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# Cracking the Whip in Driven Polymers

## 驱动高分子的“挥鞭”效应

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# Absolute versus relative motion



## Outside view



# Absolute versus relative motion



## Inside view



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# Simple flow

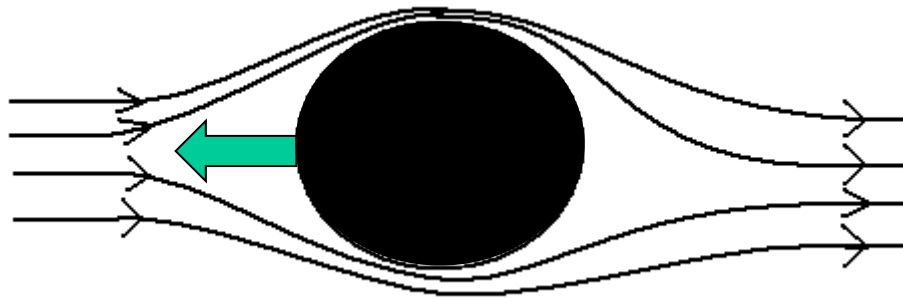


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The external force raises a relative velocity

$$f = \zeta v$$

$\zeta$  is the friction coefficient of a particle

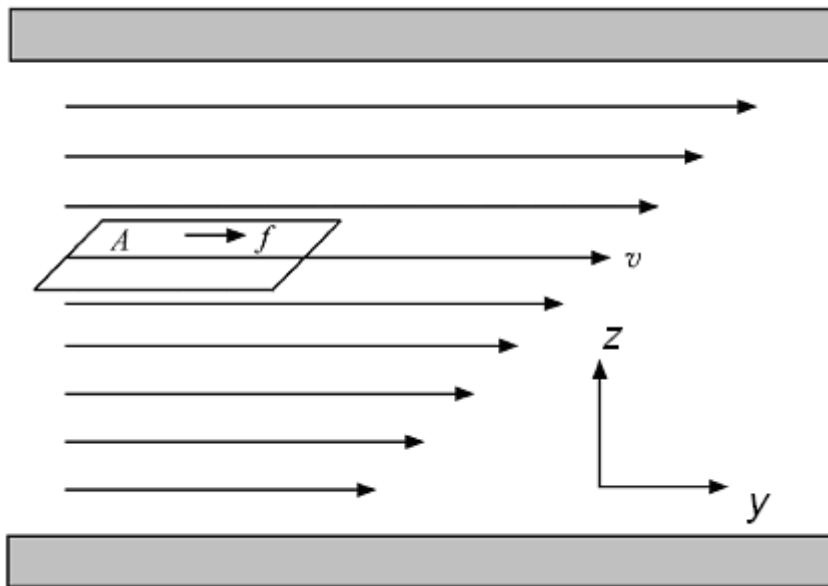


*Similar to Newton's second law:  $f = ma$*



# Polymer shear flow

## Couette Flow



**Shear stress  $\sigma \equiv f/A$**

**Shear rate**

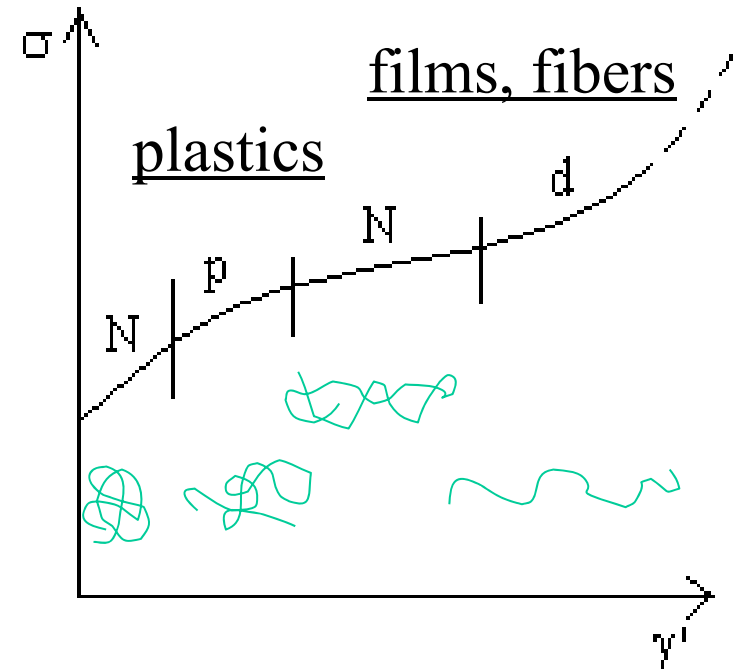
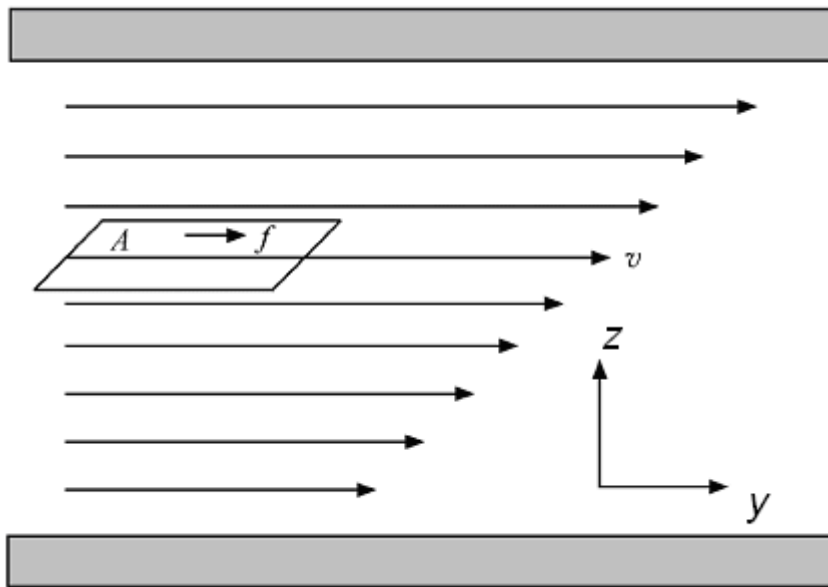
$$\frac{dv}{dz} = \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{dy}{dt} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{dy}{dz} \right) = \frac{d\gamma}{dt} = \gamma'$$

**Newtonian fluid  $\sigma = \eta\gamma'$**

*Newton's second law!*  
 $f = \zeta v$

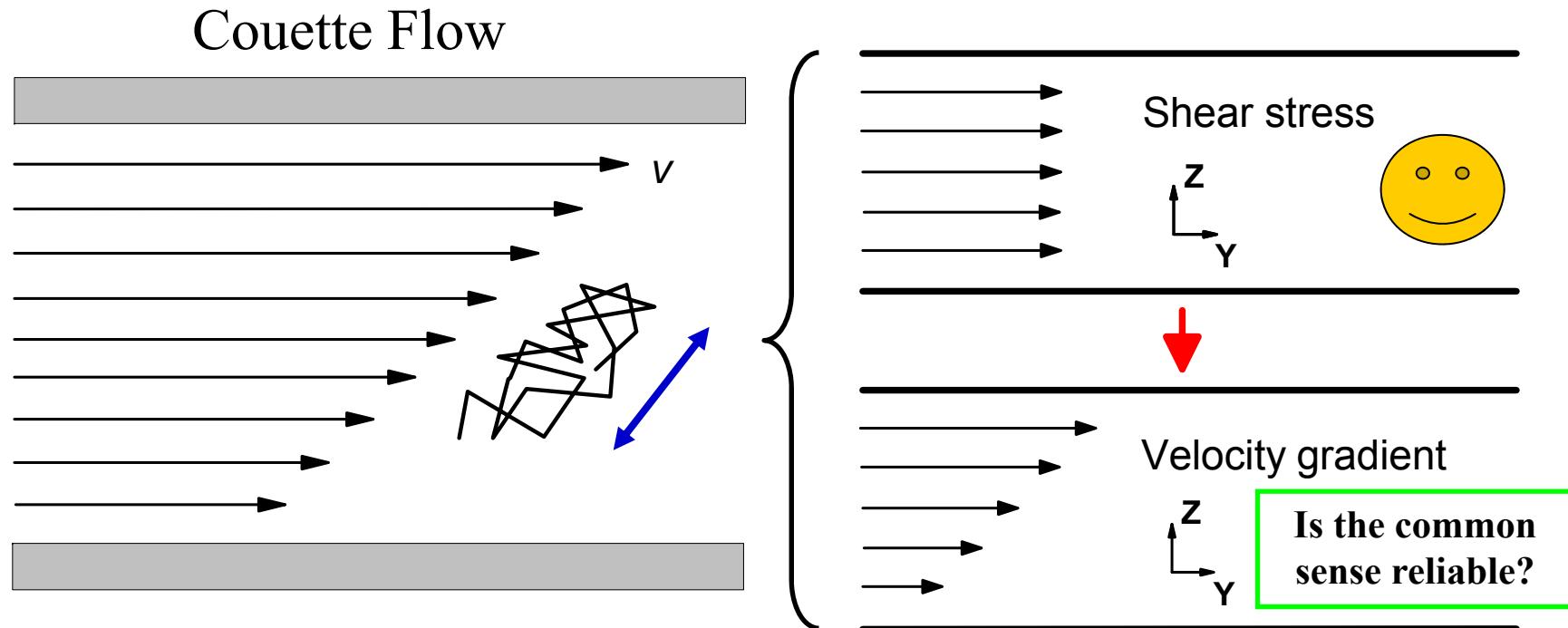
# Polymer shear flow

## Couette Flow



# Why are polymer coils deformed?

## ❖ Common sense: velocity gradients



# Dynamic Monte Carlo simulations

## Metropolis sampling on Brownian motions:

$n$  net monomers moving forward decided by

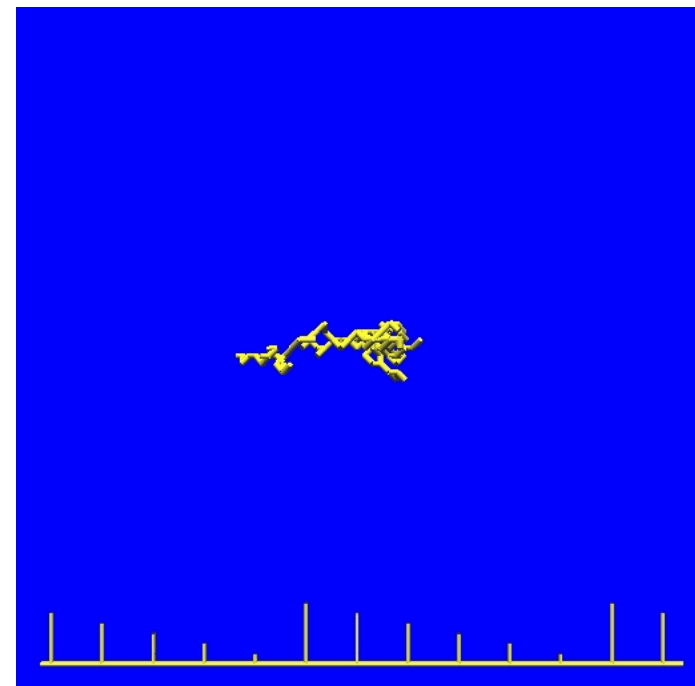
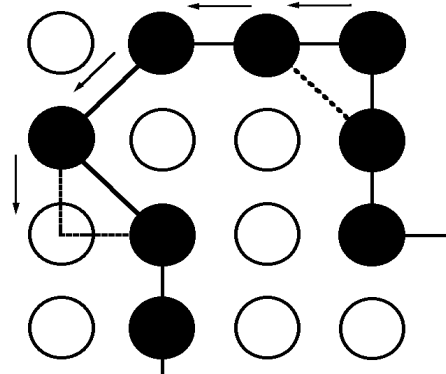
$F=1$

$$P_{(o \rightarrow n)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ \exp(nF), & \text{if } n < 0 \end{cases}$$

