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Applied Methodologies in Polymer Research and Technology

Applied Methodologies in Polymer Research and Technology Abbas Hamrang 2014-10-28 This book covers a broad range of polymeric materials and provides industry professionals and researchers in polymer science and technology with a single, comprehensive book summarizing all aspects involved in the functional materials production chain. This volume presents the latest developments and trends in advanced polymer materials and structures. It discusses the developments of advanced polymers and respective tools to characterize and predict the material properties and behavior. This book has an important role in advancing polymer materials in macro and nanoscale. Its aim is to provide original, theoretical, and important experimental results that use non-routine methodologies. It also includes chapters on novel applications of more familiar experimental techniques and analyses of composite problems that indicate the need for new experimental approaches. This new book:
• Provides a collection of articles that highlight some important areas of current interest in key polymeric materials and technology
• Gives an up-to-date and thorough exposition of the present state of the art of key polymeric materials and technology
• Describes the types of techniques now available to the engineers and technicians and discusses their capabilities, limitations, and applications
• Provides a balance between materials science and chemical aspects, basic and applied research
• Focuses on topics with more advanced methods
• Emphasizes precise mathematical development and actual experimental details
• Explains modification methods for changing of different materials properties

Comprehensive Desk Reference of Polymer Characterization and Analysis Robert F. Brady 2003 Looks at the analysis of polymers, covering techniques, basic principles, instruments, and how to obtain data.

Information Sources in Physics Dennis F. Shaw 1994 This third edition includes two new chapters on quantum optics and physics of materials, and eight of the other chapters have been completely rewritten by new authors. All chapters have been revised and updated. Patent coverage now includes European and international patents. Theoretical materials a

Polymer-Solvent Complexes and Intercalates I. Meisel 2001-08-15 This volume contains the proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Polymer-Solvent Complexes and Intercalates held in Besancon, France in August 2000. As the reader will discover, results from various topics involving polymers, polyelectrolytes, polymer-like systems (self-assembling molecules, biological molecules), surfaces etc. were presented and discussed. They highlight the growing impact of this field on various scientific domains, and also the building of a scientific community concerned by the same questions. **Fundamentals of Soft Matter Science** Linda S. Hirst 2019-08-14 This revised edition continues to provide the most approachable introduction to the structure, characteristics, and everyday applications of soft matter. It begins with a substantially revised overview of the underlying physics and chemistry common to soft materials. Subsequent chapters comprehensively address the different classes of soft materials, from liquid crystals to surfactants, polymers, colloids, and biomaterials, with vivid, full-color illustrations throughout. There are new worked examples throughout, new problems, some deeper mathematical treatment, and new sections on key topics such as diffusion, active matter, liquid crystal defects, surfactant phases and more.
• Introduces the science of soft materials, experimental methods used in their study, and wide-ranging applications in everyday life.
• Provides brand new worked examples throughout, in addition to expanded chapter problem sets and an updated glossary.
• Includes expanded mathematical content and substantially revised introductory chapters. This book will provide a comprehensive introductory resource to both undergraduate and graduate students discovering soft materials for the first time and is aimed at students with an introductory college background in physics, chemistry or materials science.

Practical Experimental Designs and Optimization Methods for Chemists Charles Kenneth Bayne 1986 Experimental design basics; preliminary planning; experimental design and analysis; factorial and fractional factorial design; optimization experiments; response surfaces; bibliography of applied optimization and response surface methods.

