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Advancing Materials Discovery at Through Atomic-Scale Lattice and Electronic Insights

Abstract: A foundational goal of contemporary materials design is understanding how the interactions between atomic lattice, orbitals, charges, and spins drive their functional properties in order to more efficiently engineer new compounds with tunable behaviors. The superconducting nickelates are a premier example of how breakthroughs in materials synthesis and characterization techniques over the past decades have enabled the realization and discovery of new materials families. With the ability to directly probe both lattice and electronic structure down to the atomic scale, scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM) and electron energy loss spectroscopy (EELS) offer unique insights to build a holistic understanding of both the intrinsic physical properties in these materials as well as extrinsic effects which arise from their multistep synthesis. Here I will illustrate how close collaboration between materials theory, growth, and characterization both advances our understanding of this emerging family of superconductors and informs new strategies for improved synthesis.

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