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Radiation assisted polymerization methodology: Its significance and applications**Asma Khurshid**

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Radiation induced polymerization methodology has got much importance nowadays due to the advantages associated with it as it proceeds without addition of any additive or catalyst for initiating a polymerization reaction. Among the various processes involved, the radiation induced graft polymerization is of prime interest which makes use of ionizing radiation (γ -radiation) thus giving rise to polymerize products including variety of commercial products such as radiation cross-linked Teflon and polyswitches etc. Based on the significance of radiation technology in polymer industry, our lab is working on the utilization of Co-60 i.e., the γ -radiation source for grafting different polymeric base materials such as graphene, sepiolite and silica etc., that are later on functionalized to produce modified nanostructures for various environmental applications.

Biography

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