

# Advanced Energy Storage

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## Objectives

Engage in dialogue with the goal of accelerating high-risk/high-reward research.

Identify and analyze bottlenecks to advance fundamental understanding of energy storage and develop approaches for breakthroughs.

Build a creative, better-networked community that is more likely to produce breakthroughs.

Form teams to write proposals to seed novel projects based on highly innovative ideas that emerge at the conference.

## Process

Brainstorming is welcome; don't be afraid to say what comes to mind.

Consider the possibility of unorthodox or unusual ideas without immediately dismissing them.

Discuss, build upon and constructively criticize each other's ideas – in a spirit of cooperative give and take.

Make comments concise to avoid monopolizing the dialogue.

## Diversity, Inclusion and No Harassment

Research Corporation for Science Advancement fosters an environment for listening and considering new ideas from a diverse group, with respect for all participants without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age or any other aspect of how we identify ourselves other than as fellow scientists.

RCSA does not tolerate any form of harassment, which could include verbal or physical conduct that has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with anyone else's participation or performance at this conference, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment; any such harassment may result in dismissal from the conference.

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# Scialog: Advanced Energy Storage

## From the President

Welcome to Research Corporation's 2019 *Scialog: Advanced Energy Storage* meeting. This is the third of three Scialog meetings on this theme. We are delighted to have the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation join Research Corporation as a cosponsor of Scialog this year.

The goal of this Scialog is to catalyze theorists, computational scientists, and experimentalists across multiple disciplines to collaborate on developing new and innovative projects to accelerate fundamental science to drive advances in energy storage.

Scialog's over-arching purpose is to help solve real-world problems of global significance by catalyzing innovative, basic research leading to fundamental discoveries. Our focus is on scientists in the early years of their independent careers. Through the unique Scialog process, we seek to lay the foundation for an ongoing, highly creative, cross-disciplinary community of energy scientists that will prove adept at identifying exciting areas for research advances.

To that end, under the guidance of Program Directors **Richard Wiener**, **Silvia Ronco**, and **Andrew Feig** (Research Corporation) and **Evan Michelson** (Sloan Foundation), we hope you will be engaged in passionate discussions with colleagues, many of whom you will have met for the first time at Scialog. The process may even push you out of your comfort zone with the goal of stimulating new and better ideas. The result, we expect, will be a meeting unlike others that you attend. We are confident that you will find the next few days to be extremely worthwhile.

This is your opportunity to air that wild idea you have been reluctant to share with others, or to discuss a nagging hunch that does not yet have sufficient supporting data, or to take a leap on a high-impact/high-risk project instead of concentrating all your effort on somewhat more "incremental" studies. This is the time to come up with, and be open to, completely new ideas that may truly change the world.

We hope this third meeting on this topic yields a crop of outstanding team proposals, which will make our job of determining who receives funding very challenging. I wish you every success in exploring new and compelling ideas over the next few days.

Have a terrific meeting!

**Daniel Linzer**

President

Research Corporation for Science Advancement

## From the Program Director

This year Research Corporation and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation are cosponsoring the third annual meeting of *Scialog: Advanced Energy Storage*. Research Corporation's highly interactive Scialog meetings have the goal of catalyzing new collaborations based on blue-sky ideas among Scialog Fellows who constitute a highly select group of exemplary early career U.S. scientists. The emphasis is on dialogue, networking, and building new collaborations to pursue novel, high-risk discovery research. The third meeting is an exciting opportunity for returning Fellows to once again experience the unique aspects of Scialog and for new Fellows to add their ideas to discussions.

Research Corporation and the Sloan Foundation chose to focus on advanced energy storage because we believe this critical area of science requires major breakthroughs in fundamental understanding of electrochemical and physical processes that will lead to a new era of technological advance. Just as firmly, we believe these breakthroughs can be accelerated by chemists, engineers, material scientists and physicists working collaboratively on novel, high-risk projects, particularly with theorists and experimentalists combining efforts.

We have one outstanding keynote speaker:

**Yiyang Wu**, The Ohio State University

Along with **Yiyang**, we have a team of terrific discussion facilitators: **Sarbajit Banerjee**, Texas A&M University, **George Crabtree**, Argonne National Laboratory, **Nancy Haegel**, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, **Prashant Kamat**, University of Notre Dame, **Karl Mueller**, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, **Kyusung Park**, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, **Amy Prieto**, Colorado State University, and **Stan Whittingham**, Binghamton University.

