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Practical functional Oxides for Memory and Neuromorphic Devices

Opportunities of functional oxides for applications in electronics are huge. However, oxides in electronics are quite scarce. The challenges stem from both intrinsic and extrinsic materials problem, e.g. composition, defect and interface control. Also, current thin film deposition routes cannot always deliver the required performance. This talk looks at some of the reasons for the aforementioned challenges and shows ways to overcome them. Recent examples from my group are given in the area of ionotronic oxide thin films for neuromorphic computing devices.

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