



Statistical physics through the lens of real-space mutual information

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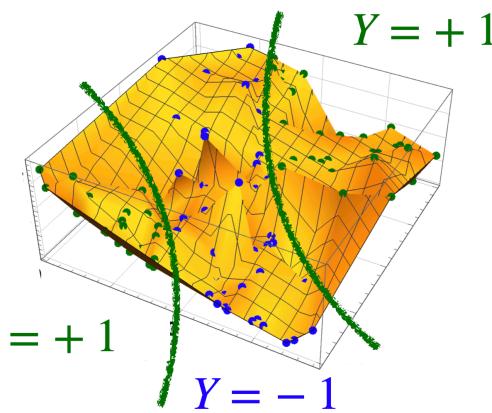


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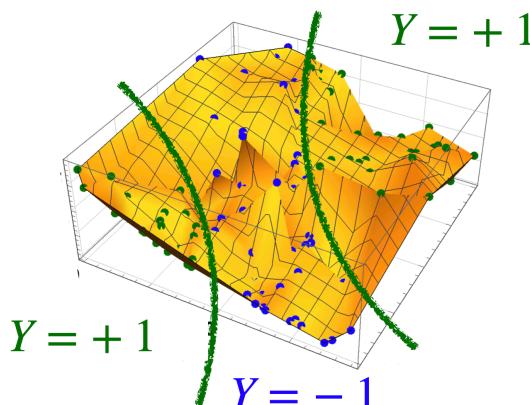
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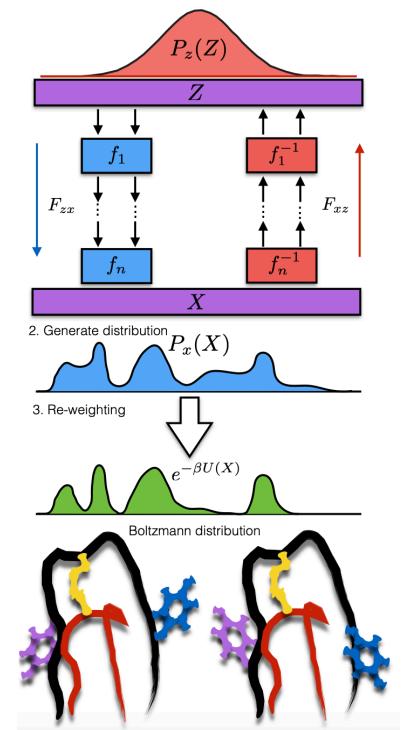


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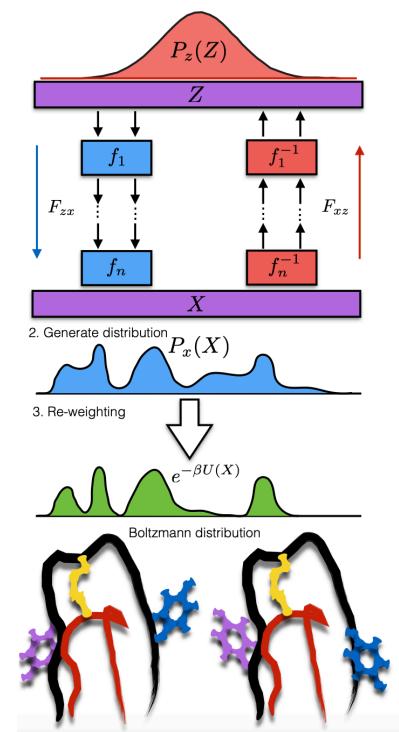
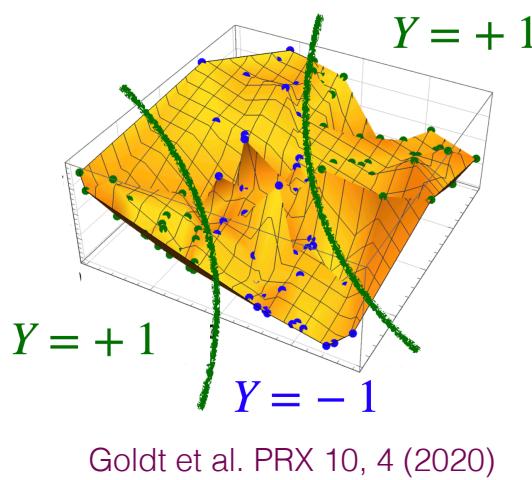
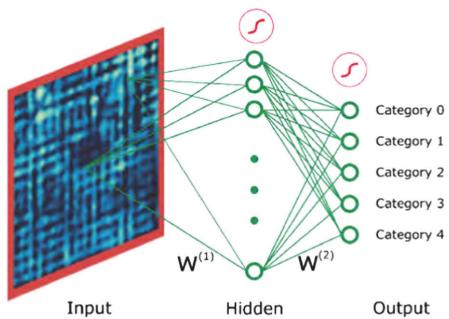
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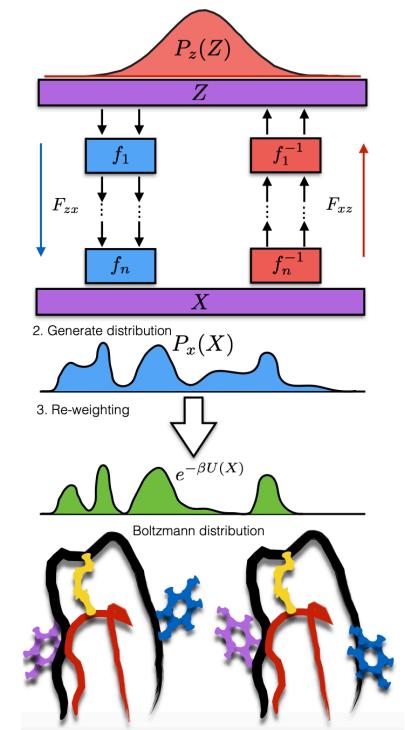
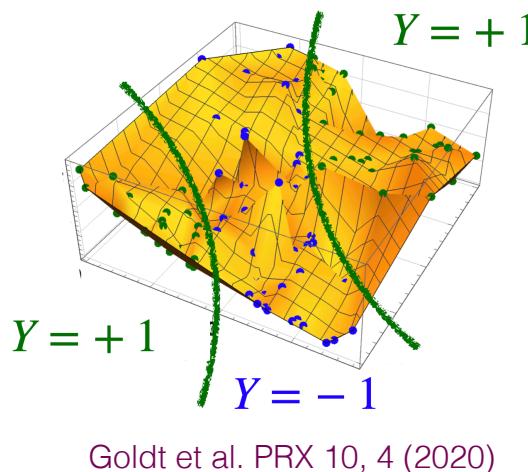
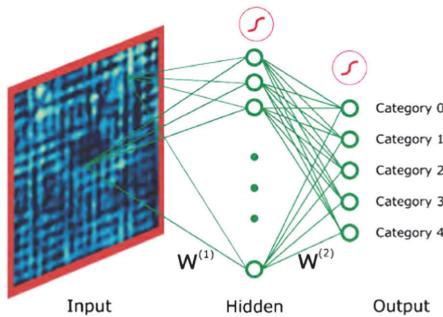
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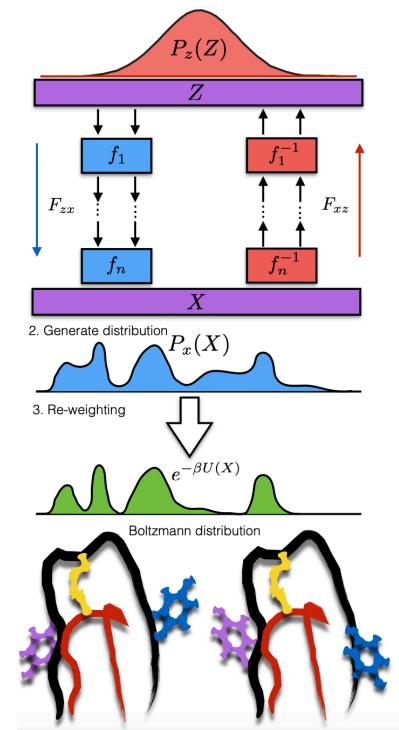
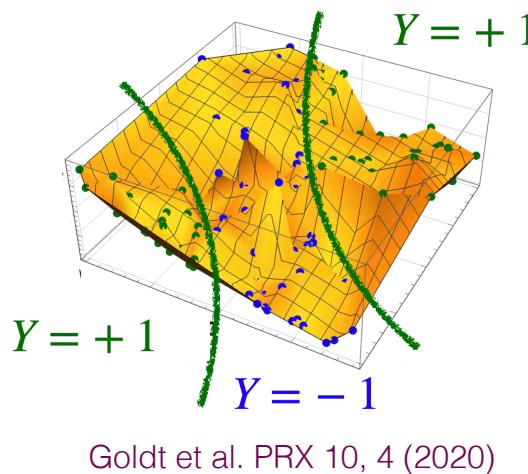
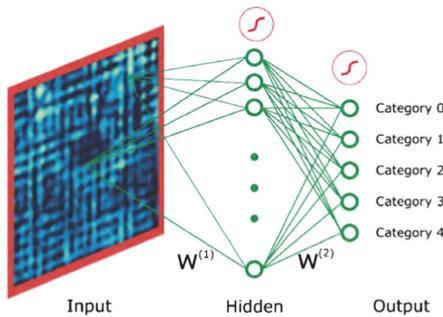


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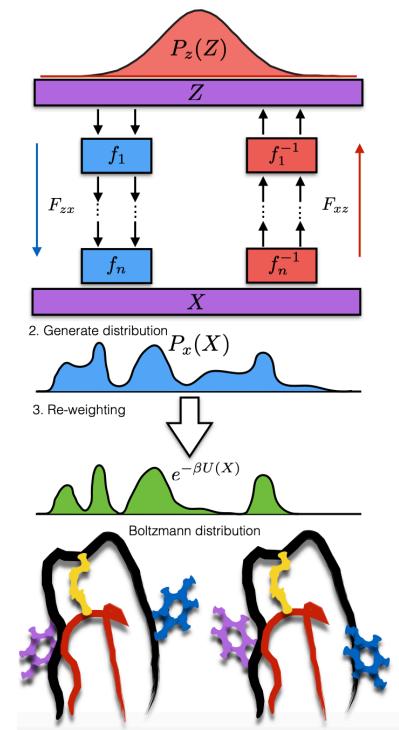
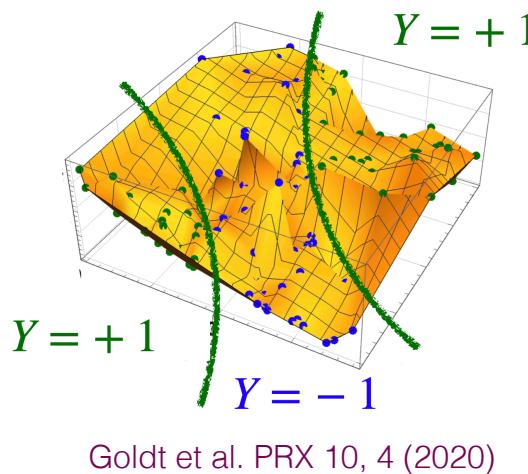
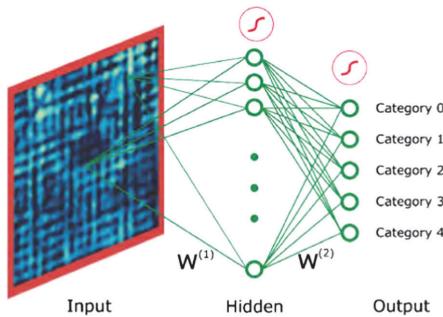
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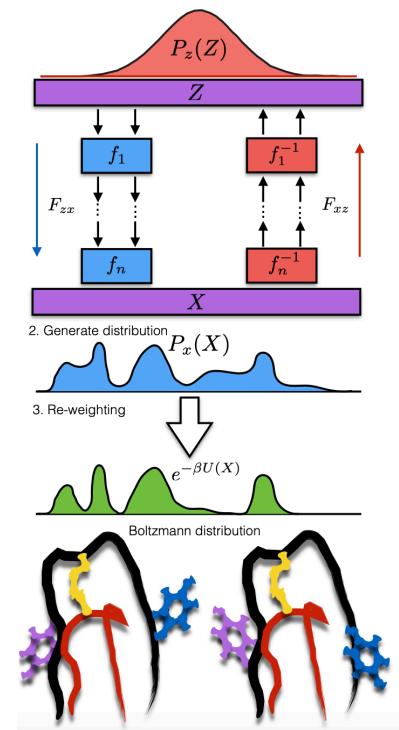
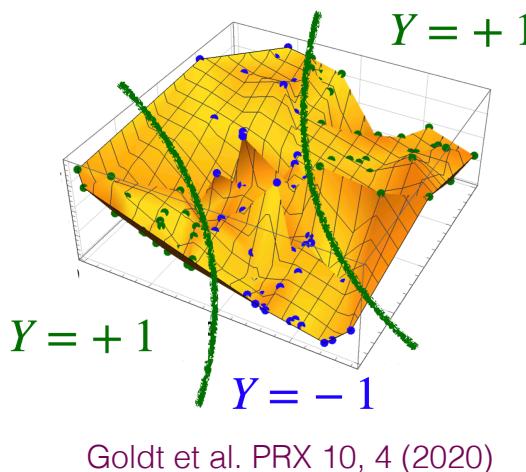
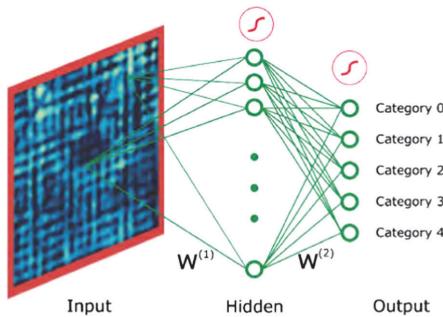


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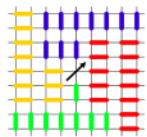
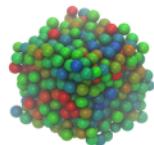


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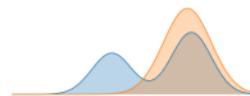


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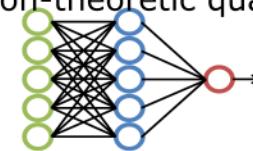
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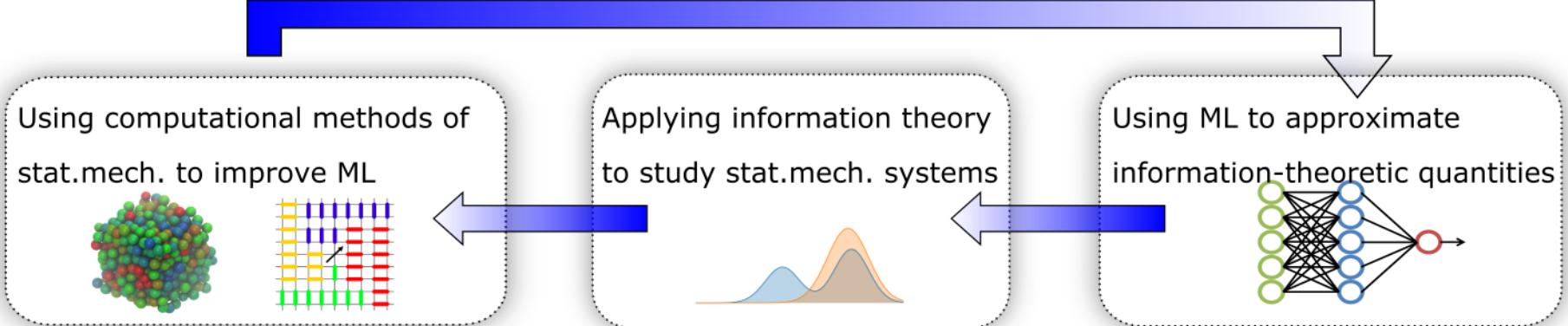


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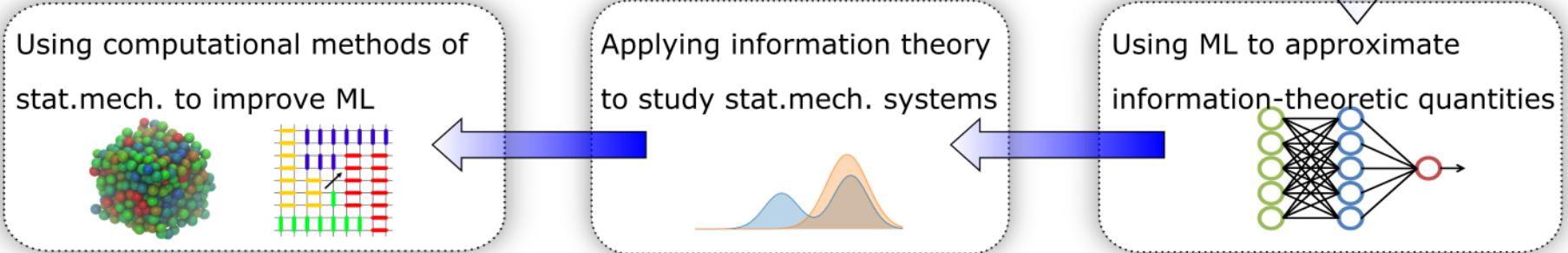


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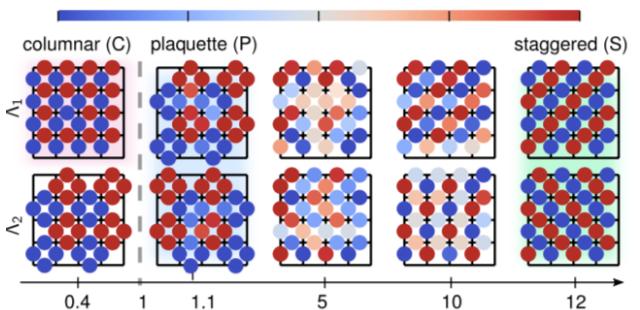


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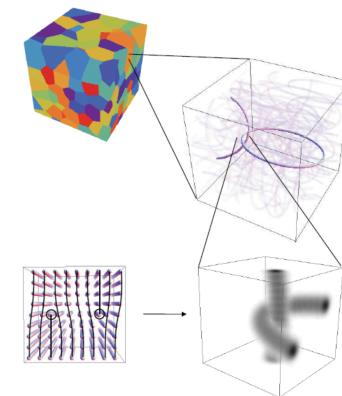
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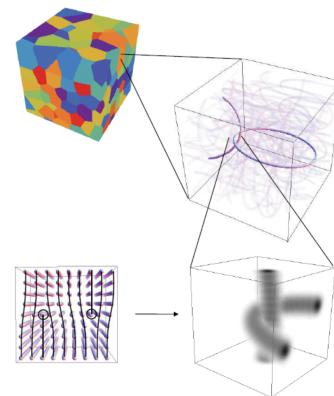
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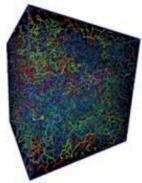


