

References

- [1] P. Flory, *Principles of Polymer Chemistry* (Cornell University Press, Ithaca, 1953).
- [2] P. de Gennes, *Scaling Concepts in Polymer Physics* (Cornell University Press, Ithaca, 1979).
- [3] M. Doi and S. Edwards, *The Theory of Polymer Dynamics* (Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1986).
- [4] C. Vanderzande, *Lattice Models of Polymers* (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1998).
- [5] M. Rubinstein and R. Colby, *Polymer Physics* (Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2003).
- [6] “Introduction,” in *Principles of Polymerization* (John Wiley & Sons, Ltd, 2004) Chap. 1, pp. 1–38.
- [7] J. Cowie, *Polymers: chemistry and physics of modern materials* (Chapman and Hall, Newyork, 1991).
- [8] C. Hall, *Polymer Materials* (Macmillan Publishers Limited, 1981).
- [9] B. Alberts, D. Bray, J. Lewis, M. Raff, K. Roberts, and J. D. Watson, *Molecular Biology of the Cell* (Garland Publishing, New York, 2002).
- [10] A. Finkelstein and O. Galzitskaya, [Physics of Life Reviews 1, 23 \(2004\)](#).
- [11] E. Shakhnovich, [Chemical Reviews 106, 1559 \(2006\)](#).
- [12] W. Saenger, *Principles of nucleic acid structure* (Springer, 1988).
- [13] G. M. Cooper, *The cell: a molecular approach* (Sinauer Associates, 2019).
- [14] S. Connelly and J. L. Manley, [2, 440 \(1988\)](#).

-
- [15] J. D. WATSON and F. H. C. CRICK, [171, 737 \(1953\)](#).
- [16] F. Liu, E. Tøstesen, J. K. Sundet, T.-K. Jenssen, C. Bock, G. I. Jerstad, W. G. Thilly, and E. Hovig, [PLoS Computational Biology 3, e93 \(2007\)](#).
- [17] E. Werner, M. Reiter-Schad, T. Ambjörnsson, and B. Mehlig, [Phys. Rev. E 91, 060702 \(2015\)](#).
- [18] S. Kumar and M. S. Li, [Physics Reports 486, 1 \(2010\)](#).
- [19] P. Cluzel, A. Lebrun, C. Heller, R. Lavery, J.-L. Viovy, D. Chatenay, and F. Caron, [Science 271, 792 \(1996\)](#).
- [20] G. U. Lee, D. A. Kidwell, and R. J. Colton, [Langmuir 10, 354 \(1994\)](#).
- [21] K. C. Neuman and A. Nagy, [Nature Methods 5, 491 \(2008\)](#).
- [22] A. R. Singh, D. Giri, and S. Kumar, [The Journal of Chemical Physics 131, 065103 \(2009\)](#).
- [23] L. Dai, C. B. Renner, J. Yan, and P. S. Doyle, [Scientific Reports 5, 18438 \(2015\)](#).
- [24] P. K. Purohit, M. M. Inamdar, P. D. Grayson, T. M. Squires, J. Kondev, and R. Phillips, [Biophysical Journal 88, 851 \(2005\)](#).
- [25] E. C. Yusko, J. M. Johnson, S. Majd, P. Prangkio, R. C. Rollings, J. Li, J. Yang, and M. Mayer, [Nature Nanotechnology 6, 253 \(2011\)](#).
- [26] T. A. Rapoport, [Nature 450, 663 \(2007\)](#).
- [27] S. Kumar, S. Kumar, D. Giri, and S. Nath, [118, 28001 \(2017\)](#).
- [28] Y. Tamada and Y. Ikada, [Journal of Colloid and Interface Science 155, 334 \(1993\)](#).

- [29] A. K. Chakraborty and A. J. Golumbskie, *Annual Review of Physical Chemistry* **52**, 537 (2001).
- [30] H. Li and L. Rothberg, *Analytical Chemistry* **77**, 6229 (2005).
- [31] N. Farkhari, S. Abbasian, A. Moshaii, and M. Nikkhah, *Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces* **148**, 657 (2016).
- [32] H. Li and L. Rothberg, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **101**, 14036 (2004).
- [33] M. Muthukumar, *Polymer translocation* (CRC Press, Boca Raton, 2011).
- [34] J. M. Polson and D. R. Heckbert, *Phys. Rev. E* **100**, 012504 (2019).
- [35] C. T. A. Wong and M. Muthukumar, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **133**, 045101 (2010).
- [36] D. Wei, W. Yang, X. Jin, and Q. Liao, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **126**, 204901 (2007).
- [37] Y. He, M. Tsutsui, R. H. Scheicher, F. Bai, M. Taniguchi, and T. Kawai, *ACS Nano* **7**, 538 (2013), pMID: 23199225.
- [38] D. Braun and A. Libchaber, **1**, P1 (2004).
- [39] I. Popa, P. Kosuri, J. Alegre-Cebollada, S. Garcia-Manyes, and J. M. Fernandez, *Nature Protocols* **8**, 1261 (2013).
- [40] M. I. Giannotti and G. J. Vancso, *ChemPhysChem* **8**, 2290 (2007), <https://chemistry-europe.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1002/cphc.200700175>.
- [41] D. Poland and H. A. Scheraga, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **45**, 1456 (1966).
- [42] M. E. Fisher, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **45**, 1469 (1966).

