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Irradiation Modification: New Advances, Application and Challenges

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The irradiation modification of semiconductor and metal coatings embraces different application areas of material science and engineering, ranging from electronics, optics, and mechanics to biology, and to the other fields such as robotics. The irradiation modification of coatings can be accomplished by charged particles such as ion and electron of various energy (several eV–MeV), as well as photons of relatively short wavelength, such as X-ray. The main functions of irradiation are to create microstructural changes that alter the electronic, optical, electrical, and other properties of the coatings. This Special Issue focuses on the irradiation modification of films.

In particular, the topics of interest include but are not limited to

- Irradiation-based nanofabrication and nanopatterning of films;
- Irradiation-based modulation of optical, electronic, and other properties of films;
- Theoretical and experimental studies of ion, electron, and X-ray-induced physical processes;
- Applications of irradiation modification in various fields, like biology;

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