Supplementary Material for Macromolecules

Nanorod diffusion in polymer nanocomposites by molecular dynamics simulations

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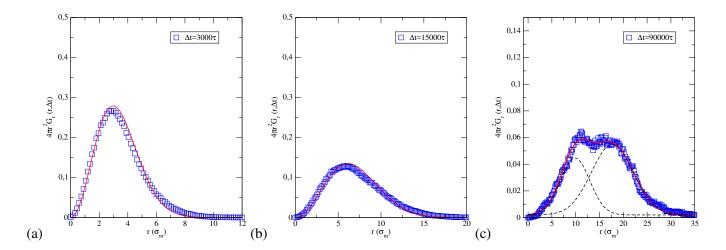


FIG. S1: van Hove function $G_s(r, \Delta t)$ for nanorods in nanocomposite, nanorod diameter D=3, AR=8 polymer matrix N=10, at three different Δt . Blue symbols are data from the simulations, and solid lines are fitting of Equation 9 in the first two panels (a)+(b) for $\Delta t \leq 15\tau$, while the right panel (c) for larger time interval $\Delta t=90\tau$ can only be fitted by a superposition of two Gaussians. The individual contributions are shown by black dashed lines.

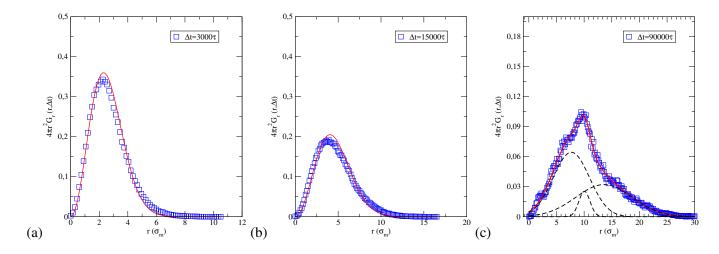


FIG. S2: van Hove function $G_s(r, \Delta t)$ for nanorods in nanocomposite, nanorod diameter D=3, AR=8 polymer matrix N=20, at three different Δt . Blue symbols are data from the simulations, and solid lines are fitting of Equation 9 in the first two panels (a)+(b) for $\Delta t \leq 15\tau$, while the right panel (c) for larger time interval $\Delta t=90\tau$ can only be fitted by a superposition of three Gaussians. The individual contributions are shown by black dashed lines.

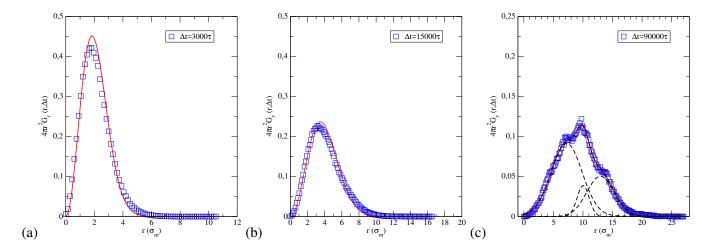


FIG. S3: van Hove function $G_s(r, \Delta t)$ for nanorods in nanocomposite, nanorod diameter D=3, AR=8 polymer matrix N=50, at three different Δt . Blue symbols are data from the simulations, and solid lines are fitting of Equation 9 in the first two panels (a)+(b) for $\Delta t \leq 15\tau$, while the right panel (c) for larger time interval $\Delta t=90\tau$ can only be fitted by a superposition of three Gaussians. The individual contributions are shown by black dashed lines.

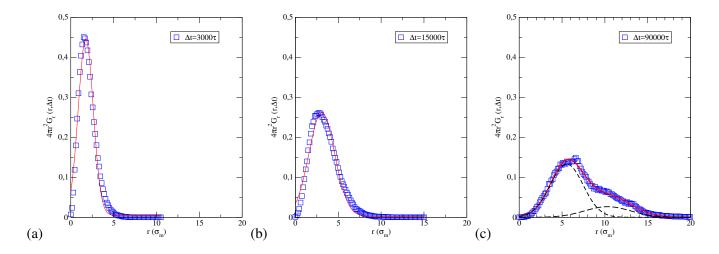


FIG. S4: van Hove function $G_s(r, \Delta t)$ for nanorods in nanocomposite, nanorod diameter D=3, AR=8 polymer matrix N=100, at three different Δt . Blue symbols are data from the simulations, and solid lines are fitting of Equation 9 in the first two panels (a)+(b) for $\Delta t \leq 15\tau$, while the right panel (c) for larger time interval $\Delta t=90\tau$ can only be fitted by a superposition of two Gaussians. The individual contributions are shown by black dashed lines.

