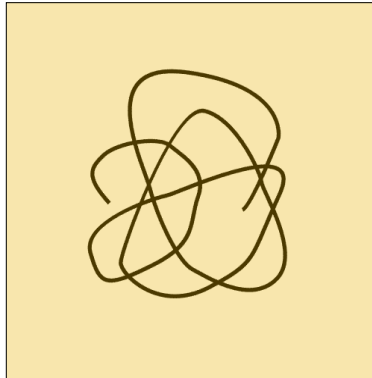


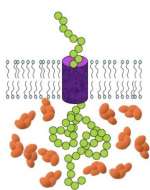
Polymer dynamics

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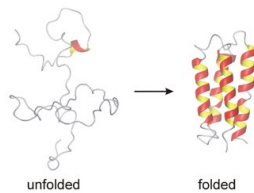


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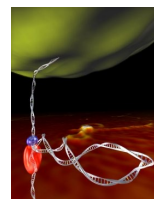
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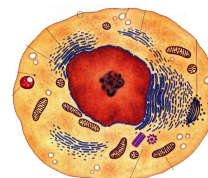
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Protein folding



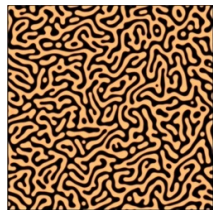
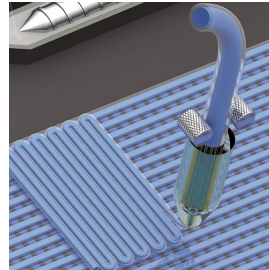
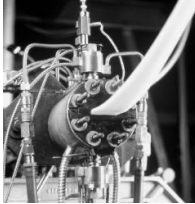
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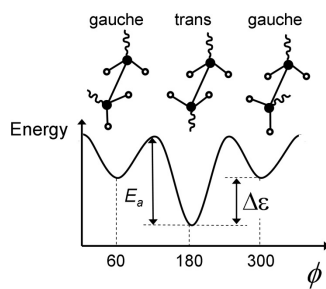
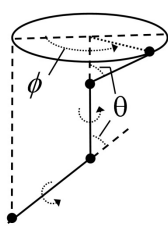
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Rheology, mixing, phase separation, processing



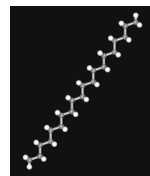
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Polymer conformations

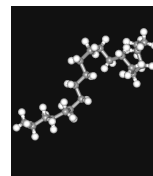


-Hindered rotation

- Energy barrier E_a , and $\Delta\epsilon$ depend on side groups



Large $\Delta\epsilon$



Small $\Delta\epsilon$

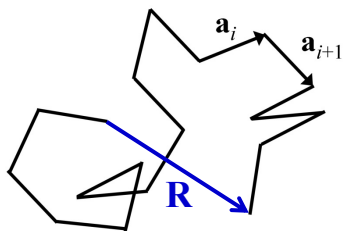
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Program

1. Average properties: Gaussian chain
2. The Langevin equation
3. Unentangled polymers: Rouse and Zimm models
4. Entangled polymers: reptation & tube model

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The freely-jointed chain model



-Every bond can take any direction, independent of other bonds

- Length of each bond: a

End-to-end vector: $\mathbf{R} = \sum_i \mathbf{a}_i$

Average: $\langle \mathbf{R} \rangle = 0$

Mean-square: $\langle \mathbf{R}^2 \rangle = N a_0^2$

Ideal chain: $R_0 = N^{1/2} a_0$

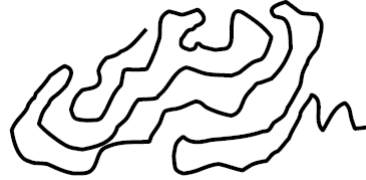
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Real chains: interactions between monomers



Ideal chain (random walk) can intersect itself

$$R \sim N^{1/2}$$



Real chain cannot intersect itself: self-avoiding walk; chain is swollen

Numerical simulation (3D): $R \sim N^{\nu}$
 $\nu=0.588$

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Effect of interactions



Good solvent

$$\beta_{\text{mon}} > 0$$

$$\chi < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\bar{R} \approx N^{3/5} b^{2/5} \beta_{\text{mon}}^{1/5}$$

Swollen chain



Theta solvent

$$\beta_{\text{mon}} = 0$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\bar{R} = N^{1/2} b$$

Ideal chain



Poor solvent

$$\beta_{\text{mon}} < 0$$

$$\chi > \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\bar{R} \sim N^{1/3}$$

Collapsed chain

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Most of polymer conformation are self-similar (**fractal**)

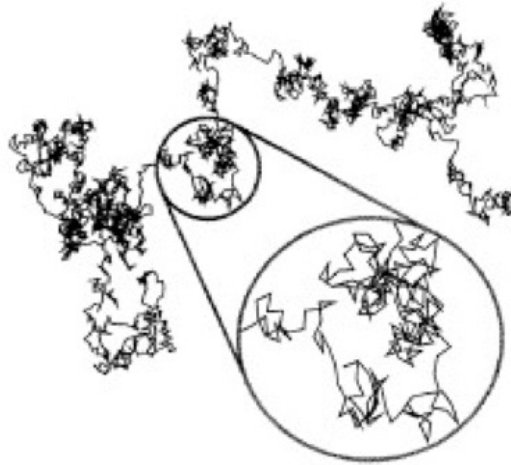
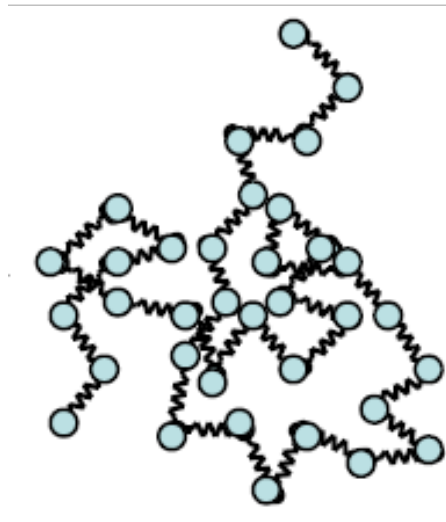


Fig. 1.14 Fractal structure of an ideal chain with fractal dimension $D = 2$
Obtained by computer simulation.

