FOUR REQUESTS from an Experimentalist to bold Theorists

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My Four Requests

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Literature protocol:

Assume hypothetical structure, then predict (e.g, via DFT) an interesting properties.

But does the assumed structure have a chance to exist?



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Exciting properties of impossible material

• **Optoelectronic** properties of 120 hypothetical ABX compounds (e.g. KCaN) were evaluated (literature) in assumed structures .We found (via DFT) most of these compounds would phase-separate into binaries.

• **Topolgical insulating** properties were predicted for LiHgAs, LiHgSb, NaHgAs etc (literature). We found these structures are thermodynamically unstable w.r.t. decomposition into binaries

Fermion quasiparticle in the SiO2- structure-type of BiO2.

• Harder-than-diamond cubic C3N4 proposed in literature (actually it is dynamically unstable in this crystal structure)

Global Space-Group Optimization (GSGO) Trimarchi & Zunger 2007 Phys Rev B)



Produce initial random generation, which becomes the parental population



Example of X-GSGO



Growth conditions



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Important Synthesis Rules

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Rules for QM Synthesis

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Substrates are Important

"Indeed, to achieve the objective of 'psuedomorphic stabilization,' the researcher should make the attempt to choose the substrate ..."



Epitaxial Stabilization



E.S. Machlin and P. Chaudhari, "Theory of 'Pseudomorphic Stabilization' of Metastable Phases in Thin Film Form," in *Synthesis and Properties of Metastable Phases*, edited by E.S. Machlin and T.J. Rowland (The Metallurgical Society of AIME, Warrendale, 1980), pp. 11-29.

Commercial Perovskite Substrates



BaRuO₃ Polymorphs





C.Q. Jin, J.S. Zhou, J.B. Goodenough, Q.Q. Liu, J.G. Zhao, L.X. Yang, Y. Yu, R.C. Yu, T. Katsura, A. Shatskiy, and E. Ito, "High-Pressure Synthesis of the Cubic Perovskite BaRuO₃ and Evolution of Ferromagnetism in $ARuO_3$ (A = Ca, Sr, Ba) Ruthenates," *PNAS* **105** (2008) 7115–7119.

Example – BaRuO₃ / SrTiO₃

- Epitaxially stabilized for ≤ 5 unit cells
- No octahedral rotations
 (2.5% compressive strain → tetragonal)







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Rules of B. Matthias for discovering new superconductors

- high symmetry is best
 peaks in density of states are good
 stay away from <u>oxygen</u>
- 4. stay away from magnetism
 - 0

6. stay away from theorists

5. stay away from insulators



Scanned at the American Institute of Physics

From Steve Girvin's lecture (Boulder Summer School 2000) courtesy of Mike Norman via Matthew Fisher





Matthias' Rule

Team up with Theorists



Thin-Film Synthesis

Provide useful Feedback to Theory





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 g., Thin-Film Synthesis + ARPES)

Why Thin-Film Synthesis + ARPES ?

"Artificial" Quantum Materials



Example—Hidden Phases of LuFe₂O₄

Spin Configurations



J.A. Mundy, C.M. Brooks, M.E. Holtz, J.A. Moyer, H. Das, A.F. Rébola, J.T. Heron, J.D. Clarkson, S.M. Disseler, Z. Liu, A. Farhan, R. Held, R. Hovden, E. Padgett, Q. Mao, H. Paik, R. Misra, L.F. Kourkoutis, E. Arenholz, A. Scholl, J.A. Borchers, W.D. Ratcliff, R. Ramesh, C.J. Fennie, P. Schiffer, D.A. Muller, and D.G. Schlom, *Nature* **537** (2016) 523–527.

