

Modelling polymer brush coatings in contact with gasses



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What is a polymer brush?



How to prepare such brushes?



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Polymer brushes for gas separations



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Polymer brushes for sensing









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Polymer Brushes in Contact with Air / Vapors



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Summary Brushes in Liquid



good solvent

poor solvent

Summary Brushes in Liquid



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Brushes in Air are Different



At 100% relative humidity there is only 2 wt. % water in the air



air

liquid

Three component system



Brushes in Contact with Vapors





Brushes in Contact with Vapors



$$W = -\epsilon_{\rm ps} + \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_{\rm ss} + \epsilon_{\rm pp})$$

$$\chi = \frac{zW}{k_{\rm B}T}$$

Comparison to Theory

$$\ln\left(\frac{P}{P_{\text{sat}}}\right) = \ln(1-\phi_{\text{p}}) + \phi_{\text{p}} + \chi\phi_{\text{p}}^2 + \frac{3\rho_{\text{g}}^2}{\phi_{\text{p}}}$$



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Summary

- Polymer brush coatings behave different in air then in liquid
- The Flory Huggins theory can be employed to describe vapor aborption in brushes
- The correct brush-design can lead to collaborative effects and enhanced gas-sorption



Thank you!