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Silicon and Germanium Crystals for Applications in Modern Physics

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Silicon and germanium crystals are widely used in a broad range of applications in modern physics. Indeed, in addition to the traditional uses, e.g., as semiconductors and photovoltaic cells, many other applications are based on Si and Ge, especially because these materials can be produced with high crystallographic perfection at reasonable costs and because they can be machined and micro-machined with very high precision. Consequently, Si and Ge have become the prime elements for several applications in modern physics, such as high-performance radiation detection, the optics for X- and γ -rays, the deflection and collimation of charged particle beams through the channeling phenomenon, the realization of detectors and sensors, and applications based on coherent interactions with incident radiation and crystalline lattices.

The purpose of this Special Issue is to provide an update on the state of the art and on the future developments of these and other applications in modern physics that are based on silicon and germanium crystals.

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