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MATERIAL FAILURE IN ENTANGLED POLYMERIC LIQUIDS

The processing of polymer melts and concentrated solutions, in which the mobility and time dependence of the liquid is determined by macromolecular "entanglements," is often limited by the onset of material failure in the form of shape distortions or mechanical rupture. Failure mechanisms in polymeric liquids have been studied for more than half a century, but they are still not well understood. This lecture will illustrate some of the important features of failure in polymeric liquids and examine the current level of understanding and the major open questions.

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