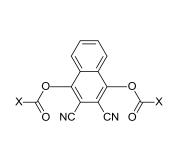
新規な2軸性液晶の合成と特性

Synthesis of New Biaxial Liquid Crystals and Analysis of Their Properties

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Biaxial liquid crystal (LC) mesophases composed of several types of asymmetrical molecules have attracted considerable interest from academic viewpoints and because of ultrafast electrical switching capabilities superior to those of conventional LC displays. We synthesized 11 new biaxial molecules (shown in Table 1), and among them, two molecules DCN-1 and DCN-2 showed more than one thermal transition temperature. Although the results of XRD and precise microscopic analyses suggested that the transitions are possibly those between crystalline phases, we prepared an LC composite by mixing DCN-2 and the nematic LC of compounds with negative dielectric anisotropy (Nn) and performed electrical experiments. By applying a horizontal electric field to a homeotropically aligned LC cell, an apparent electrical switching could be observed, and it was suggested that the composite might achieve a biaxial LC mesophase. Further studies are in progress. We also synthesized several asymmetric discotic molecules, and like DCN-1 and DCN-2, one of the asymmetric discotic molecules showed more than one transition temperature in DSC measurements. The analysis of the phases of the compound is also being carried out.

Table 1 Thermal transition temperatures of synthesized biaxial compounds



	x	n	Transition temperature(s) (°C)
Α		3	213
		5(DCN-1)	158, 208
В	-C _n H _{2n+1}	4	223
		5	201
		7	179
		9(DCN-2)	59, 151, 162
С		5	213
		6	196
		8	190
		9	185
D	-CnF	H _{2n+1} 7	229