



## Battery Seminar 2026

### Jul. 14, 2026: Day 1 – Battery Training Tutorials

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open
8:00 am – 8:25 am	Breakfast with Networking
8:25 am – 8:30 am	Welcome Note
8:30 am – 9:30 am	<p><b>Tutorial A: Advances in Electrolyte and Additive Design for Next-Generation Lithium Metal Batteries</b>            Professor Zhenan Bao and Elizabeth Zhang – Stanford University</p> <p>This tutorial will highlight recent advances in electrolyte engineering for high-energy lithium metal batteries, including our group's latest developments in solvent design. I will also discuss complementary additive strategies that enhance interphase stability, improve Coulombic efficiency, and extend cycling life. Attendees will gain an integrated perspective on electrolyte–electrode interfacial control.</p>
9:30 am – 10:30 am	<p><b>Tutorial B: TBA</b>            TBA</p>
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Coffee with Networking
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p><b>Tutorial C: Tracking Cathode Degradation in Real Time Using Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS), Dynamic EIS, and Distribution of Relaxation Times (DRT)</b>            Assistant Professor Regina Garcia-Mendez – Johns Hopkins University</p> <p>Cathode degradation often begins as subtle impedance growth before capacity fade is obvious. This tutorial shows how to diagnose degradation mechanisms using Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS), including dynamic EIS collected during battery cycling, and interpret overlapping processes with the Distribution of Relaxation Times (DRT), which converts frequency data into a distribution of time constants. We will also highlight emerging joint-domain (hybrid) impedance spectroscopy for solid-state batteries (SSBs), which combines time- and frequency-domain data to enable much faster measurements.</p>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch with Networking
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	<p><b>Tutorial D: Insights from Monitoring Battery Expansion During the Formation Cycle</b>            Associate Professor Jason Siegel – University of Michigan</p> <p>This talk will explore the correlation among the formation protocol, the first-cycle coulombic efficiency, the first-cycle irreversible battery expansion, and cycle life. We show that monitoring changes in battery thickness can provide key insights into this critical last stage of manufacturing.</p>
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<p><b>Tutorial E: TBA</b>            TBA</p>
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Coffee with Networking
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<p><b>Tutorial F: TBA</b>            Celina Mikolajczak – Industry Advisor</p>
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>Wrap-Up (Summary &amp; Conclusions)</b>
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Chairperson: Dr. John Warner – Chief Customer Officer at American Battery Solutions

## Jul. 15, 2026: Day 2 – Energy Storage Systems in eMobility Applications

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration Open
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast with Networking
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Solid State Battery Commercialization, Challenges and Opportunities</b> Alvaro Masias – Ford
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>Electrolyte Motion Induced Salt Inhomogeneity in Cylindrical and Prismatic Cells</b> Julian Bigi – BMW North America
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Propulsion System Architectures</b> Oliver Gross – Stellantis
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Coffee with Networking <b>Sponsored by MACCOR</b>
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>TBA</b> Rod Zastrow – Bye Aerospace
11:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Certification-Grade Energy Storage for Electric Aviation</b> Robin Amisse – H55
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Powering Vertical Lift – The Critical Battery Requirements Separating Hybrid from All-Electric eVTOLs</b> Phil Gow – Horizon Aircraft
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch with Networking
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Liquefied Gas Electrolytes for Advanced Li-ion Cells Towards Future Aviation Applications</b> Cyrus Rustomji – South 8 Technologies
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>TBA</b> Alex Yu – Factorial Energy
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>TBA</b> TBA
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Coffee with Networking <b>Sponsored by MACCOR</b>
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>TBA</b> TBA
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Advanced Separators and Metal Management – Benefits of Less Metal on the Anode</b> Brian Sisk – Sepion Technologies
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>TBA (Sponsored Talk Available – Contact Us)</b> TBA
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>TBA (Sponsored Talk Available – Contact Us)</b> TBA
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Cocktail Reception with Industry Networking</b>

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## Jul. 16, 2026: Day 3 – North American Battery Supply Chain Build-up

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast with Networking
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Yes, You Can Build a Successful and Globally Competitive Battery Value Chain in North America</b> Ken Hoffman – Traubenbach
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>Scaling the Silicon Battery Era – From Materials Innovation to Global Manufacturing</b> Rick Costantino – Group14 Technologies
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Advances in Solid State Battery Technology Applications</b> Adrian Tylim – Blue Solutions
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Coffee with Networking
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>TBA</b> TBA
11:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>TBA</b> Jared Pyland – Tinci Materials
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Building Iron-Based Cathodes at Speed in the US</b> Maxwell Kushner-Lenhoff – Mitra Chem
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch with Networking
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>TBA (Sponsored Talk Available – Contact Us)</b> TBA
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Reindustrializing the Energy Transition – Building a Collaborative, Resilient Battery Value Chain</b> Mujeeb Ijaz – Our Next Energy
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>TBA</b> Rachael Barritt – magniX
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Coffee with Networking
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>TBA</b> Tim DeBastos – LG Energy Solution
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>TBA</b> TBA
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>TBA</b> TBA
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Closing Comments / End of Seminar

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## Location – Battery Seminar 2026

Holiday Inn San Jose – Silicon Valley  
1350 North 1st Street  
San Jose, CA 95112 USA  
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## Pricing

January 1, 2026	Registration Opens
January 1, 2026 – May 09, 2026	Early Bird: \$999/day, \$1299/2 days or \$1499/3 days
May 10, 2026 – July 04, 2026	Regular: \$1099/day, \$1399/2 days or \$1699/3 days
July 05, 2026 – July 16, 2026	Late: \$1199/day, \$1499/2 days or \$1799/3 days

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## Program Outline

This seminar will provide an entire day of in-depth technical tutorials on solid-state batteries, next-gen anodes and cathodes, battery diagnostics, failure modes and best design practices for cell engineering, etc.

These presentations will be accompanied by complementary industry updates offered by subject matter experts from major multinational OEMs, Tier 1 suppliers and battery manufacturers. Topics will cover several existing battery chemistries and any specific performance requirements driven by their applications, challenges in bringing these batteries to volume production, recent advances for resiliency in the provision of metals and minerals, and securing a robust North American supply chain.

The seminar will also host an evening reception where attendees will have plenty of opportunities for industry networking.

## Questions?

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