Application of Liquid Crystal Variable Retarder in Tunable Birefringent Filter

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Liquid Crystals have several characteristics beneficial to tunable birefringent filter designs. Operating on low voltages (~10V), change retardance quickly (10ms), true zero-order retarder, and thus offer excellent fields of view for imaging applications. Design considerations for tunable birefringent filters with Liquid Crystal Variable Retarder (LCVR) are discussed.