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Artificial Intelligence in Polymers

Message from the Guest Editors

Polymers and polymer-based composites are used in a wide range of engineering applications. However, due to the vastness of the chemical and structural space, traditional intuition-driven and/or trial-and-error approaches used to discover polymers with target properties are expensive and time-consuming. With the advanced development of artificial intelligence technologies, the use of machine learning (ML) has shown great potential in data-driven design and the discovery of polymers, also known as polymer informatics. This Special Issue aims to delve into recent advancements in ML-assisted design of polymers and polymer-based composites with exceptional properties such as electrical insulation, thermal stability and mechanical strength. Topics of interest cover various aspects of polymer informatics including polymer dataset generation (experiments and high-throughput computations), machine-readable fingerprinting of polymer structures, ML algorithms describing structureproperty relationships, and rational design protocols.

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