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**Microstructuring of Glasses** Dagmar Hülsenberg 2008-06-24 This is the first book that explains how to structure glass for micro- and nanophotonic applications. It deals with various glass compositions and their properties, and the interactions between glass and the electromagnetic waves used to modify it. The book also explores methods for influencing the geometrical microstructure of glass as well as methods to produce actual microdevices. It also details methods for influencing the geometrical microstructure of glasses.

Zinc-Based Nanostructures for Environmental and Agricultural Applications Kamel A. Abd-El Salam 2021-05-22 Zinc-Based Nanostructures for Environmental and Agricultural Applications shows how zinc nanostructures are being used in agriculture, food and the environment. The book has been divided into two parts: Part I deals with the synthesis and characterization of zinc-based nanostructures such as biogenic, plant, microbial, and actinobacteria mediated synthesis of zinc nanoparticles, Part II is focused on agri-food applications such as antibacterial, antifungal, antimicrobial, plant disease management, controlling post-harvest diseases, pesticide sensing and degradations, plant promotions, ZnO nanostructure for food packaging application, safe animal food and feed supplement, elimination of mycotoxins, and veterinary applications. Part III reviews technological developments in environmental applications such as risks and benefits for aquatic organisms and the marine environment, antiseptic activity and toxicity mechanisms, wastewater treatment, and zinc oxide-based nanomaterials for photocatalytic degradation of environmental and agricultural pollutants. The book discusses various aspects, including the application of zinc-based nanostructures to enhance plant health and growth, the effect on soil microbial activity, antimicrobial mechanism, phytotoxicity and accumulation in plants, the possible impact of zinc-based nanostructures in the agricultural sector as nanofertilizer, enhancing crop productivity, and other possible antimicrobial mechanisms of ZnO nanomaterials. Explores the impact of a large variety of zinc-based nanostructures on agri-food and environment sectors Outlines how the properties of zinc-based nanostructures mean they are particularly efficient in environmental and agricultural application areas Assesses the major challenges of synthesizing and processing zinc-based nanostructured materials

*Handbook of Zinc Oxide and Related Materials* Zhe Chuan Feng 2012-09-26 Through their application in energy-efficient and environmentally friendly devices, zinc oxide (ZnO) and related classes of wide gap semiconductors, including GaN and SiC, are revolutionizing numerous areas, from lighting, energy conversion, photovoltaics, and communications to biotechnology, imaging, and medicine. With an emphasis on engineering a

**Photoenergy and Thin Film Materials** Xiao-Yu Yang 2019-03-26 This book provides a fundamental discussion, latest research & developments, and the future of thin films and photoenergy materials, two developing areas that have the potential to spearhead the future of industry. Photoenergy materials are expected to be a next generation key material to provide secure, safe, sustainable and affordable energy. Photoenergy devices are known to convert the sunlight into electricity. This type of devices is very much simple in design with having a major advantage with their structure as stand-alone systems to provide outputs up to megawatts. They have been applied as a power source, solar home systems, remote buildings, water pumping, megawatt scale power plants, satellites, communications, and space vehicles. With such a list of enormous applications, the demand for photoenergy devices is growing every year. On the other hand, thin films coating, which can be defined as fusion of surface science, materials science, and applied physics, are progressing as a unified discipline of scientific industry. A thin film can be termed as a very fine or thin layer of material coated on a particular surface, that can be in the range of a nanometer in thickness to several micrometers in size. Thin films are being applied it a number of fields ranging from protection purposes to electronic semiconductor devices.

Advanced Nanoelectronics Razali Ismail 2018-09-03 While theories based on classical physics have been very successful in helping experimentalists design microelectronic devices, new approaches based on quantum mechanics are required to accurately model nanoscale transistors and to predict their characteristics even before they are fabricated. Advanced Nanoelectronics provides research information on advanced nanoelectronics concepts, with a focus on modeling and simulation. Featuring contributions by researchers actively engaged in nanoelectronics research, it develops and applies analytical formulations to investigate nanoscale devices. The book begins by introducing the basic ideas related to quantum theory

