이온빔처리된 고분자막을 이용한 TN 셀의 전기광학특성

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Electro-optical property of twisted nematic liquid crystal cells with ion-beam irradiated polymer surface

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Abstract: To date, rubbing has been widely used to align LC molecules uniformly. Although rubbing can be simple, it has fundamental problems such as the generation of defects by dust and static electricity, and difficulty in achieving a uniform LC alignment on a large substrate. Therefore, noncontact alignment has been investigated. Ion beam induced alignment method, which provides controllability, nonstop process, and high resolution display. We investigated the high pretilt angle effects on electro-optical properties of ion beam (IB)-irradiated liquid crystal cells on a blended polymer surface. High pretilt angle of liquid crystals IB-irradiated on a blended polymer surface including such as 5% and 10% of homeotropic polymer contents can be achieved. The threshold voltages of IB-irradiated twisted nematic (TN) cells on a blended polymer surface decrease with increasing the pretilt angle. Also, the rising time of IB-irradiated TN cells decreases with increasing the pretilt angle. However the decay time of IB-irradiated TN cells increases with increasing the pretilt angle. Consequently, the electro-optical properties of IB-irradiated TN cells depend strongly on the pretilt angle in a blended polymer surface.

Key Words: Liquid crystal alignment, Ion-beam irradiation, Blended polyimide, Pretilt angle, Electro-optical characteristics

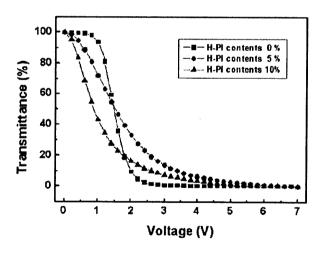


Figure 1. Voltage-transmittance curve of the TN-LCD with IB-irradiated polymer surface as a function of the concentration of homeotropic PI.

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