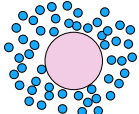
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Dynamics: the Langevin equation

Equation of motion of the particle (Langevin equation):




$$m\vec{a} = \vec{f}_{ext} - \zeta \vec{v} + \vec{f}^R$$


inertia applied force friction 'noise' (collisions with solvent molecules)

Friction force $\vec{f}_{fric} = \zeta \vec{v}$

Friction coefficient: $\zeta = 6\pi\eta R$



George Stokes (1819-1903)

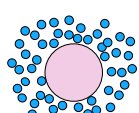
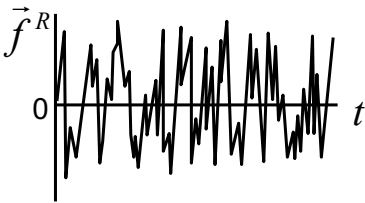


Paul Langevin (1872-1946)

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Properties of the random force: Fluctuation-dissipation theorem

Random force is due to collisions with solvent molecules

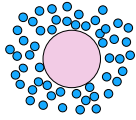
$$\langle \vec{f}^R(t) \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \vec{f}^R(t) \cdot \vec{f}^R(t') \rangle = C\delta(t - t')$$

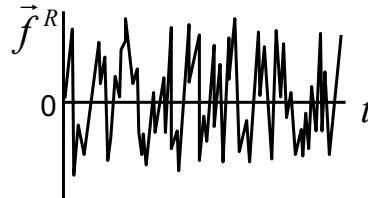
very rapid fluctuations
(no correlations for $t \neq t'$)

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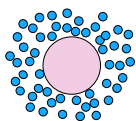
$$\langle \vec{f}^R(t) \cdot \vec{f}^R(t') \rangle = 6kT\zeta\delta(t-t')$$

fluctuation - dissipation

very rapid fluctuations
(no correlations for $t \neq t'$)

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Freely moving particle, overdamped dynamics



$$\zeta \frac{d\vec{r}(t)}{dt} = \vec{f}^R(t)$$

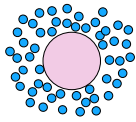
Solution:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + \frac{1}{\zeta} \int_0^t \vec{f}^R(t') dt'$$

Mean displacement: $\langle \vec{r}(t) - \vec{r}_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\zeta} \int_0^t \langle \vec{f}^R(t') \rangle dt' = 0$

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Freely moving particle (no external field)



$$\zeta \frac{d\vec{r}(t)}{dt} = \vec{f}^R(t)$$

Solution:

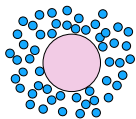
$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + \frac{1}{\zeta} \int_0^t \vec{f}^R(t') dt'$$

Mean square displacement:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\vec{r}(t) - \vec{r}_0)^2 \rangle &= \left\langle \left(\frac{1}{\zeta} \int_0^t \vec{f}^R(t') dt' \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\zeta} \int_0^t \vec{f}^R(t'') dt'' \right) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\zeta^2} \int_0^t \int_0^t \underbrace{\langle \vec{f}^R(t') \cdot \vec{f}^R(t'') \rangle}_{6kT\zeta\delta(t'-t'')} dt' dt'' = \frac{6kT\zeta}{\zeta^2} t \end{aligned}$$

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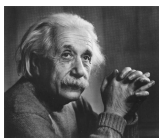
Freely moving particle



$$\langle (\vec{r}(t) - \vec{r}_0)^2 \rangle = \frac{6kT}{\zeta} t$$

Stokes-Einstein:

$$\langle (\vec{r}(t) - \vec{r}_0)^2 \rangle = 6Dt \longrightarrow D = \frac{kT}{\zeta}$$



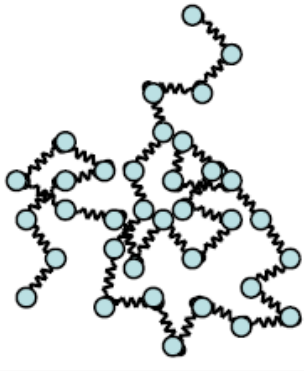
Albert Einstein
(1879-1955)

Time for particle to diffuse distance comparable to its own size: $\tau \cong \frac{R^2}{D} \cong \frac{R^2\zeta}{kT}$

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Rouse model for polymer chain

Bead-spring model



N beads connected by springs,
each of root-mean-square size a

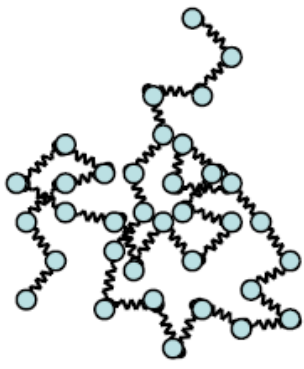
friction coefficient of one bead: ζ_0

spring constant: $\frac{3kT}{a^2}$

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Rouse model for polymer chain

Bead-spring model



Friction of one monomer: ζ_0

Friction of whole chain: $\zeta_R = N\zeta_0$

Diffusion coefficient: $D_R = \frac{kT}{\zeta_R} = \frac{kT}{N\zeta_0}$

Whole-chain relaxation time:

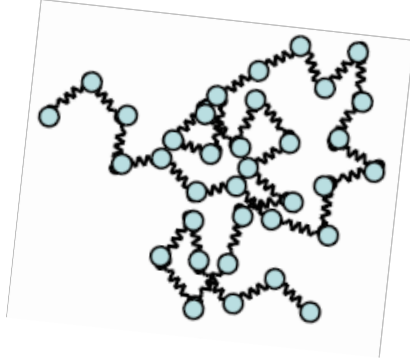
$$\tau_R \cong \frac{R_0^2}{D_R} \cong \frac{\zeta_0 a^2 N^2}{kT}$$