that are needed to better understand nanoscale structures found in nanoelectronics, including graphenes, carbon nanotubes, and quantum wells, dots, and wires. It goes on to highlight some of the key concepts required to understand nanotransistors. These concepts are then applied to the carbon nanotube field effect transistor (CNTFET). Several chapters cover graphene, an unzipped form of CNT that is the recently discovered allotrope of carbon that has gained a tremendous amount of scientific and technological interest. The book discusses the development of the graphene nanoribbon field effect transistor (GNRFET) and its use as a possible replacement to overcome the CNT chirality challenge. It also examines silicon nanowire (SiNW) as a new candidate for achieving the downscaling of devices. The text describes the modeling and fabrication of SiNW, including a new top-down fabrication technique. Strained technology, which changes the properties of device materials rather than changing the device geometry, is also discussed. The book ends with a look at the technical and economic challenges that face the commercialization of nanoelectronics and what universities, industries, and government can do to lower the barriers. A useful resource for professionals, researchers, and scientists, this work brings together state-of-the-art technical and scientific information on important topics in advanced nanoelectronics.

**Solar Cell Materials** Arthur Willoughby 2014-03-03 This book presents a comparison of solar cell materials, including both new materials based on organics, nanostructures and novel inorganics and developments in more traditional photovoltaic materials. It surveys the materials and materials trends in the field including third generation solar cells (multiple energy level cells, thermal approaches and the modification of the solar spectrum) with an eye firmly on low costs, energy efficiency and the use of abundant non-toxic materials.

**Piezoelectricity** Walter Heywang 2008-11-14 Discovered in 1880, piezoelectric materials play a key role in an innovative market of several billions of dollars. Recent advances in applications derive from new materials and their development, as well as to new market requirements. With the exception of quartz, ferroelectric materials are used for they offer both high efficiency and sufficient versatility to meet adequately the multidimensional requirements for application. Consequently, strong emphasis is placed on tailoring materials and technology, whether one deals with single crystals, ceramics or plastic materials. Tailoring requires a basic understanding of both physical principles and technical possibilities and limitations. This report elucidates these developments by a broad spectrum of examples, comprising ultrasound in medicine and defence industry, frequency control, signal processing by SAW-devices, sensors, actuators, including novel valves for modern motor management. It delivers a mutual fertilization of technology push and market pull that should be of interest not only to materials scientists or engineers but also to managers who dedicate themselves to a sound future-oriented R&D policy.

**Lithium Niobate** Tatyana Volk 2008-09-13 This book covers new research on LiNbO<sub>3</sub> including current studies on intrinsic and extrinsic point defects and the contribution of intrinsic defects to photoinduced charge transport. Applications of this material are also discussed.

**Molecular Catalysts for Energy Conversion** Tatsuhiro Okada 2008-10-10 Over the past decade the topic of energy and environment has been acknowledged among many people as a critical issue to be solved in 21st century since the Kyoto Protocol came into effect in 1997. Its political recognition was put forward especially at Heiligendamm in 2007, when the effect of carbon dioxide emission and its hazard in global climate were discussed and shared univ-

sally as common knowledge. Controlling the global warming in the economical framework of massive development worldwide through this new century is a very challenging problem not only among political, economical, or social circles but also among technological or scientific communities. As long as the humans depend on the combustion of fossil for energy resources, the waste heat exhaustion and CO<sub>2</sub> emission are inevitable. In order to establish a new era of energy saving and environment benign society, which is supported by technologies and with social consensus, it is important to seek for a framework where new clean energy system is incorporated as infrastructure for industry and human activities. Such a society strongly needs innovative technologies of least CO<sub>2</sub> emission and efficient energy conversion and utilization from remaining fossil energies on the Earth. Energy recycling system utilizing natural renewable energies and their conversion to hydrogen may be the most desirable option of future clean energy society. Thus the society should strive to change its energy basis, from fossil-consuming energy to clean and recycling energy.

**Transparent Conductive Zinc Oxide** Klaus Ellmer 2009-09-02 Zinc oxide (ZnO) belongs to the class of transparent conducting oxides that can be used as transparent electrodes in electronic devices or heated windows. In this book the material properties of, the deposition technologies for, and applications of zinc oxide in thin film solar cells are described in a comprehensive manner. Structural, morphological, optical and electronic properties of ZnO are treated in this review.

**Einstein Relation in Compound Semiconductors and Their Nanostructures** Kamakhya Prasad Ghatak 2008-11-16 Focusing only on the Einstein relation in compound semiconductors and their nanostructures, this book deals with open research problems from carbon nanotubes to quantum wire superlattices with different band structures, and other field assisted systems.

