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Abstract: <p>We implement projective quantum Monte Carlo (PQMC) methods to simulate quantum annealing on classical computers. We show that in the regime where the systematic errors are well controlled, PQMC algorithms are capable of simulating the imaginary-time dynamics of the Schrödinger equation both on continuous space models and discrete basis systems. We also demonstrate that the tunneling time of the PQMC method is quadratically faster than the one of incoherent quantum annealing. It shows remarkable stability when applied to frustrated systems compared to finite-temperature path integral Monte Carlo algorithm, the method mostly chosen to do comparisons with quantum annealers. However, a major drawback of the PQMC method comes from the finite number of random walkers needed
to implement the simulations. It grows exponentially with the system size when no or poor guiding wave-functions are utilized. Nevertheless, we demonstrate that when good enough guiding wave-functions are used – in our case we choose artificial neural networks – the computational complexity seems to go from exponential to polynomial in the system size. We advocate for a search of more efficient guiding wave functions since they could determine when PQMC simulations are feasible on classical computers, a question closely related to a provable need or speed-up of a quantum computer.</p>

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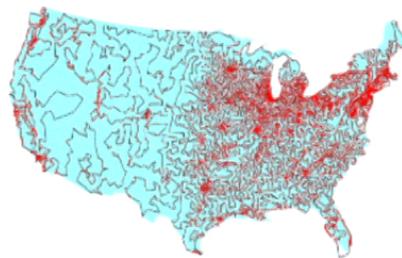
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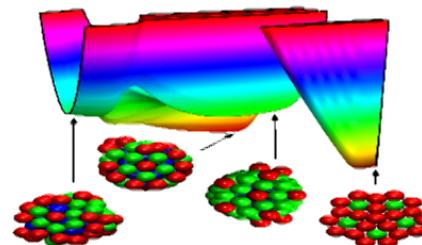
- SQA using projective QMC on the quantum Ising chain
Inack, Santoro, Pilati, work in progress

Optimization Problems are ubiquitous in different fields

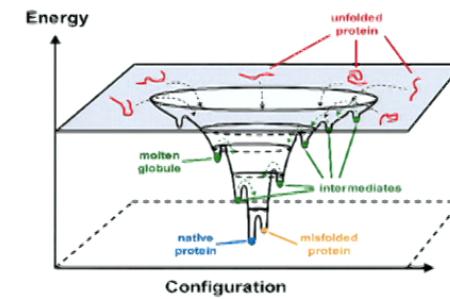
Traveling salesman



Clusters of atoms

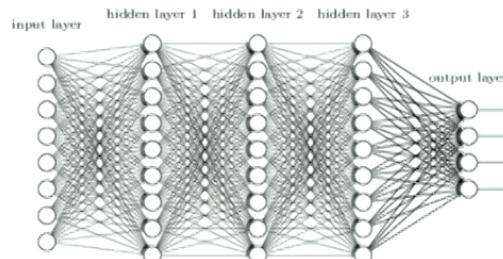


Protein Folding



Machine Learning

Deep neural network



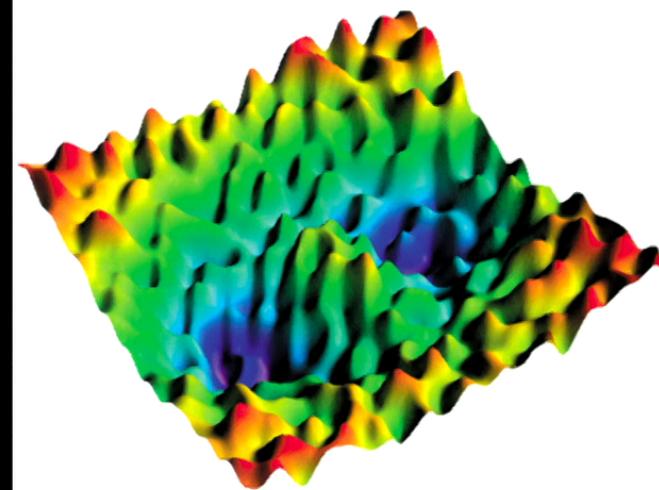
Luggage handling



Etc ...

