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Recent Advances in Shape Memory Polymer Composites: Methods, Properties and Applications

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This Special Issue aims to inspire interdisciplinary innovations for bridging the material design and practical deployment of SMP-based energy conversion systems. Our scope of interest includes advances in the structure designs, processing techniques, fundamental mechanisms of shape memory behavior, and structure-property relationships of SMPs, along with innovative approaches for characterizing and optimizing their stimuli-responsive behavior. Contributions addressing their rapid responsiveness, reusability, multi-shape programming, multi-stimuli regulation, multifunctional integration, Al-assisted materials design, 3D/4D printing, sustainable and biocompatible development, and intelligent system designs are especially encouraged.

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