Contemporary Topics in Polymer Science 1977

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Spectroscopic Techniques for Polymer Characterization Yukihiro Ozaki 2021-10-29 | An insightful exploration of cutting-edge spectroscopic techniques in polymer characterization In Spectroscopic Techniques for Polymer Characterization: Methods, Instrumentation, Applications, a team of distinguished chemists delivers a comprehensive exploration of the vast potential of spectroscopic characterization techniques in polymer research. The book offers a concise outline of the principles, advantages, instrumentation, experimental techniques, and noteworthy applications of cutting-edge spectroscopy. Covering a wide range of polymers, from nylon to complex polymeric nanocomposites, the author presents recent developments in polymer science to polymer, analytical, and material chemists, assisting them in keeping track of the progress in modern spectroscopy. Spectroscopic Techniques for Polymer Characterization contains contributions from pioneers in modern spectroscopic techniques from around the world. The included materials bridge the gap between spectroscopists, polymer scientists, and engineers in academia and industry. The book also offers: A thorough introduction to the progress in spectroscopic techniques, including polymer spectroscopy and near-infrared spectroscopy Comprehensive explorations of topical polymers studied by spectroscopy, including polymer thin films, fluoropolymers, polymer solutions, conductive polymers Practical discussions of infrared imaging, near-infrared imaging, two-dimensional correlation spectroscopy, and far-ultraviolet spectroscopy In-depth examinations of spectroscopic studies of weak hydrogen bonding in polymers Spectroscopic Techniques for Polymer Characterization: Methods, Instrumentation, Applications is a must-read reference for polymer, analytical, and physical chemists, as well as materials scientists and spectroscopists seeking a one-stop resource for polymer characterization using spectroscopic analyses.

Applied Nonlinear Dynamics Ali H. Nayfeh 1995-02-17 Applied Nonlinear Dynamics provides a coherent and unified treatment of analytical, computational, and experimental methods and concepts of nonlinear dynamics. The fascinating phenomenon of chaos is explored, and the many routes to chaos are treated at length. Methods of controlling bifurcations and chaos are described. Numerical methods and tools to characterize motions are examined in detail, Poincare sections, Fourier spectra, polyspectra, autocorrelation functions, Lyapunov exponents, and dimension calculations are presented as analytical and experimental tools for analyzing the motion of nonlinear systems. This book contains numerous worked-out examples that illustrate the new concepts of nonlinear dynamics. Moreover, it contains many exercises that can be used both to reinforce concepts discussed in the chapters and to assess the progress of students. Students who thoroughly cover this book will be well prepared to make significant contributions in research efforts.

Contemporary Topics in Polymer Science E.J. Vandenberg 2012-12-06 The Eleventh Biennial Polymer Symposium of the Division of Polymer Chemistry, Incorporated of the American Chemical Society was held November 20-24, 1982 at -the Cerromar Beach Hotel, Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico. The theme of the meeting was "High Performance Polymers." On this occasion Professor Herman F. Mark received the Fourth Division of Polymer Chemistry Award for his outstanding achievements and his unique missionary role in the development of Polymer Chemistry. Professor Mark was the premier organizer of many important firsts in polymer chemistry, to name just a few - the first polymer journal, the pre-eminent Journal of Polymer Science; the first U. S. academic center of Polymer Science at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute which led to a long procession of eminent polymer scientists; the "High Polymer" Monograph series. In the Division of Polymer Chemistry, he was the first secretary-treasurer and chairman in 1955
•• A detailed biography follows along with Professor Mark’s reminiscences on the Early Days of Polymer Science, the topic of his Award lecture. It was indeed a pleasure and ultimate honor to be the Chairman and organizer of the technical program of this Symposium. The fourteen invited lectures are given herein. I have tried and believe succeeded in presenting important current research by leading workers on High Performance Polymers.

Handbook of Experimental Methods for Process Improvement David .C. Drain 1997-04-01 Clear and organized, this handbook shows engineers how to apply advanced statistical and experimental design methods to improve industrial and manufacturing processes. Throughout the text, concepts are developed in the context of industrial examples, and the use of software is made readily accessible to promote a better comprehension though graphical and statistical analysis. Using a variety of pedagogical techniques and high-quality graphics, Handbook of Experimental Methods for Process Improvement provides an intuitive understanding of the field, enabling engineers to apply the methods discussed to practical applications.

