

Dynamics of a tagged monomer: Effects of elastic pinning and harmonic absorption

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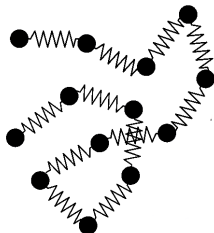
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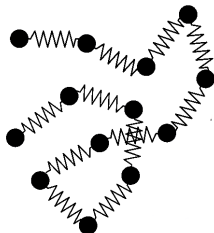
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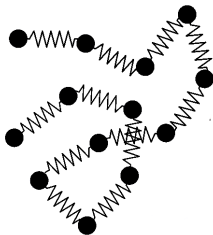
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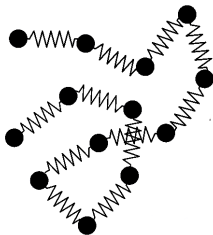
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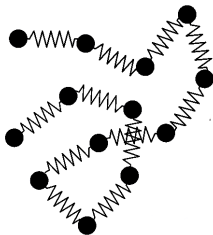
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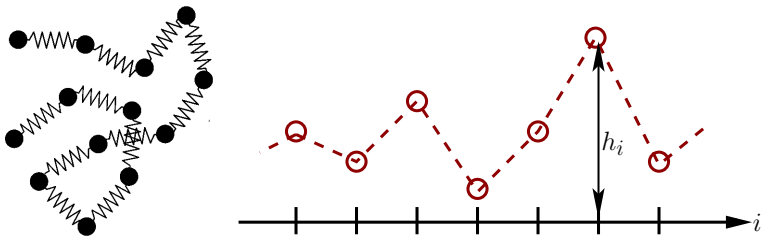
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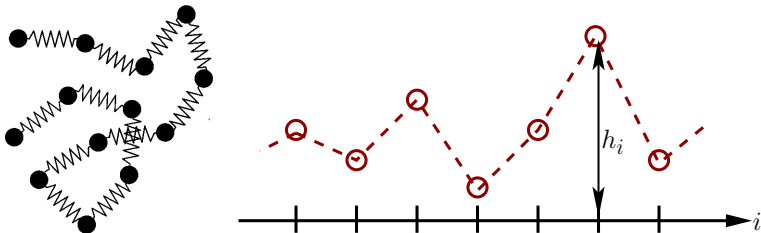
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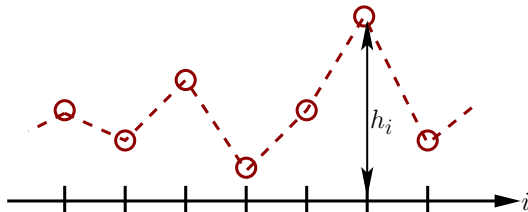
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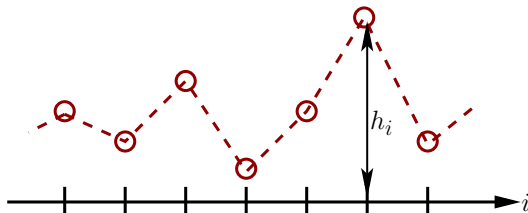
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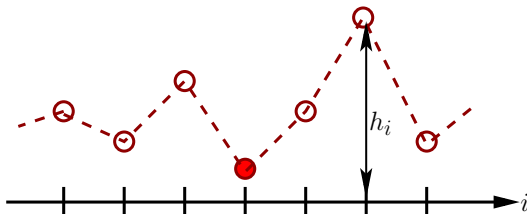


- ② Centre of mass $(1/L) \sum_{i=1}^L h_i(t) \rightarrow$ Markovian dynamics, **normal** diffusion:

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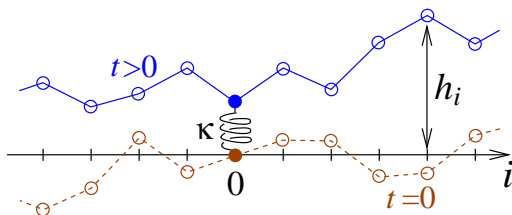
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- b_0 encodes memory of polymer configuration at $t = 0$.
 - **Equilibrium** at $t = 0$
→ Tagged monomer exhibits **fractional Brownian motion** (correlated increments), $b_0 = \sqrt{2}$.
 - **Out of equilibrium flat configuration** at $t = 0$
→ Correlated increments drawn from a Gaussian distribution with a **time-dependent variance**, $b_0 = 1$ (*Krug et al. (1997)*).

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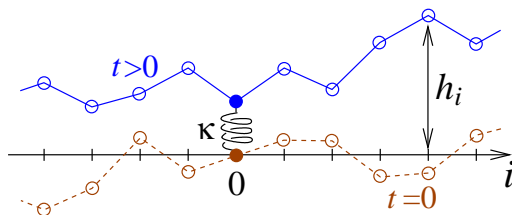
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Example: Reactant attached to a monomer encounters an external reactive site fixed in space.

