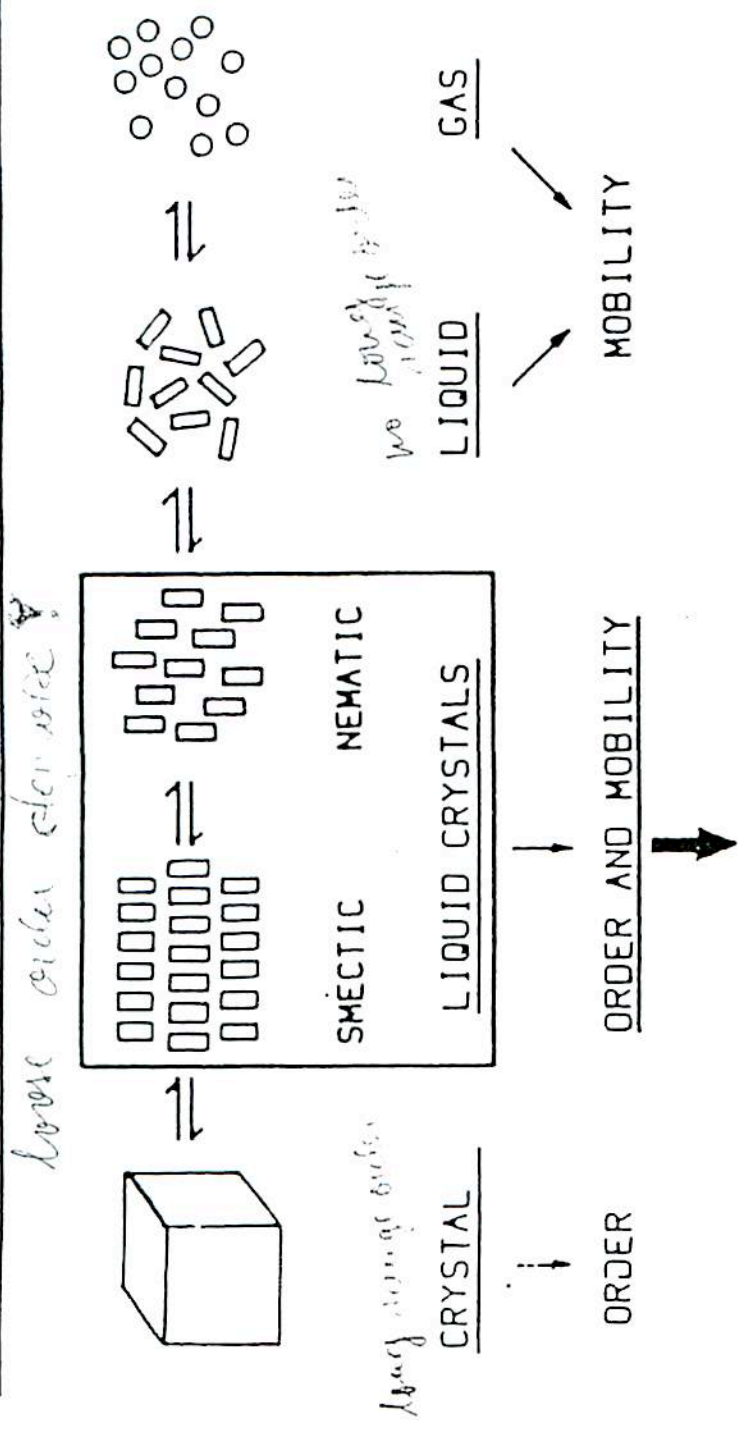


THE LIQUID CRYSTALLINE PHASE : A "FOURTH" STATE OF MATTER



FORMANISOTROPIC MOLECULES PERMIT SELF-ORGANIZATION WHILE RETAINING MOBILITY

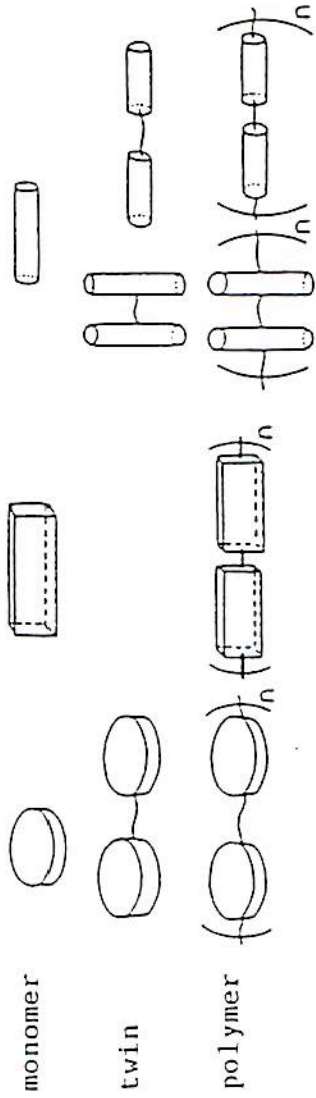
IN THE BULK STATE ( THERMOTROPIC ) AND IN SOLUTION ( LYOTROPIC )

Geometrical structures of mesogenic molecules

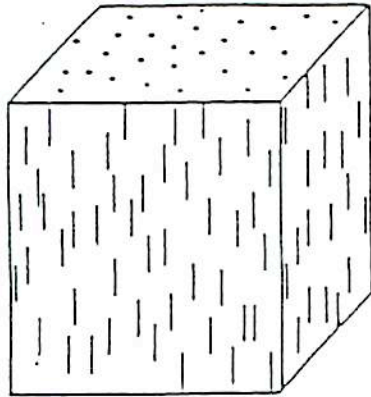
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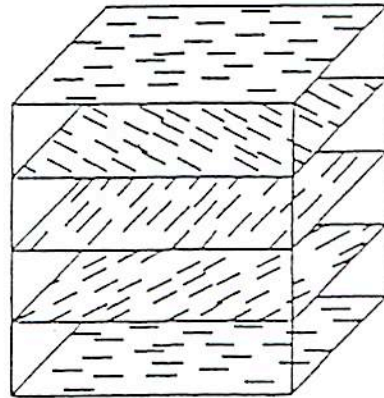
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# STRUCTURE OF CALAMITIC MESOPHASES