Polymer Science and Innovative Applications Mariam Al Ali AlMaaded 2020-06-24 Polymer Science and Innovative Applications: Materials, Techniques, and Future Developments introduces the science of innovative polymers and composites, their analysis via experimental techniques and simulation, and their utilization in a variety of application areas. This approach helps to unlock the potential of new materials for product design and other uses. The book also examines the role that these applications play in the human world, from pollution and health impacts, to their potential to make a positive contribution in areas including environmental remediation, medicine and healthcare, and renewable energy. Advantages, disadvantages, possibilities, and challenges relating to the utilization of polymers in human society are included. Presents the latest advanced applications of polymers and their composites and identifies key areas for future development Introduces the simulation methods and experimental techniques involved in the modification of polymer properties, supported by clear and detailed images and diagrams Supports an interdisciplinary approach, enabling readers across different fields to harness the power of new materials for innovative applications

Polymers J.M.G. Cowie 2008 Revised and updated, this third edition intruces the most important aspects of polymer science. It presents new polymerisation methods, recently available experimental techniques for polymer characterisation, and some new areas of application for polymeric materials.

Applied Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Volume 4 A. K. Haghi 2017-12-22 Applied Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Volume 4: Experimental Techniques and Methodical Developments provides a detailed yet easy-to-follow treatment of various techniques useful for characterizing the structure and properties of engineering materials. This timely volume provides an overview of new methods and presents experimental research in applied chemistry using modern approaches. Each chapter describes the principle of the respective method as well as the detailed procedures of experiments with examples of actual applications and then goes on to demonstrate the advantage and disadvantages of each physical technique. Thus, readers will be able to apply the concepts as described in the book to their own experiments. The book is broken into several subsections: Polymer Chemistry and Technology Computational Approaches Clinical Chemistry and Bioinformatics Special Topics This volume presents research and reviews and information on implementing and sustaining interdisciplinary studies in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Polymer Science Dictionary Mark Alger 2017-06-19 The 3rd edition of this important dictionary offers more than 12,000 entries with expanded encyclopaedic-style definitions making this major reference work invaluable to practitioners, researchers and students working in the area of polymer science and technology. This new edition now includes entries on computer simulation and modeling, surface and interfacial properties and their characterization, functional and smart polymers. New and controlled architectures of polymers, especially dendrimers and controlled radical polymerization are also covered. *Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Technology* 2004 This completely new Third Edition of the Mark Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Technology brings the state-of-the-art to the 21st century, with coverage of nanotechnology, new imaging and analytical techniques, new methods of controlled polymer architecture, biomimetics, and more. Whereas earlier editions published one volume at a time, the third edition is being published in 3 Parts of 4 volumes each. Each of these 4-volume Parts is an A-Z selection of the latest in polymer science and technology as published in the updated online edition of the Mark Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Technology (available at www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/epst). Order the 12 volume set (ISBN 0471275077) now for the best value and receive each of the 4 volume Parts as they publish. The complete list of titles to appear in Part 1 of this new third print edition can be viewed at www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/epst and clicking on "What's New". Check this website often as new articles are added periodically.

Polymer Science 2003

Modern Polymer Spectroscopy Heinz W. Siesler 1999-03-23 Modern Polymer Spectroscopy provides a 'guided tour' to the state of the art in polymer analysis by vibrational spectroscopy. Five renowned experts describe new experimental and theoretical techniques. Areas of focus include:
- two-dimensional infrared spectroscopy
- segmental mobility of liquid crystalline polymers under external fields
- dynamics and structure of polymers with chemical and structural disorder
- spectra of polyconjugated conducting polymers
- theoretical calculations on biopolymers. Readers learn experimental techniques and theoretical tools essential for obtaining more valuable information from their vibrational spectra, in order to solve problems that would otherwise be impossible. An essential reference for all professionals who need to keep abreast at the latest developments in the field, graduate students in polymer science, material science and the biosciences using spectroscopic techniques will profit from the wealth of information provided in this state-of-the-art guide.

Encyclopedia of Surface and Colloid Science P. Somasundaran 2006

Experimental Methods Daniel Friedman 1994-01-28 Experimental economics is a rapidly growing field of inquiry, and there currently exist several textbooks and surveys describing the results of laboratory experiments in economics. This primer, however, is the first hands-on guide to the physical aspects of actually conducting experiments in economics. It tells researchers, teachers and students in economics how to deal with human subjects, how to design meaningful laboratory environments, how to design experiments, how to conduct the experiments, and how to analyze and report the data. It also deals with methodological issues. It can be used to structure an undergraduate or graduate course in experimental economics.

