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Optical Properties of Metals

Message from the Guest Editor

The optical properties of materials are defined as their interaction with electromagnetic radiation in the visible region. Optical materials are substances used to manipulate the flow of light. Optical measurement methods are currently the most effective tools for basic and applied research, as well as the inspection of the distinctive properties of a variety of materials, especially in light of the development of lasers and computers. Numerous optical measurement techniques are employed in optical spectroscopy, such as linear and nonlinear optics, magneto-optics, traditional and surprising optical microscopy, fiber-optics for passive and active devices, optical recording for CD/DVD and MO discs, and various optical sensing techniques. High reflectivity and low transmission are correlated with the optical properties of metals. The optical properties of matter include a refractive index, transmittance and transmission coefficient, absorption, dispersion, scattering, reflectivity, turbidity, fluorescence, photoluminescence, optical activity, and photosensitivity. Refraction, absorption, reflection, and scattering of light are the most important optical properties.

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