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Abstract:

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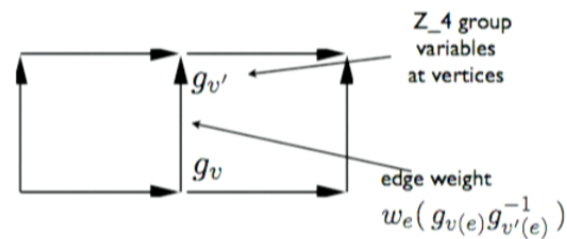
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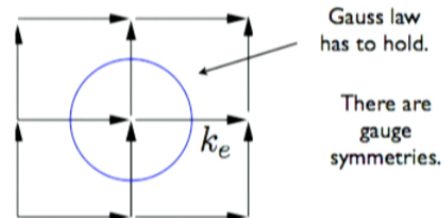


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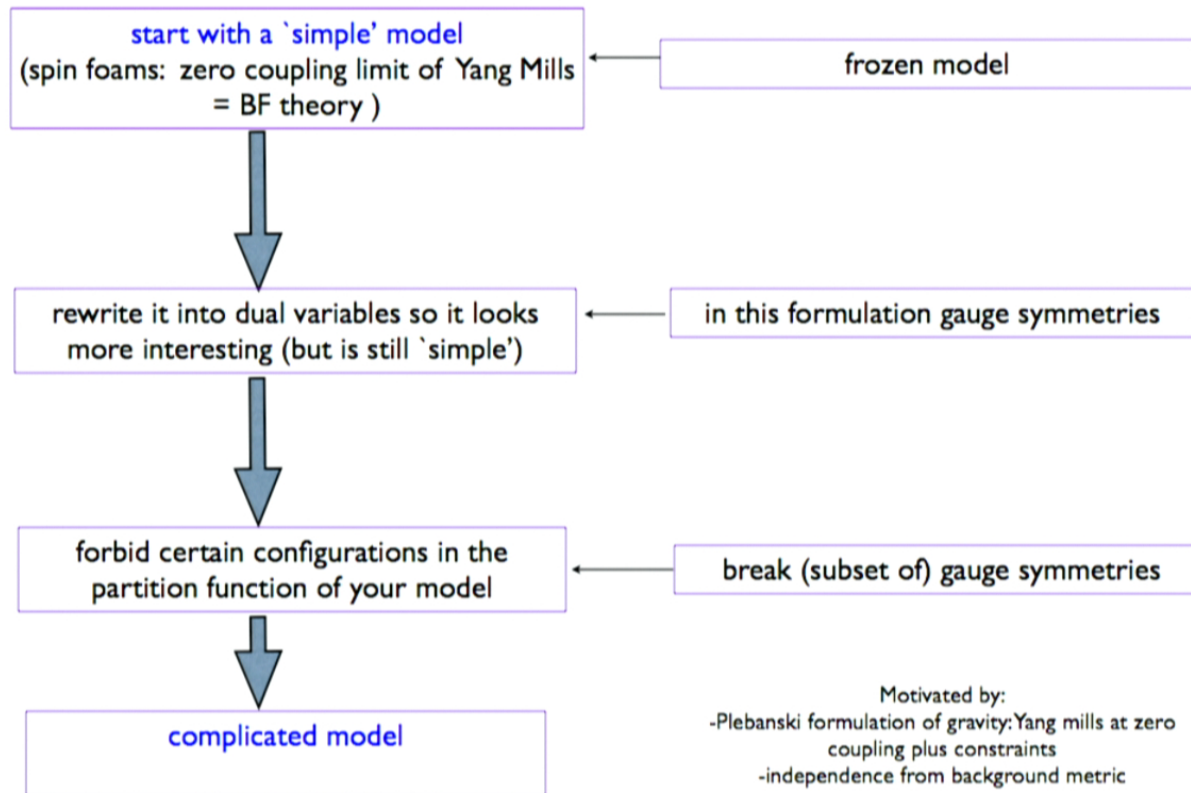
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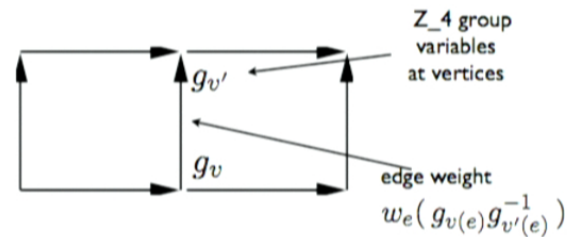
## Spin foam construction principle: break the symmetries of a topological theory