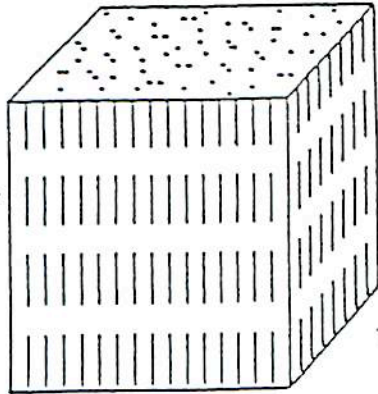


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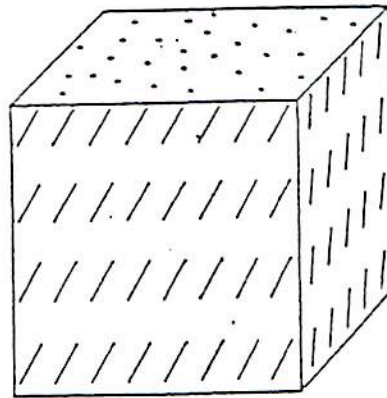


cholesteric

*twisted nematic  
(chiral compounds)*

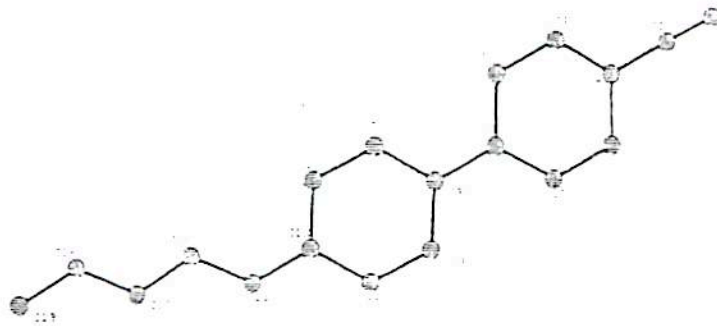


smectic A



smectic C

the mol



order parameter  
 $0 < S < 1$

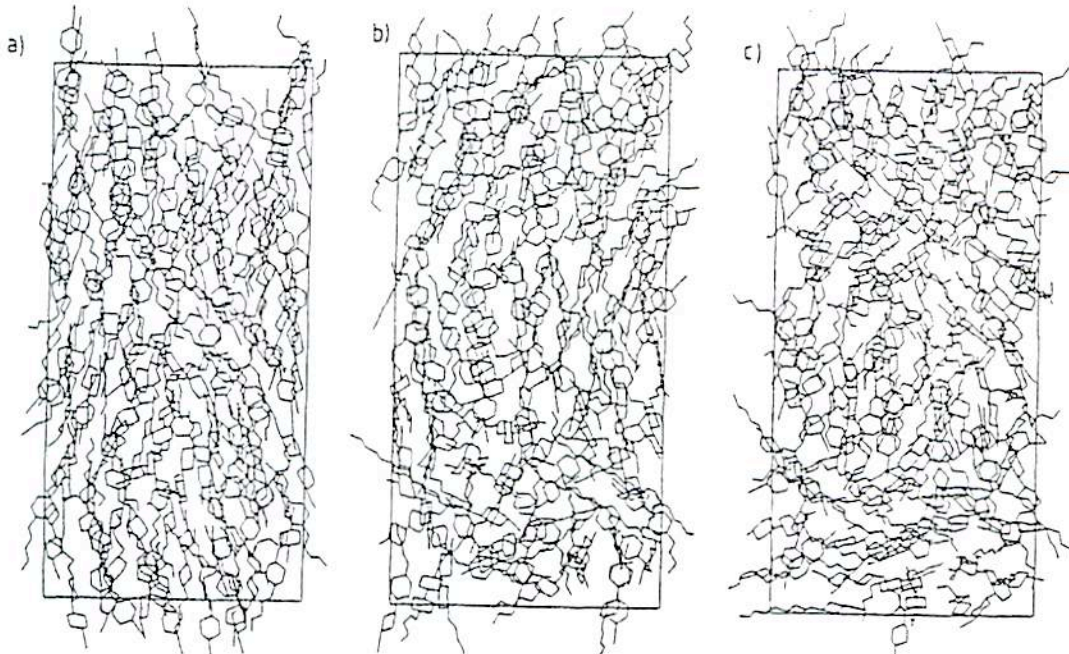


FIGURE 3 Snapshots from simulations of CCH<sub>15</sub> at different temperatures. a) Nematic phase at 350 K,  $S = 0.64$  b) Nematic phase at 370 K,  $S = 0.39$  c) Isotropic phase at 390 K,  $S = 0.18$

$0.4 \leq S$   
 $\rightarrow LC$

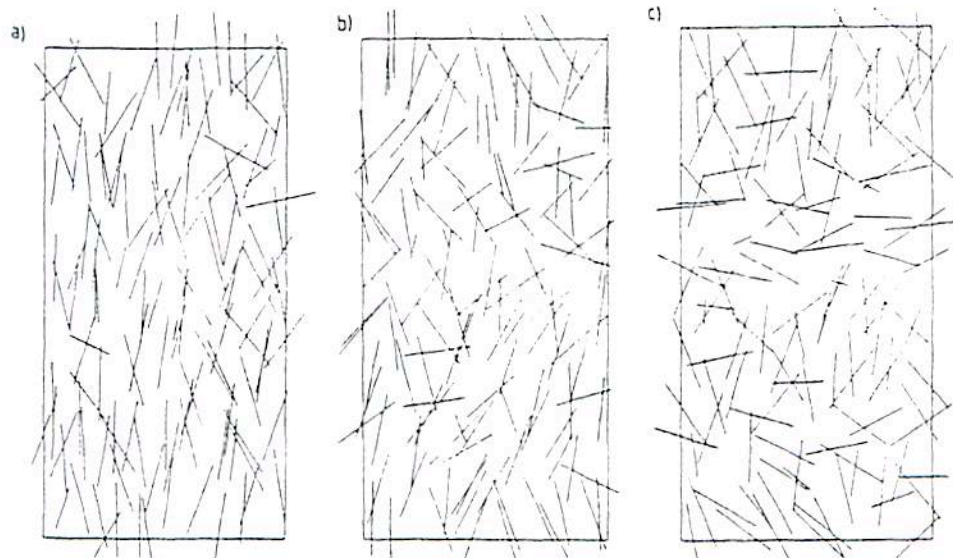


FIGURE 4 Snapshots from simulations of CCH<sub>15</sub> at different temperatures showing the alignment of the principal moment of inertia axes for each molecule. a) Nematic phase at 350 K,  $S = 0.64$  b) Nematic phase at 370 K,  $S = 0.39$  c) Isotropic phase at 390 K,  $S = 0.18$

