

Special Issue

Greening Aircraft Manufacturing Through Industry 4.0 Technologies and Recyclable Composites

Message from the Guest Editors

The aviation sector aims to significantly reduce global emissions, necessitating a shift towards greener manufacturing processes. Industry 4.0 offers promising technologies that can enhance sustainability in aircraft production. This Special Issue will investigate how these technologies, combined with the use of recyclable composites, can minimize waste, improve energy efficiency, and promote eco-friendly materials in aircraft manufacturing. Additionally, the Issue will address challenges associated with the implementation of these technologies, such as cost, technical integration, and the need for industry-wide standards. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Application of additive manufacturing in sustainable aircraft production.
- IoT and AI-driven optimization for energy-efficient manufacturing processes.
- Development and utilization of recyclable composites in aircraft structures.
- Case studies of Industry 4.0 technology implementations in the aviation sector.
- Economic and operational analysis of green manufacturing technologies.
- Solutions to challenges in adopting Industry 4.0 technologies in aerospace manufacturing.

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