

Photo- and electrically-induced alignment of liquid crystals and colloids by Pigment Red 176 nanoparticles based

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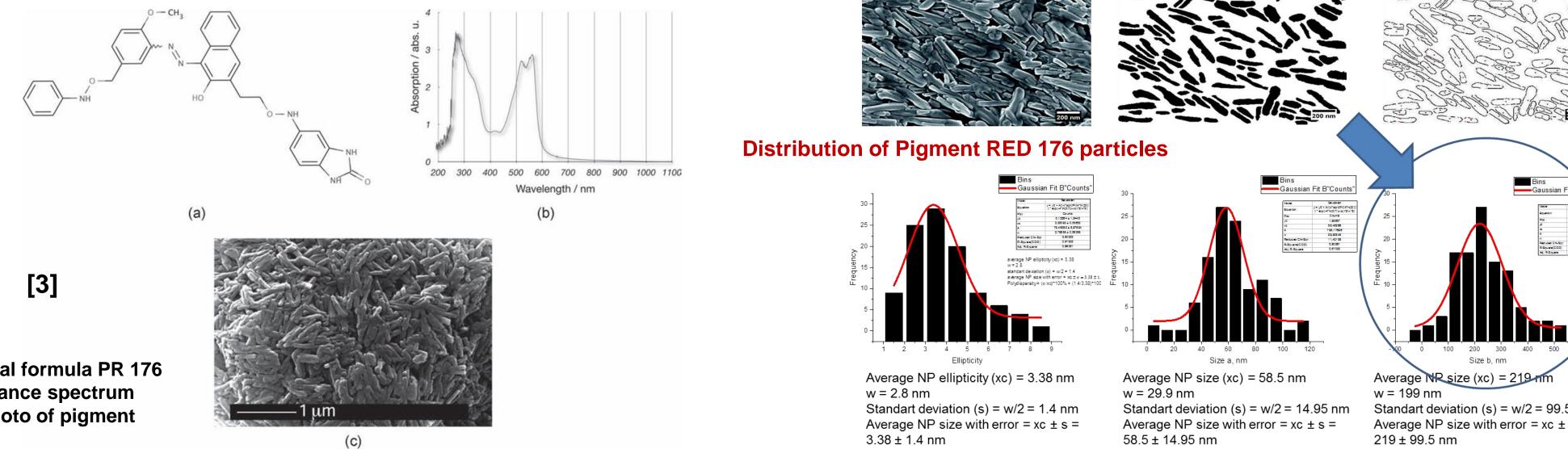
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The dispersions of Pigment Red 176 nanorods in liquid crystals and dodecane [1,2] were fabricated and their elecro-optical properties have been studied. We report the investigation of the light transmittance as a function of applied voltage, frequency, concentration of pigment and geometry of the electrodes in the cells. The birefringence and dichroism induced by ac field were investigated within a high frequency range ranges. The obtained results clearly show a great potential of dispersions of Pigment Red 176 nanoparticles for their applications in advanced optical and nonlinear optical devices.



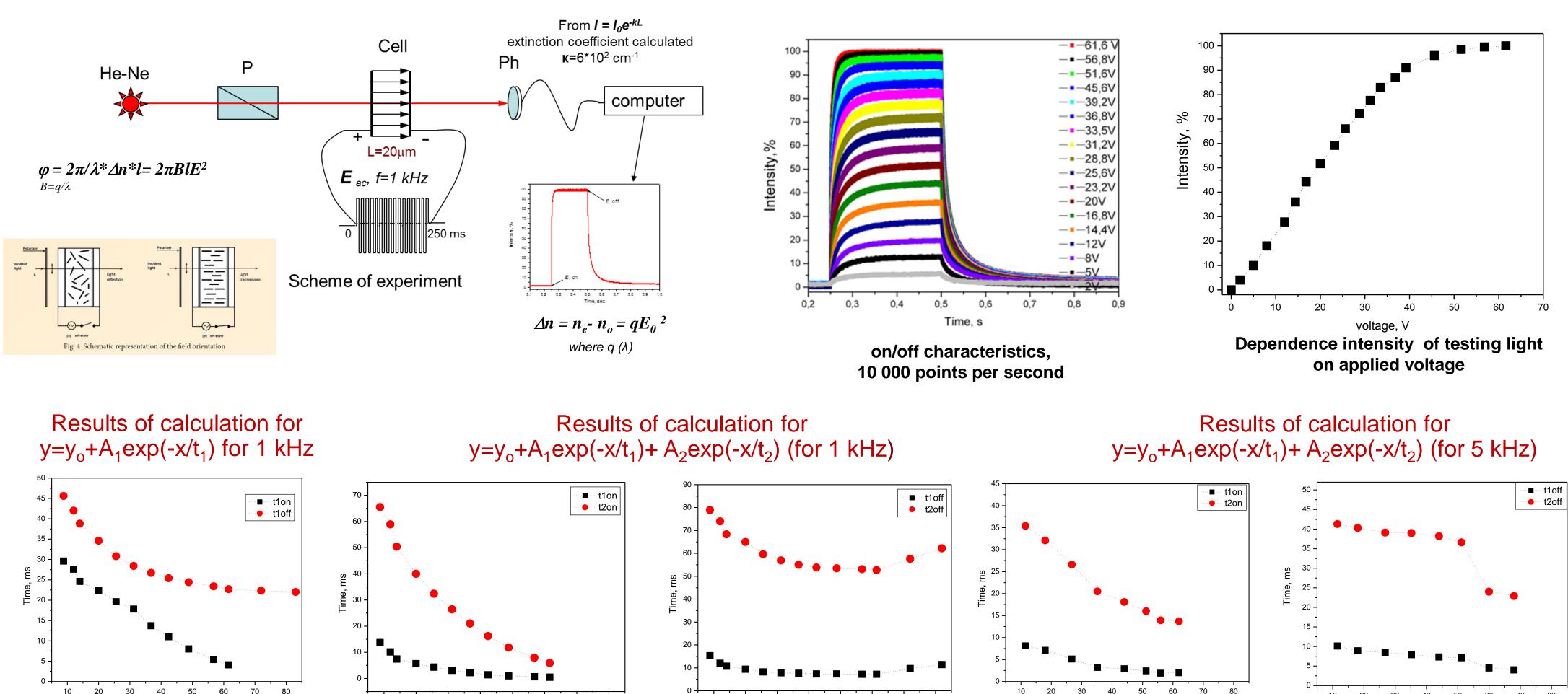
a) Chemical formula PR 176 b) Absorbance spectrum c) SEM photo of pigment