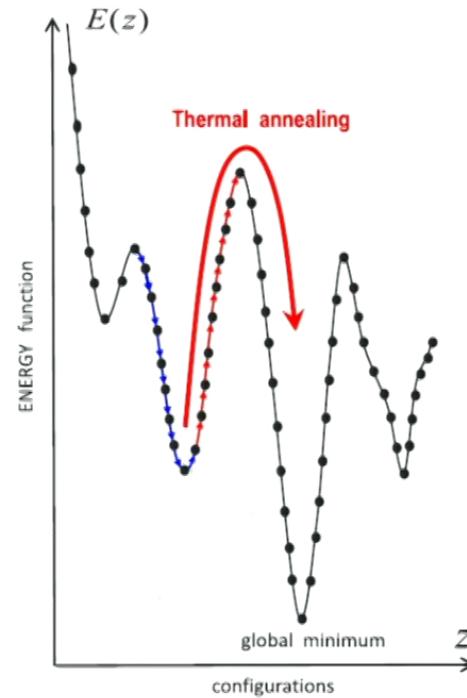
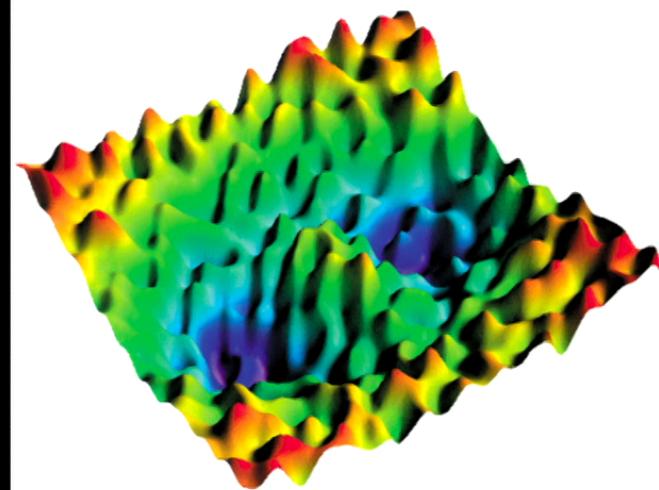
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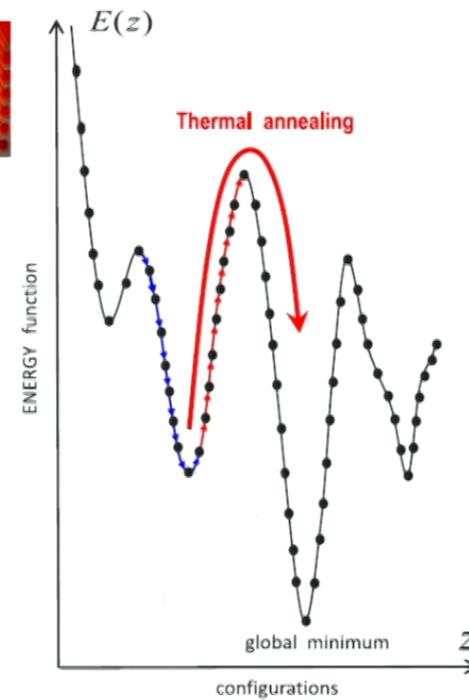
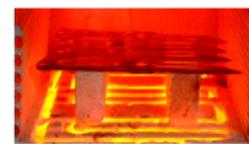
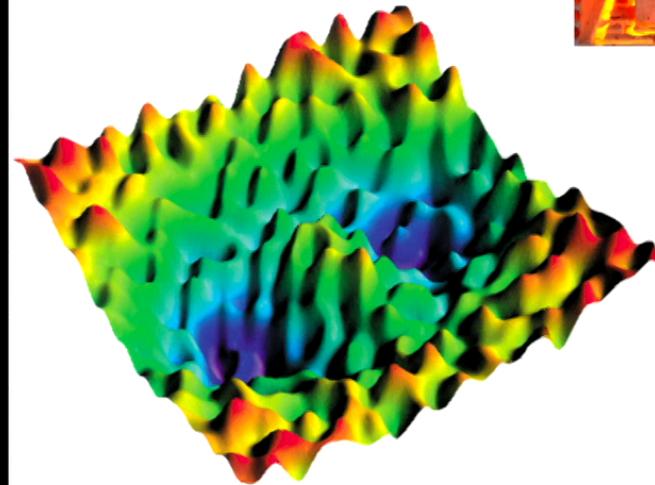
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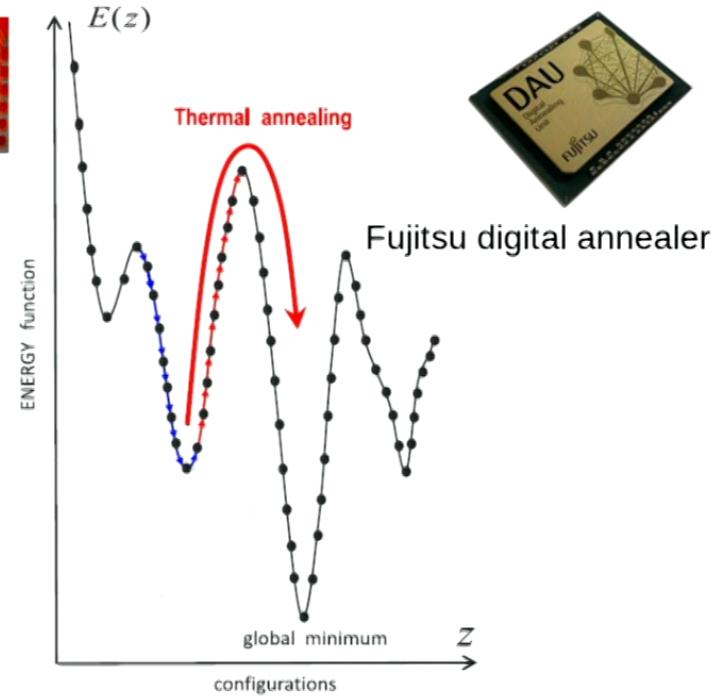
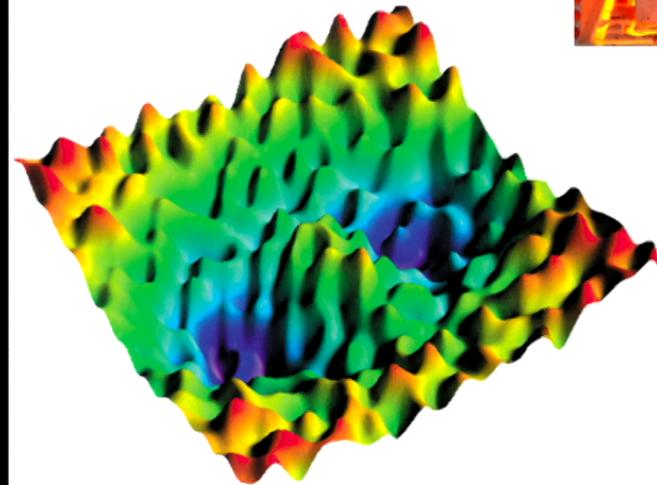
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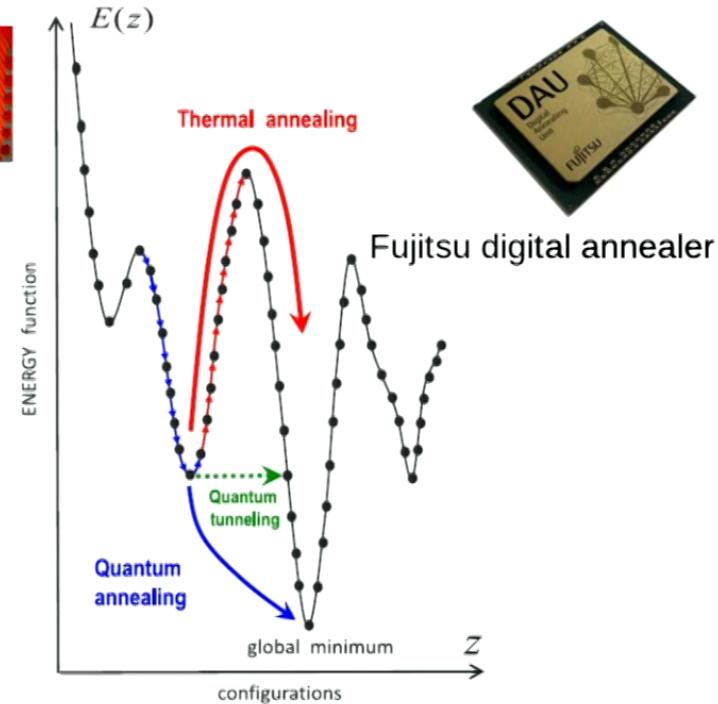
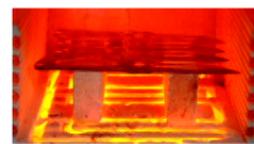
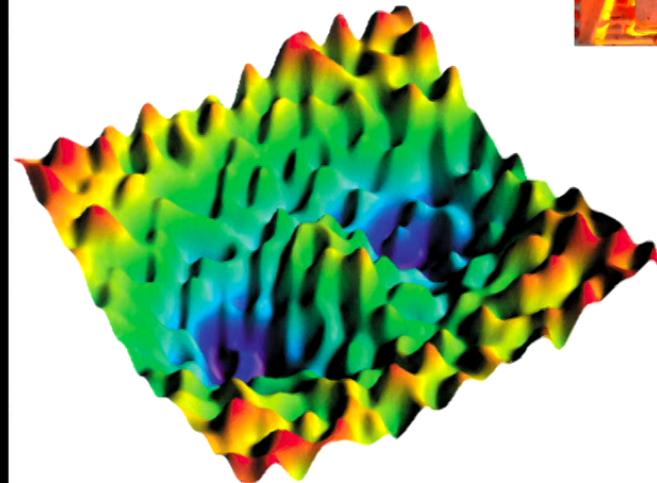
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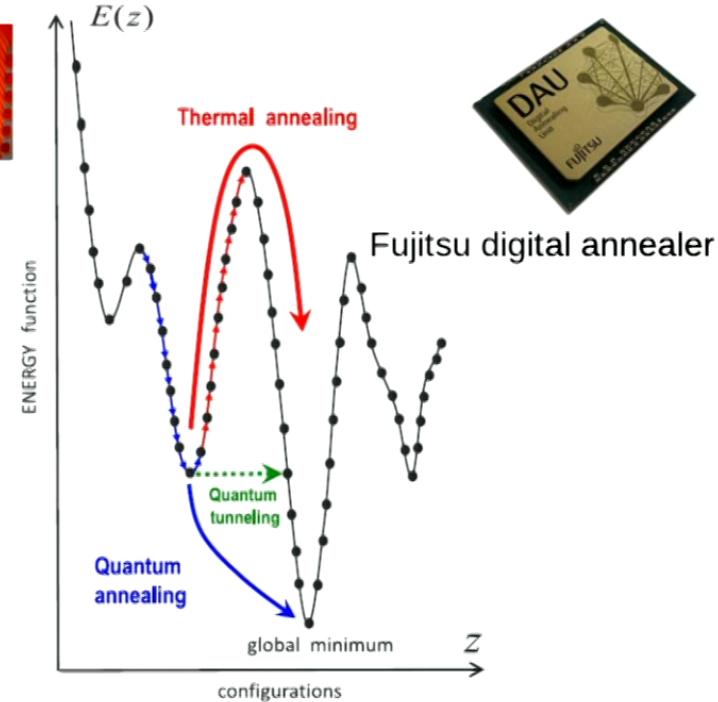
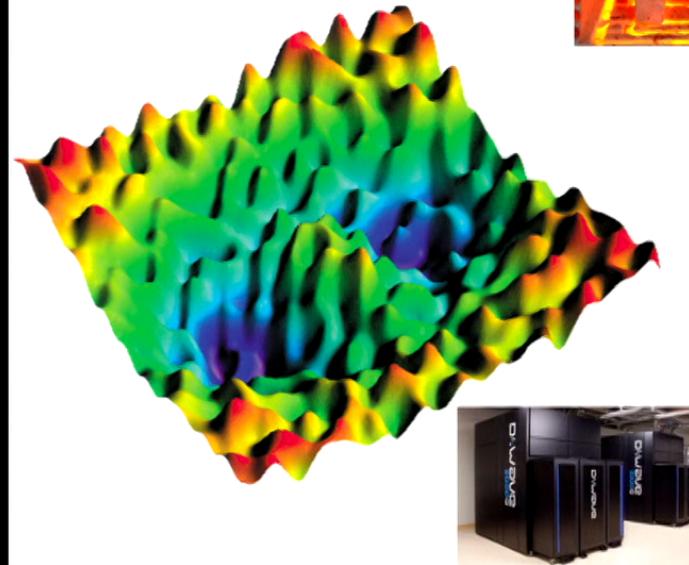
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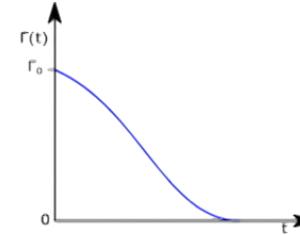
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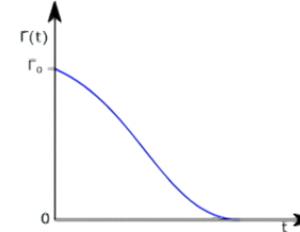
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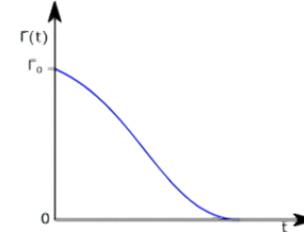