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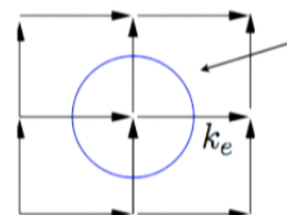


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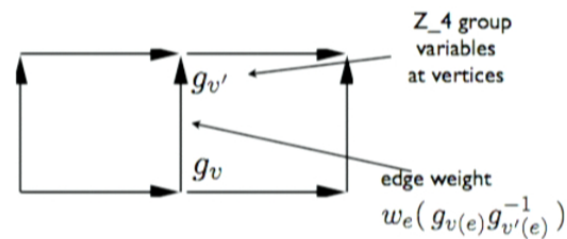
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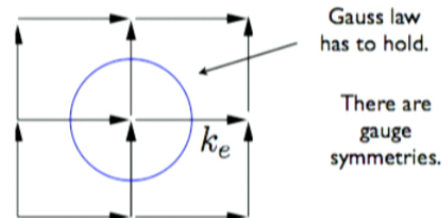


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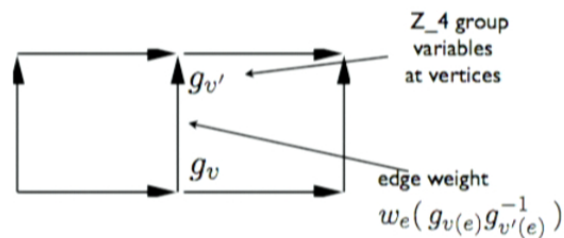
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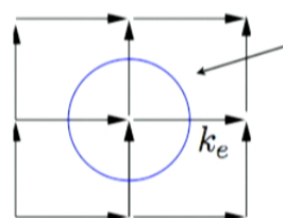


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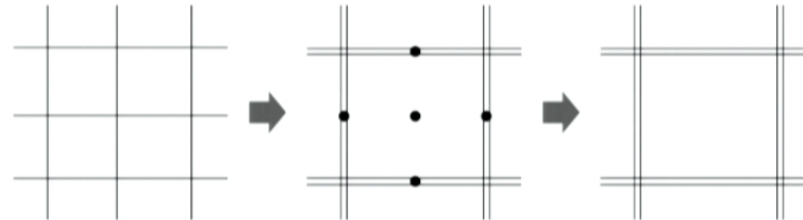
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# Coarse graining

- standard method: Migdal-Kadanoff ('75/76)

- approximation to local couplings
- leads to simple recursion relation on weights



