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COVER PICTURE

The cover picture shows the dendritic growth in hexagonal symmetry of a columnar liquid-crystalline triphenylenetetracarboxylic alkyl ester on a silicon wafer, seen by differential interference contrast microscopy in reflection. This ester, straightforwardly obtained by regioselective formylation of 2,6,10-trimethyltriphenylene, is a member of the elusive class of electron-deficient, room-temperature columnar liquid crystals that are studied for use in organic optoelectronic devices. Details are discussed in the Short Communication by H. Bock et al. on p. 2889 ff.



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