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Crystal Structure and Non-Ambient Studies of Borates and Related Materials

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A combination of excellent nonlinear and linear optical, luminescent properties, and rich crystal chemistry makes borates an appropriate prospective class of materials for many technical applications. Borates have a wide spectral range of transparency, combined with a high laser-damage threshold, as well as good chemical and mechanical stability. These properties make borates crucial materials for the generation of the second optical harmonic in UV and deep-UV regions. Studies have shown that optical properties of crystalline materials are closely related to their structures. For this reason, the structural behaviour of borates and related compounds in ambient and non-ambient conditions is one of the most attractive topics of modern materials science.

This Special Issue focuses on the most recent advances in the field of the search of novel borates, their crystal structures, the thermal/pressure evolution and optical properties of borate and related materials, and their technical applications from lasers to phosphors for light-emitting diodes (LED) and plasma display panels (PDP), scintillators for radiation detectors, etc.

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