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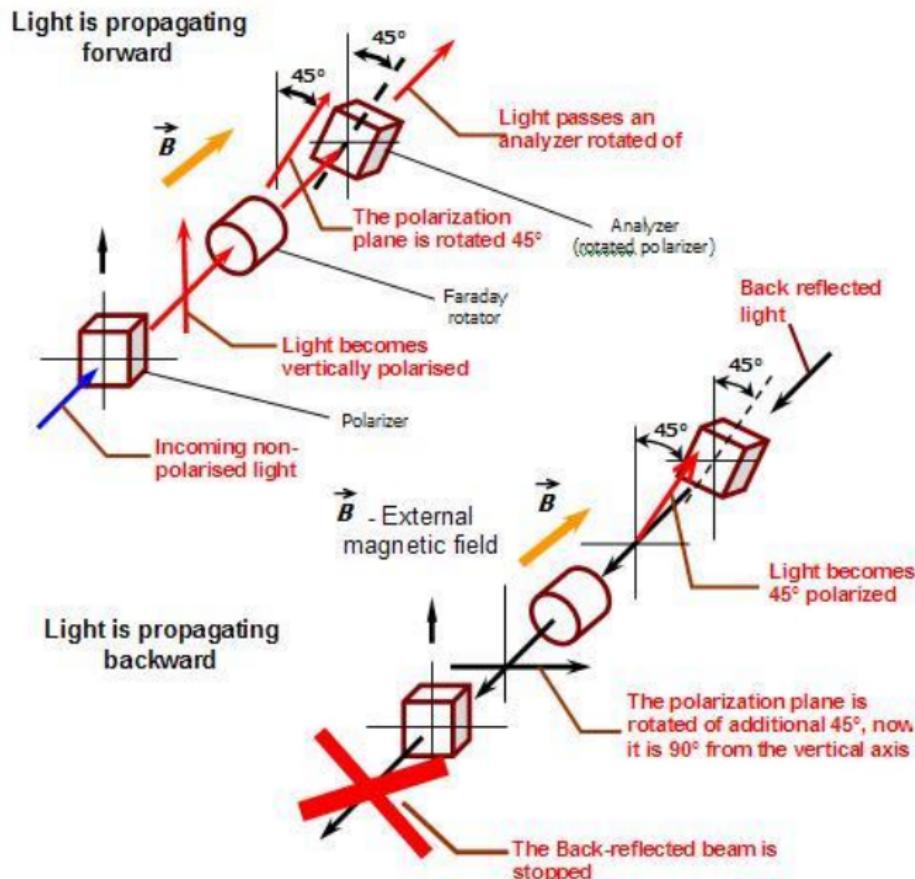
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polarizer - Faraday rotation by 45 degrees - polarizer chain



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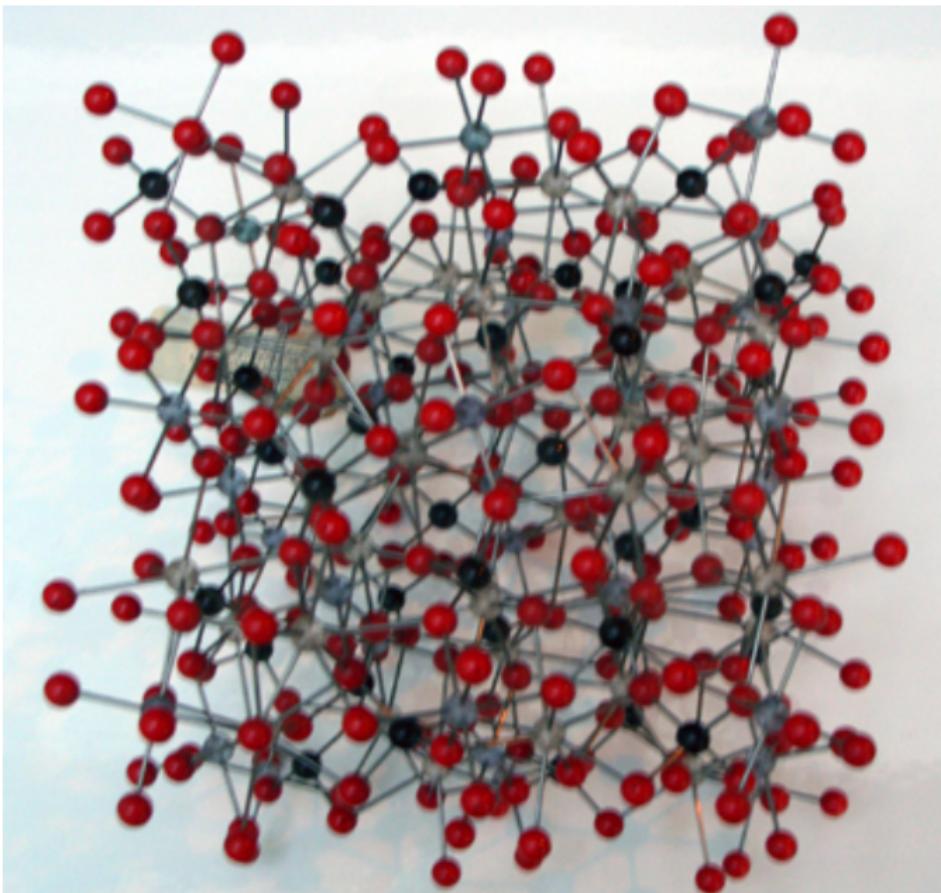
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A micro-optical isolator. You may buy it.



This one is made in China and costs a few hundred dollars.