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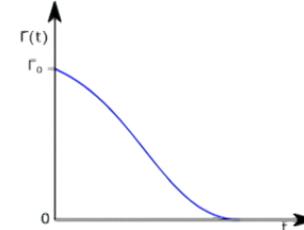
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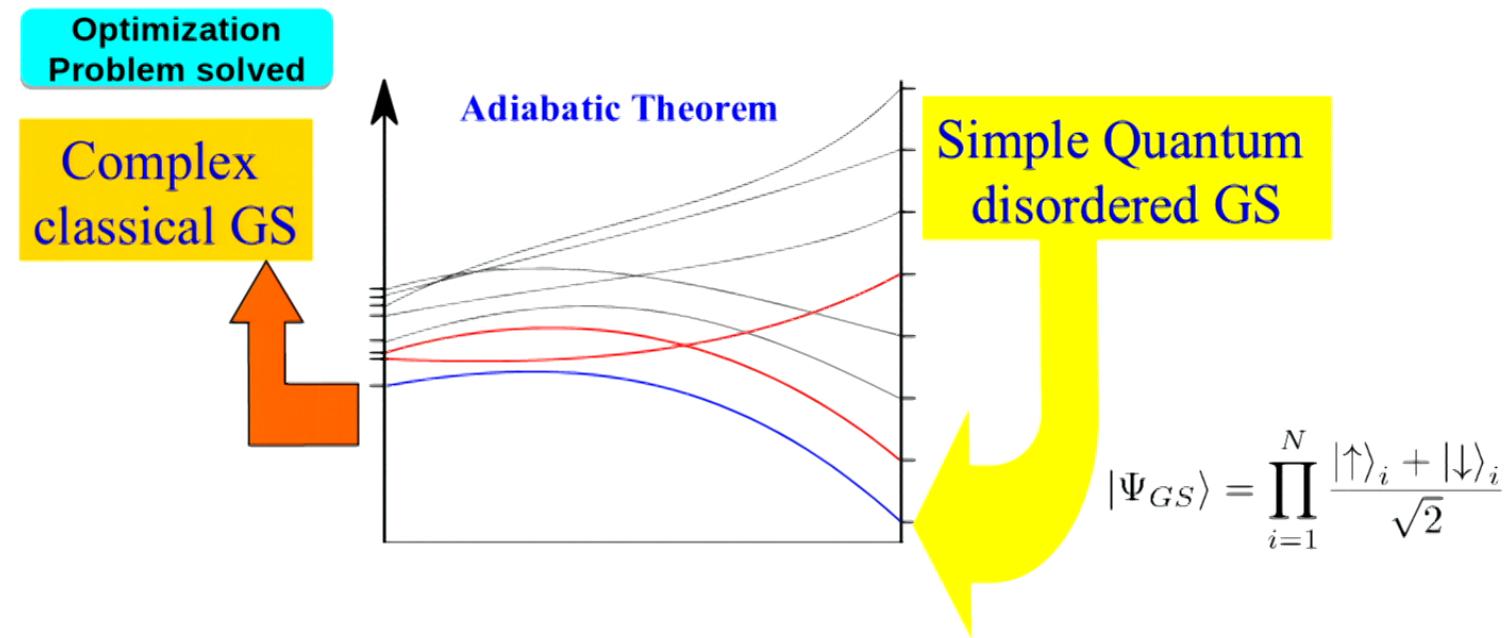
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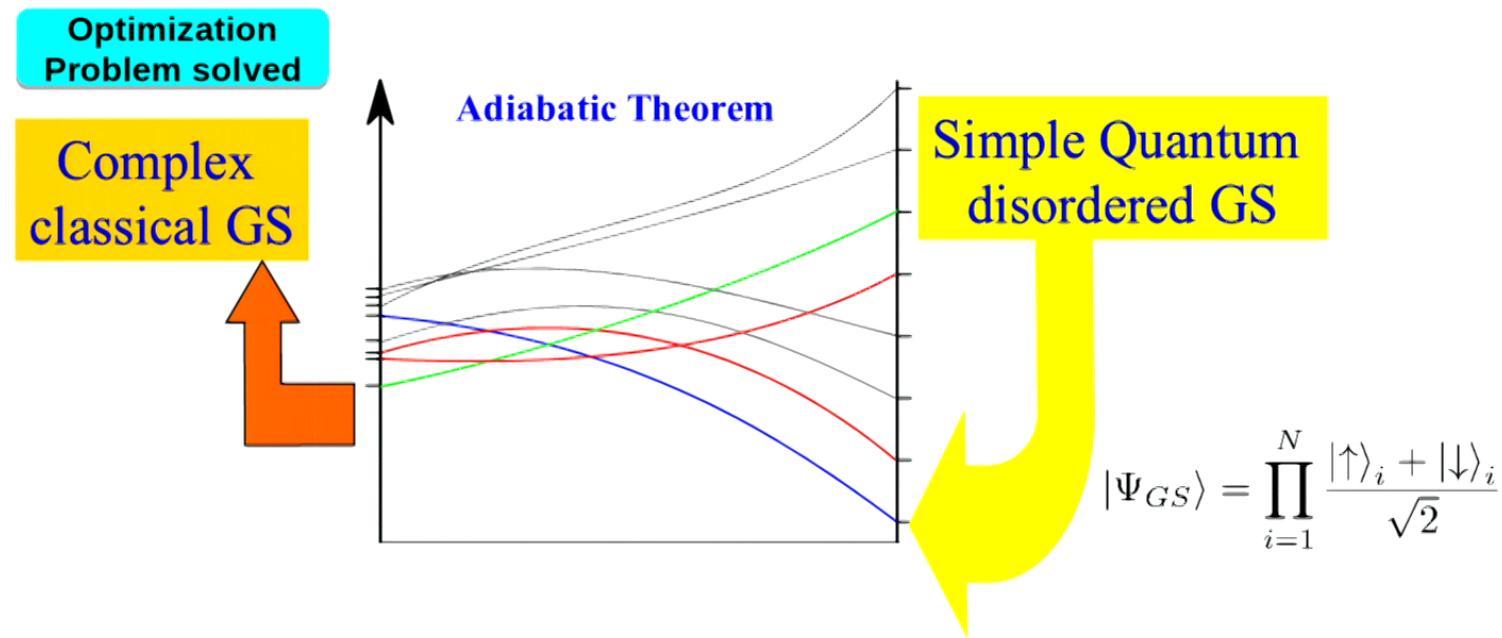
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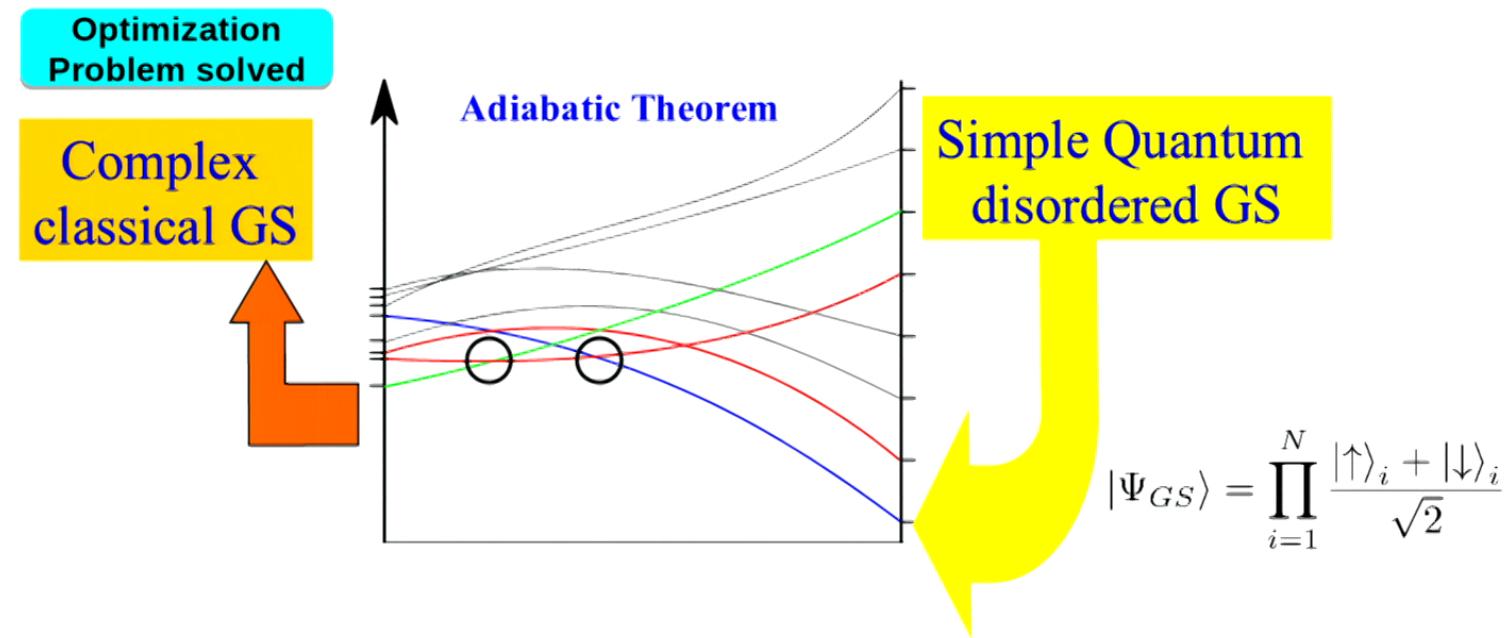
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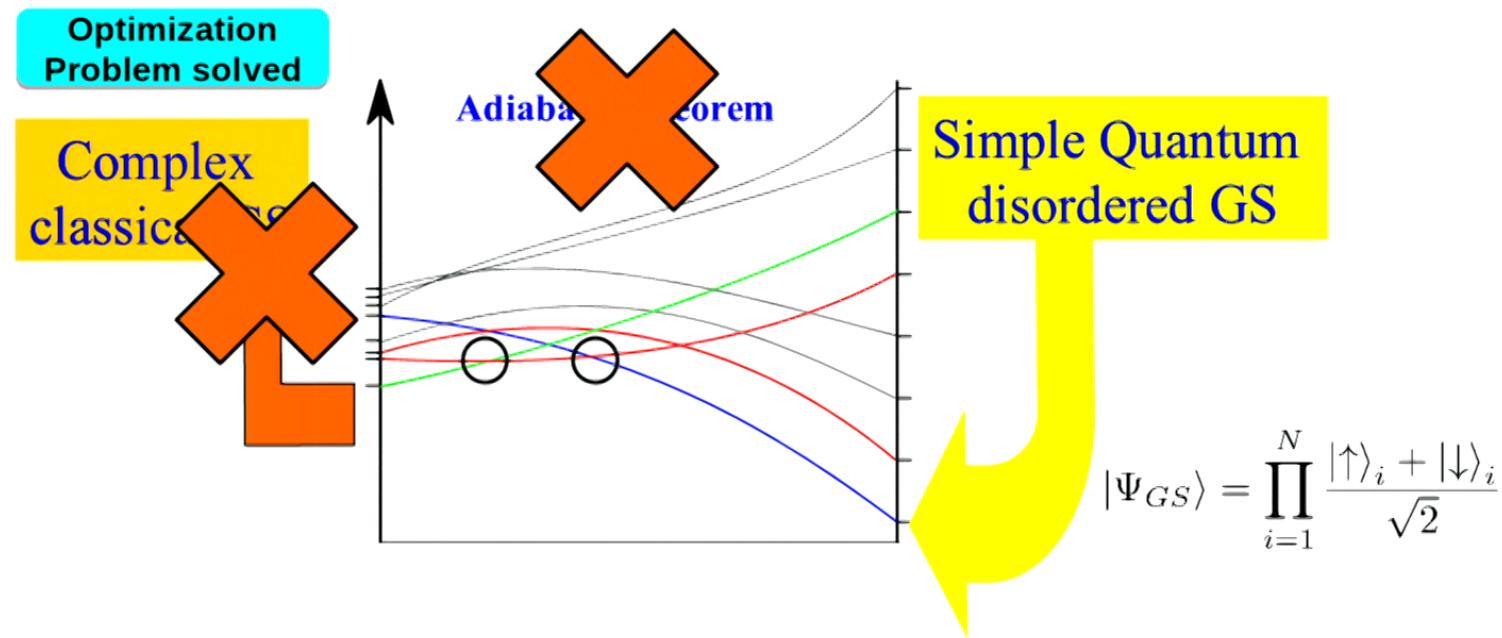
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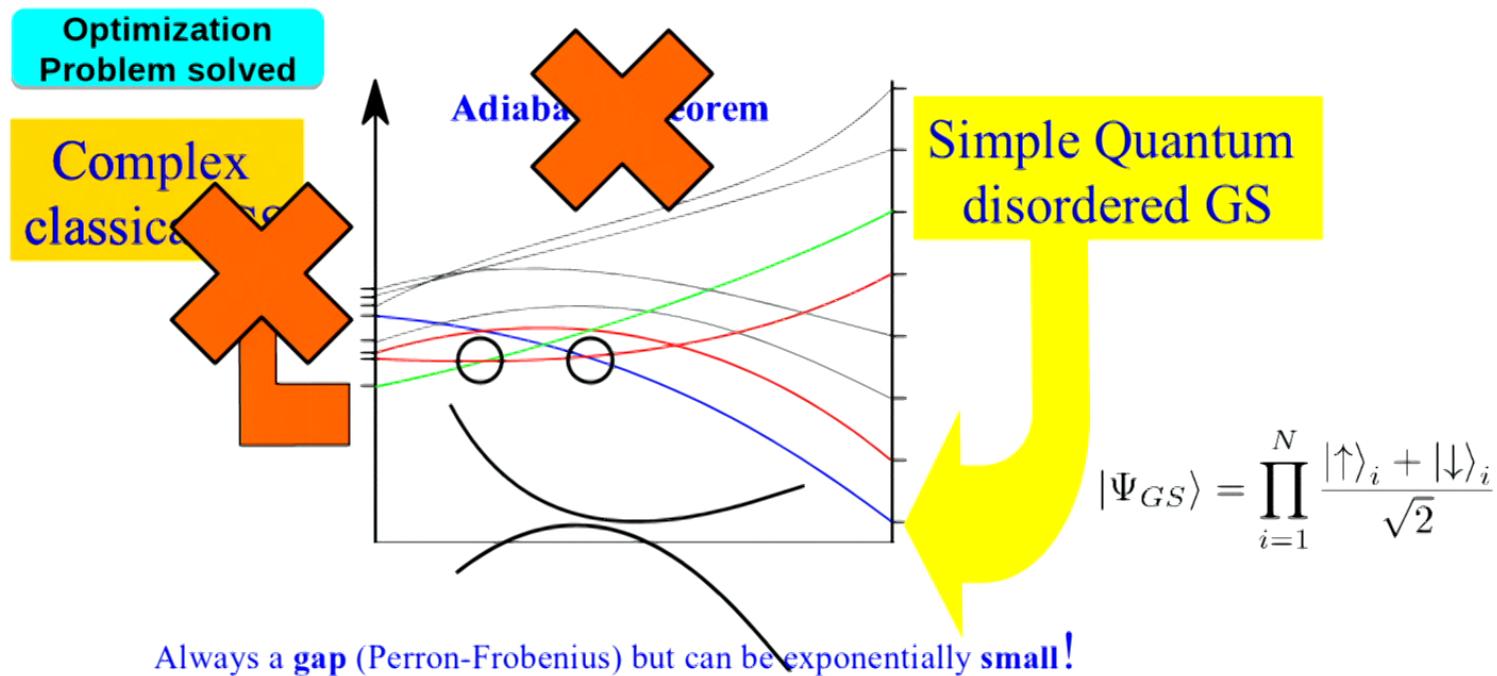
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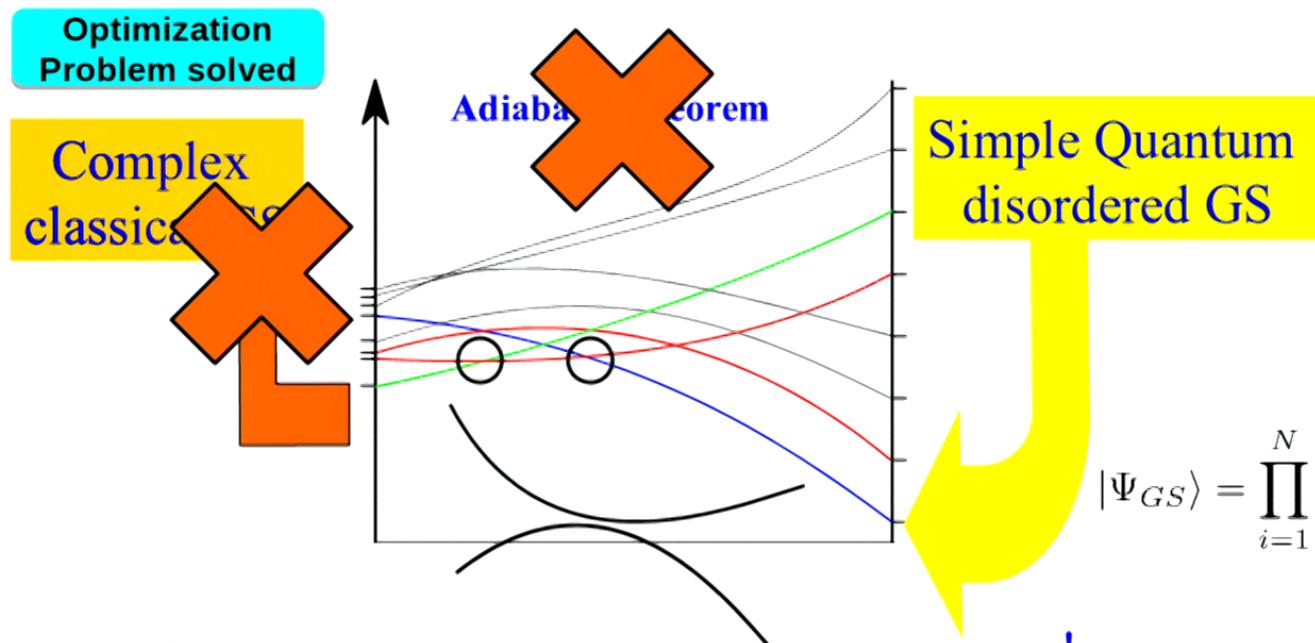
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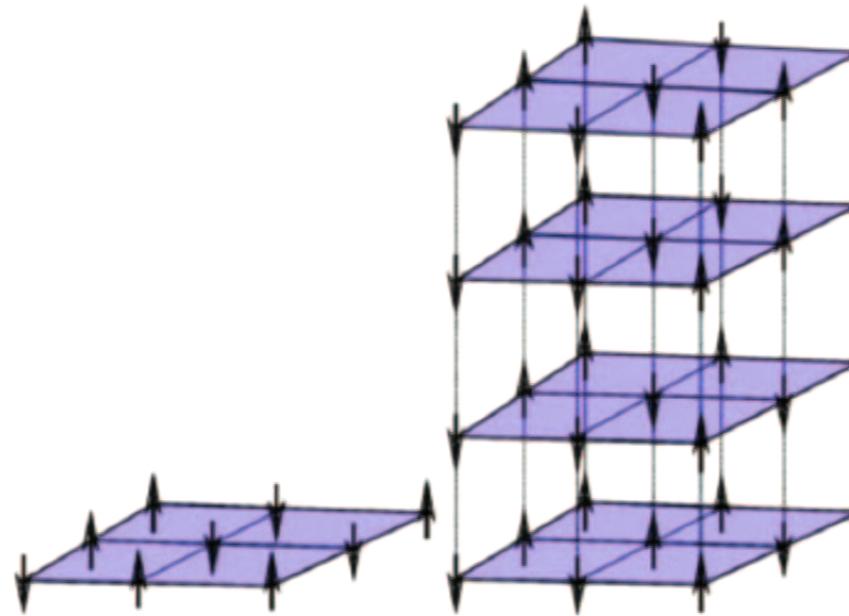
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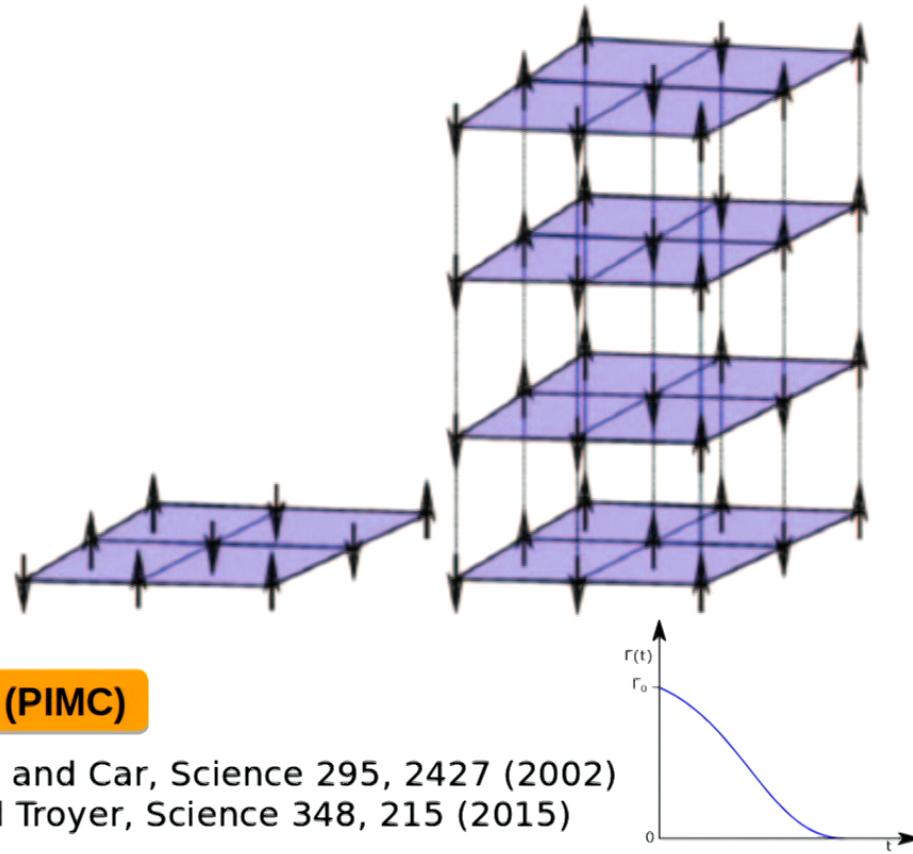
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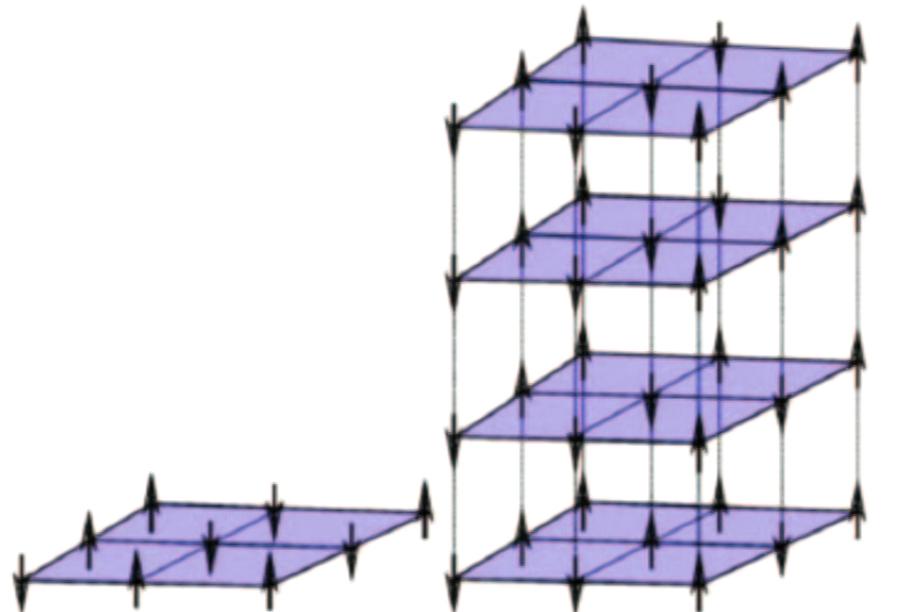


