Obtaining and Using 3D Material Structure Information: Collection Techniques and Analysis Strategies

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Abstract

Over the past ten years there have been significant advances in developing methods that provide quantitative data describing the structure, crystallography and chemistry of grain-level microstructures in three dimensions (3D). The subsequent analysis and representation of this information can provide modeling and simulation efforts with a highly-refined and unbiased characterization of specific microstructural features. However, the developments in the techniques used to collect and analyze 3D data remain to be only a laboratory reality. The ‘tricks-of-the-trade’ are still largely empirical and are often a ‘learn-as-you-go’ process. The measurement sensitivities associated with these 3D experiments are only now being considered in a quantitative fashion (i.e. resolution effects on feature shape).

This seminar will serve as a review of the current ‘state-of-the-art’ in terms of (1) data collection and processing and (2) quantitative 3D structure characterization, with the goal being to provide a shortening of the learning curve for the new 3D investigator. The following topics will be discussed: tool selection, resolution effects, alignment techniques, feature identification methods, multi-modal data, etc. Along with analysis aspects such as: grain size and shape measurements, neighbourhood descriptions, extreme value analysis, texture and boundary analyses, error estimates, etc.

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