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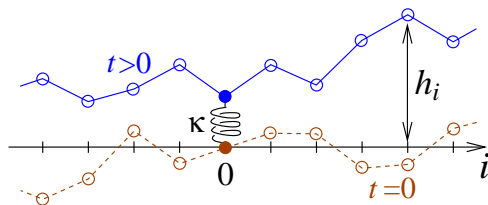
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 - In particular, *strong* memory effects in the relaxation to the steady state.

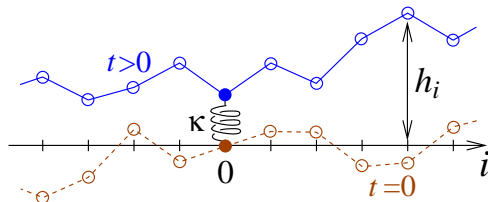
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Langevin approach (*Viñales and Despósito (2006,2009), Grebenkov (2011)*)

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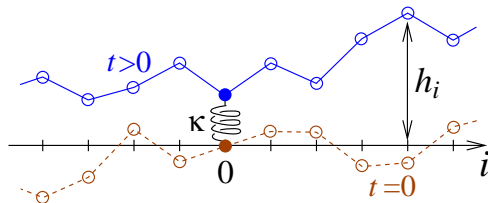


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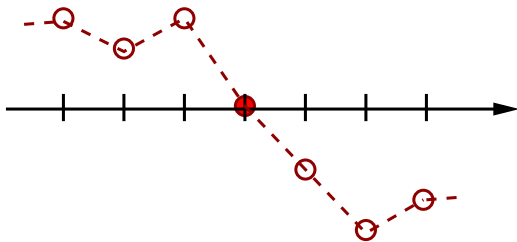
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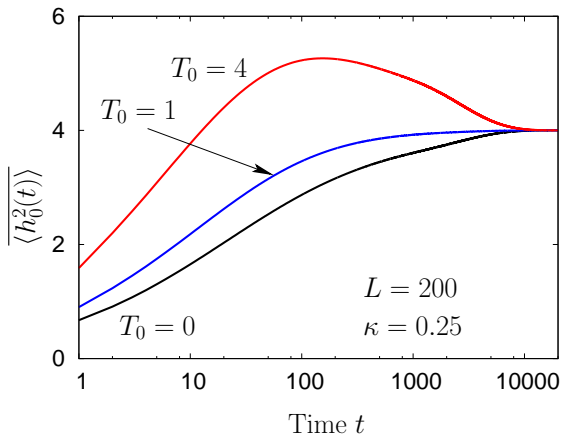
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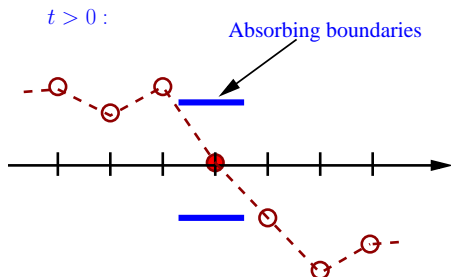
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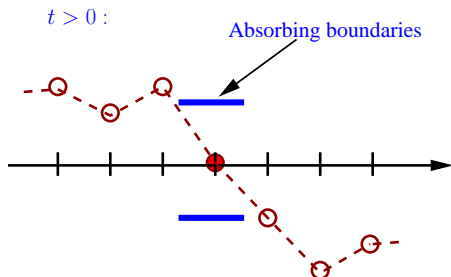
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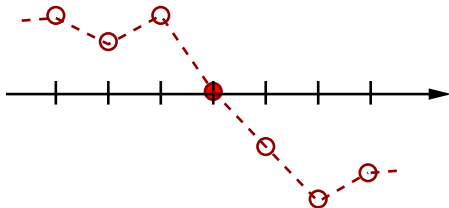
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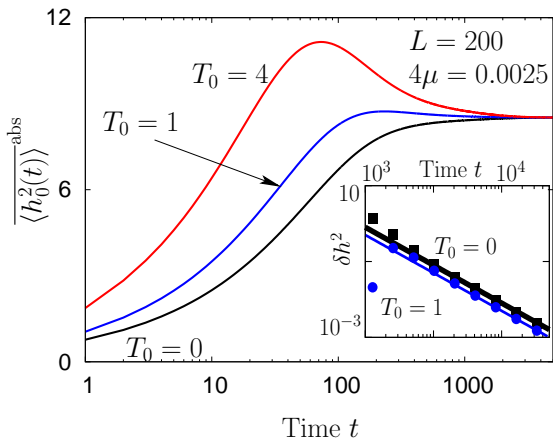


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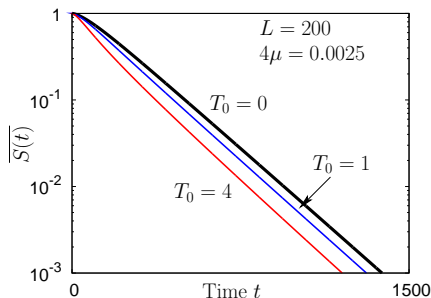
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Consistent with simulations (*Kantor and Kardar (2004)*).

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