

Polymer Films/Membranes: Structure, Properties, and Applications

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Membrane technology has been widely applied for water, energy, and environment-related processes, due to its relatively low energy consumption and mild operation conditions. Polymer films and membranes have an important role to play in various membrane separation technologies. Polymer membranes have advantages such as light weight, high process flexibility, and low capital cost, and they have been extensively used for water purification, desalination, gas separation, and energy generation and storage.

This special issue focuses on Polymer Films/Membranes. In particular, the topic of interest includes but is not limited to:

- The design and synthesis of polymer films and membranes;
- New characterization techniques of polymer films and membranes;
- The structure and property relationship of polymer membranes;
- Application of polymer membranes for water purification, desalination, gas separation, energy generation, and storage, etc.



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