



## Rare Earth Free Permanent Magnets

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Permanent magnets (PMs) have become our invisible companions, particularly in electrical motors, hybrid and electric vehicles, (aero) generators, transformers, and all sorts of consumer electronics. High-performance rare-earth (RE) based magnets are nowadays facing a world-wide resource problem. With the considerable increase of RE price in the last decade, the Nd-Fe-B PMs have been classified as ‘critical’ materials in supply risk. Therefore, a renewed interest in RE-free PMs resurfaced.

Currently, several strategies to develop new, competitive RE-free PMs are put forward. One is to take advantage of Fe-Co soft magnetic alloy. Recent works focused on increasing its coercivity either by distorting the atomic structure via chemical substitution, strain or epitaxy, or by exploring composites where the added hard phase pins the soft phase at nanoscale. Computational techniques, such as density functional theory, Monte Carlo and micromagnetism simulations, are also highlighted. We invite all researchers in the challenging area to contribute to the Special Issue “Rare Earth Free Permanent Magnets” in Metals.





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