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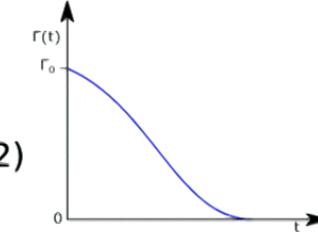
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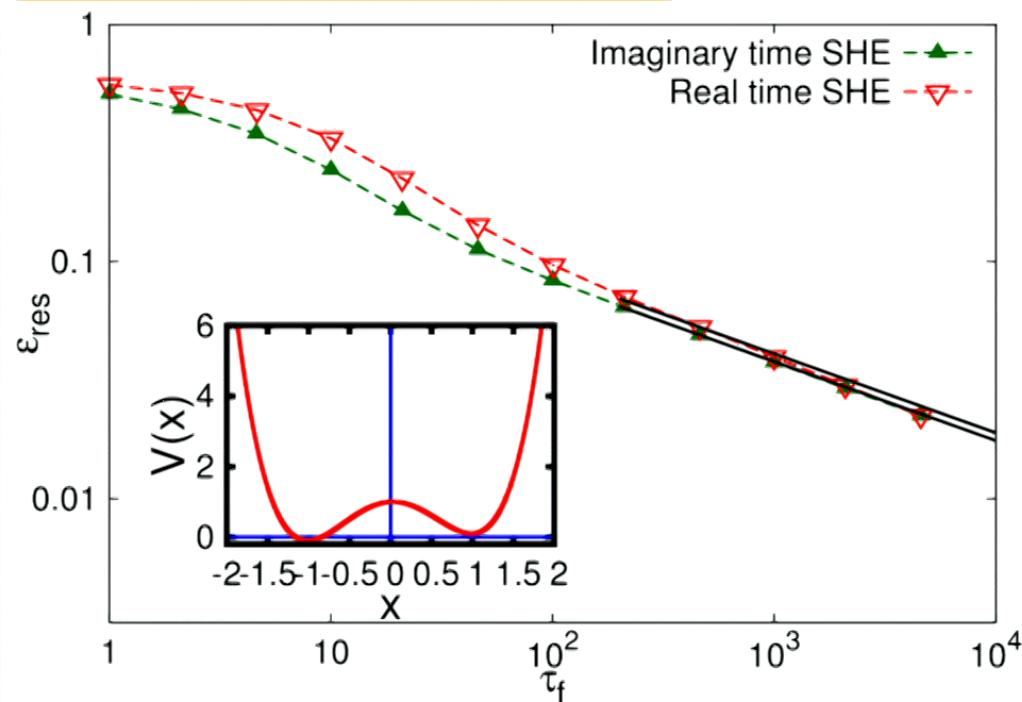
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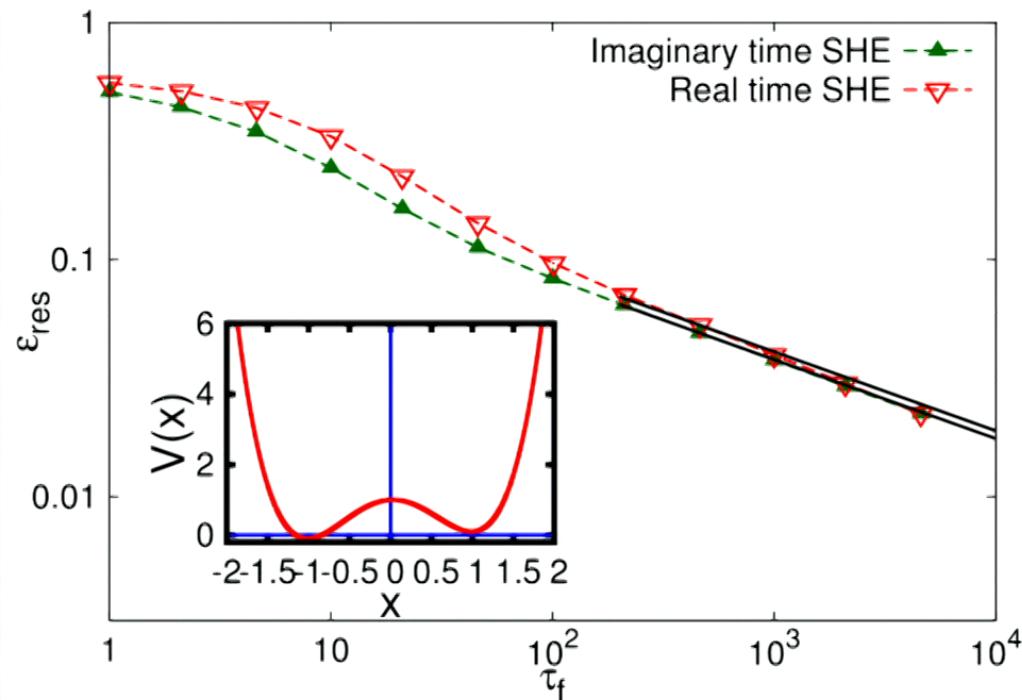
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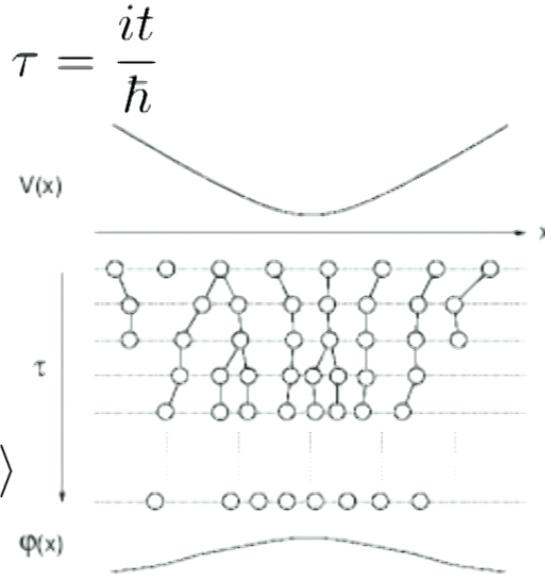


