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## Abstract

Motivated by the need for developing membranes for biofuel purification, we made pervaporation membranes by casting a polystyrene-*b*-polydimethylsiloxane-*b*-polystyrene (SDS) triblock copolymer using toluene, cyclohexane, and hexane as casting solvents. The three solvents have different affinities for each of the blocks of the SDS, which enables the creation of membranes with different nano-morphologies using the same block copolymer. These membranes were used in pervaporation experiments with butanol/water mixtures as the feed solution. We quantify the effect of morphology on butanol and water permeabilities. Butanol permeability was a more sensitive function of morphology than water permeability. Butanol Download English Version:

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