Institute for Functional Imaging of Materials (IFIM)

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Guiding the design of materials tailored for functionality





Dynamic matter: information dimension



Functional matter



Imaging: The big picture

Our scientific paradigm is shifting from the classical concept of synthesis-characterization-theory-computation to include data mining, correlative functional imaging, and local theoryexperiment matching of multi-dimensional (multi-modal), spatially and temporally resolved information

ORNL has unique strengths in:

- Physics and chemistry on the atomic scale in real space
- Mesoscale structure and functional probing
- Big data and predictive theories: biggest computation effort

Now is the time to bridge physical imaging with theory via big data and data analytics



Advancing the Science and Technology of Imaging ORNL's Institute of Functional Imaging of Materials



Goals:

- Coordinate imaging development effort across groups, divisions, directorates
- Strengthen imaging framework to overcome barriers for entering new research areas
- Enhance the core strengths of imaging programs, including facilities and instrumentation, and identify strategic needs
- Foster synergy between imaging programs and establish critical links with computational sciences and theory
- Tap into collective imaging expertise to offer imaging solutions
- Identify high priority areas for imaging related research

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Physics from atomic scale images

- 1912 Laws of Diffraction (Braggs)
- Pair correlation functions: average atomic positions, site compositions, thermal vibrations
- Shaped the way generations of physical scientists think
- Many systems do not comply to simple symmetry-based descriptions: nanoscale phase separations, morphotropic systems, quazicrystals, spin and cluster glasses

Opportunities for atomic imaging:

- Structure beyond scattering
- Structure-property correlations on single atom level
- Integration with predictive theory



Atomic scale: beyond scattering

Level 0: Illustration

- Two materials
- Sharp coherent interface
- Higher atomic number to the right



Level 2: Local Analysis



Phase |

Phase II,

Phase II,

orientation 1

orientation 2

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- Two ferroelectric domains
- •⁶ Bent domain boundary

Next step: local structure-property relationships

STM image of (11) at L-He



The defect preserves lattice continuity, but is associated with change in molar volume and lattice parameter - Guinier-Preston zone. Superconductivity is suppressed at the defect.



Next step: local structure-property relationships ... and chemistry



Mn atoms in layered ruthenate Sci. Rep. 2013



Big data: Atomic-Scale Structure and Functionality



Need new language:

- 1. What are structural descriptors?
- 2. How do we define local symmetry, phases and ferroic variants?
- 3. How do we introduce and quantify translational symmetry?

What do we learn:

- 1. Structure-property relationship on single atom, molecule, and defect level
- 2. Feedback to theory through microscopic degrees of freedom
- 3. Input to Materials Genome

Deep Data: Exploring Local Degrees of Freedom



Atomistic Imaging



Mesoscale Imaging



Smart Data: From Human to Automatic Systems



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Bias (V)

Shifting scientific paradigm

- Classical scientific method: Observation \rightarrow Hypothesis \rightarrow Verification
- **Big data in theory:** new opportunities for science (e.g. Materials Genome)
- Structural + functional Imaging: big data in experiment



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Imaging Challenges



Imaging challenges

- Challenge 1: Can local structures be measured in time and space, and be correlated with macroscopically-averaged functional behaviors?
- Challenge 2: Can local functional properties be probed and manipulated, and can this knowledge be extrapolated to macroscopic assembly scales?
- Challenge 3: Can we establish the link between local structure and functionalities and predictive theories on the level of microscopic degrees of freedom?

ORNL Institute for Functional Imaging of Materials (IFIM) will provide the pathway to address these challenges through integration of multimodal imaging techniques with big- and deep data analysis



Imaging: Physics, chemistry, and materials science on atomic scale

- For 100 years atomic structure of matter has been available only through scattering
- The progress in electron and scanning probe techniques now enables determination of atomic positions with better than 10-pm precision
- Associated spectroscopies provide insight into local functionalities on single molecule, defect, and bond level

How do we collect, combine, systematize, and interpret this data and integrate it with predictive theory?



Imaging: The challenge of mesoscale

- Neutron and X-ray tomography yields unprecedented view of structure and chemistry of hard, soft, and living matter in 3D, often dynamically.
- Establish synergy between atom probe effort and ORNL's core strengths in materials and other areas of structural and functional imaging
- Integration of imaging data from multiple channels/techniques (e.g. neutrons + XRD, atom probe + (S)TEM, tomographic information + high resolution 2D data)

How do we analyze multimodal 3D structural data and link it to macroscopic functionalities?



Imaging: Chemical imaging

- How do we develop probes for specific aspects of chemical, electrochemical, and biological functionality,
- How do we develop and enable appropriate instrumental platforms, and improve their resolution
- Applications to artificial and stochastic combinatorial libraries

How do we combine data of different nature, from multiple imaging sources and differing length scales







IFIM: why ORNL

- World leading electron microscopy effort: uniquely qualified staff and cutting edge tools, and have the opportunity to tie it in in unique science- and information driven program
- One of the biggest SPM groups in North America: unique opportunities to link to chemical imaging and chemical detection modes
- Neutron imaging and Atom probe: Opportunity to tie to basic physical and biological sciences

- World-class computation science effort
- Big data and analytics: biggest computation effort in DOE



Imaging at ORNL

- Physics from atomic scale images: probe and electron microscopy (A. Borisevich, MST)
- Describing the mesoscale: energy and information dimensions (*S. Jesse, CNMS*)
- Chemical imaging: from structure to functionality (*O. Ovchinnikova, CSD*)
- Neutron imaging (H. Bilheaux, SNS)

- Big data:

- Machine learning
- Genetic algorithms
- Image analysis



MD
Phase field

Probe Microscopy



Chemical imaging

Electron Microscopy Neutron Scattering





Harnessing predictive power through computational materials science

- Over the past decade, computing power has increased by a factor of 1,000
- In the same period, software advances have added another factor of 1,000 for many applications
- This million-fold increase provides access to length scales, time scales, and numbers of particles that transform our ability to understand and design new materials
- This has profound implications for the pace of discovery and the creation of new technologies

ORNL's 27-petaflop supercomputer





- A diverse computing and data ecosystem
- Matrix staff with expertise in computing and data science
- Focused on the technical computing needs of the scientific and engineering R&D communities across ORNL
- Supporting many projects today across ORNL

Expert Services

Human Computer Interaction



Infrastructure



Simulation, Data Analysis, Visualization

Scalable I/O backplane







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