Materials Seminar

Materials design via self-assembly: From supramolecular polymers to colloidal assemblies

Supramolecular polymer chemistry, the science of polymers that are held together and/or functionalized using noncovalent interactions such as hydrogen bonding and metal coordination, has revolutionized polymer science. The field of supramolecular polymer chemistry can be divided into two main areas: side-chain and main-chain supramolecular polymers. Both, classes of materials require polymerization methods that are highly controlled or living, i.e. allow for easy synthesis of multifunctional side-chain copolymers containing a large number of functional groups along their side-chains as well as allow for the controlled incorporation of functional handles at the chain ends of homoand copolymers. The presentation will focus on design principles of supramolecular copolymers as well as their use for a variety of applications including colloidal assemblies, surface functionalization strategies, and polymer-based foldamers.

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