Special Issue Silicon Nanodevices

Message from the Guest Editors

Nanodevices have attracted great attention in recent years due to their low power consumption and fast operation in electronics and photonics as well as high sensitivity in sensor applications. As an example, in following Moore's law, the CMOS has undergone an evolution in design and architecture in integrated circuits. In principle, scaling down of the device structure can be performed by using advanced processing, but there are always different issues, e.g., concerning contact resistance, defects, and reliability, which can affect device performance. The current technology developments drive nanodevices towards 3D integration, and the merging of electronics and photonics is inevitable. Such designs will be the ultimate goal of nanotechnology in the future. This Special Issue creates unique knowledge for the readers in nanoscale physics, device processing, and material properties.

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