

Special Issue

Modeling of Phase Separation and Encapsulation Processes in Growing Films

Message from the Guest Editor

The aim of this Special Issue is the theory, modeling and computer simulations phase separation and encapsulation processes in growing compound thin films taking place during deposition by various methods such as physical and chemical vapor deposition, magnetron sputtering, ion beam assisted deposition, electron beam evaporation and many other methods. Other treatments of compound materials leading to phase separations and encapsulations processes also are in the field of interest. The compound thin film morphology, phase crystalline structure and other structural properties are determined by applied deposition method and it is very important to understand the mechanisms and dynamics of elementary processes taking place during film deposition. The deep understanding of elementary processes, their dynamics and mechanisms at different deposition methods allows controlling various physical, chemical and structural properties of films.

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