-
- [43] M. Peyrard and A. R. Bishop, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **62**, 2755 (1989).
- [44] B. Duplantier, *Journal of Statistical Physics* **54**, 581 (1989).
- [45] S. Kumar, D. Giri, and S. M. Bhattacharjee, *Phys. Rev. E* **71**, 051804 (2005).
- [46] K. Binder, ed., *Monte Carlo Methods in Statistical Physics* (Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 1986).
- [47] T. Wãijst and D. P. Landau, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **137**, 064903 (2012).
- [48] T. Wüst and D. P. Landau, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **102**, 178101 (2009).
- [49] N. Lesh, M. Mitzenmacher, and S. Whitesides, in *Proceedings of the Seventh Annual International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology*, RECOMB '03 (Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 2003) p. 188–195.
- [50] W. H. Roos, I. L. Ivanovska, A. Evilevitch, and G. J. L. Wuite, *Cellular and Molecular Life Sciences* **64**, 1484 (2007).
- [51] J. Frank, H. Gao, J. Sengupta, N. Gao, and D. J. Taylor, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **104**, 19671 (2007).
- [52] W. Couter, *MEANS FOR COUNTING PARTICLES SUSPENDED IN A FLUID* (US PATENT, 1953).
- [53] I. H. G. S. Consortium, *Nature* **431**, 931 (2004).
- [54] I. Braslavsky, B. Hebert, E. Kartalov, and S. R. Quake, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* **100**, 3960 (2003), 12651960[pmid].
- [55] R. Staden, *Nucleic acids research* **6**, 2601 (1979), 461197[pmid].
- [56] J. Clarke, H.-C. Wu, L. Jayasinghe, A. Patel, S. Reid, and H. Bayley, *Nature Nanotechnology* **4**, 265 (2009).

- [57] V. V. Palyulin, T. Ala-Nissila, and R. Metzler, *Soft Matter* **10**, 9016 (2014).
- [58] M. L. Metzker, *Nature Reviews Genetics* **11**, 31 (2010).
- [59] D. Branton, D. W. Deamer, A. Marziali, H. Bayley, S. A. Benner, T. Butler, M. D. Ventura, S. Garaj, A. Hibbs, X. Huang, S. B. Jovanovich, P. S. Krstic, S. Lindsay, X. S. Ling, C. H. Mastromarino, A. Meller, J. S. Oliver, Y. V. Pershin, J. M. Ramsey, R. Riehn, G. V. Soni, V. Tabard-Cossa, M. Wanunu, M. Wiggin, and J. A. Schloss, “The potential and challenges of nanopore sequencing,” in *Nanoscience and Technology*, pp. 261–268, https://www.worldscientific.com/doi/pdf/10.1142/9789814287005_027.
- [60] M. Wanunu, *Physics of Life Reviews* **9**, 125 (2012).
- [61] J. M. Polson and D. R. Heckbert, *Phys. Rev. E* **100**, 012504 (2019).
- [62] A. Cacciuto and E. Luijten, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **96**, 238104 (2006).
- [63] P. Y. Lee, J. Costumbrado, C.-Y. Hsu, and Y. H. Kim, *Journal of visualized experiments : JoVE* , 3923 (2012), 3923[PII].
- [64] B. Luan, G. Stolovitzky, and G. Martyna, *Nanoscale* **4**, 1068 (2012).
- [65] M. H. Lam, K. Briggs, K. Kastiritis, M. Magill, G. R. Madejski, J. L. McGrath, H. W. de Haan, and V. Tabard-Cossa, *ACS Applied Nano Materials* **2**, 4773 (2019).
- [66] S. Kwon and B. J. Sung, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **149**, 244907 (2018).
- [67] K. Luo, I. Huopaniemi, T. Ala-Nissila, and S.-C. Ying, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **124**, 114704 (2006).

