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Thermoplastic Nanocomposites

Message from the Guest Editor

Thermoplastic nanocomposites are a class of materials combining the low density, good processability and low cost of thermoplastic polymeric matrices with the functional properties imparted by dispersed nanostructured fillers. In the last few years, some undeniable and important advances concerning the improvement of mechanical, barrier and thermal properties of such nanomaterials have been achieved by optimizing the morphological and topological structure of composites, by tuning the segregation of nanoparticles in amorphous/crystalline domains or at the interfaces of immiscible polymer blends. At the same time, new and interesting research leanings have been exploited to transfer features of modified nanofillers, used as carriers of peculiar functionalities, to polymer matrices. This is generally aimed at designing polymer hybrids that exhibit the specific viscoelastic behavior of the thermoplastic materials together with optical, electrical, and bioactive characteristics suitable for semiconductor devices and sensing platforms for packaging and biomedical applications.

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