$$Z = \sum_{g_v} \prod_e w_e(g_{v(e)} g_{v'(e)}^{-1})$$

sum over subset of  
variables

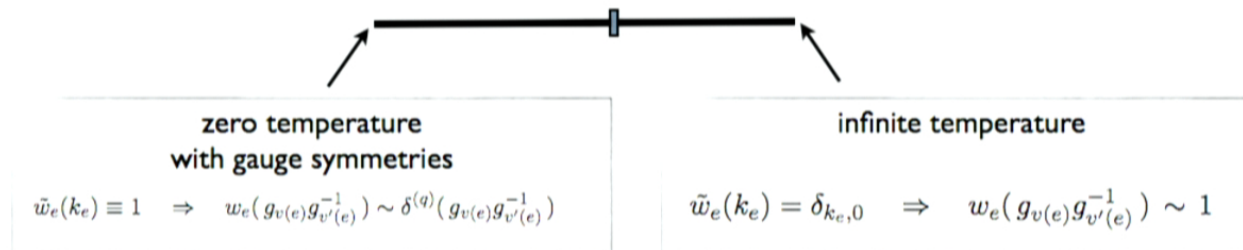
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approximate with local  
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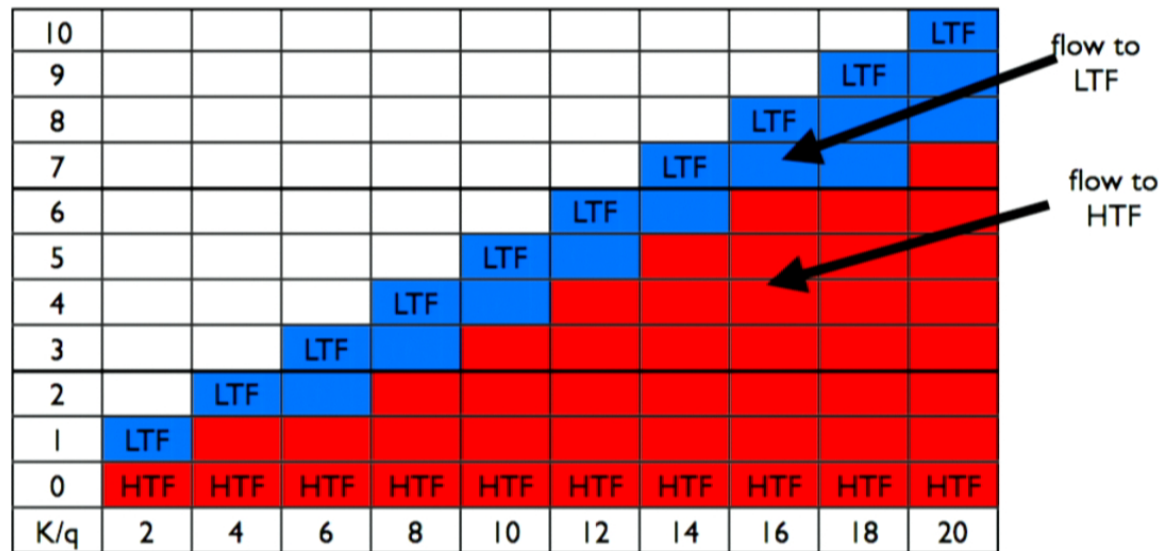


To which fixed points do the models  
flow under coarse graining (symmetry restoration)?



## Results [BD, Eckert, Martin-Benito 11]

3d lattice gauge (spin foam)

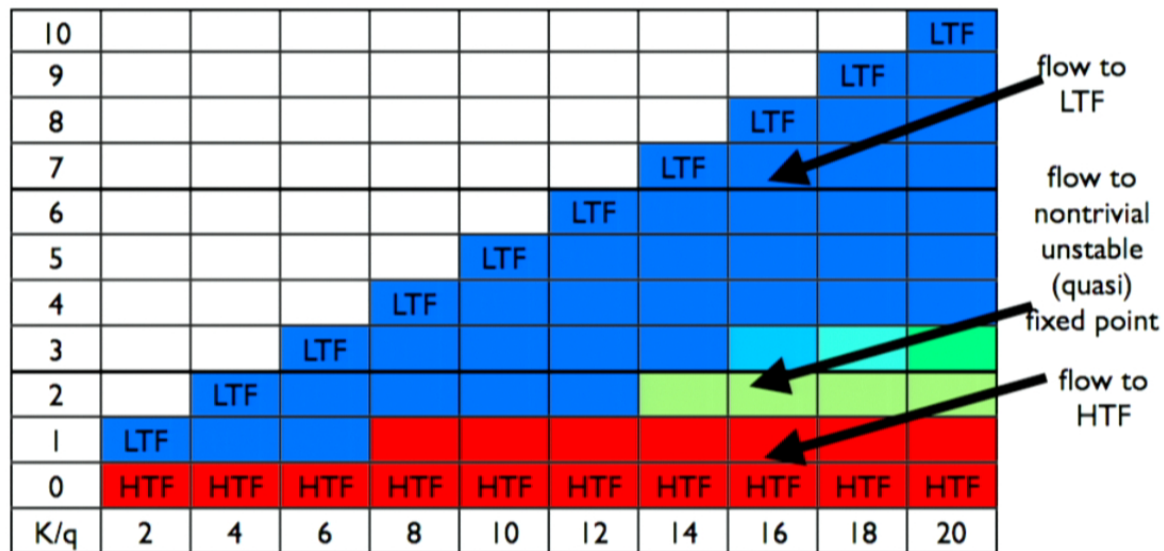


- convergence after small number of iteration steps either to HTF or LTF
- mostly to HTF

