

Special Issue

Aerogels: Recent Progress in Novel Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue is dedicated to the aerogels widely used in adsorption, separation, catalysis, bioscience, and thermal insulation, and so forth, based upon manipulating their microstructure regulation mechanism and property optimization strategy. Aerogels mostly originated from gels are mesoporous solid materials with high porosity and low bulk density, and are generally classified as superinsulators owing to their rich nanoporous structure and as adsorbents and catalysts due to their high specific surface area. All these frontline strategies enrich the current state of the art of aerogels and bring new opportunities to various application fields. We welcome submissions in this exciting field and look forward to learning and exchanging professional knowledge and new insights that these works will provide.

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