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## Gels in the Oil Field

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Dear Colleagues,

As functional materials, gels play an important role in promoting the efficient exploitation of oil fields, in processes such as gel plugging during drilling to prevent the loss of drilling fluid, the improvement of the effects of acidizing and fracturing, conformance control and water plugging, enhanced oil recovery using gels during oil production, and the improvement of the treatment effect using gels during oil and water treatment and separation. There are also important research efforts and applications in the CCUS field. With the developments achieved in recent years, gel technologies have become increasingly mature, making gels important products in oil field chemistry. These technologies include the research and development of new gels and the evaluation of gel properties and applications in the traditional oil and gas field, the new energy field, and the CCUS field. Therefore, this Special Issue is dedicated to reporting gel research and applications in the oil and related fields, providing practitioners with a more comprehensive research report and promoting the development of gel technology.

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