

## Special Issue

# Recent Discoveries of Novel Ablative Thermal Protection Nanocomposites and Nanostructures

### Message from the Guest Editor

One of the most critical challenges in developing thermal protection systems (TPS) for aerospace vehicles lies in understanding and optimizing the ablative behavior of materials in extreme environments. Thermal protection materials must withstand ultra-high temperatures and intense aerodynamic–thermal–chemical coupling while maintaining structural integrity. Therefore, the preparation of novel thermally protective nanocomposites, the development of unique thermally protective nanostructures, and the in-depth investigation of the mechanism of the fine-scale ablative degradation behavior of nanocomposites have become the focus of future research in this field. This Special Issue is dedicated to presenting the latest advances in lightweight ablative thermally protective nanocomposites and nanostructures, bridging the gap between materials science, structural engineering, and performance simulation and prediction. We aim to highlight the current state-of-the-art in ablative materials design and synthesis, structural innovations, and high-fidelity simulations that capture the complex thermal–mechanical–chemical interactions during ablation.

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