



Emerging Trends in the Future of Plasma Science and Technology

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

As we all learned from our physics lessons, plasma, as a generic term, is the fourth state of matter, consisting of ions, electrons, and neutral particles (atoms or molecules), which is present as totally or partially ionized gas and is electrically neutral. As we all know, a large part of the products and services depend on plasma science and processes, including the integrated circuit industry for cell phones and computers, the treatment/coating of different surfaces to improve their properties (wear-resistant, self-cleaning, self-repairing, anti-microbial, bi-compatibility, a.s.o.), energy generation and storage and the processing of metallic materials for power distribution systems, cars, and aircraft engines.

In this Special Issue, we invite you to contribute to the development of innovation in the field of surface modification by plasma technology by submitting a manuscript, whether it is about coatings on different types of substrates (i.e., metallic, polymeric, or textile), the transformation of surface functionality by various technologies or about the in-depth analysis of the physical-chemical phenomena that occur during these processes.





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