

## Special Issue

# Challenges in Additive Manufacturing of Metals and Their Alloys: Microstructure and Mechanical Properties

### Message from the Guest Editor

The development of additive manufacturing methods has now reached the re-evaluation stage, with many problems and challenges facing R&D, especially during the pandemic period when all activities were ceased. These problems relate to increasing the production rate and final product sizes, obtaining high-quality, fully dense metallic components, avoiding the inconsistency of the components printed, developing efficient post-processing methods, optimizing the source materials and rheology of the powder blends, providing the compatibility of alloy structures when growing multi-materials, and many others. Direct energy wire-feed deposition methods allow fabricating large and fully dense components while powder-bed ones ensure higher accuracy and more complex shapes. Other methods are effective that utilize powder metallurgy approaches, including printing green samples and then sintering them. In the post-pandemic period, more effort should be put into developing the most promising solutions for each type of final product and the standardization of digital manufacturing.

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