

Special Issue

Recent Advances in Polymer-Derived Ceramics and Ceramic Nanocomposites

Message from the Guest Editor

Silicon-based polymer-derived ceramics (PDCs) and ceramic nanocomposites (PDC-NCs) represent a class of materials which are produced by the controlled pyrolysis of suitable organosilicon polymers in inert or reactive atmosphere. This procedure allows the access to novel additive-free ternary and quaternary ceramic materials which cannot be achieved using conventional processing techniques such as sintering or melting.

The scope of this Special Issue includes, without being limited to, the following topics:

- Synthesis methods for oxide and non-oxide PDCs and ceramic nanocomposites;
- Properties: electronic, optical, magnetic, catalytic, high-temperature resistance to crystallization and decomposition, mechanical, charge carriers transport, thermal transport, etc.;
- Micro-/nanostructure (nanodomain structure);
- Applications: electronic applications, high-temperature structural applications, catalysis, energy conversion and storage, lightning, coatings etc.

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