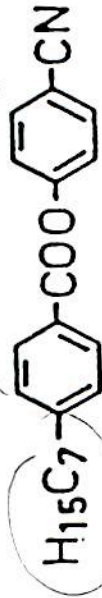
CHEMICAL STRUCTURE OF LOW MOLAR MASS NEMATIC

LIQUID CRYSTALS



k 21 n 45 i

*rigid segment*



k 44 n 56 i

*deformer up*



k 23 n 35 i



k 30 n 55 i

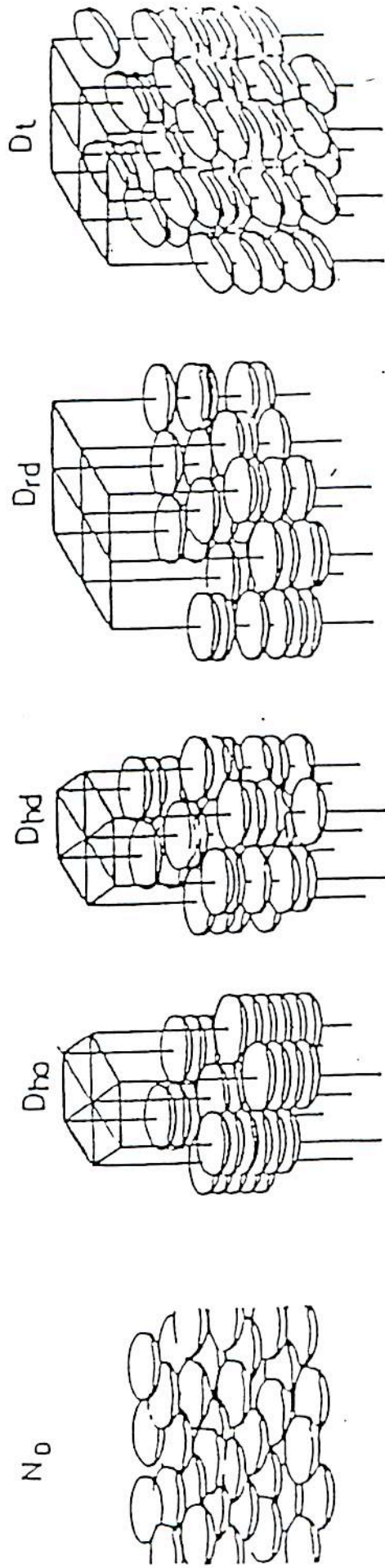
# STRUCTURE OF DISCOTIC MESOPHASES

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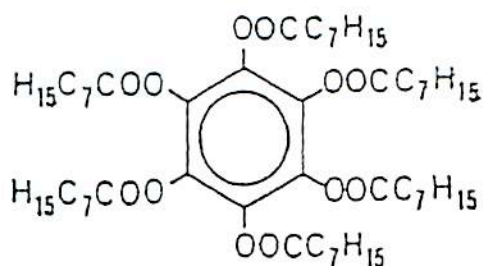
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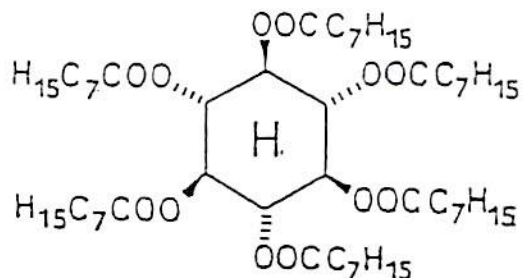
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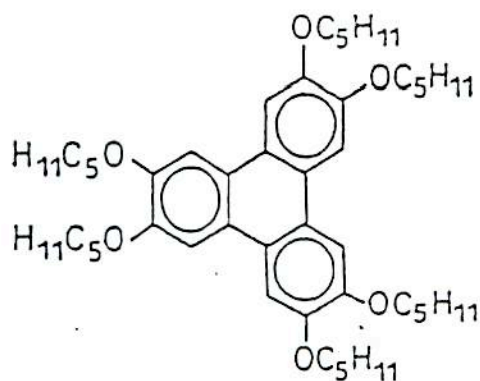
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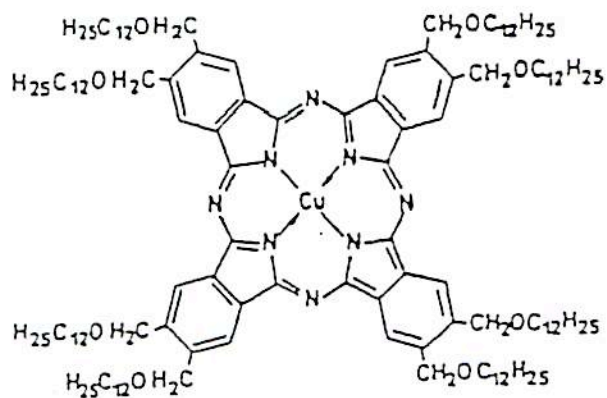
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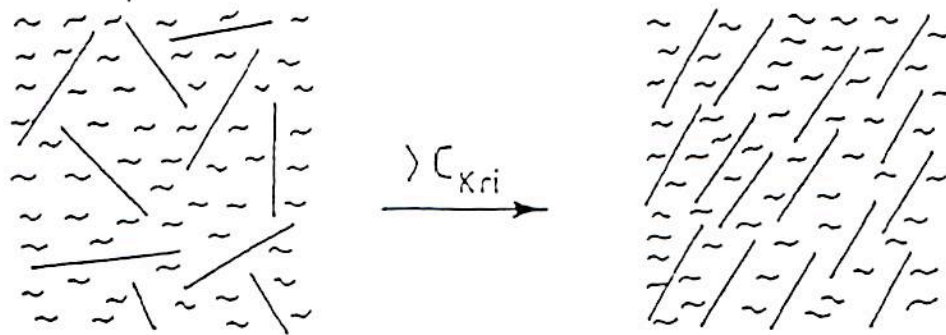
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## Lyotropic LC-Solutions