MBE ≈ **Atomic Spray Painting**





Evolution of MBE



Ist MBE Al Cho at Bell Labs, 1972

Production MBE Today (courtesy of TRVV)



Ist University MBE Cornell, 1978



Oxide MBE + ARPES



Angle-Resolved Photoemission Spectroscopy (Kyle Shen)

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MBE + ARPES

Titanates SrTiO₃ Sr₂TiO₄ LaTiO₃

Vanadates SrVO₃ LaVO₃ $SrVO_3$ / LaVO_3

Manganites $La_{1-x}Sr_{x}MnO_{3}$ SrMnO₃ $LaMnO_3$ / $SrMnO_3$

LaNiO₃ Cuprates $La_2CuO_4 T'$ $Sr_{1-x}La_{x}CuO_{2}$

Nickelates

Ruthenates RuO₂ SrRuO₂

Sr₂RuO₄ BaRuO₃ Ba₂RuO₄ CaRuO₃ Ca₂RuO $Pb_{2}Ru_{2}O_{6.5}$

Iridates IrO_{2} IrO_{2} / TiO_{2} SrIrO₃ Sr_2IrO_4 Ba₂IrO₄ Bi₂Ir₂O₇

Other Materials YbAl₃ LuAl₃ YbAl₃ / LuAl₃ BaBiO₃ BaSnO₃ BaPbO₃ FeSe



ARPES of BaRuO₃ / SrTiO₃



Quantum Well States in BaRuO₃

Thickness 3 unit cells



0.0

(0, 0)

Thickness 4 unit cells





Kyle Shen

- FM suppressed because of finite thickness?
- Or tetragonal distortion?

Thickness Dependence



How about Pyrochlores?



Weyl Semimetals

Substrate lattice (Å)



Pyrochlore Substrates





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Pauling's Rules

First rule: the radius ratio rule [edit]

For typical ionic solids, the cations are smaller than the anions, and each cation is surrounded by coordinated anions which form a polyhedron. The sum of the ionic radii determines the cation-anion distance, while the cation-anion radius ratio r_+/r_- (or r_c/r_a) determines the coordination number (C.N.) of the cation, as well as the shape of the coordinated polyhedron of anions.^{[3][4]}

For the coordination numbers and corresponding polyhedra in the table below, Pauling mathematically derived the *minimum* radius ratio for which the cation is in contact with the given number of anions (considering the ions as rigid spheres). If the cation is smaller, it will not be in contact with the anions which results in instability leading to a lower coordination number.

Polyhedron and minimum radius ratio for each coordination number

C.N.	Polyhedron	Radius ratio
3	triangular	0.155
4	tetrahedron	0.225
6	octahedron	0.414
7	capped octahedron	0.592
8	square antiprism (anticube)	0.645
8	cube	0.732
9	triaugmented triangular prism	0.732
12	cuboctahedron	1.00



Stability Limit

Stable

Unstable

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pauling%27s_rules

L. Pauling, "The Principles Determining the Structure of Complex Ionic Crystals," J. Am. Chem. Soc. **51** (1929) 1010–1026.

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BRRAK Pauling's Rules





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Strained SrTiO₃—Transmuting a Dielectric into a Ferroelectric



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Straineg EuTiO₃-Strongest Ferromagnetic Ferroelectric



Shown are the exchange constants (J) calculated between the Eu ions within the unconstrained bulk I4/mcm ETO and the ETO film on LSAT with ($a^0a^0c^-$) structure under -0.9% compressive strain, including the first, second and third NN Eu ions describing both the in-plane (xy) and out-of-plane (z) interactions. Positive indicates FM and negative AFM coupling. The second row indicates the number of neighbours for each particular interaction. The first and second NN interactions are mostly FM bar the first NN out-of-plane J_{12} exchange constant. The calculations indicate the importance of J_3 in determining the G-AFM structure in ETO.

Straineg EuTiO₃-Strongest Ferromagnetic Ferroelectric



(a boring dielectric)

commensurately)

J.H. Lee, L. Fang, E. Vlahos, X. Ke, Y.W. Jung, L.F. Kourkoutis, J-W. Kim, P.J. Ryan, T. Heeg, M. Roeckerath, V. Goian, M. Bernhagen, R. Uecker, P.C. Hammel, K.M. Rabe, S. Kamba, J. Schubert, J.W. Freeland, D.A. Muller, C.J. Fennie, P. Schiffer, V. Gopalan, E. Johnston-Halperin, and D.G. Schlom, Nature 466 (2010) 954-958.