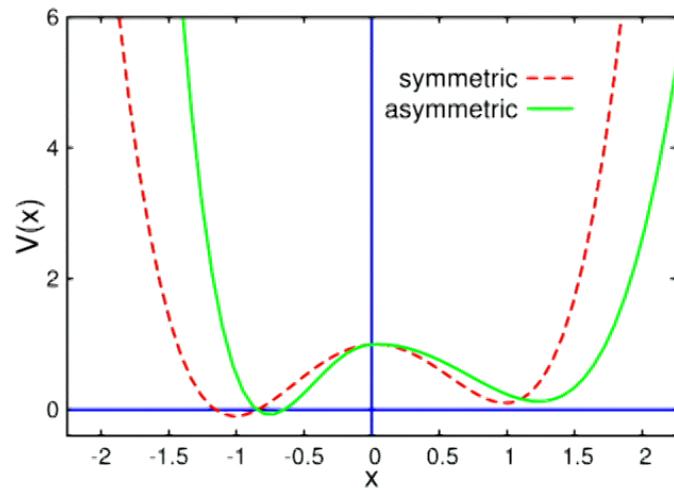
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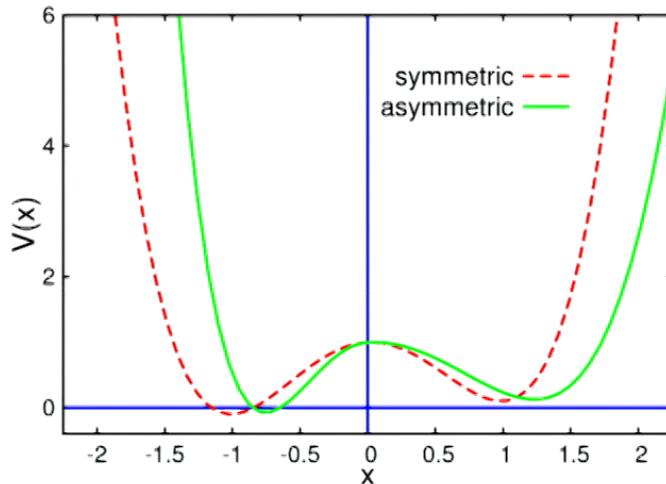
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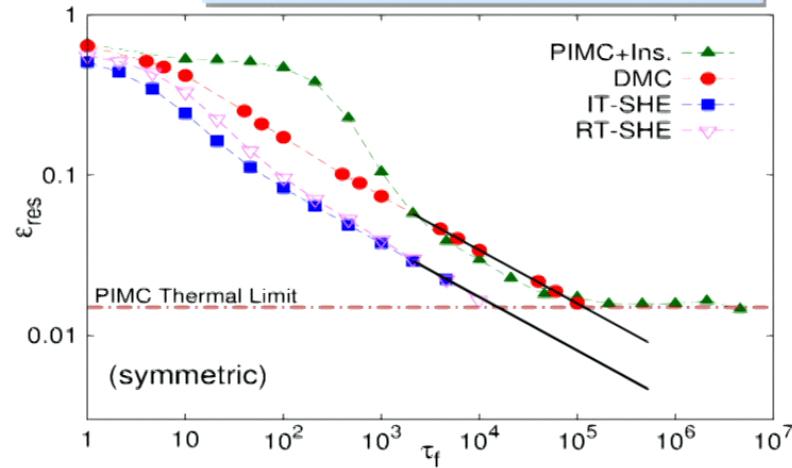


