## Materialwissenschaftliches

## Kolloquium

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## Chemist vs. Nature: the challenge who is the best

The rapid advancements in technology are inevitably connected with the development of new materials, ranging from polymeric materials over semiconductors to alloys. On the other hand, nature has already developed long ago highly-efficient mechanisms on the nanoscale for various applications. In this talk, I will discuss how the chemist can learn from nature in order to synthesize functional materials for energy conversion<sup>1</sup> and storage<sup>2</sup>.

Besides the discussion of the required material size, the focus will be on the dimensionality (1D and 2D) for the target application. The scope of the talk will also include the importance of recycling to achieve a sustainable life-cycle on the example of biomaterials, derived from lignin, as environment-neutral sorbents for recovery of cobalt.

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