



Novel Materials and Processes for Metal Additive Manufacturing

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Additive manufacturing (AM) is a new paradigm for the design and production of high-performance components for aerospace, medical, energy, and automotive applications. The goal of this Special Issue is to highlight research on two frontiers. The first one concerns the materials used in additive manufacturing. The intrinsic properties of AM (i.e., rapid solidification, melt pool dynamic, cyclic heat treatment) can provide a unique opportunity to design novel materials. The second frontier regards novel/modified processes that address some of the limitations/challenges associated with melt-based metal additive manufacturing.

In particular, the topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

Novel additive manufacturing processes, including solid-state AM (e.g., cold spray, friction stir welding), hybrid AM processes, etc.

The relationship between AM process parameters, microstructure, and the resulting properties

Alloy design for additive manufacturing or design of new alloys with additive manufacturing





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