- [68] C. T. A. Wong and M. Muthukumar, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **133**, 045101 (2010).
- [69] S. Buyukdagli, *Phys. Rev. E* **97**, 062406 (2018).
- [70] M. Tsutsui, Y. He, M. Furuhashi, S. Rahong, M. Taniguchi, and T. Kawai, *Scientific Reports* **2**, 394 (2012).
- [71] C. Lörcher, T. Ala-Nissila, and A. Bhattacharya, *Phys. Rev. E* **83**, 011914 (2011).
- [72] P. G. de Gennes and T. A. Witten, *Physics Today* **33**, 51 (1980).
- [73] A. Nikoubashman and C. N. Likos, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **133**, 074901 (2010).
- [74] A. Ajdari and J. Prost, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **88**, 4468 (1991).
- [75] J. Regtmeier, T. T. Duong, R. Eichhorn, D. Anselmetti, and A. Ros, *Analytical Chemistry* **79**, 3925 (2007).
- [76] M. Muthukumar, *Polymer Translocation* (CRC Press, 2016).
- [77] L.-Z. Sun, W.-P. Cao, and M.-B. Luo, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **131**, 194904 (2009).
- [78] A. Gopinathan and Y. W. Kim, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **99**, 228106 (2007).
- [79] J. M. Polson and T. R. Dunn, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **140**, 184904 (2014).
- [80] J. M. Polson and A. C. M. McCaffrey, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **138**, 174902 (2013).
- [81] S. Zhang, C. Wang, L.-Z. Sun, C.-Y. Li, and M.-B. Luo, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **139**, 044902 (2013).
- [82] C. Vanderzande, *Lattice Models of Polymers*, Cambridge Lecture Notes in Physics (Cambridge University Press, 1998).

- [83] S. Kumar and M. S. Li, *Physics Reports* **486**, 1 (2010).
- [84] D. Mohanta, D. Giri, and S. Kumar, *Journal of Statistical Mechanics Theory and Experiment* **2019**, 043501 (2019).
- [85] D. Mohanta, D. Giri, and S. Kumar, *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications* **562**, 125379 (2021).
- [86] K. Luo, T. Ala-Nissila, S.-C. Ying, and R. Metzler, *EPL (Europhysics Letters)* **88**, 68006 (2009).
- [87] A. Milchev, V. Yamakov, and K. Binder, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **1**, 2083 (1999).
- [88] S. E. Halford and J. F. Marko, *Nucleic Acids Research* **32**, 3040 (2004), <https://academic.oup.com/nar/article-pdf/32/10/3040/3597745/gkh624.pdf> .
- [89] G. Grossi, M. D. E. Jepsen, J. Kjems, and E. S. Andersen, *Nature Communications* **8** (2017), 10.1038/s41467-017-01072-8.
- [90] N. Farkhari, S. Abbasian, A. Moshaii, and M. Nikkhah, *Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces* **148**, 657 (2016).
- [91] C. M. Cobley, J. Chen, E. C. Cho, L. V. Wang, and Y. Xia, *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **40**, 44 (2011).
- [92] D. Marenduzzo, C. Micheletti, E. Orlandini, and D. W. Summers, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **110**, 20081 (2013).
- [93] S. Piana and A. Bilic, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry B* **110**, 23467 (2006).
- [94] H. Li and L. Rothberg, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **101**, 14036 (2004).
- [95] D. Peled, R. Naaman, and S. S. Daube, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry B* **114**, 8581 (2010).

-
- [96] D. Peled, S. S. Daube, and R. Naaman, *Langmuir* **24**, 11842 (2008).
- [97] R. Kapri and S. M. Bhattacharjee, *EPL (Europhysics Letters)* **83**, 68002 (2008).
- [98] W. Firshein, *Annual Review of Microbiology* **43**, 89 (1989).
- [99] J. O. Radler, *Science* **275**, 810 (1997).
- [100] R. Kapri, S. M. Bhattacharjee, and F. Seno, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **93**, 248102 (2004).
- [101] R. Kapri and S. M. Bhattacharjee, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **98**, 098101 (2007).
- [102] S. Kumar, D. Giri, and S. M. Bhattacharjee, *Phys. Rev. E* **71**, 051804 (2005).
- [103] A. R. Singh, D. Giri, and S. Kumar, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **132**, 235105 (2010).
- [104] D. Mohanta, *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications* **588**, 126573 (2022).
- [105] A. I. Zotin, *Thermodynamic Bases of Biological Processes: Physiological Reactions and Adaptations* (De Gruyter, 2013).
- [106] C. Dekker, *Nature Nanotechnology* **2**, 209 (2007).
- [107] A. Meller, L. Nivon, E. Brandin, J. Golovchenko, and D. Branton, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **97**, 1079 (2000).
- [108] R. F. Purnell, K. K. Mehta, and J. J. Schmidt, *Nano Letters* **8**, 3029 (2008), pMID: 18698831.
- [109] A. H. Laszlo, I. M. Derrington, and J. H. Gundlach, *Methods* **105**, 75 (2016).

