

Special Issue

Polymers in Space Exploration and Spacecraft

Message from the Guest Editors

Because of their many advantages, polymers are seeing increasing uses in various fields. They are used in many industries, often successfully replacing metal structures. Relatively minor modification of their properties offers new and unprecedented possibilities for their use, including in environments that are aggressive, difficult to access, or that experience extreme temperatures.

Modern processing and technological methods allow automated production of polymer machine elements, often without direct human oversight. As a result of research carried out in many scientific centres, scientists have created polymeric materials that can be implemented in space devices. Additionally, development of manufacturing methods can measurably affect the development of the importance of polymers in space exploration and their application in the designed spacecraft. This Special Issue will provide a platform for researchers and practitioners to present their achievements and cutting-edge research. Contributions can take the form of articles, reviews, case reports, or communications.

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