**Transparent Electronics** Antonio Facchetti 2010-03-25 The challenge for producing "invisible" electronic circuitry and opto-electronic devices is that the transistor materials must be transparent to visible light yet have good carrier mobilities. This requires a special class of materials having "contra-indicated properties" because from the band structure point of view, the combination of transparency and conductivity is contradictory. Structured to strike a balance between introductory and advanced topics, this monograph juxtaposes fundamental science and technology / application issues, and essential materials characteristics versus device architecture and practical applications. The first section is devoted to fundamental materials compositions and their properties, including transparent conducting oxides, transparent oxide semiconductors, p-type wide-band-gap semiconductors, and single-wall carbon nanotubes. The second section deals with transparent electronic devices including thin-film transistors, photovoltaic cells, integrated electronic circuits, displays, sensors, solar cells, and electro-optic devices. Describing scientific fundamentals and recent breakthroughs such as the first "invisible" transistor, *Transparent Electronics: From Synthesis to Applications* brings together world renowned experts from both academia, national laboratories, and industry.

**Atomistic and Continuum Modeling of Nanocrystalline Materials** Laurent Capolungo 2010-03-17 Atomistic and Continuum Modeling of Nanocrystalline Materials develops a complete and rigorous state-of-the-art analysis of the modeling of the mechanical behavior of nanocrystalline (NC) materials. Among other key topics, the material focuses on the novel techniques used to predict the behavior of nanocrystalline materials. Particular attention is given to recent theoretical and

computational frameworks combining atomistic and continuum approaches. Also, the most relevant deformation mechanisms governing the response of nanocrystalline materials are addressed and discussed in correlation with available experimental data.

**Optoelectronics** Sergei Pyshkin 2017-07-12 Optoelectronics - Advanced Device Structures (Book IV) is following the Optoelectronics (Books I, II, and III) published in 2011, 2013, and 2015, as part of the InTech collection of international works on optoelectronics. Accordingly, as with the first three books of the collection, this book covers recent achievements by specialists around the world. The growing number of countries participating in this endeavor as well as joint participation of the US and Moldova scientists in edition of this book testifies to the unifying effect of science. An interested reader will find in the book the description of properties and applications employing organic and inorganic materials, as well as the methods of fabrication and analysis of operation and regions of application of modern optoelectronic devices.

**Smart Nanosystems for Biomedicine, Optoelectronics and Catalysis** Tatyana Shabatina 2020-11-26 Nowadays nanoscience and nanotechnologies provide us with many excellent examples of the unique solutions for the different technical problems and demands of human society. Smart stimuli-responsive nanosystems and nanomaterials are used in many fields such as medicine, biomedical, biotechnology, agriculture, environmental pollution control, cosmetics, optics, health, food, energy, textiles, automotive, communication technologies, agriculture, and electronics. The book "Smart Nanosystems for Biomedicine, Optoelectronics and Catalysis" describes the modern trends in nanoscience and nanotechnology for creation of smart hybrid nanosystems combining the inorganic nano-objects with organic, biological, and biocompatible materials, which create multifunctional and remotely controlled platforms for diverse technical and biomedical uses. The material includes several review and original research articles devoted to the problems of directed chemical and biological synthesis of such nanosystems, thorough analysis of their physical and chemical properties and prospects of their possible applications. We hope that the presented book will be useful for different nanoscience research groups and PhD and graduate students, to introduce them to the world of hybrid metal-organic and metal-biological nano-objects, and smart self-organizing nanosystems and open new ways of their possible use in different scientific and practical areas.

**The Physics of Organic Superconductors and Conductors** Andrei Lebed 2008-03-26 This bang up-to-date volume contains the distilled wisdom of some of the world's leading minds on the subject. Inside, there is a treasure trove of general (tutorial) and topical reviews, written by leading researchers in the area of organic superconductors and conductors. The papers hail from all over the world, as far afield as the USA and Australia. They cover contemporary topics such as unconventional superconductivity, non-Fermi-liquid properties, and the quantum Hall effect.

**Advanced Ceramics for Energy and Environmental Applications** Akshay Kumar 2021-11-25 Advanced Ceramics possess various unique properties and are able to withstand harsh environments. The aim of this book is to cover various aspects of the advanced ceramics like carbides, nitrides and oxides for energy and environment related applications. Advanced ceramics with additional functionality propose significant potential for greater impact in the field of energy and environmental technologies. This book focuses on the nanostructured ceramics synthesis, properties, structure-property relation and application in the area of

energy and environment. It covers the high impact work from around 50 leading researchers throughout the world working in this field. This will help metallurgists, biologists, mechanical engineers, ceramicists, material scientists and researchers working in the nanotechnology field with inclusion of every aspect of advanced ceramics for energy and environmental applications.

