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○ 일정

Impacts of Polymer Structures on Ion Transport and Membrane Performance Min Gyu Shin (신민규), mingyush@umich.edu Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor



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ABSTRACT: Polymeric membranes enable selective ion transports driven by pressure or electrical forces, making them important for advanced environmental technologies. Despite their importance, research has largely focused on enhancing performance through new chemistries, coating/modification, and process optimization. However, the fundamental study of ion transport behavior and membrane performance remains limited, even though it is vital for improving the technologies.

This challenge arises from the need for specific membrane properties tailored to various applications and their complex structures. For instance, reverse osmosis (RO) membranes used in seawater desalination have heterogeneous and ultra-thin structures (<1 μ m), complicating the control of their structures and the study of ion transport mechanisms. Similarly, ion-exchange membranes (IEMs) used in electrochemical processes face challenges due to the lack of theoretical frameworks and suitable characterization tools for assessing structure-property-performance relations.

In this presentation, I will discuss how systematically controlled polymer structures, combined with advanced characterization techniques, can provide new insights into the ion transport in RO membranes and IEMs. Additionally, I will explore how these structural changes impact membrane performance and propose novel approaches to enhance the potential of polymeric materials in advanced environmental technologies.

Polymerization/Depolymerization-Induced Phase-Transition under Combined Equilibria of Polymerization with Self-Assembly

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ABSTRACT: Depolymerization breaks down polymer chains into monomers like unthreading beads and is gaining more attention for its sustainability potential. When polymerization approaches equilibrium, polymerization and depolymerization can occur reversibly by lowering and elevating the temperature. Here, we demonstrate how dynamic polymerization equilibrium control of a growing polymer chain in a selective solvent can spontaneously influence the self-assembly of block copolymer micellar nano-objects. Compared to polymerization-induced self-assembly (PISA), where the irreversibly extended solvophobic polymer block from a solvophilic polymeric end generates micellization, polymerization/depolymerization-induced self-assembly (PDISA) presented in this study enables us to induce more drastic morphological transition by chopping the polymeric chain into monomer in depolymerization dominant states. By switching polymerization and depolymerization dominance with temperature swing, reversibly regulated packing parameters of the forming block copolymer induce reversible morphological transitions of the nanoobjects. Under the combined equilibria of polymerization with self-assembly, we found that spontaneous micelle formation during the polymerization occurs, and produces a noticeable entropic penalty toward polymerization. In a more selective solvent, the segregation of the solvophobic block from the reaction medium of the growing polymer entropically facilitates depolymerization at a substantially lower temperature. We show that reversible rod-sphere-rod and fiber-rod-fiber morphological transition is induced by PDISA along with viscosity swing, suggesting their potential as dynamic soft materials.

