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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to investigate the asymptotic behavior of random walks on three-dimensional crystal structures. We focus our attention on the $1h$ structure of the ice and the $2h$ structure of graphite. We establish the strong law of large numbers and the asymptotic normality for both random walks on ice and graphite. All our analysis relies on asymptotic results for multi-dimensional martingales.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A wide variety of materials present a repeating symmetrical arrangement of their atoms, molecules, or ions, known as crystal structures. Those underlying structures determine some physical properties such as the toughness, the porosity,² or even the conductivity of the materials. They can be looked further upon by studying the behavior of random walks in the crystal structures (see, e.g., Ref. 20 for a study of energy trapping in crystal structure or Ref. 14 for the electrical conductivity of Cu-graphite composites). In particular, random walks are widely used to determine the diffusion of vacancies or point defects in crystals.¹³

Random walks represent a large class of Markov chains, and several reference books^{9,19} are devoted to the study of their properties, such as the probability of returning to their starting point, the shape of typical trajectories, or their long-time behavior. Polya¹⁸ was the first to observe the influence of the dimension of the lattice on their properties, as the simple random walk on \mathbb{Z}^d becomes transient when $d \geq 3$. The model of a non-simple random walk on a periodic lattice is quite convenient to study the properties of crystalline solids as stated in (16).

Cubic crystal structures were previously studied in terms of random walks¹⁰ or vacancy diffusions³ (see also Refs. 6 and 11 for planar honeycomb lattices). However, to the best of our knowledge, three-dimensional hexagonal lattices still have to be considered. The goal of this paper is to investigate the asymptotic behavior of random walks in two hexagonal crystal structures in three dimensions, namely, the $1h$ structure of the ice and the $2h$ structure of graphite. Both of them can be seen as sheets of infinite hexagonal plane lattices stacked on top of each other, where the way the consecutive sheets are stacked drastically changes the properties of the structure.

On the one hand, the properties of ice are theoretical and experimental research subjects since decades (see, e.g., the pioneering works of Bradley⁴ or DiMarzio and Stillinger⁷). On the other hand, graphite composites find many applications in a wide range¹⁶ of fields (see, e.g., Ref. 12 as well as the references therein), and its $2h$ structure may be found in other materials.¹⁷ In both cases, understanding the asymptotic behavior of random walks in such structures is a key step in unveiling some of these materials properties.

Random walks on the two-dimensional hexagonal structure of the graphene have been described many times, especially in Ref. 5 where the authors studied the large deviation properties of the random walk, using a parity argument based on the structure of such lattice. Our purpose is to extend several results in Ref. 5 to the three-dimensional hexagonal structures we are interested in. In this paper, we assume that the transition probabilities are invariant by translating the unit cell of the crystal. Our goal is to establish the strong law of large numbers and the asymptotic normality of the random walk in both structures.

Our strategy is to separate the vertices of the lattice depending on their local geometry. In the simple case of the random walk on ice (RWI), there are only two different types of vertices. On the contrary, the random walk on the graphite (RWG) admits four different types of vertices, and this situation is much more difficult to handle.

This paper is organized as follows: the definition and description of the random walks and their transition probabilities are given in Sec. II. Section III is devoted to our main results. To be more precise, we establish the strong law of large numbers and the asymptotic normality for both RWI and RWG. The results concerning the RWI are proven in Sec. IV, while their counterparts for the RWG are postponed to Sec. V. All our analysis relies on asymptotic results for multi-dimensional martingales. Finally, Sec. VI contains concluding remarks and perspectives.

II. TWO POSSIBLE STRUCTURES

The two-dimensional hexagonal structure of the graphene was previously considered in Ref. 5 where two different kind of vertices \mathcal{V}_0 and \mathcal{V}_1 are represented in Fig. 1 with white and black circles.

In the sequel, we shall focus our attention on two different types of structures. The first one corresponds to the $1h$ structure of the ice. Sheets are stacked in such a way that the moving particle can always jump from one sheet to another one with small probability, as shown in Fig. 2.

One can observe that a particle located at a white vertex (respectively, black vertex) is only allowed to jump to a white vertex (respectively, black vertex). The set of vertices are denoted once again by \mathcal{V}_0 and \mathcal{V}_1 where for $i = 0, 1$,

$$\mathcal{V}_i = \left\{ \left(a \times \left(i + \frac{3}{2}k \right), a \times \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k + \sqrt{3}l \right), h \times n \right) : k, l, n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\},$$

where a stands for the distance between adjacent vertices located in the same sheet and h stands for the distance between consecutive sheets of the ice. The index $i = 0$ if the vertex is white and the index $i = 1$ if the vertex is black.

The random walk on the ice with $1h$ structure is as follows: At time zero, the particle starts at the origin $S_0 = (0, 0, 0)$. Afterward, at time $n \geq 0$, assume that the position of the particle is given by $S_n = (X_n, Y_n, Z_n)$. Then, the particle can jump to an adjacent sheet with small

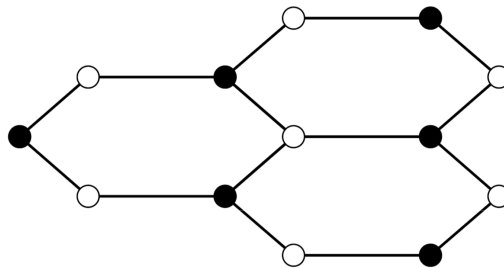


FIG. 1. Hexagonal structure of graphene.

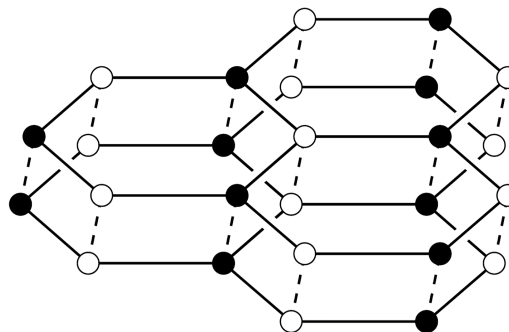


FIG. 2. Ice with $1h$ structure.

probabilities, that is, for $i = 0, 1$ and for all $(x, y, z) \in \mathcal{V}_i$,

$$\mathbb{P} \left[S_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z+h \end{pmatrix} \middle| S_n = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right] = \alpha p, \tag{1}$$

while

$$\mathbb{P} \left[S_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z-h \end{pmatrix} \middle| S_n = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right] = (1-\alpha)p, \tag{2}$$

where $0 \leq p \leq 1$ and $0 < \alpha < 1$, the symmetrical case corresponding to $\alpha = 1/2$. Otherwise, if the particle remains on the same sheet, the transition probabilities are the same as those in Ref. 5, that is, for $i = 0, 1$, for all $(x, y, z) \in \mathcal{V}_i$, and for $j = 0, 1, 2$,

$$\mathbb{P} \left[S_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} x + a \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}j\pi + i\pi\right) \\ y + a \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}j\pi + i\pi\right) \\ z \end{pmatrix} \middle| S_n = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right] = p_{ij}, \tag{3}$$

where for $i = 0, 1$,

$$\sum_{j=0}^2 p_{ij} = 1 - p.$$

The transition probabilities are represented in Fig. 3. More precisely, if the particle is located in a vertex of \mathcal{V}_0 , it can jump to the sheets above or below in a vertex of \mathcal{V}_0 with small probabilities αp and $(1-\alpha)p$, respectively, or it can reach the three adjacent vertices of \mathcal{V}_1 with

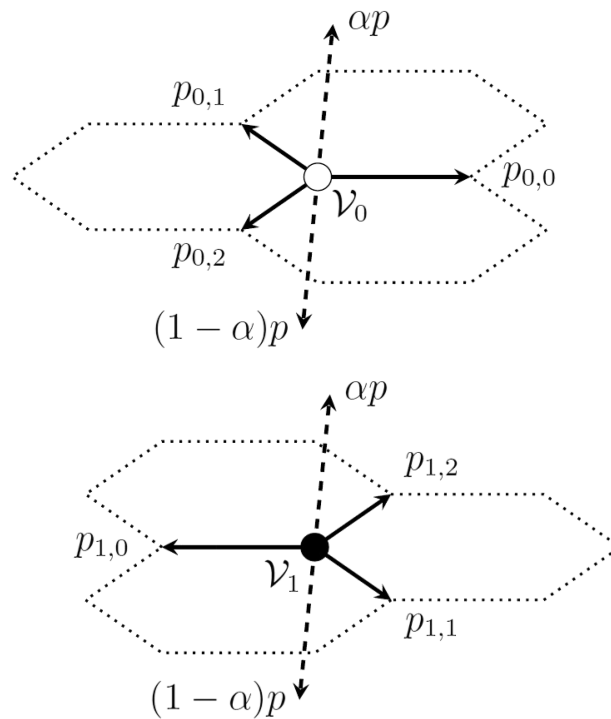


FIG. 3. Transition probabilities for the 1h structure of the ice.

probabilities $p_{0,0}$, $p_{0,1}$, and $p_{0,2}$. By the same token, if the particle is located in a vertex of \mathcal{V}_1 , it can jump to the sheets above or below in a vertex of \mathcal{V}_1 with small probabilities αp and $(1 - \alpha)p$, respectively, or it can reach the three adjacent vertices of \mathcal{V}_0 with probabilities $p_{1,0}$, $p_{1,1}$, and $p_{1,2}$.