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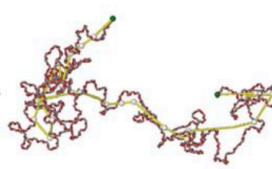
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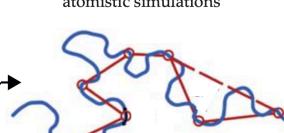
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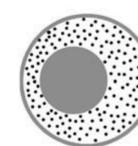
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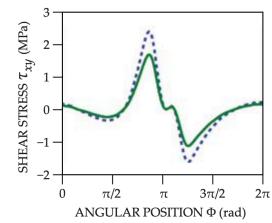
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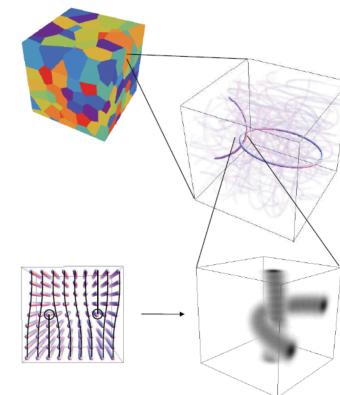
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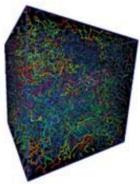
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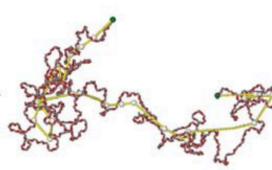
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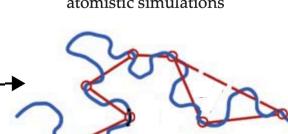
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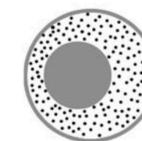
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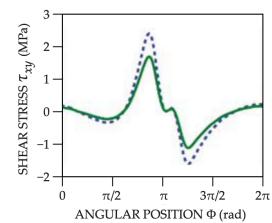
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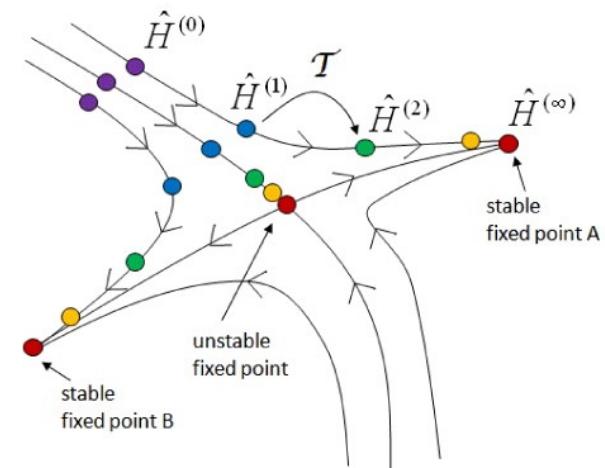
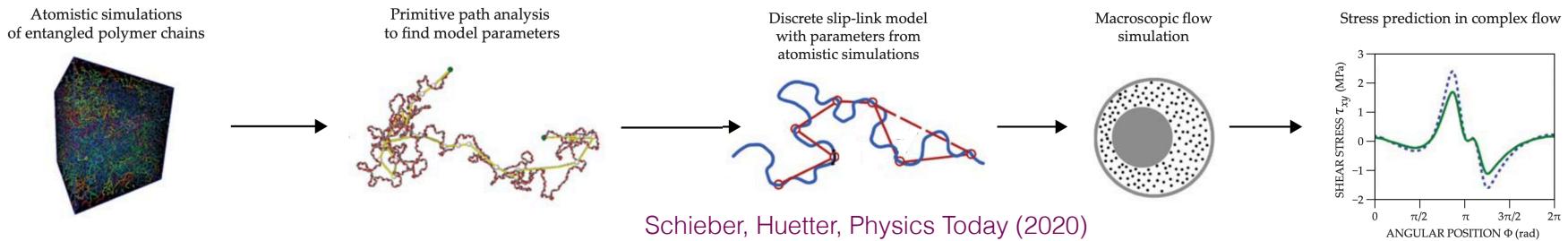
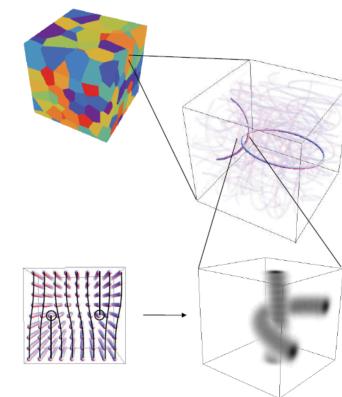
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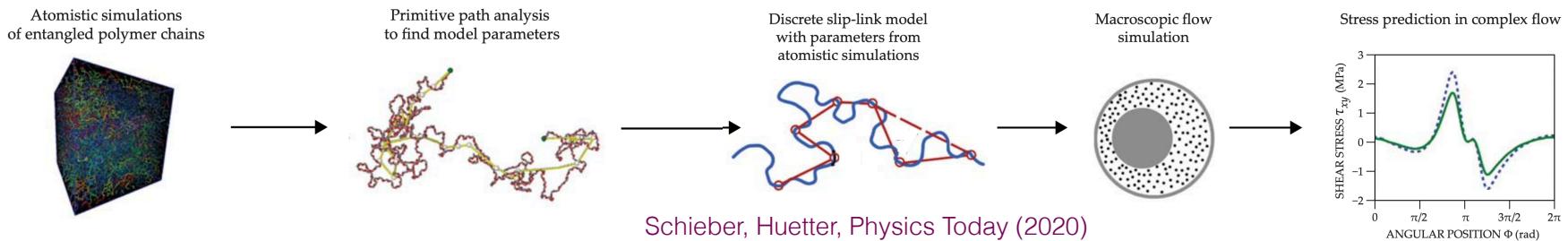
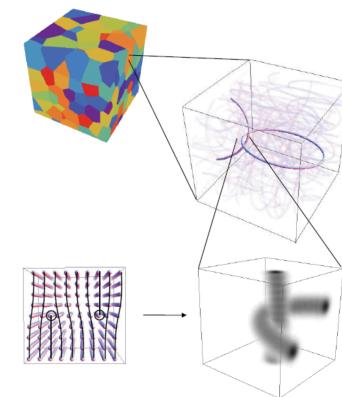
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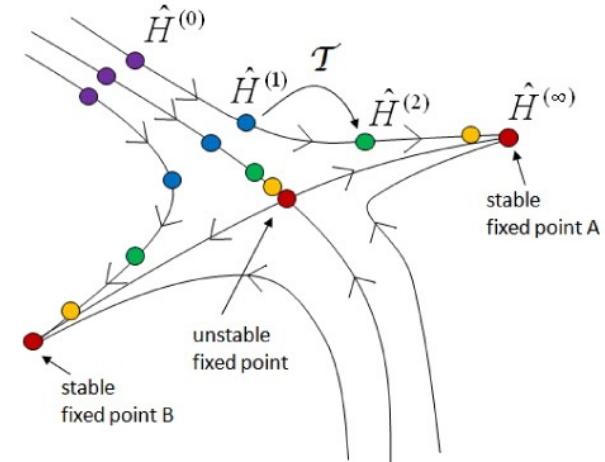


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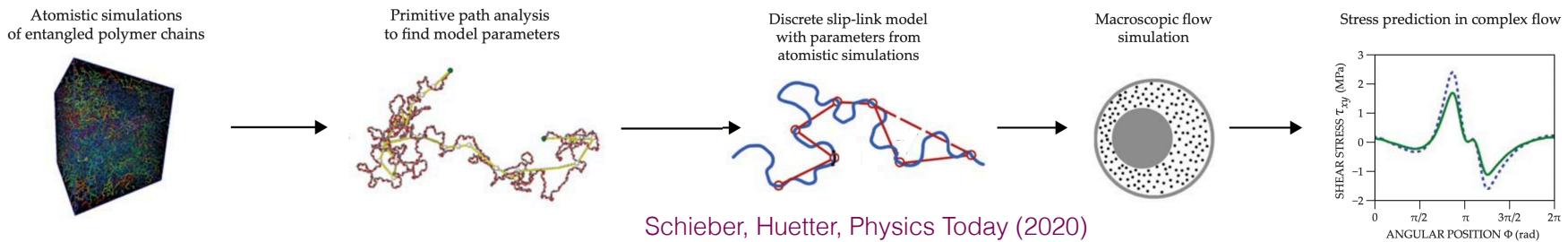
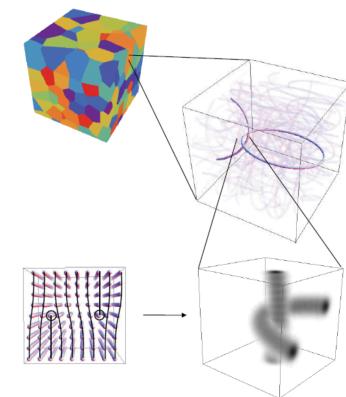


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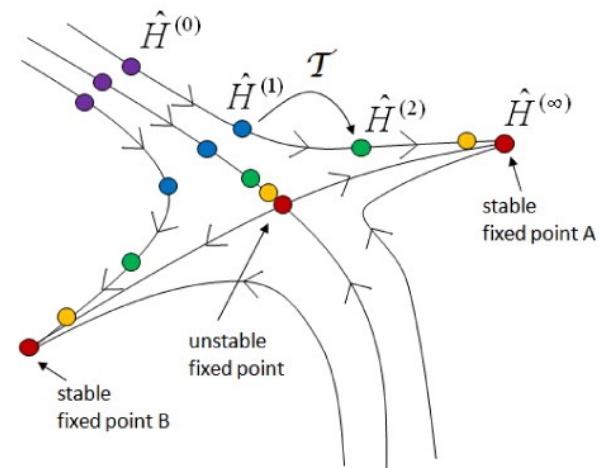


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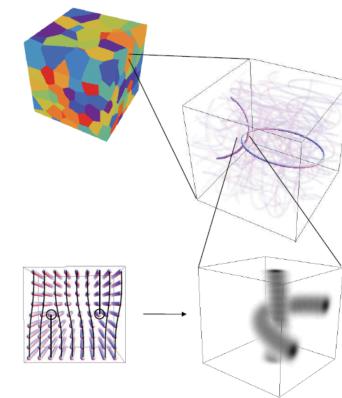
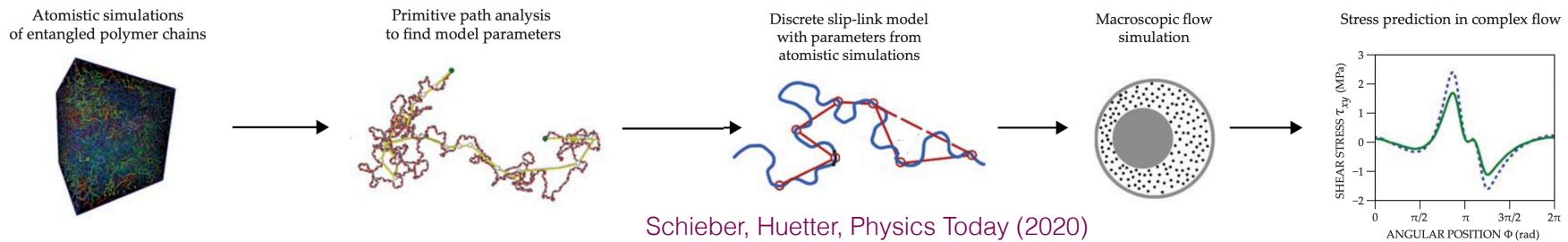


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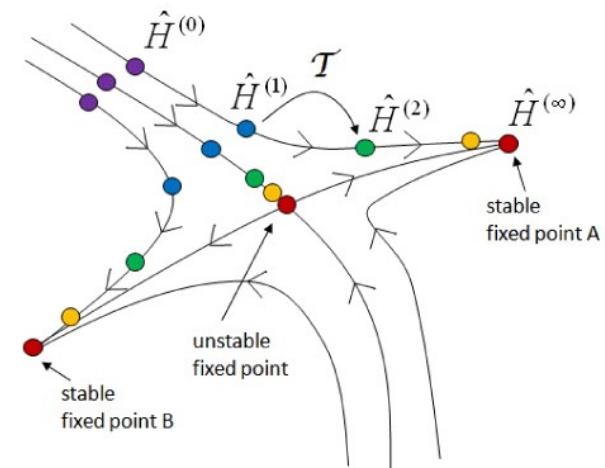


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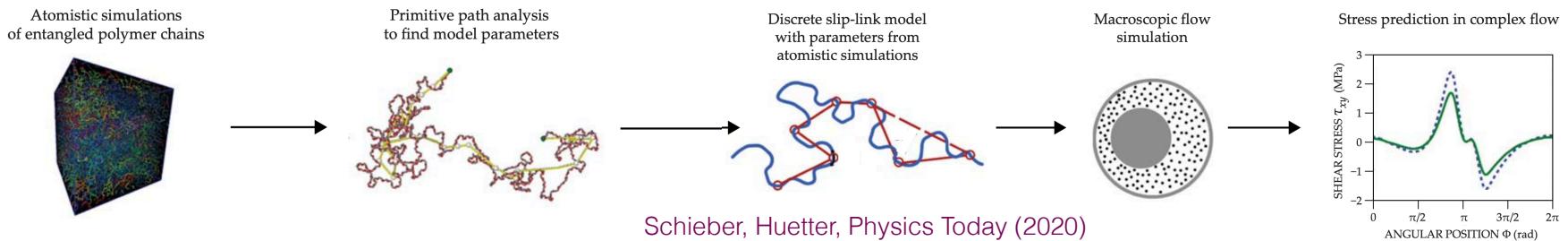
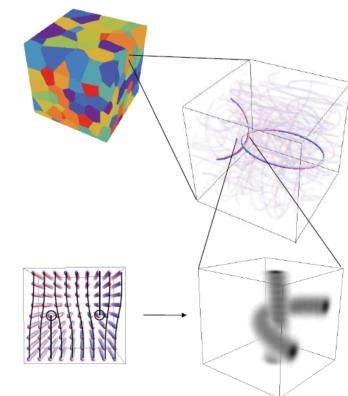


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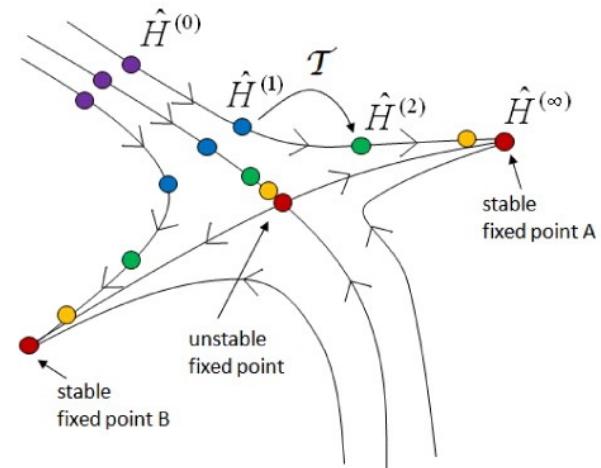
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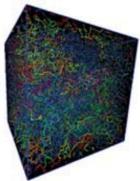
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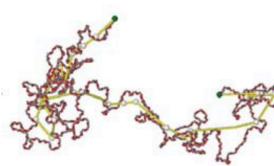
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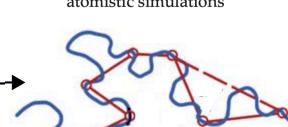
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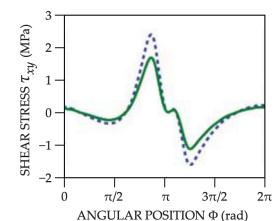
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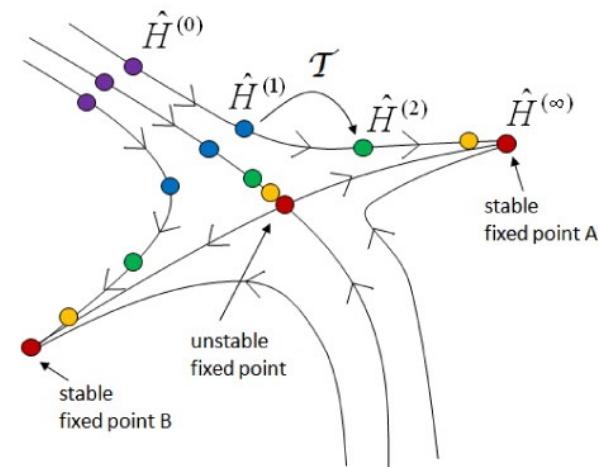


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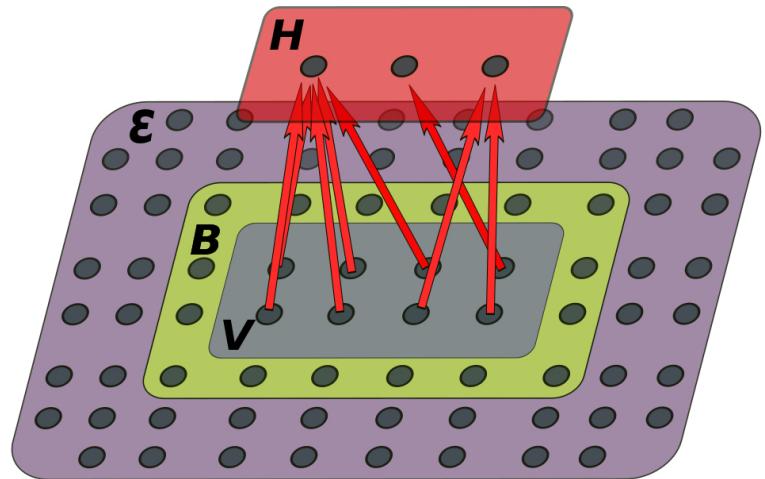
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Outline

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- Symmetries in IB and RG
- Future directions: Non-Eq?

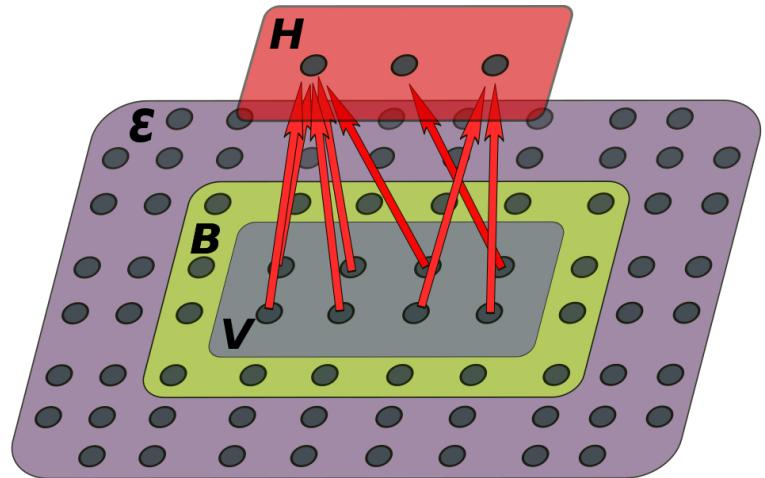
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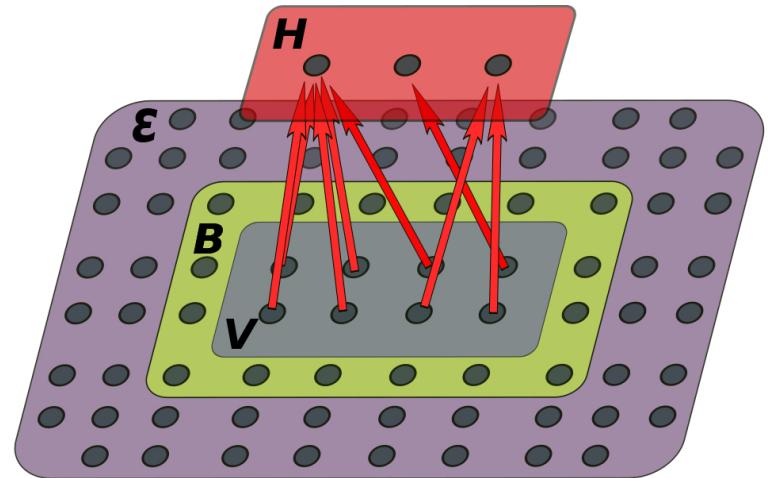
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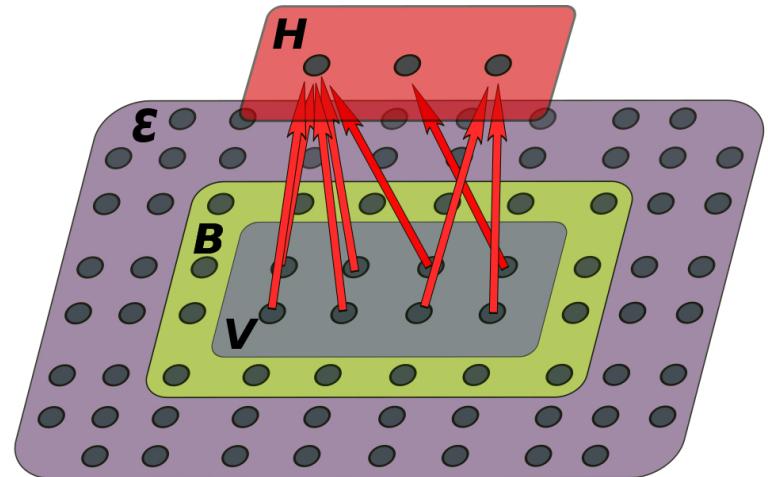


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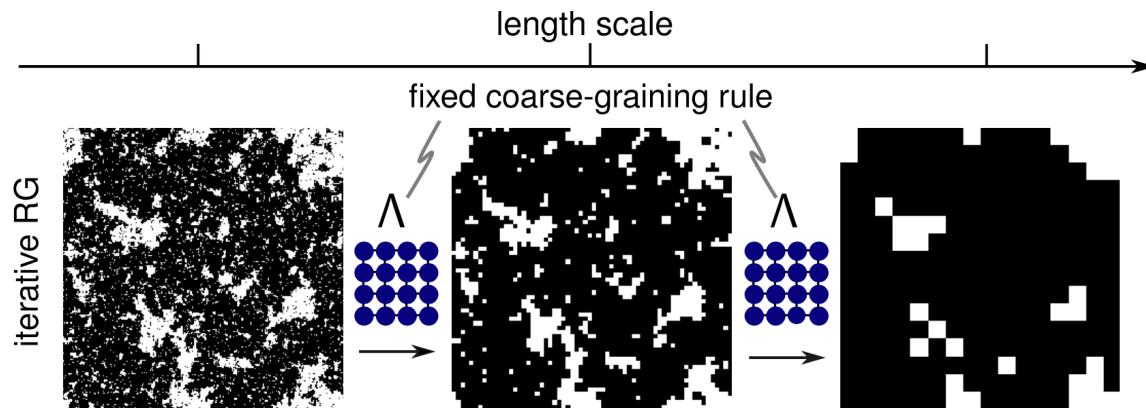
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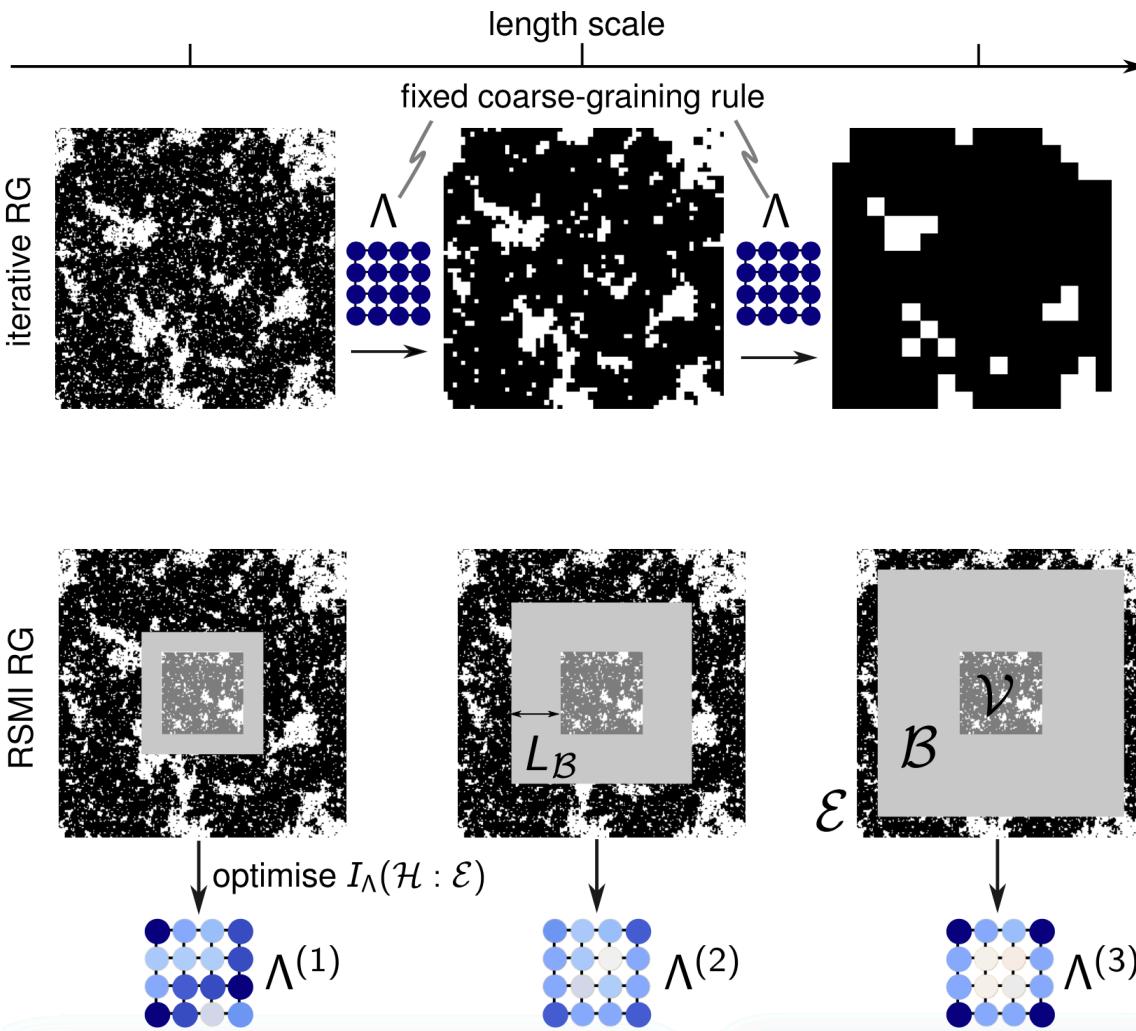
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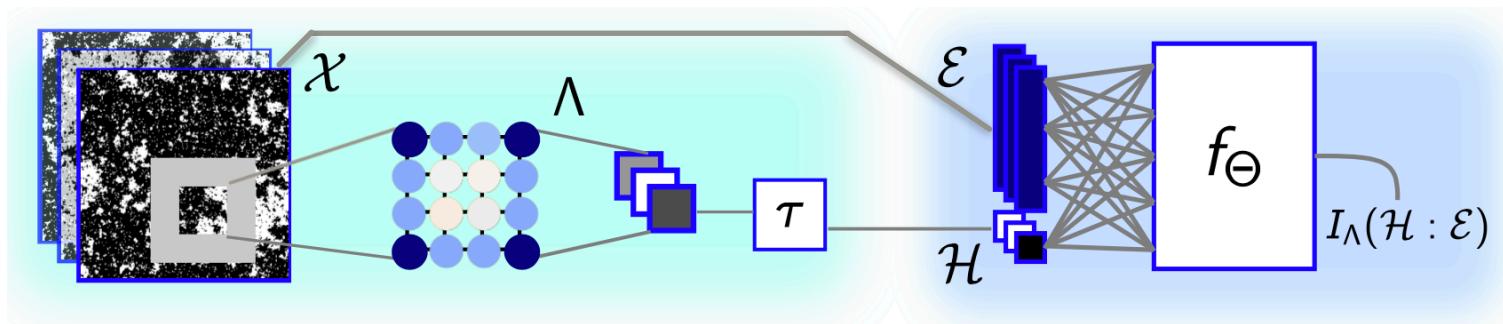
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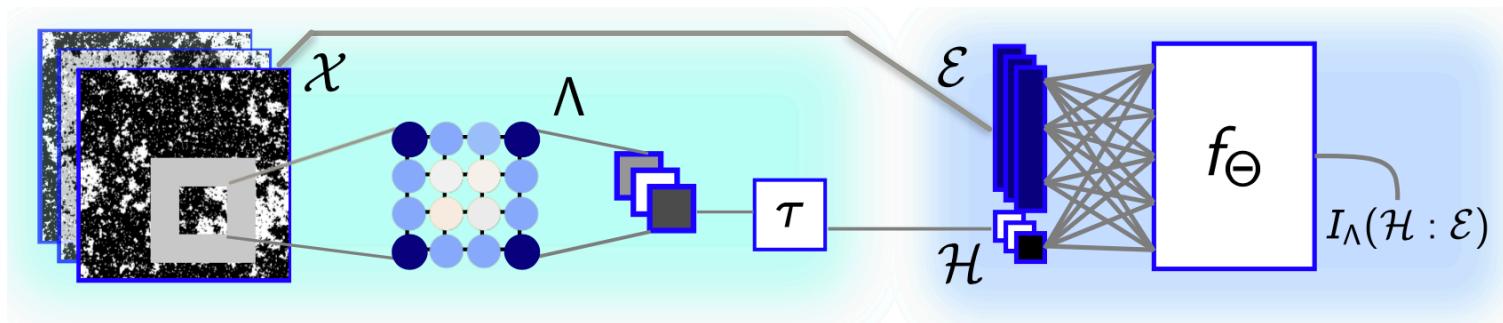