**Gallium Nitride Electronics** Rüdiger Quay 2008-04-05 This book is based on nearly a decade of materials and electronics research at the leading research institution on the nitride topic in Europe. It is a comprehensive monograph and tutorial that will be of interest to graduate students of electrical engineering, communication engineering, and physics; to materials, device, and circuit engineers in research and industry; to all scientists with a general interest in advanced electronics.

**Crystallography and the World of Symmetry** Sanat K. Chatterjee 2008-09-19 Symmetry exists in realms from crystals to patterns, in external shapes of living or non-living objects, as well as in the fundamental particles and the physical laws that govern them. In fact, the search for this symmetry is the driving force for the discovery of many fundamental particles and the formulation of many physical laws. While one can not imagine a world which is absolutely symmetrical nor can one a world which is absolutely asymmetrical. These two aspects of nature are intermingled with each other inseparably. This is the basis of the existence of aperiodicity manifested in the liquid crystals and also quasi-crystals also discussed in "Crystallography and the World of Symmetry".

**Oxide-Based Materials and Structures** Rada Savkina 2020-05-07 Oxide-based materials and structures are becoming increasingly important in a wide range of practical fields including microelectronics, photonics, spintronics, power harvesting, and energy storage in addition to having environmental applications. This book provides readers with a review of the latest research and an overview of cutting-edge patents received in the field. It covers a wide range of materials, techniques, and approaches that will be of interest to both established and early-career scientists in nanoscience and nanotechnology, surface and material science, and bioscience and bioengineering in addition to graduate students in these areas. Features: Contains the latest research and developments in this exciting and emerging field Explores both the fundamentals and applications of the research Covers a wide range of materials, techniques, and approaches

*Low pressure chemical vapor deposited zinc oxide for silicon thin film solar cells* Jérôme Steinhauser

**Extended Defects in Germanium** Cor Claeys 2008-12-29 The aim is to give an overview of the physics of extended defects in Germanium, i.e. dislocations (line defects), grain boundaries, stacking faults, twins and {311} defects (two-dimensional defects) and precipitates, bubbles, etc. The first part covers fundamentals, describing the crystallographic structure and other physical and electrical properties, mainly of dislocations. Since dislocations are essential for the plastic deformation of Germanium, methods for analysis and imaging of dislocations and to evaluate their structure are described. Attention is given to the electrical and optical properties, which are important for devices made in dislocated Ge. The second part treats the creation of extended defects during wafer and device processing. Issues are addressed such as defect formation during ion implantation, necessary to create junctions, which are an essential part in every device type. Extended defects are also created during the deposition of thin or thick epitaxial layers on other substrates, which are important for optoelectronic and photovoltaic applications. In brief, the book is intended to provide a fundamental understanding of the extended-defect formation during Ge

materials and device processing, providing ways to distinguish harmful from less detrimental defects and should point out ways for defect engineering and control.

**Atomic Layer Deposition of Zinc Based Transparent Conductive Oxides.** Sanjeev Kumar Gurram 2017-01-20 In this work Atomic Layer deposition of niobium and titanium doped ZnO based Transparent Conductive Oxide (TCO) coatings were developed. The fundamentals required for the deposition and doping of ZnO TCOs are discussed. The various opto-electronic properties of the niobium and titanium doped ZnO films were determined and compared. A model was proposed to explain the various changes in the opto-electronic properties of these films.

**Ion Beam Treatment of Functional Layers in Thin-Film Silicon Solar Cells** Wendi Zhang 2013

**Reactive Sputter Deposition** Diederik Depla 2008-06-24 In this valuable work, all aspects of the reactive magnetron sputtering process, from the discharge up to the resulting thin film growth, are described in detail, allowing the reader to understand the complete process. Hence, this book gives necessary information for those who want to start with reactive magnetron sputtering, understand and investigate the technique, control their sputtering process and tune their existing process, obtaining the desired thin films.

**Transparent Conductive Materials** David Levy 2019-05-07 Edited by well-known pioneers in the field, this handbook and ready reference provides a comprehensive overview of transparent conductive materials with a strong application focus. Following an introduction to the materials and recent developments, subsequent chapters discuss the synthesis and characterization as well as the deposition techniques that are commonly used for energy harvesting and light emitting applications. Finally, the book concludes with a look at future technological advances. All-encompassing and up-to-date, this interdisciplinary text runs the gamut from chemistry and materials science to engineering, from academia to industry, and from fundamental challenges to readily available applications.

