Special Issue

Lighting Design for the Built Environment

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Lighting design for the built environment is a multidisciplinary endeavor that bridges architecture, engineering, and human sciences. It transforms spaces into dynamic, adaptive, and sustainable ecosystems that prioritize occupant needs while addressing broader environmental and societal goals.

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