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Paving the Way for Materials Design

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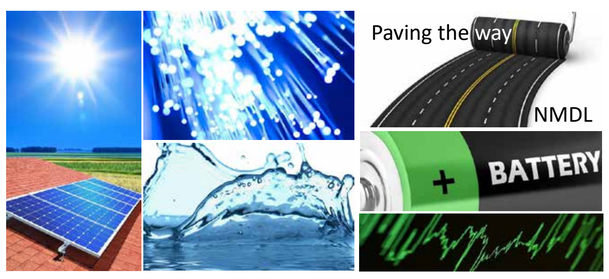
1 Materials Design ～Paving the Way for Materials Design～

Property-Structure Relationship for Materials Design

What kind of Structures?
How to bring about the Properties

Property ⟷ Structure

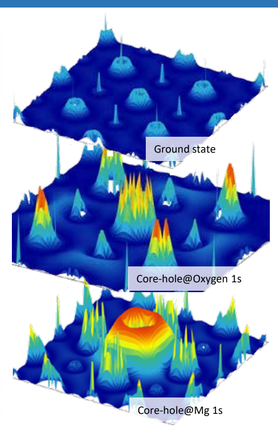
Relationship



Much higher performance and higher reliability are now required to the materials to achieve further technology developments. In case of electroceramics, such as multi-layer ceramic capacitor and varistor, the size of grains in devices becomes smaller and smaller, and further property improvements of each grain and grain boundary are desired. To achieve this, clarification of atomic and electronic structures and finding the way to improve their properties are indispensable.

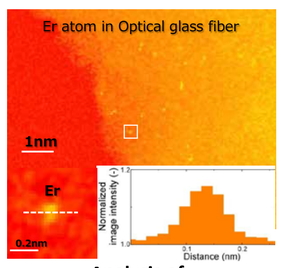
In our group, atomic and electronic structure are investigated by combining electron energy loss spectroscopy (EELS), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), first principles calculation. By combining these methods, atomic and electronic structures and their relationships with materials properties can be unraveled.
Particularly, superlattice, ionic liquid, Li-ion battery, photovoltaic cell, electroceramics, and glass are investigated.

2 Seeing Atoms & Bonding

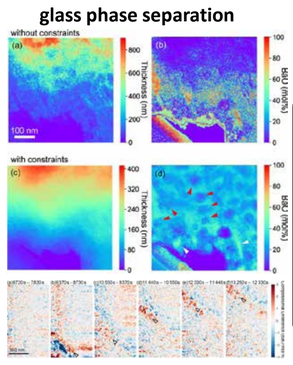


We are investigating electron-energy-loss near-edge structures (ELNES) and X-ray absorption near-edge structures (XANES) from experimental and theoretical viewpoints. ELNES and XANES originate from the electron transition from a core orbital to unoccupied bands. Their spectral features reflect the partial density of states of unoccupied bands, which contains information on the atomic and electronic structures.
Experimentally, spatial- and time- resolved ELNES can be obtained at high accuracy by STEM-EELS.
On the other hand, theoretical calculation is necessary to interpret the experimental spectrum. Including effect of core-hole, which is introduced by electron transition from core-orbital to conduction band, is indispensable to calculate spectrum structures correctly.

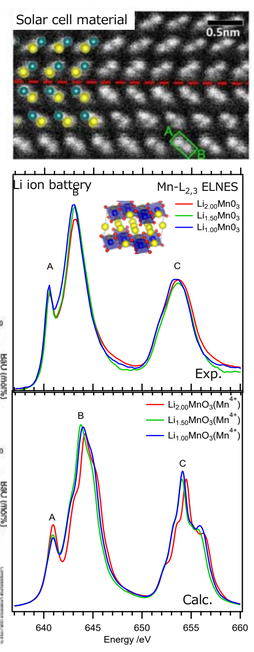
Atomic resolution analysis of glass



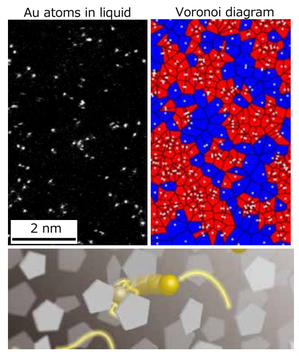
Analysis of glass phase separation



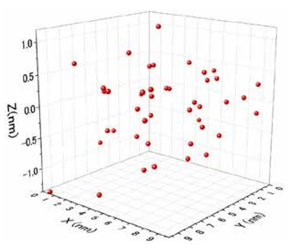
Analysis of energy materials



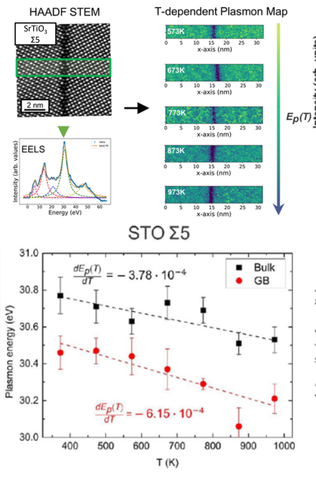
Atomic resolution analysis of liquid



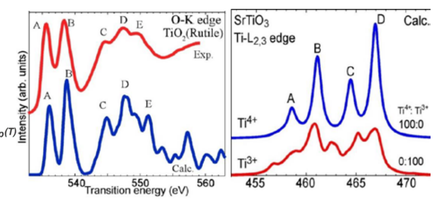
3D dynamics of liquid



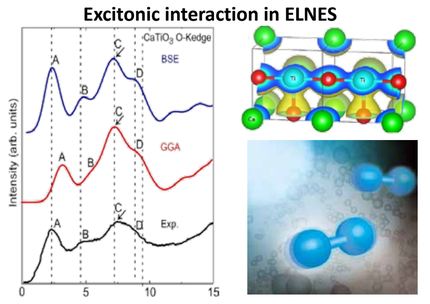
Analysis of thermal expansion at grain boundaries



Single, Excitonic, Multiplet in ELNES



Excitonic interaction in ELNES



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3 Understanding the Role of Atoms and Electrons in Materials

Core-loss spectra database

Structure from core-loss spectra

Properties from core-loss spectra

Properties from electronic structure

Prediction of gain boundary properties

Development of fast method to determine interface structure

To design materials properties, we are investigating atomic and electronic structures quantitatively by performing high-precision simulations of atomic structures such as interfaces and lattice defects, which have a great impact on the functions of materials, and core excitation spectra, which show a variety of shapes reflecting electronic states. In addition, from the viewpoint of materials informatics, where information science is used for materials research, we are working on the creation of a large and systematic database of core-excitation spectra and interfaces, and on the prediction and understanding of structure-function relationships by utilizing various machine learning methods.

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