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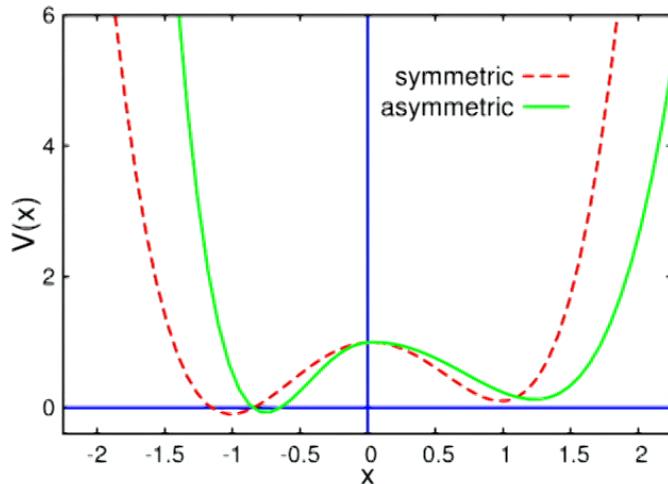


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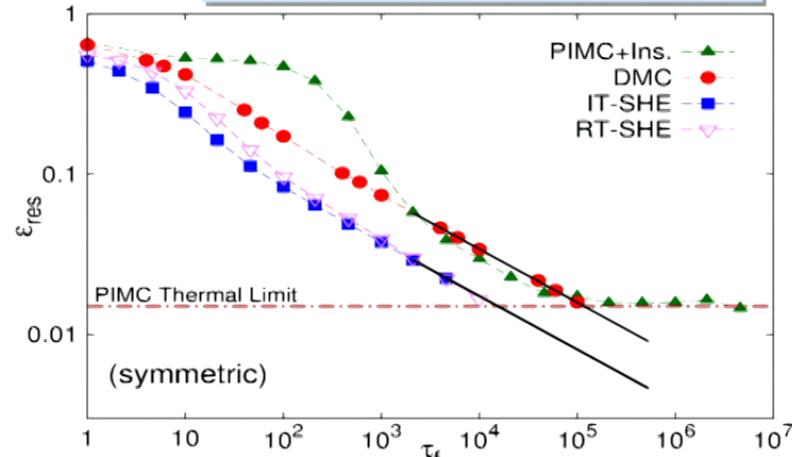
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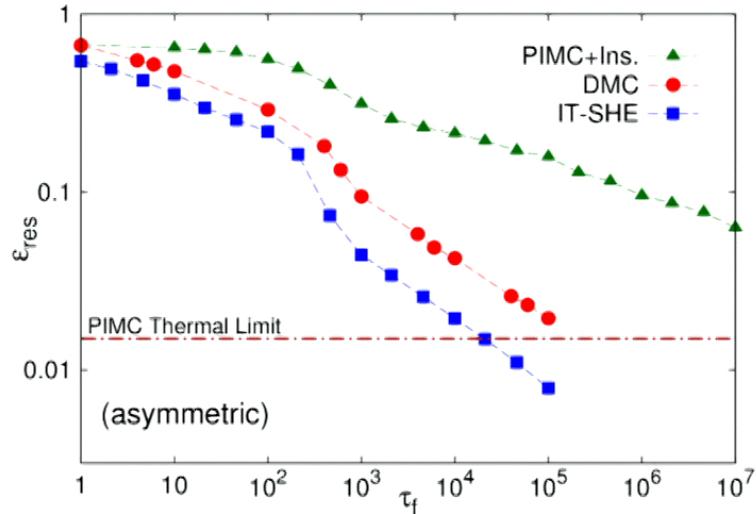
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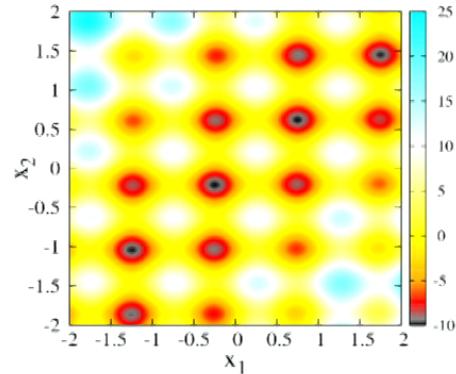
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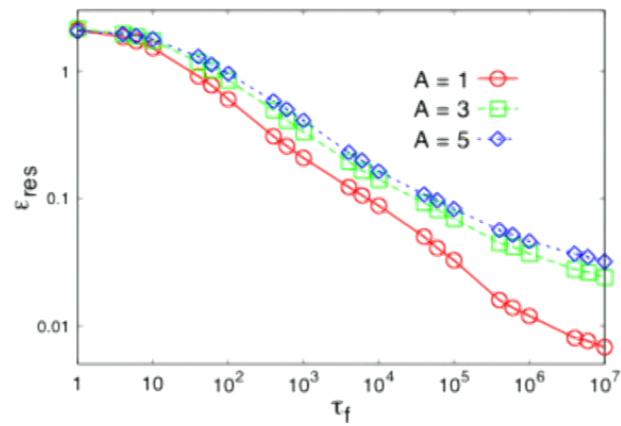
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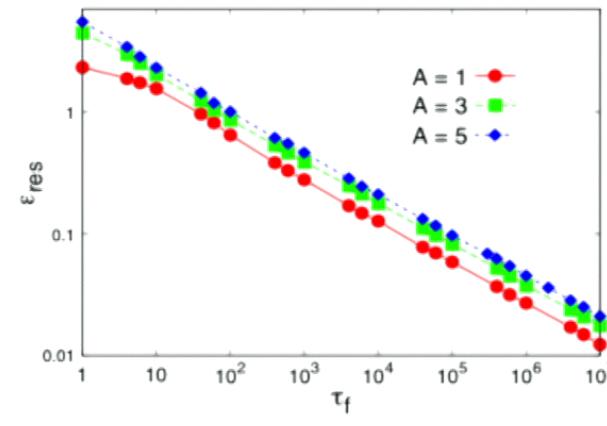


