

GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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investigated the relationship of the modes of molecular motion in macromolecules to their mechanical and other physical properties; pioneered the use of rheological methods to study the viscoelastic and other aspects of the dynamics of macromolecules, ranging from synthetic polymers to biological macromolecules including proteins and nucleic acids; developed methods to estimate the distance between entanglement points and cross links in polymers; related the glass-to-rubber transition in polymers to specific structural parameters; pioneered the use of infinite dilution techniques to study polymers; first to correctly describe the mechanism of the fibrinogen to fibrin conversion.

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