Special Issue

Advances in Polymer Gels: Properties, Design, and Applications

Message from the Guest Editor

Polymer gels encompass complementary classes of soft materials derived from both synthetic polymers and biopolymers. Synthetic polymer gels are obtained from man-made polymers. They can be engineered to exhibit advanced functions such as self-assembly, responsiveness to environmental stimuli, and molecular recognition. Biopolymer gels provide superior biocompatibility, inherent bioactivity, and molecular specificity, making them particularly attractive for biomedical and therapeutic applications.

Polymer gels stand at the forefront of innovation across diverse fields, including medicine, biomedical engineering, and materials science. Their ability to bridge fundamental science with real-world applications has established them as a rapidly expanding research domain.

This Special Issue aims to showcase the most recent progress in this area. We welcome papers exploring new concepts, experimental approaches, and application-oriented studies on polymer and biopolymer gels. Contributions emphasizing advances in synthesis, structural design, functional properties, and innovative applications are especially encouraged.

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