- for  $U(1)$ ,  $SU(N)$ : Migdal-Kadanoff approximation flows all configurations to HTF: there is only one phase [Ito 84; Mueller, Schieman 85]
- as 3d is to near the critical dimension of 2

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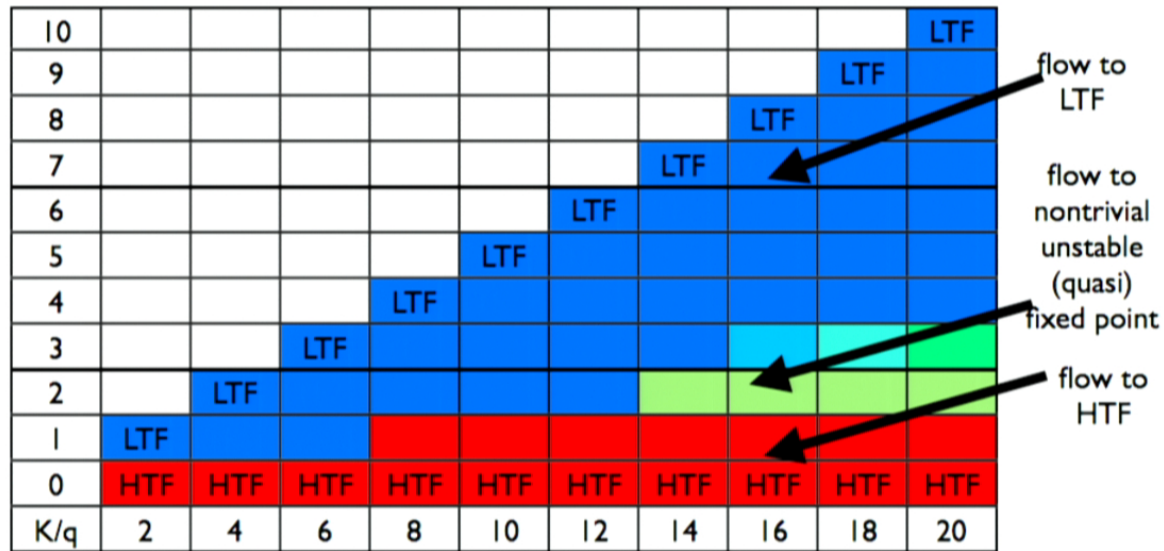
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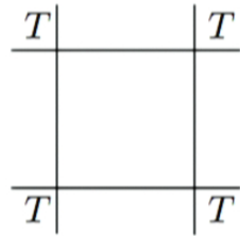
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## Tensor network representation

- partition function can be written in (different) tensor network form

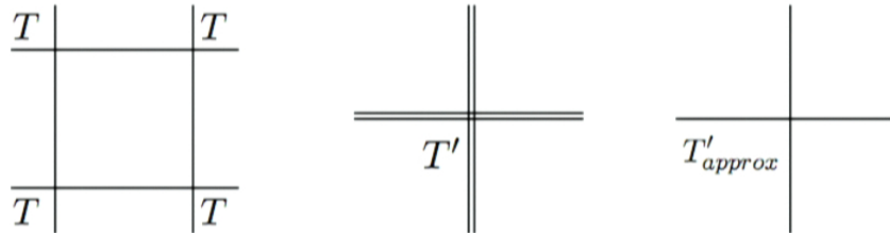


$$Z \sim \text{Tensor-Tr}(T_v T_{v'} T_{v''} \dots)$$

- graphical calculus: associate tensors to vertices, contract along edges
- [Wen et al] tensor networks can describe topological phases