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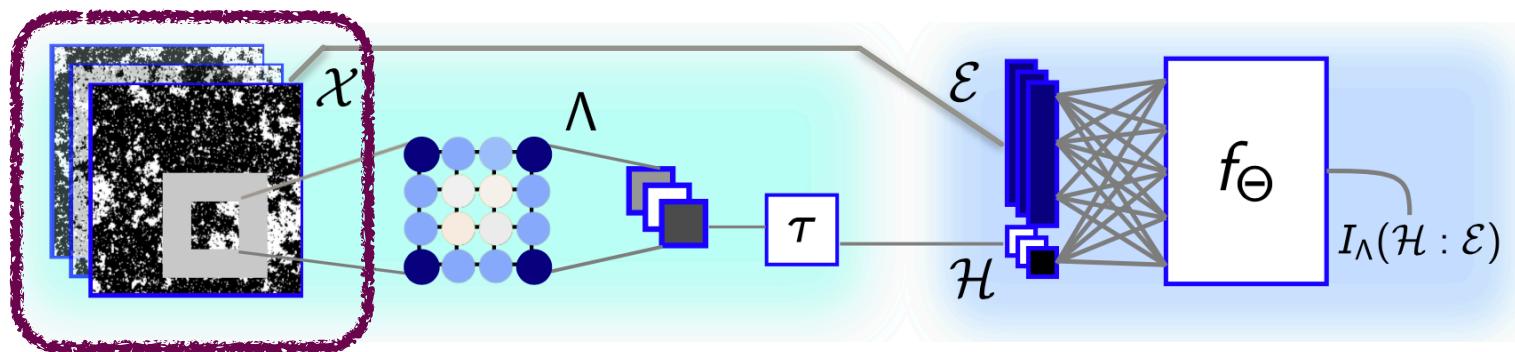
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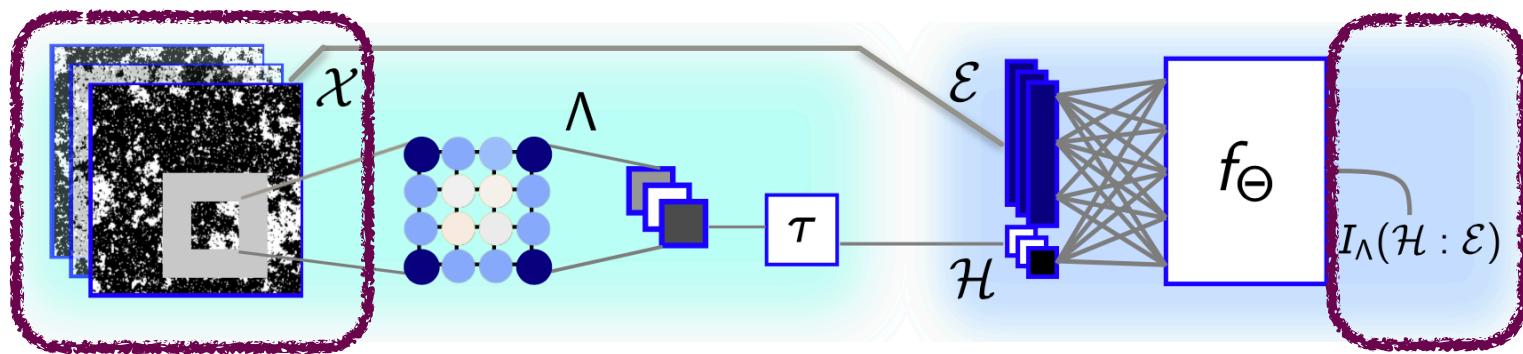
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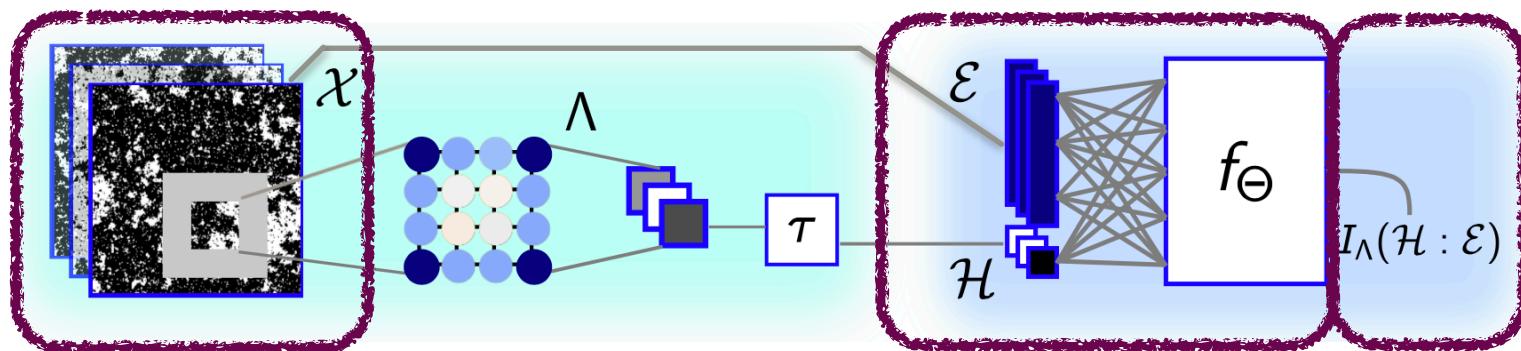
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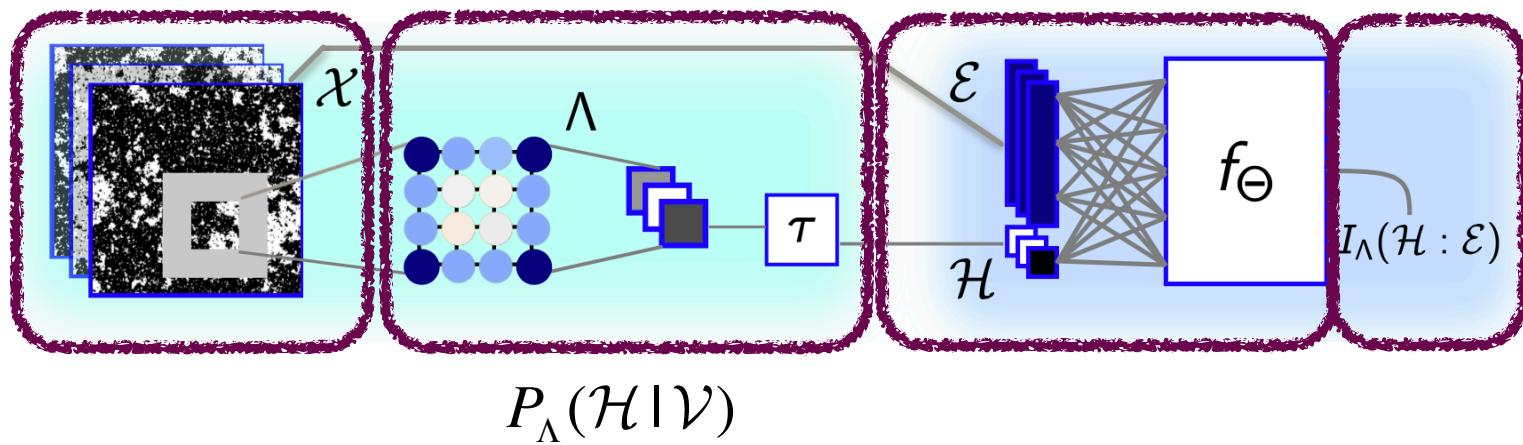
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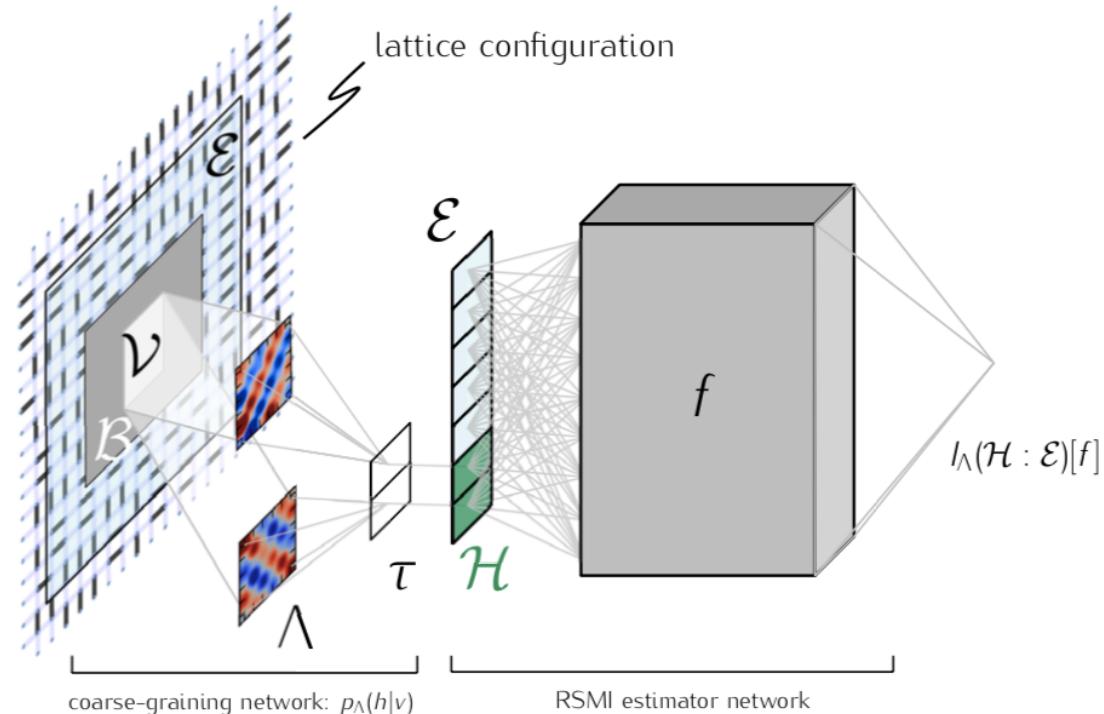
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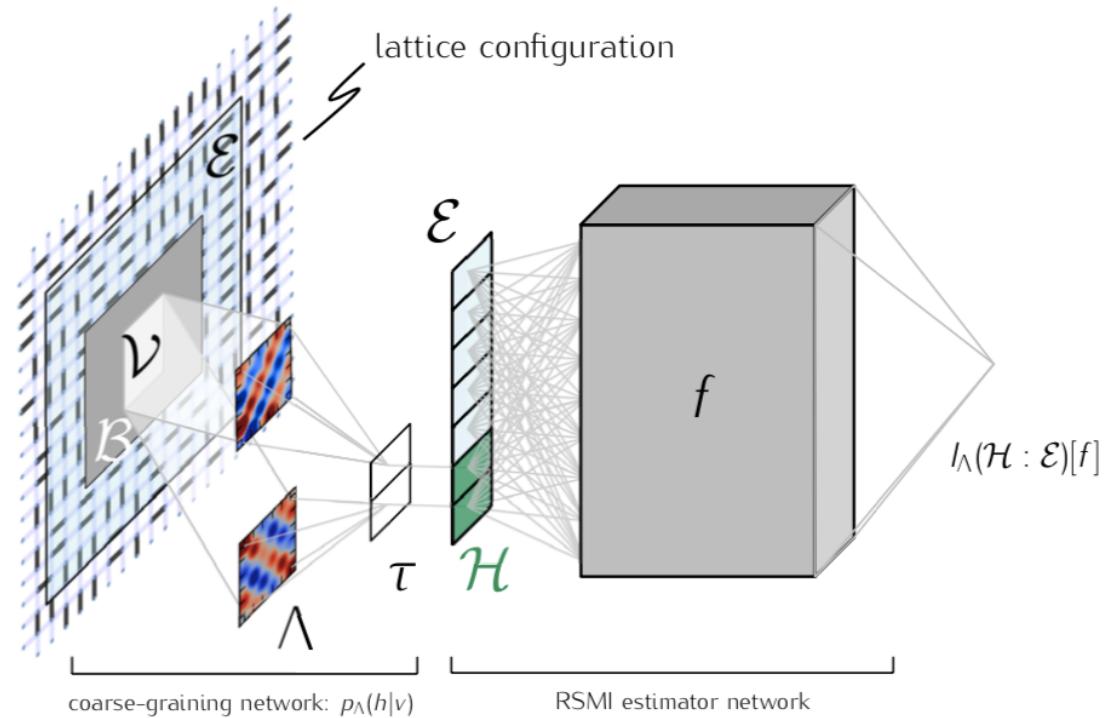
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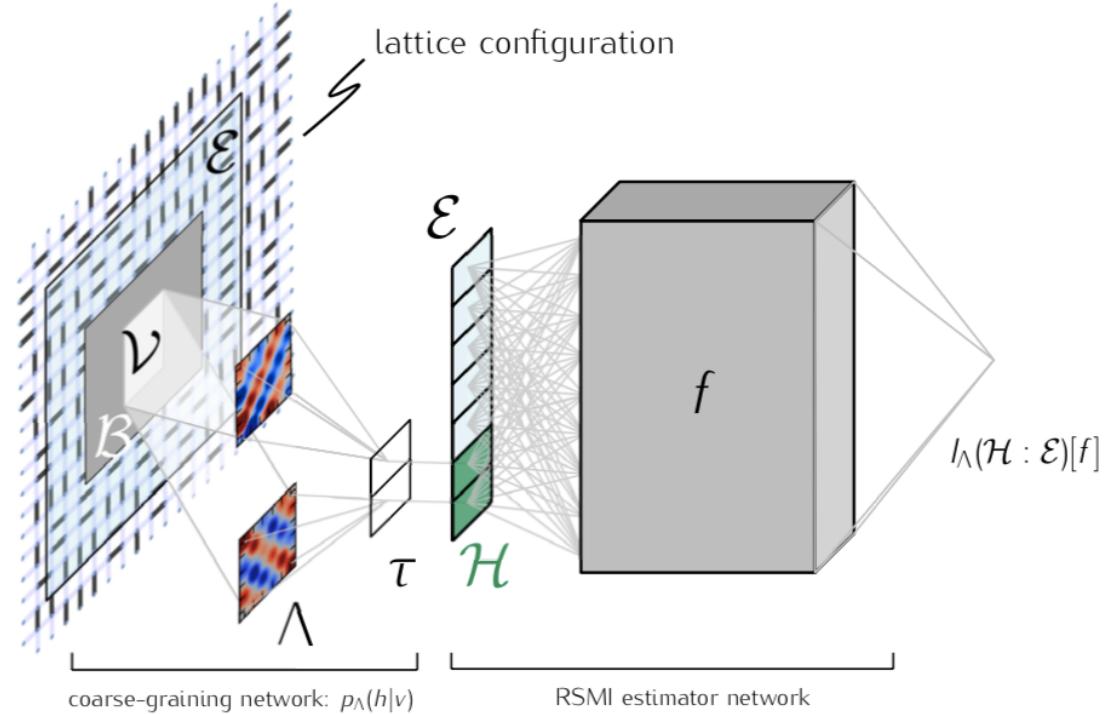
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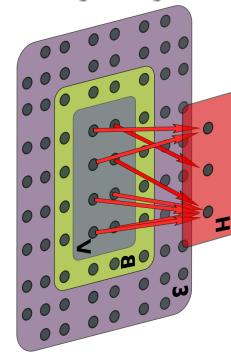
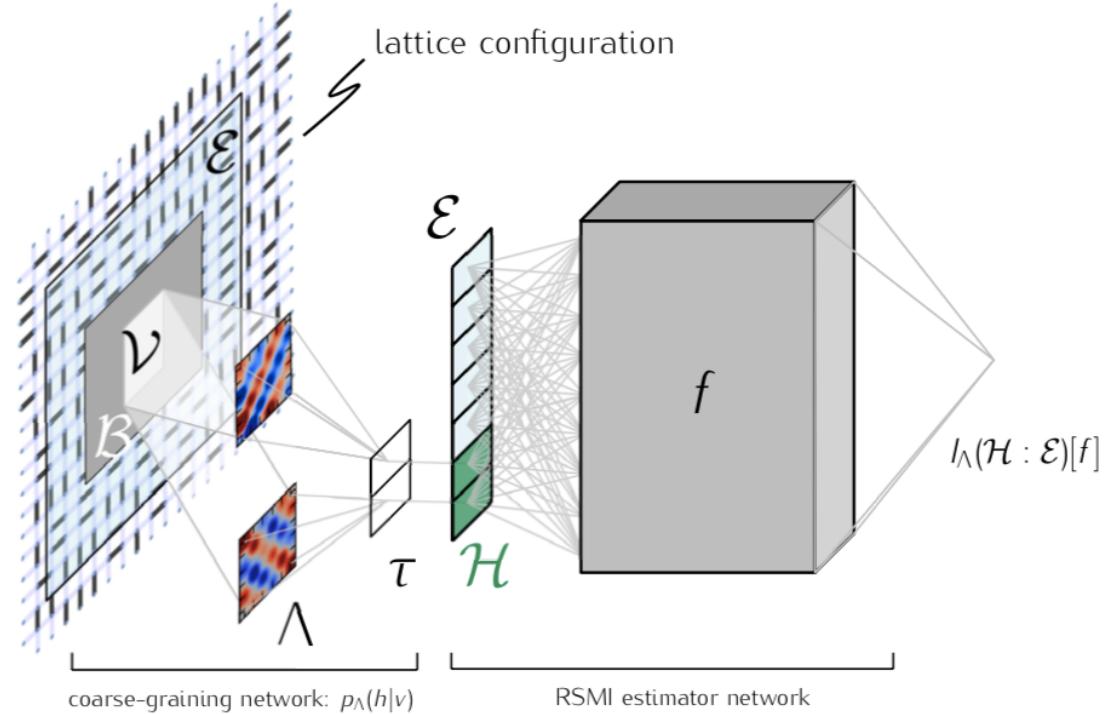
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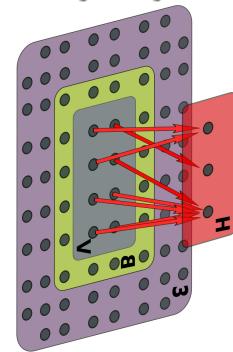
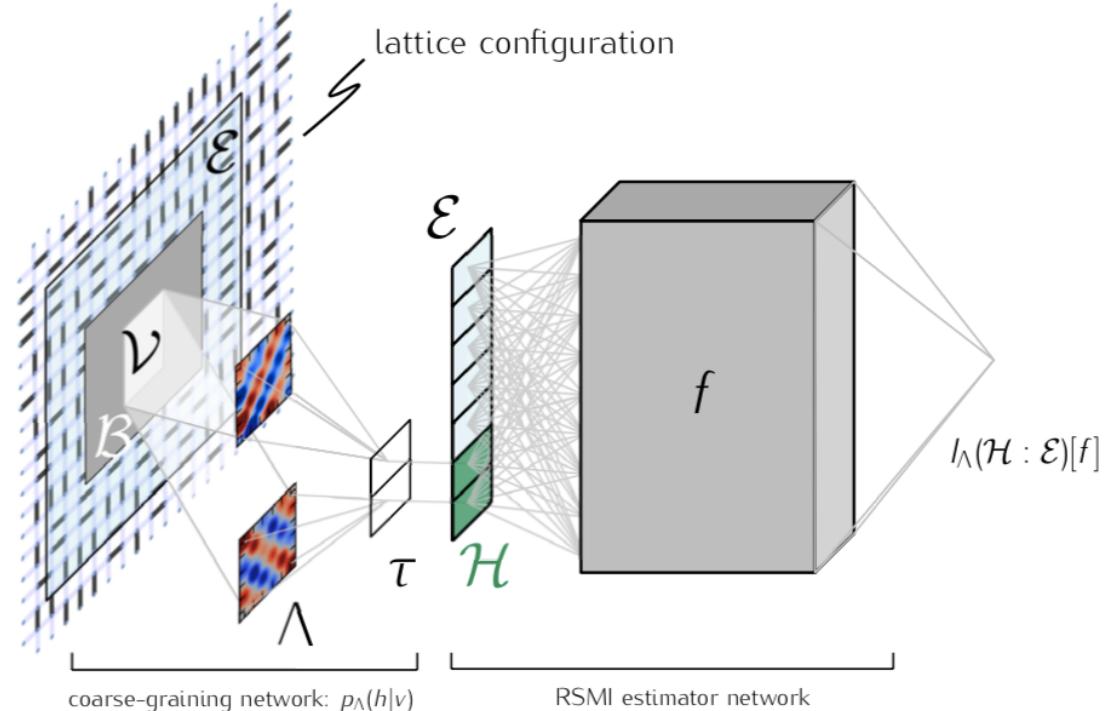
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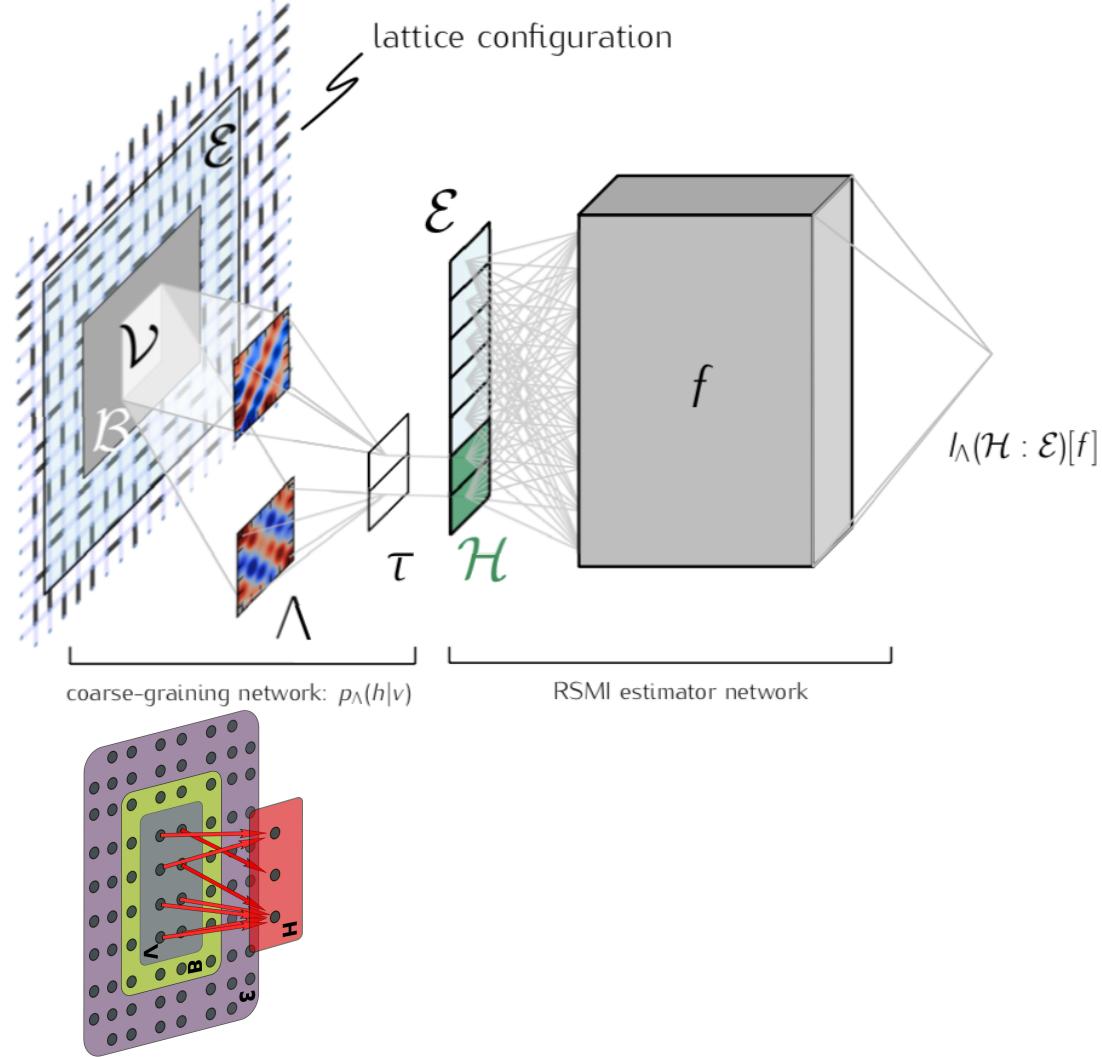
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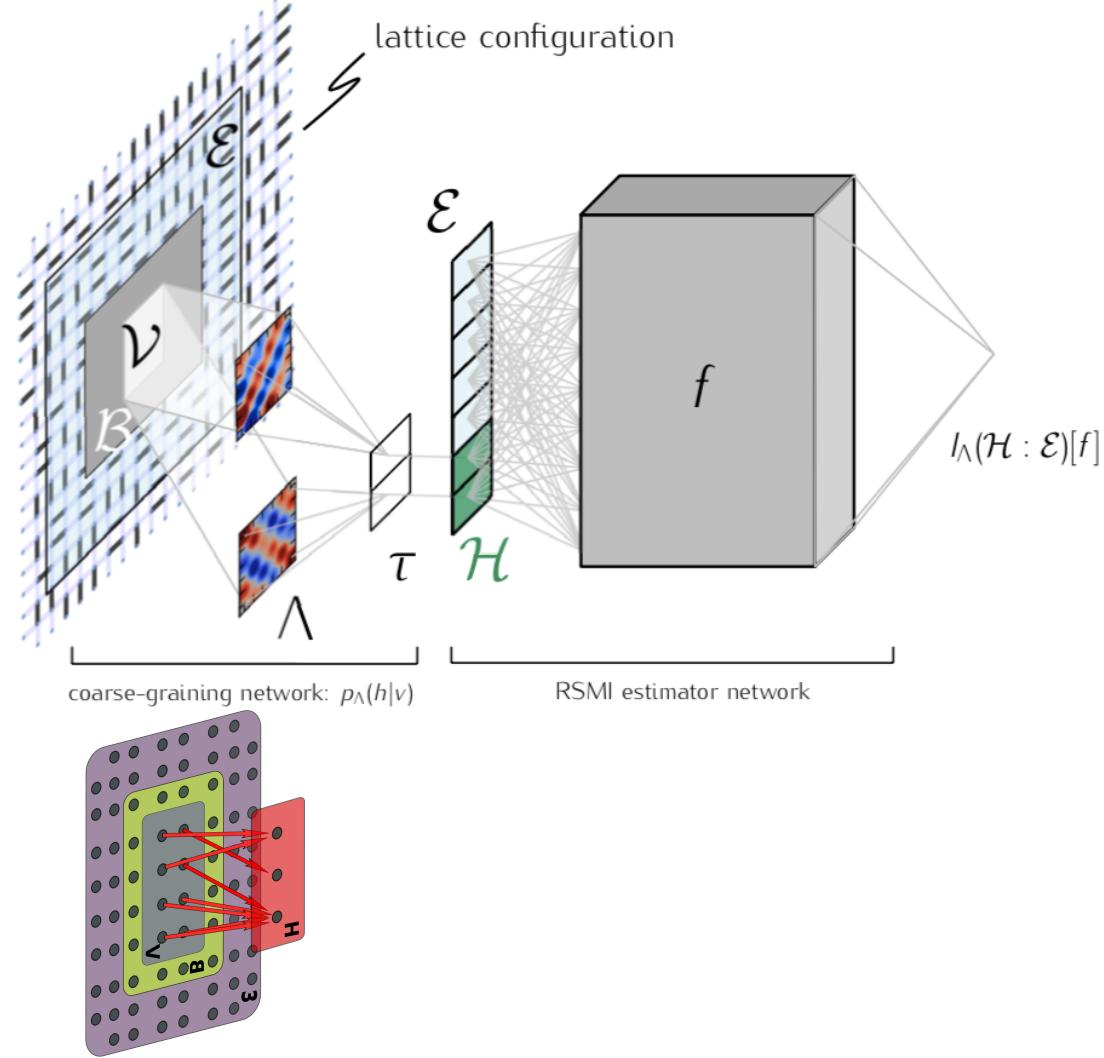
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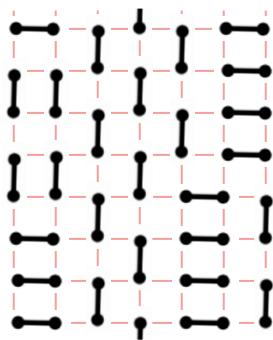
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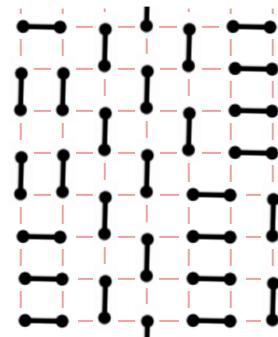
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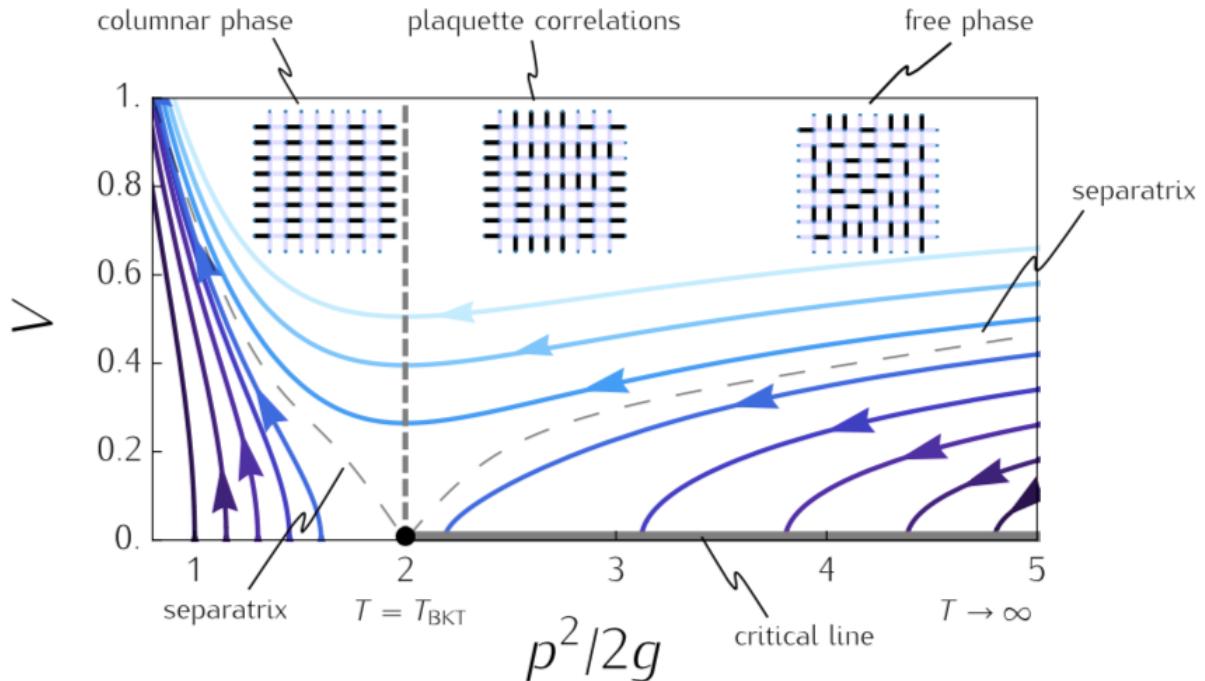
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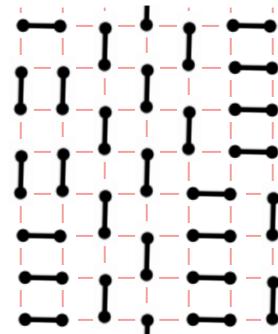
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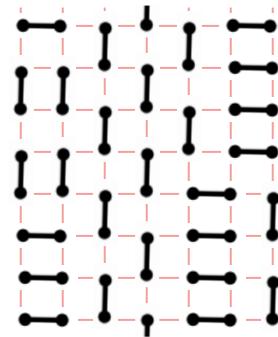
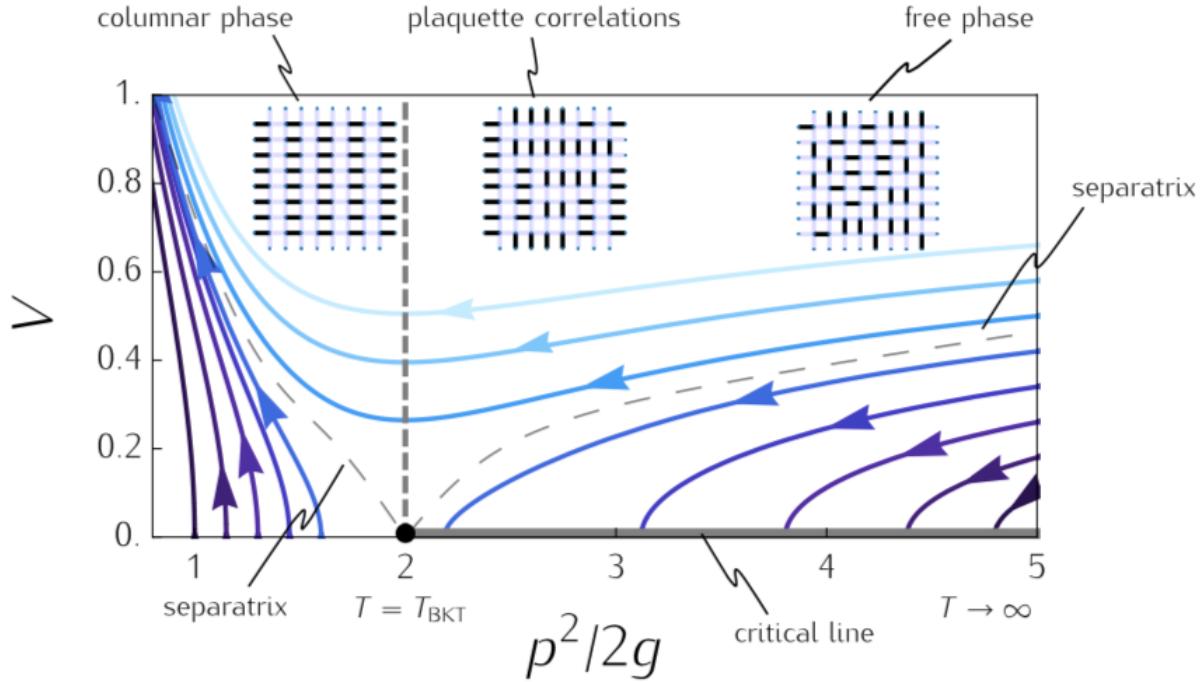
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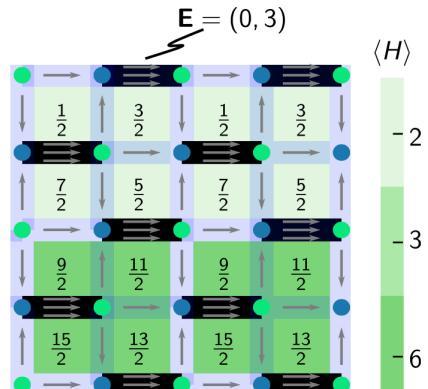
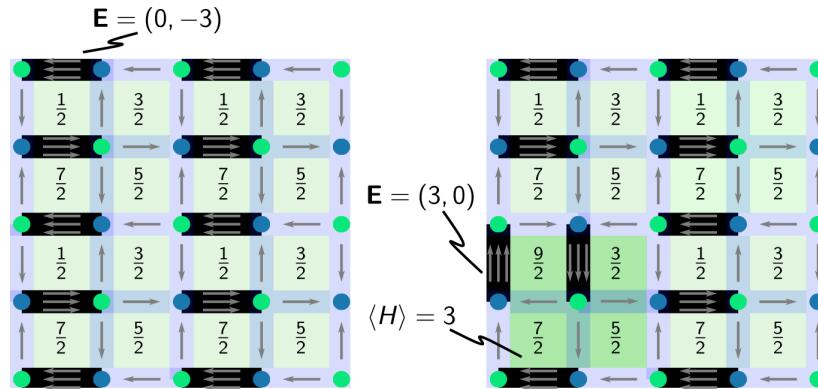
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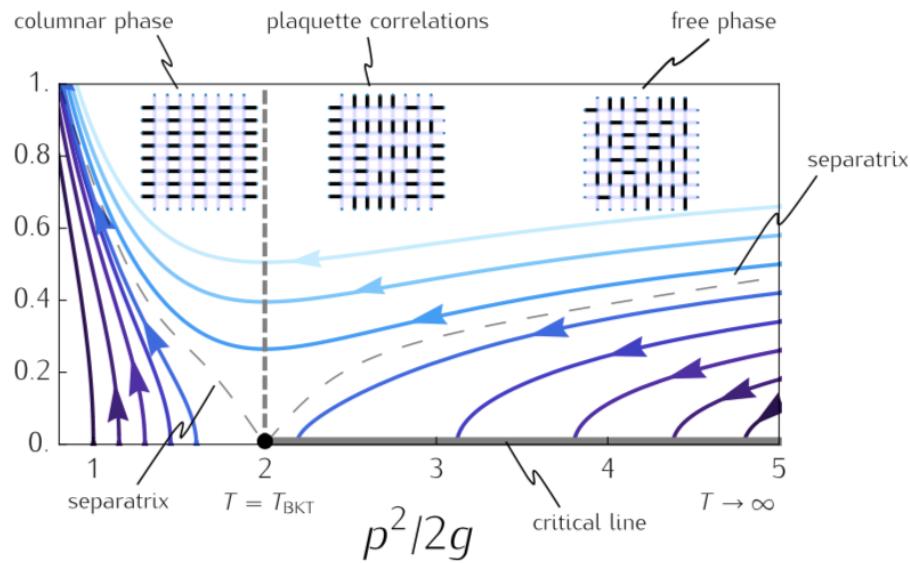
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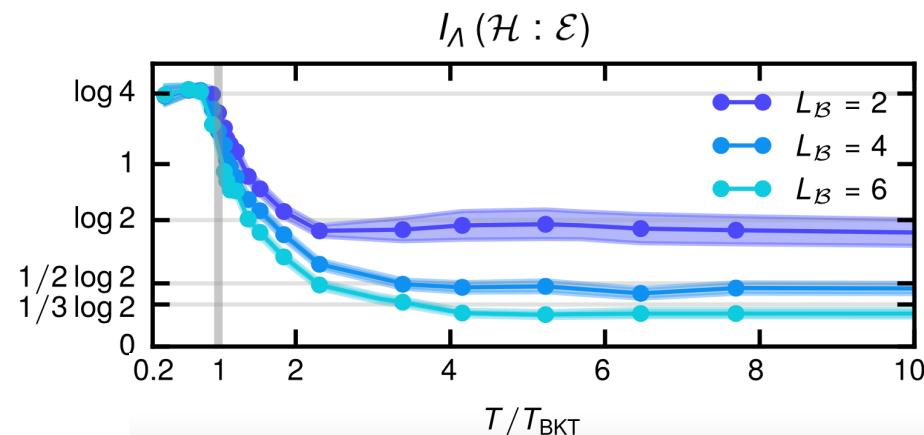
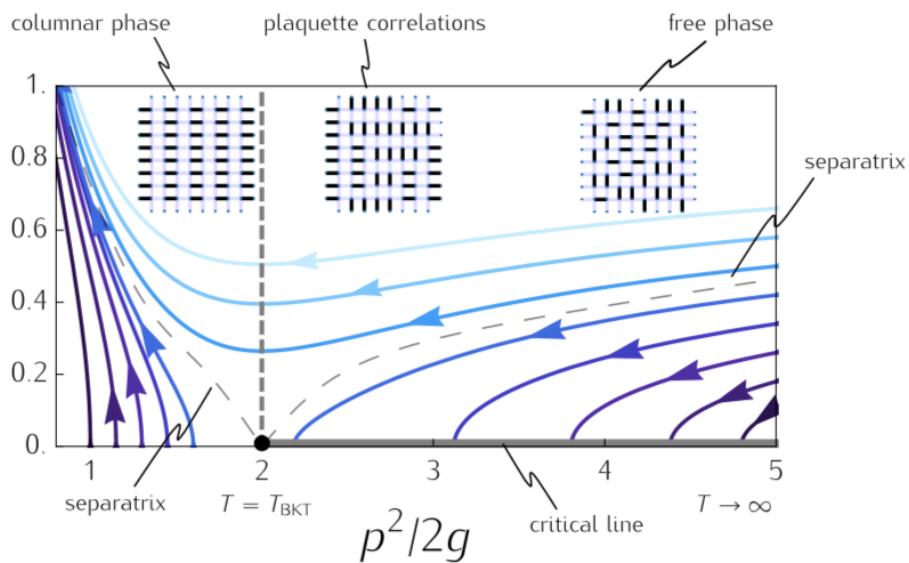
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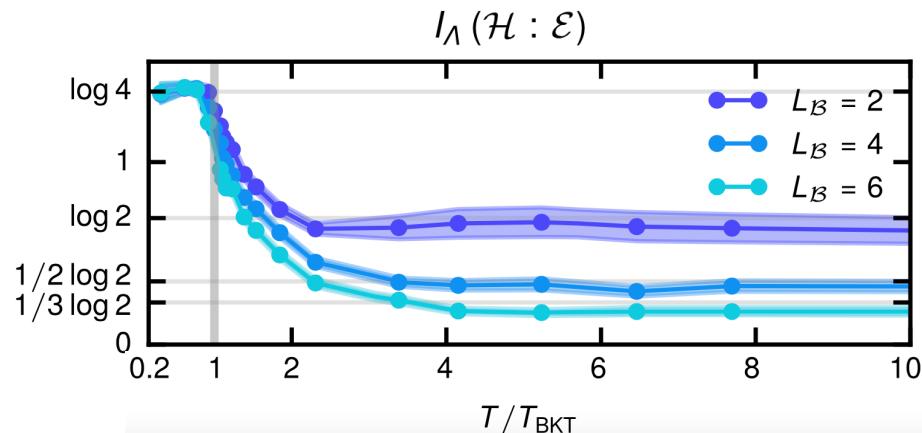




