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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The classification between structural and functional materials is usually made via exclusion. Functional materials, on the other hand, have a more extended range of applications, since they encompass magnetic, electric, or optical properties (and often couplings between these), to mention just a few. In this sense, functional materials have a phenomenology that is much broader than that of structural materials, and the discovery of new applications would consequently expand the field, creating new subclasses. Therefore, the section of *Metals* ‘Metallic Functional Materials’, to which this Special Issue belongs, is open to a wide range of materials (with the obvious requirement of being metallic materials), an extended set of properties, and a diverse spectrum of applications.

The focus of this Special Issue is on the development of new or optimized metallic functional materials, the advancement of modeling and simulation techniques that can predict their functional properties, experimental techniques related to the characterization of these properties, and novel applications that exploit the material’s functionalities.





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