## Induction and Modulation of Polarization in Ferroelectric Liquid Crystals.

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## Chirality



Ranked as the "most beautiful experiment in history", C&EN, 2003, 81, 27-30

## **Molecular Recognition**



## **Molecular Imprinting**

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Brady, P.; Sanders, J.K.M. Chem. Soc. Rev. 1997, 26, 327

## **Thermotropic Liquid Crystals**





PhB: Cr 35 SmC 70.5 SmA 72 N 75 I



PhP1: Cr 58 SmC 85 SmA 95 N 98 I

**Thermotropic Liquid Crystals** 



homeotropic domains

## Nanosegregation in Smectic A and C Phases



## **Chiral Liquid Crystals**



Polar Order in the SmC\* Phase





Helical State (Non-Ferroelectric)

Surface-Stabilized Ferroelectric State Clark & Lagerwall Appl. Phys. Lett. **1980**, *36*, 899







#### Induction of a Chiral SmC\* Phase



Siemensmeyer, K.; Stegemeyer, H. Chem. Phys. Lett. 1988, 148, 409

## Molecular Origins of Polarization: The Boulder Model



Walba, D. M. et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1991, 113, 5471

## Molecular Recognition in the SmC\* Phase

Dopant





SmC Host



#### $\delta_p$ is independent of host structure





8007



**Fig. 6** Tilt-angle-reduced polarization,  $P_0$  vs.  $x_G$  for the chiral dopants C7D  $(\Box, \blacksquare)$  and S811  $(\bigcirc, \bullet)$  in different host phases<sup>6</sup> (cf. Fig. 5)



**Fig. 11** Polarization,  $P_0$  vs.  $x_G$  for the type II-2 dopants AS157 (open symbols) and AS161 (filled symbols) in different host phases;  $\Delta T = 5$  K. Host phases:  $\bigcirc/ \Phi$ , 8007;  $\diamondsuit/ \Phi$ , BDH-o-F;  $\square/ \blacksquare$ , NCB84;  $△/ \blacktriangle$ , NCB908.

#### $\delta_{\rm p}$ varies with host structure

Stegemeyer, H.; Meister, R.; Hoffmann, U.; Sprick, A.; Becker, A. J. Mater. Chem. 1995, 5, 2183

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# Induction of Polarization: Atropisomeric Biphenyls

A

F

## **Atropisomeric Biphenyl Dopants**





 $X = NO_2$ , F, Cl, Br, CH<sub>3</sub>



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Lemieux, R.P. Acc. Chem. Res. 2001, 34, 845



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## Assignment of Absolute Configuration









Hartley, C.S.; Wang, R.; Lemieux, R.P. Chem. Mater. 2004, 16, 5297

## **Conformational Asymmetry**



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#### **Polarization Power: Host Dependence**





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## **Chiral Nematics Analogy**

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P-helicity

helical pitch



Gottarelli, G.; Hibert, M.; Samori, B.; Solladié, G.; Spada, G.P.; Zimmermann, R. J. Am. Chem. Soc.. 1983, 105, 7318

## Polarization Power: Correlation with SmC\* Pitch



helical pitch

150  $\mu$ m film viewed by polarized microscopy (100  $\times$ )

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## Effect of Chirality Transfer

(i) Polar Ordering of the Host



(ii) Chirality Transfer Feedback



shift in conformational equilibrium

#### Probe Experiment: PhP1 Mimic



#### Total Polarization = $P_{\rm S}$ (C9) + $P_{\rm S}$ (MDW950)

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Probe Experiment: PhP1 Mimic



MDW950 (Displaytech)



Thompson, M.; Hegmann, T.; Lemieux, R.P., unpublished results

## No Perturbation: Hypothetical





+



**MDW950** 







## No Perturbation: Hypothetical





+



**MDW950** 







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#### Probe Experiment: Hexamethyl Dopant



 $\delta_p/\mu_\perp$  = 440 nC/cm<sup>2</sup>•D  $\delta_p/\mu_\perp$  = 70 nC/cm<sup>2</sup>•D

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#### Probe Experiment: Hexamethyl Dopant





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# Analogy to Molecular Imprinting ?

