

NSF I/UCRC Proposal: Center for Bio-inspired Electrocatalysis

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NSF I/UCRC Proposal in 2016





State-of-the-art laboratories



How does an I/UCRC Work?

- IAB & Universities identify industry's technology needs.
- University scientists propose research projects.
- IAB votes to prioritize and fund projects.
- Principle Investigators (PIs) provide IAB with periodic updates.
- Universities review status to IAB semi-annually.

Electrocatalysis Focus in Utah











Bio-inspired Electrocatalysis

D407 F103 **Carbon Dioxide Reduction** to Methanol heme o3 F112 **D**-channel F243-K-channel E286 Hydrogen Hydrogen ROH source MeOH source CO_2 HCOOH → HCOOR Catalyst 3 Catalyst 1 Catalyst 2 Through redox mediator multifunctional MOF A Direct attachment TCO electrode surface UAIE Silue o

Bio-inspired Water Oxidation



Bioelectrocatalysis for Fuel Oxidation and CO₂ Reduction

Nitrogenases for Carbon Dioxide Reduction



Metabolic Engineering on an Electrode

Building Channels between Catalytic Active Sites



 CO_2 SH N_2 Proton coupled Oxidative Reductive Hydride transfer electron transfer addition elimination H_2 H_2 HN SH SH C_3H_6 C_2H_2

HCOOH

CH₄

 NH_3



Novel Methods for Evaluating Electrocatalysis

Ability to Prepare Electrode for Size Selective Metal Clusters



Scanning Probe Techniques for Evaluating Electrocatalytic Surfaces

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e^{-} E_{s} Scanning Probe Evaluation of Bioelectrocatalysis and Bio-inspired Electrocatalysis

Mapping electrochemical activity

on heterogeneous surfaces





- Network with industry peers.
- Access to students with relevant hands-on experience.
- Collaborate with scientists on innovative energy products and processes.
- Member research dollars are leveraged.
- Prepublication access to technical papers.
- Easier access to other NSF research funding.
- Access to intellectual property.



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