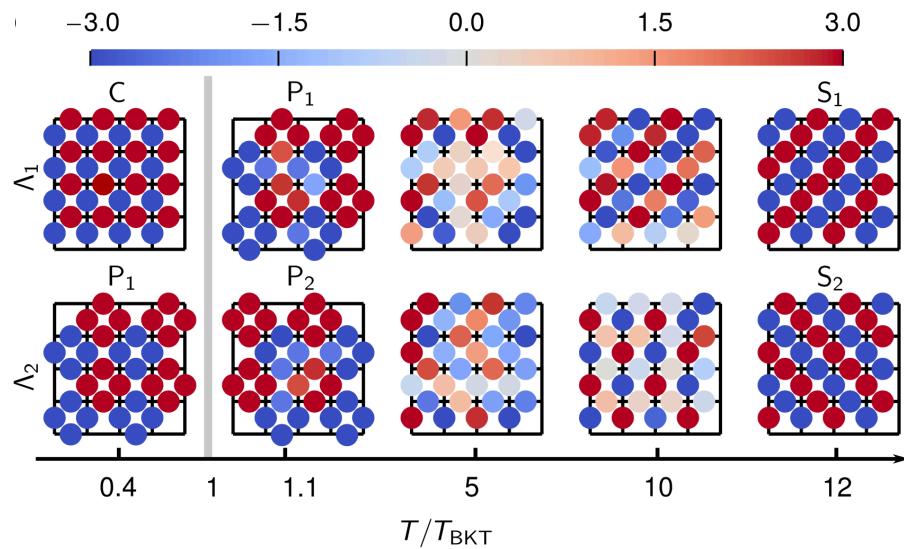
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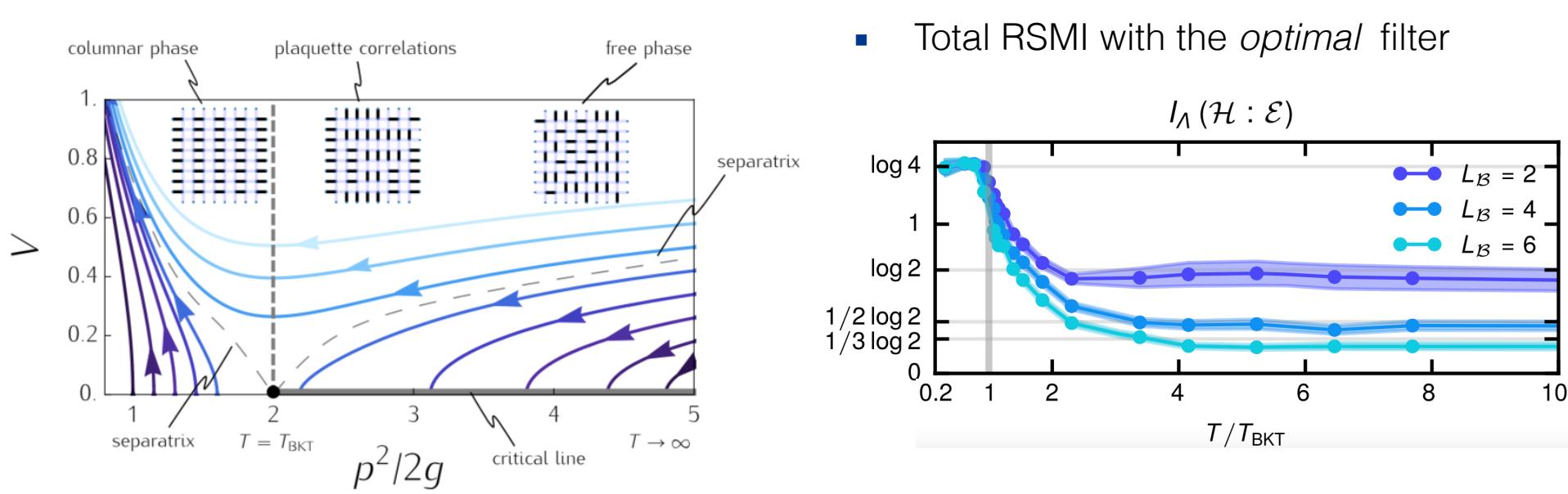


