# DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Aerogels as Diverse Nanomaterials: Synthesis & Applications

#### **Research Topics**

- Nanoporous metals, carbides, nitrides, borides
  - Carbothermal reduction of polymer-crosslinked aerogels
  - Nanoporous metal catalysts and thermites (Fe, Co)
- Polymeric, carbon and graphitic carbon aerogels
- Shape memory superelastic nanoporous polymers for deployable panels and biomimetic applications
- Synthesis of microporous carbons from phenolic, polybenzoxazine and polybenzodiazine aerogels as sorbent materials for CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Hierarchical porous metamaterials for programmable acoustic wave propagation
- Aerogels as drug delivery systems: correlation between aerogel nanomorphology and drug uptake and release



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"Metamaterial-like Aerogels for Broadband Vibration Mitigation" C. Sotiriou-Leventis *et al.* Cover image *Soft Matter* **2021**, *17*, 4496-4503.

"Low-temperature Catalytic Synthesis of Graphite Aerogels from Polyacrylonitrilecrosslinked Iron Oxide and Cobalt Oxide Xerogel Powders" *Carbon* **2022**, *193*, 107-127.

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Organic materials synthesis; aerogels; nanomaterials; shapememory polymers; thermites; microporous carbons; CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration; porous metamaterials

### **Significant Achievements**

- >140 peer-reviewed articles, 4 book chapters
- 16 patents issued
- h-index: 42
- 13 Teaching awards from Missouri S&T

