**pre-gel regime**

Stage of a network-forming polymerization or crosslinking process extending up to, but not beyond, the gel point.

**Note:**
The pre-gel regime may be expressed as the length of time or the chemical conversion required to reach the gel point from the start of a polymerization or crosslinking process.

**Source:**
PAC, 2007, 79, 1801 (Definitions of terms relating to the structure and processing of sols, gels, networks, and inorganic-organic hybrid materials (IUPAC Recommendations 2007)) on page 1805