

Structuring of Fluids for Control of Mechanical Properties

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The rheological properties of complex fluids can be finely tuned by controlling the structure within them. This has important consequences for controlling the properties and behavior of many of the products we are familiar with. This talk will present studies of model systems that help elucidate the nature of the structures that can form, and the consequences of these structures on the properties of the material.