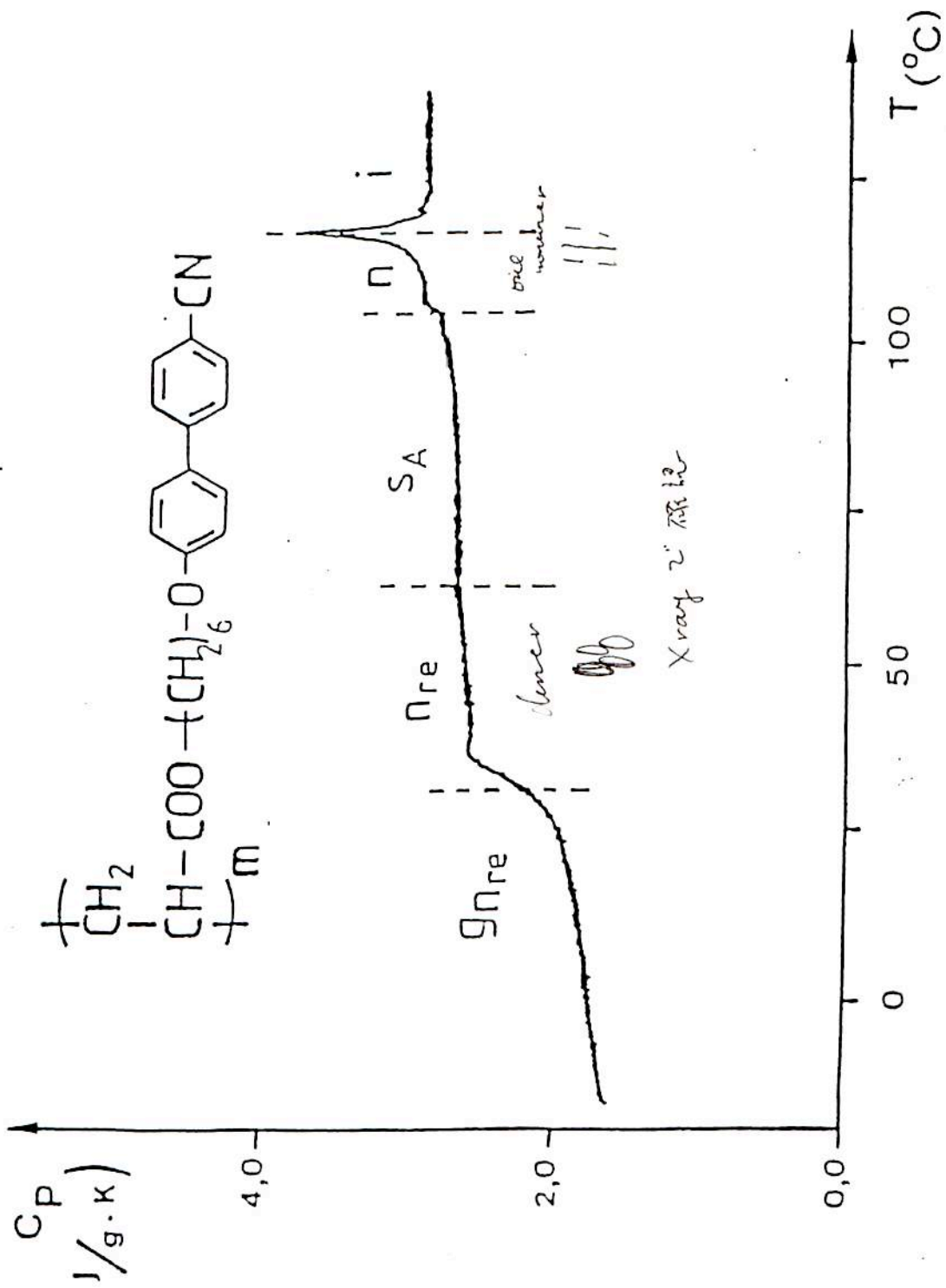
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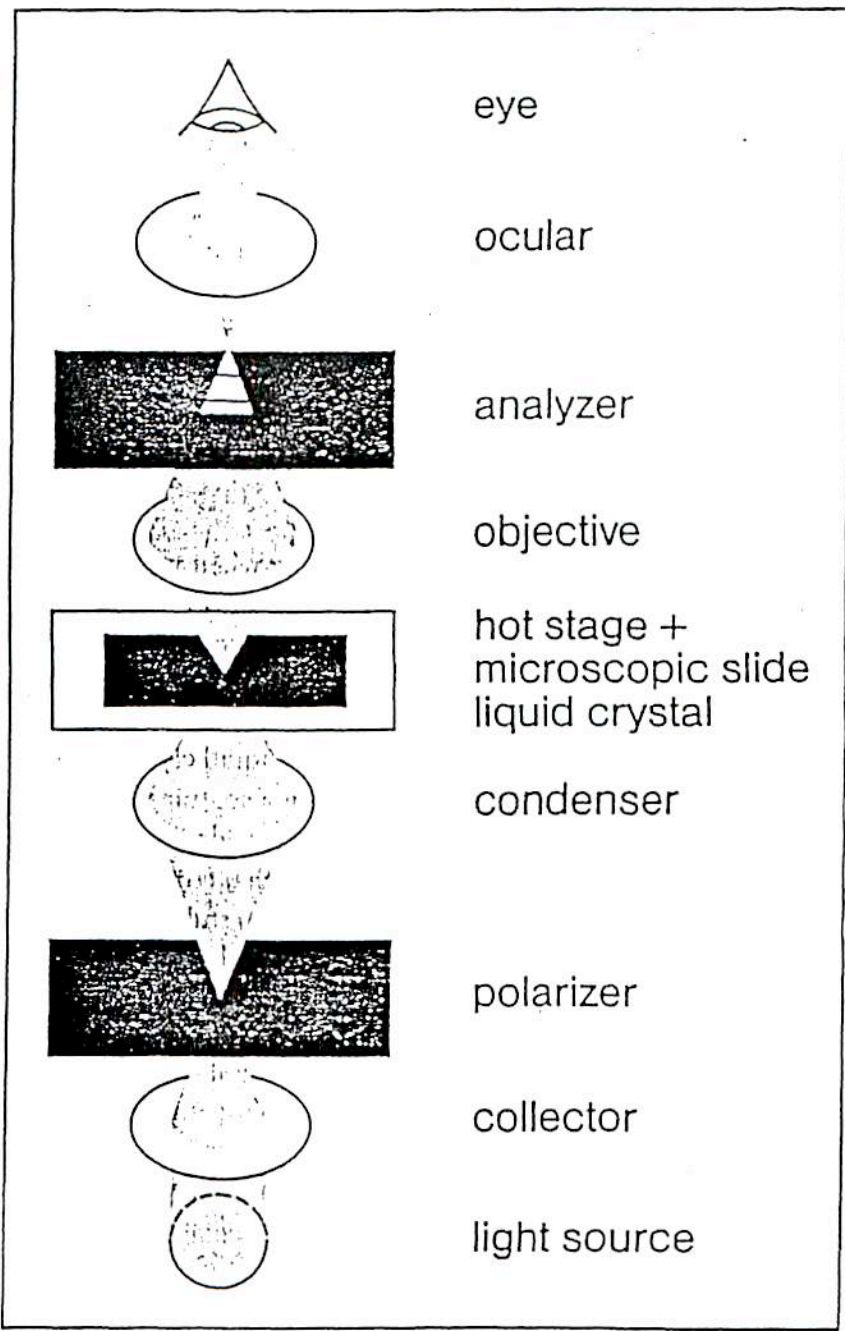
- chain stiffness (axial ratio)
- molecular weight
- concentration
- solubility
- temperature

Problems for rod-like polymers:

