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# Functional Hydrogels for Soft Electronics and Robotic Applications

## Message from the Guest Editor

The emergence of various soft functional materials has shown significant promise in advancing the fields of electronics and robotics toward various human-friendly applications. In sharp contrast to conventional electronic and robotic devices, which are often limited by the rigidity and brittleness of composing hard materials, soft electronics and soft robotics provide distinctive advantages. Among these soft materials, functional hydrogels have attracted considerable attention as a promising class of electronic and robotic materials owing to their unique properties such as tunable mechanical compliance, high water content, incorporation of third components, stimuliresponsiveness, and biocompatibility. This Special Issue, entitled "Functional Hydrogels for Soft Electronics" and Robotic Applications", aims to highlight recent advances in the synthesis, processing, and application of functional hydrogels in electronic and robotic systems. By bringing together cutting-edge research in this field, we aim to provide insights into the latest developments and future directions for this rapidly advancing area of study.

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