### Damping motion

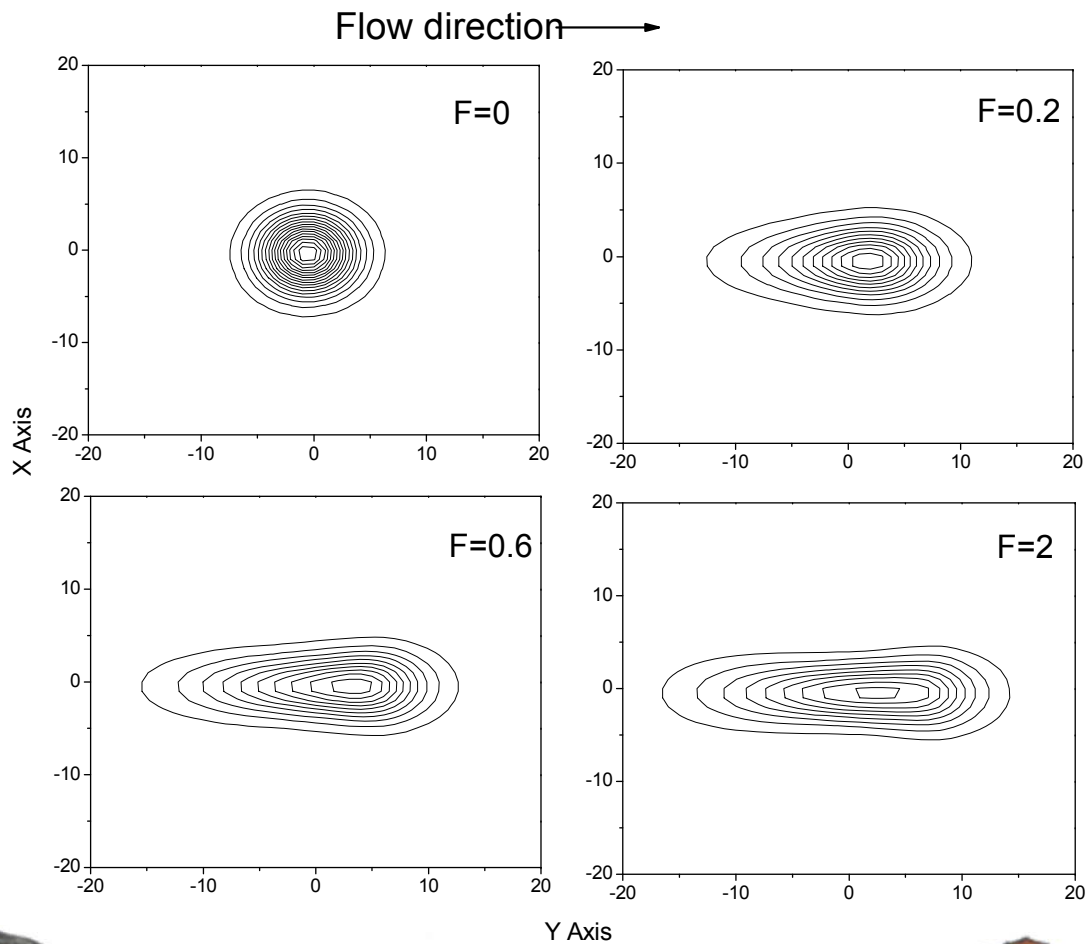


### Random updating

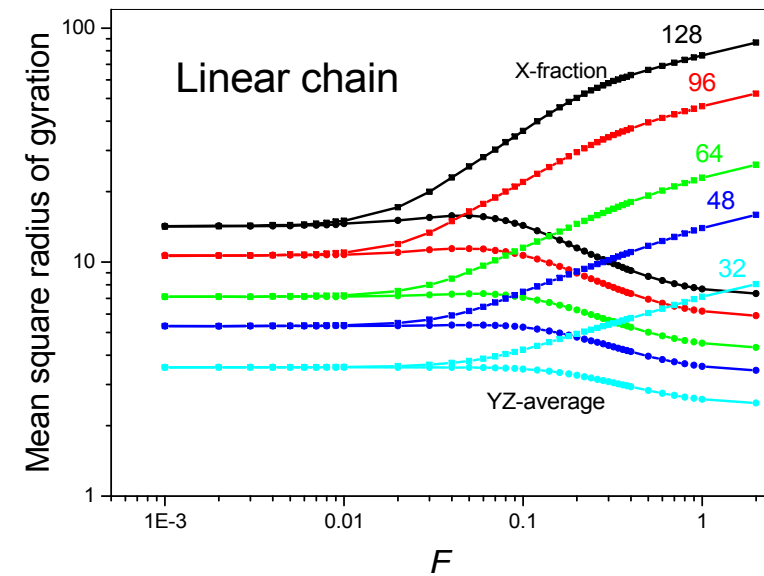


# Driving a single phantom chain

## ❖ 128-mer under uniform driving forces



## Coil size asymmetry



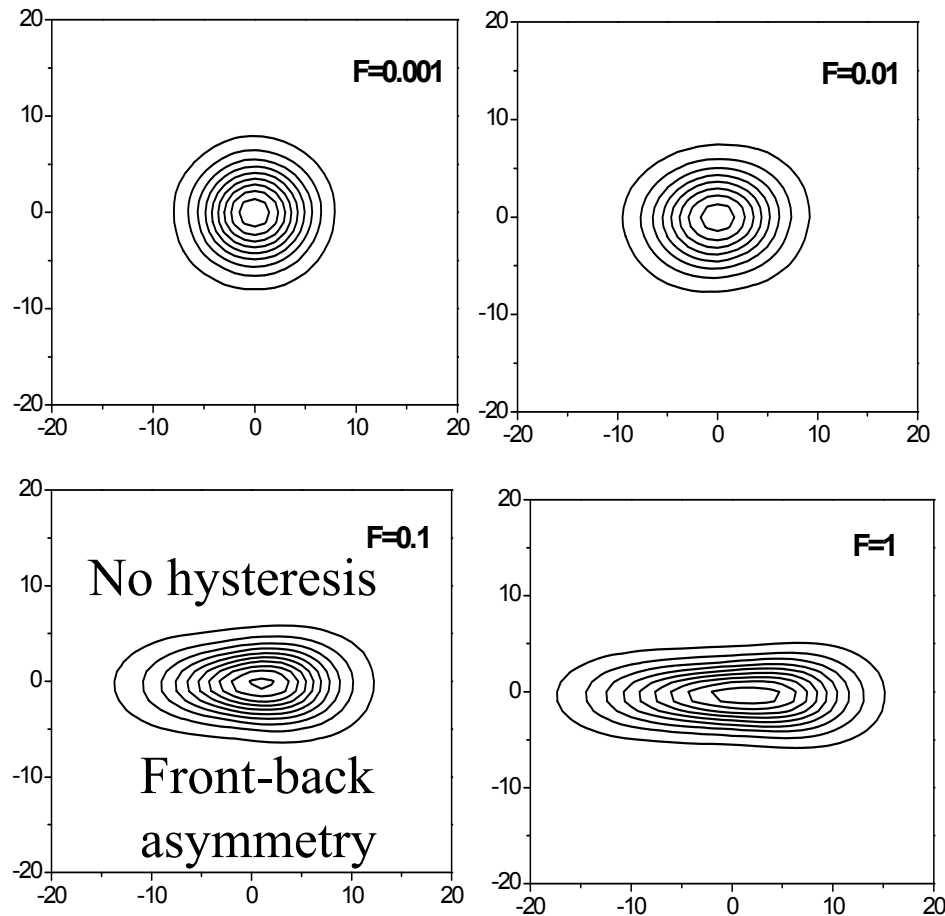
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*Molecular Simulation*  
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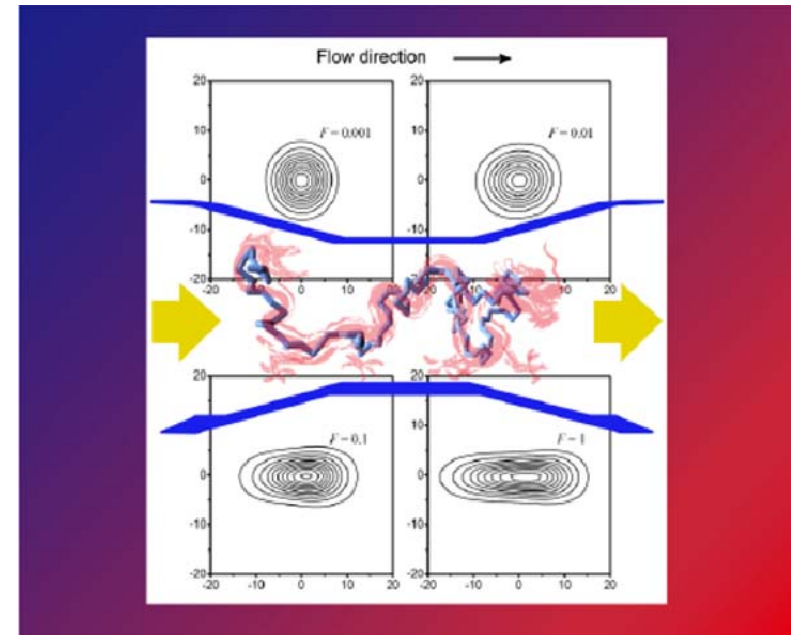
# Driving melt polymers

