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Intra- and intermolecular dynamics in liquid-crystalline substance with ferro- and antiferroelectric phases

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For 1-[3-fluoro-4-(1-methylheptyloxycarbonyl)phenyl]-2-[4'-2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluoro butoxybutoxy)biphenyl -4-yl]ethane (1F7) built of chiral molecules, intra- and intermolecular dynamics is presented. Intermolecular dynamics was studied by dielectric spectroscopy while intramolecular dynamics by nuclear magnetic resonance and infrared spectroscopy. In ferroelectric SmC, *antiferroelectric SmC*_A and highly ordered SmI*_A phases of 1F7 the relaxation processes were detected in frequency range from 0.05 Hz to 3 MHz. Mechanisms of intermolecular dynamics were identified with the help of the bias field [1]. Using NMR technics the following intramolecular motions were detected: rotation of the CH₃ and CF₃ groups and reorientation of the phenyl rings. In liquid-crystalline phases molecular processes connected with rotation molecule around short and long axis were confirmed. Relaxation time T₁, correlation time tau; and activation barriers were calculated for individual motions. Infrared spectroscopy method shows rich dynamics in Cr1 and Cr2 crystalline phases [2].

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