(ideal chains)

$$R_0 = N^{1/2} a_0$$

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Internal modes: force between monomers



N beads connected by springs,
each of root-mean-square size a

friction coefficient of one bead: ζ_0

spring constant: $\frac{3kT}{a^2}$

Equation of motion for monomer i :

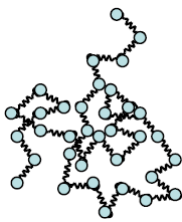
$$\zeta_i \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt} = \vec{f}_i^R + \frac{3kT}{a^2} [(\vec{r}_{i+1} - \vec{r}_i) + (\vec{r}_{i-1} - \vec{r}_i)]$$

for $i=1, 2, \dots, N$

Prince E. Rouse, 1953

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Langevin equation for a Rouse chain



We obtain N coupled stochastic differential equations:

$$\zeta_0 \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_2 \\ \vec{r}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{f}_1^R \\ \vec{f}_2^R \\ \vec{f}_3^R \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}_N^R \end{pmatrix} - \frac{3kT}{a^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & & & \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 & 1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_2 \\ \vec{r}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_N \end{pmatrix}$$

Can be solved by normal mode analysis (exercise)

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Solution of the Rouse model: normal modes

$$r_n(t) = X_0(t) + 2 \sum_{p=1}^N X_p(t) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi n}{N}\right)$$

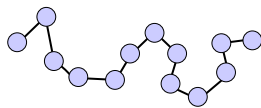
$$\langle X_p(0) X_q(t) \rangle = \delta_{pq} \langle X_p^2 \rangle e^{-t/\tau_p}$$

$$\langle X_p^2 \rangle = \frac{Na^2}{6\pi^2 p^2}$$

$$\tau_p = \frac{\zeta_0 a^2}{3\pi^2 kT} \left(\frac{N}{p}\right)^2$$

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Spectrum of relaxation times



Spectrum of relaxation times:

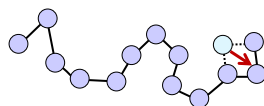
$$\tau_p = \frac{\zeta_0 a^2}{3\pi^2 kT} \left(\frac{N}{p}\right)^2 \quad (p = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

Shortest relaxation time ($p = N$):

$$\tau_0 = \frac{\zeta_0 a^2}{3\pi^2 kT}$$

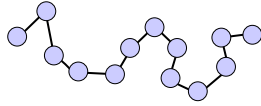
Relaxation time of a monomer:

$$\tau_0 \cong \frac{a^2}{D_{mon}} \cong \frac{\zeta_0 a^2}{kT}$$



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The spectrum of a Rouse chain



Spectrum of relaxation times:

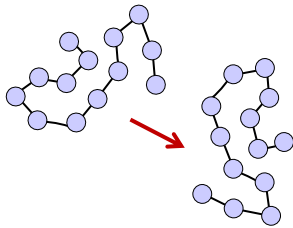
$$\tau_p = \frac{\zeta_0 a^2}{3\pi^2 kT} \left(\frac{N}{p} \right)^2 \quad (p = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

Longest relaxation time ($p = 1$):

$$\tau_R = \frac{\zeta_0 a^2 N^2}{3\pi^2 kT} = \tau_0 N^2$$

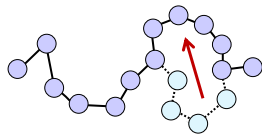
Time needed for whole chain to diffuse a distance comparable to its size

$$\tau_R \cong \frac{R_0^2}{D_R} \cong \frac{\zeta_0 a^2 N^2}{kT}$$



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The spectrum of a Rouse chain



Spectrum of relaxation times:

$$\tau_p = \frac{\zeta_0 a^2}{3\pi^2 kT} \left(\frac{N}{p} \right)^2 \quad (p = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

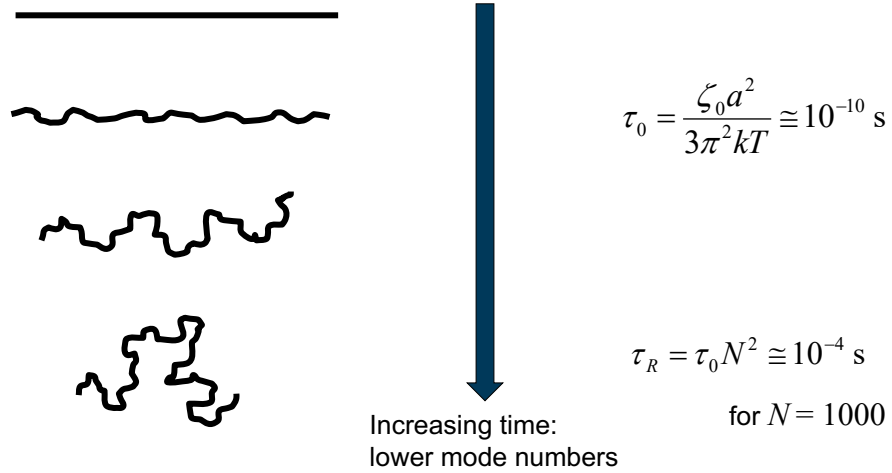
Mode p corresponds to collective motion of N/p monomers

$$\tau_p = \tau_0 \left(\frac{N}{p} \right)^2$$

Movements that involve more monomers are slower

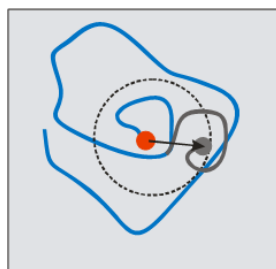
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Relaxation of a stretched Rouse chain



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Motion of monomers

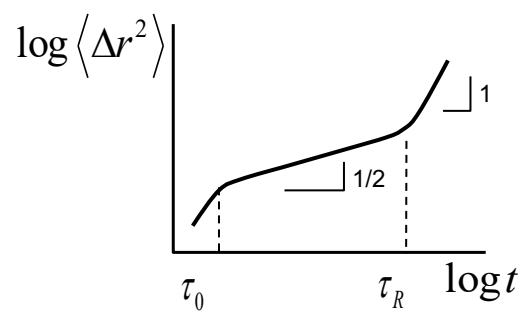


How long does it take for a specific monomer to move a given distance ?

