

Special Issue

Advanced Polymeric Microspheres: Structural and Thermal Properties

Message from the Guest Editors

In recent years, polymeric materials have become the backbone of the modern industry. In the polymer family, materials with spherical shapes (porous and non-porous beads, microspheres, nanospheres, etc.) hold the most prominent position, and they are among the most effective materials for their many separation processes. Microspheres are easy to prepare and handle; they do not possess sharp edges and may be readily used in packed beads for continuous flow operation. They are widely used as stationary phases in different kinds of chromatography, in immobilization technologies, drug delivery systems, nuclear imaging, cell culturing, and as specific sorbents. The application of the microspheres is strongly connected to their structural and thermal properties. This Special Issue will focus on the synthesis, characterization, modification, and thermal degradation of polymeric microspheres. Reviews, mini-reviews, original articles, and short communications covering the most recent advances in microsphere preparation and the characterization of structural and thermal properties are welcome.

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