

New Subsections for *JPC A/B/C* and *JPC Letters*

This issue of *The Journal of Physical Chemistry A/B/C* and of *The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters* begins the use of new subsections for the journal, as we originally announced in January. The new sections are now titled:

***JPC A*: Isolated molecules, clusters, radicals and ions; environmental chemistry, geochemistry, astrochemistry; theory**

- A1. Kinetics and dynamics
- A2. Spectroscopy, photochemistry, and Excited States
- A3. Environmental and atmospheric chemistry, aerosol processes, geochemistry, and astrochemistry
- A4. Molecular structure, quantum chemistry, and general theory

***JPC B*: Biophysical chemistry, biomaterials, liquids, and soft matter**

- B1. Biophysical chemistry and biomolecules
- B2. Biomaterials, surfactants, and membranes
- B3. Liquids; chemical and dynamical processes in solution
- B4. Glasses, colloids, polymers, and soft matter

***JPC C*: Energy conversion and storage, optical and electronic devices, interfaces, nanomaterials, and hard matter**

- C1. Energy conversion and storage; energy and charge transport
- C2. Surfaces, interfaces, porous materials, and catalysis
- C3. Plasmonics, optical materials, hard matter
- C4. Physical processes in nanomaterials and nanostructures

All of these new sections apply to *JPC Letters* as well.

You may have already noticed that the new sections were incorporated into Paragon Plus in early March, so manuscripts submitted since then have the new sections seamlessly incorporated. Manuscripts that were already in process at the time of the transition in March were mapped onto the new sections. Furthermore, the Deputy Editors have also done hand-sorting of papers to ensure that each manuscript is in the appropriate section. If authors are confused about which section to choose when submitting their manuscripts, they should contact the appropriate editor.

The new sections are designed to better represent and reflect the evolving subdisciplines of physical chemistry research, all of which are included in the journal. In *JPC A* we rearranged the content of A1 and A2, and we added aerosol processes, geochemistry, and astrochemistry to A3, as these were recognized as growing areas of interest. In *JPC B*, we now have two sections, B1 and B2, that highlight biologically-related physical chemistry, again reflecting growth of this area of research; in addition, we broadened sections B3 and B4. In *JPC C*, we have split the “nano” section (formerly C1) into C3 and C4, such that there is a stronger emphasis on physical chemistry research in the nano field (as opposed to synthesis and characterization studies, which do not belong in the journal); also, sections C1–C4 involve more comprehensive labels as well as some reordering.

We hope that you find the new restructuring of the journal sections to accurately represent the field of physical chemistry as it stands today. Our goal is to best serve the worldwide community of scientists and engineers engaged in physical chemistry and chemical physics research in a relevant and meaningful way, and we believe these changes to the journal will help us do just that.

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