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Powder Metallurgically Manufactured Cellular Metallic Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

The class of cellular metallic materials now has a long history and is firmly established in the scientific community. Lately, the rapid development of additive manufacturing methods has proved to be a particular innovation driver for this research field. Here, too, powder metallurgical know-how has played an essential role. It has allowed the realization of a variety of novel geometries and optimizations, such as auxetic materials or topologically optimized components. For the latter, another important driver for this research field is the rapid advancement of simulation tools, which, in combination with the increased availability of computed tomographic measurements, has led to significant property improvements. Finally, it is application-related interests that have led to further advancements. Driven by biomedical, thermal, or catalytic applications or questions of energy conversion and heat storage, a broad diversity of fabrication techniques on the one hand and a high level of application-related understanding on the other hand have emerged.

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