We are delighted **Stan**, who shared the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on Li-ion batteries, also will give a talk.

**Evan Michelson**, a Program Director at the Sloan Foundation, is looking forward to interacting with Fellows and Facilitators.

Scialog meetings focus on dialogue and team building with the goal of creating novel strategies and collaborative approaches. An important feature is the opportunity for Scialog Fellows to form teams and write proposals to pursue particularly creative ideas that emerge through the dialogue. We hope this competition is exciting, but regardless of which proposals are funded, the primary purpose is to catalyze a deeper and more meaningful exchange of ideas than ordinarily occurs at scientific conferences. Our intent is for this process to help participants gain new insights and connections that significantly advance efforts to understand fundamental science to enable major advances in energy storage.

We hope each participant finds the Scialog experience of great value. Please do not hesitate to provide feedback on how to make the conference better. My fellow Program Directors, **Andrew Feig** and **Silvia Ronco**, the RCSA staff, and I are here to help make the meeting a great experience!

**Richard Wiener**

Senior Program Director

Research Corporation for Science Advancement

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## Conference Agenda Westward Look Resort November 14-17, 2019

### Thursday, November 14

2:00 pm	<b>Registration Opens</b>	Lobby
1:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>Snacks &amp; Informal Discussions</b>	Palm Room & Terrace
5:00 - 6:30 pm	<b>Poster Session &amp; Reception</b>	Sonoran Ballroom
6:00 - 6:30 pm	<b>Meeting for Discussion Facilitators</b>	Saguaro Ballroom
6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>Dinner</b>  <b>Welcome</b> Dan Linzer, <i>President, RCSA</i> Evan Michaelson, <i>Sloan Foundation</i>  <b>Conference Overview, Desired Outcomes &amp; Guidelines for Collaborative Proposals</b> Richard Wiener, <i>RCSA</i>  <b>Introductions</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
8:30 - 11:00 pm	<b>AES Starlight Café</b> Snacks, conversations, beverages, etc.	Palm Room & Terrace

### Friday, November 15

7:00 - 8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	Palm Room & Terrace
8:00 - 8:45 am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> How Super is "Superoxide" Battery? Yiyi Wu, <i>The Ohio State University</i>	Ocotillo & Cholla
8:45 - 9:00 am	<b>Breakout Sessions Overview</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
9:00 - 10:15 am	<b>Breakout Session I</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla*
10:15 - 10:35 am	<b>Report Out</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
10:35 - 11:15 am	<b>Conference Photo &amp; Morning Break</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
11:15 - 11:45 am	<b>Mini Breakout Session I</b>  <b>Facilitators Debrief</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Palm Room & Terrace
1:00 - 1:45 pm	<b>2018 Team Presentations</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
1:45 - 3:00 pm	<b>Breakout Session II</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla*
3:00 - 3:20 pm	<b>Report Out</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
3:20 - 3:50 pm	<b>Mini Breakout Session II</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
3:50 - 5:15 pm	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
5:15 - 6:45 pm	<b>Poster Session &amp; Reception</b>	Sonoran Ballroom
6:45 - 8:30 pm	<b>Dinner</b>  <b>After-Dinner Talk</b> Stan Whittingham, <i>Binghamton University</i>	Ocotillo & Cholla
8:30 - 11:00 pm	<b>AES Starlight Café</b> Snacks, conversations, beverages, etc.	Palm Room & Terrace

**Saturday, November 16**

6:45 - 7:30 am	<b>Optional Guided Nature Walk</b>	WL Trails—Meet in Lobby
7:00 - 8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	Palm Room & Terrace
8:00 - 8:45 am	<b>2018 Team Presentations</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
8:45 - 9:15 am	<b>Mini Breakout Session III</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla*
9:15 - 9:45 am	<b>Morning Break</b>	
9:45 - 11:00 am	<b>Breakout Session III</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla*
11:00 - 11:20 am	<b>Report Out</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
11:20 - 11:50 am	<b>Mini Breakout Session IV</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla*
11:50 am - 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Palm Room & Terrace
1:00 - 6:00 pm	<b>Team Formation, Informal Discussion &amp; Proposal Writing</b> Proposals due 6:30 am Sunday morning	
6:00 - 6:30 pm	<b>Reception</b>	Santa Catalina Ballroom
6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>Dinner</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
7:30 - 11:00 pm	<b>AES Starlight Café</b> Snacks, conversations, beverages, etc.	Palm Room & Terrace