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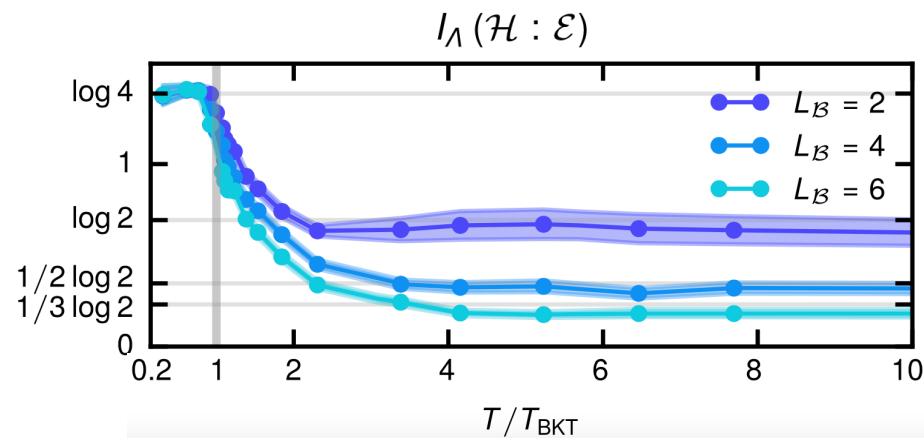


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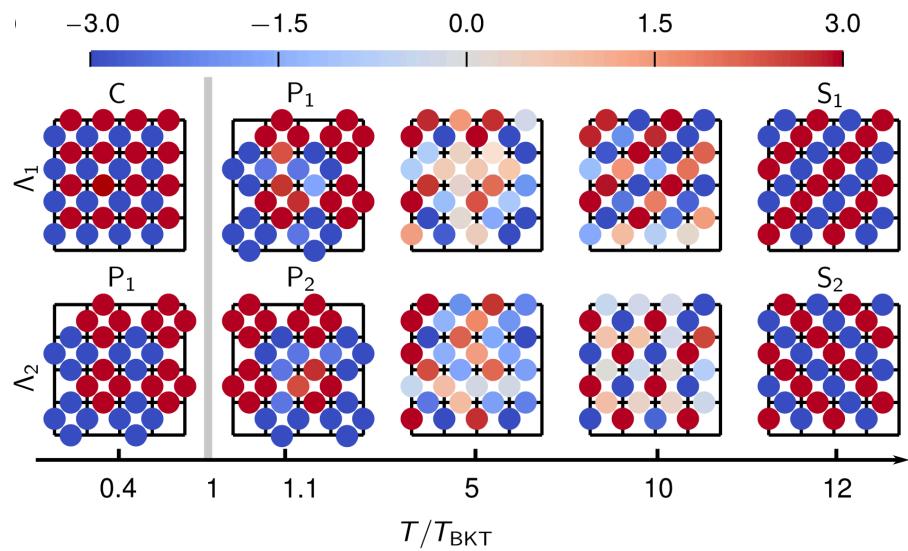




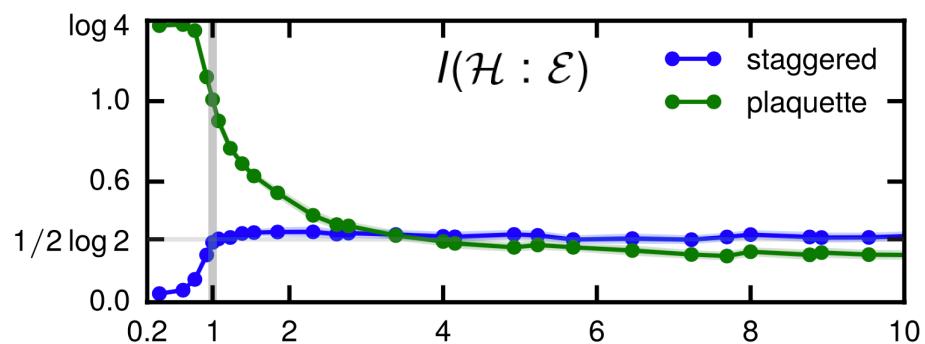
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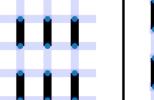
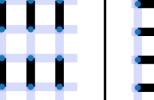
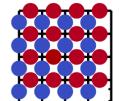
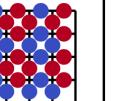
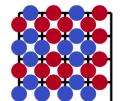
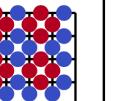
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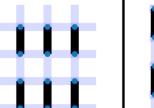
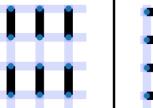
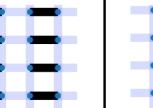
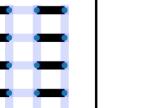
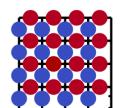
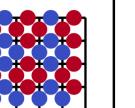
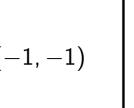
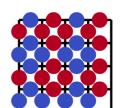
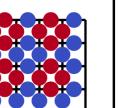
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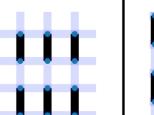
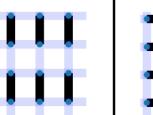
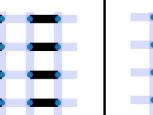
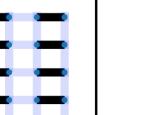
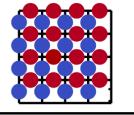
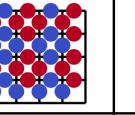
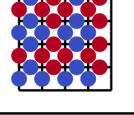
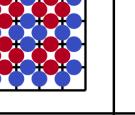
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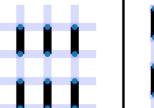
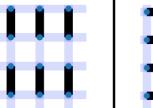
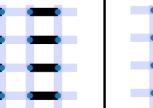
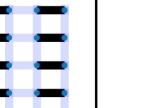
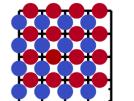
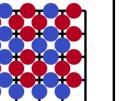
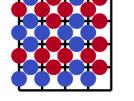
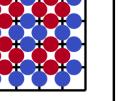
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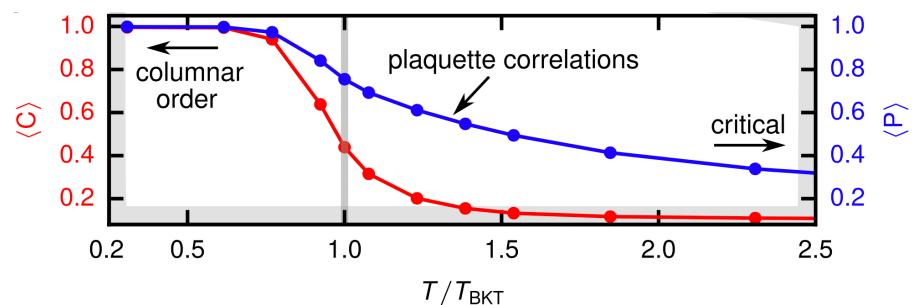
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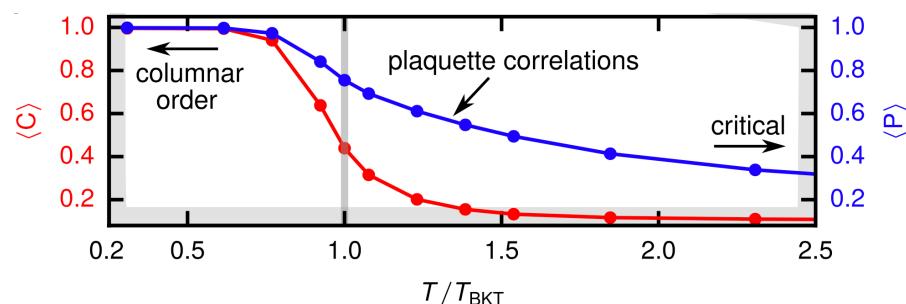
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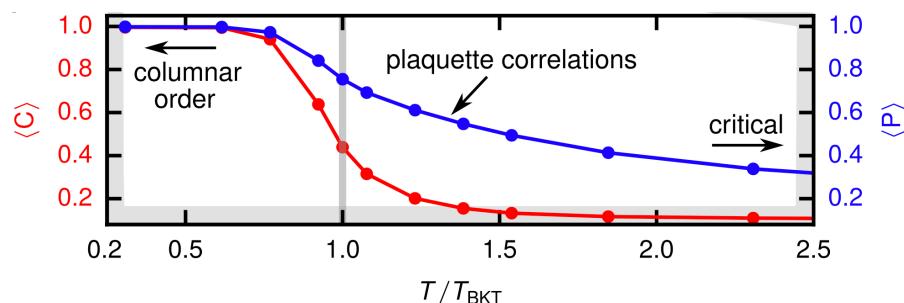
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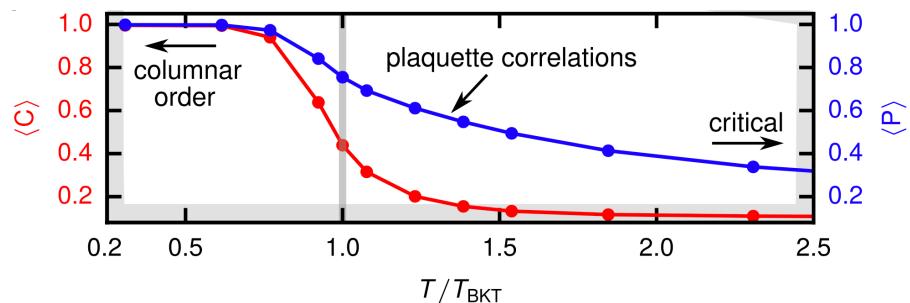
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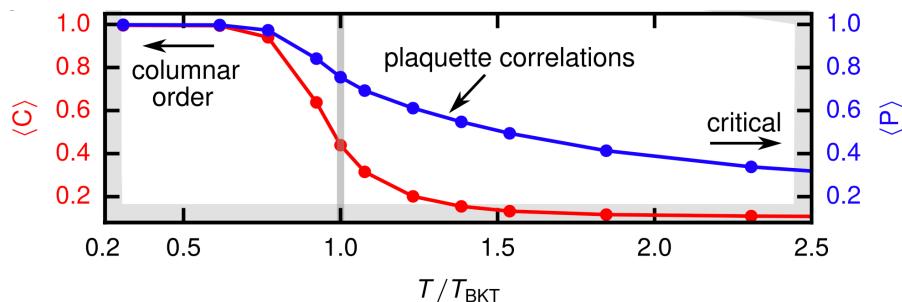
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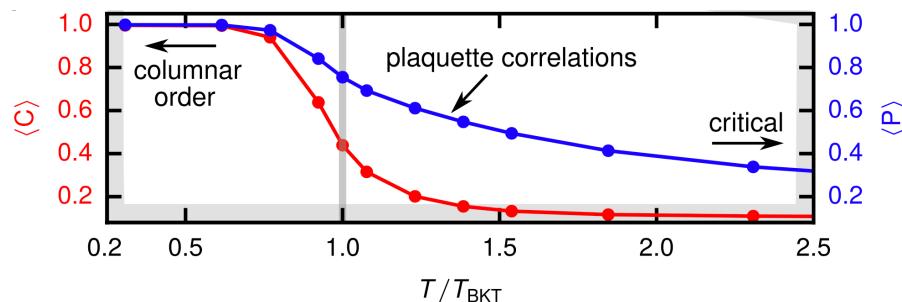
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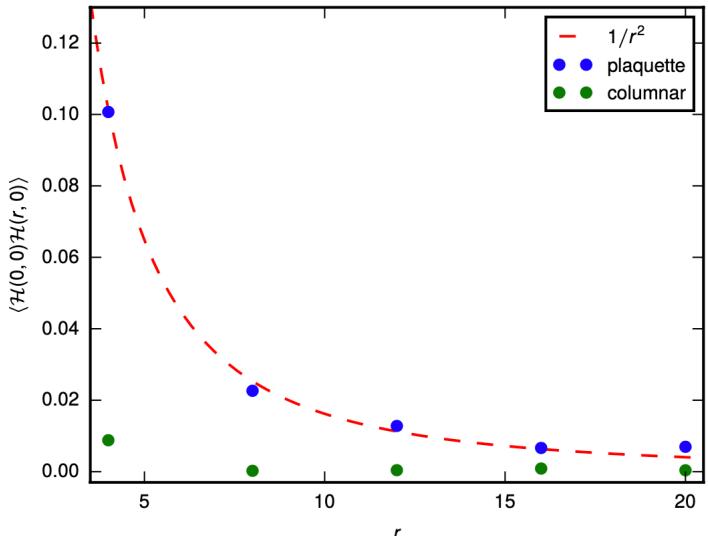
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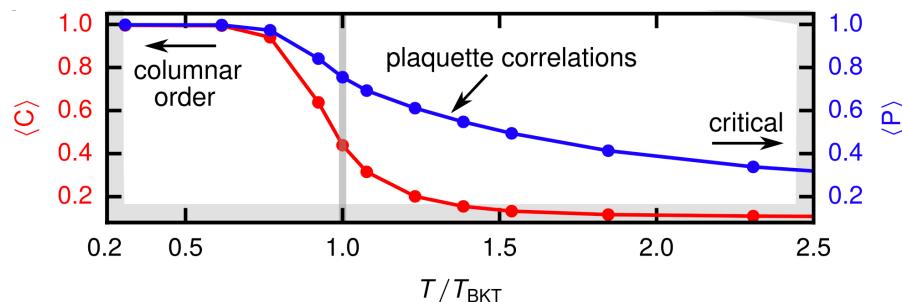
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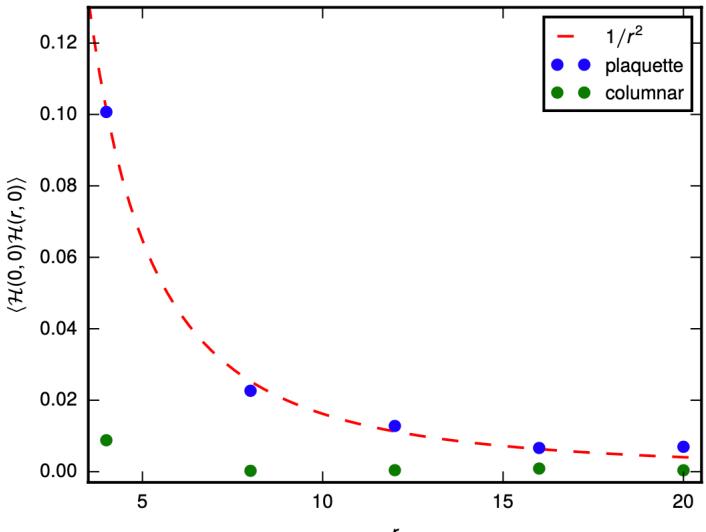
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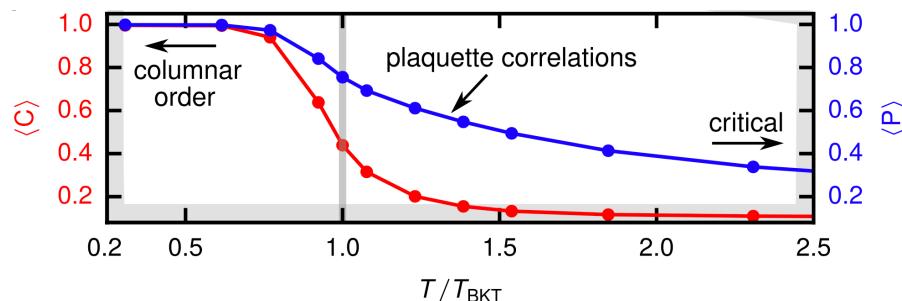
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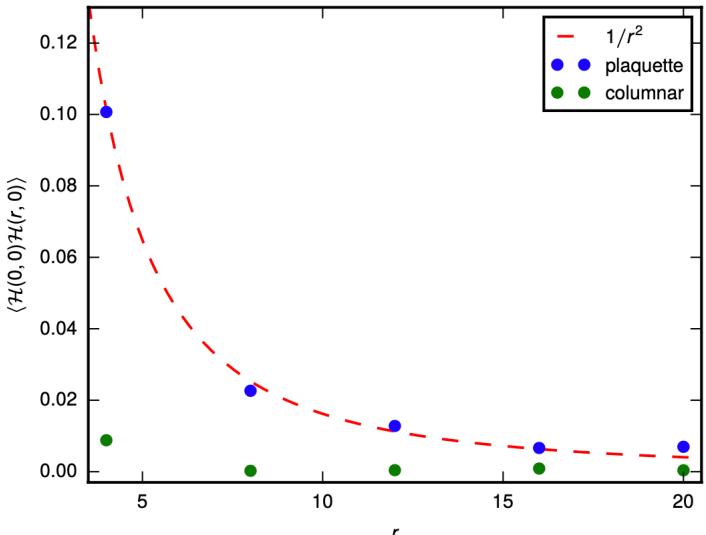
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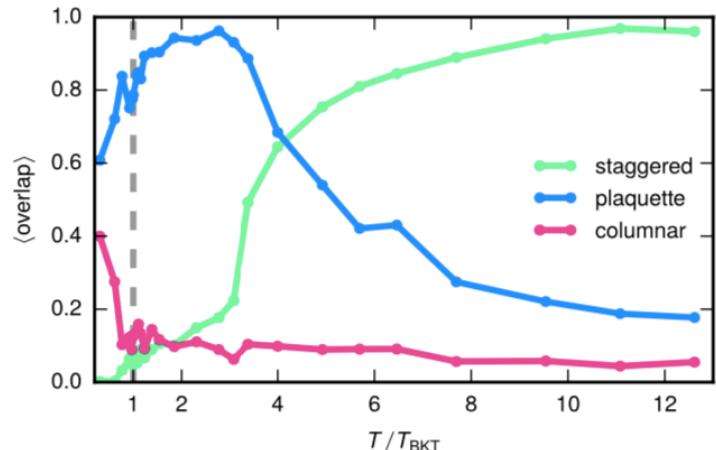
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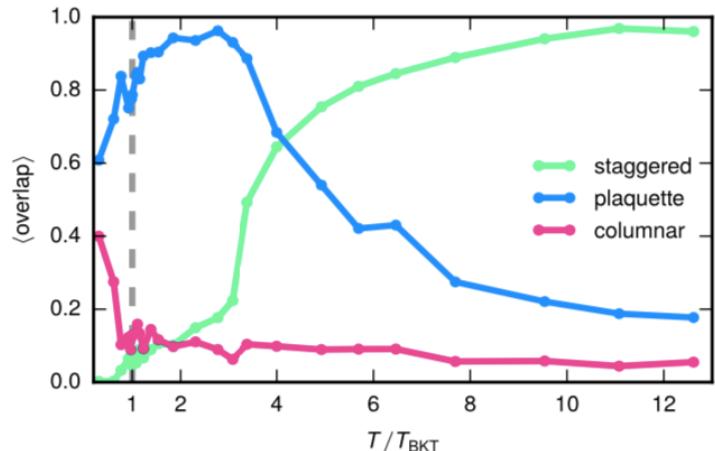
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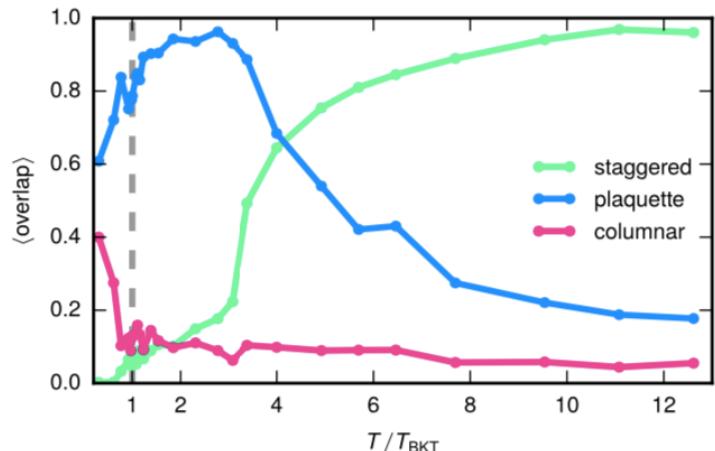
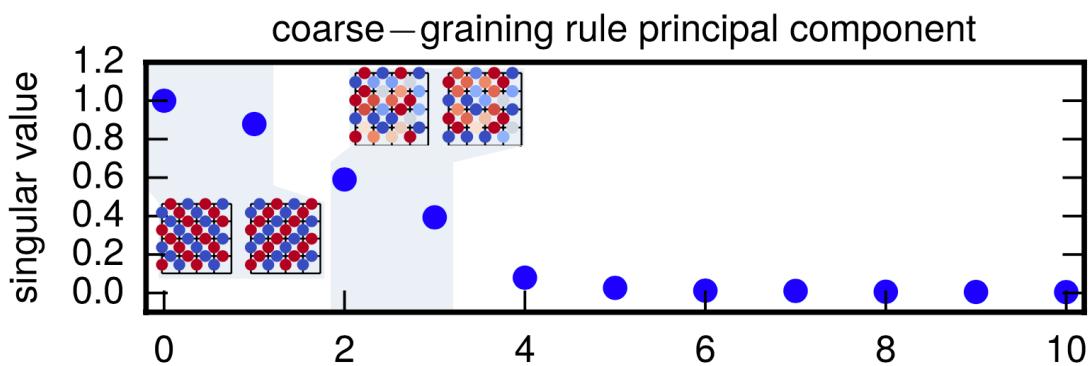
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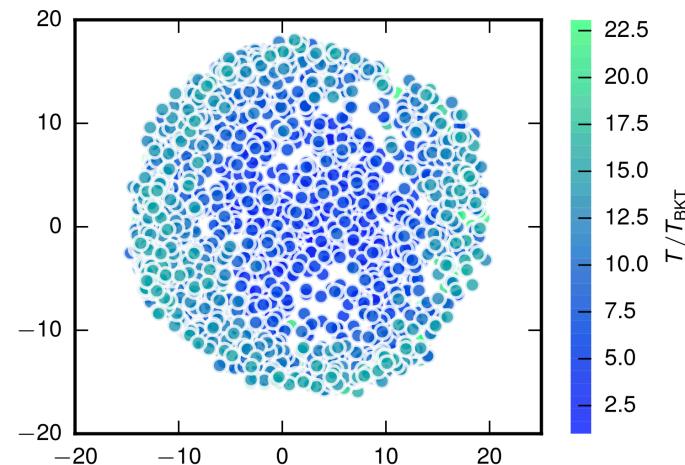
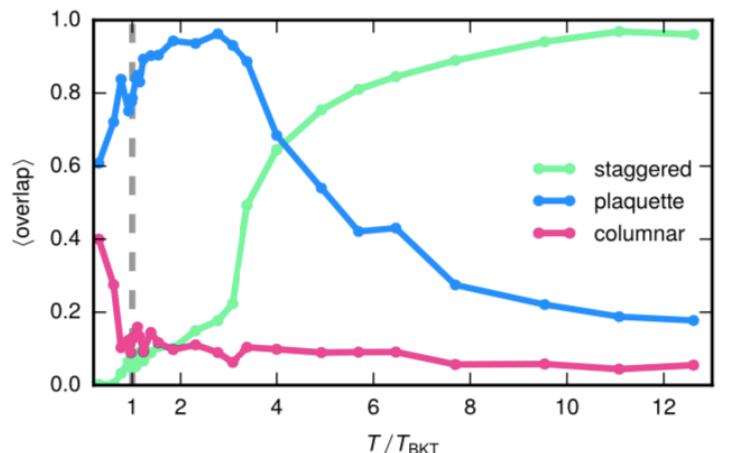
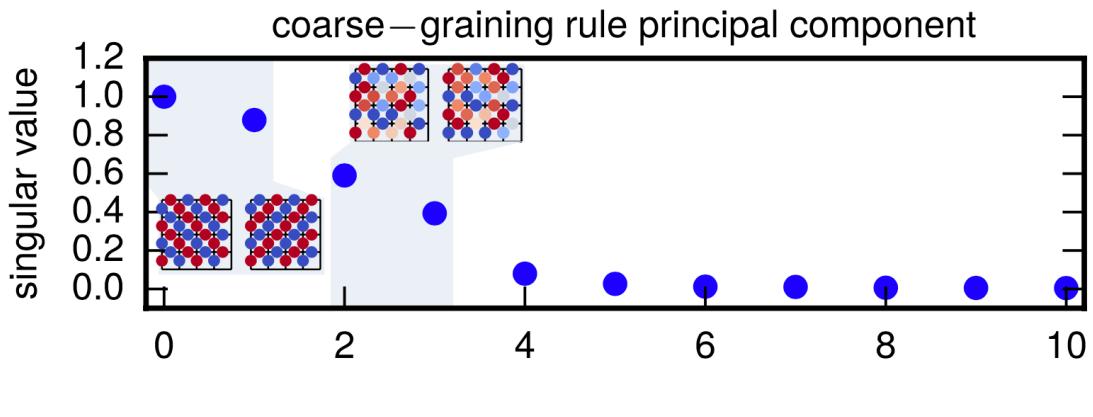
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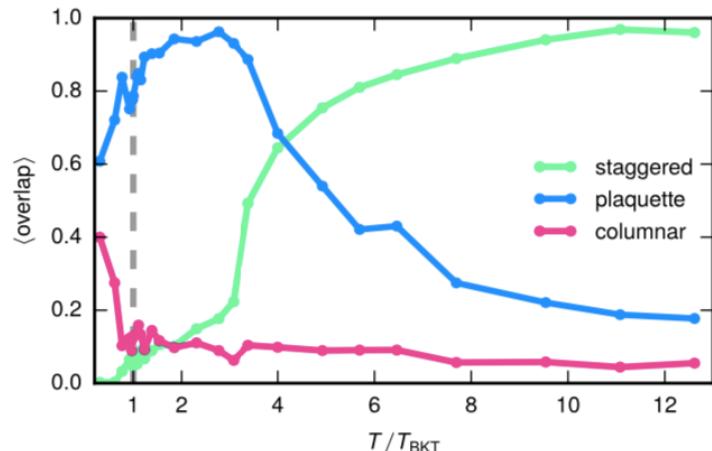
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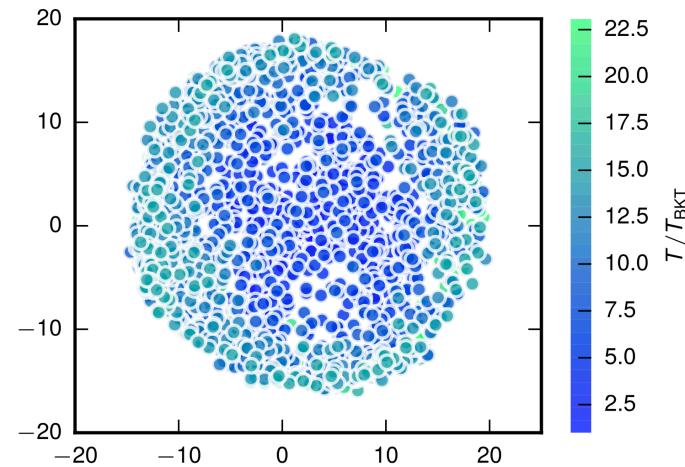
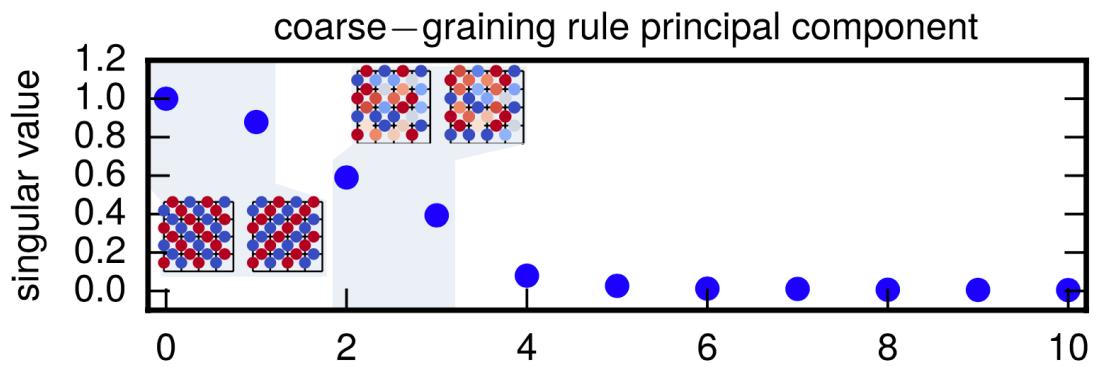