N=128

Flow direction  $\longrightarrow$



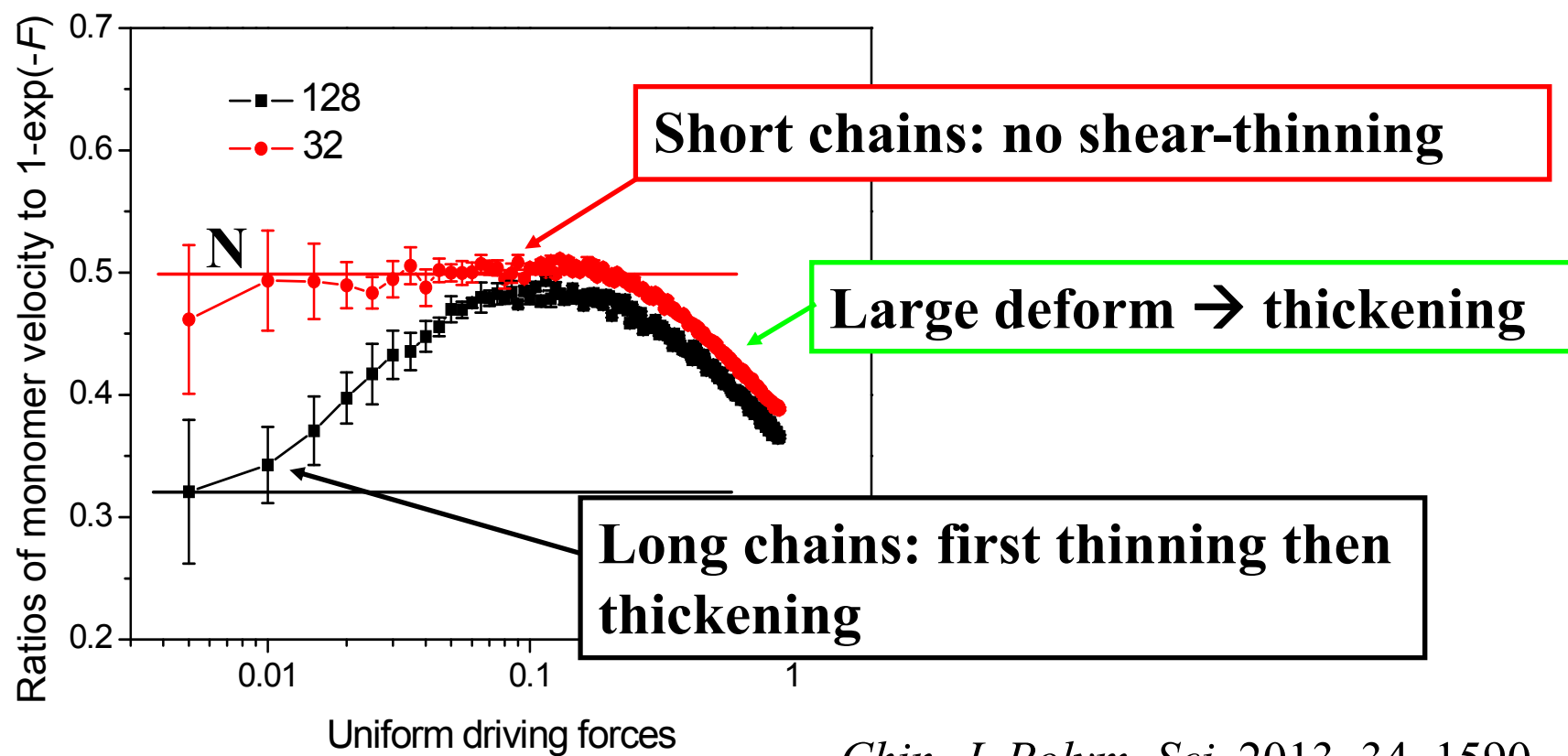
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J. Li, Y. Nie, Y. Ma, W.-B. Hu,  
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# Driving melt polymers

## ❖ Uniform driving forces



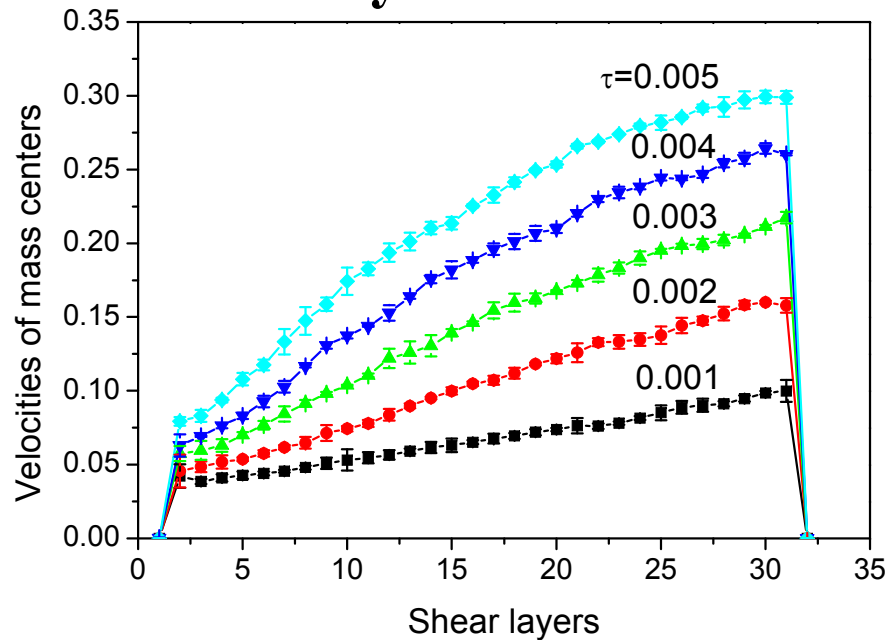
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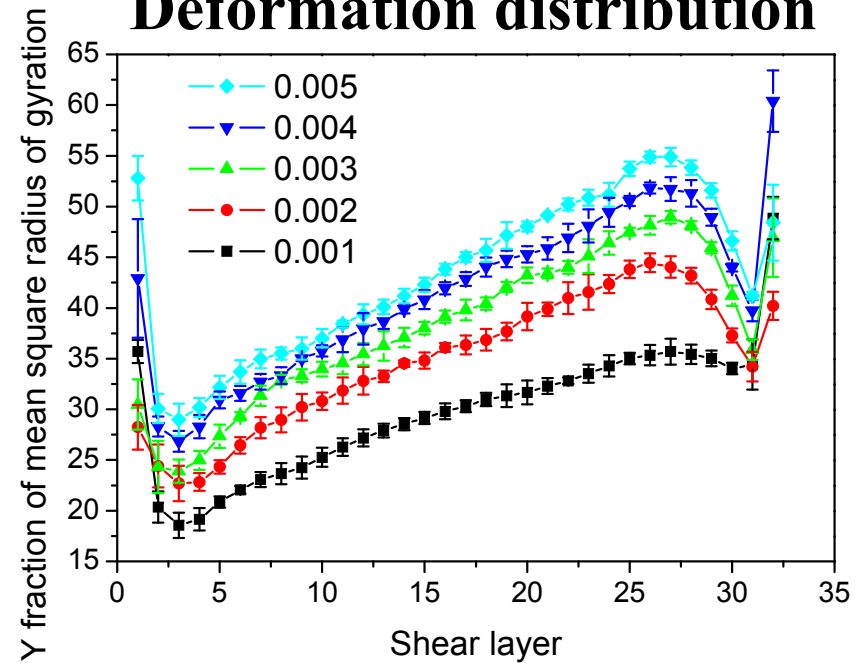
# Stress versus velocity gradient

❖ Gradient driving forces (N=128)

### Velocity distribution



### Deformation distribution

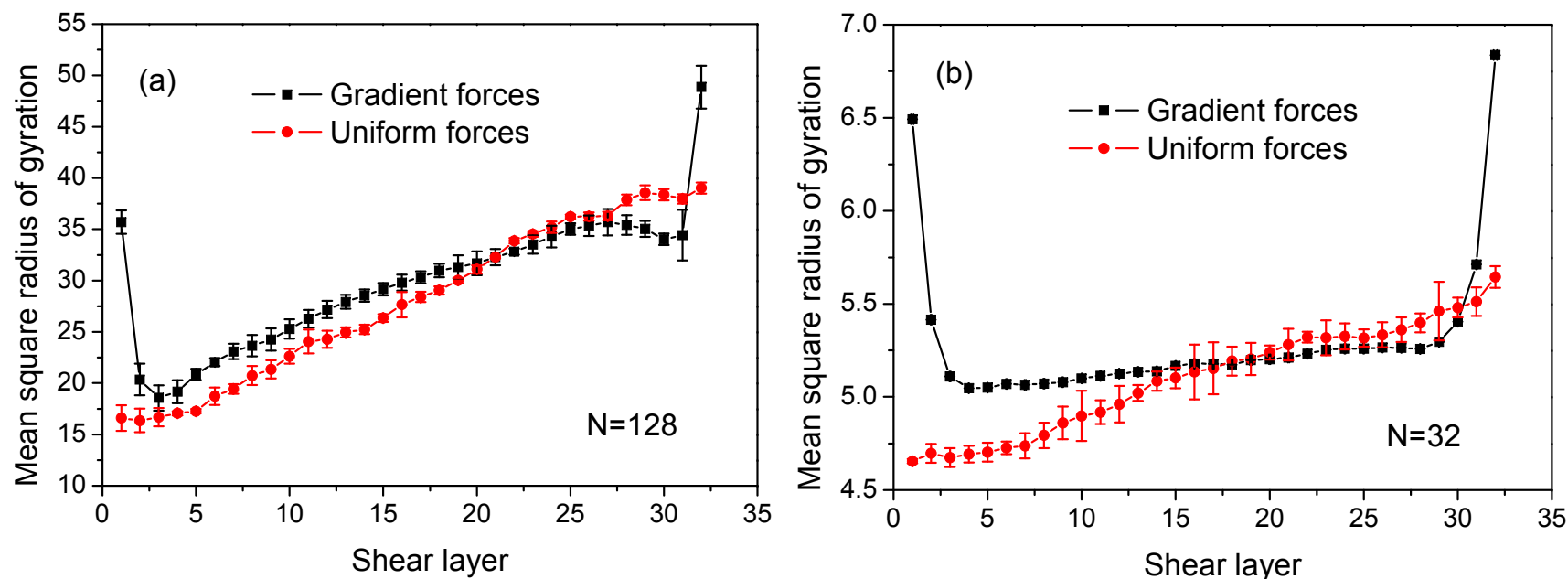


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# Stress versus velocity gradient

## ❖ Compare deformations from uniform and gradient fields



Velocity gradient dominates deformation at weak forces  
Shear stress dominates deformation at strong forces

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What is the mechanism of coil deformation in Monte Carlo simulations of driven polymers?





# Time: the sequence of Markovian events

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**When the time scale  $\gg$  particle collision,  
and the space scale  $\gg$  particle size,  
Monte Carlo dynamics is convergent to Brownian dynamics**

Sanz E, Marenduzzo D. Dynamic Monte-Carlo versus Brownian dynamics: a comparison for self-diffusion and crystallization in colloidal fluids. *J. Chem. Phys.* 2010;132:194102.



