

International Materials Resource Registries

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# Summary of the Problem

- As the wealth of digital data grows, it becomes increasingly difficult for researchers to learn what data exists.
  - National initiatives for materials science (e.g. Materials Genome Initiative) are driving that growth
  - Researchers want to search for data using concepts of their domain: e.g. looking for simulations of semiconductors
  - Start with what high-level resources—repositories, databases, portals, software exist.
  - A registry-based discovery system is a practical, extensible start
- Looking for solution can be owned, shared by a community
  - Connect users to data providers' sites and tools
  - Enable data providers, experts to control curation of metadata
  - Robust against failure (including funding failure
- This discovery problem applies to all domains
  - Can we use materials science to pilot a solution that can be adapted to other domains?



### Highlights of the Recommendation

- A blueprint for a creating registry federation for data discovery
  - No central or primary registry
  - Each of the distributed registries collects resource descriptions for a sub-community
  - Registries trade resource descriptions via OAI Protocol for Metadata Harvesting
- Enumeration of required standards
- A materials science resource metadata XML schema
  - Generic + domain-specific extension
- Materials Vocabulary
  - Basis for materials science-specific metadata
  - SKOS definition
- Open-source registry software featuring APIs and plugin schemas
- Working pilot: 2-node registry federation
  - Over 300 data resources described

#### NIST Materials Resource Registry

ADD YOUR RESOURCE

#### Search for Resources



#### Two nodes

- NIST: https://materials.registry.nist.gov
- Materials Data Facility:
- http://registry.materialsdatafacility.org/

### Software available at https://github.com/usnistgov/MaterialsResourceRegistry



## Impact of the Recommendation

- Scalable, sustainable network of registries for discovering materials science data
- A recipe and toolset for establishing registries supporting other communities
  - Adaptable to other metadata formats, exchange protocols
- A foundation for developing a variety of deep search capabilities
  - Leveraging archive-level search services
  - Integration of search services into third-party tools



# Endorsements/ Adopters

- Sufficient take up in materials science to continue further development
  - Continue to encourage community to register resources
  - Fostering partnerships to establish additional registry nodes
  - Prototyping advanced searching capability
- Have adapted model and software to set up registries for other communities
  - International Metrology Resource Registry <u>http://imrr.bipm.org/</u>
  - Greenhouse Gas research community