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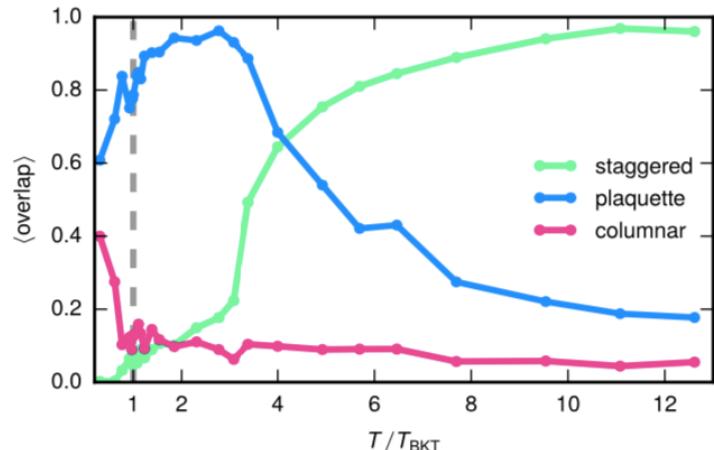
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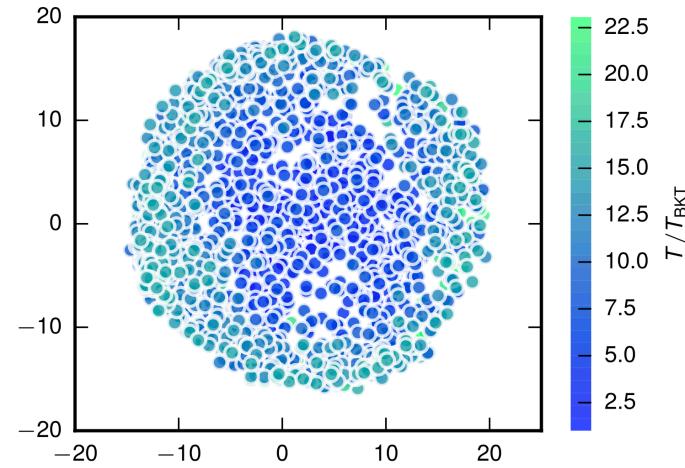
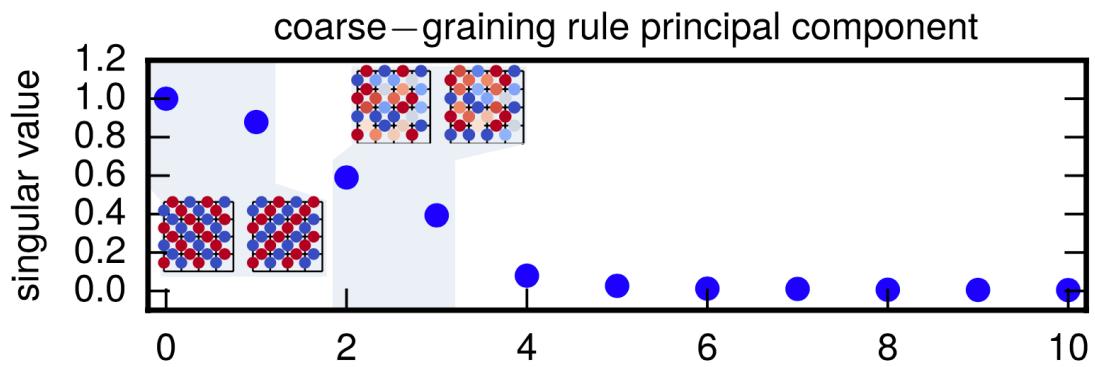
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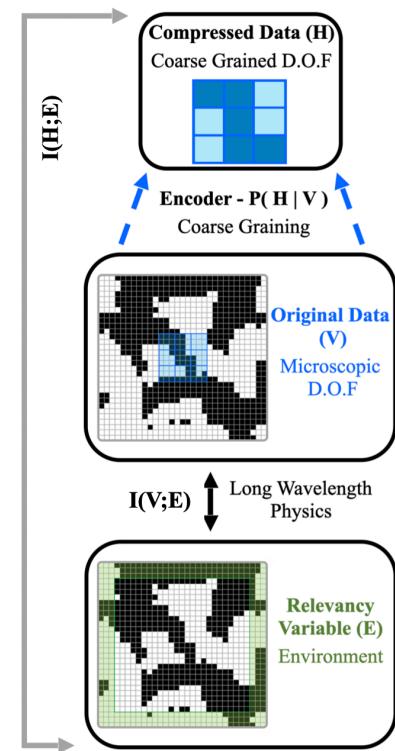
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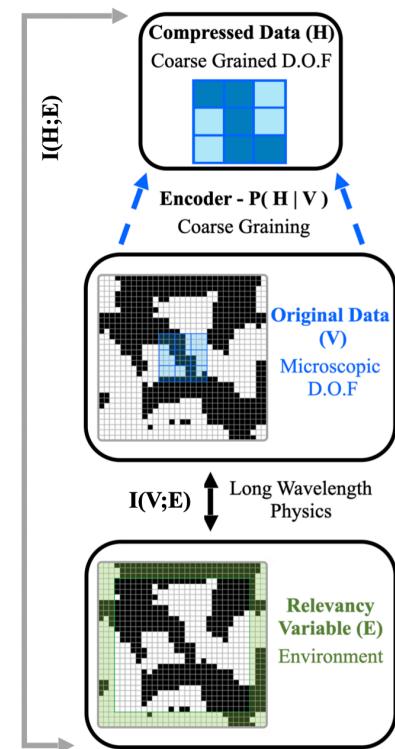


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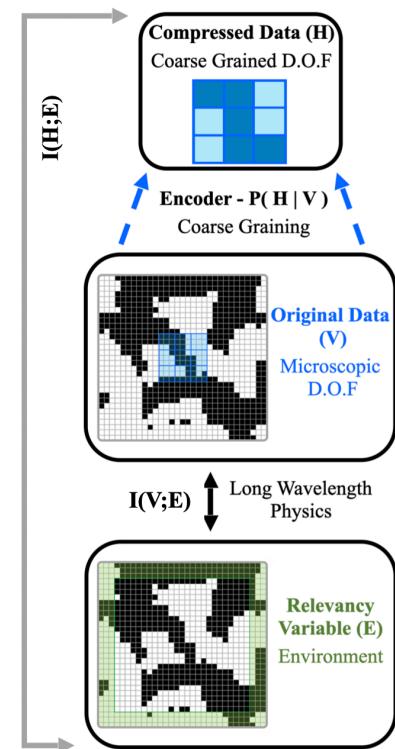
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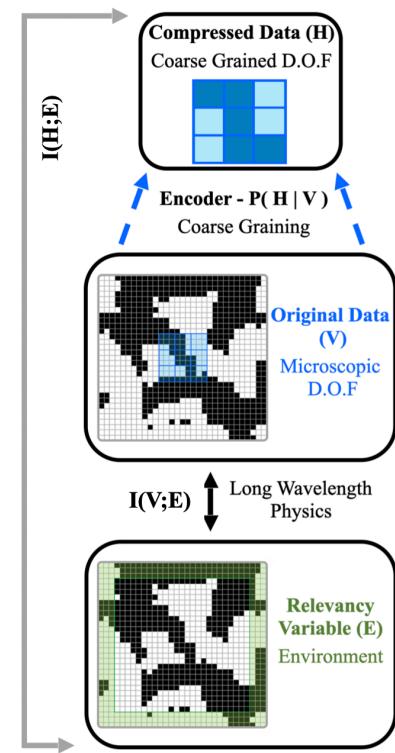
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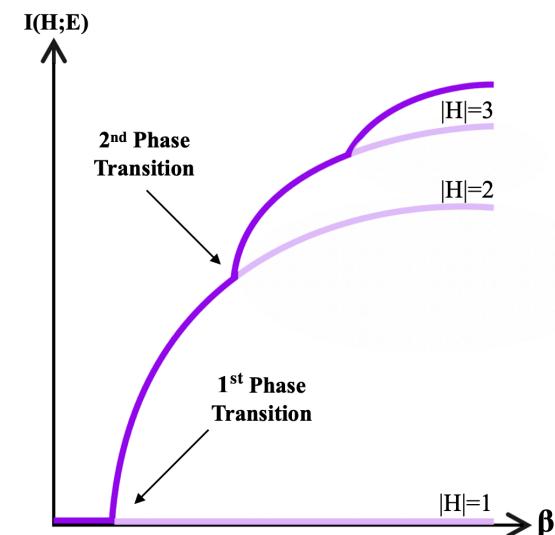
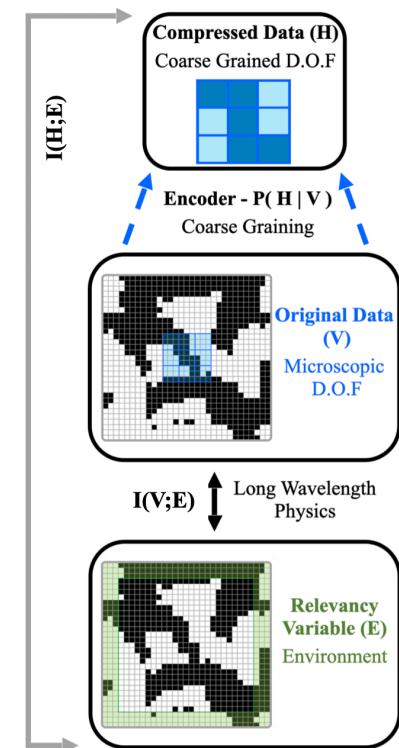
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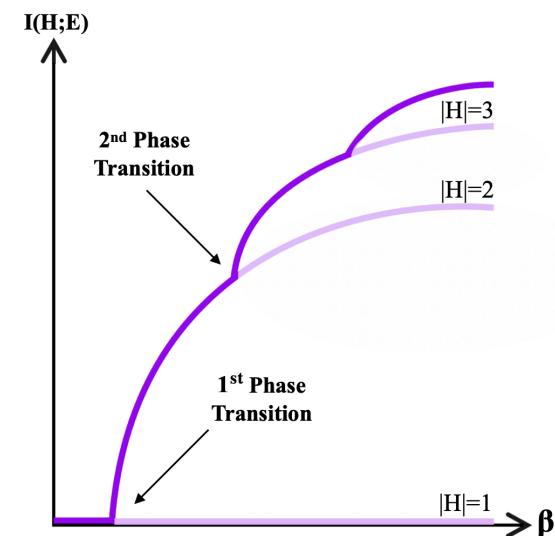
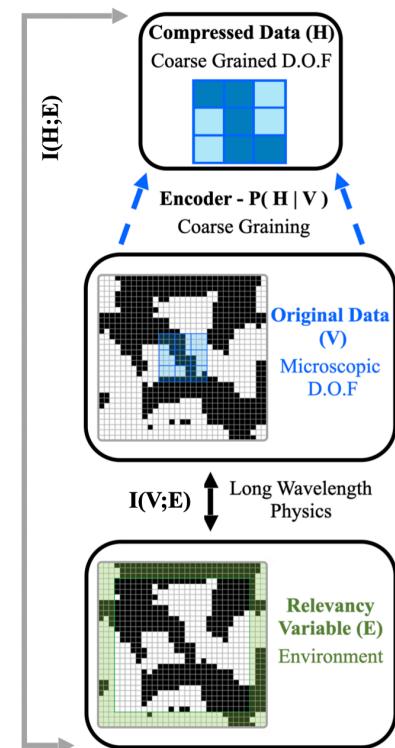
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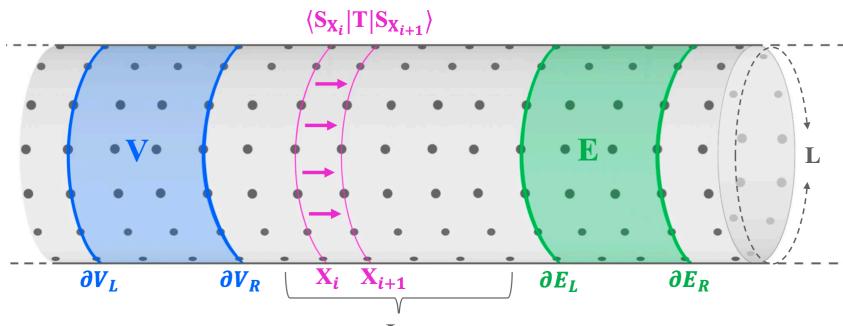
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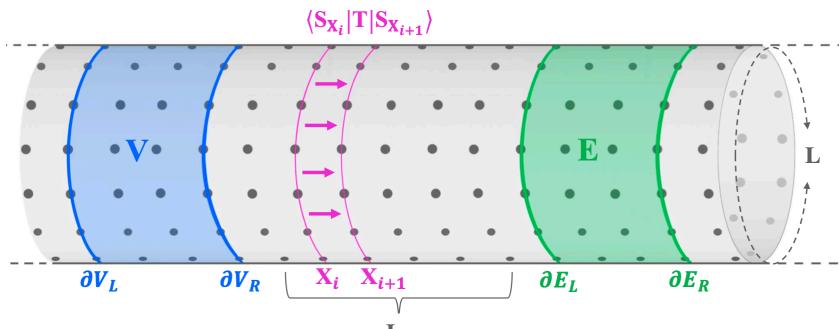
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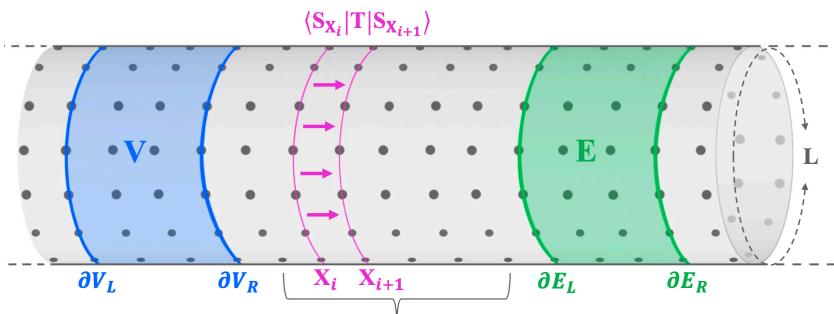


