

A mathematical challenge to materials

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Materials research and development faces a big change. Advanced technology to observe and control atoms and molecules has been developed and requires deep understanding of relations between microscopic structures and macroscopic properties. In the talk, I would like to introduce discrete geometric approach to materials; Discrete surface theory for carbon materials, index theorem for topologically protected surface states, topological analysis to detect global structure from local data.