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Our previous study based on structural thermodynamics [1-3] established that the conformation of alkyl chains attached to the end(s) of the rigid core part of mesogenic molecules is fully molten in *any* liquid crystalline (LC) mesophases. Besides, recently revealed is that the nano-segregated structure is a fundamental structure for layered (smectic) LCs formed by such molecules [4,5]. Based on these findings, in this talk, the interrelation will be discussed between aggregation structures in LCs and the molecular flexibility.

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