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Solution of Rouse model

$$\langle (r_n(t) - r_n(0))^2 \rangle = \frac{6kT}{N\zeta} t + \frac{4Na^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{p=1}^N \frac{1}{p^2} \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi p n}{N}\right) \left[1 - e^{-t/\tau_p}\right]$$

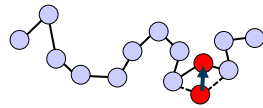


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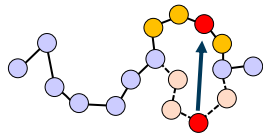


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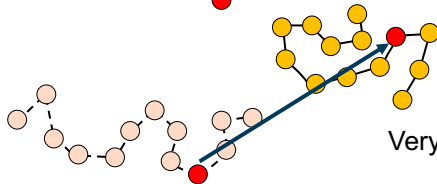
Motion of monomers



Short times / small distances: free motion,
no constraints from other monomers



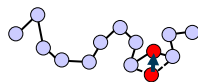
Longer times : larger displacements require
collective motion of multiple monomers



Very long times : whole chain has to move

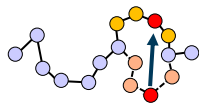
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Motion of monomers



$t < \tau_0$: free monomer diffusion:

$$\langle \Delta r^2 \rangle \cong \frac{kT}{\zeta_0} t$$



$t \approx \tau_p$: N/p monomers are
moving together

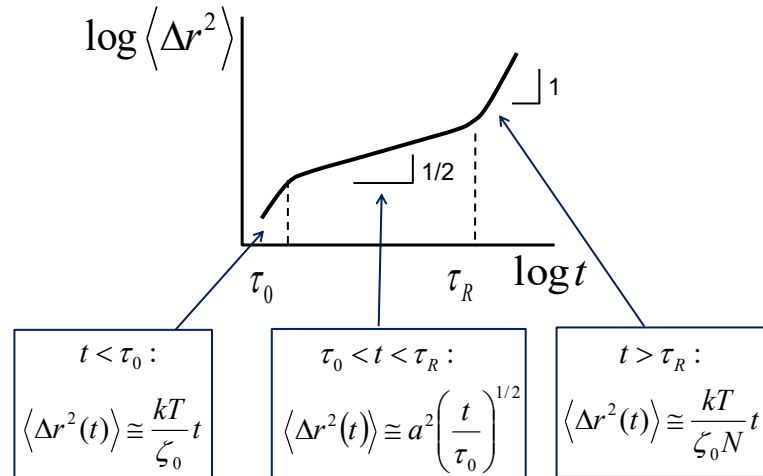
$$\langle \Delta r^2(\tau_p) \rangle \cong a^2 \frac{N}{p}$$

$$\tau_p = \tau_0 \left(\frac{N}{p} \right)^2 \rightarrow p = N \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau_p} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\longrightarrow \langle \Delta r^2(t) \rangle \cong a^2 \left(\frac{t}{\tau_0} \right)^{1/2}$$

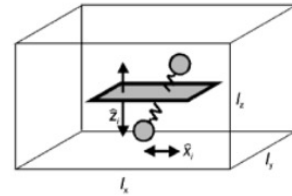
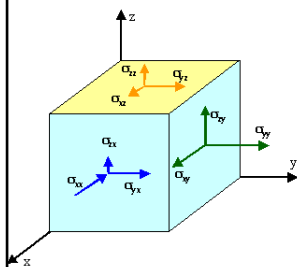
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Motion of monomers



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Visco-elasticity: stress tensor



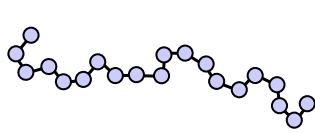
Stress tensor (see e.g. Doi & Edwards):

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{c}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \langle R_{n\alpha} F_{n\beta} \rangle \\ &= \frac{c}{N} \frac{3kT}{a^2} \sum_{n=1}^N \left\langle \frac{\partial r_{n\alpha}}{\partial n} \frac{\partial r_{n\beta}}{\partial n} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

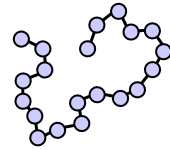
Stress relaxation modulus: $G(t) = \frac{V}{kT} \langle \sigma_{xy}(0) \sigma_{xy}(t) \rangle$

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Solution of the Rouse model: relaxation modulus



Deformed chain:
carries internal stress



Relaxed chain

Rouse result:

$$G(t) = \frac{kT}{V} \sum_{p=1}^N \left[\frac{\langle X_p(0) X_p(t) \rangle}{\langle X_p^2 \rangle} \right]^2$$

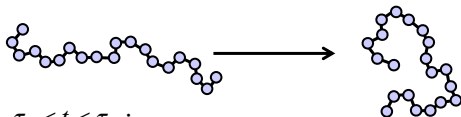
$$= \frac{ckT}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N \exp\left(-\frac{2t}{\tau_p}\right)$$

$$\text{with } \tau_p = \frac{\zeta_0 a^2}{3\pi^2 kT} \left(\frac{N}{p}\right)^2$$

c : monomer concentration

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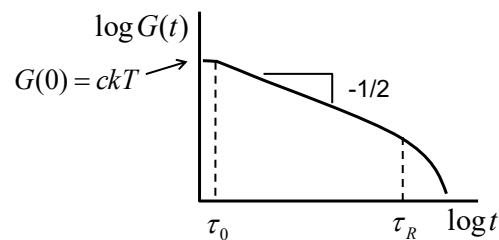
Relaxation modulus



$\tau_0 < t < \tau_R$:

