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Stochastic trajectories of a walking drop in a harmonic potential<sup>1</sup> MASON BIAMONTE, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, ANAND OZA, New York University, ANDRE NACHBIN, IMPA, Rio de Janeiro, JOHN W. M. BUSH, Massachusetts Institute of Technology — Droplets walking on the surface of a vibrating fluid bath have been shown to exhibit certain features of microscopic, quantum systems. Their dynamics is reminiscent of modern extensions of de Broglies pilotwave theory, according to which charged particles interact with a stochastic field. We here present the results of a theoretical investigation of the influence of such a stochastic field on the pilot-wave dynamics of a droplet walking in a simple harmonic potential.

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