Inventors and Inventions Alvin K. Benson 2010 In-depth critical essays on important men and women inventors of all time, from around the world. Features 409 essays covering 413 individual inventors (including twenty seven women).

Scattering Methods and the Properties of Polymer Materials Norbert Stribeck 2005-07-04 Nanostructure is in the focus of science, and advanced scattering methods are significantly contributing to the solution of related questions. This volume includes 19 contributions to the field of polymers and scattering, collected on the occasion of Wilhelm Ruland’s 80th anniversary in October 2005. The contributions from leading scientists cover a wide range of topics concerning -Advanced polymer materials -Studies of nanostructure: From bone to nanotubes -Modern data evaluation methods for isotropic and anisotropic scattering data. The book is an excellent source of information with respect to recent developments and future applications related to this important field that extends from the engineering of advanced materials to the development of novel evaluation methods.

Polymer Photodegradation J.F. Rabek 2012-12-06 During the last two decades, the production of polymers and plastics has been increasing rapidly. In spite of developing new polymers and polymeric materials, only 40–60 are used commercially on a large scale. It has been estimated that half of the annual production of polymers is employed outdoors. The photochemical instability of most polymers limits their outdoor application as they are photodegraded quickly over periods from months to a few years. To the despair of technologists and consumers alike, photodegradation and environmental ageing of polymers occur much faster than can be expected from knowledge collected in laboratories. In order to improve polymer photostability there has been a very big effort during the last 30 years to understand the mechanisms involved in photodegradation and environmental ageing. This book represents the author’s attempt, based on his 25 years’ experience in research on photodegradation and photo stabilization, to collect and generalize a number of available data on the photodegradation of polymers. The space limitation and the tremendous number of publications in the past two decades have made a detailed presentation of all important results and data difficult. The author apologizes to those whose work has not been quoted or widely presented in this book. Because many published results are very often contradictory, it has been difficult to present a fully critical review of collected knowledge, without antagonizing authors. For that reason, all available theories, mechanisms and different suggestions have been presented together, and only practice can evaluate which of them are valid.

Experimental Methods in Tribology Gwidon W. Stachowiak 2004 This is an indispensable guide to both researchers in academia and industry who wish to perform tribological experiments more effectively. With an extensive range of illustrations which communicate the basic concepts in experimental methods tribology more effectively than text alone. An extensive citation list is also provided at the end of each chapter facilitating a more thorough navigation through a particular subject.
* Contains extensive illustrations
* Highlights limitations of current techniques

Polymeric Liquids & Networks William W. Graessley 2003-11-20 Polymeric Liquids and Networks: Structure and Properties is the first book of two by William W. Graessley that presents a unified view of flexible-chain polymer liquids and networks. The topics of both volumes range from equilibrium properties to dynamic response, finite deformation behavior and non-Newtonian flow. The second book will be titled Polymeric Liquids and Networks: Dynamics and Rheology. These various aspects of the field were developed over the past 70 years by researchers from many academic disciplines. The infusion of fresh viewpoints continually invigorated and enriched the field, making polymeric liquids and networks a truly interdisciplinary subject. The lack of a common terminology and perspective, however, has led to compartmentalization, making it difficult for a newcomer, even one technically trained, to gain a broad appreciation of the field and to see the relationships among its various parts. The aim of these two books, without diluting the substance, is to achieve a desired unity.Polymeric Liquids and Networks emphasizes fundamental principles and a molecular viewpoint. The conceptual basis of theories underlying each topical area is explained with derivations sometimes outlined briefly and sometimes given in detail. Technical terminology is kept to a minimum necessary for coherent presentation. The goal of the text is to provide an informed understanding rather than detailed technical proficiency. Theory, experiment, and simulation are woven together as appropriate for achieving a balanced view. The books are designed to serve academic and industrial needs, consolidating the understanding of topics with both practical and fundamental significance, and written from a technical but non-specialized perspective.The books deal mainly with non-polar and weakly polar species and largely with results derived from experiments on structurally well-defined systems. The objective is not to ignore **Fatigue Crack Growth in Rubber Materials** Gert Heinrich 2022-03-25 The book summarizes recent international research and experimental developments regarding fatigue crack growth investigations of rubber materials. It shows the progress in fundamental as well as advanced research of fracture investigation of rubber material under fatigue loading conditions, especially from the experimental point of view. However, some chapters will describe the progress in numerical modeling and physical description of fracture mechanics and cavitation phenomena in rubbers. Initiation and propagation of cracks in rubber materials are dominant phenomena which determine the lifetime of these soft rubber materials and, as a consequence, the lifetime of the corresponding final rubber parts in various fields of application. Recently, these phenomena became of great scientific interest due to the development of new experimental methods, concepts and models. Furthermore, crack phenomena have an extraordinary impact on rubber wear and abrasion of automotive tires; and understanding of crack initiation and growth in rubbers will help to support the growing number of activities and worldwide efforts of reduction of tire wear losses and abrasion based emissions.

