Special Issue

Characterization and Application of Self-Assembled Block Copolymers

Message from the Guest Editor

The self-assembly of amphiphilic block copolymers has attracted attention due to their ability to form various nanostructures, including spherical micelles, bowl-shaped micelles, cylindrical micelles, bilayer membranes, helices, nanotubes, hollow-hoop, and more complex structures in aqueous solution. The balance between hydrophilic and hydrophobic interactions drives the molecular chains to assemble into nanostructures with dense hydrophobic domains and loose hydrophilic domains in aqueous systems. The hydrophobic–hydrophilic balance is driven by many interactions between/within molecules, and the crystallization of molecular chains. Many block copolymers have been synthesized to create specific nanostructures for many applications. We invite authors to submit original research articles as well as review articles that will stimulate the continuing efforts in developing self-assemblies of block copolymers, including the new architecture of block copolymer molecules, the control of the thermodynamic equilibrium, and the dynamic process of self-assembling, new characterization strategies, and the application of the block copolymer self-assemblies.

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