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Sommario/riassunto

Multiferroic shape-memory alloys that exhibit both ferroelastic and ferromagnetic properties have recently attracted much attention. They belong to the family of so-called "smart materials" and are future-generation materials that are likely to be useful in cutting-edge technologies. Apart from the theoretical challenge of understanding their fascinating properties, the quest to harness them for practical use is also attracting many scientists and engineers from all over the world. This compilation comprises peer-reviewed papers, categorized into: I. Sample Preparation, II Thermal Treatments