# Brownian Dynamic simulations

Bead-spring model: N=20

$$F_{drag\ i} + F_{spring\ i} + F_{Brownian\ i} + F_{driving\ i} = 0 \quad \text{Langevin Eq.}$$

$$F_{drag\ i} = -\xi(r'_i - v)$$

$$F_{spring\ i} = f_{spring\ i} - f_{spring\ i-1} \quad \text{FENE model: } f_{spring\ i} = \frac{3k_B T}{b^2} \cdot \frac{R_i}{1 - \lambda_i^2}$$

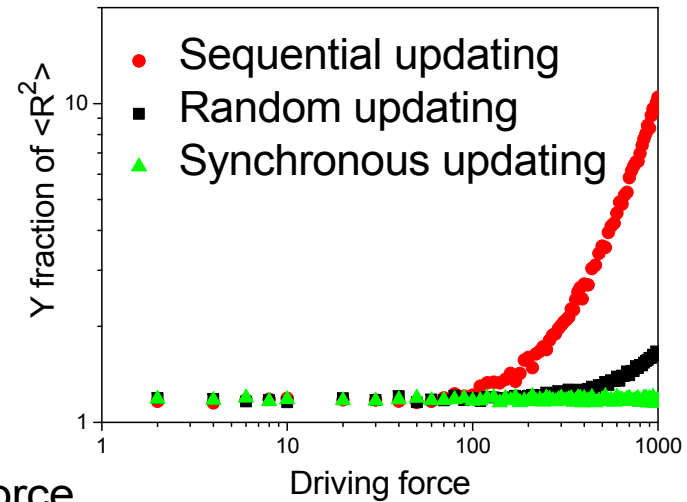
$$F_{Brownian\ i} = g_i \sqrt{\frac{6\xi k_B T}{\Delta t}}$$

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2015, 64, 49–53

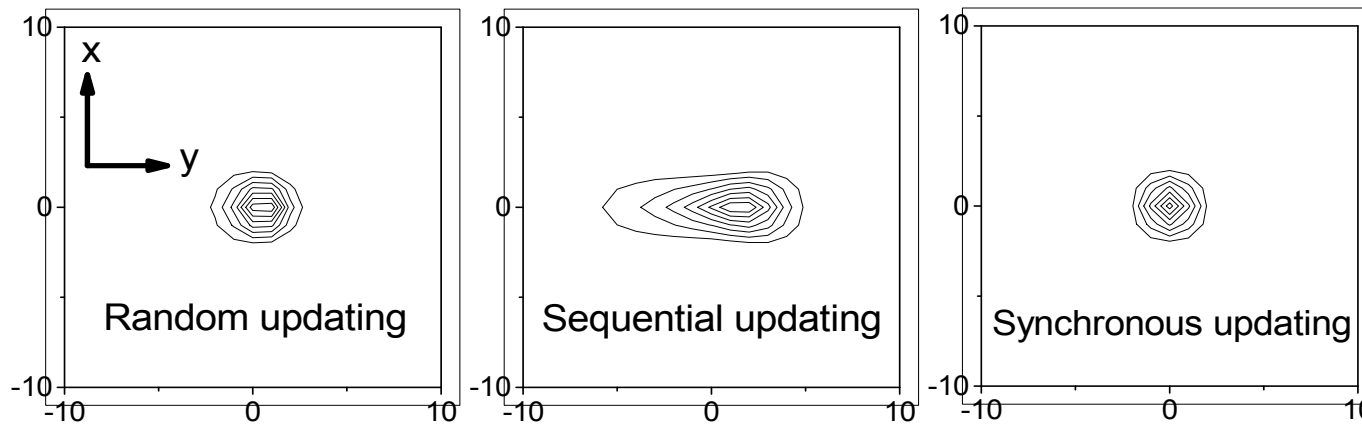


# Non-synchronous motion: Dynamic heterogeneity

*“Non-synchronous motion”*  
raises coil-deformation



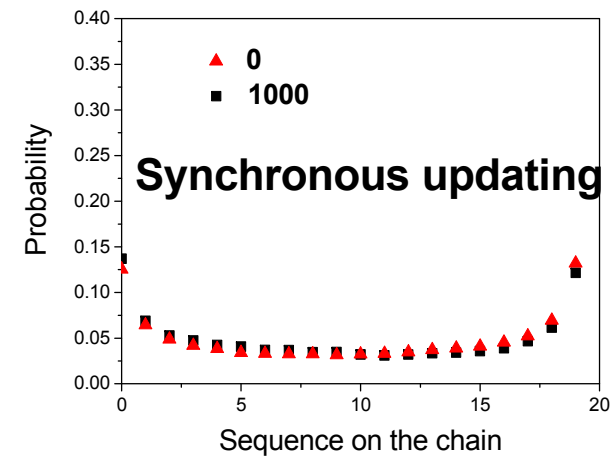
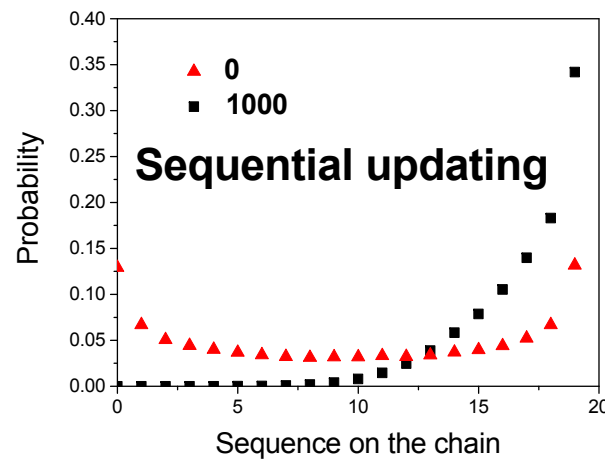
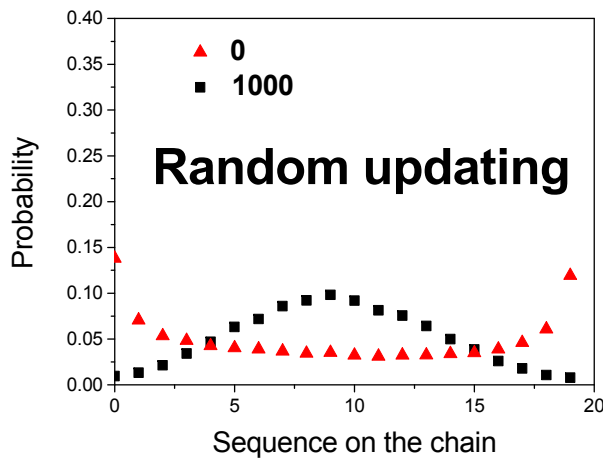
—————→ Driving force



# Which monomer at the coil front?

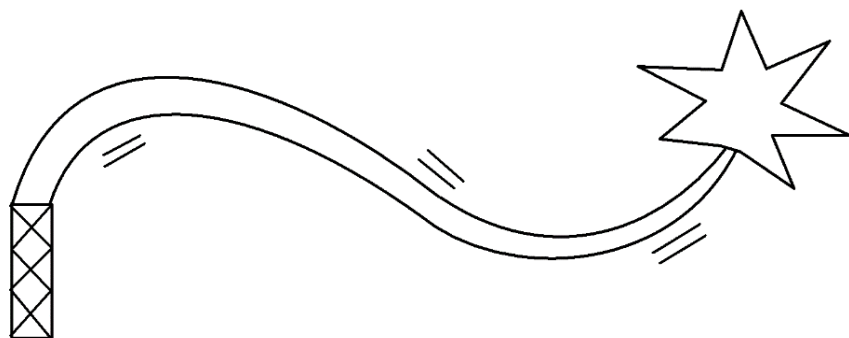
**Random: chain end-and-middle asymmetry!**

**Sequential: Cracking the whip**





# 挥鞭效应 “cracking the whip”

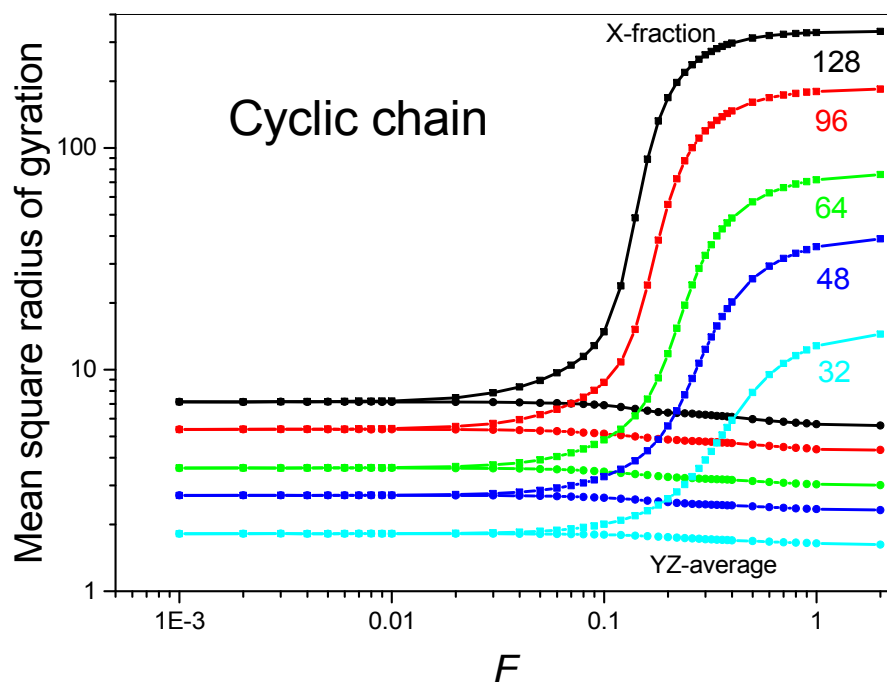


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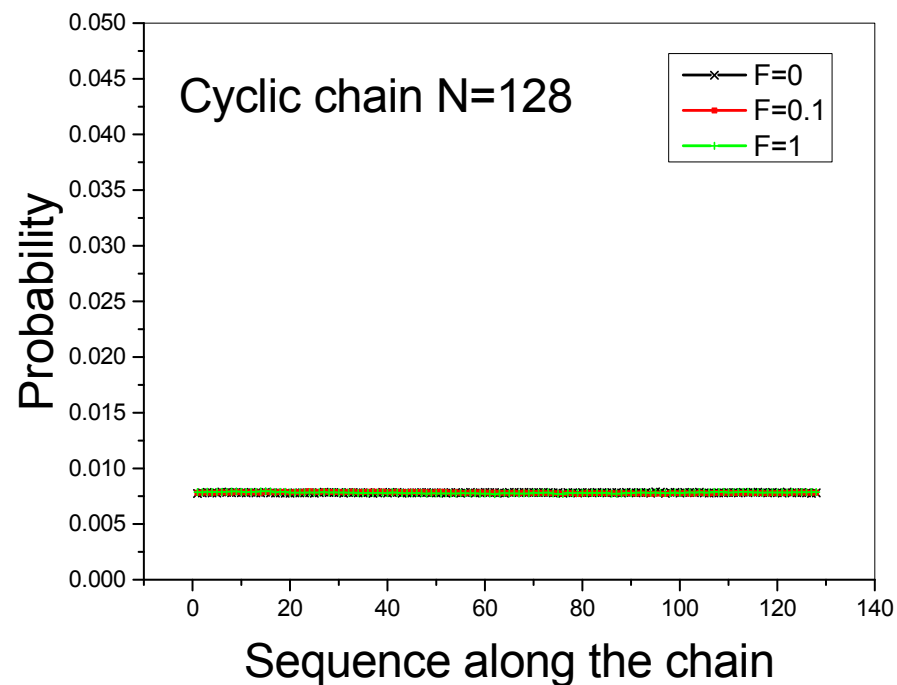
# Cyclic polymer *New!*

