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Development Trends in Surface Engineering Modification for Improving Tribological Properties of Alloys and Composite Polymer Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

Surface engineering is one of the most promising areas of materials science. Various methods have been applied to produce modified surface coatings and functional films, including physical vapor deposition (PVD), chemical vapor deposition (CVD), ion beam-assisted deposition (IBAD), thermal–chemical treatment (TCT), thermal-sprayed coatings by high-velocity oxygen flame (HVOF) or plasma-sprayed modification, and surface cladding using electron beam or laser processing techniques.

Among these surface engineering methods, electron beam and laser processing techniques are commonly used for local surface modification of metals and alloys. Besides metal alloys for engineering applications, surface coatings can be fabricated by a substantial number of commonly applied polymers and composites, including epoxy, polyurethane, polyethylene, and nanocomposites.

This Special Issue focuses on the current development and future trends in surface engineering techniques and the impact of modified alloys and composites or polymer materials, obtained via surface engineering, on advanced engineering technologies for friction and wear control.

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