

bulk mesophase

A continuous anisotropic phase formed by coalescence of mesophase spheres. Bulk mesophase retains fluidity and is deformable in the temperature range up to about 770 K, and transforms into *green coke* by further loss of hydrogen or low-molecular-weight species.

This bulk mesophase can sometimes be formed directly from the isotropic *pitch* without observation of intermediate spheres.

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