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Advances in Oxide Thin Films and Nanostructures

Message from the Guest Editor

Oxide materials have gained importance in recent years with a wide variety of uses. Tunable electronic and optical properties of these materials are obtained by in situ and post-treatments. Furthermore, the morphology of these materials can easily be manipulated by controlling the synthesis parameters. Therefore, OD, 1D. and 3D nanostructures can be synthesized via both physical and chemical deposition techniques. Additionally, defects in these materials play an important role in their optical, electrical, and catalytic performance. Here, we aim to make a compilation of such innovative and cutting-edge technological applications and the production and characterization of oxide materials. Therefore, this issue addresses a wide perspective on oxide materials, including but not limited to the advances in the topics listed below: Morphology and size control in the oxide materials:

Advanced characterization and manipulation of defects in the oxide materials;

Oxides for photoelectrochemical and photocatalytic water splitting;

Oxides for energy conversion and storage; 2D metal oxides:

Semiconductor and superconductor oxides; Oxides for electronic and quantum applications.

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