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Application of Nanomaterials in Fuel Cells

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Message from the Guest Editor

A Special Issue of Nanomaterials called Nanomaterials for Fuel Cells has been launched. Fuel cells either based on ceramic or polymer-conducting electrolytes (SOFCs or PEMFCs) are multi-physic and multi-scale green energy conversion systems that are very efficient and are already on the commercial market for specific applications. However, for large-scale dissemination, these systems still need to be improved in terms of performance, lifetime, and production costs. The necessary electro-catalysts are nanoparticles dispersed in thick electrodes. They require contact with the reactant gases and the electron and ion conductive materials and stability for long-term operation. The nanoscale structure is also crucial in solid electrolytes to insure transport properties. This Special Issue is open original research on new developments of nanostructured materials and a better understanding of the fuel cell operation especially at a molecular scale including operando experiments and modeling the field. Degradation and recycling studies and also developments of new efficient alternative materials for fuel cells and water electrolyzers will also be included.



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