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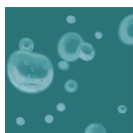
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Gel-related research has seen tremendous growth in the past several decades. Higher demands on gel properties and measures for their control arise as gel-based materials are exposed to new interdisciplinary studies and applications. Structures at various length scales have proven to significantly impact the physical and chemical properties of gel materials both in nature and in practice. Therefore, the design of gels with specific molecular functions, network complexities, microstructures and macro-architectures could yield hydrogels with advanced properties in terms of mechanics, diffusivity, sensitivity, adhesion, biocompatibility, and recyclability. Recent developments have shown that by harnessing chemical synthesis and engineering controls, gels could exhibit a multitude of controllable structures that lead to significant enhancement of properties and dynamics that were infeasible with conventional hydrogel designs. This Special Issue is dedicated to the surging studies of structure-property relationships of novel gel materials, with a focus on molecular design, network engineering, and structural controls.



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