



Structural, Mechanical and Tribological Properties of Hard Coatings

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Message from the Guest Editors

Hard coatings have always attracted a great deal of attention due to their high hardness and well anti-wear properties. They have been widely applied in different fields. This Special Issue aims to present the latest findings and to promote further research in the structural, mechanical and tribological behaviors of hard coatings, including hard materials synthesis, hard coatings deposition, structural analysis, mechanical characterization, and frictional behavior investigations.

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following:

- Advanced hard materials synthesis and preparation;
- Hard coatings preparation through electrochemical or electroless methods, spray technologies, thermochemical, CVD and PVD;
- Structural analysis;
- Mechanical properties characterization;
- Friction and wear behavior of hard coatings in different environments;
- Advanced hard coatings for applications;
- Numerical simulations and computational modeling for hard coatings, including FEM/XFEM, MD, MC, DFT





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Message from the Editorial Board

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