# **Special Issue**

# Mathematical Modeling in Gel Design and Applications

## Message from the Guest Editors

Focusing on the critical role of mathematical modeling, this issue seeks contributions that develop models to predict design parameters that are crucial for the development of gels with specific properties according to application requirements. By reducing th experimental effort, these models not only save time and cost but also promote more sustainable research practices. Understanding the gelation process is crucial for the design of gels. Mathematical modeling plays a crucial role here as it enables the prediction of key design parameters such as cross-link density, shear modulus, mesh size, drug diffusion coefficient, viscosity and critical stress. By accurately modeling these aspects, we can more efficiently develop gels with specific properties that match the desired properties according to the application requirements. Papers dealing with the mathematical modeling of gel network formation during the gelation process are very welcome in this Special Issue. Research into the interactions between polymer chains, swelling/shrinkage behavior and rheological properties to enrich the mathematical models is also particularly appealing.

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