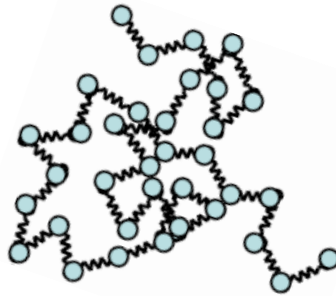
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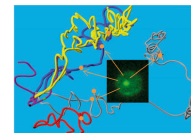
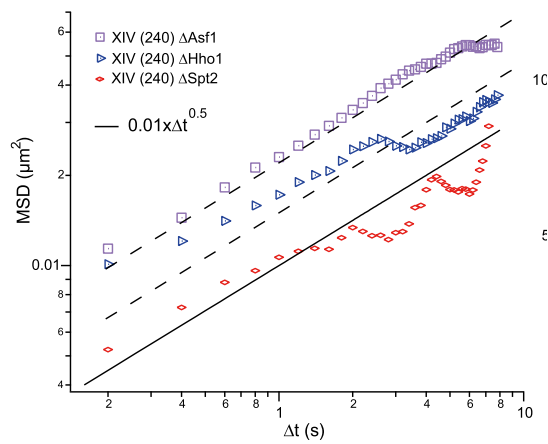
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Does Rouse theory agree with experiment?



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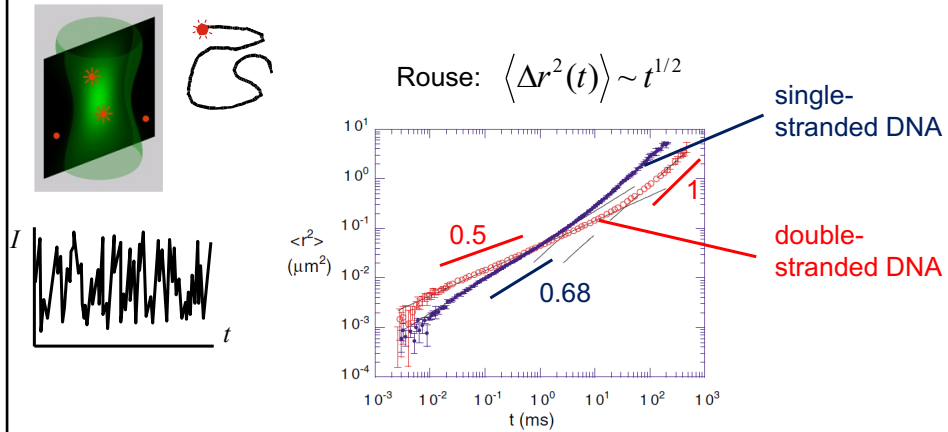
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Experiment: monomer motion

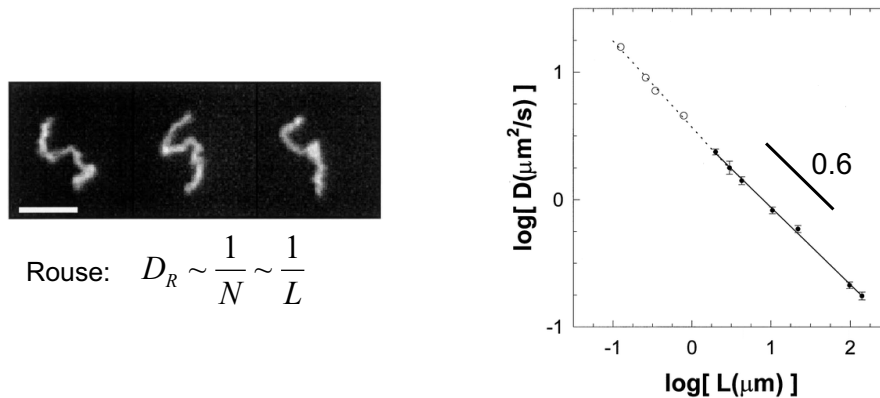
Track specifically labeled DNA with fluorescence correlation spectroscopy



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Experiment: chain diffusion (for ss-DNA)

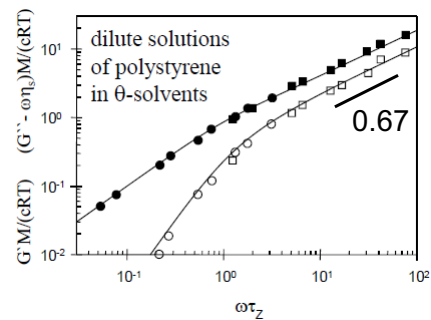
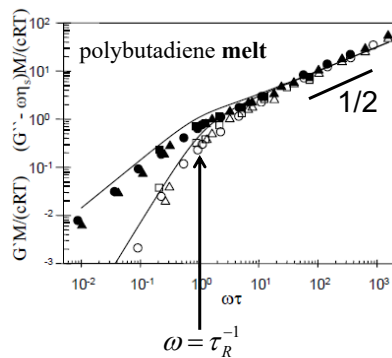
Measure diffusion coefficient with dynamic light scattering or with video microscopy



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Experiment: relaxation modulus

$$G(t) \sim t^{-1/2} \rightarrow G'(\omega) \sim G''(\omega) \sim \omega^{1/2} \quad (\tau_R^{-1} < \omega < \tau_0^{-1})$$

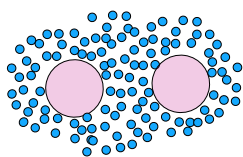


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Rouse model is wrong for dilute flexible polymers!

Why ?

→ Hydrodynamic coupling between monomers



If one bead moves, it drags along the nearby solvent molecules and creates a flow field

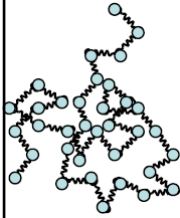
$$v(r) \cong v(0) \frac{a}{r}$$

This leads to a solvent-mediated force on other particles

$$f_{ij}^{hyd} \cong \zeta v(r_{ij}) \sim \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

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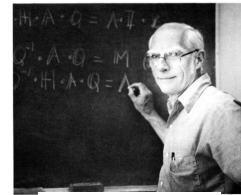
Langevin equation for a chain with hydrodynamic interactions



$$\zeta_i \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt} = \vec{f}_i^R + \frac{3kT}{a^2} [(\vec{r}_{i+1} - \vec{r}_i) + (\vec{r}_{i-1} - \vec{r}_i)] + \sum_{j=1}^N \vec{f}_{ij}^{hyd} (\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i)$$

Now all bead motions become coupled :
Very complicated problem !

