

Special Issue

Symmetry and Microelectronic/Optical Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

In the study of microelectronic or optical materials, symmetry is a critical problem. It pertains to the introduction of defects or impurities or any breakdown of a crystal structure. From the point of view of quantum physics, this may cause certain transitions between different states. Extensive physical and chemical reactions can be expected, including the enhancement of certain physical parameters (e.g., electrical polarization). This can be carried out by adding impurities. For example, adding certain elements may alter the fluorescence band of a crystal.

We live in an era that has witnessed tremendous research progress in topological materials, ferroelectric materials, thermoelectric materials, optical materials, and optoelectronic materials. We anticipate that more progress will be made with respect to the combination of symmetry and microelectronic/optical materials.

In this Special Issue, we seek theoretical or experimental studies of impurities or defects or any change in a crystal, expecting a complete change in the physical or chemical properties of the crystal system.

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Symmetry is ultimately the most important concept in natural sciences. It is not surprising then that very basic and fundamental research achievements are related to symmetry. For instance, the Nobel Prize in Physics 1979 (Glashow, Salam, Weinberg) was received for a unified symmetry description of electromagnetic and weak interactions, while the Nobel Prize in Physics 2008 (Nambu, Kobayashi, Maskawa) was received for the discovery of the mechanism of spontaneous breaking of symmetry, including CP symmetry. Our journal is named *Symmetry* and it manifests its fundamental role in nature.

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