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# **Photonic Crystals: Physics and Applications**

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#### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Inspired by naturally astonishing photonic crystals, photonic crystals have become one of the major structures to manipulate light. The periodic dielectric function in photonic crystals leads to the photonic band structure, which is similar to the electronic band structures of atomic crystals in semiconductors. They are widely used by 1D gratings or distributed feedback structures as resonance cavities for generating photons. Their light confinement ability creates not only diverse micro-structured optical fibers, but also nano-structured waveguides in semiconductors. The light manipulation of photonic crystals is also exhibited in beam splitters, filters, metamaterials, etc. With the high quality factor and the high wavelength sensitivity, photonic crystals can be applied to multidisciplinary fields of sensors (gas sensors or biosensors). Furthermore, the optical nonlinearity of photonic crystals may pave the way for optical computers. This Special Issue will cover the recent achievements related to this topic, and, thus, I warmly invite you to contribute to this Special Issue by submitting your original research articles.



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