



Liquid Crystal Optics for Applications

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Since the discovery of liquid crystalline (LC) material in 1888, the optical properties of LC materials have been attracting much interest. In particular, the impressive image due to the birefringence under polarized microscope has stimulated the intellectual curiosity of many scientists. The situation changed drastically after the success of the application to display devices in 1960s. Huge amounts of research using LC materials aimed at display applications have been carried out. Research has been pursued aggressively, not only for displays but also for other kinds of applications, based on the optics of liquid crystals. For example, the application for glasses has been studied since the early stage of LC research, and some kinds of LC glasses have been commercialized. A wide variety of applications of LC devices has been proposed, such as smart windows for architectures and vehicles, laser equipment, LiDar for EV, and so on.

The aim of this Special Issue is to provide the opportunity to overview technologies based on the optics of liquid crystals.





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