

Wet Chemical Solution Deposition

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Inorganic and hybrid coatings are well studied and can be applied by using vacuum methods and wet chemical deposition methods. Applying coatings on different kinds of substrates by using wet chemical precursors implies a careful selection of precursor chemicals, including additives and tuning solvents, to enhance wetting, control decomposition, and optimize the crystal growth process. Especially, the epitaxial growth of oxide films by a wet chemical solution is challenging but has proven to be possible, for example, for ferroelectric films, superconducting coatings, etc..

The aim of this Special Issue is to serve as a forum for papers on the following topics:

Wet chemical solution deposition of inorganic and hybrid coatings

Coatings produced by different processes such as ink-jet printing, dipcoating, spincoating, roll-to-roll coating, spray coating

Stability of the coatings over time including durability tests, weathering test

Recent developments allowing to measure the mechanical properties of thin films: scratch resistance, peel off, delamination, etc..



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