CO₂-switchable Surfactants and Polymers: A Tale of Two Smart Soft Materials

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Prof. Feng holds 8 Chinese patents, and has published 124 papers in peer-reviewed, SCI-indexed international journals with h-index 31. He was also invited keynote speakers in the International Symposium on "Surfactants in Solution" (Coimbra, 2014; Jinan, 2016), International Symposium on Colloid and Interface (Amsterdam, 2015), "Colloid UK" (London, 2014), "European Association of Colloid and Interface Science" (Ljubljana, 2018), as well as the annual conferences of Canadian Society of Chemistry (Ottawa, 2015) and American Chemical Society (Washington, D. C., 2017).

Prof. Feng serves as associate editors for "*Current Opinion in Colloid and Interface Science*" (Elsevier), "*RSC Advances*" (RSC) and "*Journal of Surfactants and Detergents*" (Springer), as well as a guest co-editors for "*ChemPhysChem*" (Wiley) on the special issue "Smart Materials" (2018), and for "*Journal of Chemistry*" on "Chemically Enhanced Oil Recovery" themed issue (2013). He also serves as a committee member for the biennial SPE (Society of Petroleum Engineers) Oilfield Chemistry symposium since 2015.

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