

Special Issue

Mechanics of Heterogeneous Solids and Structures

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue of *Symmetry* is dedicated to “Mechanics of Heterogeneous Solids and Structures”. The concept of “heterogeneous solids and structures” seems to be intuitively clear, involving, in particular, composite and discrete media, heterogeneous elastic and plastic structures, layered, reinforced, and perforated plates and shells, etc. Despite the wide variety of diverse problem formulations, they all have common features. As a rule, the domains of fast variation of sought-for solutions emerge along with the areas of smooth behavior. This naturally implies the implementation of powerful asymptotic methods, including homogenization, continualization, and multiple-scale techniques. We equally expect contributions developing novel numerical approaches. We look forward to receiving submissions reporting on advanced formulations concerned with the modeling of continuous and discrete heterogeneous solids and structures.

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