Special Issue

Single Crystal Materials for Optical Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

As important functional materials, crystals have many applications, such as in laser nonlinear optics, piezoelectrics, scintillation, modulators, etc. In the past and presently, numerous crystals, for example, Nd3+: Y3Al5O12 (YAG), KTiOPO4 (KTP), LiNbO3 (LN), and Bi4Ge3O12 (BGO), and those in their families, have been used as laser and nonlinear optical materials, and this is expected to continue in the future. However, the development of optical technology necessitates new crystal materials with excellent optical properties. We are inviting researchers to submit original work to this Special Issue, 'Single Crystal Materials for Optical Applications', which intends to highlight the state of the art for single crystal materials. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following aspects:

- Design, synthesis, characterization, and applications of single crystalline materials;
- Growth and characterization of crystals;
- X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy studies;
- Microstructure and morphology;
- Luminescence;
- Absorption properties;
- Relationship between structure and properties.

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