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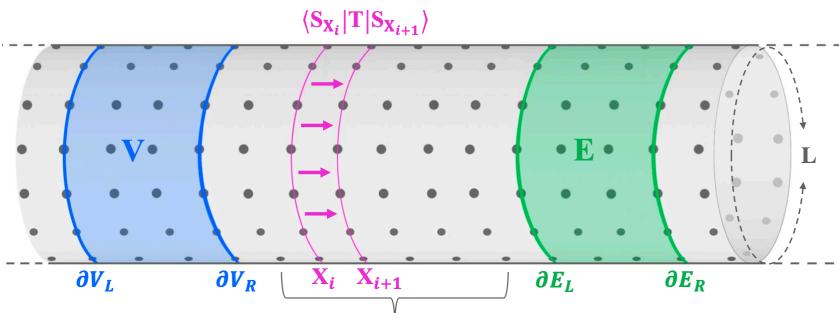
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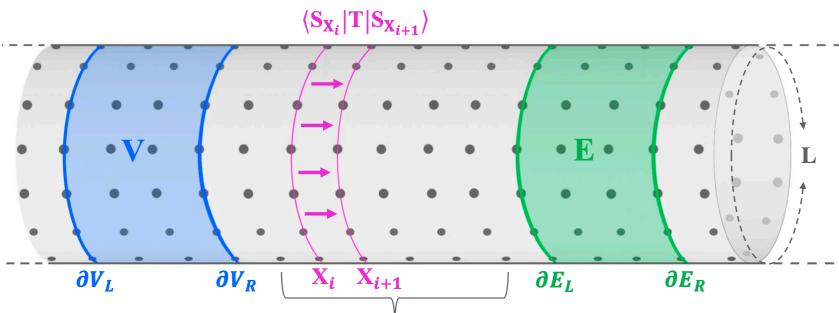
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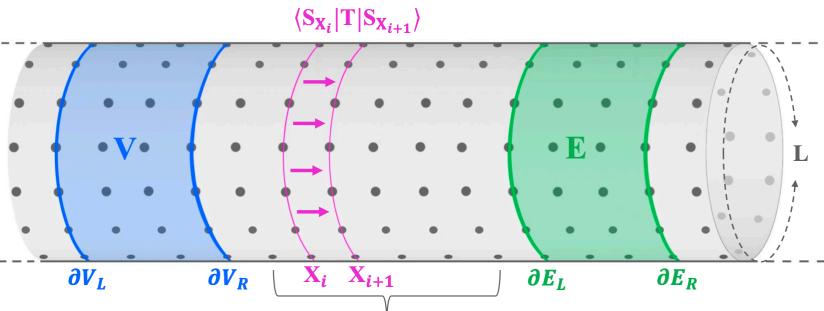
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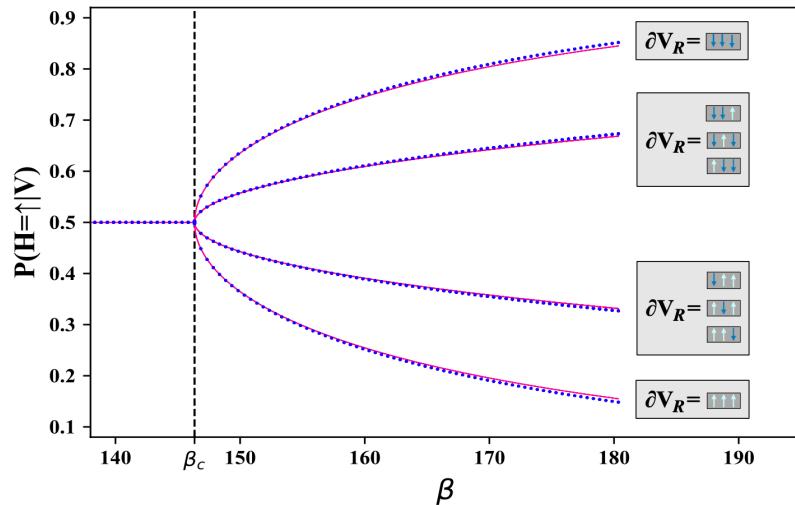
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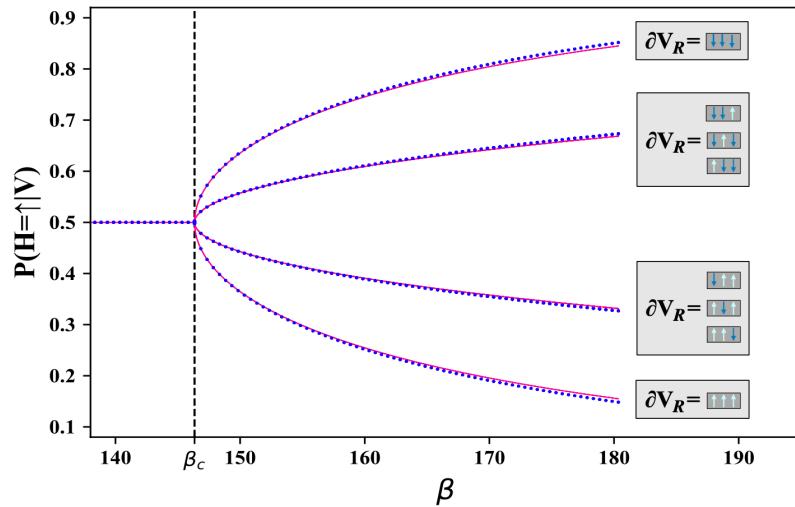
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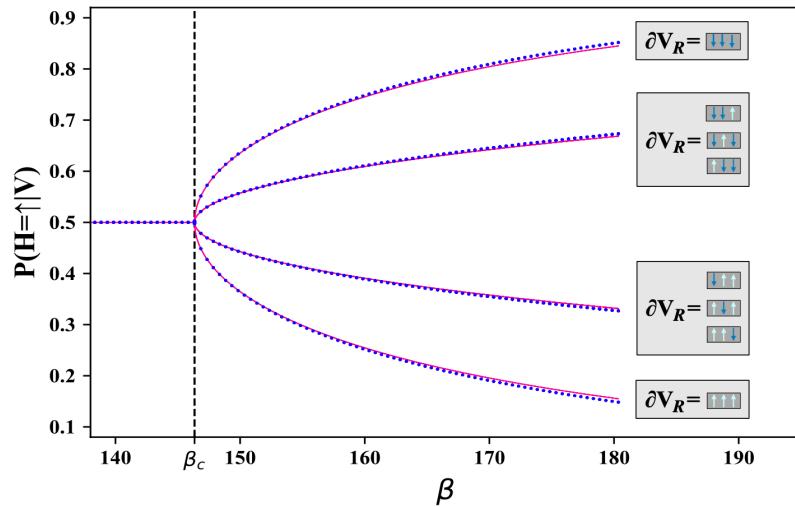
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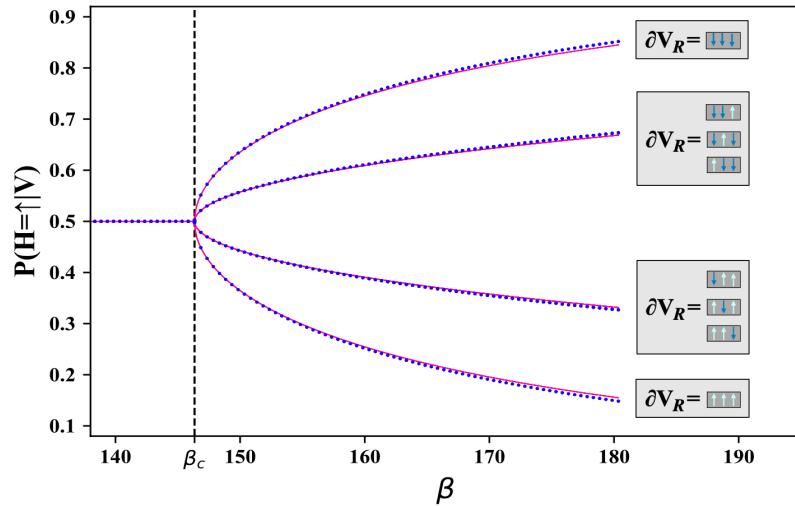


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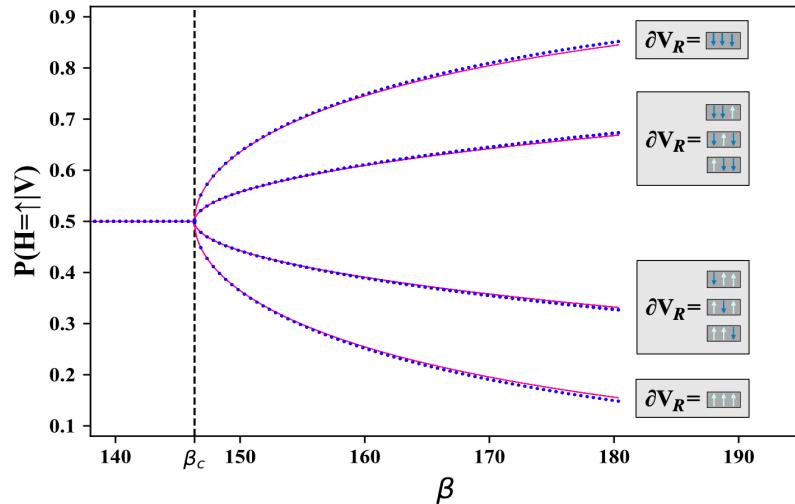
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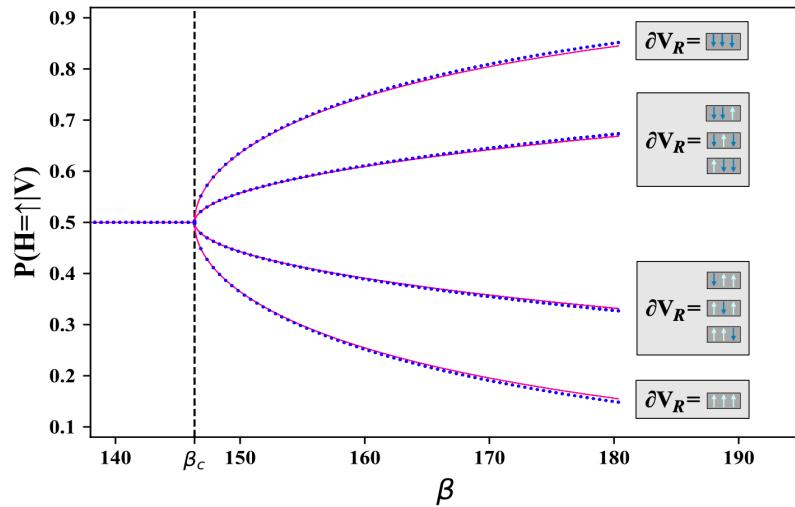
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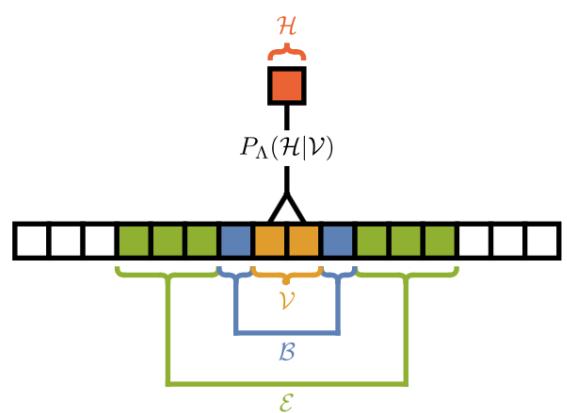
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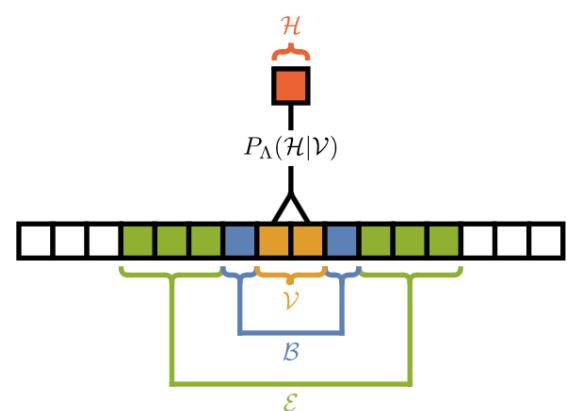
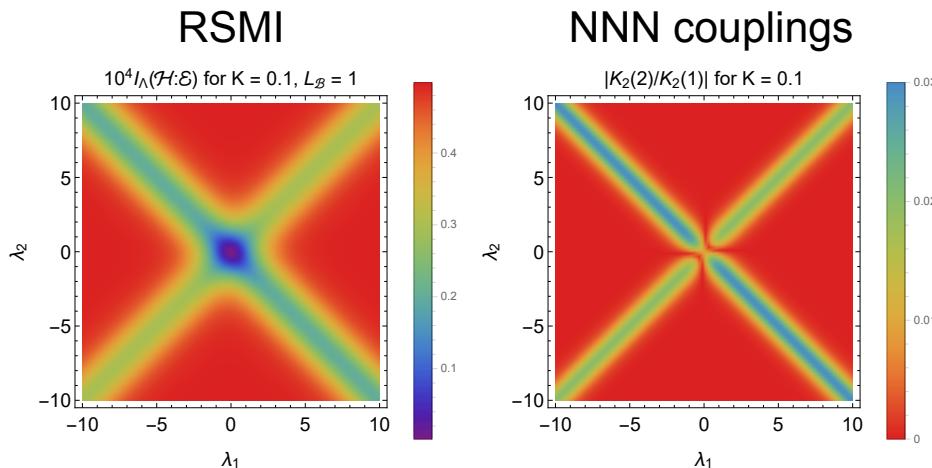
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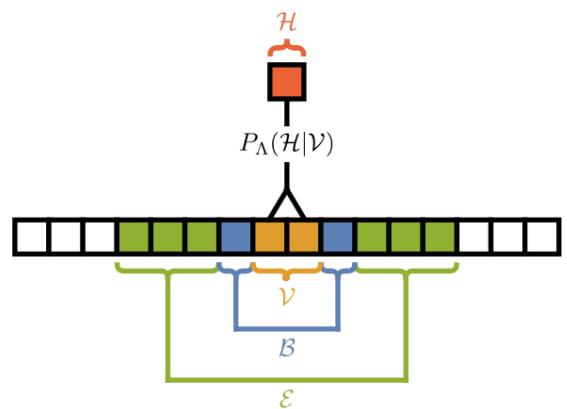
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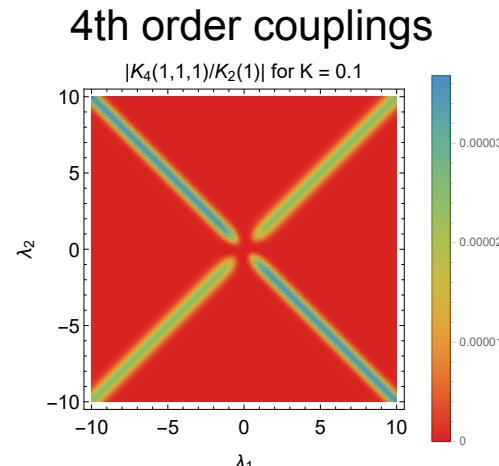
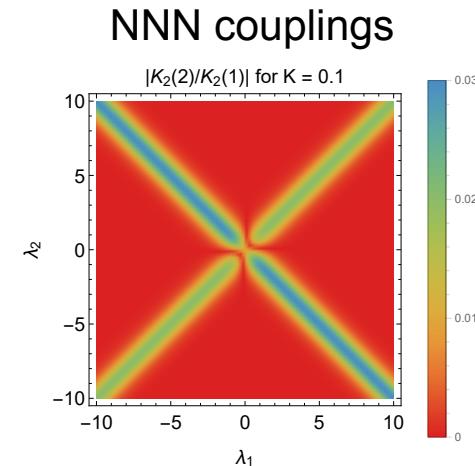
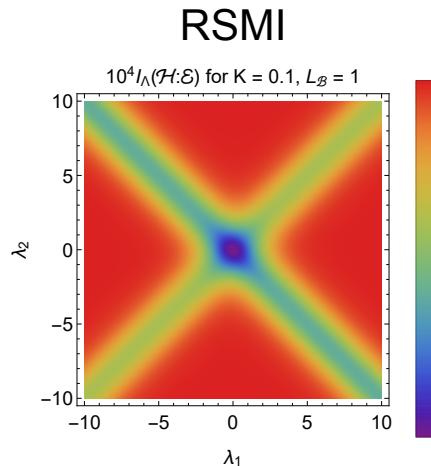