Polymer Science U.S.S.R. 1990

Experimental Methods for Social Policy Research George William Fairweather 1977

Experimental Methods in Polymer Science Toyochi Tanaka 2012-12-02 Successful characterization of polymer systems is one of the most important objectives of today’s experimental research of polymers. Considering the tremendous scientific, technological, and economic importance of polymeric materials, not only for today’s applications but for the industry of the 21st century, it is impossible to overestimate the usefulness of experimental techniques in this field. Since the chemical, pharmaceutical, medical, and agricultural industries, as well as many others, depend on this progress to an enormous degree, it is critical to be as efficient, precise, and cost-effective in our empirical understanding of the performance of polymer systems as possible. This presupposes our proficiency with, and understanding of, the most widely used experimental methods and techniques. This book is designed to fulfill the requirements of scientists and engineers who wish to be able to carry out experimental research in polymers using modern methods. Each chapter describes the principle of the respective method, as well as the detailed procedures of experiments with examples of actual applications. Thus, readers will be able to apply the concepts as described in the book to their own experiments. Addresses the most important practical techniques for experimental research in the growing field of polymer science The first well-documented presentation of the experimental methods in one consolidated source Covers principles, practical techniques, and actual examples Can be used as a handbook or lab manual for both students and researchers Presents ideas and methods from an international perspective Techniques addressed in this volume include: Light Scattering Neutron Scattering and X-Ray Scattering Fluorescence Spectroscopy NMR on Polymers Rheology Gel Experiments

Characterization of Solid Polymers S.J. Spells 2012-12-06 The last decade or so has seen a dramatic increase in the amount of detailed structural information available from a range of experimental techniques. Exciting new techniques such as atomic force microscopy have become widely available, while the potential of established methods like X-ray diffraction and electron microscopy has been greatly enhanced by powerful new sources and analytical methods. Progress in computing has also had a widespread impact: in areas such as neutron scattering, large data sets can now be manipulated more readily. The software supplied with commercial instruments generally provides more sophist cated analytical facilities, while time-resolved X-ray studies rely on rapid data handling capabilities. The polymer scientist is faced with an expanding array of experimental tools for addressing both fundamental science and industrial problems. This work reviews some recent developments in structural techniques, with the aim of presenting the current 'state of the art' in a selection of areas.

Soft-Matter Characterization Redouane Borsali 2008-07-28 This 2-volume set includes extensive discussions of scattering techniques (light, neutron and X-ray) and related fluctuation and grating techniques that are at the forefront of the field. Most of the scattering techniques are Fourier space techniques. Recent advances have seen the development of powerful direct imaging methods such as atomic force microscopy and scanning probe microscopy. In addition, techniques that can be used to manipulate soft matter on the nanometer scale are also in rapid development. These include the scanning probe microscopy technique mentioned above as well as optical and magnetic tweezers.

