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Active Colloidal and Micro Systems for Propulsion and Manipulation

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Colloidal suspensions are heterogeneous fluids containing solid microscopic particles and include two major classes: equilibri-um and active. Due to the remarkable properties of converting available energy sources into directed propulsion and the capability of dynamic self-assembly into complex functional geometry, active colloidal suspensions are fabricated for the application of tunable self-assembled micro-swimmers and micro-robots. To precisely control and manipulate these mi-cro/nanoscale targets and objects, the microsystem, including microfluidic and nanofluidic platforms, provides a powerful and promising technique for their potential in the fields of chemical, biological, and environmental Accordingly, this Special Issue seeks to showcase research papers and review articles that focus on novel methodological developments for the fabrication, and utilization of active colloidal suspensions in a variety formats, with particular interest being paid to techniques for self-propulsion micro-swimmers and microrobots as well as the manipulation, separation, characterization, and identification of micro/nanoscale particles and targets in micron sys-tems.











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