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Locality of entangled polymer dynamics CHI HANG BOYCE TSANG, LINGXIANG JIANG, STEVE GRANICK, Univ of Illinois - Urbana — A combination of sparse and full fluorescence labeling of entangled actin solutions (filaments about 15 μ m long at 1 mg/ml concentration) allowed us to probe both filament-scale polymer dynamics and effectively monomer dynamics. On the filament scale, the reptation tube idea of classical polymer physics works well. However, on a local scale comparable to mesh size, local tube width fluctuation becomes important. For the first time, the dependence of longitudinal diffusion on local tube width was quantified.

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