

Wetting of Polymer Surfaces

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Message from the Guest Editor

Researches within surface engineering, targeting, for example, medical device and biotech applications, or even photovoltaic systems, have largely moved from silica-based to polymer-based materials platforms. In order to enable efficient engineering solutions for applications, more research on the wetting properties of polymer surfaces is required. With this Special Issue, we welcome papers that address the above-mentioned challenges. We will consider the full breadth of papers reporting basic research on the wetting properties for polymer surfaces to engineering approaches and application-focused papers, employing a polymer materials platform.

In particular, the topics of interest include but are not limited to the following:

- Superhydrophobic/superhydrophilic surfaces;
- Superoleophobic surfaces;
- Surface tension;
- Contact angle/contact angle hysteresis;
- Superamphiphobic surfaces;
- Superwetting surfaces;
- Anti-fog surfaces;
- Anti-ice surfaces;
- Shape-memory effects.



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Message from the Editorial Board

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