Chemical and Structure Modification of Polymers Kajetan Pyrzynski 2016-01-05 This timely volume provides an overview of polymer characterization test methods and presents experimental research in polymers using modern methods. Each chapter describes the principle of the respective method, as well as the detailed procedures of experiments with examples of actual applications and demonstrates the advantages and disadvantages of each physical technique. Thus, readers will be able to apply the concepts as described in the book to their own experiments. The successful characterization of polymer systems is one of the most important objectives of today’s experimental research of polymers. Considering the tremendous scientific, technological, and economic importance of polymeric materials, especially in industry, it is impossible to overestimate the usefulness of experimental techniques in this field. Since the chemical, pharmaceutical, medical, and agricultural industries, as well as many others, depend on this progress to an enormous degree, it is critical to be as efficient, precise, and cost-effective in our empirical understanding of the performance of polymer systems as possible. This presupposes our proficiency with, and understanding of, the most widely used experimental methods and techniques. The methods and instrumentation described in this volume represent modern analytical techniques useful to researchers, product development specialists, and quality control experts in polymer synthesis and manufacturing. Engineers, polymer scientists, and technicians will find this volume useful in selecting approaches and techniques applicable to characterizing molecular, compositional, rheological, and thermodynamic properties of elastomers and plastics.

Modern Methods of Polymer Characterization Howard G. Barth 1991-09-03 Presents the methods used for characterization of polymers. In addition to theory and basic principles, the instrumentation and apparatus necessary for methods used to study the kinetic and thermodynamic interactions of a polymer with its environment are covered in detail. Some of the methods examined include polymer separations and characterization by size exclusion and high performance chromatography, inverse gas chromatography, osmometry, viscometry, ultracentrifugation, light scattering and spectroscopy. **Modern Magnetic Resonance** Graham A. Webb 2007-05-26 A comprehensive collection of the applications of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Electron-Spin Resonance (ESR). Covers the wide ranging disciplines in which these techniques are used:
* Chemistry;
* Biological Sciences;
* Pharmaceutical Sciences;
* Medical uses;
* Marine Science;
* Materials Science;
* Food Science. Illustrates many techniques through the applications described, e.g.:
* High resolution solid and liquid state NMR;
* Low resolution NMR, especially important in food science;
* Solution State NMR, especially important in pharmaceutical sciences;
* Magnetic Resonance Imaging, especially important for medical uses;
* Electron Spin Resonance, especially important for spin-labelling in food, marine and medical studies.

Modern Techniques of Surface Science Delchass Woodruff 1994-03-03 Revised and expanded second edition of the standard work on new techniques for studying solid surfaces.

Multi Frequency EPR Spectroscopy of Conjugated Polymers and Their Nanocomposites Victor I. Krinichnyi 2016-10-14 Conjugated polymeric materials and their nanocomposites are widely used for the creation of alternative sources of renewable energy, cell phone screens, mobile gadgets, video players and OLED-TV, as well as organic diodes, transistors, sensors, etc. with field-dependent and spin-assisted electronic properties. Multifrequency EPR Spectroscopy methods can help researchers optimize their structural, magnetic and electronic properties for the creation of more efficient molecular devices. This book will acquaint the reader with the basic properties of conjugated polymers, the fundamentals of EPR Spectroscopy, and the information that can be obtained at different wavebands of EPR spectroscopy.

Polymer Science Vasant R. Gowariker 1986

Experimental Methods in Polymer Chemistry Jan F. Rabek 1990

Surface and Colloid Science R. Good 2012-12-06 Surface science and colloid science are preeminently experimental subjects. They constitute complementary aspects of a field which has been notably active since World War II; there is every reason to expect that the level of activity will continue to rise in the coming decades, so it is timely to review certain experimental methods of surface and colloid science as they exist, and to evaluate and refine those methods. This volume, and others that will follow, are principally concerned with experimental methods. The working scientist needs access to the latest techniques, of course. He also needs to learn of the potentialities of recently developed techniques which he may not have been aware of. Equally important, or perhaps even more so, he needs to learn of the pitfalls of existing methods. One might say, wistfully, that it would be nice to be able to pick up somebody’s description of a new piece of apparatus, to go into the laboratory, to build it, and to have it work, the first time! There is, however, a serious problem of the interaction between the experiment per se and the theory for which the experiment is designed. Very often, this interaction renders problematic the interpretation of “direct” observations. An example, from experience of the senior editor of this volume, is the question of contact angle hysteresis. (See Chapters 1 and 2.