- viscosity
- gelation or crystallization at RT
- limited temperature stability







eye

ocular

analyzer

objective

hot stage +  
microscopic slide  
liquid crystal

condenser

polarizer

collector

light source

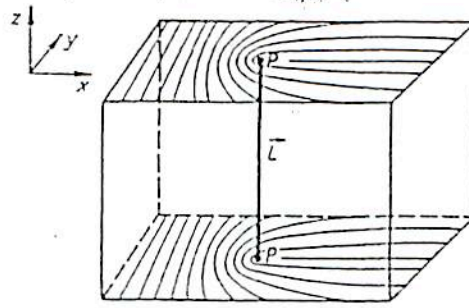
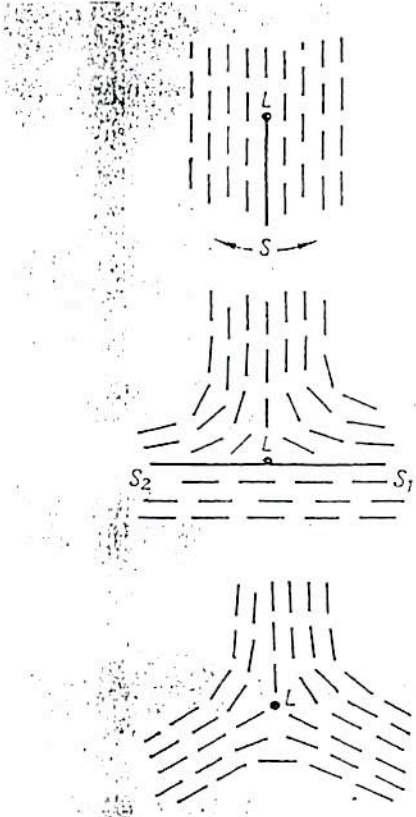
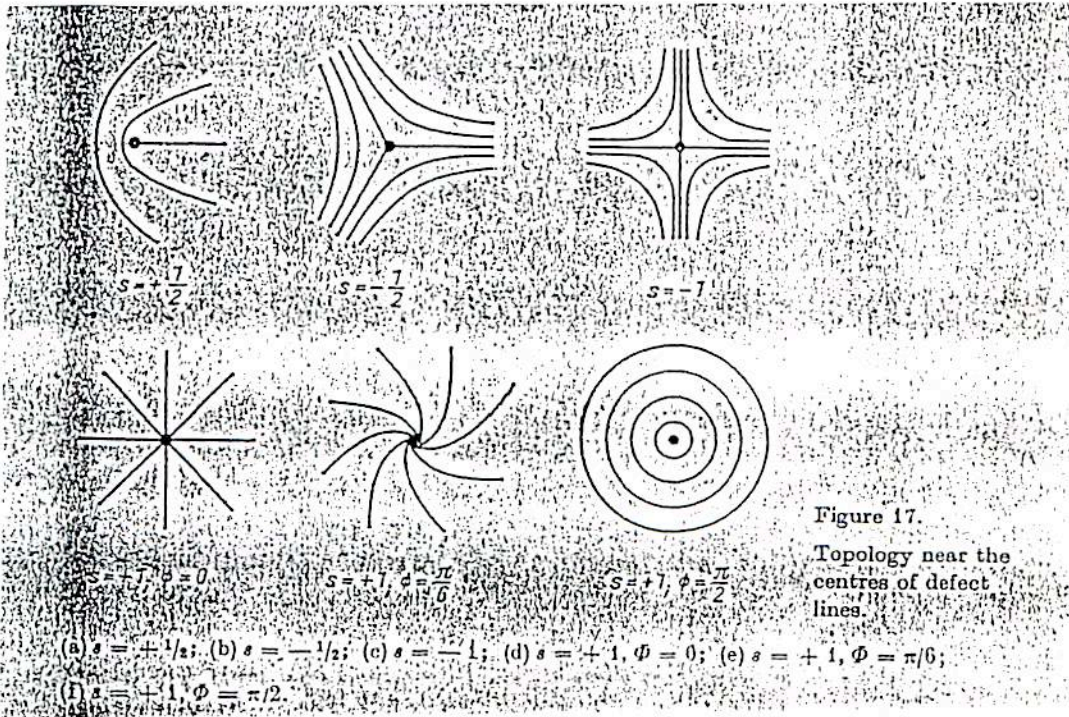
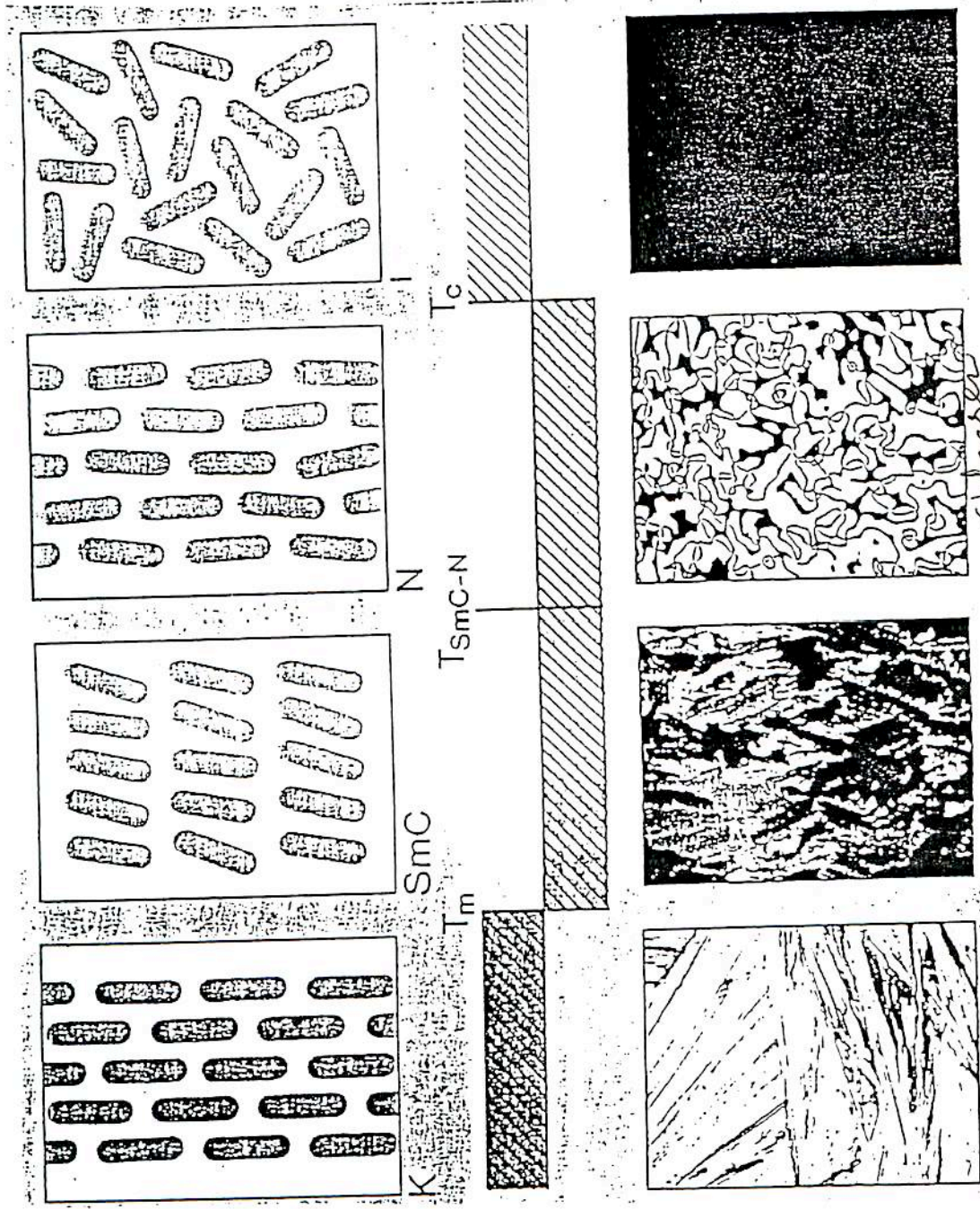


Figure 15. Topology of a  $s = +1/2$  singularity line. The end of the line attached to the glass appears as the "point"  $s = +1/2$  (P). The director field does not change, being translated into the  $z$  direction. The director field is drawn in the upper and the lower surface, only.

Figure 16 (a-c). Creation of a  $s = -1/2$  singularity line (see text).

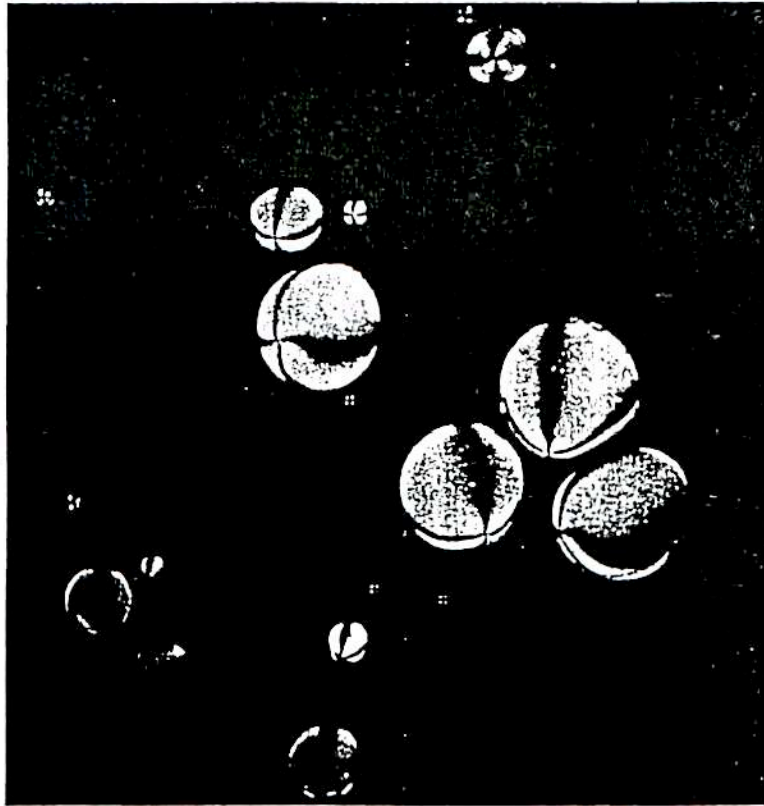


PHASE BEHAVIOR OF A THERMOTROPIC LIQUID CRYSTAL



$\downarrow$   
 K → N → C  
 ↑  
 T<sub>m</sub>

Smectic



Nematic droplets.