A second type of structure we are interested in is the $2h$ structure of the graphite represented in Fig. 4 where a particle located at a white vertex (respectively, black vertex) can only jump to a black vertex (respectively, white vertex). In other words, white vertices (respectively, black vertices) of a given sheet are only connected to black vertices (respectively, white vertices) of the graphite sheets just above or below.

The set of vertices are now denoted by $\mathcal{V}_{0,0}$, $\mathcal{V}_{1,0}$ and $\mathcal{V}_{0,1}$, $\mathcal{V}_{1,1}$ where for $i = 0, 1$ and $j = 0, 1$,

$$\mathcal{V}_{i,j} = \left\{ \left(a \times \left((-1)^{i+1} \mathbb{1}_{j=1} + \frac{3}{2}k \right), a \times \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k + \sqrt{3}\ell \right), h \times (2n + \mathbb{1}_{i \neq j}) \right) \text{ with } k, \ell, n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\},$$

where as before a is the distance between adjacent vertices located in the same sheet and h is the distance between consecutive sheets of graphene. The index $i = 0$ if the vertex is white and $i = 1$ if the vertex is black (which refers to the horizontal local neighborhood), while the index $j = 0$ if the particle can move to an adjacent sheet from this vertex and $j = 1$ otherwise. The main difference with the $1h$ structure of the ice is that here the particle does not always have the possibility to jump to an adjacent sheet.

The random walk on the graphite with the $2h$ structure is as follows: At time zero, the particle starts at the origin $S_0 = (0, 0, 0)$. Afterward, at time $n \geq 0$, assume that the position of the particle is given by $S_n = (X_n, Y_n, Z_n)$. Then, for $i = 0, 1$, if the particle is located in $\mathcal{V}_{i,0}$, it has the possibility to jump to an adjacent sheet with small probabilities, that is, for $i = 0, 1$ and for all $(x, y, z) \in \mathcal{V}_{i,0}$,

$$\mathbb{P} \left[S_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z+h \end{pmatrix} \middle| S_n = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right] = \alpha p, \tag{4}$$

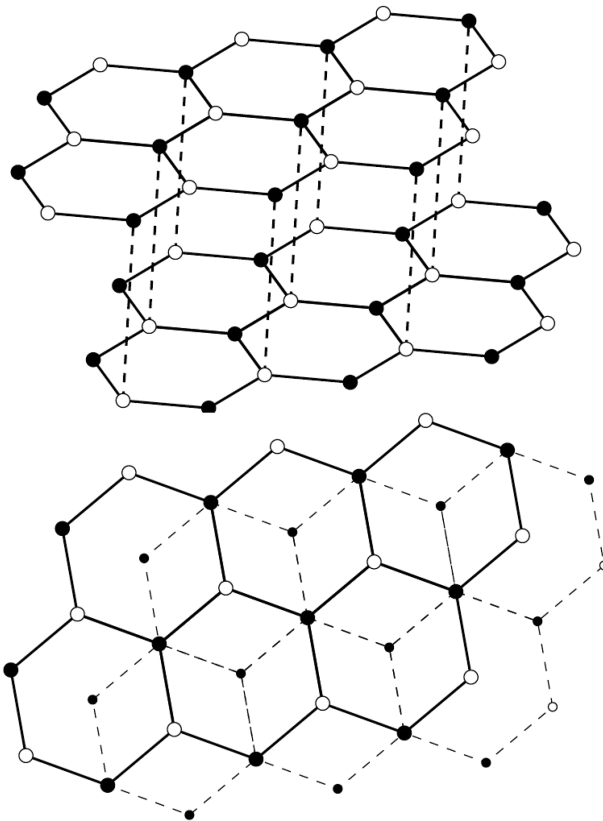


FIG. 4. Graphite with $2h$ structure.

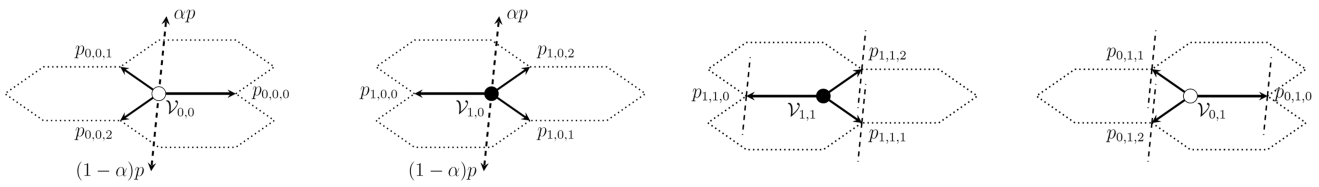


FIG. 5. Transition probabilities for the $2h$ structure of the graphite.

while

$$\mathbb{P} \left[S_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z-h \end{pmatrix} \middle| S_n = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right] = (1-\alpha)p, \quad (5)$$

where $0 \leq p \leq 1$ and $0 < \alpha < 1$, the symmetrical case corresponding to $\alpha = 1/2$. Otherwise, for $i = 0, 1$, if the particle is located in $\mathcal{V}_{i,0}$ and it remains on the same sheet, the transition probabilities are given for all $(x, y, z) \in \mathcal{V}_{i,0}$ and for $k = 0, 1, 2$ by

$$\mathbb{P} \left[S_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} x + a \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}k\pi + i\pi\right) \\ y + a \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}k\pi + i\pi\right) \\ z \end{pmatrix} \middle| S_n = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right] = p_{i,0,k}, \quad (6)$$

where for $i = 0, 1$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^2 p_{i,0,k} = 1 - p.$$

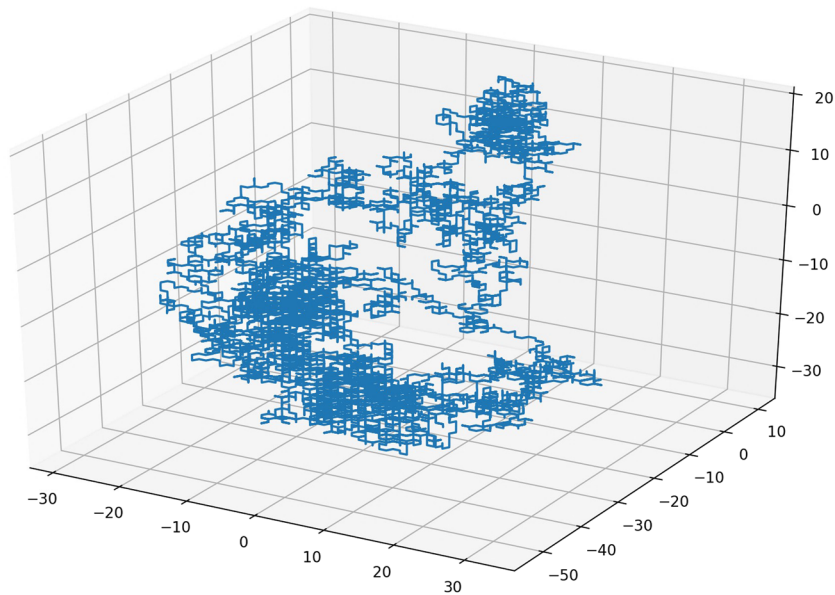


FIG. 6. Trajectory of the three-dimensional RWI.

