



Heat Treatment of Iron- and Aluminum-Based Alloys

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Despite three thousand years of experience, the heat treatments of metals continue to be studied and improved. New alloys and production process developments are released in the need of new and more efficient heat treatments. Furthermore, cost reduction and environmental sustainability play a role in the development of innovative techniques in this field. In particular, the knowledge about the principles at the base of the hardening mechanisms are also fundamental to the insightful design of different heat treatments able to bring components to market more quickly. This Special Issue aims to present the latest research related to advanced treatment techniques for the new generation of iron-based (i.e., light steel, Q&P) and aluminum-based alloys, also related to innovative production processes such as additive manufacturing and semisolid casting. Research reports associated with the development of a sustainable system for the reduction in the use of polluting elements and increasing the energy efficiency of the heat treatments are also welcome.





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