

Special Issue

Optical Communication Networks: Challenges and Opportunities

Message from the Guest Editors

Optical communication networks form the backbone of modern telecommunications, enabling high-speed data transmission over long distances with minimal loss. As demand for bandwidth-intensive applications (e.g., 5G, IoT, cloud computing, and AI) grows, optical networks face both challenges and opportunities to meet future requirements. This Special Issue will present an overview of cutting-edge research, including their aims, results, and applications. We invite the submission of broad, visionary contributions, including short research reports and collections of reviews of accomplishments. Topics include but are not limited to the following:

- AI and machine learning optimization;
- Integration with emerging technologies;
- Advanced modulation and multiplexing techniques;
- Network scalability and flexibility;
- Nonlinear compensation;
- Security vulnerabilities;
- Bandwidth and capacity improvement;
- Silicon photonics and integrated optics;
- Green optical networking.

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