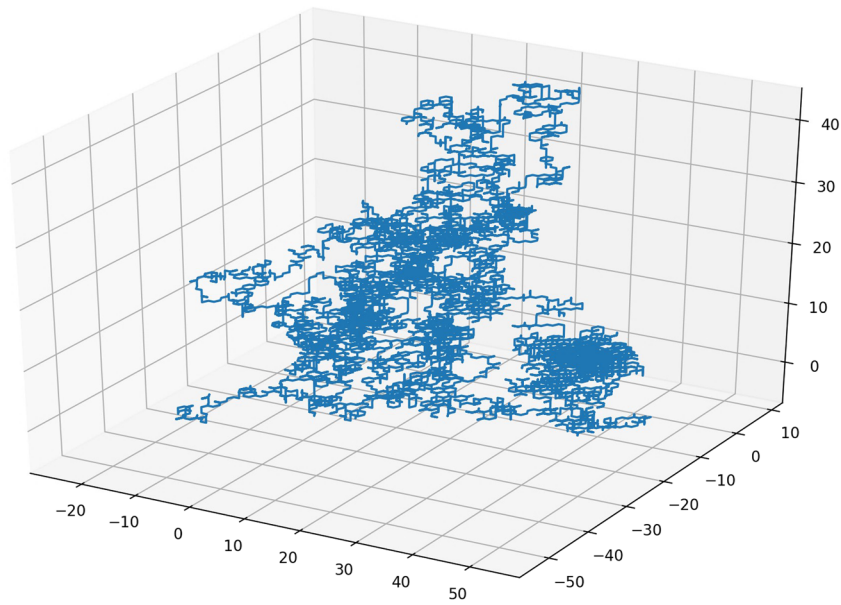


FIG. 7. Trajectory of the three-dimensional RWG.

Finally, for $i = 0, 1$, if the particle is located in $\mathcal{V}_{i,1}$, the transition probabilities are the same as those in (5), that is, for $i = 0, 1$, for all $(x, y, z) \in \mathcal{V}_{i,1}$, and for $k = 0, 1, 2$,

$$\mathbb{P} \left[S_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} x + a \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}k\pi + i\pi\right) \\ y + a \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}k\pi + i\pi\right) \\ z \end{pmatrix} \middle| S_n = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right] = p_{i,1,k},$$

where for $i = 0, 1$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^2 p_{i,1,k} = 1.$$

As it was previously done for the $1h$ structure of the ice, the transition probabilities for the $2h$ structure of the graphite are given in Fig. 5.

The goal of this paper is to investigate the asymptotic behavior of three-dimensional RWI and RWG with this two different type of structures. Figures 6 and 7 shows two trajectories of length $n = 10\,000$ of the RWI and RWG, respectively. The distance a between adjacent vertices and the distance h between consecutive sheets are given by $a = 1$ and $h = 1$, while the probability to jump to an adjacent sheet $p = 1/5$, $\alpha = 1/2$ and the transitions probabilities are given, for $i = 0, 1$ and $j = 0, 1, 2$, by

$$p_{i,j} = \frac{1}{3}(1 - p).$$

III. MAIN RESULTS

Our first result concerns the strong law of large numbers for the random walk on ice structure. Let μ be the mean vector defined by

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{7}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1 &= \frac{3a}{4}(-u_0 + u_1), \\ \mu_2 &= \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{4}(v_0 - v_1), \\ \mu_3 &= hp(2\alpha - 1),\end{aligned}$$

where for $i = 0, 1$, $u_i = p_{i,1} + p_{i,2}$, and $v_i = p_{i,1} - p_{i,2}$.

Theorem III.1. *For the RWI, we have the almost sure convergence*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} S_n = \mu \quad a.s. \tag{8}$$

More precisely,

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} S_n - \mu \right\|^2 = O\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right) \quad a.s. \tag{9}$$

Our second result is devoted to the asymptotic normality for the random walk on the ice structure. For this purpose, denote

$$\sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{1,2} & 0 \\ \sigma_{1,2} & \sigma_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3^2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{10}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1^2 &= a^2 \left(p(1-p) + \frac{3}{8}(3-4p)(u_0 + u_1) - \frac{9}{8}(u_0^2 + u_1^2) \right), \\ \sigma_2^2 &= \frac{3a^2}{8} \left((u_0 + u_1) - (v_0^2 + v_1^2) \right), \\ \sigma_3^2 &= h^2 p(1-p(2\alpha-1)^2), \\ \sigma_{1,2} &= \frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{8} \left((-3+2p)(v_0 + v_1) + 3(u_0v_0 + u_1v_1) \right).\end{aligned}$$

In addition, let

$$\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{11}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1 &= a \left((1-p) - \frac{3}{4}(u_0 + u_1) \right), \\ \theta_2 &= \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{4}(v_0 + v_1).\end{aligned}$$

Theorem III.2. *For the RWI, we have the asymptotic normality*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(S_n - n\mu) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \Gamma), \tag{12}$$

where the covariance matrix Γ is given by $\Gamma = \sigma^2$ if $p = 1$, whereas if $0 \leq p < 1$,

$$\Gamma = \sigma^2 - \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right) \theta \theta^T. \tag{13}$$

Our third result deals with the strong law of large numbers for the random walk on graphite structure. Denote by μ and m the mean vectors

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad m = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{14}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1 &= \frac{3a}{8} (-(u_{0,0} + u_{0,1}) + (u_{1,0} + u_{1,1})), \\ \mu_2 &= \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{8} ((v_{0,0} + v_{0,1}) - (v_{1,0} + v_{1,1})), \\ \mu_3 &= \frac{hp}{2} (2\alpha - 1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &= \frac{3a}{8} (-(u_{0,0} - u_{0,1}) + (u_{1,0} - u_{1,1})), \\ m_2 &= \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{8} ((v_{0,0} - v_{0,1}) - (v_{1,0} - v_{1,1})), \\ m_3 &= \frac{hp}{2} (2\alpha - 1), \end{aligned}$$

where for $i, j = 0, 1$, $u_{i,j} = p_{i,j,1} + p_{i,j,2}$ and $v_{i,j} = p_{i,j,1} - p_{i,j,2}$. For the sake of clarity, we have chosen to keep the same notation for the mean vector μ in both hexagonal structures. We shall also make use of the vectors θ and ρ defined by

$$\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \rho_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{15}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= a \left(\left(1 - \frac{p}{2}\right) - \frac{3}{8} ((u_{0,0} + u_{0,1}) + (u_{1,0} + u_{1,1})) \right), \\ \theta_2 &= \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{8} ((v_{0,0} + v_{0,1}) + (v_{1,0} + v_{1,1})), \\ \rho_1 &= a \left(-\frac{p}{2} - \frac{3}{8} ((u_{0,0} - u_{0,1}) + (u_{1,0} - u_{1,1})) \right), \\ \rho_2 &= \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{8} ((v_{0,0} - v_{0,1}) + (v_{1,0} - v_{1,1})). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem III.3. *For the RWG with $p > 0$, we have the almost sure convergence*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} S_n = \mu + \left(\frac{p}{2-p} \right) m \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{16}$$

More precisely,

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} S_n - \mu - \left(\frac{p}{2-p} \right) m \right\|^2 = O\left(\frac{\log n}{n} \right) \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{17}$$

Remark III.1. *In the special case where $p = 0$, the limiting value in (17) changes to $\mu + \rho$,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} S_n = \mu + \rho \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{18}$$

and

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} S_n - \mu - \rho \right\|^2 = O\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (19)$$

If we denote $u_0 = u_{0,0}$, $u_1 = u_{1,1}$ and $v_0 = v_{0,0}$, $v_1 = v_{1,1}$, one can immediately see that the almost sure convergences and (18) are, of course, the same in the case $p = 0$.

Our fourth result is dedicated to the asymptotic normality for the random walk on the graphene. To this end, let

$$\zeta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ hp(2\alpha - 1) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (20)$$