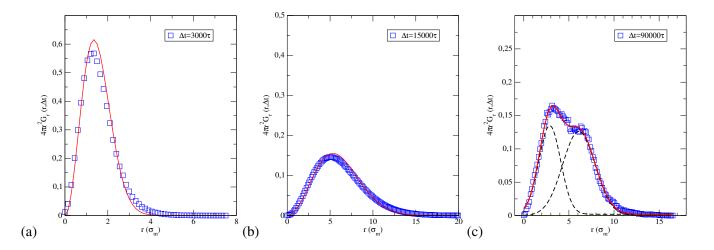


FIG. S5: van Hove function $G_s(r, \Delta t)$ for nanorods in nanocomposite, nanorod diameter D=4, AR=8 polymer matrix N=100, at three different Δt . Blue symbols are data from the simulations, and solid lines are fitting of Equation 9 in the first two panels (a)+(b) for $\Delta t \leq 15\tau$, while the right panel (c) for larger time interval $\Delta t=90\tau$ can only be fitted by a superposition of two Gaussians. The individual contributions are shown by black dashed lines.

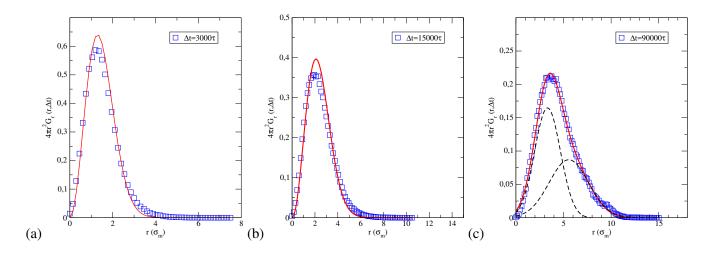


FIG. S6: van Hove function $G_s(r, \Delta t)$ for nanorods in nanocomposite, nanorod diameter D=4, AR=8 polymer matrix N=400, at three different Δt . Blue symbols are data from the simulations, and solid lines are fitting of Equation 9 in the first two panels (a)+(b) for $\Delta t \leq 15\tau$, while the right panel (c) for larger time interval $\Delta t=90\tau$ can only be fitted by a superposition of two Gaussians. The individual contributions are shown by black dashed lines.

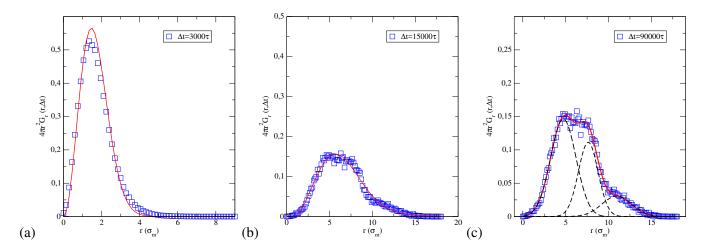


FIG. S7: van Hove function $G_s(r, \Delta t)$ for nanorods in nanocomposite, nanorod diameter D=4, AR=8, polymer matrix N=50, at three different Δt . Blue symbols are data from the simulations, and solid lines are fitting of Equation 9 in the first two panels (a)+(b) for $\Delta t \leq 15\tau$, while the right panel (c) for larger time interval $\Delta t=90\tau$ can only be fitted by a superposition of three Gaussians. The individual contributions are shown by black dashed lines.

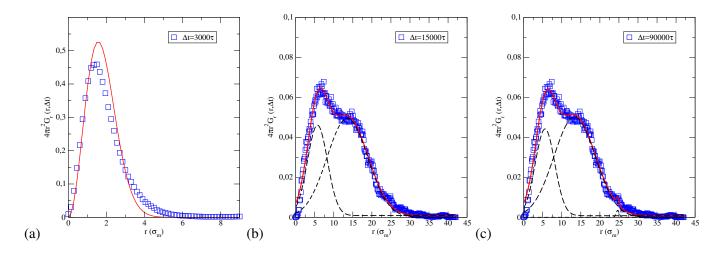


FIG. S8: van Hove function $G_s(r, \Delta t)$ for nanorods in nanocomposite, nanorod diameter D=4, AR=8 polymer matrix N=20, at three different Δt . Blue symbols are data from the simulations, and solid lines are fitting of Equation 9 in the first panel (a) for $\Delta t=3\tau$, while the other two panels (b)+(c) for larger time interval $\Delta t=15,90\tau$ can only be fitted by a superposition of two Gaussians. The individual contributions are shown by black dashed lines.

