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The Synthesis of Nanostructured Functional Oxide Materials

The driving force for research activities in the synthesis of nanostructured functional materials is the ability to control a material's properties by controlling the size and shape of the crystals and their arrangement into 1-, 2- and 3- dimensional structures extending over several length scales. These developments can lead to new applications in diverse fields including energy conversion and storage. The future of these technologies is strictly dependent on the availability of optimized synthesis routes that allow the processing and manipulation of functional metal oxides in a precise manner. Functional metal oxides represent an important class of materials with a wide spectrum of applications in energy conversion devices such as solar cells, fuel cells and photo- and photoelectrochemical cells for water splitting. This class of materials is fundamental also to the development of new storage devices, such as batteries and supercapacitors. This Focus Issue is dedicated to the most recent advances in the synthesis of nanostructured functional metal oxides and their applications in energy conversion and storage.

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- ◆ Colloidal synthesis of nanostructured functional oxide materials
- ◆ Assembly of nanostructured functional oxide materials into 1-, 2- and 3-dimensional superstructures
- ◆ Advances in morphological, structural and chemical characterization
- ◆ Applications in hydrogen generation by water splitting
- ◆ Applications in batteries and supercapacitors
- ◆ Applications in solar cells

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