3.38 ± 1.4 nm Polydispersity = (s/xc)*100% = (1.4/3.38)*100% = 41.4%

58.5 ± 14.95 nm Polydispersity = (s/xc)*100% = (14.95/58.5)*100% = 25.5%

Standart deviation (s) = w/2 = 99.5 nm Average NP size with error $= xc \pm s =$ 219 ± 99.5 nm Polydispersity = (s/xc)*100% = (99.5/219)*100% = 45.4%

Kerr effect (dichroism) PR 176 10% in dodecan by applied ac electric field measured



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Conclusions

The dispersions of Pigment Red 176 nanorods in liquid crystals and in dodecane were fabricated and their elecro-optical properties have been studied as a function of applied voltage, frequency, concentration of pigment and geometry of the electrodes in the cells.

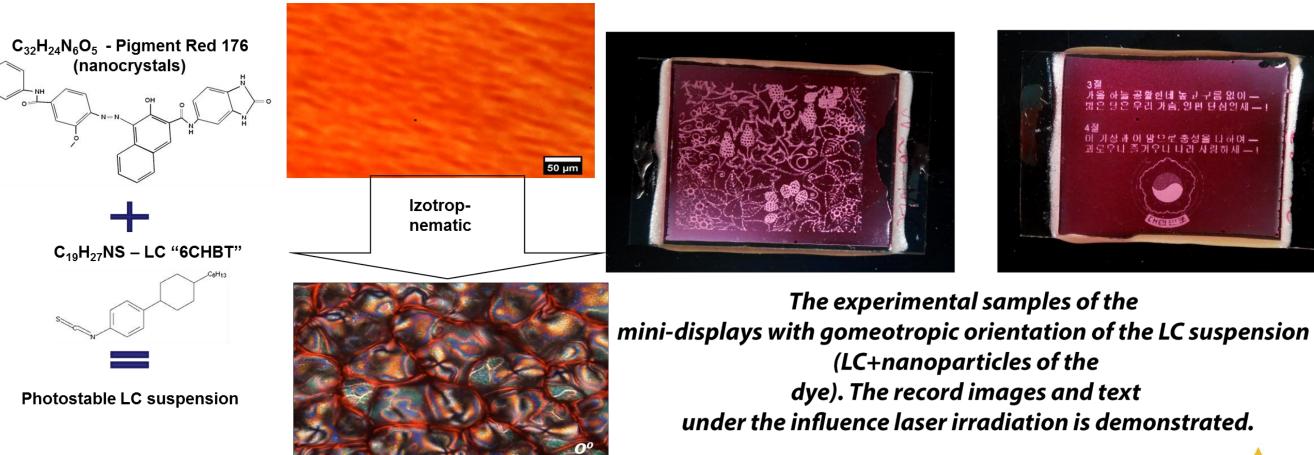
The birefringence and dichroism induced by ac field were investigated within a high frequency ranges. The detailed birefringence study showed that the contribution of the permanent dipole moment μ of the nanorods to the induced order is negligible. On the contrary, the contribution of the excess polarizability ε of the particles is large.

The high efficiency of the electric field to align the particles and the response times of a few milliseconds, make the dispersions of Pigment Red 176 nanorods in dodecane or LC a promising system for electro-optical applications.

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Pigment Red 176 + 6CHBT Liquid Crystal Suspension



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