

## Special Issue

# Synthesis and Application of Aerogel

### Message from the Guest Editor

Aerogels are highly porous networks of nanoparticles that have long been prized for their exceptionally high surface area; they are the smallest density solids in the world. Aerogels are usually developed by drying with supercritical fluids, most frequently CO<sub>2</sub>, freeze drying, or evaporative drying, from wet gels that were originally created using sol–gel methods. Aerogel has outstanding material properties because of its complex network of nanoparticles and fibers, which are created more by the microstructure of the material than by its physical characteristics. Although aerogel is light and has a low density, it can bear a lot of pressure. Due to their material properties, aerogels can be useful in a range of applications, such as thermal protection, catalysis, sorption media, sensors, electrodes in solid oxide fuel cells, and drug delivery. We welcome submissions of experimental and theoretical studies that explore the potential applications of aerogel materials.

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