

Special Issue

The Next Generation of Smart Materials and 3D/4D Printing Technologies

Message from the Guest Editors

Under the umbrella of smart materials, advanced composites, functionally graded materials, shape memory materials, multi-phase materials, and biomaterials, to name a few, play a crucial and promising role in applications such as conductors, actuators, sensors, MEMS, drug delivery, chemicals detection, power generation and storage, and self-assembly. Over the last four decades, three-dimensional (3D) printing technology has led to a tremendous breakthrough in academia and industry regarding the fabrication of complex shapes and structures with multimaterials. Based on this success, a booming research field has been emerged over the last six years in the development of dynamic or alive structures, leading to the paradigm of 4D printing, which enables the tailored manufacturing of smart materials and structures that can actively respond to external stimuli. This Special Issue is to promote the dissemination of significant developments dealing with smart materials, composite structures, and 3D/4D printing technologies.

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