



Ferrous Powder Metallurgy—State of the Art

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The driving force of any manufacturing process utilizing metal powders as the base material is the minimization of residual porosity to improve mechanical properties. Densification can be achieved via multiple strategies related to particle consolidation, sintering as well as post-sintering operations. On the other hand, approaches can also be devised to mitigate the detrimental effect of porosity on mechanical properties of powder metallurgy components.

Ferrous materials constitute by far the most important alloy system in the PM industry. Owing to the near-net shape ability of powder-based manufacturing processes, PM ferrous components are increasingly replacing wrought steels in numerous applications. To support the growth in use of PM steel parts, it is essential to maximize their mechanical properties while maintaining production costs below those of more conventional fabrication processes. The importance of this subject has encouraged us to organize a Special Issue of Metals that focuses on research topics at the cutting edge of development related to ferrous PM. Therefore, we are inviting manuscripts that reflect the state of the art in this field.





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