iso  $\xrightarrow{\text{cool down}}$  nematic  
down



TEG.2  $\rightarrow$  Schlieren  
1283

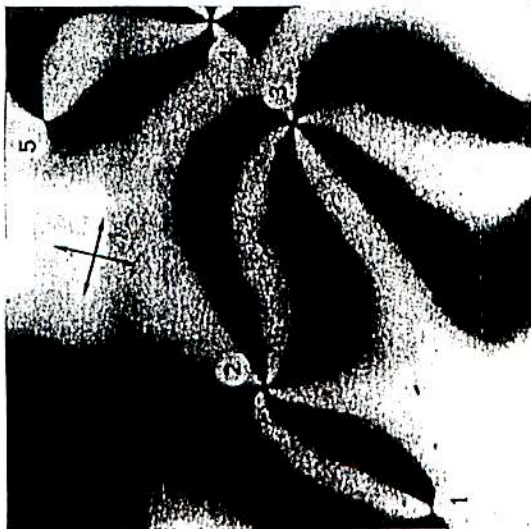


Plate 1

Nematic schlieren texture.

Orientation of the crossed polarizers is indicated by the plotted cross. Strength of the

points: No. 1:  $s = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

No. 2:  $s = -1$ , Nos. 3 and 4:  $s = -1$ .

No. 5:  $s = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

4-n-Octyloxyphenyl

4-n-butyl-cyclohexanecarboxylate

71°C, x 150.

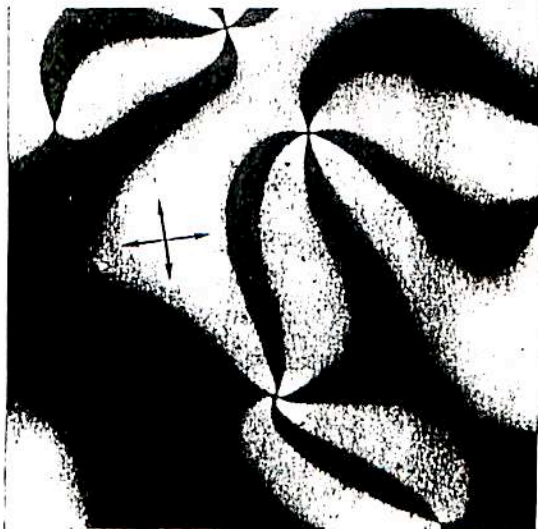


Plate 2

Same section as in plate 1.

Polarizers rotated counter-clockwise by 22.5°.



Plate 3

Same section as in plate 2.

Polarizers rotated counter-clockwise by 22.5°.



Plate 4

Same section as in plate 3.

Polarizers rotated counter-clockwise by 22.5°.

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## VARIANTS OF POLYMORPHISM IN CALAMITIC LIQUID CRYSTALS

monomorphism	N	trimorphism	B A N
	A		C A N
	B		G A N
	C		B C N
	E		E B A
			B C A
dimorphism	A N		C D A
	B N		F C A
	C N		G C A
	G N		G B A
	B A		
	C A	tetramorphism	B C A N
	E A		G C A N
	C D		G F C A
	B C		G B A N
	E B		E B A N
		pentamorphism	G B C A N

N = nematic (or cholesteric for chiral compounds)

A, B...G = smectic A, B....G

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## The Most Frequently Occurring Textures of the Different Structure Types

Structure Type	Nematic	Cholesteric	Blue phase	S <sub>a</sub>	S <sub>c</sub>	S <sub>c</sub> twisted	S <sub>F</sub>	S <sub>B</sub> hexagonal	S <sub>B</sub> monoclinic	S <sub>B</sub> twisted	S <sub>B</sub> twisted	S <sub>B</sub> twisted	S <sub>E</sub>	S <sub>G</sub>	S <sub>P</sub>
isotropic			+												+
homeotropic	+			+											+
homogeneous	+			+	+					+					
marbled	+														
planar		+				+					+				
stepped drops				+	+								+		
mosaic								+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
schlieren	+				+		+		+						
simple focal conic		+		+				+							+
broken focal conic					+	+	+								

