

## Pulsed Laser Deposition of Thin Films: Recent Advances and Challenges

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Since its first introduction several decades ago, Pulsed Laser Deposition (PLD), proved a powerful technique for the synthesis of a broad spectrum of functional thin films. Indeed, with respect to other conventional physical vapor deposition techniques, PLD exhibits several advantages, such as control of stoichiometry especially for materials with complex composition, adherent coatings, easy to obtain multi-layered thin films and combinatorial maps, good versatility of experimental design, and morphology and crystallinity control, to mention a few. Moreover, tailoring the composition-structure-properties relationship of the coatings is possible by adjusting the deposition conditions.

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