

## Special Issue

# Advanced Thin Films, Surface and Interface in Photocatalytic Applications

### Message from the Guest Editor

Photocatalysis is currently one of the most rapidly developing disciplines, involving the degradation of environmental pollutants, chemical synthesis, hydrogen evolution, carbon dioxide reduction, and many other catalytic fields. The efficiency of photocatalytic processes is closely related to the absorption of photons by catalytic materials, the excitation and transfer of photo-generated electrons (holes), and the formation efficiency of various free radicals. The scope of this Special Issue includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Construction of new photocatalytic heterojunction surfaces/interfaces and their applications;
- Preparation and application of novel photocatalytic thin films and coatings;
- New applications of photocatalytic surfaces/interfaces in the field of photocatalysis;
- In-depth analysis of photocatalytic mechanism occurring around thin films, surfaces, and interfaces;
- Theoretical study and analysis of surface photocatalytic process based on DFT.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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