Moreover, denote

$$\sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{1,2} & \sigma_{1,3} \\ \sigma_{1,2} & \sigma_2^2 & \sigma_{2,3} \\ \sigma_{1,3} & \sigma_{2,3} & \sigma_3^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 & \gamma_4 & \gamma_6 \\ \gamma_4 & \gamma_2 & \gamma_5 \\ \gamma_6 & \gamma_5 & \gamma_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (21)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1^2 &= \frac{a^2}{4} \left(2p(1-p) + \frac{9}{4}(s_{0,0} + s_{1,0} + s_{0,1} + s_{1,1}) - 3p(u_{0,0} + u_{1,0}) \right), \\ \sigma_2^2 &= \frac{3a^2}{16} \left((u_{0,0} + u_{1,0} + u_{0,1} + u_{1,1}) - (v_{0,0}^2 + v_{1,0}^2 + v_{0,1}^2 + v_{1,1}^2) \right), \\ \sigma_3^2 &= \frac{h^2 p}{2} (1 - p(2\alpha - 1)^2), \\ \sigma_{1,2} &= \frac{a^2 \sqrt{3}}{16} (3(t_{0,0} + t_{1,0} + t_{0,1} + t_{1,1}) + 2p(v_{0,0} + v_{1,0})), \\ \sigma_{2,3} &= \frac{-ah\sqrt{3}}{8} (p(2\alpha - 1)(v_{0,0} + v_{1,0})), \\ \sigma_{1,3} &= \frac{ah}{8} (-4p(1-p)(2\alpha - 1) + 3p(2\alpha - 1)(u_{0,0} + u_{1,0})) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &= \frac{a^2}{4} \left(2p(1-p) + \frac{9}{4}(s_{0,0} + s_{1,0} - s_{0,1} - s_{1,1}) - 3p(u_{0,0} + u_{1,0}) \right), \\ \gamma_2 &= \frac{3a^2}{16} \left((u_{0,0} + u_{1,0} - u_{0,1} - u_{1,1}) - (v_{0,0}^2 + v_{1,0}^2 - v_{0,1}^2 - v_{1,1}^2) \right), \\ \gamma_3 &= \frac{h^2 p}{2} (1 - p(2\alpha - 1)^2), \\ \gamma_4 &= \frac{a^2 \sqrt{3}}{16} (3(t_{0,0} + t_{1,0} - t_{0,1} - t_{1,1}) + 2p(v_{0,0} + v_{1,0})), \\ \gamma_5 &= \frac{-ah\sqrt{3}}{8} (p(2\alpha - 1)(v_{0,0} + v_{1,0})), \\ \gamma_6 &= \frac{ah}{8} (-4p(1-p)(2\alpha - 1) + 3p(2\alpha - 1)(u_{0,0} + u_{1,0})), \end{aligned}$$

with for all $i = 0, 1$ and $j = 0, 1$, $s_{i,j} = u_{i,j}(1 - u_{i,j})$ and $t_{i,j} = v_{i,j}(u_{i,j} - 1)$.

Theorem III.4. For the RWG with $p > 0$, we have the asymptotic normality

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(S_n - n\mu - n \left(\frac{p}{2-p} \right) m \right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \Gamma), \quad (22)$$

where the covariance matrix Γ is given by

$$\Gamma = \sigma^2 + \frac{p}{2-p} \gamma + \frac{2}{(2-p)^2} \left((\zeta - p\mu)m^T + m(\zeta - p\mu)^T \right) - \frac{4p}{(2-p)^3} mm^T + \frac{2}{2-p} (\theta\rho^T + \rho\theta^T) + \frac{4}{p(2-p)} \rho\rho^T. \quad (23)$$

Remark III.2. In the special case where $p = 0$, we find that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (S_n - n(\mu + \rho)) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 + \delta), \quad (24)$$

where the matrix δ is defined in (61). One can also observe that the asymptotic variances in (12) and (24) coincide in the case $p = 0$.

IV. PROOFS FOR THE RWI

Proof of Theorem III.1. In order to prove the almost sure convergence (8), denote by (ξ_n) the increments of the RWI. Then, the position of the RWI is given, for all $n \geq 0$, by

$$S_{n+1} = S_n + \xi_{n+1} = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \xi_k, \quad (25)$$

where

$$\xi_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} X_{n+1} - X_n \\ Y_{n+1} - Y_n \\ Z_{n+1} - Z_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let (\mathcal{F}_n) be the natural filtration associated with the RWI, that is, $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$. We have for all $n \geq 0$, $\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] = \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | S_n \in \mathcal{V}_0] \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_0} + \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | S_n \in \mathcal{V}_1] \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_1}$. Hence, it follows from (1)–(3) that

$$\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] = \begin{pmatrix} a \left(p_{0,0} - \frac{1}{2}(p_{0,1} + p_{0,2}) \right) \\ \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2} (p_{0,1} - p_{0,2}) \\ hp(2\alpha - 1) \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_0} + \begin{pmatrix} a \left(-p_{1,0} + \frac{1}{2}(p_{1,1} + p_{1,2}) \right) \\ \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2} (p_{1,2} - p_{1,1}) \\ hp(2\alpha - 1) \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_1}.$$

For $i = 0, 1$, denote $u_i = p_{i,1} + p_{i,2}$ and $v_i = p_{i,1} - p_{i,2}$. We clearly have for $i = 0, 1$, $p_{i,0} = 1 - p - u_i$. Consequently, $\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n]$ reduces to

$$\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] = (\mu + \theta) \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_0} + (\mu - \theta) \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_1} = \mu + \theta \varepsilon_n, \quad (26)$$

where ε_n stands for the random variable,

$$\varepsilon_n = \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_0} - \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_1} \quad (27)$$

and the vectors μ and θ are given by (7) and (11). Moreover, we have for all $n \geq 0$, $\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \xi_{n+1}^T | \mathcal{F}_n] = \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \xi_{n+1}^T | S_n \in \mathcal{V}_0] \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_0} + \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \xi_{n+1}^T | S_n \in \mathcal{V}_1] \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_1}$. We obtain once again from (1)–(3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \xi_{n+1}^T | \mathcal{F}_n] &= \begin{pmatrix} a^2 \left(p_{0,0} + \frac{1}{4}(p_{0,1} + p_{0,2}) \right) & -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4} (p_{0,1} - p_{0,2}) & 0 \\ -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4} (p_{0,1} - p_{0,2}) & \frac{3a^2}{4} (p_{0,1} + p_{0,2}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h^2 p \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_0} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} a^2 \left(p_{1,0} + \frac{1}{4}(p_{1,1} + p_{1,2}) \right) & -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4} (p_{1,1} - p_{1,2}) & 0 \\ -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4} (p_{1,1} - p_{1,2}) & \frac{3a^2}{4} (p_{1,1} + p_{1,2}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h^2 p \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_1}. \end{aligned}$$

It implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1}\xi_{n+1}^T|\mathcal{F}_n] &= (\sigma^2 + \nu + (\mu + \theta)(\mu + \theta)^T)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}'_0} + (\sigma^2 - \nu + (\mu - \theta)(\mu - \theta)^T)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}'_1}, \\ &= (\sigma^2 + \mu\mu^T + \theta\theta^T) + (\nu + \mu\theta^T + \theta\mu^T)\varepsilon_n, \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

where the covariance matrix σ^2 and the random variable ε_n are, respectively, given by (10) and (27), while the deterministic matrix ν is defined by

$$\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 & \nu_3 & 0 \\ \nu_3 & \nu_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_1 &= \frac{3a^2}{8}(u_0 - u_1)(3 - 4p - 3(u_0 + u_1)), \\ \nu_2 &= \frac{3a^2}{8}(u_0 - u_1 - \nu_0^2 + \nu_1^2), \\ \nu_3 &= \frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{8}((-3 + 2p)(\nu_0 - \nu_1) + 3(u_0\nu_0 - u_1\nu_1)). \end{aligned}$$

Hereafter, we have the martingale decomposition

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (\xi_k - \mathbb{E}[\xi_k|\mathcal{F}_{k-1}]) + \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\xi_k|\mathcal{F}_{k-1}] = M_n + R_n, \tag{29}$$

where (M_n) is the locally square integrable martingale given by

$$M_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (\xi_k - \mathbb{E}[\xi_k|\mathcal{F}_{k-1}]) \tag{30}$$

and the centering term

$$R_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\xi_k|\mathcal{F}_{k-1}]. \tag{31}$$

The predictable quadratic variation⁸ associated with (M_n) is the random matrix given, for all $n \geq 1$, by

$$\langle M \rangle_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\mathbb{E}[\xi_k\xi_k^T|\mathcal{F}_{k-1}] - \mathbb{E}[\xi_k|\mathcal{F}_{k-1}]\mathbb{E}[\xi_k|\mathcal{F}_{k-1}]^T \right).$$

It follows from (26) and (28) that

$$\langle M \rangle_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left((\sigma^2 + \mu\mu^T + \theta\theta^T) + (\nu + \mu\theta^T + \theta\mu^T)\varepsilon_{k-1} - (\mu + \theta\varepsilon_{k-1})(\mu + \theta\varepsilon_{k-1})^T \right),$$

which reduces to

$$\langle M \rangle_n = n\sigma^2 + I_{n-1}\nu, \tag{32}$$

where

$$I_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \varepsilon_k.$$

Furthermore, we clearly have for all $n \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n] &= \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_{n+1}|S_n \in \mathcal{V}'_0]\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}'_0} + \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_{n+1}|S_n \in \mathcal{V}'_1]\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}'_1}, \\ &= (2p - 1)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}'_0} + (1 - 2p)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}'_1}, \\ &= (2p - 1)\varepsilon_n. \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Consequently, we obtain the second martingale decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \sum_{k=0}^n \varepsilon_k = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n (\varepsilon_k - \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}]) + \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}] \\ &= 1 + N_n + \sum_{k=1}^n (2p - 1)\varepsilon_{k-1} = 1 + N_n + (2p - 1)I_{n-1}, \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

where N_n is the locally square integrable martingale given by

$$N_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (\varepsilon_k - \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}]). \tag{35}$$

