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Nanostructured Surfaces and Thin Films Synthesis by Physical Vapor Deposition

Message from the Guest Editor

The synthesis of nanostructured surfaces and thin films by means of physical vapor deposition is currently a field of great interest in both scientific and technological aspects. Techniques such as pulsed laser deposition, magnetron sputtering, HiPIMS, or e-beam evaporation, among others, are key for the development of applications in photovoltaic cells, tribological coatings, optofluidic sensors, or biotechnology, to name a few. The nanostructuration of the surface allows for the tailoring of the way a material interacts with the environment, providing a tuning mechanism for its properties, be them optical, mechanical, electrical, tribological, or chemical. This Special Issue invites manuscripts that present significant advances concerning both fundamental and applied research topics, which include but are not limited to the following: Thin film nanostructuration processes; Nanostructural properties; Anisotropic nanostructured surfaces; Atomistic processes during film synthesis; Simulation of nanostructured surfaces; Applications of nanostructured thin films; Devices.

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