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# **Final Report**

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Symposium on "Operando Spectroscopic Approach to Quantifying Structure-Activity Relationships of Real Catalysts under Ambient Conditions" at the 250th ACS National Meeting in Boston, MA

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#### Overview

The primary objective of this work was to organize and conduct a symposium at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Boston, MA (August 16-20, 2015). The session highlighted cutting-edge research efforts across several disciplines that focued on building a fundamental understanding of surface chemistry involving real catalysts under ambient conditions of temperature and pressure. This symposium was a tremendous success and brought together approximately 20 researchers and graduate students from around the world whose work impacts this important field.

## Relation of the Symposium to the ARO Research Interests

Operando spectroscopy and surface chemistry, including catalytic and sensor chemistry, provide critical foundations for numerous practical material-based applications essential to the ARMY, DOD and the larger society. The field is relatively new and rapidly emerging as one of the most interdisciplinary with active collaborations between synthetic material chemists, experimental surface scientists, and theorists.

The symposium provided an important forum to discuss the most challenging aspects of operando based techniques, such as the ability to effectively integrate experimental measurements and theoretical predictions into a single framework. The breadth of topics covered and the depth of originality and innovation of the speakers provided attendees with new knowledge and ideas from multiple perspectives and experiences for advancing the field. The topics discussed at the symposium addressed, from a fundamental point of view, many key practical areas of concern to the Army relevant to soldier protection, future combat systems, and enhancing soldier performance. The topics also advanced the DOD strategic research areas of nanoscience and nanotechnology.

The symposium covered a wide range of topics in surface and colloid science, as reflected by the research interests and reputations of the invited speakers (see below). While the topics did not ignore the well established themes of colloid and surface science, the focus was on emerging areas such as operando based and related computational techniques that emphasize structure-activity information for the design of functional materials. Specific areas discussed during the symposium included: novel advanced in-situ experimental techniques, interfacial binding and diffusion of molecules on catalyst surfaces, techniques that characterize changes in the structural order of active phases, techniques that correlate surface reactions with structural properties, *ab initio* DFT and molecular dynamic simulations of self-assembled systems, and the role of defect and disordered states in complex catalysts. Abstracts of presentations are available online at the ACS meeting website.

In addition to the successful communication and dissemination of scientific discoveries, the symposium provided numerous opportunities for researchers to uncover new areas for potential research directions as well as a forum for new collaborations in the areas highlighted above.

## **Invited Scientists:** Several of the Top Researchers in the World Contributed

The speakers for the special symposium were invited based on their established reputations in the field of colloid and surface science. They are leading researchers in the broad scientific community of colloid and surface science, specializing in numerous topics of fundamental and applied importance. In addition to the invited speakers, a number of contributed oral presenations were selected. A complete list of presenations for this symposium can be found at the ACS Meeting Website (see http://boston2015onsite.acs.org/t/173565-acs-national-meeting-boston-2015).

Invitee	Affiliation
Anatoly Frenkel	Yeshiva University, New York
Israel Wachs	Lehigh University
Miquel Salmeron	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
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