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With the emergence of nanoscale dimensions in material science, the needs to advance metrology such as for time-resolved, spatially-resolved and material specific signatures have become more and more demanding. This symposium proceedings volume represents the recent advances relevant to these aspects of material and process discoveries. The papers have been organized to convey advances in: (1) *in situ* characterization of dynamic processes, (2) scanning probe microscopy for multimodal imaging at the nanoscale and (3) neutrons and X-rays for material science. Manuscripts in this volume explore various aspects of the most recent developments in metrology and characterization of materials at the most fundamental level, with spatial resolution down to the nanometer range. Our team has organized these reports in a way that, we hope, highlights the rich scientific advances taking place in the field of characterization and illustrates the importance of this field for materials research.

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