Can be solved approximately by
pre-averaging positions
(Zimm, 1956)



Bruno H. Zimm
(1920 – 2005)

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The importance of hydrodynamic interactions

(Very crude estimate)

$$\text{Total hydrodynamic force on particle } i : f_{tot}^{hyd} \sim \sum_j \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \sim N \cdot \frac{1}{R_{coil}} \sim N^{1-\nu}$$

good solvent: $\nu = 3/5$, theta solvent: $\nu = 1/2$

For long polymers the hydrodynamic interactions are very important !

(Note: less important for stiff chains, $\nu \approx 1$)

Result :

effectively all solvent is dragged along; chain behaves as solid sphere

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Zimm chain: trapped solvent

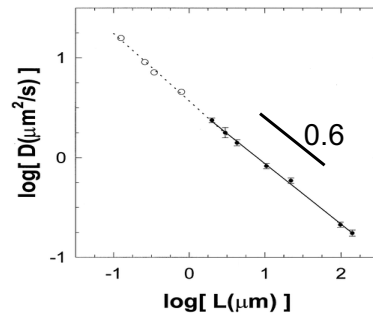


$$2R \cong aN^v$$

$$v = \begin{cases} 1/2 & (\text{theta solvent}) \\ 3/5 & (\text{good solvent}) \end{cases}$$

Friction of sphere: $\zeta_z \cong \eta_s R$ (Stokes)

Diffusion coefficient: $D_z = \frac{kT}{\zeta_z} \cong \frac{kT}{\eta_s a N^v} \cong \frac{kT}{\zeta_0 N^v}$



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Zimm chains

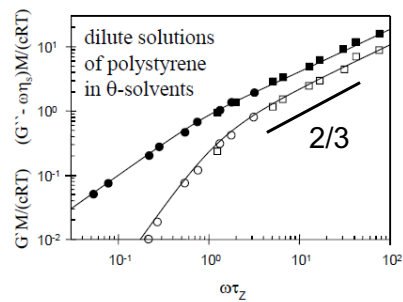
Longest relaxation time: time needed for chain to diffuse its own size

$$\tau_z \cong \frac{R^2}{D_z} \cong \frac{a^2 N^{2v}}{(kT / \zeta_0 N^v)} \cong \tau_0 N^{3v}$$

Visco-elasticity (theta solvent):

$$G(t) \sim t^{-2/3}$$

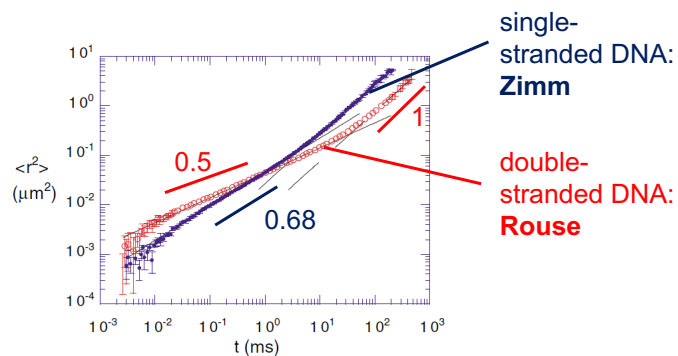
$$G'(\omega) \sim G''(\omega) \sim \omega^{2/3} \quad (\tau_z^{-1} < \omega < \tau_0^{-1})$$



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Zimm chains: monomer motion

$$\langle \Delta r^2(t) \rangle \cong a^2 \left(\frac{t}{\tau_0} \right)^{2/3} \quad (\tau_0 < t < \tau_z) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(faster than Rouse)} \\ \text{(exercise)} \end{array}$$



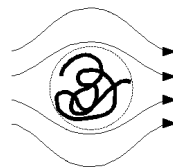
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Dynamics of unentangled chains: Rouse versus Zimm



Rouse model

- no hydrodynamic coupling (free draining)
- works for stiff polymers
- works in melts and concentrated solutions: screening of hydrodynamic interactions



Zimm model

- strong hydrodynamic coupling (no-draining)
- works for flexible polymers in dilute solution

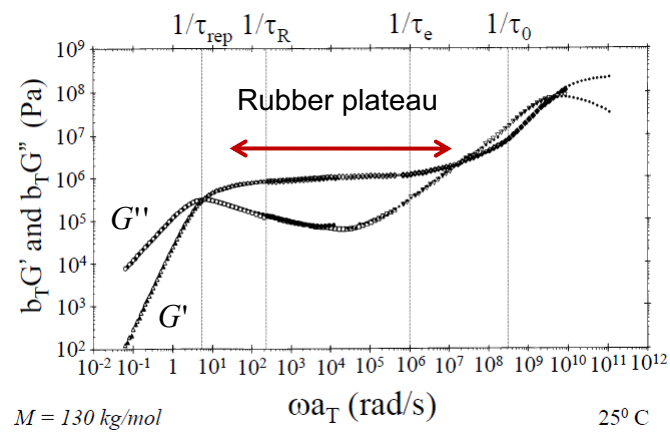
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Entangled polymers



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Concentrated polymer solutions: slow dynamics



At short times, polymer melts behave as elastic networks

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Concentrated polymer solutions: entanglements

Entanglements act as temporary cross-links

Plateau modulus: $G_e \cong \nu_e kT$

↑
entanglements per unit volume

How much is ν_e ?

