



Thermodynamics and Entropy for Self-Assembly and Self-Organization

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Message from the Guest Editor

During the XXI century, the concepts of self-assembly and self-organization have flooded all branches of natural sciences, from biology to nanotechnology. Self-assembly consists in the emergence of order in a thermodynamic equilibrium state starting from a disordered state. Self-assembly is widely found in nature and it is of practical interest for an easy and reproducible bottom-up fabrication of materials from nanoscopic building blocks (molecules or nanoparticles). The self-assembly process requires the presence of noise (i.e., a thermal bath) and thus entropy plays an essential role. Self-organization is the formation of complex patterns and structures from a disordered state, which requires a nonequilibrium state (for example, a continuous supply of energy). Both processes are of key interest in science, but their quantitative prediction is still a challenge. Thermodynamics in general and its central concept of entropy, in particular, emerge as key actors to quantitatively understand self-assembly and self-organization. I, therefore, solicit contributions to this Special Issue emphasizing fundamental aspects of self-assembly and self-organization.





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