

# Theory of liquids and polymers disordered systems

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## Outline

### 1. Structure of liquids

- Molecular distribution functions and models
- Scattering theory
- Theories for the two-point correlation function
- Relation between structure and thermodynamics
- Random-phase approximation

### 2. Liquid dynamics

- Time-dependent correlation functions
- Linear response theory
- Mori-Zwanzig projection formalism
- Linear hydrodynamics
- Generalized hydrodynamics
- Mode-coupling theory
- Glass transition

### 3. Random walks and fractals

- Random walk and diffusion
- Master equation
- Fractals and fractal dimension
- Percolation
- Random walk on a fractal
- Diffusion-limited aggregation

### 4. Structure and thermodynamics of binary mixtures (solutions)

- Partial correlation functions
- Number- and concentration fluctuations
- Random-phase approximation and Flory-Huggins theory of solutions and phase segregation
- solutions of polymers

### 5. Structure and thermodynamics of polymers

- single ideal polymer chain and random walk
- Flory theory of self-avoiding chains and swollen polymers
- Path-integral theory of polymer structure
- Polymer mixtures and diblock copolymers
- Cross-linked polymers: Flory-Stockmayer theory of gelation

### 6. Polymer dynamics

- Rouse dynamics
- Incoherent relaxation dynamics
- Hydrodynamic interaction
- Zimm model
- Polymer diffusion

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