Polymer melt: $\nu_e \cong \frac{1}{a^3} \frac{1}{N_e}$

polymer-polymer
contacts per unit
volume

↑ ↑

Average number of Kuhn
segments between
entanglements



Experimentally found: $N_e \sim 10 - 100$ (independent of molar mass)

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Tube model

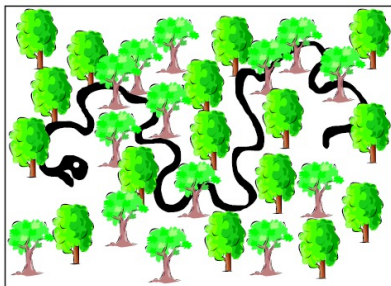
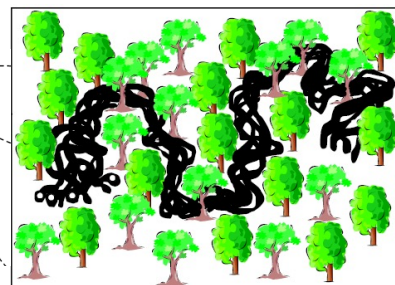
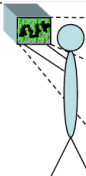


Photo with long
exposure time

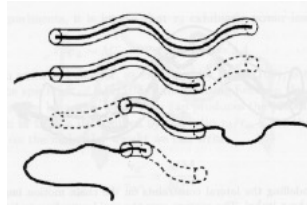


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Escaping from the tube : reptation



P.G. De Gennes
1971



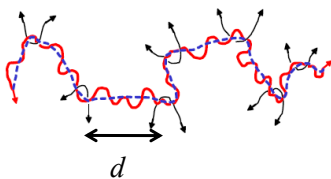
- Chain does a 1D curvilinear diffusion inside the tube

- Relaxation time: time needed to diffuse out of tube:

$$\tau_{rep} \cong \frac{L_{tube}^2}{D_{tube}}$$

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Tube length



What is the length L_{tube} of the tube ?

$$L_{tube} \cong d \frac{N}{N_e}$$

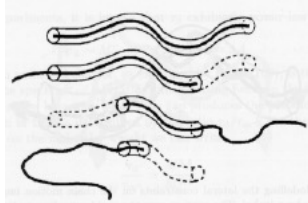
Distance between entanglements

$$d \cong a N_e^{1/2} \quad (\text{ideal chain})$$

$$\rightarrow L_{tube} \cong d \frac{N}{N_e} \cong \frac{aN}{N_e^{1/2}}$$

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Reptation time



- Tube diffusion coefficient (Rouse):

$$D_{tube} \cong \frac{kT}{N\zeta_0}$$

- Relaxation time:

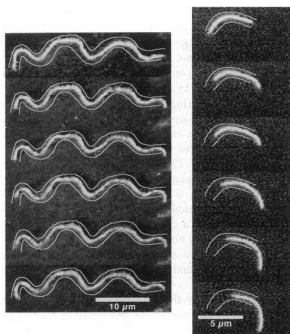
$$\tau_{rep} \cong \frac{L_{tube}^2}{D_{tube}} \cong \frac{\zeta_0 a^2 N^3}{kT N_e} \cong \tau_0 \frac{N^3}{N_e}$$

with $\tau_0 = \frac{\zeta_0 a^2}{kT}$

$$\tau_{rep} \sim 10^{-3} - 100 \text{ s}$$

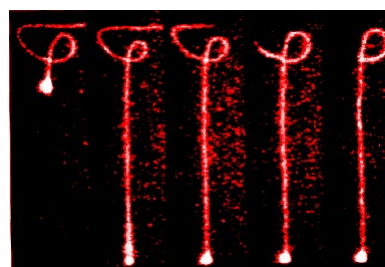
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Observing reptating chains



Kas, Strey & Sackman
Nature 1994

Actin solution: $\tau_{rep} \sim 1 \text{ hour}$

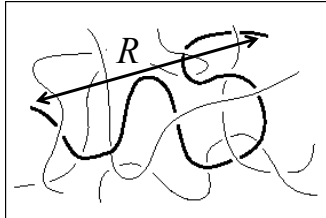


Perkins, Quake, Smith & Chu
Science 1994

Labeled DNA in solution of
unlabeled DNA; optical tweezer:

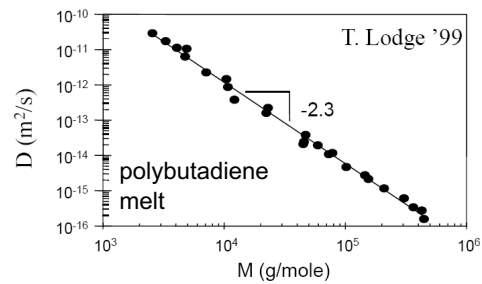
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Self-diffusion coefficient of a polymer in a melt



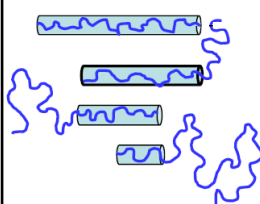
Chain moves distance of order R in a time τ_{rep} :

$$D_{self} \cong \frac{R^2}{\tau_{rep}} \cong \frac{kTN_e}{\zeta_0 N^2}$$



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Visco-elasticity



← step strain at $t = 0$

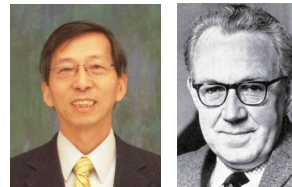
← relaxation at $t > 0$

relaxation modulus: fraction of chain not yet escaped

Masao Doi & Sam Edwards, 1978:

$$G(t) = \frac{8G_e}{\pi^2} \sum_{p=1,3,\dots} \frac{1}{p^2} \exp\left(-\frac{p^2 t}{\tau_{rep}}\right)$$

$$\approx G_e \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_{rep}}\right)$$



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Stress relaxation modulus after step strain

Short times: chains do not feel tube

→ Rouse relaxation within tube:

