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Recent Advances in the Rheology of Soft Gels

Message from the Guest Editors

It has been pivotal in understanding their structure– property relationships, guiding the design of gels for use in fields such as biomedicine, soft robotics, and consumer products.

A key advancement lies in the characterization of nonlinear and time-dependent rheological behaviors. Techniques such as quasi-linear large-amplitude oscillatory shear (QL-LAOS) enable researchers to probe the viscoelastic properties of materials following microstructural changes induced by large stresses and deformations. Another emerging area is the development of multifunctional and responsive gels. Furthermore, the integration of rheology with complementary techniques such as scattering, microscopy, and computational modeling has provided a holistic view of gel microstructure evolution under flow.

These multidisciplinary approaches not only enhance the fundamental understanding of soft gels but also accelerate the design of next-generation materials for emerging technologies.

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