Disordered and biological soft matter

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Structural colours in photonic structures

The blue of Morpho Menelaus is NOT a pigment



Colours without pigments/ theory and experiment

Optics in disordered media

Secure communication using disordered optical channels and stochastic resonance.











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Biomedical diagnostics

Optical characterization of biological liquids – microrheology, diffusing wave spectroscopy and bacterial load



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Three dimensional structure formation in embryonic and larval epithelial tissues



Levitated non-equilibrium systems

Levitating foams to study their long time coarsening behaviour at different amounts of wetness





Measuring and applying forces on the scale of nN



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