Dr. Jiaxi Cui

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Education and Research Experience

09/2015-present, INM - Leibniz Institute for New Materials, Saarbrücken, Germany

Head of the Independent Junior Research Group Switchable Microfluidics

12/2012-06/2015, Harvard University, USA

Postdoc researcher fellow in the Biomineralization and Biomimetics Lab (Prof. Joanna Aizenberg)

10/2010-12/2012, Max-Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Mainz, Germany

Postdoc researcher fellow in Dynamic Biointerfaces Lab (Prof. Aránzazu del Campo)

09/2008-06/2010, Peking University, China

Postdoc researcher fellow with Prof. Xinhua Wan

09/2003-06/2008, Peking University, China

Ph. D. in *Polymer Chemistry and Physics* Advisor: Prof. Xinhua Wan

09/1999-06/2003, Sun Yat-sen University, China

Bachelor in Chemistry of Materials

Research interests

- Dynamic soft materials: hydrogel and elastomer etc., develop novel bio-inspired materials by combining dynamic polymer materials and bio-inspired strategies;
- 2. **Switchable microfluidics**: the fabrication of microfluidic devices by smart materials;
- 3. Switchable surfaces: develop switchable surface with dynamic polymer materials.

Selected Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

- 1. Yu, M.; Zhang, P.; Krishnan, B. P.; Wang, H.; Gao, Y.; Chen, S.; Zeng, R.; Cui, J.*; Chen, J.*, From a Molecular Toolbox to a Toolbox for Photoswitchable Fluorescent Polymeric Nanoparticles. *Adv. Funct. Mater.* 2018, Online, 1804759.
- Zhao, H.; Sun, Q.; Deng, X.*; Cui, J.*, Earthworm-inspired rough polymer coatings with self-replenishing lubrication for adaptive friction-reduction and antifouling surfaces. Adv. Mater. 2018, 30, 1802141.
- 3. Ye, X.; Cui, J.*; Li, B.; Li, N.; Zhang, J.; Wan, X.*, Self-Reporting Inhibitors: A Single Crystallization Process To Obtain Two Optically Pure Enantiomers. **Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.** *2018*, 57, 8120-8124.

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4. Xiong, X.; Xue, L.; Cui, J.* Phototriggered Growth and Detachment of Polymer Brushes with Wavelength Selectivity. ACS Macro Letters 2018, 7, 239.

- 5. Ye, X.; Zhang, J.; **Cui, J.***; Wan, X.*, Thermo-responsive Recoverable Polymeric Inhibitor for the Resolution of Racemic Amino Acid. **Chem. Commun.** *2018*, *54*, 2785.
- 6. Zheng, Y.; Liu, X.; Xu, J.; Zhao, H.; Xiong, X.; Hou, X.; Cui, J.*, Thermoresponsive Mobile Interfaces with Switchable Wettability, Optical Properties, and Penetrability. ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces 2017, 9, 35483.
- 7. Zhao, H.; Xu, J.; Prieto-López, L. O.; Jing, G. Deng, X.*, **Cui, J.***, Controlling the localization of liquid droplets in polymer matrices by evaporative lithography. **Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.** *2016*, 55, 10861.
- 8. Jeon, I.; Cui, J.*; Illeperuma, W. R.K.; Aizenberg, J.; Vlassak, J. J.*, Extremely Stretchable and Fast Self-Healing Hydrogel. Adv. Mater. 2016, 28, 4678.
- 9. **Cui, J.**; Daniel, D.; Grinthal, A.; Lin, K.; Aizenberg, J.*, Dynamic Polymer Systems with Self-Regulated Secretion for the Control of Surface Properties and Material Healing. **Nat. Mater.** *2015*, 14, 790-795.
- 10. **Cui, J.**; Gropeanu, R. A.; Stevens, D. R.; Rettig, J.; del Campo, A.*, New Photolabile BAPTA-Based Ca²⁺ Cages with Improved Photorelease. **J. Am. Chem. Soc.** 2012, 134, 7733-7740.

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Patent

- 1. Aizenberg, J.; Aizenberg, M.; Cui, J.; Dunn, S.; Hatton, B.; Howell, C.; Kim, P.; Wong, T. S.; Yao, X. Slippery self-lubricating polymer surfaces. **PCT Int. Appl.**, *2014*, WO2014012080A1.
- 2. Li, L.; Aizenberg, J.; Cui, J.; Weaver, J. C. Bio-inspired tough glass hybrid materials comprising polymeric adhesives. WO2016196040A1, 2016

Selected Award

2009 Peking University Outstanding Postdoc Award

Scientific Services

- Reviewer for scientific journals such as Angewandte Chemie, Advanced Materials, Advanced Functional Materials, ChemSuschem, Small, Macromolecules, Scientific Reports, Journal of Materials Chemistry A, etc.;
- Organizer of 2018 MRS Spring Symposium "Smart Hydrogels and Living Materials" in Phoenix, USA.