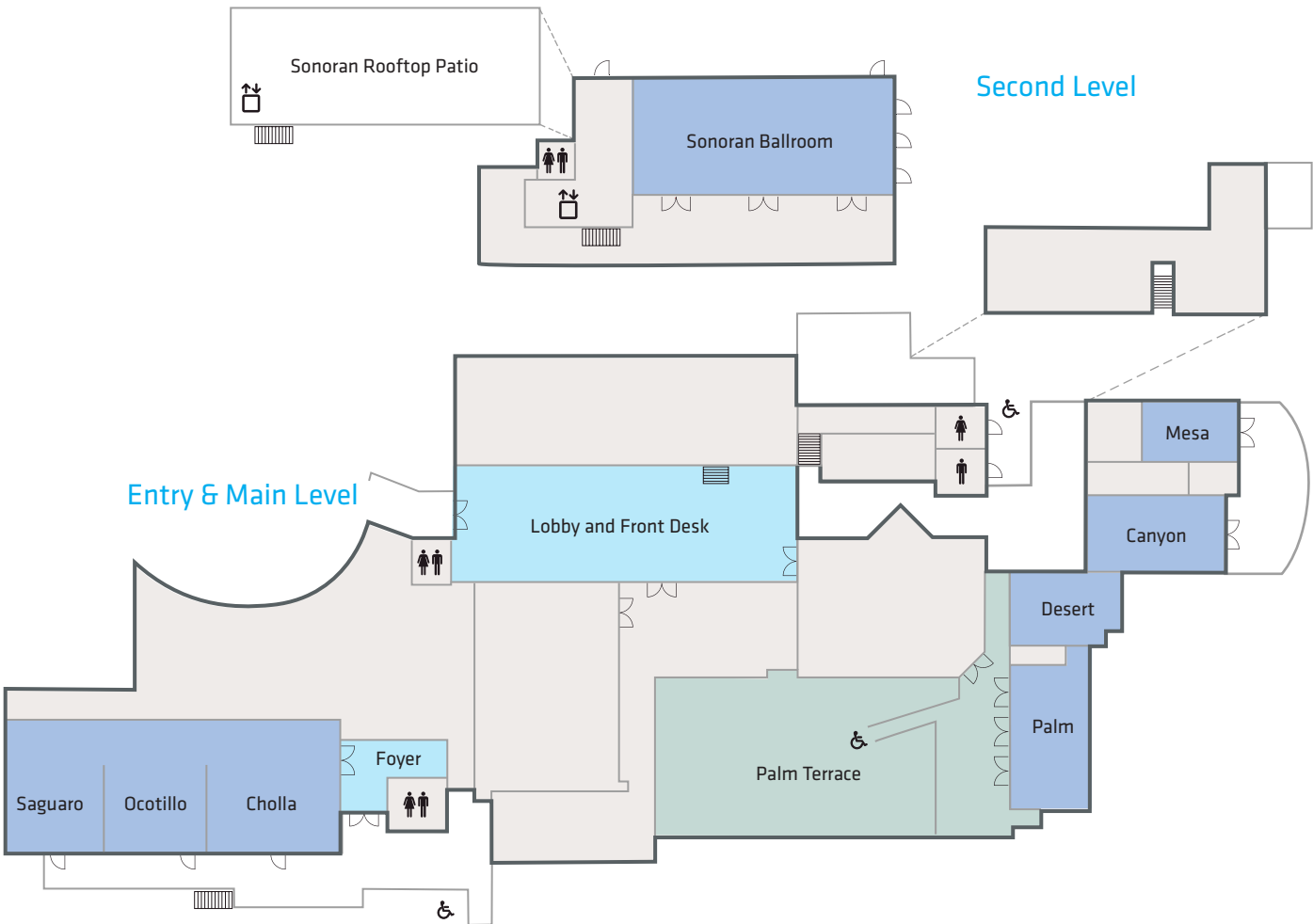
**Sunday, November 17**

6:30 - 7:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	Palm Room & Terrace
7:30 - 11:00 am	<b>Presentations of Proposal Ideas</b> <b>Assessment Survey &amp; Wrap-up</b>	Ocotillo & Cholla
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> Available to go	Saguaro Room

