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Recent Advances in Linear and Nonlinear Optics

Message from the Guest Editors

Sight is the dominant sense of mankind to apprehend the world at the earth-scale and beyond the frontiers of the infinite, from the nanometer to the incommensurable. Primarily based on sunlight and natural and artificial light sources, optics has been the major companion of spectroscopy since scientific observation began. The invention of the laser (optical maser) in the early sixties has boosted optical spectroscopy through the intrinsic or specific symmetry electronic properties of materials at the multiscale (birefringence, nonlinear and photonic crystals), revealed by the ability to monitor light polarization inside or at the surface of designed objects...

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