

Field-induced inversion of chirality in SmCP_A phases of new achiral bent-core mesogens

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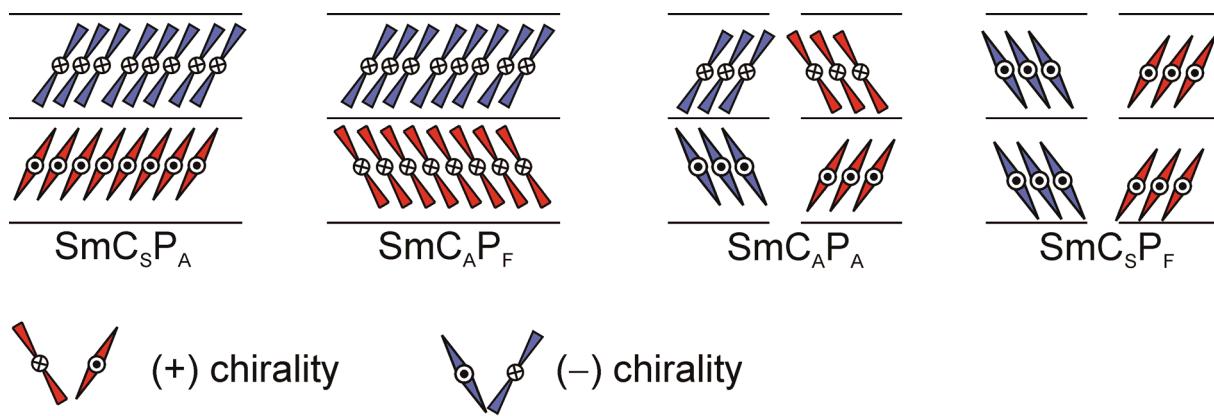


Fig. S1 (ESI) Schematic representation of the organisation of bent-core molecules in adjacent layers of tilted polar smectic phases (SmCP).

The smectic layers are perpendicular to the drawing plane. The subscripts S and A after C designate synclinic and anticlinic interlayer correlation, respectively. The subscripts A and F after P indicate whether the SmCP is antiferroelectric or ferroelectric. The symbols (\odot and \otimes) correspond to opposite bent direction of the molecules, that means, to opposite polar axes. Different colours (blue or red) of the molecule symbols indicate different layer chirality.