Title: Recent Advancements in Gel Materials for Green Chemical Processes, Clean Energy, and Environmental Solutions.

Abstract:

Gel-based materials have gained substantial attention due to their exceptional physicochemical properties and growing relevance in chemical industries, energy storage devices, and environmental remediation. These soft materials are characterized by a three-dimensional polymeric network capable of holding large amounts of liquid while maintaining structural integrity. Their tunable porosity, surface functionality, and responsiveness to external stimuli make them ideal candidates for a range of sustainable applications.

In chemical processing, organogels and ionogels are being used as greener alternatives to traditional solvents, offering better catalyst retention, selectivity, and ease of product separation. Their application has led to reduced waste generation and improved energy efficiency in several synthetic processes. In the energy sector, gel polymer electrolytes and aerogels have shown remarkable promise in enhancing the performance and safety of lithium-ion batteries, supercapacitors, and fuel cells. These gels contribute to better ionic conductivity, mechanical flexibility, and thermal stability.

Environmentally, hydrogels are increasingly being used for water purification, where they serve as effective adsorbents for dyes, heavy metals, and pharmaceutical residues. Their high water content, biocompatibility, and reusability make them attractive for real-world environmental challenges. This review explores recent innovations in gel materials across these domains and discusses their potential to enable cleaner, safer, and more sustainable technologies for the future.

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