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Preface

One of the significant aspects of materials-based research is the characterization tools. Today, there is an immense range of scientific techniques available that enables us to study physiochemical properties of the materials. This book focuses on the utmost effective and widely used techniques available for structural, morphological, and spectroscopic characterizations of materials. Three important aspects of characterization namely materials structures, morphology, and chemical analysis are included in the present volume. The developments in wide range of techniques and their application to the quantification of the materials properties are essential sides of the book.

The principal objective is to provide a concise reading material on both practical and theoretical description of the techniques used to characterize a wide variety of materials. Our approach is focused on fundamental understanding, basic instrumentation, experimental strategy, analyses, and application part. Most of the characterization techniques are used throughout undergraduate courses; however, the background of these methods will not be provided in the standard textbooks. This book will serve as an overview of characterization of materials for a wide audience: from beginners and graduate-level students up to advanced specialists in both academic and industrial sectors. The authors of each chapter have been encouraged to present the highlights from the extensive literature on the topic including latest cutting-edge research using both conventional and nonconventional characterization tools.

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