

Conformational Correlation Times for a Tethered Polymer

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The Human Genome Project



An international scientific research project which...

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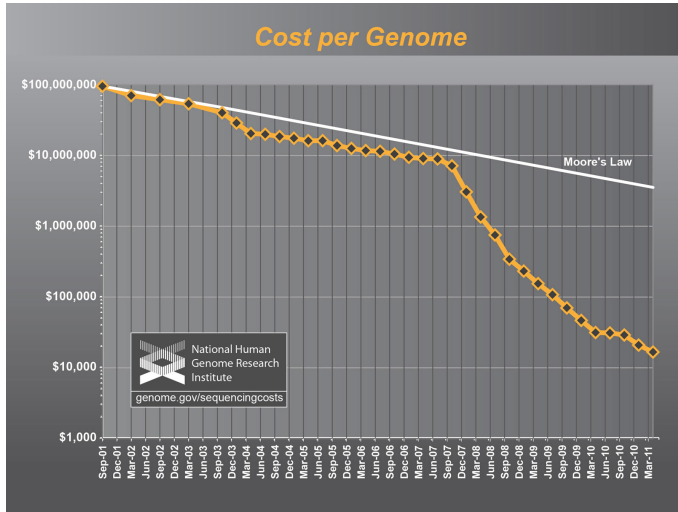
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- ▶ mapped approximately 30,000 human genes,
- ▶ launched major advancements in medicine and biotechnology,
- ▶ took 13 years,
- ▶ cost approximately \$3 billion.

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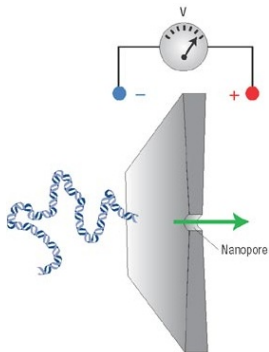
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A nanopore is a small (nanoscopic) hole that can be used as a single-molecule detector.

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Definition

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- ▶ Presence of HD interactions
- ▶ Fluid force present

Definition

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- ▶ Absence of HD interactions
- ▶ Uncorrelated random force

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$$\tau \propto N^\alpha$$

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$$\text{noHD:} \quad \tau_{x,y} \propto N^{2.2} \quad \tau_z \propto N^{2.2}$$

$$\text{HD:} \quad \tau_{x,y} \propto N^{1.8} \quad \tau_z \propto N^{1.8}$$

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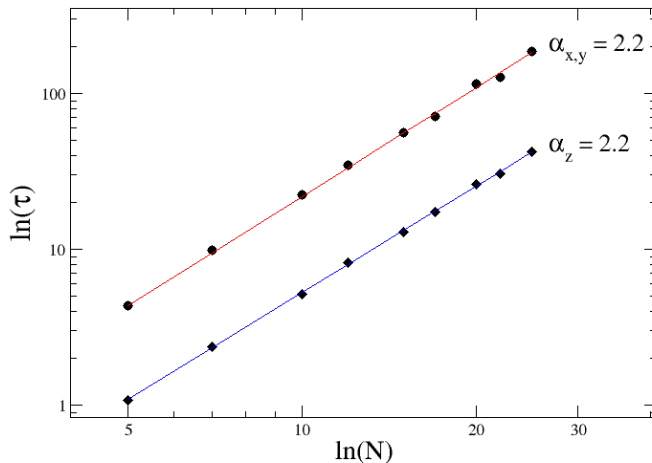
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Correlation Time vs. Polymer Chain Length



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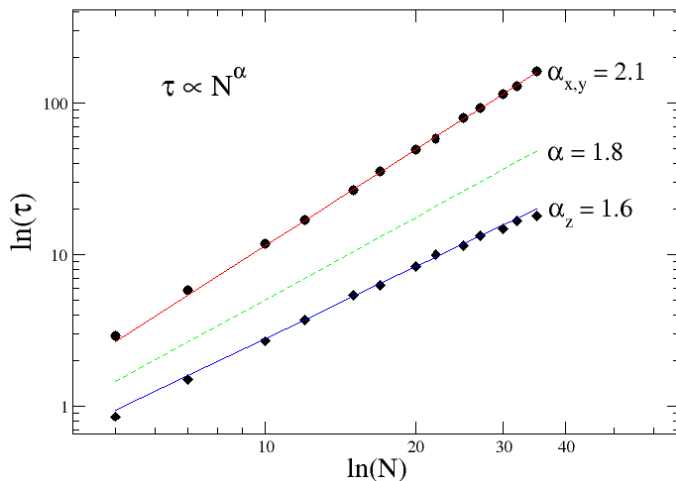
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