We deduce from (33) that the predictable quadratic variation associated with (N_n) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle N \rangle_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_k^2 | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}] - \mathbb{E}^2[\varepsilon_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}]) \\ &= n - \sum_{k=1}^n (2p - 1)^2 \varepsilon_{k-1}^2 = 4p(1 - p)n. \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Therefore, we immediately obtain that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle N \rangle_n = 4p(1 - p) \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{37}$$

One can also observe that the increments of the martingale (N_n) are bounded by 2. Hence, by virtue of the strong law of large numbers for martingales,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} N_n = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{38}$$

More precisely, it follows from the last part of Theorem 1.3.24 in (8) that

$$N_n^2 = O(n \log n) \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{39}$$

However, we infer from (34) together with the definition of I_n that

$$2(1 - p)I_n = 1 + N_n - (2p - 1)\varepsilon_n.$$

Consequently, if $p < 1$, we obtain from (38) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} I_n = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{40}$$

In addition, (39) clearly leads to

$$I_n^2 = O(n \log n) \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{41}$$

Then, we find from (32) together with (40) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle M \rangle_n = \sigma^2 \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{42}$$

In the special case where $p = 1$, we easily see that $\theta = 0$ and $\nu = 0$, and thus, (42) still holds. Therefore, in both cases, we obtain from the strong law of large numbers for martingales that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} M_n = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{43}$$

More precisely, one can observe that the increments of (M_n) are almost surely bounded. Hence, by examining each component of the martingale (M_n) , it follows once again from the last part of Theorem 1.3.24 in (8) that

$$\|M_n\|^2 = O(n \log n) \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{44}$$

The centering term R_n is much more easy to handle. As a matter of fact, we have from (26) and (31) that $R_n = n\mu + I_{n-1}\theta$. Then, (29) implies that

$$S_n = M_n + n\mu + I_{n-1}\theta. \tag{45}$$

Finally, if $p < 1$, we immediately deduce from (45) together with (43) and (40) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} S_n = \mu \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (46)$$

More precisely, (39) together with (41) ensure that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} S_n - \mu \right\|^2 = O\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right) \quad \text{a.s.}, \quad (47)$$

which completes the proof of Theorem III.1. □

Proof of Theorem III.2. The proof of Theorem III.2 relies on the central limit theorem for multi-dimensional martingales given, e.g., by Corollary 2.1.10 in (8). In the special case where $p = 1$, we clearly have $\theta = 0$ and $\nu = 0$, which implies from (32) that $\langle M \rangle_n = n\sigma^2$, and the asymptotic normality trivially holds as

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(S_n - n\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}M_n.$$

Hereafter, we assume that the parameter $0 \leq p < 1$. Let (\mathcal{M}_n) be the martingale with values in \mathbb{R}^4 , given by

$$\mathcal{M}_n = \begin{pmatrix} M_n \\ N_n \end{pmatrix},$$

where M_n and N_n were previously defined in (30) and (35), respectively. Its predictable quadratic variation $\langle \mathcal{M} \rangle_n$ can be split into four terms as

$$\langle \mathcal{M} \rangle_n = \begin{pmatrix} \langle M \rangle_n & \langle C \rangle_n \\ \langle C \rangle_n^T & \langle N \rangle_n \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\langle M \rangle_n$ and $\langle N \rangle_n$ have been previously calculated in (32) and (36), while

$$\langle C \rangle_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbb{E}[\xi_k \varepsilon_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}] - \mathbb{E}[\xi_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}] \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}]).$$

As before, we have for all $n \geq 0$, $\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \varepsilon_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] = \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \varepsilon_{n+1} | S_n \in \mathcal{V}_0] \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_0} + \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \varepsilon_{n+1} | S_n \in \mathcal{V}_1] \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_1}$. Hence, we get from (1)–(3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \varepsilon_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] &= \sum_{i,j=0}^1 (-1)^i \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \mathbb{1}_{S_{n+1} \in \mathcal{V}_i} | S_n \in \mathcal{V}_j] \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_j}, \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^1 (-1)^j \left(2\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \mathbb{1}_{S_{n+1} \in \mathcal{V}_j} | S_n \in \mathcal{V}_j] \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_j} - \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | S_n \in \mathcal{V}_j] \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_j} \right). \end{aligned}$$

It clearly leads to

$$\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \varepsilon_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] = (2\zeta - \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n]) \varepsilon_n, \quad (48)$$

where

$$\zeta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ hp(2\alpha - 1) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, we deduce from (26), (33), and (48) that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle C \rangle_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n ((2\zeta - \mathbb{E}[\xi_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}])\varepsilon_{k-1} - \mathbb{E}[\xi_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}](2p - 1)\varepsilon_{k-1}), \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n ((2\zeta - \mu - \theta\varepsilon_{k-1})\varepsilon_{k-1} - (2p - 1)(\mu + \theta\varepsilon_{k-1})\varepsilon_{k-1}), \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n (2(\zeta - p\mu)\varepsilon_{k-1} - 2p\theta\varepsilon_{k-1}^2), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\langle C \rangle_n = -2np\theta + 2(\zeta - p\mu)I_{n-1}.$$

Consequently, we immediately obtain from (40) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle C \rangle_n = -2p\theta \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (49)$$

Hence, it follows from the conjunction of (37), (42), and (49) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle \mathcal{M} \rangle_n = \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & -2p\theta \\ -2p\theta^T & 4p(1-p) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (50)$$

In addition, we already saw that the increments of the martingale (\mathcal{M}_n) are almost surely bounded, which ensures that Lindeberg's condition is satisfied. Hence, we deduce from Corollary 2.1.10 in (8) the asymptotic normality

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \mathcal{M}_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \Lambda). \quad (51)$$

Since $p \neq 1$, we get from (34) that $I_n = 1 + N_n + (2p - 1)I_{n-1}$, which implies that $I_{n-1} + \varepsilon_n = 1 + N_n + (2p - 1)I_{n-1}$, leading to

$$I_{n-1} = \frac{1 + N_n - \varepsilon_n}{2(1-p)}.$$

Consequently, we have from (45) that

$$S_n - n\mu = M_n + I_{n-1}\theta = M_n + N_n\theta_p + (1 - \varepsilon_n)\theta_p, \quad (52)$$

where

$$\theta_p = \frac{1}{2(1-p)}\theta.$$

The rest of the proof relies on identity (52) together with the well-known Cramér–Wold theorem given, e.g., by Theorem 29.4 in (2). We clearly obtain from (52) that for all $u \in \mathbb{R}^3$,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} u^T (S_n - n\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} v^T \mathcal{M}_n + \frac{(1 - \varepsilon_n)}{\sqrt{n}} u^T \theta_p, \quad (53)$$

where

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \theta_p^T u \end{pmatrix}.$$

On the one hand, it follows from (51) that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} v^T \mathcal{M}_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, v^T \Lambda v). \quad (54)$$

On the other hand, as $(1 - \varepsilon_n) \in \{0, 2\}$, we immediately have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1 - \varepsilon_n)}{\sqrt{n}} = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (55)$$

Consequently, we deduce from (53) together with (54) and (55) that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}u^T(S_n - n\mu) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, v^T \Lambda v). \tag{56}$$

However, we can easily see from (50) that

$$v^T \Lambda v = u^T \sigma^2 u - 4pu^T \theta \theta^T u + 4p(1-p)u^T \theta_p \theta_p^T u = u^T \Gamma u,$$

where

$$\Gamma = \sigma^2 - 4p\theta\theta_p^T + 4p(1-p)\theta_p\theta_p^T = \sigma^2 - \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)\theta\theta^T.$$

Finally, we find from (56) and the Cramér–Wold theorem that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(S_n - n\mu) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \Gamma), \tag{57}$$

which completes the proof of Theorem III.2. □

V. PROOFS FOR THE RWG

Proof of Theorem III.3. As in the proof of Theorem III.1, denote by (ξ_n) the increments of the RWG. Then, the position of the RWG is given, for all $n \geq 0$, by

$$S_{n+1} = S_n + \xi_{n+1}, \tag{58}$$

where

$$\xi_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} X_{n+1} - X_n \\ Y_{n+1} - Y_n \\ Z_{n+1} - Z_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let (\mathcal{F}_n) be the natural filtration associated with the RWG, that is, $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$. We have for all $n \geq 0$,

$$\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] = \sum_{i=0}^1 \sum_{j=0}^1 \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{ij}] \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{ij}}.$$

