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# The Synthesis and Applications of Carbon Nanotubes

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Dear Colleagues,

Since the beginning of the 1990s, and after its discovery by lijima, carbon nanotubes (CNTs) have experienced an extraordinary scientific interest, owing to their exceptional mechanical, electrical and thermal properties. The synthesis procedures described up to now are very varied (chemical vapor deposition, arc-discharge, laser ablation and sol-gel methods), producing materials with different characteristics, aspect ratios, and potential uses. CNTs have a very wide range of applications, in fields as heterogeneous as chemistry, technology, medicine, engineering, or materials science. CNTs modified by combination with foreign materials (for example, atoms, molecules, chemical groups, or crystals) have new or improved chemical reactivity properties, which the pristine CNTs do not possess.

This Special Issue is an ideal platform to disseminate the most outstanding scientific results that constitute the state-of-the-art of these unprecedented materials.

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