## Tensor network renormalization



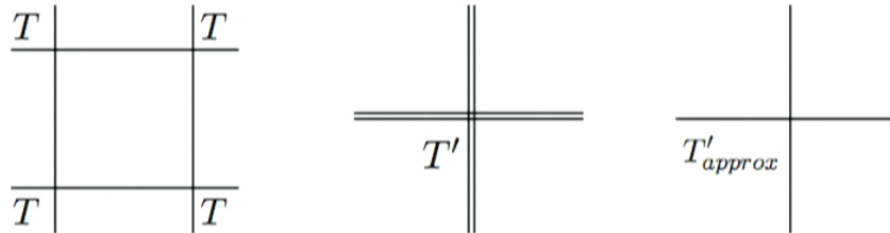
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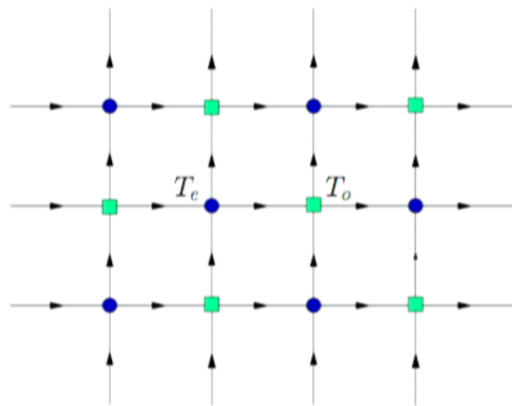


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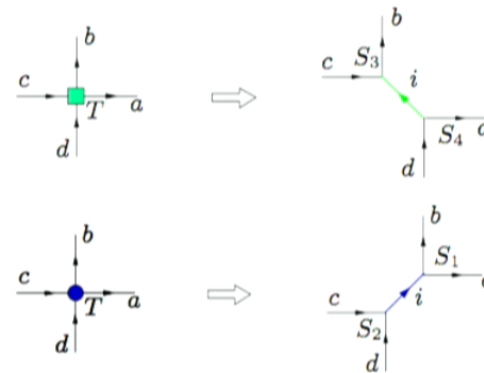
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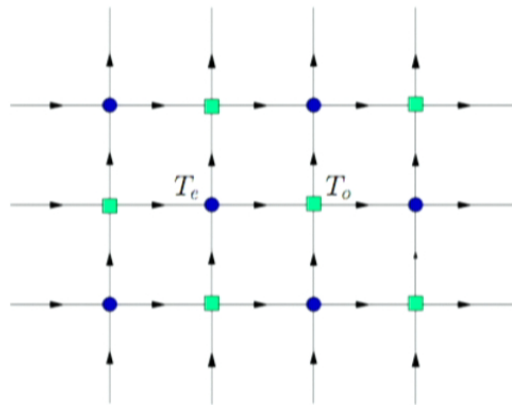
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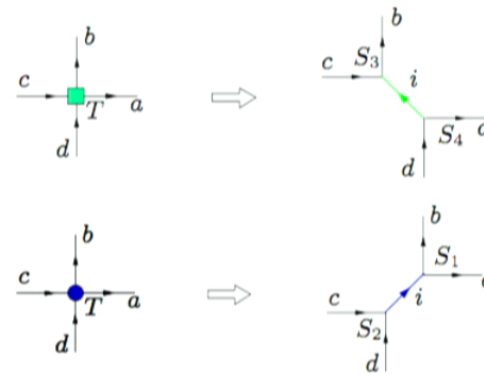




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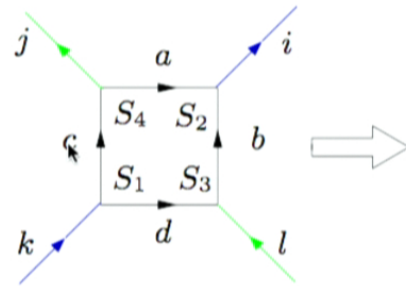
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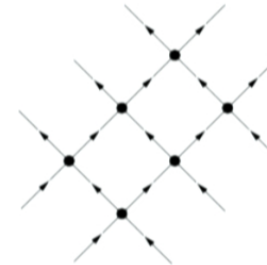
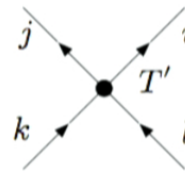
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(b) coarse grained lattice

$$T^{ijkl} = \sum_{a,b,c,d} S_2^{ab,i} S_4^{ac,j} S_1^{dc,k} S_3^{db,l}$$

New 'effective' tensor describing coarse grained model.

