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# The Microstructures and Advanced Functional Properties of Thin Films

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Due to the rapid development of highly integrated microelectronics and optoelectronic devices over the past several years, the demand and properties required for functional thin films for use in related fields have gradually increased, such as transparent conductive films, heat dissipation films, electromagnetic shielding films, optical films, and so on. Owing to its high efficiency and controllability, vapor deposition, including chemical vapor deposition and physical vapor deposition, has been a major technology used for the synthesis of thin films. During the deposition process, the kinetic and thermodynamic characteristics of atoms effectively influence the microstructures of the films, such as grain size, grain orientation, surface roughness, component distribution, and so on. Please click the Special Issue website for more details: [https://www.mdpi.com/journal/materials/special\\_issues/61997NQSBC](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/materials/special_issues/61997NQSBC)

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