

Nanostructured surfaces

Monte-Carlo simulation of non-equilibrium self-organization of nanoparticles on a substrate

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The random sequential adsorption (RSA) is frequently used for simulation of self-organization of nano-particles on a substrate. RSA assumes that the newly placed particle cannot overlap with the previously deposited ones and the final state is a disordered one (known as the jamming state). The fraction of the total surface occupied by the adsorbed particles is called as the jamming concentration, p_j . The extended particles with different shapes and sizes (e.g., linear and flexible (polymer-like)k-mers (particles occupying k adjacent sites), T-shaped objects and crosses, squares, disks, ellipses [1,2] have been studied and data shown that value of p_j depends strongly on the object shape and size. The percolation in films of extended particles and their mixtures on a substrate was also intensively studied [3]. This approach was shown to be useful for explanation the experimental data on percolation in segregated polymers [4]. The present work reviews the effects of non-equilibrium self-organization for different shapes of extended objects and types of inter-particle correlations. The finite-size scaling, packing, percolation and electrical conductivity behavior in elongated systems (strips) is also discussed. The proposed models are suitable for reasonable explanation of experimental data for different physical systems.

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