

Advanced Characterisation of Energy Materials

21 April 2021

Agenda & Programme



Welcome by Prof Pam Thomas

CEO, The Faraday Institution



'I am delighted to welcome you to the 2021 Advanced Characterisation of Energy Materials on behalf of the Faraday Institution.'

I hope that you'll enjoy the day, and have the opportunity to develop further contacts within this research community.'

[The Faraday Institution](#) is the UK's independent institute for electro-chemical energy storage research, skills development, market analysis, and early-stage commercialisation. It brings together research scientists and industry partners on projects with commercial potential that will reduce battery cost, weight, and volume; improve performance and reliability, and develop whole-life strategies including recycling and re-use.

Professor Pam Thomas is Chief Executive Officer of the Faraday Institution and her biography can be found [here](#).

Welcome by Prof Serena Corr



I'd like to warmly welcome you on behalf of FutureCat to the Advanced Characterisation of Energy Materials event. This event is co-hosted by FutureCat and Henry Royce Institute at the University of Sheffield and follows on from successful events held in Sheffield over the past two years.

The aim of this 2021 virtual event is to showcase Advanced Characterisation facilities and expertise, sparking collaboration opportunities for the future.'

[The Faraday Institution's](#) collaborative [FutureCat](#) project has set out to develop cathode materials to drive the transition towards electric vehicles. FutureCat is a consortium of 5 academic institutions (Universities of Sheffield, Oxford, Lancaster, Cambridge, and UCL) together with 9 industry partners.

[About Us](#)

Prof Serena Corr (Principal Investigator of FutureCat) is Chair of Functional Nanomaterials and Director of Research at the Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering at the University of Sheffield and leads the Energy Storage Research Centre. Her research addresses the rational design and morphology control of energy storage materials, particularly their structure-performance interplay (including high Ni-content cathodes and high capacity electrodes). She is an international leader in the battery community, directing several multi-institutional research programmes, serving on international advisory boards, publishing in high-impact journals and proactively engaging public interest in next-generation batteries.

The Henry Royce Institute at the University of Sheffield

Dr Nik Reeves-McLaren, Senior Lecturer in Energy Materials, University of Sheffield welcomes you all on behalf of the Henry Royce Institute at the University of Sheffield.

‘Henry Royce Institute at the University of Sheffield are delighted to co-host this 2021 event with FutureCat, and look forward to developing further networks amongst the Advanced Characterisation research community.’

The University of Sheffield is a partner of the Henry Royce Institute for advanced materials, which has been established to develop and capitalise on the UK's world-leading excellence in advanced materials research.

The Henry Royce Institute at the University of Sheffield has developed capabilities to deliver a step-change in the discovery and making of new material systems, enabling concepts development from early, fundamental research right through to translation to industry and covering Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) one to six.

Our strengths include alloy development, powder processing, post production powder optimisation, additive manufactured part design and build, and materials characterisation and testing.

[Henry Royce Institute at the University of Sheffield](#)

Advanced Characterisation of Energy Materials Workshop

Wednesday 21 April 2021

Agenda

9.20	Greetings/Log in	
9.30	Welcome by Professor Pam Thomas	CEO, The Faraday Institution
9.35	Professor Louis Piper	University of Warwick
10.05	Professor Beverley Inkson	University of Sheffield
10.35	Flash Presentations PhD/Post Doctoral Researchers	
11.05	Refreshment break	
11.20	Professor Nigel Browning	University of Liverpool
11.50	Dr Siân Dutton	University of Cambridge
12.20	Focus on Capability (Parallel sessions)	Bruker & Malvern Panalytical
13.00	Lunch break	
14.00	Panel session, chaired by Professor Serena Corr	Professor Andy Beale, Finden Gareth Hinds, NPL Paolo Melgari, CPI Professor Andrea Russell, Southampton University
15.00	Dr Christina Bock	National Research Council Canada
15.30	Close	

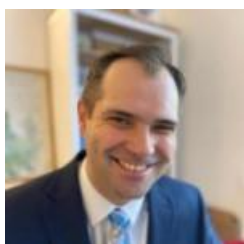
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Slack link: [Join Slack](#)

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Speakers



Professor Louis Piper, Professor of Electrochemical materials
at University of Warwick

