

## Joint Physics Colloquium – TOP-SET Seminar

Le jeudi 29 mars 2018, 14h45  
Des rafraîchissements seront servis dès 14h15  
Complexe de recherche avancée, pièce 233  
Université d'Ottawa, 25, rue Templeton  
\*Le séminaire se déroulera en anglais.\*

Thursday, March 29, 2018, 2:45 p.m.  
Refreshments to be served starting at 2:15 p.m.  
Advanced Research Complex, room 233  
University of Ottawa, 25 Templeton Street

### How to make a career out of floating, melting, counting and black tape

Jeff Dahn, Dalhousie University

**Abstract:** Many believe that "rocket science", complex mathematics, massive computers and "hot topics" like "nano" and "machine learning" are required for scientific breakthroughs. By contrast, I have made a career doing simple things which have led to over 60 patents and many breakthroughs. I will show how things that one learns in first year physics and first year chemistry have been applied to make major advances in lithium-ion battery technology.

**Bio:** Jeff Dahn is recognized as one of the pioneering developers of the lithium-ion battery that is now used worldwide in laptop computers and cell-phones. Dahn's recent work has concentrated on increasing the energy density, improving the lifetime and lowering the cost of lithium ion batteries. He is the author of over 640 refereed journal papers and co-inventor of 65 inventions with patents issued or filed. Jeff Dahn obtained his B.Sc. in Physics from Dalhousie University (1978) and his Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia in 1982. He then worked at the National Research Council of Canada (82-85) and at Moli Energy Limited (85-90) before taking up a faculty position in the Physics Department at Simon Fraser University in 1990. He returned to Dalhousie University in 1996. Jeff Dahn has always interacted strongly with industry. During his years at Simon Fraser University, he collaborated strongly with the R+D team at NEC/Moli Energy Canada (Now E-One/Moli Energy Canada). Dr. Dahn took up the NSERC/3M Canada Industrial Research Chair in Materials for Advanced Batteries at Dalhousie University in 1996 and held that position until 2016. In June 2016, Dr. Dahn began a 5-year research partnership with Tesla Motors/Energy as an NSERC/Tesla Canada Industrial Research Chair.



**TOP-SET** est un programme de formation FONCER du CRSNG en puissance optoélectronique ayant pour but de façonner une cohorte de personnel hautement qualifié détenant des connaissances approfondies en systèmes optoélectroniques pour joindre les rangs d'équipes de recherche et développement.

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