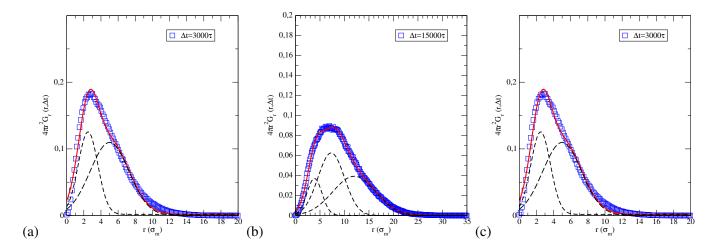


FIG. S9: van Hove function $G_s(r, \Delta t)$ for nanorods in nanocomposite, nanorod diameter D=2, AR=8 polymer matrix N=100, at three different Δt . Blue symbols are data from the simulations, and solid lines are fitting by a superposition of two or three Gaussians. The individual contributions are shown by black dashed lines.

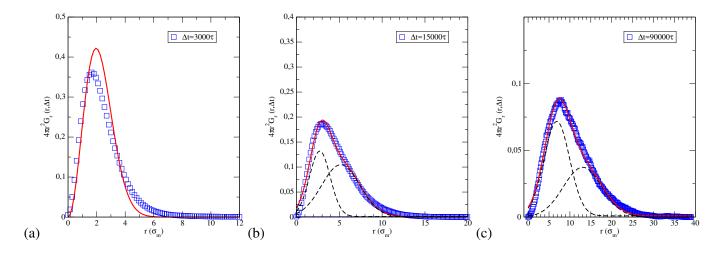


FIG. S10: van Hove function $G_s(r, \Delta t)$ for nanorods in nanocomposite, nanorod diameter D=1, AR=16 polymer matrix N=50, at three different Δt . Blue symbols are data from the simulations, and solid lines are fitting of Equation 9 in the first panel (a) for $\Delta t=3\tau$, while the other 2 panels (b)+(c) for larger time intervals $\Delta t=15,90\tau$ can only be fitted by a superposition of two Gaussians. The individual contributions are shown by black dashed lines.

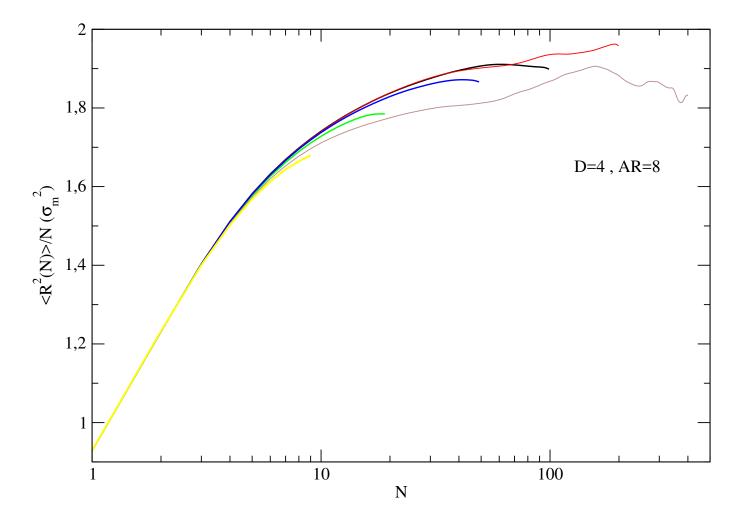


FIG. S11: Mean square internal distances for polymers in nanocomposites containing nanorods (D=4) with AR=8.

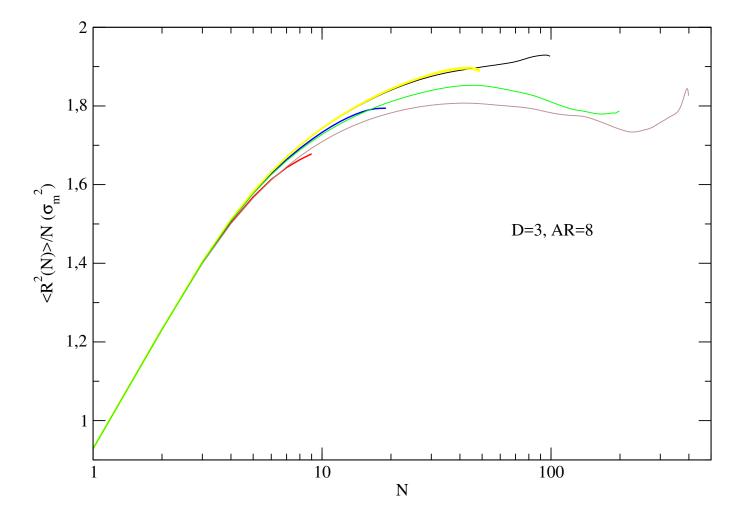


FIG. S12: Mean square internal distances for polymers in nanocomposites containing nanorods (D=3) with AR=8.