***‘Shining (Synchrotron) Light on Oxygen in Li-Rich Battery Cathodes:
What can RIXS and HAXPES tell us?’***



Professor Beverley Inkson, Professor of Nanostructured Materials and
Director of the Sheffield NanoLAB and a Research Theme Leader on the
FutureCat project at the University of Sheffield

***‘3D Batteries – Challenges of through the length-scales microscopy and
analysis’***



Professor Nigel Browning, Director of the Albert Crewe Centre for
Electron Microscopy at the University of Liverpool

***‘Imaging Nanoscale Battery Materials and Processes by Atomic Resolu-
tion and Operando Scanning Transmission Electron Microscopy’.***

Full abstracts can be found on the [FutureCat website](#)

Speakers



[Dr Siân Dutton](#), [University of Cambridge](#), Reader in Physics and SolidState Chemistry at the Cavendish Laboratory, and a Research Theme leader on the FutureCat project.

‘Orientation Glass Formation and its role in Photo-Induced Halide Segregation in $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Pb}(\text{Cl}_x\text{Br}_{1-x})_3$ ’

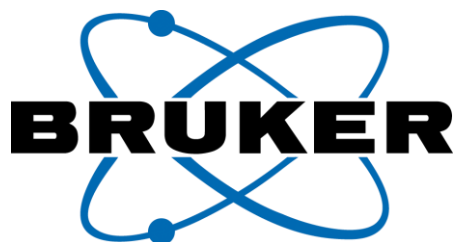


[Dr Christina Bock](#), [National Research Council, Canada](#)

‘Research on NMC cathodes’

Full abstracts can be found on the [FutureCat website](#)

Capability sessions



‘How AFMs are used for characterisation of next generation energy and storage materials.’

The Bruker practical session will explore the application of atomic force microscopy based techniques in characterisation of next generation energy and storage materials. The Bruker AFM application scientist will perform a live demonstration on the electrical conductivity of graphene based structures using the Dimension IconXR AFM, as well as cover a range of techniques used for electrical and electrochemical characterisation of energy and storage materials.



**Malvern
Panalytical**
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Live demonstration of high-quality in operando X-ray diffraction analysis of pouch cell lithium-ion batteries

In this session Malvern Panalytical will give an introduction and live demonstration of in situ and in operando measurements with our Empyrean X-ray diffraction system. Pouch cell batteries can be used in combination with hard X-rays in transmission geometry to perform in situ and in operando studies during charge/discharge cycles and for aging studies. It is then possible to correlate variations in the crystallographic structure of the elements in the cell directly with the amount of Lithium incorporated in the electrodes. Moreover, the efficiency of the GaliPIX3D detector can considerably improve data quality.

Please note: If you have NOT already registered for either of these sessions, you will be able to attend, but please be aware that your contact name and email address will be shared with Bruker/Malvern Panalytical depending on which session you attend. You will be able to unsubscribe from their mailing list at any time in the future. If you do not wish to attend either session, please take an extended lunch break.

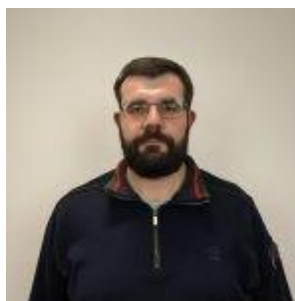
Panel Members

Panel Chair: Prof Serena Corr

Our special guests for a panel discussion include:



Professor Andy Beale,
Chief Scientific Officer
Finden



Paolo Melgari,
Principal Scientist
Centre for Process Innovation (CPI)



Gareth Hinds,
Science Area Leader in
Electrochemistry
NPL



Professor Andrea Russell,
Professor of Physical Electrochemistry,
University of Southampton

Zoom Details for the Advanced Characterisation 2021

We are asking you to complete a short registration via Zoom with your name and email address to enable us to keep track of attendance at the event.

Once you have registered via Zoom you will receive the joining link for the event.

Please contact futurecat@sheffield.ac.uk.

Main session (9.20 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.)

Zoom Registration

Meeting ID: 932 7962 5836

Passcode: AdvChem21

Bruker Capability session (12.20 - 13.00 p.m.)

Zoom Registration

Meeting ID: 995 4704 1838

Passcode: BrukerAd21

Malvern Panalytical Capability session (12.20 - 13.00 p.m.)

Zoom Registration

Meeting ID: 846 5745 8651

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