**Nanoscaled Films and Layers** Laszlo Nanai 2017-05-24 In recent years, scientific investigations and technological developments have resulted in many new results. Direct applications of quantum mechanical laws to system with length scales lower than 100 nm (nano) had opened a way to construction of new equipment in the field f.e. of nano- and optoelectronics. This book fits into this trend summarizing the results related to discoveries and technological applications of nanolayer in different fields of material science and even life science. The chapters are organized into three subfields: 1) Preparation and fabrications of nanolayers with different methods. 2) Description of recent achievements related to very important III-V heterostructures. 3) Descriptions of mechanical, thermal, optoelectronic, photocatalytic, and tribological properties of nanolayered structures. Some environmentally friendly applications are also treated in this book. The presented book provides a description of specific and original results obtained by authors. We hope that the volume will be of interest for a wide range of readers working in the field of material science.

**ZnO Nanocrystals and Allied Materials** M S Ramachandra Rao 2013-09-12 ZnO has been the central theme of research in the past decade due to its various applications in band gap engineering, and textile and biomedical industries. In nanostructured form, it offers ample opportunities to realize tunable optical and optoelectronic properties and it was also termed as a potential material to realize room temperature ferromagnetism. This book presents 17 high-quality contributory chapters on ZnO related systems written by experts in this field. These chapters will help researchers to understand and explore the varied physical properties to

envisage device applications of ZnO in thin film, heterostructure and nanostructure forms.

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**Processing, Properties, and Design of Advanced Ceramics and Composites** Gurpreet Singh 2016-09-27 This proceedings volume contains a collection of 34 papers from the following symposia held during the 2015 Materials Science and Technology (MS&T '15) meeting: Innovative Processing and Synthesis of Ceramics, Glasses and Composites Advances in Ceramic Matrix Composites Advanced Materials for Harsh Environments Advances in Dielectric Materials and Electronic Devices Controlled Synthesis, Processing, and Applications of Structure and Functional Nanomaterials Processing and Performance of Materials Using Microwaves, Electric and Magnetic Fields, Ultrasound, Lasers, and Mechanical Work, Rustum Roy Memorial Symposium Sintering and Related Powder Processing Science and Technologies Surface Protection for Enhanced Materials Performance: Science, Technology, and Application Thermal Protection Materials and Systems Ceramic Optical Materials Alumina at the Forefront of Technology

**Materials for Sustainable Energy Applications** David Munoz-Rojas 2017-03-27 The impending energy crisis brought on by the running out of finite and non-homogenously distributed fossil fuel reserves and the worldwide increase in energy demand has prompted vast research in the development of sustainable energy technologies in the last few decades. However, the efficiency of most of these new technologies is relatively small and therefore it needs to be increased to eventually replace conventional technologies based on fossil fuels. The required efficiency increase primarily relies on the ability to improve the performance of the functional materials which are at the heart of these technologies. The purpose of this book is to give a unified and comprehensive presentation of the fundamentals and the use and design of novel materials for efficient sustainable energy applications, such as conversion, storage, transmission, and consumption. The book presents general coverage of the use and design of advanced materials for sustainable energy applications. Thus, the book addresses all the relevant aspects, such as materials for energy conversion, storage, transmission, and consumption.

**Photovoltaics for the 21st Century 6** M. Tao 2011-03 The papers included in this issue of ECS Transactions were originally presented in the symposium 'Photovoltaics for the 21st Century 6', held during the 218th meeting of The Electrochemical Society, in Las Vegas, Nevada from October 10 to 15, 2010.

**Thin-Film Silicon Solar Cells** Arvind Victor Shah 2010-08-19 Photovoltaic technology has now developed to the extent that it is close to fulfilling the vision of a "solar-energy world," as devices based on this technology are becoming efficient, low-cost and durable. This book provides a comprehensive treatment of thin-film silicon, a prevalent PV material, in terms of its semiconductor nature, starting out with the physical properties, but concentrating on device applications. A special emphasis is given to amorphous silicon and microcrystalline silicon as photovoltaic materials, along with a model that allows these systems to be physically described in the simplest manner possible, thus

allowing the student or scientist/engineer entering the field of thin-film electronics to master a few basic concepts that are distinct from those in the field of conventional semiconductors. The main part of the book deals with solar cells and modules by illustrating the basic functioning of these devices, along with their limitations, design optimization, testing and fabrication methods. Among the manufacturing processes discussed are plasma-assisted and hot-wire deposition, sputtering, and structuring techniques.