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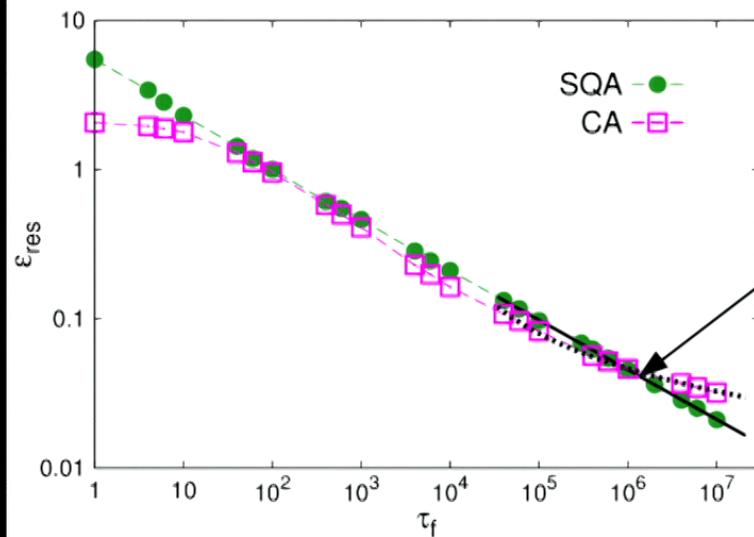
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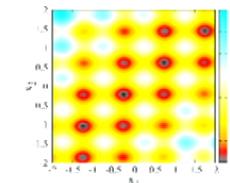


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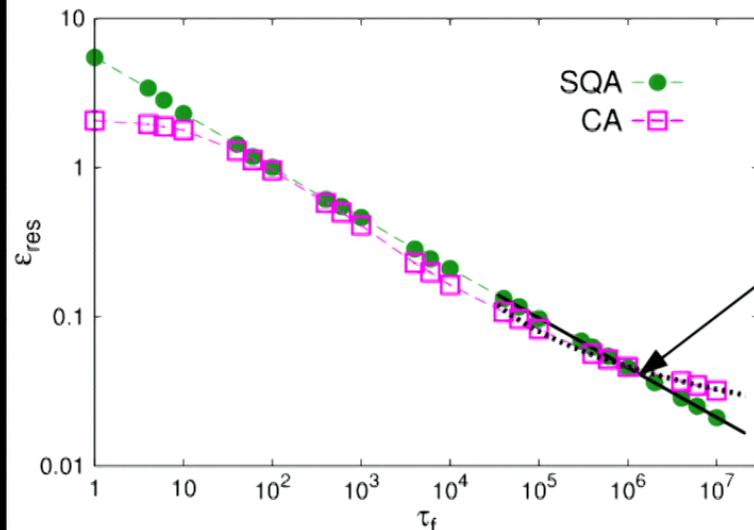
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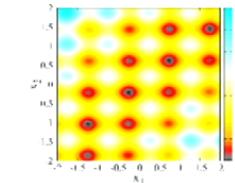
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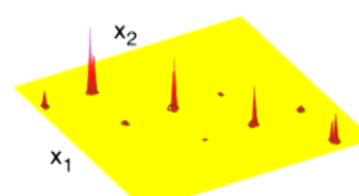
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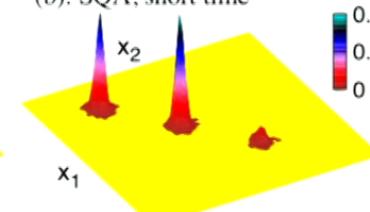


