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Elastomers: From Theory to Applications

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This Special Issue focuses on the current state-of-the-art of elastomers, both in modern applications and from a theoretical perspective. The main characteristic of elastomer materials is the high elongation and (entropy) elasticity of these materials, and the ability to swell multiple times in a suitable solvent. The use of filled elastomers, especially of new kinds of elastomer nanocomposites, is of high interest for rubber technologies.

The scope of the Special Issue encompasses frontier-ofscience contributions in synthesis, characterization, modeling, and the theory of elastomers. Of particular and functionalities interest are new structures incorporated into elastomers, leading to enhanced properties of crosslinked elastomeric materials. Examples include conductive elastomers, mechanically adaptive elastomers, bioelastomers, photosensitive and lightcontrolled elastomers, elastomers with autonomous selfhealing properties, and other novel elastomer-based materials













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