



Technology and Applications of Nanoporous Alumina

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Nanoporous anodic alumina (NAA) is a material with an outstanding set of properties (e.g., well-defined cylindrical nanopores, chemical resistance, thermal stability, mechanical robustness, photoluminescence, large surface area, easy surface modification, etc.) and cost-competitive fabrication processes. NAA is a matrix of aluminium oxide featuring arrays of cylindrical nanopores organized in a quasi-hexagonal arrangement with diameters that can be tuned from few nm up to 400 nm. In addition, NAA-based nanostructures can be used as versatile templates for developing new nanostructures with new performances. Thus, the development of new nanostructures and applications using NAA is of great scientific and technological interest.

This Special Issue will present recent advances in NAA fabrication and their application to different research fields: Nanomedicine, energy, sensors, catalysis, photonics, nanofluidics, magnetism, biotechnology, etc. The broad and interdisciplinary applicability of nanoporous anodic alumina is of interest for a broad audience: Physicists, chemists, bioengineers, materials scientists, and nanomedicine experts.

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