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Interaction, Structure and Transport of Polymer Grafted Nanoparticles¹

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Grafting polymers to nanoparticles has proven to be an effective means to disperse isotropic and anisotropic nanoparticles in polymer matrices. Depending on the grafting density, polydispersity and nature of polymer - nanoparticle interaction, such grafted nanoparticles can either be liquid-like, gel-like or crystalline solids. We examine here the nature of interactions between such grafted nanoparticles and correlate those to the structure, dynamics and transport in both solvent and polymer media.

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