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Effect of Strain on Sr₂RuO₄ (a spin-triplet superconductor)



 \rightarrow apply negative pressure

In-plane Uniaxial Strain Dramatically Increases T_c in Sr₂RuO₄



enhancements in T_c may be tied to proximity of van Hove singularity to E_F , but strains that can be applied to single crystal Sr_2RuO_4 are relatively modest ($\leq 0.8\%$; $T_{c,max}$ of 3.4 K at 0.6% uniaxial compressive strain)

C.W. Hicks, D.O. Brodsky, E.A. Yelland, A.S. Gibbs, J.A.N. Bruin, M.E. Barber, S.D. Edkins, K. Nishimura, S. Yonezawa, Y. Maeno, and A.P. Mackenzie, *Science* **344** (2014) 283–285.

+ arXiv:1604.06669

Much Larger Elastic Strains are Possible in Epitaxial Thin Films



In-Plane Lattice Constant (Å)

Strain Control of Fermi Surface in Sr₂RuO₄

Unstrained Sr₂RuO₄

Sr_2RuO_4 on $SrTiO_3$ (+0.9%)



thin films still non-superconducting due to extreme sensitivity of spin-triplet SC to disorder, but low resistivities (5 $\mu\Omega$ ·cm)

Pushing to Higher "strains" using Epitaxial Stabilization of Ba₂RuO₄



In-Plane Lattice Constant (Å)

• Ba₂RuO₄ is isoelectronic and isostructural to Sr₂RuO₄

• Metastable in bulk, but can be epitaxially stabilized

Strain Control of Fermi Surface in Sr₂RuO₄

Unstrained Sr₂RuO₄





Large epitaxial strains turn the large electron-like Fermi surface closed around Γ to a hole-like Fermi surface closed around X

Strain Control of Band Structure and van Hove singularity



Theory Predicts Enhancement of Spin-triplet Superconductivity





Eun-Ah Kim



Craig Fennie

Spin-triplet superconductivity is predicted to be strongly enhanced when the van Hove singularity is brought near the Fermi level (see arXiv:1604.06661)

Imagine Tuning Quantum Materials

Independent Control of

- Strain
- Doping
- Octahedral **Rotations**
- Proximity **Effects**
- Electron Overla (Kinetic Energy) **Dimensionality**



Carrier Density With ability to see changes in electronic structure

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Bulk





Thin Film

New Chemistry New Physics New Materials Science New Materials

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Theory & Computation



Electron Microscopy Characterization





Bulk Crystal Growth User Facility

Expanded Growth Conditions

P = 300 atm (first in world) Supercritical fluids





(first FeSc₂S₄ crystals)



Routine, in situ Growth Guidance

X-ray CT and Laue

Identify origin of

defect structures



Vapor Equilibria





Tyrel McQueen

Thin Film User Facility (opens 2017)

Expanded Growth Conditions

Any 11 of **62 elements** by MBE at one time (and refills without breaking chamber vacuum) $T_{sub} < 1400 \text{ °C}$ Many others (e.g., chalcogenides) via MOCVD



tLaCePrNdPmSmEuGdTbDyHoErTmYbLu‡AcThPaUNpPuAmCmBkCfEsFmMdNoLr

RADIM



Jiwoong Park

Routine, in situ Growth and Characterization



Muller, Park, Nature 520 (2015) 656.

Electron Microscopy User Facility

FEI T12 TEM



Imaging grains in 2D materials



EEI E20 nonochromated S/TEM

Atomic resolution Imaging

Kourkoutis, Song, Hwang, Muller,

PNAS 107 (2010) 11682

2 nm



First 5th order aberration corrected STEM

Probe Corrected FEI Titan Themis cryoST *First of its kind cryoSTEM*

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Atomic resolution
 imaging + spectroscopic
 mapping at LN₂ temp.

 Magnetic imaging by Lorentz TEM



NSD

Atomic resolution Elemental Mapping



Muller, Kourkoutis, Murfitt, Song, Hwang, Silcox, Dellby, Krivanek, *Science* **319** (2008) 1073

Electron Microscopy for Materials Characterization at the Atomic Scale

Tools for:

Chemical Imaging



Science **319**, 1073 (2008).

Seeing Every Atom



Nano Lett. **12**, 1081 (2012)

Physical Properties



Microsc. and Microanal. **22**, 237 (2016)





Theory User Facility

Helping to close the gap with experiment

Two modes of operation

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