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Message from the Collection Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Oxides and non-oxides in thin-film form are technologically important materials with a variety of applications in energy storage and conversion, sensing, electronics, mechanics, optics and biomedicine, resulting from unique combinations of properties. Inorganic, organic, and hybrid inorganic-organic materials can be produced with a range of structures, compositions, and thicknesses by physical and chemical deposition methods, with low-cost solution processing routes being usually more flexible in terms of chemistry. Apart from interfacial engineering and compositional design, nanoscale structuring at different length scales has been shown to be effective in tailoring the properties of thin-film materials.

Potential topics include but not limited to:

- Novel oxide and non-oxide materials in thin-film form;
- Preparation by chemical and physical methods;
- Micro- and nanostructuring;
- Surface and interface engineering;
- Advanced characterization techniques;
- Structure–composition–property relationships;
- Application in electrochemical energy storage devices, catalysis, solar cells, sensors, data storage, etc.





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Message from the Editorial Board

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