# Information Storage in the Stochastic Ising Model at Zero Temperature 

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| $t=0$ | $I_{n}(t)=n$ | Upper bound $\forall t$ |
| $t=O(n)$ | $I_{n}(t)=\Theta(n)$ | Constant 'physical' time |
| $t=a(n) \cdot n$ <br> $a(n) \in \omega(1)$ | $I_{n}(t)=\Omega\left(\frac{n}{a(n)}\right)$ | $I_{n}(n \log n)=\Omega\left(\frac{n}{\log n}\right)$ <br> $I_{n}\left(n^{1+\alpha}\right)=\Omega\left(n^{1-\alpha}\right)$ |
| $t \rightarrow \infty$ <br> ind. of $n$ | $I_{n}(\infty)=\Theta(\sqrt{n})$ | Lower bound $\forall t$ |

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