



Ferroic-Based Thin Films and Composites: Towards Advanced Applications

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- Fabrication, characterization, and properties of ferroic materials (thin films, bulk, nanoscale) and their composites
- Recent advances in ferroic materials technology and applications
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- Electrostrictive and magnetostrictive materials
- Photovoltaics, catalysis, and water splitting
- Energy and refrigeration applications (electrocaloric/magnetocaloric)
- Multiferroic materials for magnetoelectric information storage (memory device) and ME coupling device for sensor applications





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