For $i, j = 0, 1$, denote $u_{ij} = p_{i,j,1} + p_{i,j,2}$ and $v_{ij} = p_{i,j,1} - p_{i,j,2}$. Hence, it follows from (4)–(6) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] &= \begin{pmatrix} a\left((1-p) - \frac{3}{2}u_{0,0}\right) \\ \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2}v_{0,0} \\ hp(2\alpha - 1) \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0}} + \begin{pmatrix} a\left(- (1-p) + \frac{3}{2}u_{1,0}\right) \\ -\frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2}v_{1,0} \\ hp(2\alpha - 1) \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,0}} + \begin{pmatrix} a\left(1 - \frac{3}{2}u_{0,1}\right) \\ \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2}v_{0,1} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,1}} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} a\left(-1 + \frac{3}{2}u_{1,1}\right) \\ -\frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2}v_{1,1} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,1}}. \end{aligned}$$

This time, it is necessary to introduce three random variables to discriminate the different vertices. More precisely, let

$$\begin{aligned} i_n &= \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0} \cup \mathcal{V}_{0,1}} - \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,0} \cup \mathcal{V}_{1,1}}, \\ j_n &= \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0} \cup \mathcal{V}_{1,0}} - \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,1} \cup \mathcal{V}_{1,1}}, \\ k_n &= \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0} \cup \mathcal{V}_{1,1}} - \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,1} \cup \mathcal{V}_{1,0}}. \end{aligned}$$

The variable i_n keeps track of the local horizontal geometry, while j_n depends on whether or not the particle can jump vertically and k_n only depends on the altitude of the particle. Then, $\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n]$ reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n] &= (\mu + \theta + m + \rho)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0}} + (\mu - \theta + m - \rho)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,0}} + (\mu + \theta - m - \rho)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,1}} + (\mu - \theta - m + \rho)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,1}}, \\ &= \mu + \theta i_n + m j_n + \rho k_n, \end{aligned} \tag{59}$$

where the vectors μ , m and θ , ρ are previously defined in (14) and (15) Moreover, we also have for all $n \geq 0$,

$$\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1}\xi_{n+1}^T|\mathcal{F}_n] = \sum_{i=0}^1 \sum_{j=0}^1 \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1}\xi_{n+1}^T|S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{i,j}]\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{i,j}}.$$

Hence, we obtain once again from (4)–(6) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1}\xi_{n+1}^T|\mathcal{F}_n] &= \begin{pmatrix} a^2\left((1-p) - \frac{3}{4}u_{0,0}\right) & -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4}v_{0,0} & 0 \\ -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4}v_{0,0} & \frac{3a^2}{4}u_{0,0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h^2p \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0}} + \begin{pmatrix} a^2\left((1-p) - \frac{3}{4}u_{1,0}\right) & -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4}v_{1,0} & 0 \\ -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4}v_{1,0} & \frac{3a^2}{4}u_{1,0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h^2p \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,0}} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} a^2\left(1 - \frac{3}{4}u_{0,1}\right) & -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4}v_{0,1} & 0 \\ -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4}v_{0,1} & \frac{3a^2}{4}u_{0,1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,1}} + \begin{pmatrix} a^2\left(1 - \frac{3}{4}u_{1,1}\right) & -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4}v_{1,1} & 0 \\ -\frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{4}v_{1,1} & \frac{3a^2}{4}u_{1,1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,1}}. \end{aligned}$$

It implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1}\xi_{n+1}^T|\mathcal{F}_n] &= \left(\sigma^2 + \nu + \gamma + \delta + (\mu + \theta + m + \rho)(\mu + \theta + m + \rho)^T\right)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0}} \\ &+ \left(\sigma^2 - \nu + \gamma - \delta + (\mu - \theta + m - \rho)(\mu - \theta + m - \rho)^T\right)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,0}} \\ &+ \left(\sigma^2 + \nu - \gamma - \delta + (\mu + \theta - m - \rho)(\mu + \theta - m - \rho)^T\right)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,1}} \\ &+ \left(\sigma^2 - \nu - \gamma + \delta + (\mu - \theta - m + \rho)(\mu - \theta - m + \rho)^T\right)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,1}}, \\ &= \left(\sigma^2 + \mu\mu^T + \theta\theta^T + mm^T + \rho\rho^T\right) + \left(\nu + \mu\theta^T + \theta\mu^T + m\rho^T + \rho m^T\right)i_n \\ &+ \left(\gamma + \mu m^T + m\mu^T + \theta\rho^T + \rho\theta^T\right)j_n + \left(\delta + \mu\rho^T + \rho\mu^T + \theta m^T + m\theta^T\right)k_n, \end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

where the matrices σ^2 and γ are given by (21), while the matrices ν and δ are defined by

$$\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 & \nu_4 & \nu_6 \\ \nu_4 & \nu_2 & \nu_5 \\ \nu_6 & \nu_5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 & \delta_4 & \delta_6 \\ \delta_4 & \delta_2 & \delta_5 \\ \delta_6 & \delta_5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{61}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_1 &= \frac{a^2}{4} \left(\frac{9}{4}(s_{0,0} - s_{1,0} + s_{0,1} - s_{1,1}) - 3p(u_{0,0} - u_{1,0}) \right), \\ \nu_2 &= \frac{3a^2}{16} \left((u_{0,0} - u_{1,0} + u_{0,1} - u_{1,1}) - (v_{0,0}^2 - v_{1,0}^2 + v_{0,1}^2 - v_{1,1}^2) \right), \\ \nu_4 &= \frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{16} (3(t_{0,0} - t_{1,0} + t_{0,1} - t_{1,1}) + 2p(v_{0,0} - v_{1,0})), \\ \nu_5 &= \frac{-ah\sqrt{3}}{8} (p(2\alpha - 1)(v_{0,0} - v_{1,0})), \\ \nu_6 &= \frac{ah}{8} (3p(2\alpha - 1)(u_{0,0} - u_{1,0})) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1 &= \frac{a^2}{4} \left(\frac{9}{4} (s_{0,0} - s_{1,0} - s_{0,1} + s_{1,1}) - 3p(u_{0,0} - u_{1,0}) \right), \\ \delta_2 &= \frac{3a^2}{16} \left((u_{0,0} - u_{1,0} - u_{0,1} + u_{1,1}) - (v_{0,0}^2 - v_{1,0}^2 - v_{0,1}^2 + v_{1,1}^2) \right), \\ \delta_4 &= \frac{a^2\sqrt{3}}{16} (3(t_{0,0} - t_{1,0} - t_{0,1} + t_{1,1}) + 2p(v_{0,0} - v_{1,0})), \\ \delta_5 &= \frac{-ah\sqrt{3}}{8} (p(2\alpha - 1)(v_{0,0} - v_{1,0})), \\ \delta_6 &= \frac{ah}{8} (3p(2\alpha - 1)(u_{0,0} - u_{1,0})), \end{aligned}$$

where for all $i = 0, 1$ and $j = 0, 1$, $s_{i,j} = u_{i,j}(1 - u_{i,j})$ and $t_{i,j} = v_{i,j}(u_{i,j} - 1)$. Therefore, we have the martingale decomposition

$$S_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^n (\xi_\ell - \mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]) + \sum_{\ell=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}] = M_n + R_n, \tag{62}$$

where (M_n) is the locally square integrable martingale given by

$$M_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^n (\xi_\ell - \mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]) \tag{63}$$

and the centering term

$$R_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}].$$

The predictable quadratic variation associated with (M_n) is given by

$$\langle M \rangle_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \left(\mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell \xi_\ell^T | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}] - \mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}] \mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]^T \right).$$

We infer from (59) and (60) that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle M \rangle_n &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n \left((\sigma^2 + \mu\mu^T + \theta\theta^T + m m^T + \rho\rho^T) + (v + \mu\theta^T + \theta\mu^T + m\rho^T + \rho m^T) i_{\ell-1} + (\gamma + \mu m^T + m\mu^T + \theta\rho^T + \rho\theta^T) j_{\ell-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\delta + \mu\rho^T + \rho\mu^T + \theta m^T + m\theta^T) k_{\ell-1} - (\mu + \theta i_{\ell-1} + m j_{\ell-1} + \rho k_{\ell-1}) (\mu + \theta i_{\ell-1} + m j_{\ell-1} + \rho k_{\ell-1})^T \right). \end{aligned}$$

