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# Microwave Assisted Synthesis of Hybrid and Nano-Engineered Materials

#### Message from the Guest Editor

Development of economically attractive and environmentally friendly nanomaterials, which are of immense importance for improving quality of life, is often hampered by the poor efficiency of the methods used. Application of microwave heating/activation provides sometimes new opportunities related to the synthesis of extremely small nanoparticles or extremely uniform particle-size distribution, as well as the production of metastable phases that are otherwise not formed under conventional heating conditions. Of special interest are hybrid nanomaterials that demonstrate a synergy of the components. The use of microwave activation for production of nanomaterials and in-situ chemical, in particular, catalytic processes can provide a significant gain in energy consumption. MW-assisted processes occurring in the presence of hydrogen may be enhanced due to the effect of hydrogen spillover.

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