

Special Issue

Advance in Functional Lignocellulosic Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

When developing high-performance materials, natural polymers should be prioritized due to their renewability and sustainability, low density, natural abundance, and high mechanical properties. Wood, one of the most important biological materials, gets more and more focus. Recent research shows interesting possibilities to modify wood templates in order to add functional properties for high-performance structural materials. As one of the three major structural components in wood, cellulose, especially its nanoscale semi-crystalline derivative nanocellulose, has also been widely used in high-end manufacturing. Functional wooden and cellulosic composite will be expected to be used in the design of high-performance materials for applications in construction, automobiles, and aerospace. Accordingly, this Special Issue aims to investigate innovation in functional lignocellulosic materials, including wood composite, aerogel, hydrogel, etc.

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