



Structural and Dynamic Properties of Synthetic Polymers in Complex Environments

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Single-molecule microscopy has revolutionized our ability to study phenomena at the individual molecular level with spatial resolution at the nanoscale. Single-molecule techniques have enabled us to understand details about, for example, the movement of molecular motors inside cells, mechanisms of macromolecular separation at chromatographic interfaces, and the diffusion in polymer melts. The state-of-the-art single-molecule fluorescence technique detects, quantifies, and analyzes diffusional behavior by identifying the position fluctuation of fluorescent molecules, leading to a profound understanding of many scientific areas that dramatically influence our daily lives. Combined with the rapid progress of single-molecule fluorescence microscopy with skillful chemical labeling, this method could also enable significant advances in polymer science.

Therefore, this Special Issue is devoted to the applications of single-molecule fluorescence microscopy for investigations of the structural and dynamic properties of synthetic polymers in various environments.





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