# Special Issue

# Superlubricity Mechanisms and Applications

## Message from the Guest Editors

Superlubricity occurs when the frictional resistance between two surfaces in relative motion is exceptionally low or nearly zero. This phenomenon challenges the traditional understanding of friction and offers significant potential for various applications. The study and application of superlubricity can potentially revolutionize the design and performance of mechanical systems such as bearings, gears, and micro-electromechanical systems (MEMS). By reducing friction, it can lead to enhanced energy efficiency, less wear and tear, and longer lifetimes of mechanical components. It also opens up new avenues for research in nanotechnology and surface science, as understanding and harnessing superlubricity requires a deep exploration of the interactions at both the atomic and molecular scale. The intention of this Special Issue is to share the physical and chemical mechanisms underlying superlubricity and how superlubricity can be harnessed in real-world engineering scenarios.

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