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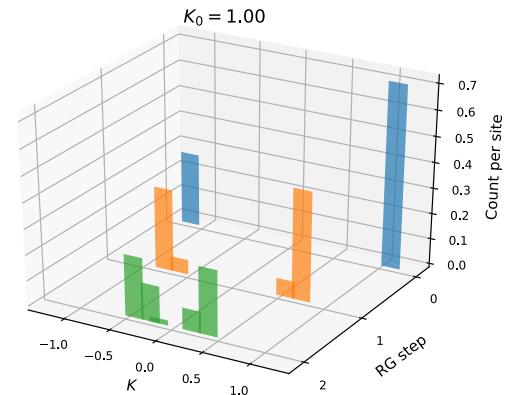
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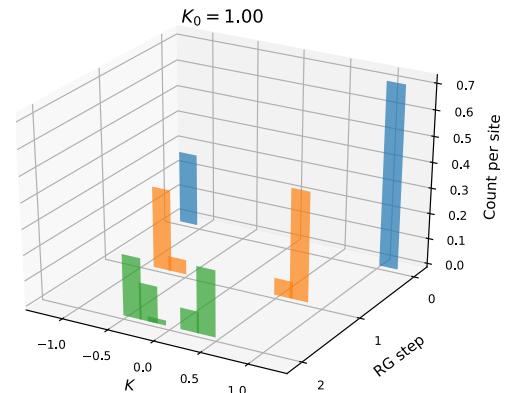
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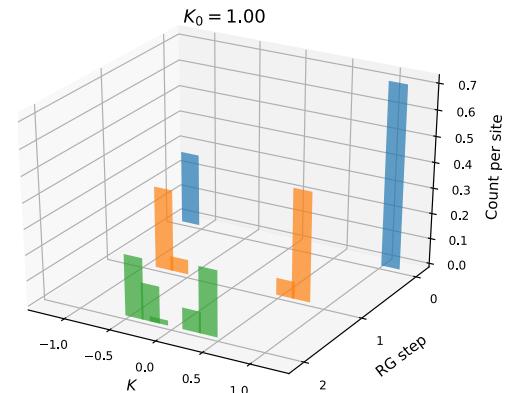
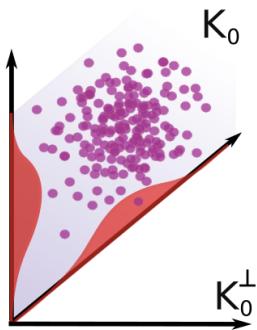
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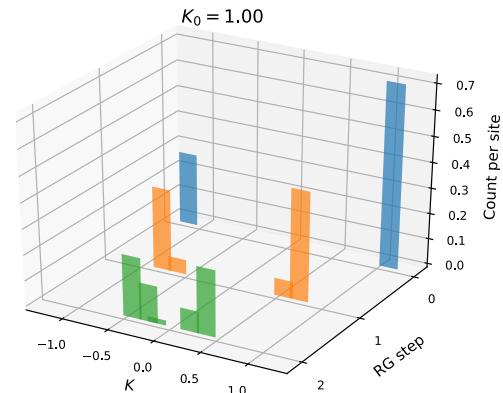
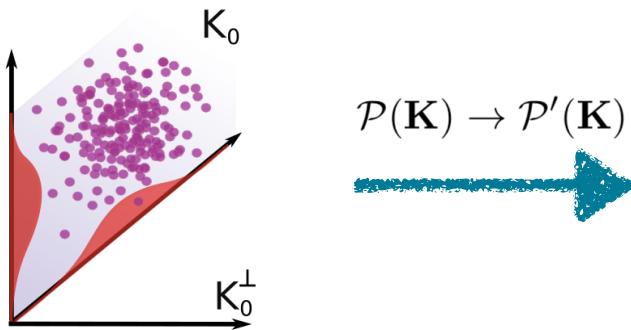
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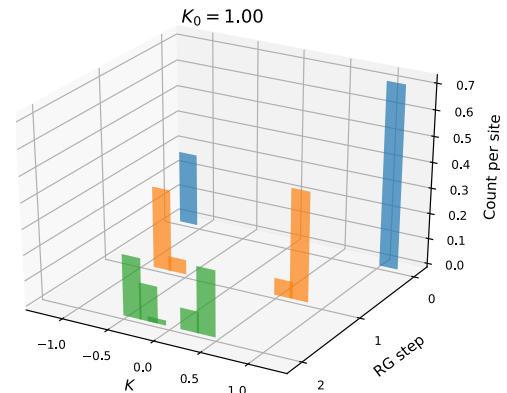
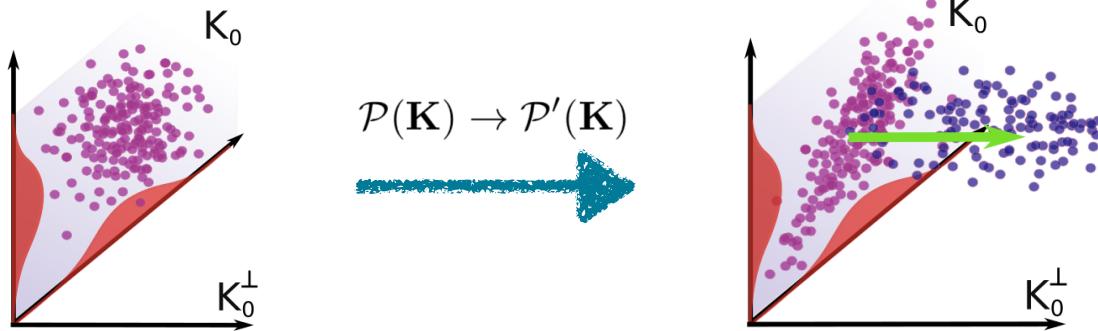
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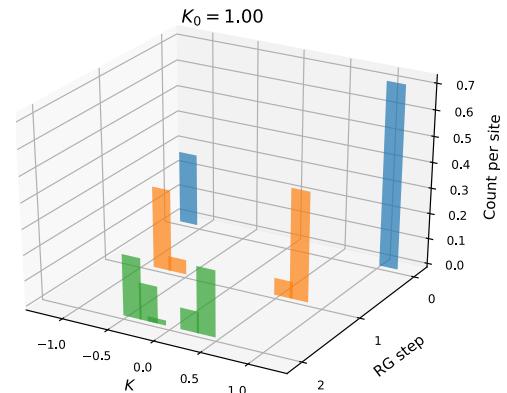
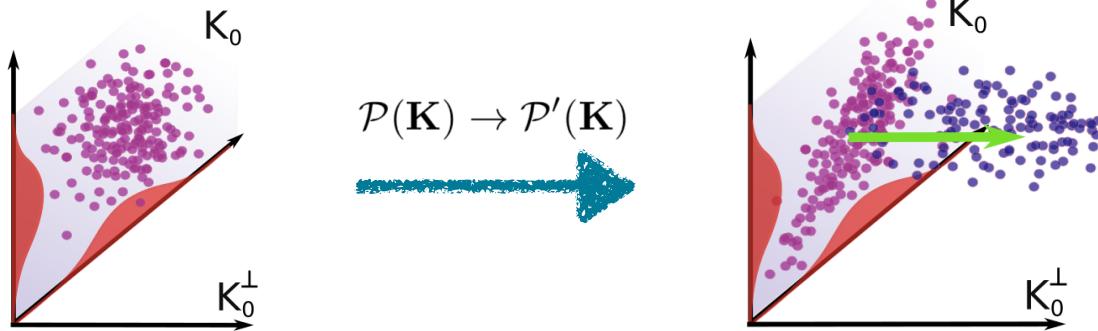
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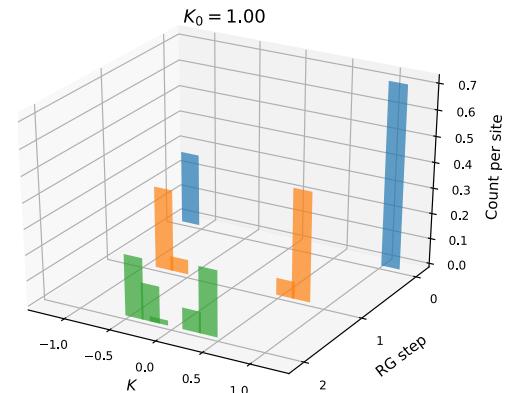
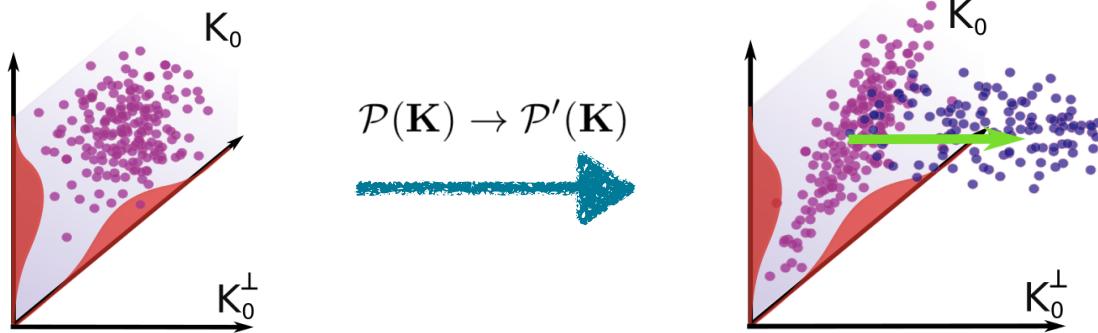
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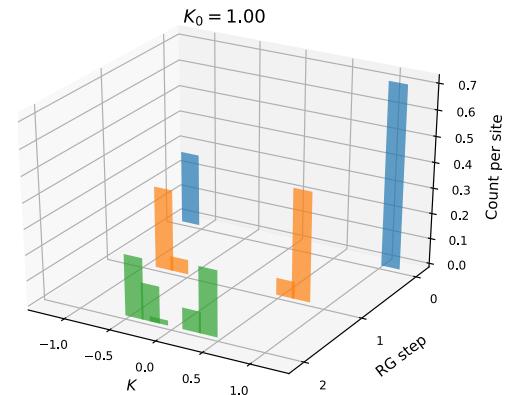
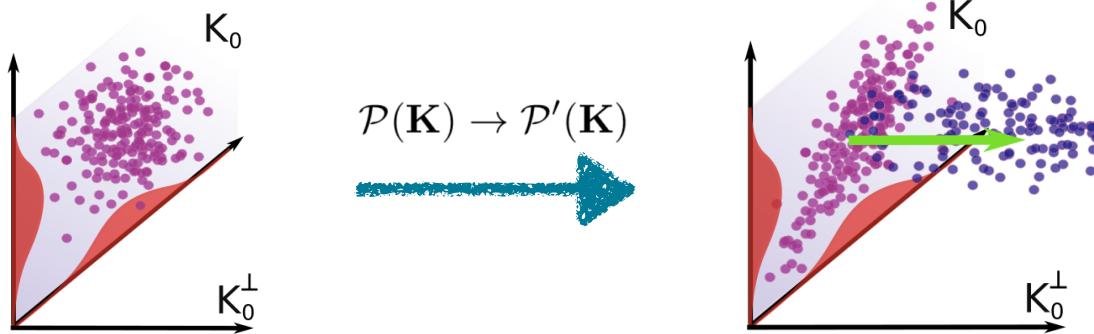


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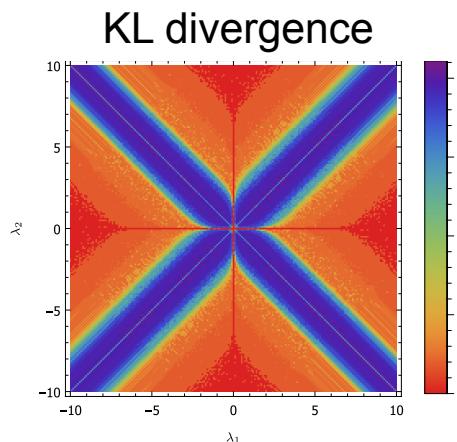
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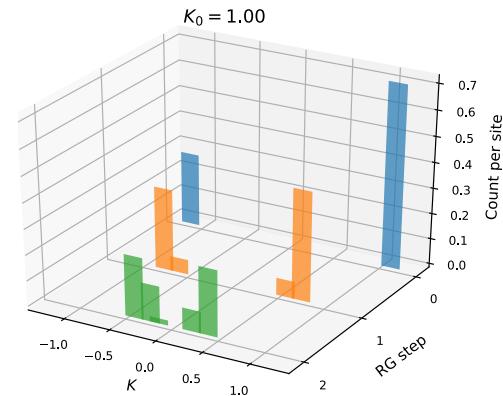
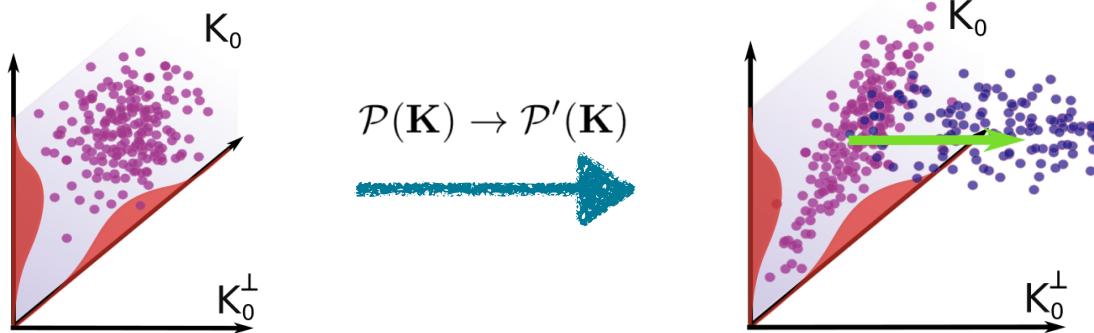
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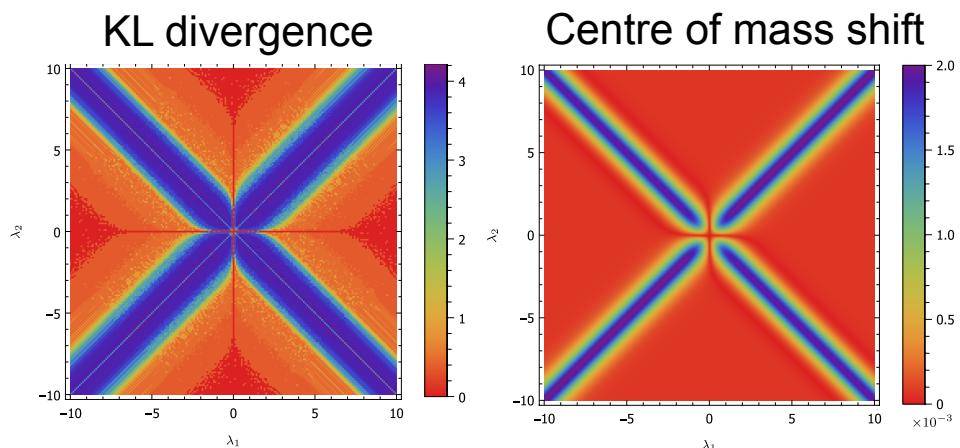
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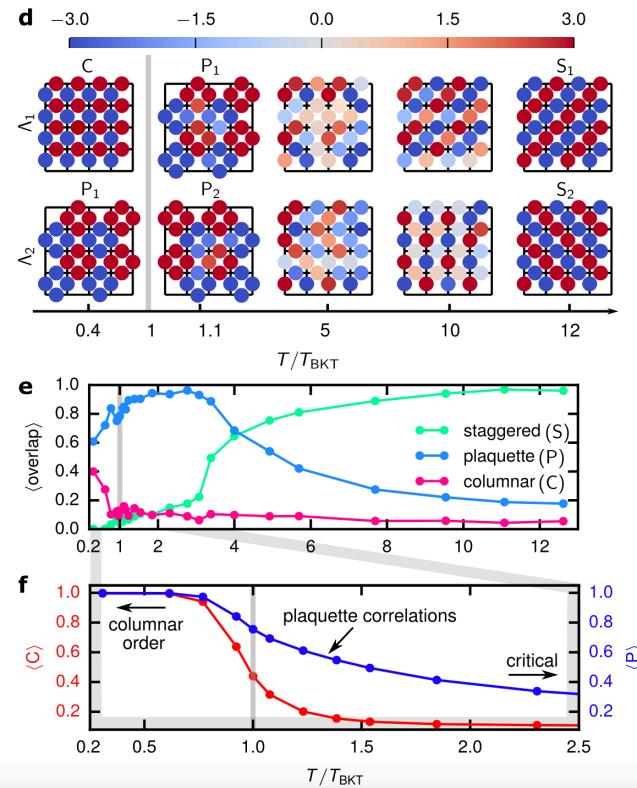
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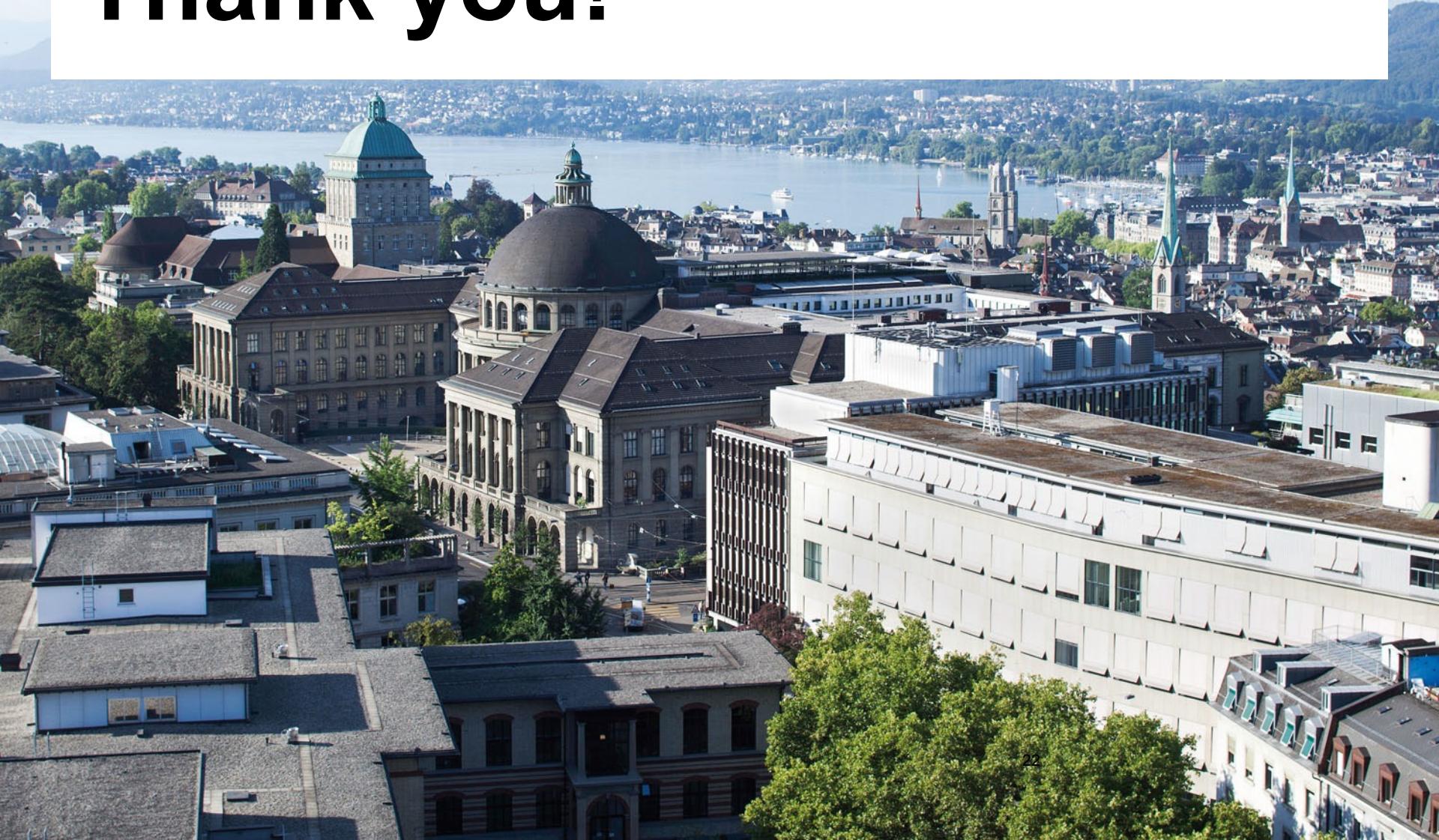
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$$\mathcal{H}_2 \sim \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{V}} \Lambda_{S2} \cdot \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{(-1)^{x+y}}{4} + \frac{\partial_y \varphi(\mathbf{r})}{2\pi} + (-1)^y \cos \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \right] = \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{\partial_y \varphi(\mathbf{r})}{2\pi} + (-1)^y \cos \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{H} \propto \tau \circ \nabla \langle \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \rangle_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{V}}$$

- The staggered filters: $\Lambda_{S1} \cdot \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r}) = (-1)^{x+y} N_+(\mathbf{r}),$
 $\Lambda_{S2} \cdot \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r}) = (-1)^{x+y+1} N_-(\mathbf{r})$

$$N_+(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{(-1)^{x+y+1}}{2\pi} \partial_x \varphi(\mathbf{r}) + (-1)^y \sin \varphi(\mathbf{r})$$

$$N_-(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{(-1)^{x+y}}{2\pi} \partial_y \varphi(\mathbf{r}) + (-1)^x \cos \varphi(\mathbf{r})$$

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$$\mathcal{H}_2 \sim \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{V}} \Lambda_{S2} \cdot \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{(-1)^{x+y}}{4} + \frac{\partial_y \varphi(\mathbf{r})}{2\pi} + (-1)^y \cos \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \right] = \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{\partial_y \varphi(\mathbf{r})}{2\pi} + (-1)^y \cos \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \right]$$

- Expanding sin/cos and averaging we obtain:

$$\mathcal{H} \propto \tau \circ \nabla \langle \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \rangle_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{V}}$$

Algorithm 3.1 One epoch for the unsupervised learning procedure for the RSMI-net using InfoNCE lower-bound

- 1: η = learning rate
- 2: ϵ = relaxation parameter for Gumbel-softmax distribution
- 3: $\mathbf{w}^0 \leftarrow$ random hyperparameter tensor \triangleright initialise InfoNCE *ansatz* $f(h, e)$
- 4: $\Lambda^0 \leftarrow$ random hyperparameter tensor \triangleright initialise coarse-graining filter
- 5: **for** s in $1 : n$ **do** \triangleright loop over all n K -replica samples for $(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$
- 6: $\epsilon^s \leftarrow$ reduce Gumbel-softmax relaxation parameter
- 7: $\tau^s \leftarrow \tau(\epsilon^s)$ \triangleright Anneal Gumbel-softmax layer
- 8: **for** i in $1 : K$ **do**
- 9: **for** j in $1 : K$ **do**
- 10: $h_i^s[\Lambda^s] \leftarrow \tau^s(\Lambda^s \cdot v_i^s)$ \triangleright Coarse-grain visible degrees of freedom
- 11: $F_{ij}(\mathbf{w}^s, \Lambda^s) \leftarrow f(h_i^s[\Lambda^s], e_j^s; \mathbf{w}^s)$ \triangleright ij 'th element of scores matrix
- 12: **end for**
- 13: **end for**
- 14: $Q(x_{1:K}, y_{1:K}; \mathbf{w}^s, \Lambda^s) \leftarrow \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{F_{ij}(\mathbf{w}^s, \Lambda^s)}{\sum_{i=1}^K \exp F_{ij}(\mathbf{w}^s, \Lambda^s)}$ \triangleright InfoNCE "prediction"
- 15: **Update parameters of the RSMI estimator network:**
- 16: $\Delta \mathbf{w}^s \leftarrow \eta \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} [\log Q(\mathbf{w}, \Lambda^s)] \Big|_{\mathbf{w}=\mathbf{w}^s}$ \triangleright automatic differentiation
- 17: $\mathbf{w}^s \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^s + \Delta \mathbf{w}^s$ \triangleright stochastic gradient-ascent
- 18: **Update parameters of the coarse-grainer network:**
- 19: $\Delta \Lambda^s \leftarrow \eta \nabla_{\Lambda} [\log Q(\mathbf{w}^s, \Lambda)] \Big|_{\Lambda=\Lambda^s}$
- 20: $\Lambda^s \leftarrow \Lambda^s + \Delta \Lambda^s$
- 21: **end for**
- 22: $\tilde{I}_{\Lambda}(\mathcal{H} : \mathcal{E}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \log Q(x_{1:K}, y_{1:K}; \mathbf{w}^t, \Lambda^t) + \log K$ \triangleright average over n samples
- 23: **return** $\tilde{I}_{\Lambda}(\mathcal{H} : \mathcal{E}), \Lambda^n$

RSMI training

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