# Special Issue

# Dynamic Response of Composite or Biomimetic Structures Under Impact/Blast Loading

# Message from the Guest Editors

Modern structures are increasingly subjected to extreme dynamic loads, such as impacts, explosions, and shock waves, which pose significant threats to their integrity and safety. Composite and biomimetic materials, with their superior energy absorption, lightweight properties, and tailored mechanical performance, offer promising solutions for impact and blast-resistant designs. However, understanding their dynamic behavior under such extreme conditions remains a critical challenge for structural safety and performance.

This Special Issue seeks groundbreaking research and innovations in the dynamic analysis of composite and biomimetic structures under impact and blast loadings. Key research areas include:

- Experimental and numerical investigations of impact/blast effects on advanced materials
- Energy absorption and dissipation in bio-inspired and layered structures
- Damage assessment and durability evaluation under repetitive dynamic loads
- Protective design strategies, including metamaterials and adaptive structures
- Machine learning and Al-driven approaches for predicting impact/blast resistance
- Design optimization of composite structural systems for combined impact-blast resistance

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