However, it is not hard to see that for all $n \geq 0$, $i_n^2 = 1$, $j_n^2 = 1$, $k_n^2 = 1$ as well as $i_n j_n = k_n$, $j_n k_n = i_n$, and $i_n k_n = j_n$. Consequently,

$$\langle M \rangle_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^n (\sigma^2 + v i_{\ell-1} + \gamma j_{\ell-1} + \delta k_{\ell-1}),$$

which reduces to

$$\langle M \rangle_n = n\sigma^2 + I_{n-1}v + J_{n-1}\gamma + K_{n-1}\delta, \tag{64}$$

where

$$I_n = \sum_{\ell=0}^n i_\ell, \quad J_n = \sum_{\ell=0}^n j_\ell, \quad K_n = \sum_{\ell=0}^n k_\ell.$$

Furthermore, we clearly have by construction that for all $n \geq 0$, $i_n = (-1)^n$, which implies that

$$I_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \tag{65}$$

In addition, we also have from (4)–(6) that for all $n \geq 0$,

$$\mathbb{E}[j_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n] = (2p - 1)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0}} + (2p - 1)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,0}} + \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,1}} + \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,1}} \quad (66)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2p(\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0}} + \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,0}}) - j_n \\ &= p - (1 - p)j_n. \end{aligned} \quad (67)$$

In a similar way, we have for all $n \geq 0$,

$$\mathbb{E}[k_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n] = (1 - 2p)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0}} + (2p - 1)\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,0}} - \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,1}} + \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,1}} \quad (68)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -2p(\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0}} - \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,0}}) + k_n \\ &= (1 - p)k_n - pi_n. \end{aligned} \quad (69)$$

Consequently, we obtain two more martingale decompositions

$$\begin{aligned} J_n &= \sum_{\ell=0}^n j_\ell = 1 + \sum_{\ell=1}^n (j_\ell - \mathbb{E}[j_\ell|\mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]) + \sum_{\ell=1}^n \mathbb{E}[j_\ell|\mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}] \\ &= 1 + N_n^J + \sum_{\ell=1}^n (p - (1 - p)j_{\ell-1}) \\ &= 1 + N_n^J + np - (1 - p)J_{n-1}, \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_n &= \sum_{\ell=0}^n k_\ell = 1 + \sum_{\ell=1}^n (k_\ell - \mathbb{E}[k_\ell|\mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]) + \sum_{\ell=1}^n \mathbb{E}[k_\ell|\mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}] \\ &= 1 + N_n^K + \sum_{\ell=1}^n ((1 - p)k_{\ell-1} - pi_{\ell-1}) \\ &= 1 + N_n^K + (1 - p)K_{n-1} - pI_{n-1}, \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

where N_n^J and N_n^K are the locally square integrable martingales given by

$$N_n^J = \sum_{\ell=1}^n (j_\ell - \mathbb{E}[j_\ell|\mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]), \quad (72)$$

$$N_n^K = \sum_{\ell=1}^n (k_\ell - \mathbb{E}[k_\ell|\mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]). \quad (73)$$

We already saw that for all $n \geq 0$, $i_n^2 = 1$, $j_n^2 = 1$, $k_n^2 = 1$, and $i_n k_n = j_n$. Hence, we have from (67) and (69) that the predictable quadratic variations associated with (N_n^J) and (N_n^K) are, respectively, given by

$$\langle N^J \rangle_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^n (2p(1 - p)(1 + j_{\ell-1})) = 2p(1 - p)(n + J_{n-1}), \quad (74)$$

$$\langle N^K \rangle_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^n (2p(1 - p)(1 + i_{\ell-1}k_{\ell-1})) = 2p(1 - p)(n + J_{n-1}). \quad (75)$$

It clearly ensures that $\langle N^J \rangle_n$ and $\langle N^K \rangle_n$ are both bounded by $4np(1 - p)$ almost surely, which immediately implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} N_n^J = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} N_n^K = 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

However, we have from (70) and (71) that

$$\begin{aligned} (2 - p)J_n &= 1 + N_n^J + np - (1 - p)j_n, \\ pK_n &= 1 + N_n^K - (1 - p)k_n - pI_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

It allows us to deduce that in the case $p > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} I_n = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} J_n = \frac{p}{2-p}, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} K_n = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (76)$$

Therefore, it follows from the conjunction (74)–(76) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle N^J \rangle_n = \frac{4p(1-p)}{2-p}, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle N^K \rangle_n = \frac{4p(1-p)}{2-p} \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (77)$$

One can also observe that the increments of the martingales (N_n^J) and (N_n^K) are bounded by 2. Hence, the strong law of large numbers for martingales given in the last part of Theorem 1.3.24 in (8) implies that

$$(N_n^J)^2 = O(n \log n) \quad \text{a.s.}, \quad (78)$$

which ensures that

$$\left(\frac{J_n}{n} - \frac{p}{2-p} \right)^2 = O\left(\frac{\log n}{n} \right) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (79)$$

In addition, we also have

$$(N_n^K)^2 = O(n \log n) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (80)$$

Hereafter, we find from (64) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle M \rangle_n = \sigma^2 + \left(\frac{p}{2-p} \right) \gamma \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (81)$$

Consequently, we obtain from the strong law of large numbers for martingales that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} M_n = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (82)$$

More precisely, by examining each component of the martingale (M_n) , it follows from the last part of Theorem 1.3.24 in (8) that

$$\|M_n\|^2 = O(n \log n) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (83)$$

As in the proof of Theorem III.1, R_n is much more easy to handle. It follows from (59) that $R_n = n\mu + I_{n-1}\theta + J_{n-1}m + K_{n-1}\rho$. Then, we infer from (62) that

$$S_n = M_n + n\mu + I_{n-1}\theta + J_{n-1}m + K_{n-1}\rho. \quad (84)$$

Finally, we immediately deduce from (84) together with (76) and (82) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} S_n = \mu + \left(\frac{p}{2-p} \right) m \quad \text{a.s.}$$

More precisely, we find from (79) and (83) that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} S_n - \mu - \left(\frac{p}{2-p} \right) m \right\|^2 = O\left(\frac{\log n}{n} \right) \quad \text{a.s.}, \quad (85)$$

which achieves the proof of Theorem III.3 when $p > 0$. In the special case where $p = 0$, we have $J_n = I_n$ and $K_n = n$ for every $n \geq 1$. Thus, (76) changes to

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} I_n = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} J_n = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} K_n = 1 \quad \text{a.s.}, \quad (86)$$

which implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle M \rangle_n = \sigma^2 + \delta \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (87)$$

Therefore (82) and (83) still hold, and we get from (82), (84), and (86) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} S_n = \mu + \rho \quad \text{a.s.}$$

More precisely,

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} S_n - \mu - \rho \right\|^2 = O\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right) \quad \text{a.s.,}$$

which achieves the proof in the special case $p = 0$. □

Proof of Theorem III.4. We shall once again make use of the central limit theorem for multi-dimensional martingales given, e.g., by Corollary 2.1.10 in (8). In the special case where $p = 0$, we obtain with (87) that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} M_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 + \delta),$$

and we immediately get from (84) that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (S_n - n(\mu + \rho)) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 + \delta). \tag{88}$$

Hereafter, we assume that the parameter $p > 0$. Let (\mathcal{M}_n) be the martingale with values in \mathbb{R}^5 , given by

$$\mathcal{M}_n = \begin{pmatrix} M_n \\ N_n^J \\ N_n^K \end{pmatrix},$$

where M_n, N_n^J , and N_n^K were previously defined in (63), (72), and (73). Its predictable quadratic variation $\langle \mathcal{M} \rangle_n$ can be split into nine terms as

$$\langle \mathcal{M} \rangle_n = \begin{pmatrix} \langle M \rangle_n & \langle C \rangle_n & \langle E \rangle_n \\ \langle C \rangle_n^T & \langle N^J \rangle_n & \langle D \rangle_n \\ \langle E \rangle_n^T & \langle D \rangle_n & \langle N^K \rangle_n \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\langle M \rangle_n, \langle N^J \rangle_n$, and $\langle N^K \rangle_n$ have been previously calculated in (64), (74), and (75), while

$$\begin{aligned} \langle C \rangle_n &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n (\mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell j_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}] - \mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}] \mathbb{E}[j_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]), \\ \langle D \rangle_n &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n (\mathbb{E}[j_\ell k_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}] - \mathbb{E}[j_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}] \mathbb{E}[k_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]), \\ \langle E \rangle_n &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n (\mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell k_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}] - \mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}] \mathbb{E}[k_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]). \end{aligned}$$

