

Special Issue

Advanced High-Performance Steels: From Fundamental to Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue highlights recent advancements in automotive steels, focusing on Advanced High-Strength Steels (AHSSs) and electrical steels for new energy vehicles (NEVs). AHSSs enable the manufacturing of lightweight, cost-effective components with enhanced safety and environmental performance, and their mechanical properties are governed by their phase composition, microstructure distribution, and metastable phase stability. Additionally, we emphasize critical developments in electrical steels for NEV applications, including high-efficiency non-oriented grades with optimized core loss, thin-gauge silicon steels for high-frequency motor operation, and novel processing techniques for enhancing magnetic properties while maintaining mechanical strength. This Special Issue also serves as a forum for researchers to interact with one another. We invite authors to submit original research articles as well as review articles focusing on novel developments in steel design and on new insights regarding processing–microstructure–property relationships in steels.

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