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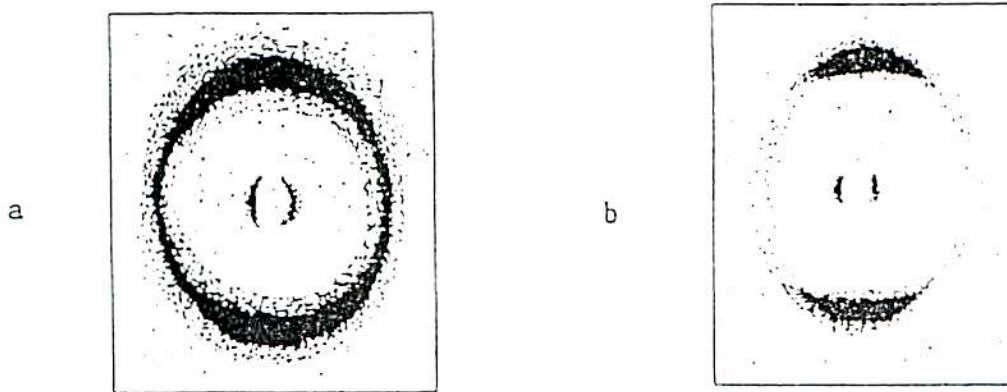
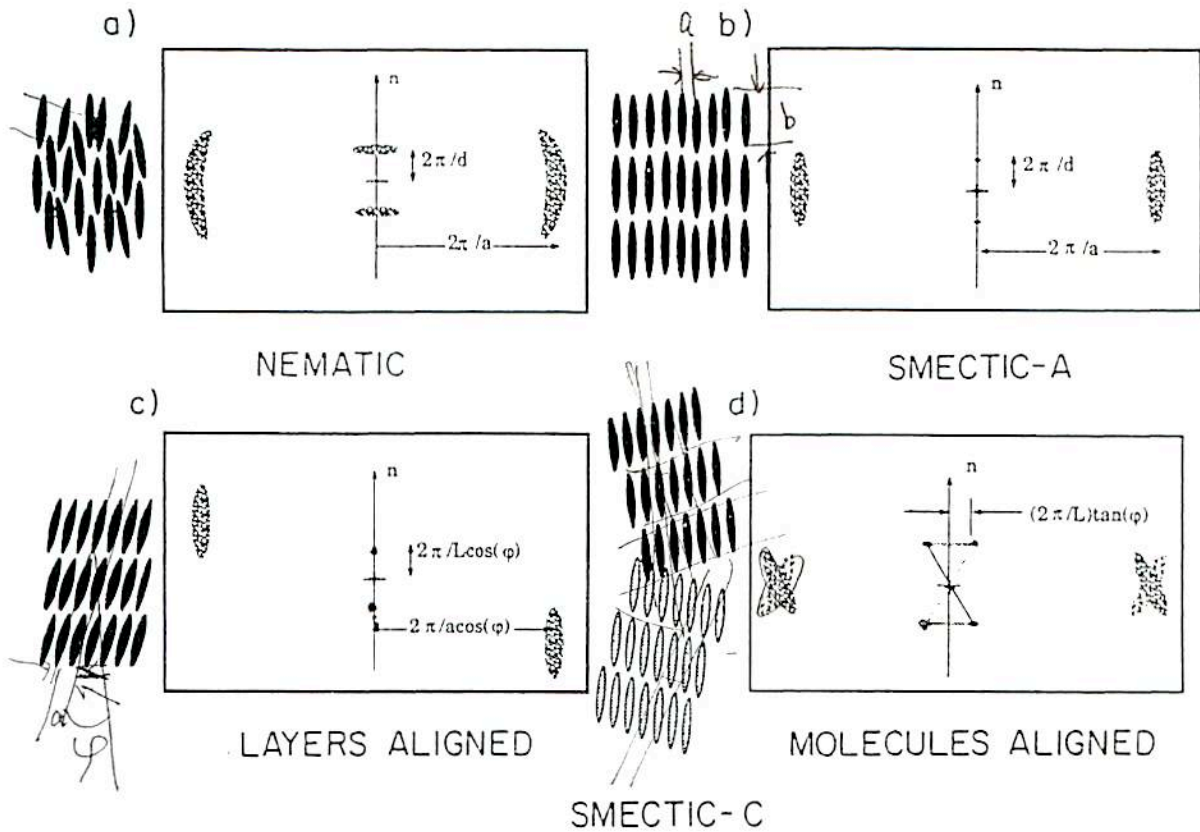


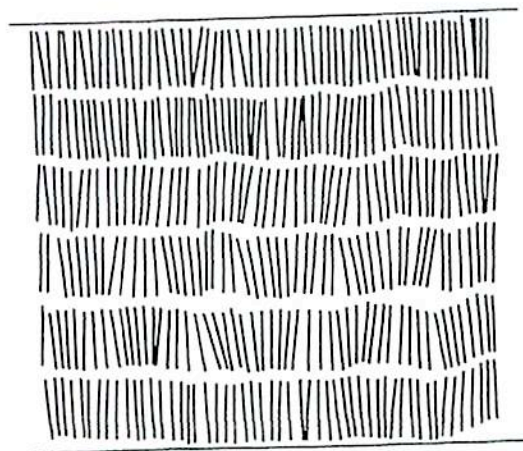
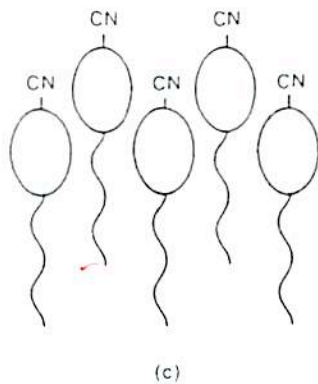
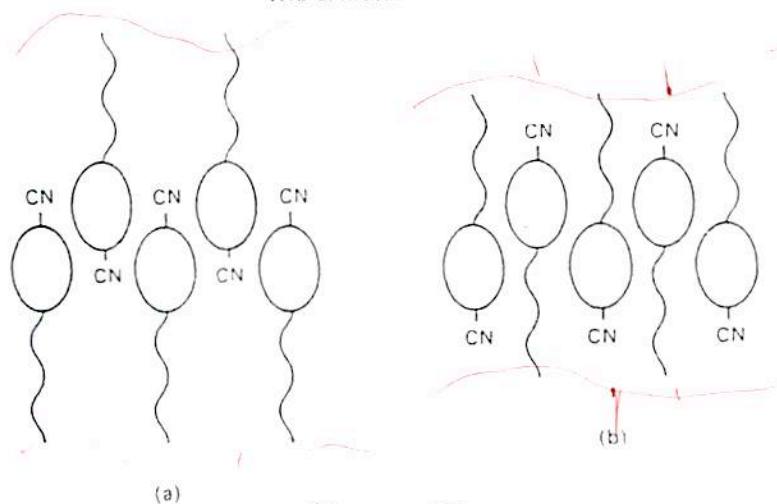
Fig. 1.10. a X-ray pattern of a non-oriented nematic sample  
b X-ray pattern of a nematic sample oriented in  
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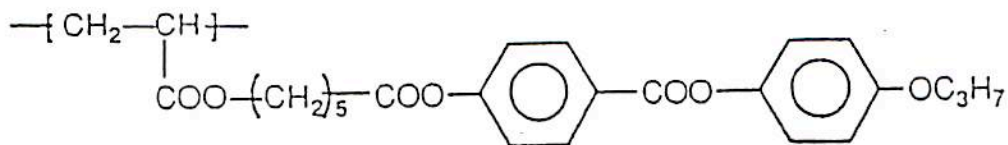
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THE SMECTIC A PHASE

