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$_2$ 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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Significant Achievements
- >140 peer-reviewed articles, 4 book chapters
- 16 patents issued
- h-index: 42
- 13 Teaching awards from Missouri S&T
