I am Krzysztof Fic, a chemical engineer and electrochemist working at Poznan University of Technology. My academic path has been shaped by research, collaboration, and a commitment to contributing to the life of the academic community. I graduated in Chemical Process Engineering at Poznan University of Technology in 2008, and soon after earning my master's degree I joined the Department of Applied Electrochemistry, where I have worked ever since. I earned my PhD in 2012, received my habilitation in chemical sciences in 2020, and was promoted to full professor in 2024. Since 2010, I have also been a member of the International Society of Electrochemistry.

My research focuses on electrochemical systems for energy storage and conversion -an area of growing importance for the future of technology, sustainability, and society. Through my work on processes at the porous electrode/electrolyte interface and operando analysis, I have contributed to advancing understanding of redox-active systems and their application to pseudocapacitive energy storage. I believe research should bring together scientific rigor, innovation, and practical relevance, serving both knowledge and the public good.

My international experience has come through collaboration with research groups in Europe and Asia, including short internships in 2011 at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Orléans, France, and the Heyrovsky Institute in Prague. From 2013 to 2015, I spent six months at Solvay in Brussels. In 2015, I received a research award from the Embassy of the French Republic in Warsaw, which led to continued collaboration with the Institut de Science des Matériaux de Mulhouse from 2016 onward. These opportunities have allowed me to learn from others, share experience, and build lasting academic partnerships.

In 2017, I was awarded a Starting Grant from the European Research Council, becoming the first scientist from a Polish technical university to receive this distinction. In 2023, I secured a second ERC grant under the Proof-of-Concept scheme.

Over the years, I have presented my work at conferences across Europe, North and South America, Asia, and Australia, including more than 70 oral presentations and 20 posters.

On 1 August 2019, I was appointed Specially Appointed Professor at Kansai University in Japan. This experience gave me the chance to work in a different academic environment and to bring that perspective back to my home institution. Japan is now my second home.

I am co-author of more than 80 peer-reviewed publications, cited over 4,000 times, and co-inventor on more than 27 patents, with 7 additional patent applications pending. I treat this work as part of a broader effort to contribute to knowledge, innovation, and practical solutions.

Beyond my professional work, I value curiosity, integrity, and a broad view of the world. My interests—from prime and twin numbers to German philosophy, fin de siècle literature, and the poetry of Emily Dickinson and Wisława Szymborska—have shaped the way I think about responsibility, dialogue, and academic life. They continue to inform my approach to leadership, which I see as rooted in cooperation, respect, and steady work for the community.