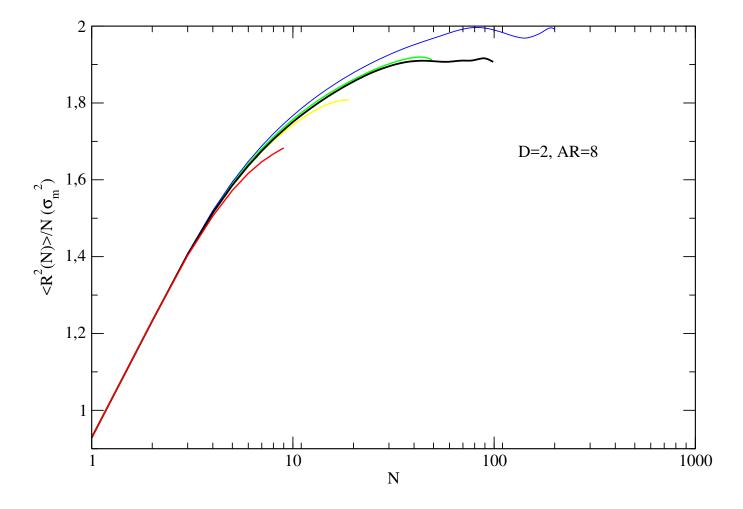


FIG. S13: Mean square internal distances for polymers in nanocomposites containing nanorods (D=2) with AR=8.

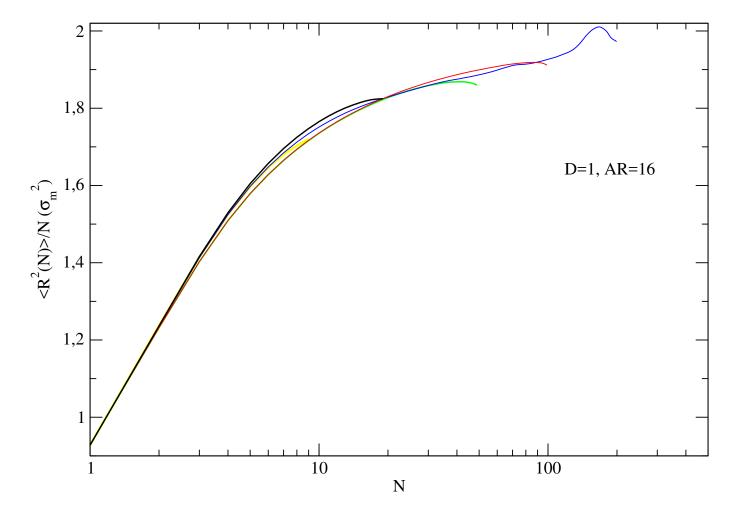


FIG. S14: Mean square internal distances for polymers in nanocomposites containing nanorods (D=1) with AR=16.

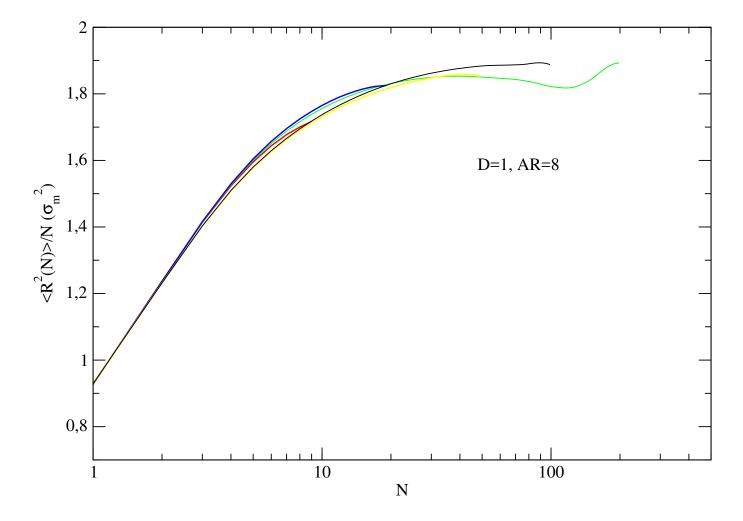


FIG. S15: Mean square internal distances for polymers in nanocomposites containing nanorods (D=1) with AR=8.