*Cyclic chains are still deformed!*



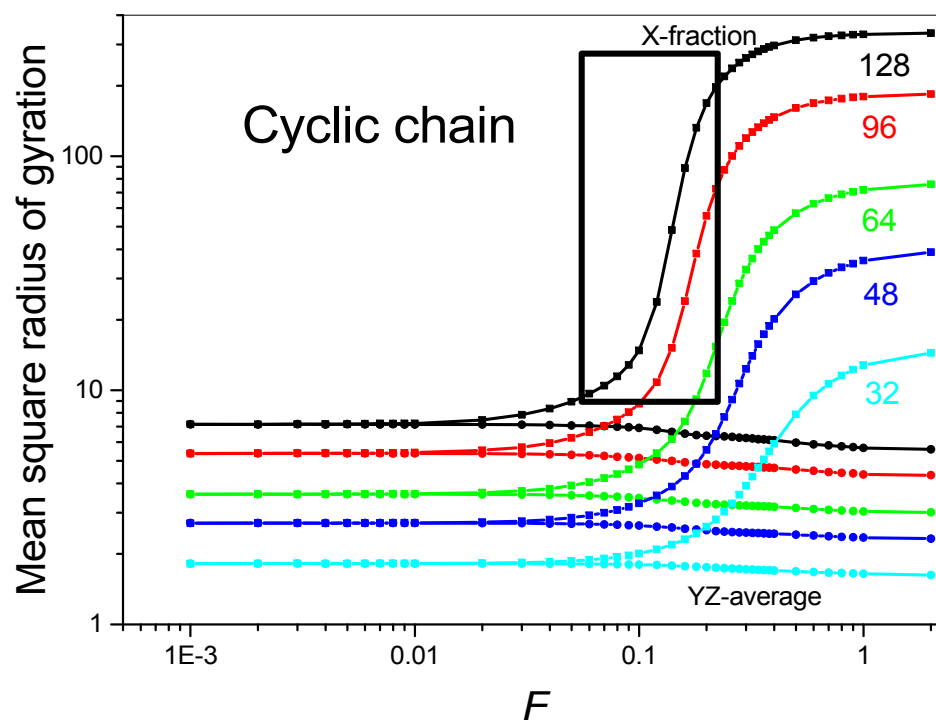
*Chain end not matter!*

*Frontier monomer distribution*

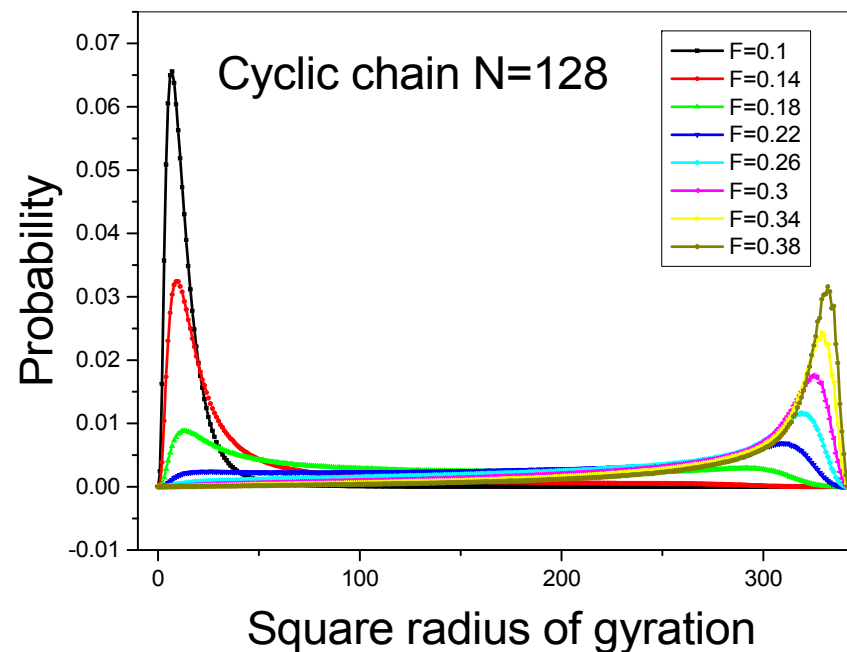


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# How does the coil deform?



## All or none in sizes

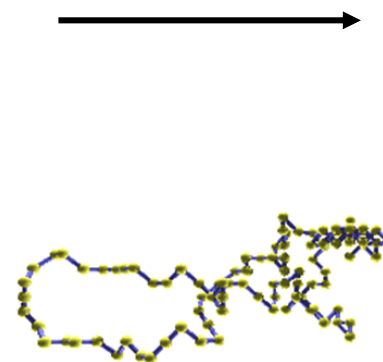
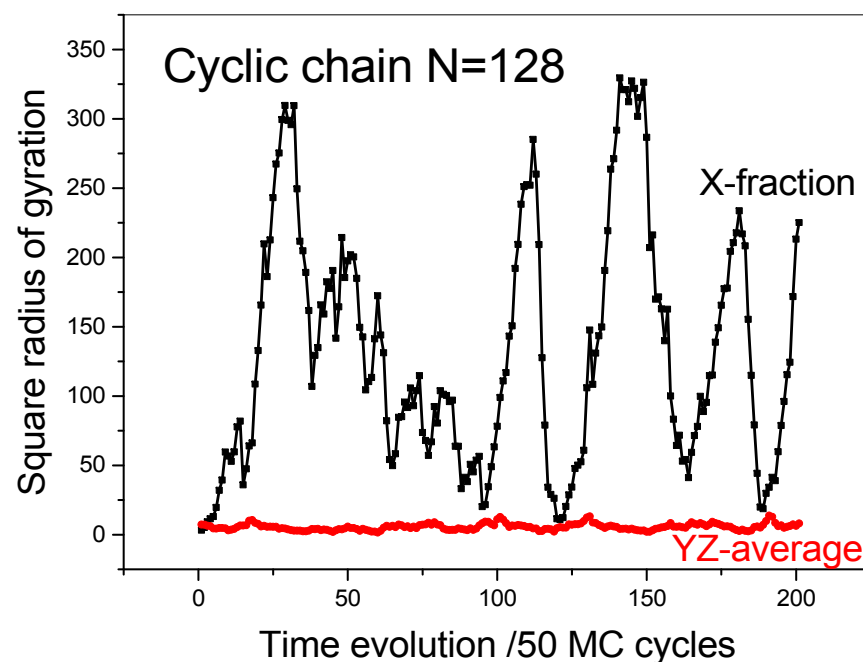


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# Cyclic polymer chain

No hysteresis



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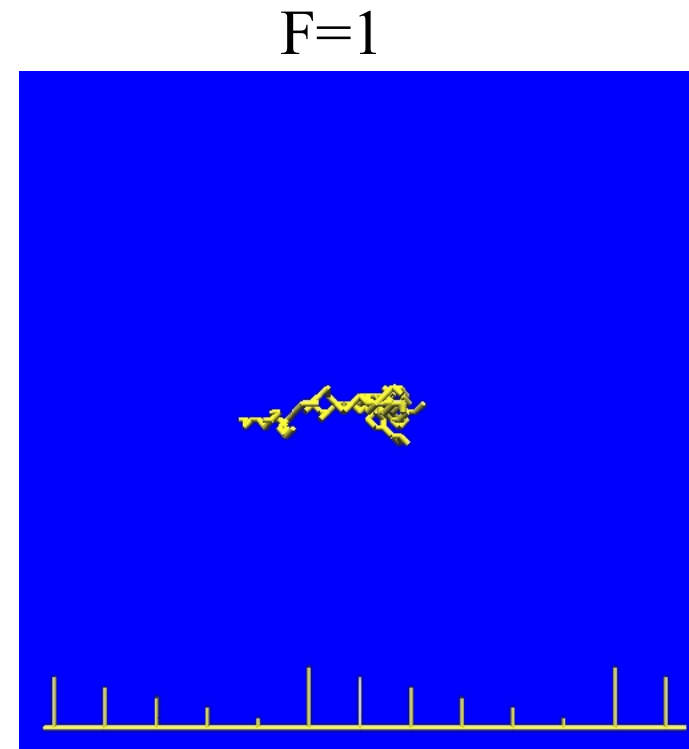
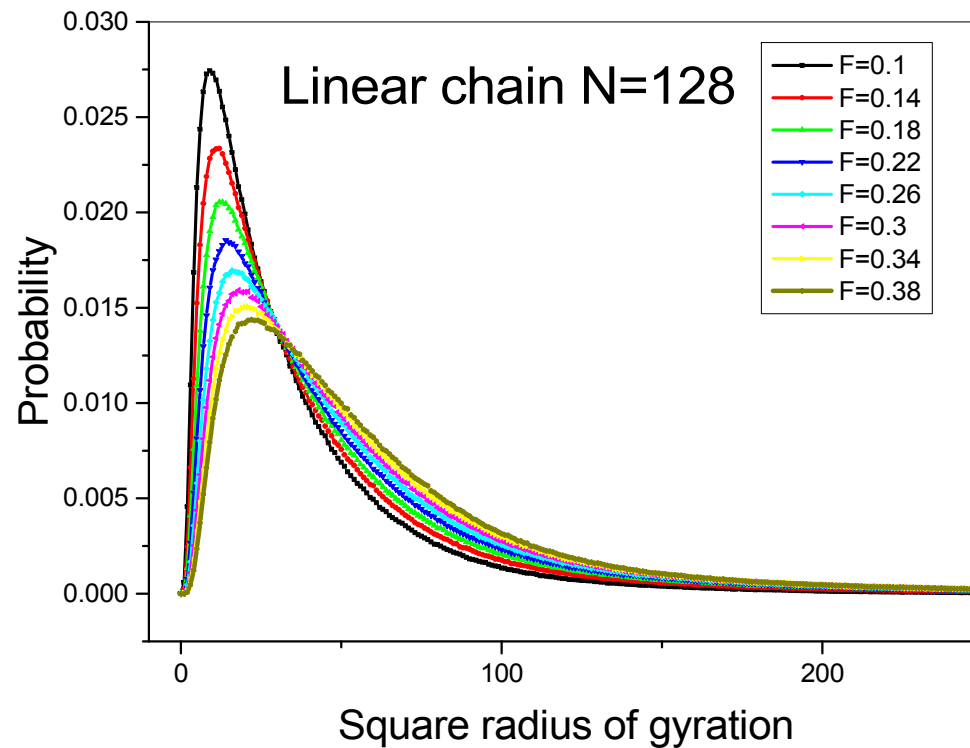
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# Linear polymer chain

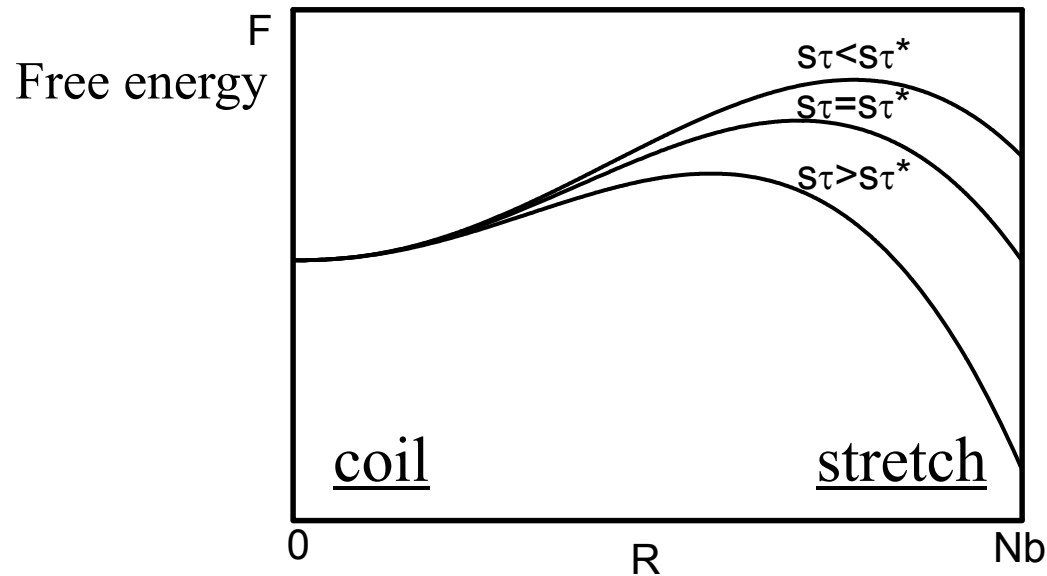
Free chain ends smear out the coil-stretch transition!