Chiral Molecular Imprinting

Chirality Transfer Feedback



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# Induction of Polarization: 2,2'-Spirobiindan-1,1'-diones

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2,2'-Spirobiindan-1,1'-dione Dopants







6,6'



# Conformational Analysis: 5,5' vs 6,6'



# Synthesis



77%

#### Stereochemistry: Exciton Chirality



N. Harada and K. Nakanishi, *Circular Dichroic Spectroscopy: Exciton Coupling in Organic Photochemistry*, University Science Books, New York, 1983



#### **Dopant-Host Compatibility**



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 $^{2}$ H NMR @  $T-T_{C}$  = -10 K









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 $^{2}$ H NMR @  $T-T_{c}$  = -10 K







# <sup>2</sup>H NMR in a Chiral Nematic Host: Poly-γ-Benzyl-L-Glutamate



Figure 4. Proton-decoupled <sup>2</sup>H NMR spectra in PBLG/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solvent of (a) racemic C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>-CHD-OH at T = 300 K, and (b) nonchiral C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>-CHD<sub>2</sub>-OH at T = 306 K.



**Figure 2.**  ${}^{2}H-{}^{1}H$  partial spectrum of perdeuterated ethanol dissolved in the PBLG/CDCl<sub>3</sub> phase. A Gaussian filtering and zero filling to 8K data points were used to improve the spectral appearance and the digital resolution. (\*, o) Components of doublets belonging to the methylene group. ( $\Delta$ ) Components of the doublet belonging to the methyl group. The measured quadrupolar splittings for the –OD group and CDCl<sub>3</sub> were 765.8 and 841.3 Hz, respectively. Only the shielded component of each doublet is shown in the figure.

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200

100

0 Hz -100

-200

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# Evidence of Chirality Transfer ?



-60000 -40000 -20000 0 20000 40000 60000

10 mol%

-60000

-40000

-20000

0 Hz

5 mol%

20000

40000

60000

diastereotopic in the SmC\* phase due to chirality transfer ??

# Polarization Power @ $T-T_{\rm C} = -10$ K





C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O OC<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>

PhP1











# Polarization Power @ $T-T_{\rm C} = -10$ K





 $C_4H_9O$   $\sim$  N  $OC_8H_{17}$ 

PhP1









# **Conformational Steric Demand**



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# Polarization Power @ $T-T_{\rm C} = -10$ K





 $C_4H_9O \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow OC_8H_{17}$ 

PhP1







# Modulation of Polarization: Ambidextrous Thioindigo

**Optical Switching of SSFLC** 



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A) Polarization Modulation



B) Polarization Inversion



#### **Photomechanical Effect**



Ikeda, T.; Sasaki, T.; Ichimura, K. Nature 1993, 361, 428

#### **Transverse Dipole Modulation**





# Thioindigo Photochromism



 $10^{-4}$ M solution in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

 $X = NO_2$ 







# $P_{S}$ Photomodulation





PhB; Cr 35 SmC 70 SmA 72 N 75 I



Dinescu, L.; Maly, K. E.; Lemieux, R. P. J. Mater. Chem. 1999, 9, 1679

# Photoinversion of $P_{\rm S}$









1.3 mol%

3 mol%



PhB; Cr 35 SmC 70 SmA 72 N 75 I



Dinescu, L.; Lemieux, R. P. Adv. Mater. 1999, 11, 42

#### "Ambidextrous" Thioindigo Dopant



Vlahakis, J. Z.; Wand, M. D.; Lemieux, R. P. Adv. Funct. Mater. 2004, 14, 637

#### Synthesis



# $P_{\rm S}$ Photoinversion



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# **Ambidextrous Photoswitch**



1 mol% in MX6120 @ 50 °C



time (sec)

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