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## Strong Adhesion, High Toughness Hydrophobic Hydrogels

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The hydrophobic hydrogel could bear a large deformation and good resistance to a high concentration of saltwater. For these characteristics, hydrophobic hydrogels are used to design sensors and devices, and even for a more diverse range of applications. Examples include soft robots, biomedical devices, artificial skin, tissue adherence, 3D printing, and wearable sensors, and drug delivery. Although many aspects of the hydrophobic hydrogels have been clarified, there are still many phenomena, structural interactions, and performance characteristics of hydrophobic hydrogels that are yet to be discovered. We look forward to submissions of new results in the field of hydrophobic hydrogels.



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