# Coil-stretch transition

$$F = F_e + F_f \sim R^{5/2} - s\tau R^3$$

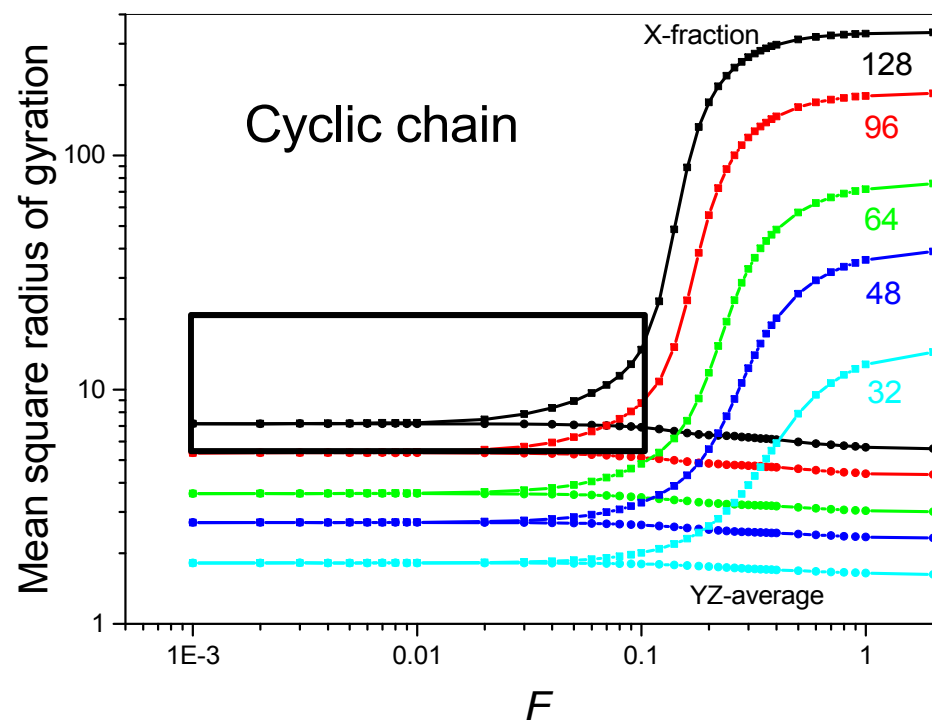


P. G. de Gennes. *Scaling Concepts in Polymer Physics*,  
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# How does the coil deform?



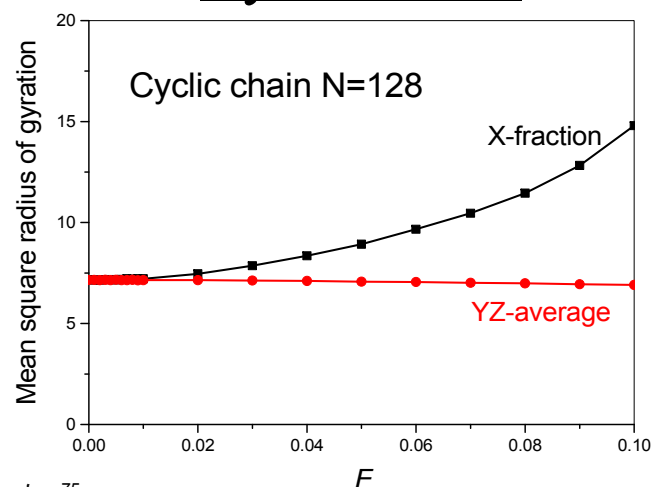
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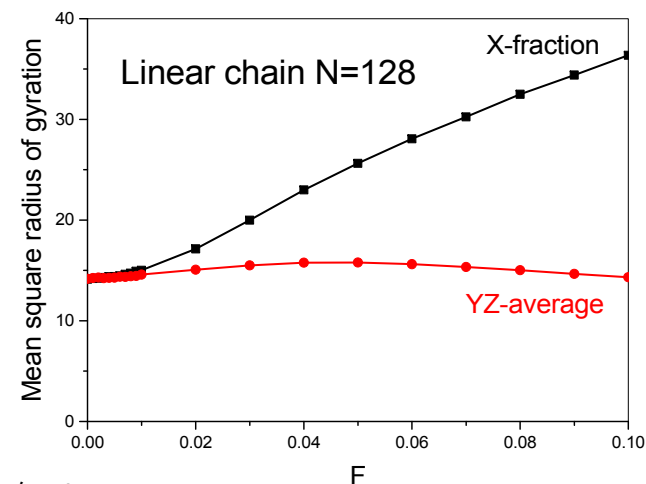
# Early-stage deformation

Coil size

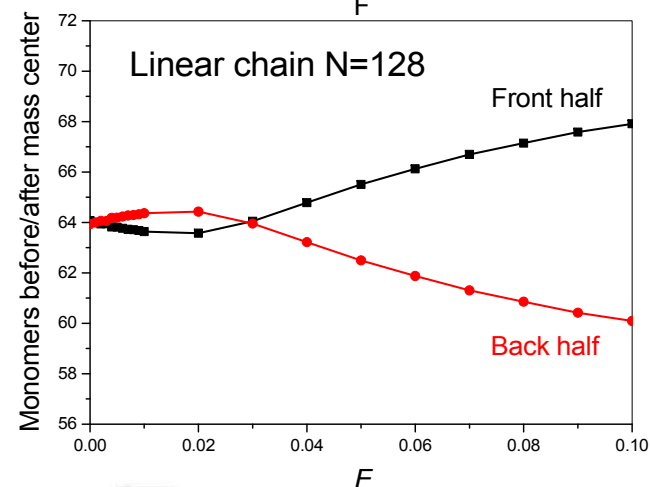
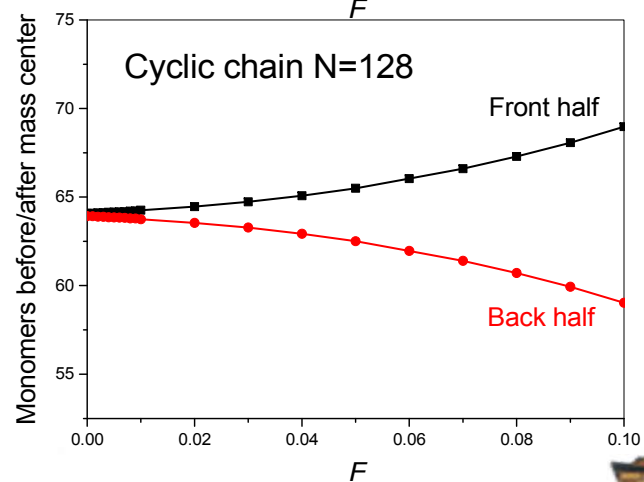
## Cyclic chain



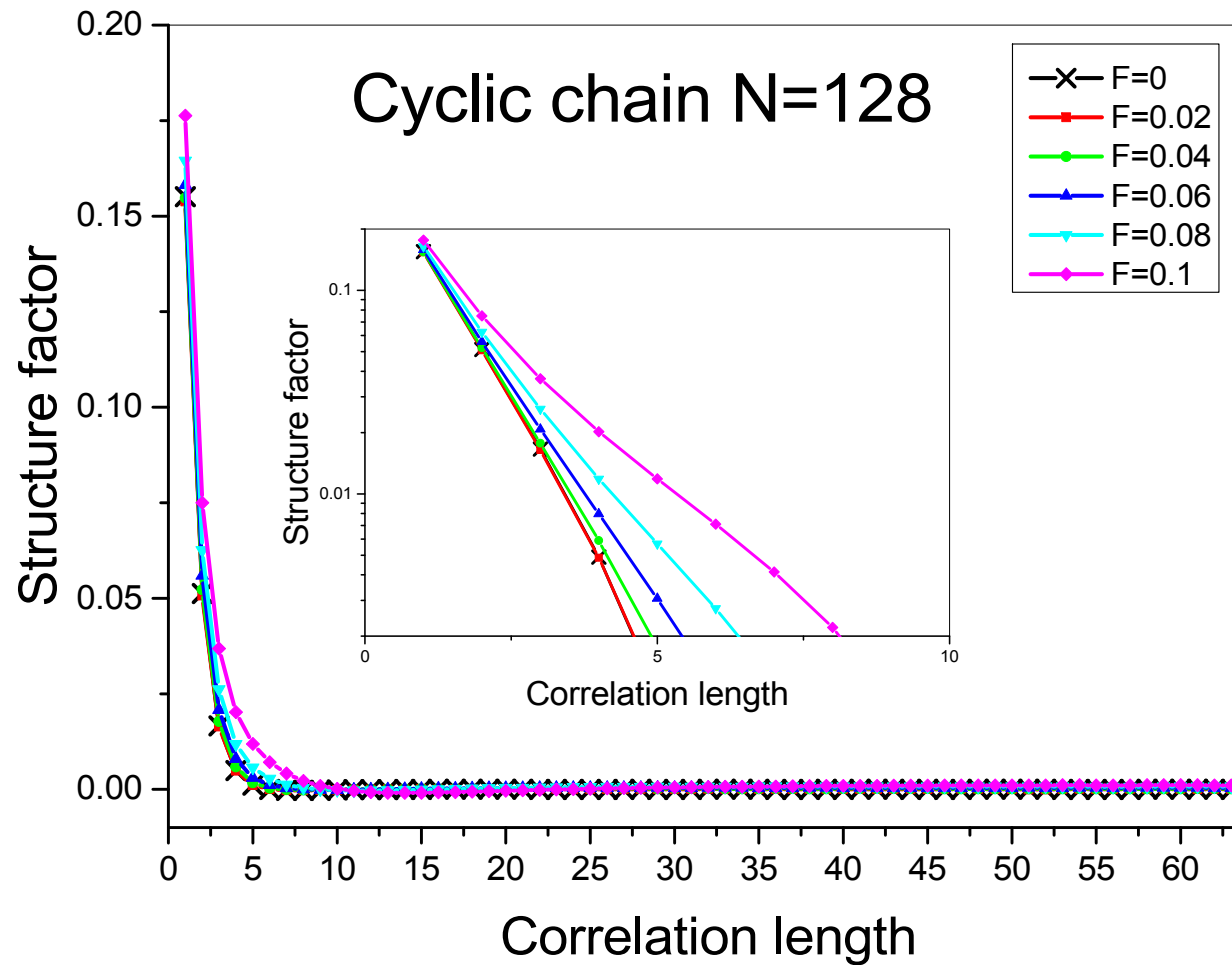
## Linear chain



Mass symmetry



# Correlation length of forward motion: “cracking the whip”





# Summary for driven polymers

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- ① Dynamic heterogeneity raises “cracking-the-whip” effect
- ② Stress(besides velocity gradient)-induced deformation
- ③ This deformation brings non-Newtonian fluid behaviors similar to the feature of polymer shear flow