\*Breakout Sessions will be held in Ocotillo & Cholla, Desert, Canyon, Mesa, and Saguaro meeting rooms. Fellows will first meet in Ocotillo & Cholla and then disperse to their discussion groups.

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## Keynote Speakers

How Super is  
“Superoxide” Battery?**Yiying Wu***The Ohio State University*

**Abstract:** Due to the lack of adequate energy storage, the current electricity infrastructure faces the daunting task of continually balancing electrical supply with demand, and the electrical grid has to be designed to support peak load levels. Therefore, developing low-cost and high-performance batteries is vital for electrical grid levelling and regulating the energy output of intermittent solar and wind energy. In this talk, I will show how the basic chemistry that we have learned in high school was used to inspire the idea of the K-air battery and why this battery holds promise for the large-scale grid storage. The key step was the recognition of superoxide chemistry in addressing the sluggish kinetics of oxygen redox. The one-electron K-air battery has elegantly solved the kinetic challenge in oxygen reduction and evolution without using electrocatalysts. Moreover, potassium has advantages in abundance (1.5 wt % in Earth's crust vs. 0.0017 wt % for Li) and fast  $K^+$  ion transport kinetics in electrolyte. Therefore, K-air Battery has the great potential of providing a more cost-effective, energy-efficient, non-toxic solution than other existing battery technologies. I will discuss the existing challenges and review our recent progresses that involve oxygen chemistry, electrolyte designs, interphase controls and solid state ionics.

**Bio:** Yiying Wu received his B.S. in chemical physics from the University of Science and Technology of China in 1998, and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in 2003 with Prof. Peidong Yang. He then did his postdoctoral research with Prof. Galen D. Stucky at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and joined the chemistry faculty at The Ohio State University in the summer of 2005. He was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2011 and to full professor in 2014. Since 2017, he has been appointed as the Leet Endowed Chair. He has been serving as an associate editor for ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces since 2013. His group focuses on materials chemistry and interface synthesis for energy conversion and storage. He is the inventor of the one-electron K-O<sub>2</sub> battery and pioneered solar batteries that integrate solar harvesting with energy storage. He received Cottrell Scholar Award in 2008, NSF CAREER Award in 2010, CAPA Biomatik Distinguished Faculty Award in 2014, Franklin County Commissioner's Award in 2014, *Midwest Energy News* "40 under 40" in 2015, *Nano Research* Top Paper Award in 2019, and ACS Akron Award in 2019. His invention of K-air battery received DOE Clean Energy Prize in 2014.

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## 2018 Scialog AES Funded Teams

### **Water in Redox Active Ionic Liquid (WIL) Electrolytes for Energy Storage**

Kah Chun Lau, physics, California State University, Northridge

Tianbiao (Leo) Liu, chemistry, Utah State University, UT

Yuan Yang, physics, Columbia University

### **Solid Electrolyte Interphase (SEI) “Skin Grafts”**

Candace Chan, materials science, Arizona State University

Anne Co, chemistry, The Ohio State University

Hui (Claire) Xiong, materials science, Boise State University

### **e-COBRA: eutectic Co-deposition Based Rechargeable Anodes**

Lauren Marbella, chemical engineering, Columbia University

Partha Mukherjee, mechanical engineering, Purdue University

Venkat Viswanathan, mechanical engineering, Carnegie Mellon University

### **Probing the Mechanistic of a Molecularly Tailored Solid/Solid Interface**

Beth Guiton, chemistry, University of Kentucky

Partha Mukherjee, mechanical engineering, Purdue University

Luisa Whittaker-Brooks, chemistry, University of Utah

### **Scaling the Sensitivity Gap to Probe Interfaces of High-Voltage Cathodes**

Bryan McCloskey, chemical and biomolecular engineering, University of California, Berkeley