- [110] T. Z. Butler, M. Pavlenok, I. M. Derrington, M. Niederweis, and J. H. Gundlach, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **105**, 20647 (2008), <https://www.pnas.org/content/105/52/20647.full.pdf> .
- [111] M. Niederweis, *Molecular Microbiology* **49**, 1167 (2003), <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1046/j.1365-2958.2003.03662.x> .
- [112] M. Faller, M. Niederweis, and G. E. Schulz, *Science* **303**, 1189 (2004).
- [113] M. O'Donnell, L. Langston, and B. Stillman, *Cold Spring Harbor Perspectives in Biology* **5**, a010108 (2013).
- [114] W. Reisner, J. N. Pedersen, and R. H. Austin, *Reports on Progress in Physics* **75**, 106601 (2012).
- [115] R. L. Welch, R. Sladek, K. Dewar, and W. W. Reisner, *Lab on a Chip* **12**, 3314 (2012).
- [116] W. Reisner, N. B. Larsen, A. Silahtaroglu, A. Kristensen, N. Tommerup, J. O. Tegenfeldt, and H. Flyvbjerg, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **107**, 13294 (2010), <https://www.pnas.org/content/107/30/13294.full.pdf> .
- [117] E. Werner, M. Reiter-Schad, T. Ambjörnsson, and B. Mehlig, *Physical Review E* **91** (2015), 10.1103/physreve.91.060702.
- [118] M. Reiter-Schad, E. Werner, J. O. Tegenfeldt, B. Mehlig, and T. Ambjörnsson, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **143**, 115101 (2015).
- [119] P. Grayson, L. Han, T. Winther, and R. Phillips, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **104**, 14652 (2007), <https://www.pnas.org/content/104/37/14652.full.pdf> .
- [120] L. C. Pauling, *General Chemistry* (Dover Publications, New York, 1998).

-
- [121] A. Guttman, *Phase Transition and Critical Phenomena vol 13, C Domb and J L Lebowitz* (New York: Academic, 1989).
- [122] D. Giri and S. Kumar, [Phys. Rev. E **73**, 050903 \(2006\)](#).
- [123] G. Mishra, D. Giri, and S. Kumar, [Physical Review E **79** \(2009\), 10.1103/physreve.79.031930](#).
- [124] G. Mishra, D. Giri, M. S. Li, and S. Kumar, [The Journal of Chemical Physics **135**, 035102 \(2011\)](#).
- [125] S. Kumar and D. Giri, [The Journal of Chemical Physics **125**, 044905 \(2006\)](#).
- [126] S. Kumar, D. Giri, and S. M. Bhattacharjee, [Physical Review E **71** \(2005\), 10.1103/physreve.71.051804](#).
- [127] F. Vargas-Lara, F. W. Starr, and J. F. Douglas, [Soft Matter **13**, 8309 \(2017\)](#).
- [128] D. Wendell, P. Jing, J. Geng, V. Subramaniam, T. J. Lee, C. Montemagno, and P. Guo, [Nature Nanotechnology **4**, 765 \(2009\)](#).
- [129] F. Haque, S. Wang, C. Stites, L. Chen, C. Wang, and P. Guo, [Biomaterials **53**, 744 \(2015\)](#).
- [130] K. Briggs, H. Kwok, and V. Tabard-Cossa, [Small **10**, 2077 \(2014\)](#).
- [131] S. Kumar, S. Kumar, D. Giri, and S. Nath, [EPL \(Europhysics Letters\) **118**, 28001 \(2017\)](#).
- [132] K. Binder, *Monte Carlo and molecular dynamics simulations in polymer science* (Oxford University Press, New York, 1995).
- [133] N. Lane and W. F. Martin, [Cell **151**, 1406 \(2012\)](#).
- [134] D. Deamer, [Nature **514**, 302 \(2014\)](#).
- [135] D. Braun and A. Libchaber, [Physical Biology **1**, P1 \(2004\)](#).