*Learn from anomalous!*





# Chain connection of polymer units

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What's consequence if one of them misses his/her step? →  
“Dynamic heterogeneity”





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# “Snap the whip” 1872 by Winslow Homer





# Hawk catches chicken



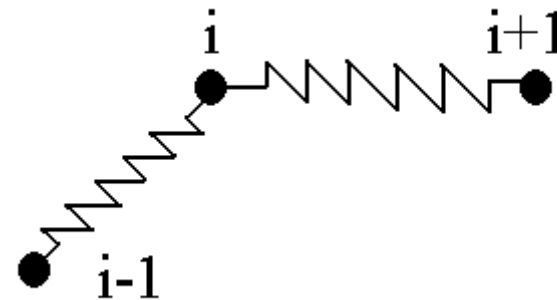
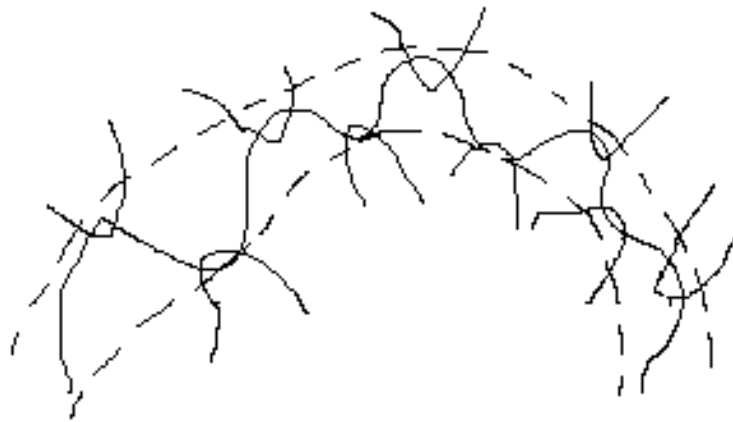


# Origins of non-linear dynamics

Intermolecular

plus

Intramolecular



Entanglement confinement

Entropic elasticity

Linear integration: tube model

Linear integration: Rouse model

Non-linear: Disentanglement

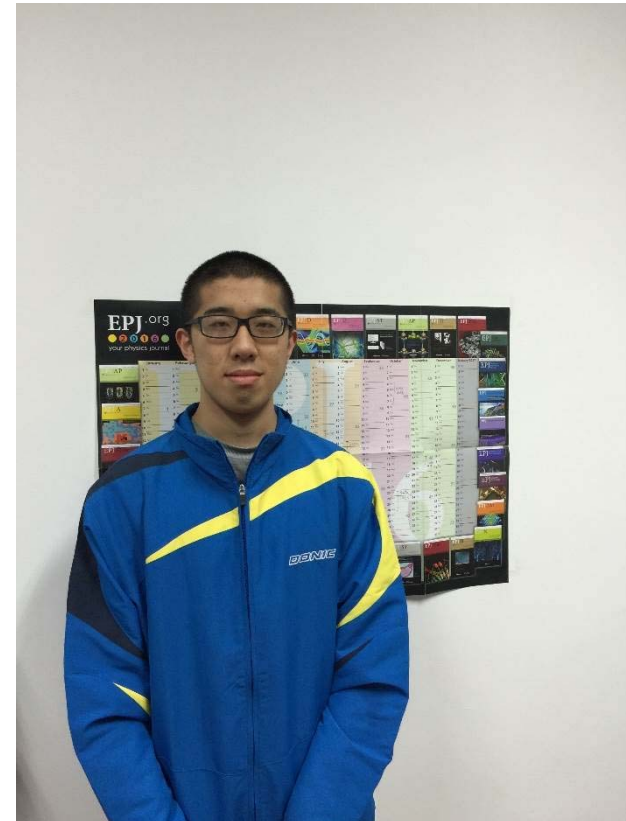
Non-linear: Dynamic heterogeneity





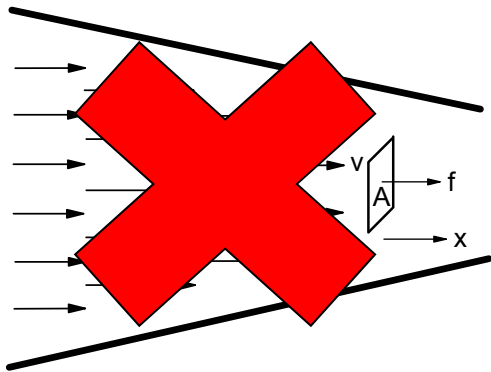
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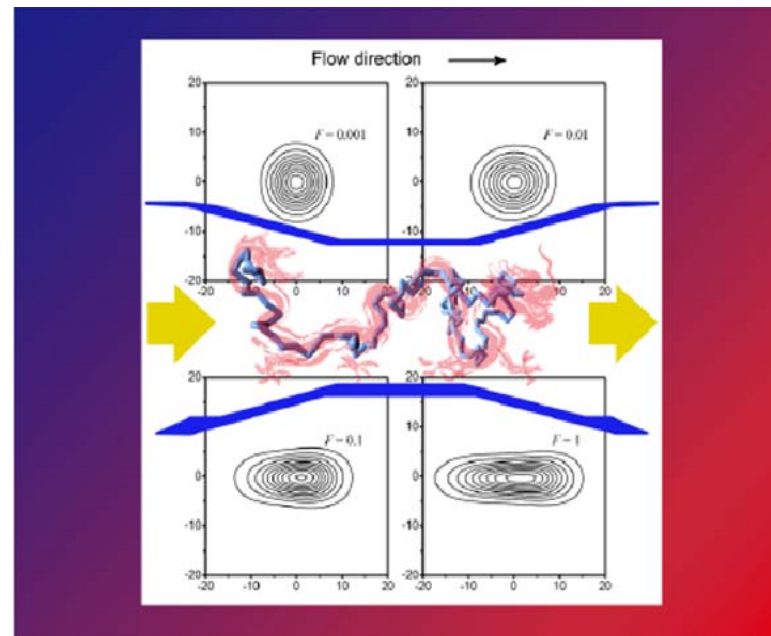




# Simulation of extensional flow



## Cover art

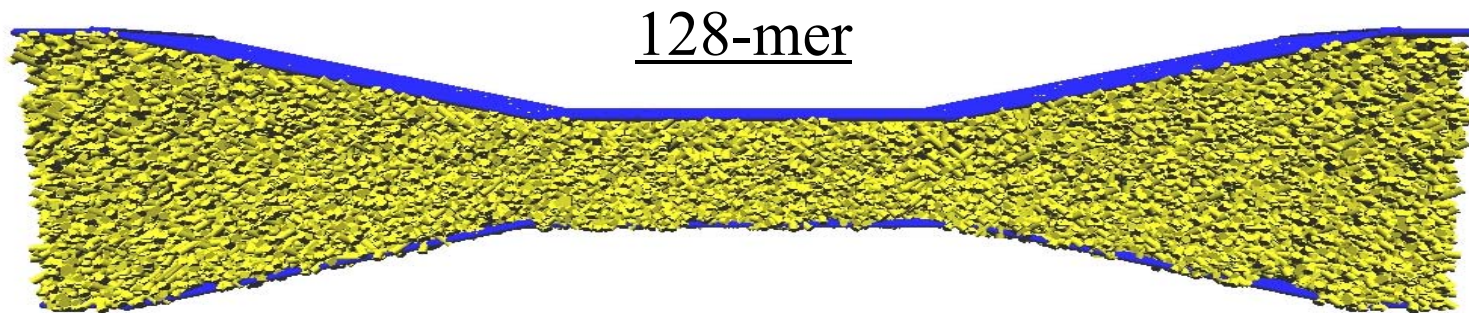
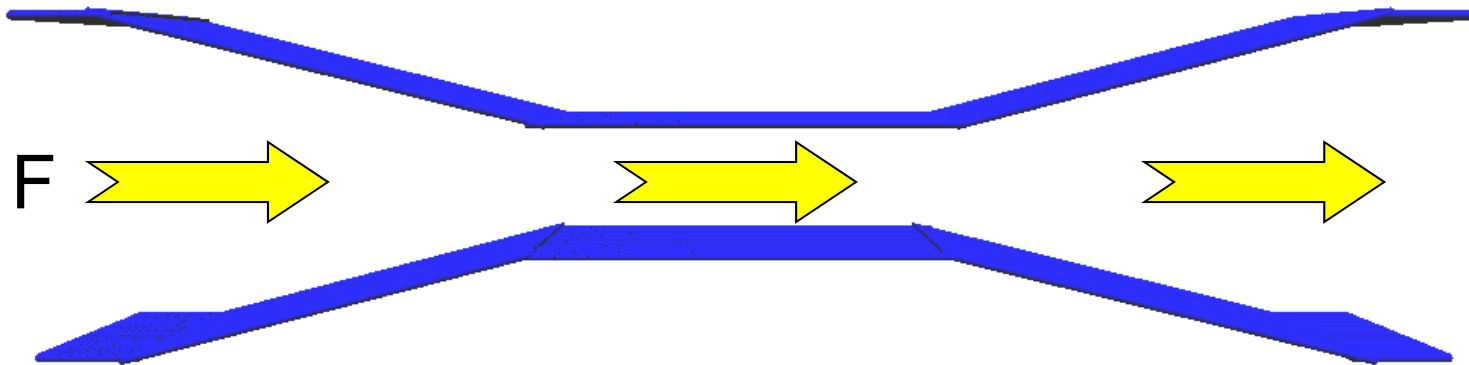


