# **Special Issue**

# Advances in Strengthening Mechanism and Plastic Properties of Metallic Materials

## Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focuses on advancing our understanding of strengthening mechanisms and plastic properties in metallic materials. Plastic deformation in metals involves complex interactions among dislocations, phase structures, and microstructural features such as grain size, precipitates, and texture. Deeper insight into these mechanisms is essential for designing high-performance metals for diverse engineering applications. We invite original research and reviews on strengthening and plasticity at various scales. Topics include dislocation slip, crossslip, twinning, transformation-induced plasticity, solid solution strengthening, precipitation hardening, and HDI strengthening. Studies on grain refinement, texture evolution, and thermomechanical effects on uniaxial/cyclic plasticity are also encouraged. Submissions using advanced experimental methods and multiscale simulations (molecular dynamics, crystal plasticity) that elucidate microstructure-property relationships are especially welcome. This issue aims to promote cross-disciplinary dialogue and physics-based approaches to guide the development of nextgeneration metals with superior mechanical performance.

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