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Flame Inspired Nanostructuring: Soft Ceramics to Advanced 3D Nanocarbons

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The recently introduced flame transport synthesis method offers unique nanostructuring avenues for different metal oxides ranging from quasi 1D nanowires to porous 3D interconnected ceramics networks.[1] This flame based strategy allows direct integration of ZnO nano- and microstructures and their interconnected networks on the desired substrates for various applications, e.g., whispering gallery modes, photocatalysis or nanosensing (UV/gases), and piezotronic devices, etc.[1-5] The unique 3D shape of the ZnO tetrapods facilitates them to be used as efficient fillers for fabricating advanced composites, e.g., self-reporting/healing composites[6] and many others. The 3D porous, flexible and conducting network from ceramic materials are now-a-days very important because of their technological relevance and the developed flame method offers desired synthesis of various ZnO and SnO2 nanonetworks.[1] The flame grown ZnO tetrapods structures exhibit very low cytotoxicity and they have shown strong potentials against antiviral and in other biomedical applications.[7] These porous networks can be decorated with other nanomaterials for designing further hybrid multifunctional materials^[2] and can also be used as sacrificial templates to grow new nanomaterials from carbon, for example 3D Aerographite and CNTT networks.[8-10] An overview about the new possible nanostructuring opportunities by the flame method will be briefly presented including some application examples.

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You are cordially invited to attend!

^[2] Advanced Functional Material 27, 2017, 1604676

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