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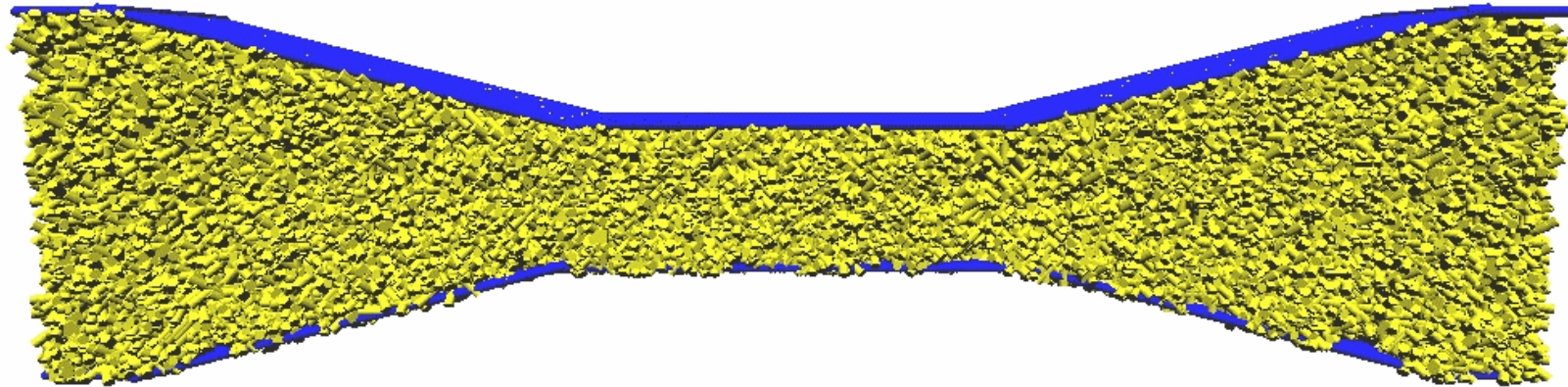
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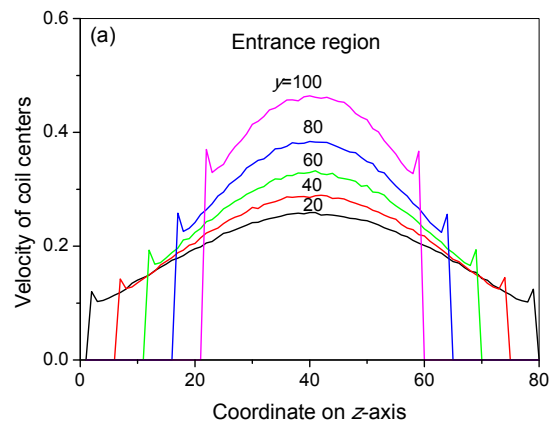
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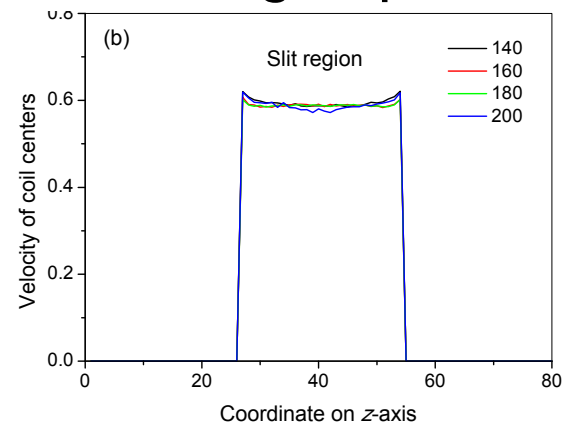


## Velocity

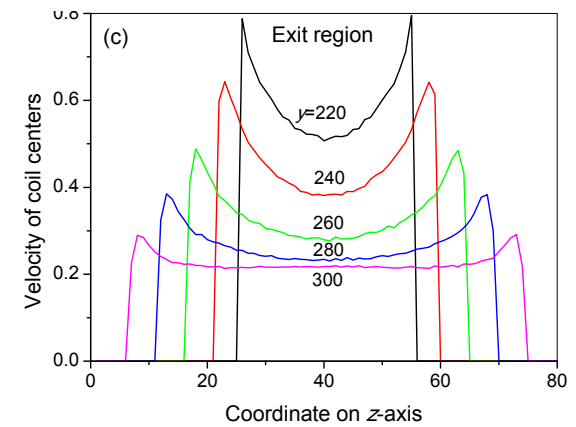
### Acceleration



### High speed

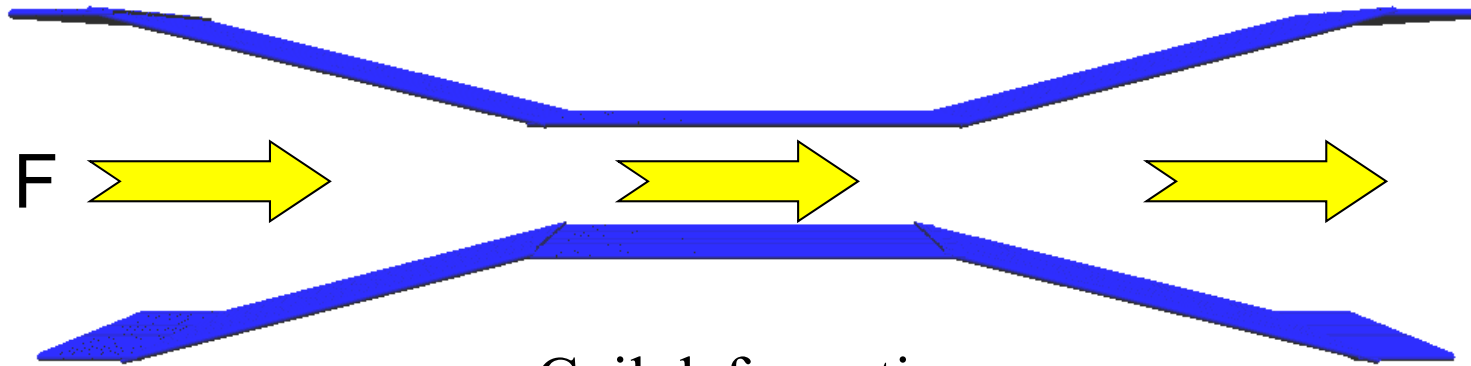


### Slow-down

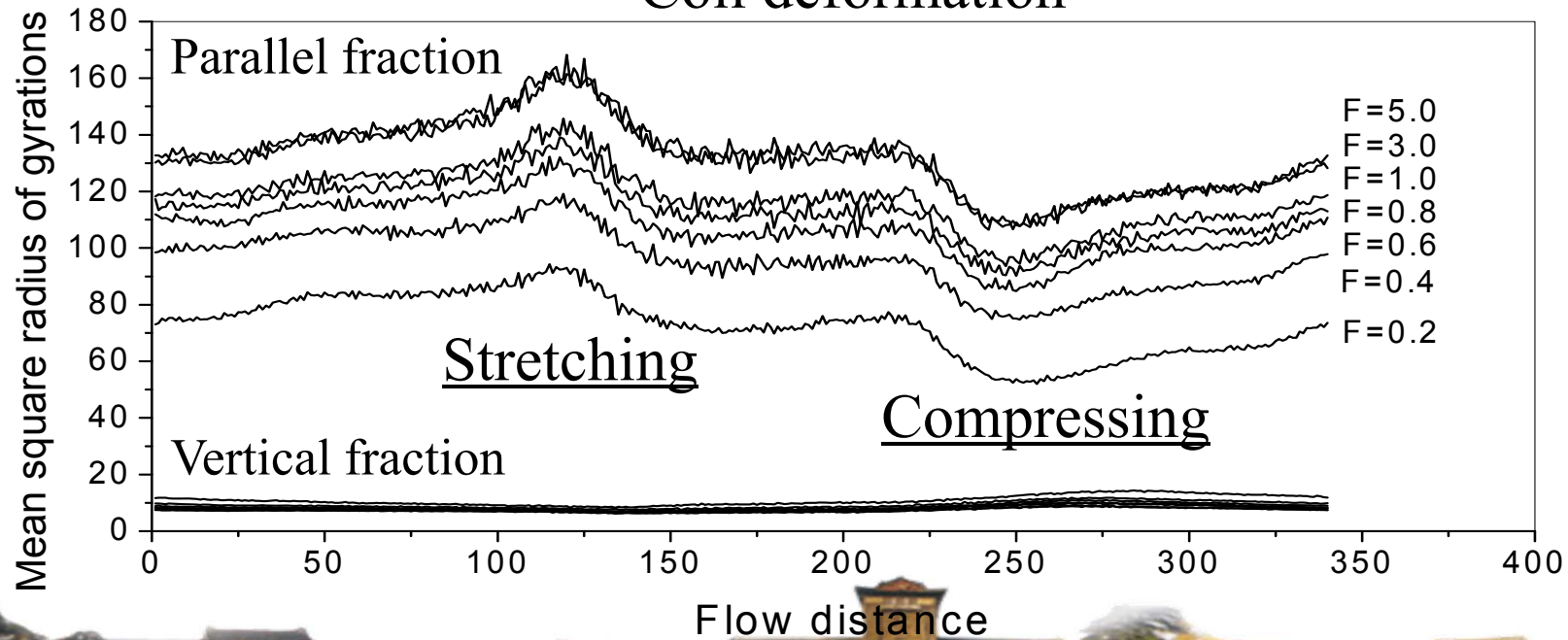




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Coil deformation

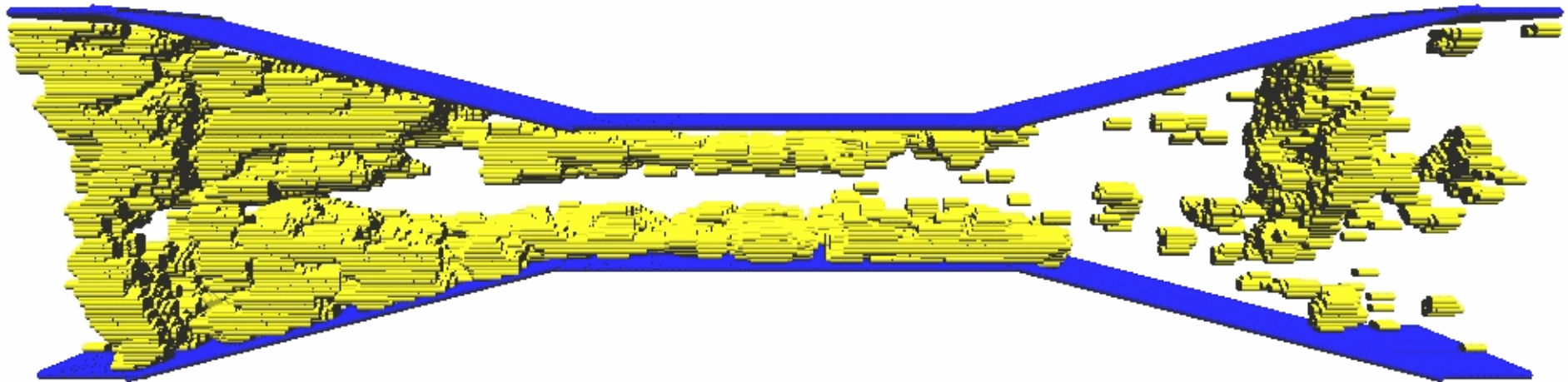


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