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Trends in Spark Plasma Sintering of Advanced Materials

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We are pleased to invite you to contribute to this Special Issue, and we very much appreciate receiving contributions from your group and colleagues who use SPS to process advanced materials.

The aim of this Special Issue is to publish original and cutting-edge papers—research articles and reviews—on the trends of use of the SPS technique and its impact on industry and science, focusing on the application of the SPS technique to consolidate advanced materials. We will additionally focus on SPS-processed advanced materials, such as designed metal alloys, coated materials, functional gradient materials (FGMs), and ceramics and composites for several applications.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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