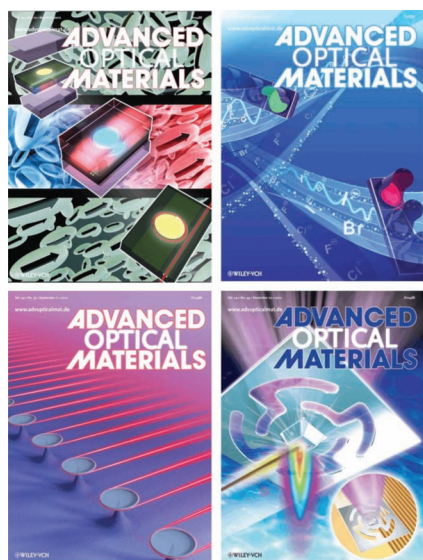


Advanced Optical Materials: Independence 2013

The four focus sections on advanced optical materials published as part of *Advanced Materials* in 2012 were well received by readers and authors, and formed an excellent basis for our new journal, the first independent issue of which you are now reading.

Advanced Optical Materials is an interdisciplinary forum for peer-reviewed papers on the materials science, engineering, physics, biology, and chemistry of light-matter interactions. *Advanced Optical Materials* contains an attractive mix of Communications, Full papers, Review Articles, Progress Reports, and Essays with the same article specifications as *Advanced Materials*. It is dedicated to breakthrough discoveries and fundamental research in the field of optical materials, including topics like metamaterials & plasmonics, optical nanostructures, optical devices, sensors & detectors, light sources & resonators, photonic crystals, gratings, coatings, and more.



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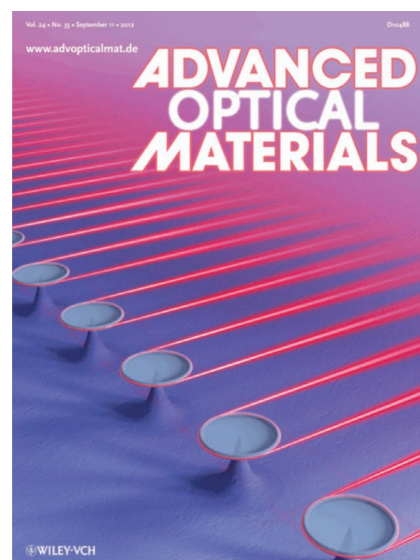
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