

Special Issue

Laser Processing of Polymer Materials

Message from the Guest Editor

Since the first laser was developed in 1960, laser technology has been growing, and the processing of polymers has now become an important field of applied and fundamental research. Laser techniques constitute attractive alternatives for processing of soft materials affording the sought versatility and reliability. Indeed, laser techniques can be used to fabricate substrates with a variety of high-precision patterns at different length scales and can be applied in noncontact and flexible set-ups under a great variety of environments. Moreover, laser processing can be adapted both to the materials' properties and to the desired surface pattern by controlling the laser characteristics. This Special issue "Laser Processing of Polymer Materials" aims to gather contributions on recent advances about the use of laser techniques for the processing of polymers, both concerning surface and bulk modification, micro- and nanostructuring, and considering both the fundamentals of laser processing and the applications of the modified polymer materials.

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