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# State-of-the-Art Gel Research in China

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### Message from the Guest Editors

In this Special Issue, we will showcase high-quality gel research from China.

The Issue aims to highlight state-of-the-art advancements in gel-related materials, e.g., hydrogels and organogels, hybrid/composite aerogels/xerogels, gels. and micro/nano-gels. Potential topics include, but are not limited to, functional network design, mechanics, dynamics, physical/chemical properties, and various smart features. We will also focus on the promising interdisciplinary applications of these soft materials, such as in medical uses, bioengineering, smart sensors, iontronic devices, soft machines, thermal insulation, environmental treatments, in the food industry, and in energy storage. We highly anticipate this Special Issue as it promises to bring forth the newest developments in Chinese gel research.

We sincerely invite researchers and scholars in China to submit original articles or short communications reporting the newest and exciting research results on gel materials, or reviews on the advancements and challenges in soft matter science. We hope that this Issue will provide an open, smooth, and efficient platform for relevant researchers and communities.







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