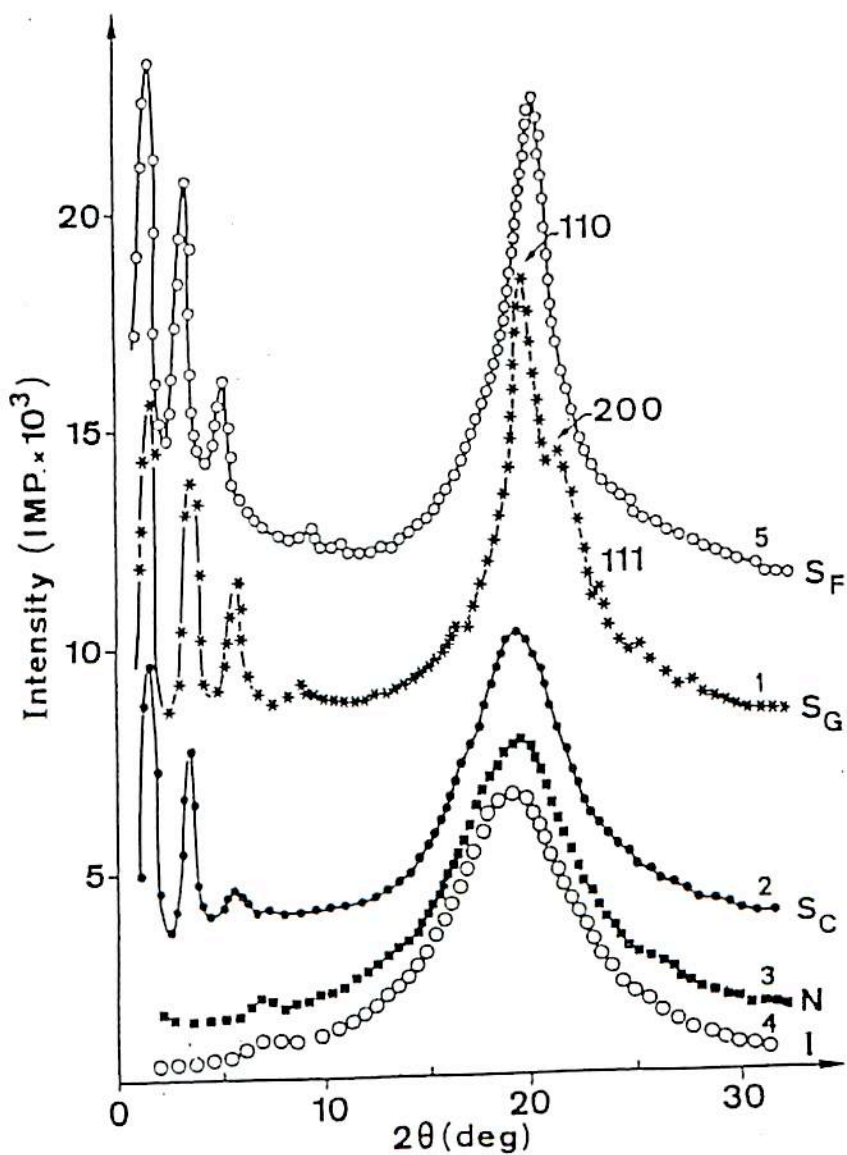
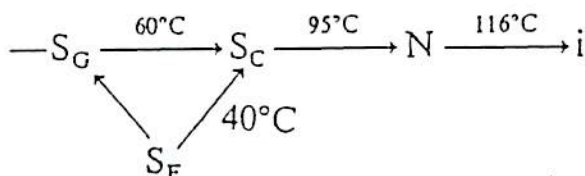


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# X-RAY SCATTERING CURVES OF A SLCP



(annealing at  
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several days)



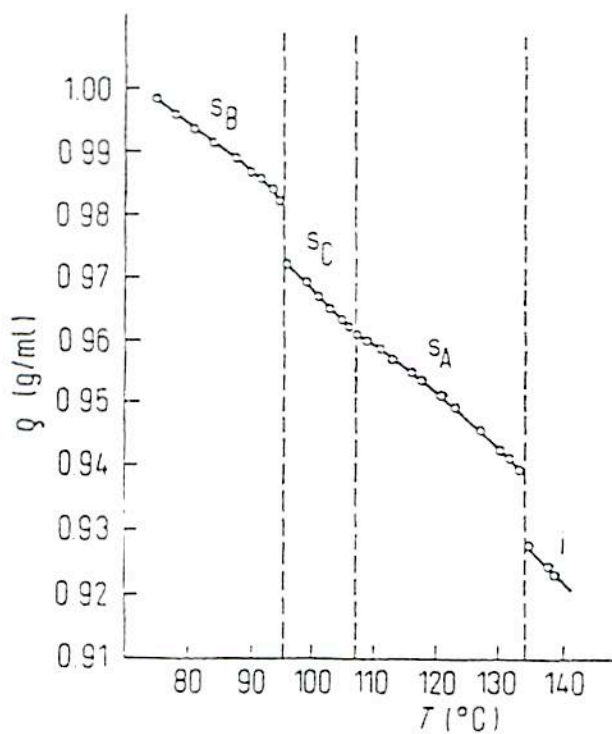


Fig. 8.27. Density-temperature plots ( $\rho$  vs.  $T$ ) for *n*-amyl 4-(4-*n*-dodecyloxybenzylideneamino)cinnamate (from [93]).

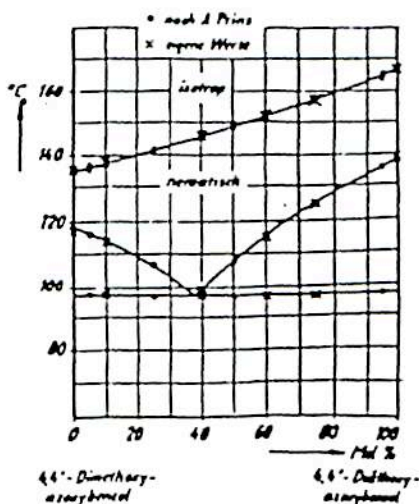
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## MIXTURES OF LOW MOLAR MASS LIQUID CRYSTALS

### MISCIBILITY RULE OF SACKMANN:

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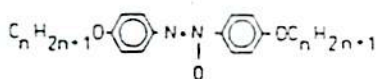
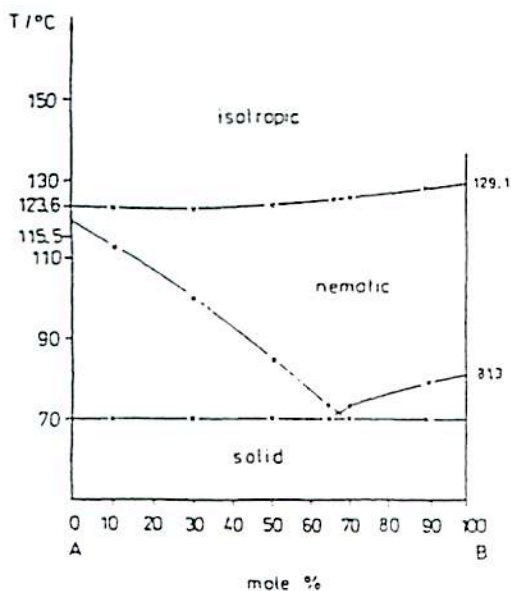
LOW MOLAR MASS LIQUID CRYSTALS EXHIBITING THE SAME MESOMORPHIC STRUCTURE ARE MISCIBLE OVER THE WHOLE RANGE OF CONCENTRATION.



— ENLARGEMENT OF LC RANGE ESPECIALLY TO LOWER TEMPERATURES

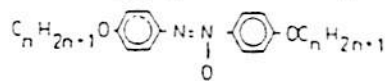
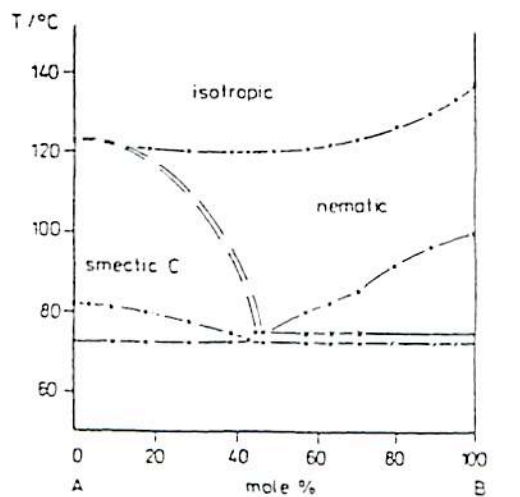
— ADJUSTMENT OF VARIOUS PARAMETERS OF THE MATERIAL (viscosities, elastic constants, electric field behaviour etc.)

➔ MIXTURES ENABLED A COMMERCIAL APPLICATION OF LIQUID CRYSTALS



A : n = 3  
B : n = 6

Phase diagram with complete miscibility



A : n = 12  
B : n = 4

Phase diagram with miscibility gap

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