**Multifunctional Barriers for Flexible Structure** Sophie Duquesne 2007-08-29 This is the first complete overview of the present state of the art of flexible barrier materials such as textile, paper and leather, including methods for barrier evaluation. It will be of interest to readers in industries, consumers, and members of the scientific community. The scope of the field is clearly delineated here for the first time, and it deals with a number of specific topics such as barrier to fire and antibacterial properties.

*The Theory of Laser Materials Processing* John Dowden 2009-01-06 The purpose of this book is to show how general principles afford insight into laser processes. The principles may be from fundamental physical theory or from direct observation, but understanding of the general characteristics of a process is essential.

**Zinc Oxide Nanostructures** Magnus Willander 2014-07-22 Zinc oxide (ZnO) in its nanostructured form is emerging as a promising material with great potential for the development of many smart electronic devices. This book presents up-to-date information about various synthesis methods to obtain device-quality ZnO nanostructures. It describes both high-temperature (over 100° C) and low-temperature (under 100° C) approaches to synthesizing ZnO nanostructures; device applications for technical and medical devices, light-emitting diodes, electrochemical sensors, nanogenerators, and photodynamic therapy; and the concept of self-powered devices and systems using ZnO nanostructures. The book emphasizes the utilization of non-conventional substrates such as plastic, paper, and textile as new platforms for developing electronics.

**Electrochromic Materials and Devices** Roger J. Mortimer 2015-10-26 Electrochromic materials can change their properties under the influence of an electrical voltage or current. Different classes of materials show this behavior such as transition metal oxides, conjugated polymers, metal-coordinated complexes and organic molecules. As the color change is persistent, the electric field needs only to be applied to initiate the switching, allowing for applications such as low-energy consumption displays, light-adapting mirrors in the automobile industry and smart windows for which the amount of transmitted light and heat can be controlled. The first part of this book describes the different classes and processing techniques of electrochromic materials. The second part highlights nanostructured

electrochromic materials and device fabrication, and the third part focuses on the applications such as smart windows, adaptive camouflage, biomimicry, wearable displays and fashion. The last part rounds off the book by device case studies and environmental impact issues.

Nanocomposites in Electrochemical Sensors Samira Bagheri 2016-12-19 Nanotechnology has become one of the most important fields in science. Nanoparticles exhibit unique chemical, physical and electronic properties that are different from those of bulk materials, due to their small size and better architecture. Nanoparticles can be used to construct novel sensing devices; in particular electrochemical sensors. Electrochemical detection is highly attractive for the monitoring of glucose, cancer cells, cholesterol and infectious diseases. Unique nanocomposite-based films proposed in this book open new doors to the design and fabrication of high-performance electrochemical sensors.

Ceramics Science and Technology, Volume 3 Ralf Riedel 2011-12-15 Although ceramics have been known to mankind literally for millennia, research has never ceased. Apart from the classic uses as a bulk material in pottery, construction, and decoration, the latter half of the twentieth century saw an explosive growth of application fields, such as electrical and thermal insulators, wear-resistant bearings, surface coatings, lightweight armour, or aerospace materials. In addition to plain, hard solids, modern ceramics come in many new guises such as fabrics, ultrathin films, microstructures and hybrid composites. Built on the solid foundations laid down by the 20-volume series *Materials Science and Technology*, *Ceramics Science and Technology* picks out this exciting material class and illuminates it from all sides. Materials scientists, engineers, chemists, biochemists, physicists and medical researchers alike will find this work a treasure trove for a wide range of ceramics knowledge from theory and fundamentals to practical approaches and problem solutions.

Handbook of Transparent Conductors David S. Ginley 2010-09-11 Transparent conducting materials are key elements in a wide variety of current technologies including flat panel displays, photovoltaics, organic, low-e windows and electrochromics. The needs for new and improved materials is pressing, because the existing materials do not have the performance levels to meet the ever-increasing demand, and because some of the current materials used may not be viable in the future. In addition, the field of transparent conductors has gone through dramatic changes in the last 5-7 years with new materials being identified, new applications and new people in the field. "Handbook of Transparent Conductors" presents transparent conductors in a historical perspective, provides current applications as well as insights into the future of the devices. It is a comprehensive reference, and represents the most current resource on the subject.