Special Issue

Cement and Concrete Composites in Construction: Applications and Potential

Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to announce the Special Issue titled "Cement and Concrete Composites in Construction: Applications and Potential", which aims to showcase cutting-edge research and practical advancements in the design, performance and deployment of cementand concrete-based composite materials across diverse construction applications. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Design, formulation and characterization of cement and concrete composites
- Fiber-reinforced and particle-reinforced composites (steel, polymer, basalt, glass, natural fibers)
- Ultra-high-performance concrete (UHPC), lightweight composites and 3D printable mixes
- Durability, long-term performance and degradation mechanisms (corrosion, freeze-thaw, sulfate/ASR, carbonation)
- Functional and smart composites (self-sensing, selfhealing and multifunctional materials)
- Sustainable and low-carbon solutions (supplementary cementitious materials, alternative binders, recycled aggregates, LCA/LCCA)
- Rheology, workability and processing for casting, pumping and additive manufacturing
- Structural applications: beams, slabs, shells, bridges, pavements and prefabricated systems

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