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The fourth edition forum of the Innovative Manufacturing, Mechatronics and Materials Forum 2023 (iM3F 2023) organized by Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah through its Faculty of Manufacturing and Mechatronic Engineering Technology was held on 7 and 8 August 2023. The main field focuses on Manufacturing, Mechatronics as well as Materials.

About 95 submissions were received during iM3F 2023 and were reviewed in a single-blind manner, and 48 papers were advocated by the reviewers to be published in this Springer Proceedings of Materials. The editors would like to express their gratitude to all the authors who submitted their papers. The paper published in this proceeding has been thoroughly reviewed by the appointed technical review committee which consists of various experts in the field of materials and manufacturing engineering.

The conference had brought a new outlook on cutting-edge issues shared through keynote speeches by Assoc. Prof. Ir. Dr. Haji Nik Mohd Zuki Nik Mohamed, Prof. Eng Hwa Yap and Prof. Gian Antonio Susto.

Finally, the editors hope that readers find this volume informative as we thank Springer Proceedings in Materials for undertaking this volume publication. We also would like to thank the conference organization staff and the international program committees' members for their hard work.

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Abstract

The field of material science and engineering has seen a growing interest in Multifunctional Magnetic Soft Composites (MMSCs) due to their unique magnetic properties, flexibility, and diverse range of functionalities. These composite materials, which possess magnetic responsiveness and adaptability, have been utilized in various fields such as soft robotics and biomedical advancements. Significantly, the incorporation of MMSCs into soft robotic systems has facilitated the ability to navigate complex environments and perform precise object manipulation, thereby surpassing the capabilities exhibited by conventional rigid robots. Moreover, MMSCs have demonstrated potential in various biomedical applications, such as drug delivery systems, medical textiles, and targeted therapies. The progress in fabrication techniques, such as 3D printing, and the integration of novel insulating layers have significantly advanced research on MMSCs, leading to improvements in their characteristics and expanding their range of potential applications. Nevertheless, notwithstanding these notable progressions, there exist certain lacunae in the research, specifically pertaining to the comprehension of time-dependent electric conductivity of MMSCs in high-electric fields and the

investigation of symmetry-breaking actuation mechanisms. By addressing these knowledge deficiencies and effectively utilizing the untapped potential of MMSCs in unexplored areas such as high-voltage systems and diverse biomedical applications, there is a possibility of significantly transforming their influence in multiple sectors. Future research endeavors should give priority to these areas, in order to ensure the ongoing evolution of MMSCs and their crucial role in shaping technological advancements.

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