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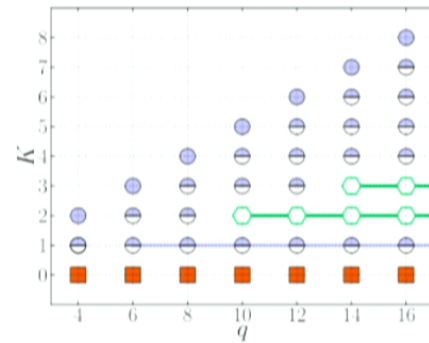
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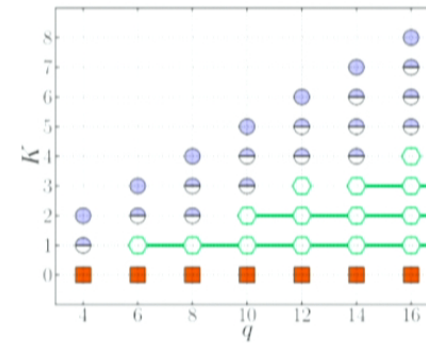
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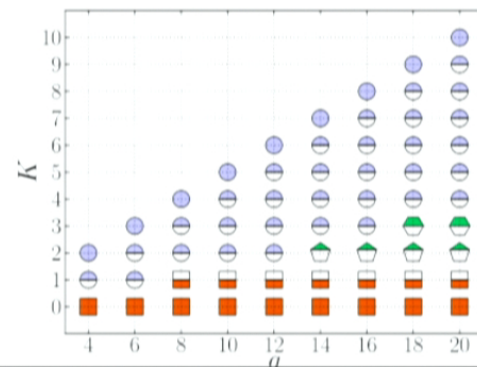
# Results: TNW algorithm [BD, Eckert, Martin-Benito, 11]



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← Migdal Kadanoff

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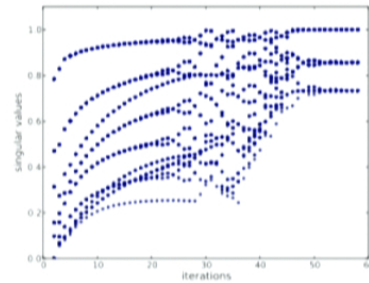
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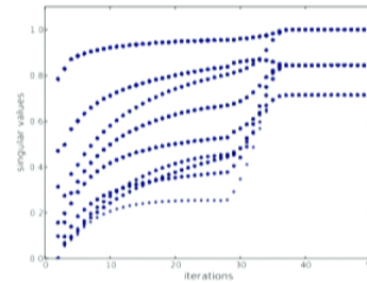
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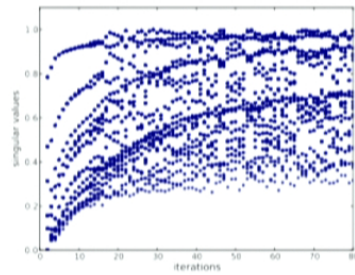
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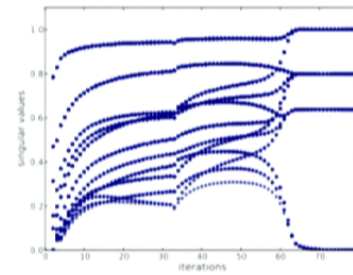




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(a) Original TNR



(b) TNR with adaptive cutoff

$q=6, K=1, D_c=21$

## wip

- relation Migdal Kadanoff and Tensor Network method
- understand the approximation in tensor network better:  
understand significance of negative eigenvalues (in singular value decomposition)
- detect phase transition temperature in Abelian models
- non-Abelian models: genuine vertex models, not clear which statistical properties to expect

