| 11:30 AM | I | Shervin Vakili | INRS-EMT, Université du Québec, Canada | IEEE Lecture |
| 12:00 PM | RCS Oral Presentation Awards | | | |
| 12:10 PM | Closing Remarks | | | |