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thermotropic mesophase

A mesophase formed by heating a solid or cooling an isotropic liquid, or by heating or cooling a thermodynamically stable mesophase.

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