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New Methods for Control of Nanoparticles in Indoor (or outdoor) Environment





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Allowed levels of emissons of toxic gas molecules and particles are today very low Sensors systems for control are needed





Toxic substances include: NO_x, SO₂, CO, O₃, PAH/VOC, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, PM₁

Outline

Development of a particle detector:

LTCC technology based particle detector
Integration of functionality in LTCC packaging
Heating and detection of emissions



LTCC Technology for particle sensing

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Vision

Miniaturized device for the on-line monitoring of particles for

- Work places (specific)
- Public use (general)



Giving information about particle number (concentration), size, "shape", and content since these parameters influence the adverse health effect of particles

Nanoparticle detector LTCC platform - overview



Particle content meausurment set up



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Detection of particle content



Mass spectra of fly ash with 84 mg/kg ammonia when heated to 430 °C (left) and 860 °C (right). (C. Bur et al, poster session)

Integration of SiC-FET during LTCC processing



SiC-FETs and MOS gas sensors



Cross section of SiC-FET gas sensor Gate sensing layer: porous catalytic metal, Pt, Ir



AFM micrograph of V_2O_5 + V_7O_{17} mixed phase material for MOS gas sensor for NH₃ sensing



Humidity content of nanparticle detector Differential calorimeters

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Conclusions

- (Toxic gases and) airborne nanoparticles need to be monitored for environmental control
- LTCC technology is a powerful method for a cost efficient particle detecor
- The content of nanoparticles is important to measure. Our present approach is based on LTCC technology with integrated gas sensors and finger electrodes and measurement capability like impedance spectroscopy or heating particles and subsequent detection of the emissions



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