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Effects of Long Wave-length Thermal Fluctuations on the Elasticity of Nematic Elastomers¹ XIANGJUN XING, APARNA BASKARAN, Syracuse University — We study the long wavelength fluctuations of the nematic director as well as the phonon fields in nematic elastomers. These fluctuations have important effects on the elasticity in the large deformation regime. We calculate the nonlinear stress-strain relations for several simple geometry of deformation. We also analyze the correlation functions of the nematic director and phonon fields in the presence of large uniform strain deformations. All of these results can be directly measured by experiments.

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