

Ex 1) d) Local moves slightly change the local polymer structure, while the large-scale shape changes only slowly.

Reptation moves only affect the two ends of the polymer, and again the large-scale shape changes only after long times.

In contrast, pivot moves yield uncorrelated structures much more quickly because they rapidly change the entire polymer structure.

Identical frames occur, when a move is rejected because the new configuration would have overlapped with itself.

e) Combining local, reptation and pivot moves gives large-scale and small-scale conformational changes. Lowering the temperature makes the polymer take more compact structures compared to the extended structures at  $T = 4.98$ .

Ex 2, Ex 3] Jupyter notebook.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex 4 (b)} \quad \langle v \rangle &= \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{3/2} (4\pi v^2) \cdot (v e^{-\frac{v^2}{2\sigma^2}}) dv && \text{with } \sigma^2 := \frac{k_B T}{m} \\ \text{partial integration} &= \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{3/2} 4\pi v^2 (-\sigma^2) e^{-\frac{v^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{3/2} 8\pi v (-\sigma^2) e^{-\frac{v^2}{2\sigma^2}} dv \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \cancel{8\pi\sigma^2} \left[ -\sigma^2 e^{-\frac{v^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right]_0^\infty \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{8\sigma^2}{\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{8k_B T}{\pi m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c)} \quad \lambda &= \frac{h}{\langle p \rangle} = \frac{h}{m \langle v \rangle} = h \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8k_B T m}} \quad , \quad \lambda_T = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi m k_B T}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_T} &= \frac{h}{h} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\pi m k_B T} \cdot \frac{2\pi m k_B T}{8k_B T m}} = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

d) With  $m_{\text{SiO}_2} = 60 \text{ u}$  and  $T = 1450 \text{ K}$  one obtains  $\lambda_T \approx 5.9 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ m}$ .  
This is two orders of magnitude smaller than the Si-O bond length of  $1.6 \text{ \AA} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ .  
Thus the system still behaves classically.