This talk will review some recent advances in high-throughput experimental techniques for rapid collections of materials property data for simulations of materials properties. Localized property measurements on composition gradients created in diffusion multiples allow effective collection of composition-dependent properties, including thermal conductivity, heat capacity, coefficient of thermal expansion, and elastic constants. A newly developed forward-simulation analysis allows accurate measurement of impurity (dilute) diffusion coefficients from regular diffusion couple profiles without using isotope tracer experiments. The impurity diffusion coefficients together with interdiffusion coefficients are essential to the establishment of diffusion (mobility) databases for modeling the creep properties of materials and precipitation processes. Recent development of dual-anneal diffusion multiples (DADMs) allow rapid and systematic collection of phase precipitation kinetics and morphological evolution data across wide ranges of compositions as a function of time and temperature, creating large datasets for validation and testing of model simulations.

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