

Special Issue

Surface Modification and Characterization of Metals and Alloys

Message from the Guest Editor

Metals and alloys often fail due to wear, fracture, and corrosion, which typically start at the surface. To enhance properties like strength, hardness, rigidity, wear and corrosion resistance, surface modification and strengthening technologies are commonly used. These methods improve material properties and enable surface functionalization. By applying coatings or creating structures with special properties like superhydrophobicity or superhydrophilicity, surface modification can solve practical engineering challenges, expanding material applications and improving performance in specific environments. This Special Issue, "Surface Modification and Characterization of Metals and Alloys," aims to compile research and reviews on recent advancements in the field. Topics include advanced surface modification technologies (coatings, laser treatments, shot peening, spraying, nanocrystallization, alloying, functionalization, heat treatment) and the effects of modified surfaces on properties like hardness, wear resistance, corrosion, and multifunctionality for environmental, energy, and medical applications. We welcome original research and review papers.

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