Louis Piper, physics, Binghamton University

### **Solid Electrolytes with Entropy-Enhanced Ionic Conductivity and Stability for High-Energy-Density Lithium Batteries**

Shyue Ping Ong, nanoengineering, University of California, San Diego

Yan-Yan Hu, chemistry, Florida State University

Yuan Yang, physics, Columbia University

## 2019 Proposal Guidelines & Collaborative Awards

### Scialog: Advanced Energy Storage

1. Awards are intended to provide seed funding for teams of two to three Scialog Fellows formed at this conference for high-impact projects.
2. Two-page proposals should describe the project and the role of each team member. No budget is necessary. A third page may be used for references.
3. Awards will be in the amount of \$50K direct funding, plus a small percentage for overhead, for one year.
4. No Scialog Fellow can be a member of more than two teams. If a Scialog Fellow is a member of two teams, other members of the two teams must be different. No team can submit more than one proposal.
5. No Scialog Fellow who previously has won a Scialog Collaborative Award can be a member of more than one team. The other team members must be different from the members of the previously awarded team.
6. Teams cannot include members who have previously collaborated with one another.
7. Teams are encouraged (but not required) to
  - a) Include at least one theorist or computational scientist and one experimentalist.
  - b) Include members from different disciplines.
8. Proposals must be submitted electronically by Sunday morning at 6:30 am. Instructions for electronic submission will be provided at the meeting.
9. Awards will start in early 2020.

# Scialog: Advanced Energy Storage

## Scialog Fellows

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*Redox chemistry and transport in inorganic solids across length scales.*

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*Interested in understanding fundamental electrochemical processes in catalysis and energy storage and developing operando tools.*

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*1) Lithium-metal batteries (solid-state and liquid); 2) Design of 3-D electrode architectures; 3) Interfacial Engineering using ALD.*

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*Spectroscopic measurements of interfacial phenomena, with special attention to interfacial electric fields and ionic structure and dynamics.*

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*Proton-coupled electron transfer; Quinones in batteries; Photoinduced processes in chemistry and biology.*

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*Electrocatalysis, electrodeposition, energy conversion.*

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*Understanding solid|solid interfaces for all solid state batteries.*

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*Transition metal-oxide clusters, Synthesis, Redox flow batteries.*

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*Computationally- and data-driven design of novel mechanisms, chemistries, and materials for energy generation and storage.*

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*NMR/MRI of energy materials.***Bryan McCloskey** [bmcclosk@berkeley.edu](mailto:bmcclosk@berkeley.edu)

UC Berkeley

*Li-ion cathode interfaces, fast charging, low temperature battery operation, electrolyte design.***Matthew (Matt) McDowell** [mattmcdowell@gatech.edu](mailto:mattmcdowell@gatech.edu)

Georgia Tech

*Materials transformations in batteries, interfaces, in situ characterization, chemo-mechanics.***James McKone** [jmckone@pitt.edu](mailto:jmckone@pitt.edu)

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University of Kentucky

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University of Kentucky

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*Solid-state and solution phase inorganic chemistry of multivalent and multielectron battery systems beyond Li-ion.***Linsey Seitz** [linsey.seitz@northwestern.edu](mailto:linsey.seitz@northwestern.edu)

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*Controlled material synthesis and in situ spectroscopic investigation of materials and reaction mechanisms for production of renewable fuels.***V. Sara (Sara) Thoi** [sarathoi@jhu.edu](mailto:sarathoi@jhu.edu)

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*Framework materials for energy storage and conversion.***Emily Tsui** [etsui@nd.edu](mailto:etsui@nd.edu)

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*My research interests are in chalcogen redox chemistry in bioinorganic active sites and at nanomaterials surfaces.***Zachary (Zach) Ulissi** [zulissi@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:zulissi@andrew.cmu.edu)

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*Computational modeling of atomic and electronic scale processes in energy storage and conversion materials.*

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*Synthesis of functional metal-organic framework (MOFs) materials for energy storage and conversion.*

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*Batteries for electrification of transportation, electrocatalysis for renewable synthesis.*

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*Design and probing of battery materials and interfaces using novel characterization methods such as multimodal imaging and spectroscopies.*

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