- [136] S. F. Jordan, H. Ramm, I. N. Zheludev, A. M. Hartley, A. Maréchal, and N. Lane, *Nature Ecology & Evolution* **3**, 1705 (2019).
- [137] J. H. E. Cartwright and M. J. Russell, *Interface Focus* **9**, 20190104 (2019).
- [138] D. Deamer, *Academia Letters* (2020), 10.20935/al105.
- [139] D. Braun and A. Libchaber, *Physical Review Letters* **89** (2002), 10.1103/physrevlett.89.188103.
- [140] C. B. Mast and D. Braun, *Physical Review Letters* **104** (2010), 10.1103/physrevlett.104.188102.
- [141] C. Mast, D. Braun, and E. Agerschou, *Synlett* **28**, 56 (2016).
- [142] P. Baaske, F. M. Weinert, S. Duhr, K. H. Lemke, M. J. Russell, and D. Braun, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **104**, 9346 (2007), <https://www.pnas.org/content/104/22/9346.full.pdf>.
- [143] M. Kreysing, L. Keil, S. Lanzmich, and D. Braun, *Nature Chemistry* **7**, 203 (2015).
- [144] R. Cerbino, Y. Sun, A. Donev, and A. Vailati, *Scientific Reports* **5** (2015), 10.1038/srep14486.
- [145] C. J. Wienken, P. Baaske, U. Rothbauer, D. Braun, and S. Duhr, *Nature Communications* **1** (2010), 10.1038/ncomms1093.
- [146] Y. T. Maeda, T. Tlustý, and A. Libchaber, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **109**, 17972 (2012), <https://www.pnas.org/content/109/44/17972.full.pdf>.
- [147] E. L. Talbot, J. Kotar, L. Parolini, L. D. Michele, and P. Cicuta, *Nature Communications* **8** (2017), 10.1038/ncomms15351.
- [148] S. Nath, D. P. Foster, D. Giri, and S. Kumar, *Phys. Rev. E* **88**, 054601 (2013).

-
- [149] J. Giddings, *Science* **260**, 1456 (1993).
- [150] L. Dai, J. J. Jones, J. R. C. van der Maarel, and P. S. Doyle, *Soft Matter* **8**, 2972 (2012).
- [151] Y.-L. Chen, M. D. Graham, J. J. de Pablo, G. C. Randall, M. Gupta, and P. S. Doyle, *Physical Review E* **70** (2004), 10.1103/physreve.70.060901.
- [152] L. Dai, C. B. Renner, J. Yan, and P. S. Doyle, *Scientific Reports* **5** (2015), 10.1038/srep18438.
- [153] J. J. Jones, J. R. C. van der Maarel, and P. S. Doyle, *Nano Letters* **11**, 5047 (2011).
- [154] H.-R. Jiang, H. Wada, N. Yoshinaga, and M. Sano, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **102**, 208301 (2009).
- [155] S. P. Adiga and D. W. Brenner, *Journal of Functional Biomaterials* **3**, 239 (2012).
- [156] C. Mast, D. Braun, and E. Agerschou, *Synlett* **28**, 56 (2016).
- [157] J. Burelbach, D. B. Brückner, D. Frenkel, and E. Eiser, *Soft Matter* **14**, 7446 (2018).
- [158] L. Keil, M. Hartmann, S. Lanzmich, and D. Braun, *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics* **18**, 20153 (2016).
- [159] F. Wang and D. P. Landau, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **86**, 2050 (2001).
- [160] C. J. Wienken, P. Baaske, S. Duhr, and D. Braun, *Nucleic Acids Research* **39**, e52 (2011), <https://academic.oup.com/nar/article-pdf/39/8/e52/7193056/gkr035.pdf> .

List of Publications:

1. [Statistical mechanics of DNA melting in confined geometry](#),
Dibyajyoti Mohanta, Debaprasad Giri, and Sanjay Kumar,
J. Stat. Mech., 043501 (2019).
2. [Effect of solvent gradient on DNA confined in a strip](#),
Dibyajyoti Mohanta, Debaprasad Giri, and Sanjay Kumar,
Physica A **562**, 125379 (2021).
3. [Effect of solvent gradient inside the entropic trap on polymer migration](#),
Dibyajyoti Mohanta, Debaprasad Giri, and Sanjay Kumar,
under review (**Phys. Rev. E**).
4. [Forced induced melting of DNA in presence of an attractive surface](#),
Dibyajyoti Mohanta, Debaprasad Giri, and Sanjay Kumar,
(Pre-Print).
5. [DNA migration through semi-circular gradient channel](#),
Dibyajyoti Mohanta,
Physica A **588**, 126573 (2022). ¹
6. [Melting of Confined DNA: Static and Dynamic Properties](#),
Dibyajyoti Mohanta,
under review (**Phys. Rev. E**). ²

¹Not included in thesis.

²Not included in thesis.