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Message from the Guest Editors

Ongoing digitalization has significantly affected research into polymer science and is gaining increasingly more attention. Thus, automated synthesis, characterization and purification protocols have been developed, enabling a fast screening of polymeric materials. Furthermore, synthetic robots have allowed the parallel synthesis of polymer libraries, resulting in a fast screening of different compositions and properties. Recently, artificial intelligence and machine-learning methods have been developed in order to predict properties of polymers. Thus, ongoing digitalization is changing the way we perform research into polymer science.

The current Special Issue is focusing on all aspects of digitalization in polymer science, ranging from new aspects in the field of the automation of synthesis, characterization or purification over the utilization of robots for the preparation of new materials and polymer libraries to, finally, the application of artificial intelligence and machine-learning (AI/ML) routines for the predication of polymer-relevant aspects. The generation of data-using theoretical approaches for AI/ML programs will also be a part of the Special Issue.





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