

Optical Coatings: From Materials to Applications

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Message from the Guest Editor

Thin-film materials can be used more broadly as photodetectors, infrared and quantum infrared photodetectors, semiconductor and quantum cascade lasers, photovoltaic cells, integrated circuits, and so on. This section welcomes the submission of articles on topics that include: Thin-film and coating technologies, including physical vapor deposition (PVD), magnetron sputtering (MS), sol-gel technology (SLGL), pulsed laser deposition methods (PLD), plasma/ion beam deposition (PIBD), chemical vapor deposition (CVD); Diagnosis of the characteristics of thin films—using optical, electrical, thermal, spectroscopic, mechanical, X-ray and electron microscopic methods.

In particular, the topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Technologies and mechanisms of growth of thin films;
- Wide-bandgap, narrow-bandgap semiconductor and metal thin films;
- Thin-film structures for fiber-optic elements, optoelectronic and photovoltaic devices;
- Thin-film coatings for biomedicine and bioelectronics devices;
- Thin films for lenses, mirrors and other optical elements.



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