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Synthesis, Properties, and Applications of Functional Nanocomposites

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue of Crystals focuses on the synthesis, properties, and potential applications of functional nanocomposites. Over the past few decades, functional nanocomposites (e.g., polymer-matrix, organicinorganic, ceramic-matrix, polymer-silicate, bionanocomposites) have steadily grown in importance and are now considered a significant class of materials. Nanocomposites are solid materials that contain multiple phase domains, and at minimum one of these phase domains has a nanoscale structure (typically less than 100 nm) or structures that contain nanoscale repeating distances between the different phases that comprise the materials. In general, nanocomposite materials can dramatically enhance various properties, such as mechanical, including modulus, strength, and dimensional stability, thermal stability, chemical resistance, opto-electronic, etc., which depend on the inherent material characteristics, the morphology, and the interfacial characteristics of the components. As a result, there has been a growing amount of interest in nanocomposites research within academia and the polymer industry.

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