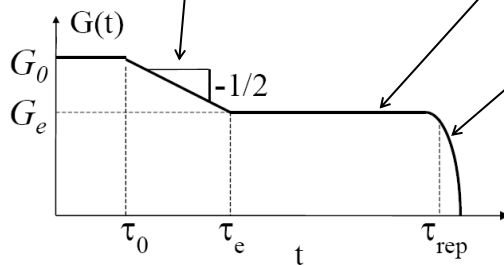
$$G(t) \cong G_0 \left(\frac{\tau_0}{t} \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{with} \quad G_0 \cong \frac{kT}{a^3}$$

Rubber Plateau:

$$G_e \cong \frac{kT}{a^3 N_e}$$

Reptation:

$$G(t) \cong G_e \exp \left(- \frac{t}{\tau_{rep}} \right)$$



$$\tau_e \cong \tau_0 N_e^2 \quad \tau_{rep} \cong \tau_0 \frac{N^3}{N_e}$$

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The viscosity of a polymer melt

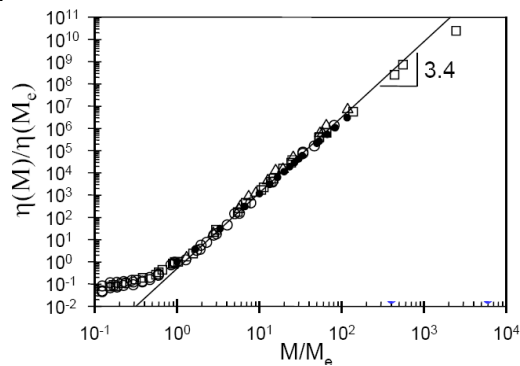
$$G_e \cong \frac{kT}{a^3 N_e} \quad \tau_{rep} \cong \tau_0 \frac{N^3}{N_e}$$

Boltzmann superposition principle:

$$\eta = \int_0^\infty G(t) dt \approx G_e \tau_{rep} \cong \frac{\zeta_0 N^3}{aN_e^2}$$

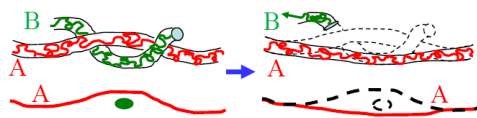
Reptation theory: $\eta \sim M^3$

Experiment: $\eta \sim M^{3.4}$



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Modifications to reptation theory: constraint release



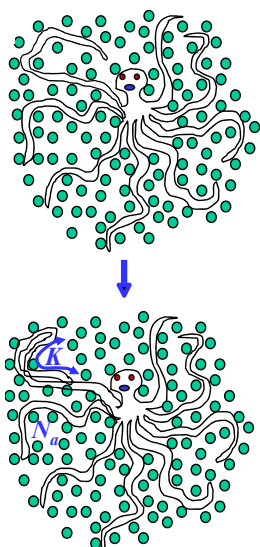
(reptation of surrounding chains)



De Gennes 1975

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Dynamics of entangled stars



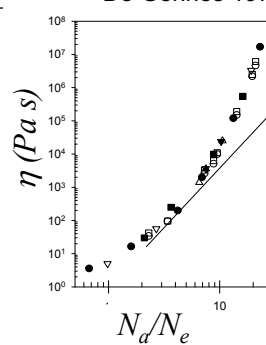
Arm retraction:
activated process

$$\tau \sim \exp(U_{ret}/kT)$$

$$\tau \sim \exp(\beta N_a)$$



De Gennes 1975



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Modifications to reptation theory: from 3 to 3.4



(Doi 1981)

**Tube length fluctuations also
for linear chains**

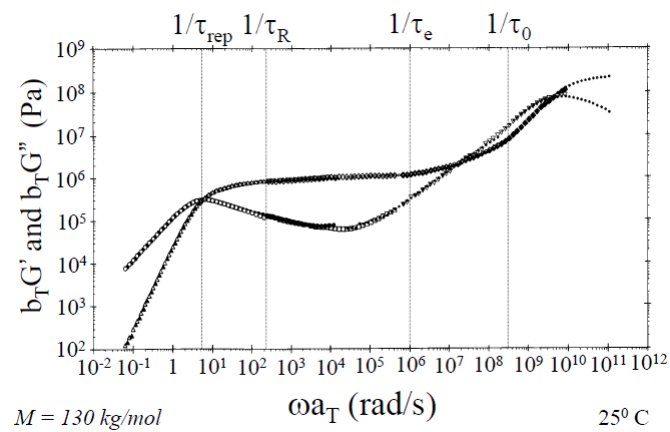


Chain contracts in tube (other
Rouse modes)

Tube length fluctuations and constraint release
modify viscosity exponent from 3 to 3.4!

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Time temperature superposition



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Effect of temperature

Rouse: $\tau_R = \tau_0 N^2$

Relaxation time: $\tau \sim \frac{\zeta}{T}$

Zimm: $\tau_Z = \tau_0 N^{3\nu}$

Modulus: $G \sim \rho T$

Reptation: $\tau_{rep} = \tau_0 \frac{N^3}{N_e}$

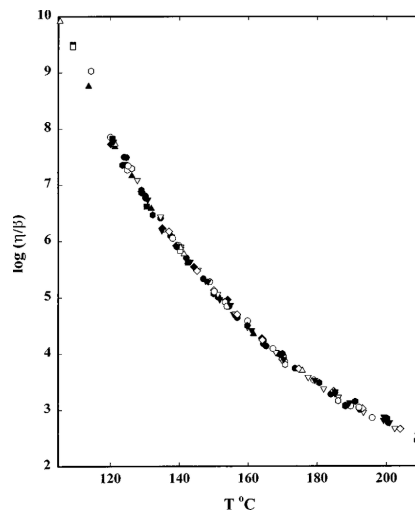
Viscosity: $\eta \approx G\tau \sim \rho\zeta$

Monomer time: $\tau_0 \approx \frac{\zeta a^2}{kT} \sim \frac{\zeta}{T}$

Reference temperature T_0 : $a_T = \frac{\zeta T_0}{\zeta_0 T}$ $b_T = \frac{\rho T}{\rho_0 T_0}$

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Temperature dependence



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