For all $n \geq 0$, we get from (4)–(6) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} j_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] &= \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \mathbb{1}_{j_{n+1}=j_n} | \mathcal{F}_n] j_n - \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \mathbb{1}_{j_{n+1} \neq j_n} | \mathcal{F}_n] j_n \\ &= 2\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \mathbb{1}_{j_{n+1}=j_n} | \mathcal{F}_n] j_n - \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] j_n \\ &= 2(\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{0,0}} + \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{V}_{1,0}}) \zeta - \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] j_n \\ &= (1 + j_n) \zeta - \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] j_n, \end{aligned} \tag{89}$$

where ζ is defined in (20). Therefore, we deduce from (59), (67), and (89) that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle C \rangle_n &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n ((1 + j_{\ell-1})\zeta - \mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]j_{\ell-1} - \mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}](p - (1 - p)j_{\ell-1})) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n ((1 + j_{\ell-1})\zeta - p(1 + j_{\ell-1})\mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n ((\zeta - p(\mu + m))(1 + j_{\ell-1}) - p(\theta + \rho)(i_{\ell-1} + k_{\ell-1})), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\langle C \rangle_n = (\zeta - p(\mu + m))(n + J_{n-1}) - p(\theta + \rho)(I_{n-1} + K_{n-1}).$$

Hence, it follows from (76) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle C \rangle_n = \left(\frac{2}{2 - p} \right) (\zeta - p(\mu + m)) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (90)$$

In a similar way, we infer from (4)–(6) that for all $n \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1}k_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] &= \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \mathbb{1}_{k_{n+1}=k_n} | \mathcal{F}_n]k_n - \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \mathbb{1}_{k_{n+1} \neq k_n} | \mathcal{F}_n]k_n \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n]k_n - 2\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} \mathbb{1}_{k_{n+1} \neq k_n} | \mathcal{F}_n]k_n \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n]k_n - 2(\mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{Y}'_{0,0}} + \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in \mathcal{Y}'_{1,0}})k_n \zeta \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n]k_n - (i_n + k_n)\zeta. \end{aligned} \quad (91)$$

Consequently, we find from (59), (69), and (91) that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E \rangle_n &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n (\mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]k_{\ell-1} - (i_{\ell-1} + k_{\ell-1})\zeta - \mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]((1 - p)k_{\ell-1} - pi_{\ell-1})) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n (-\zeta(i_{\ell-1} + k_{\ell-1}) + p(i_{\ell-1} + k_{\ell-1})\mathbb{E}[\xi_\ell | \mathcal{F}_{\ell-1}]) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n ((p(\mu + m) - \zeta)(i_{\ell-1} + k_{\ell-1}) + p(\theta + \rho)(1 + j_{\ell-1})), \end{aligned}$$

which leads to

$$\langle E \rangle_n = (p(\mu + m) - \zeta)(I_{n-1} + K_{n-1}) + p(\theta + \rho)(n + J_{n-1}).$$

Therefore, (76) implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle E \rangle_n = \left(\frac{2p}{2 - p} \right) (\theta + \rho) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (92)$$

The last term $\langle D \rangle_n$ is much more easy to handle. As a matter of fact, we already saw that for all $n \geq 0$, $j_n k_n = i_n$. Thus, we deduce from (65), (67), and (69) together with the elementary fact that $I_{n-1} + I_n = 1$ that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D \rangle_n &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n (i_\ell - (p - (1 - p)j_{\ell-1})((1 - p)k_{\ell-1} - pi_{\ell-1})) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n ((-1 + p^2 + (1 - p)^2)i_{\ell-1} - 2p(1 - p)k_{\ell-1}) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n (-2p(1 - p)(i_{\ell-1} + k_{\ell-1})), \end{aligned}$$

which means that

$$\langle D \rangle_n = -2p(1 - p)(I_{n-1} + K_{n-1}).$$

Hence, (76) ensures that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle D \rangle_n = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (93)$$

Consequently, it follows from the conjunction of (77), (81), (90), (92), and (93) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \langle \mathcal{M} \rangle_n = \Lambda \quad \text{a.s.}, \quad (94)$$

where the limiting matrix

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{2-p} \begin{pmatrix} (2-p)\sigma^2 + p\gamma & 2(\zeta - p(\mu + m)) & 2p(\theta + \rho) \\ 2(\zeta - p(\mu + m))^T & 4p(1-p) & 0 \\ 2p(\theta + \rho)^T & 0 & 4p(1-p) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Moreover, we already saw that the increments of the martingale (\mathcal{M}_n) are almost surely bounded, which ensures that Lindeberg's condition is satisfied. Whence, we obtain from Corollary 2.1.10 in (8) the asymptotic normality

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \mathcal{M}_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \Lambda). \quad (95)$$

Since $p \neq 0$, we have from (70) and (71) that

$$J_{n-1} = \frac{N_n^J + np + 1 - j_n}{2-p}, \quad K_{n-1} = \frac{N_n^K - pI_{n-1} + 1 - k_n}{p}.$$

Consequently, we obtain from (84) that

$$S_n - n(\mu + pm_p) = M_n + N_n^J m_p + N_n^K \rho_p + \mathcal{R}_n, \quad (96)$$

where the remainder \mathcal{R}_n stands for $\mathcal{R}_n = I_{n-1}(\theta - \rho) + (1 - j_n)m_p + (1 - k_n)\rho_p$ with

$$m_p = \frac{1}{2-p} m \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_p = \frac{1}{p} \rho.$$

Hereafter, we shall once again make use of the Cramér-Wold theorem given, e.g., by Theorem 29.4 in (2). We have from (96) that for all $u \in \mathbb{R}^3$,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} u^T (S_n - n(\mu + pm_p)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} v^T \mathcal{M}_n + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} u^T \mathcal{R}_n, \quad (97)$$

where the vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^5$ is given by

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ m_p^T u \\ \rho_p^T u \end{pmatrix}.$$

On the one hand, it follows from (95) that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} v^T \mathcal{M}_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, v^T \Lambda v). \quad (98)$$

On the other hand, as $I_n \in \{0, 1\}$, $(1 - j_n) \in \{0, 2\}$, and $(1 - k_n) \in \{0, 2\}$, we clearly have for all $u \in \mathbb{R}^3$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} u^T \mathcal{R}_n = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (99)$$

Consequently, we obtain from (97) together with (98) and (99) that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} u^T (S_n - n(\mu + pm_p)) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, v^T \Lambda v). \quad (100)$$

It is not hard to see from (94) that

$$v^T \Delta v = \frac{1}{2-p} \left[u^T ((2-p)\sigma^2 + p\gamma)u + 2u^T (\zeta - p(\mu + m))m_p^T u + 2u^T m_p (\zeta - p(\mu + m))^T u + 2pu^T (\theta + \rho)\rho_p^T u + 2pu^T \rho_p (\theta + \rho)^T u + 4p(1-p)u^T m_p m_p^T u + 4p(1-p)u^T \rho_p \rho_p^T u \right],$$

which leads to $v^T \Delta v = u^T \Gamma u$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= \frac{1}{2-p} \left[(2-p)\sigma^2 + p\gamma + 2(\zeta - p(\mu + m))m_p^T + m_p (\zeta - p(\mu + m))^T + 2p(\theta + \rho)\rho_p^T + 2p\rho_p (\theta + \rho)^T + 4p(1-p)m_p m_p^T + 4p(1-p)\rho_p \rho_p^T \right], \\ &= \sigma^2 + \frac{p}{2-p}\gamma + \frac{2}{(2-p)^2} \left((\zeta - p\mu)m^T + m(\zeta - p\mu)^T \right) - \frac{4p}{(2-p)^3} mm^T + \frac{2}{2-p} (\theta\rho^T + \rho\theta^T) + \frac{4}{p(2-p)} \rho\rho^T. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we deduce from (100) together with the Cramér–Wold theorem that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (S_n - n(\mu + pm_p)) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \Gamma), \quad (101)$$

which achieves the proof of Theorem III.4. \square

VI. CONCLUSION AND PERSPECTIVES

This paper explicitly gives a law of large numbers and a central limit theorem for random walks in the three-dimensional hexagonal lattices of ice and graphite.

They allow to determine the long time behavior of a particle or a defect site moving on these lattices, provided that the jump probabilities along each direction are explicitly known. This kind of considerations is frequent as this mode of propagation is often used to insert foreign bodies into crystalline structures.

These results may be strengthened by determining a speed of convergence using classic results about multidimensional martingales. Future developments could include the long time behavior of exclusion processes on such lattices in order to better understand under which conditions several defect sites can coalesce to create a fragility in the structure. The study of the center of mass¹⁵ of such random walks or elephant random walks¹ in these lattices may be subjects of interest.

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