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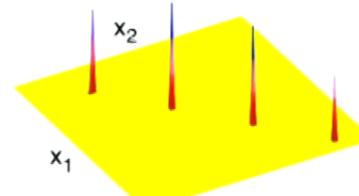
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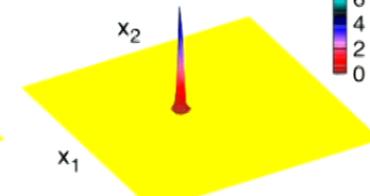
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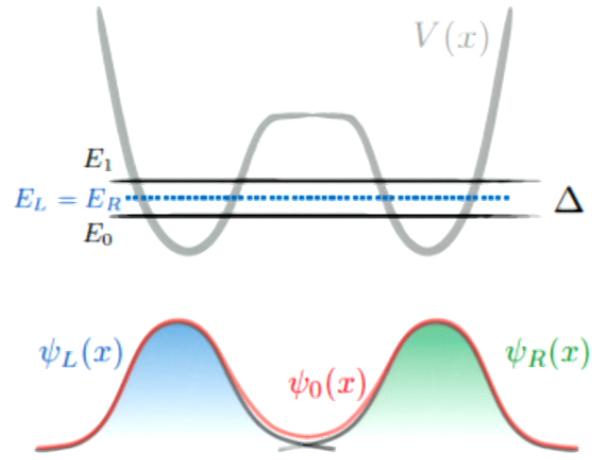
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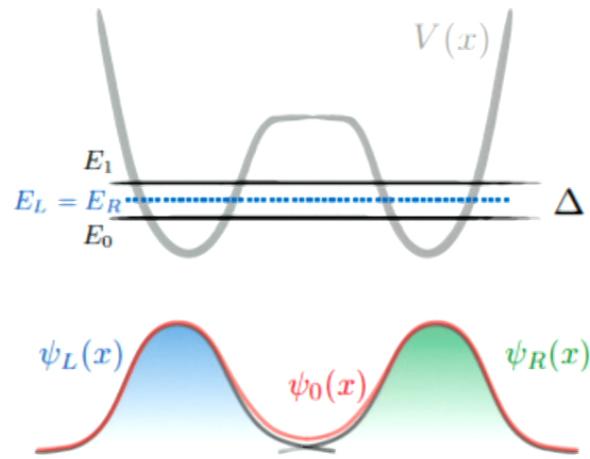
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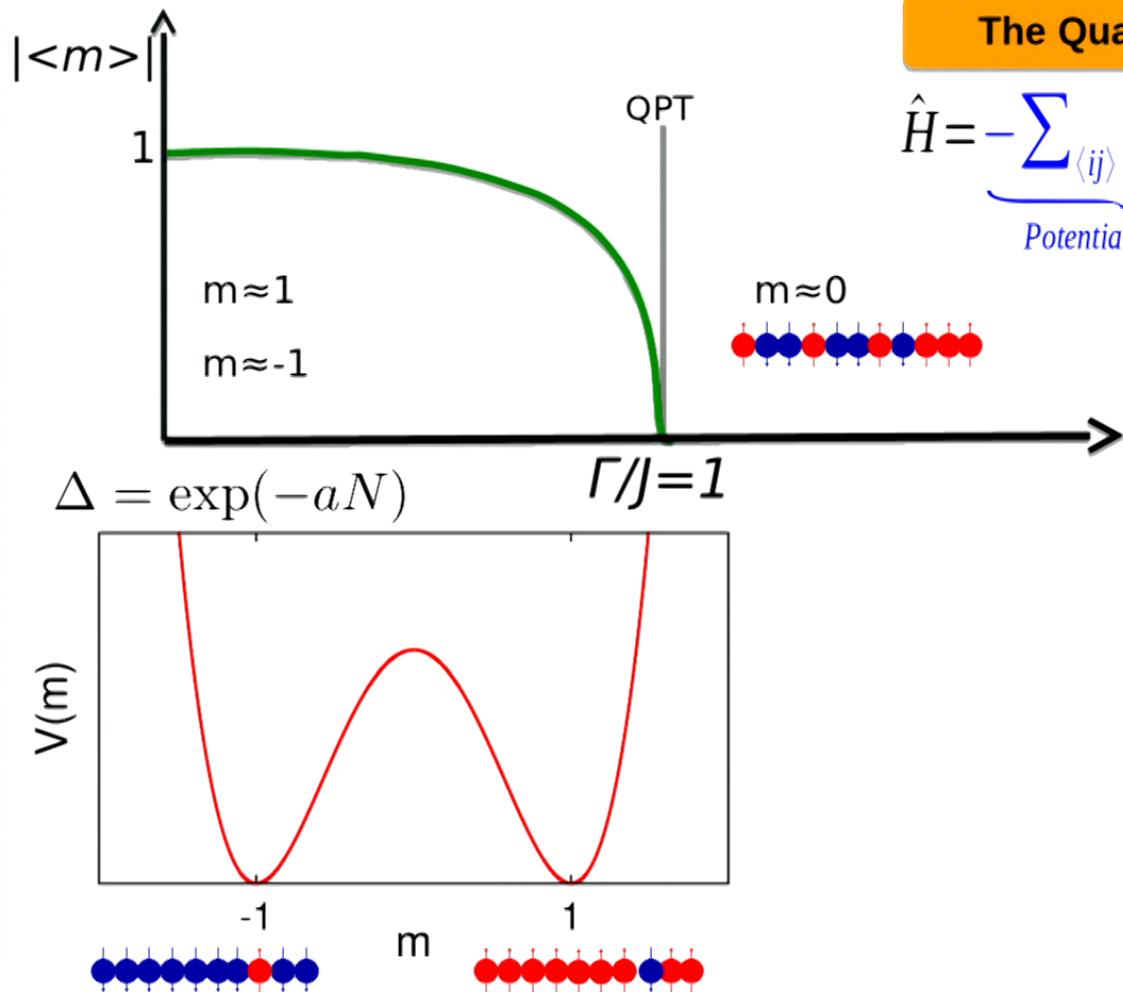
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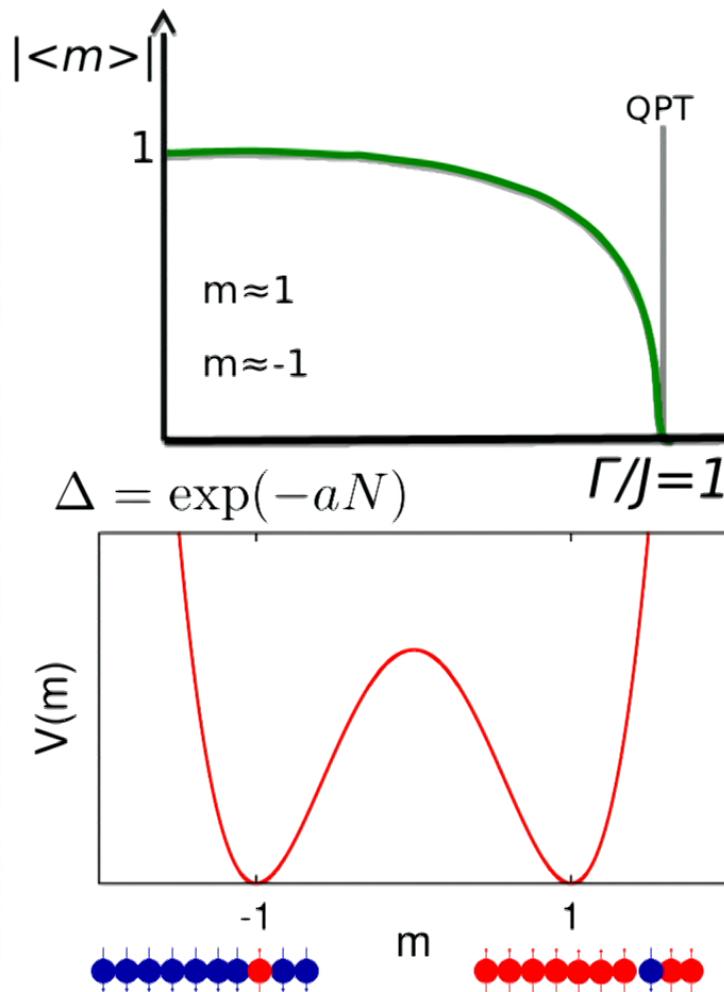
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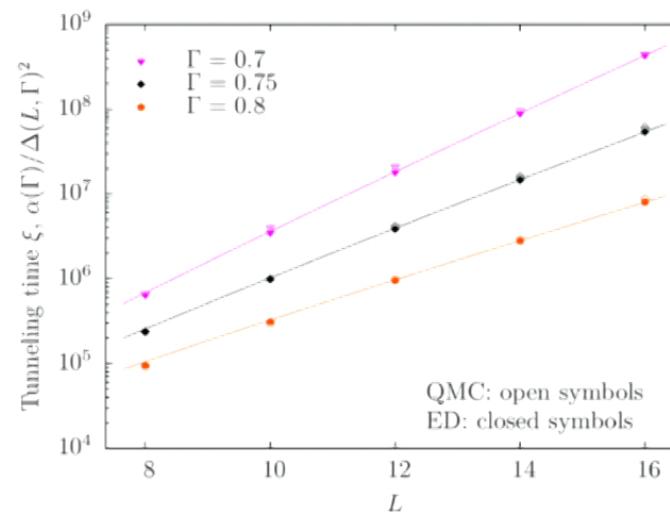


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PIMC scales like QA



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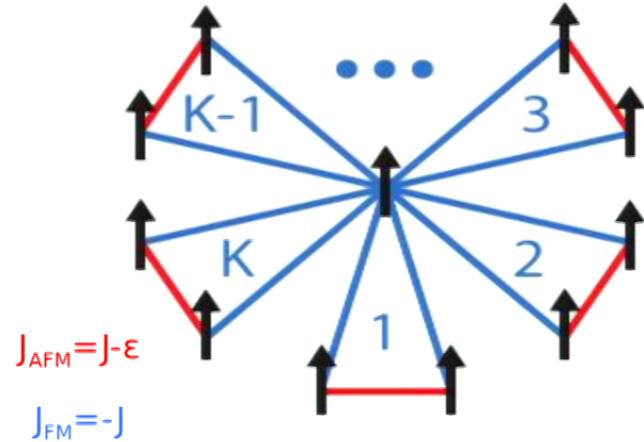
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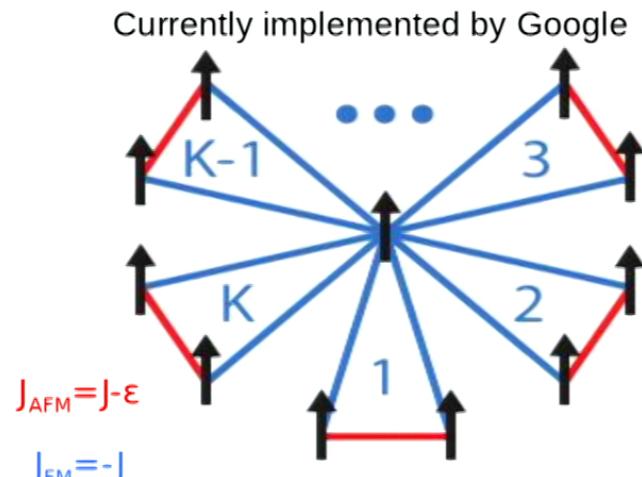
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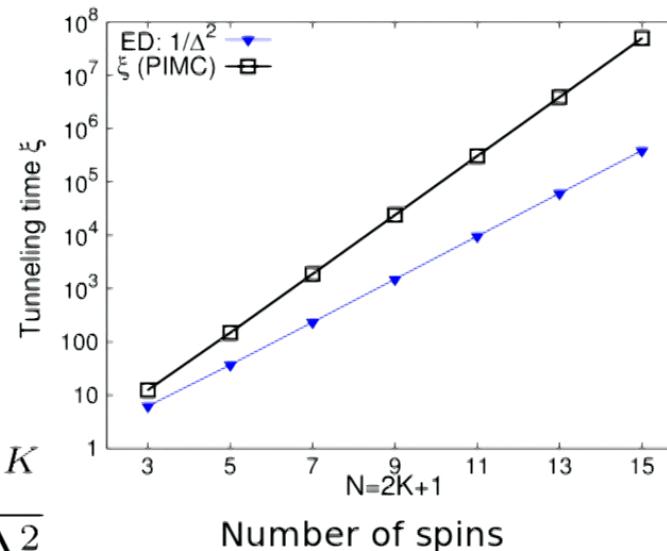
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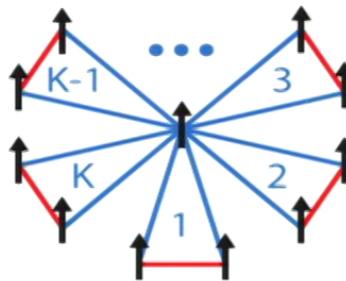
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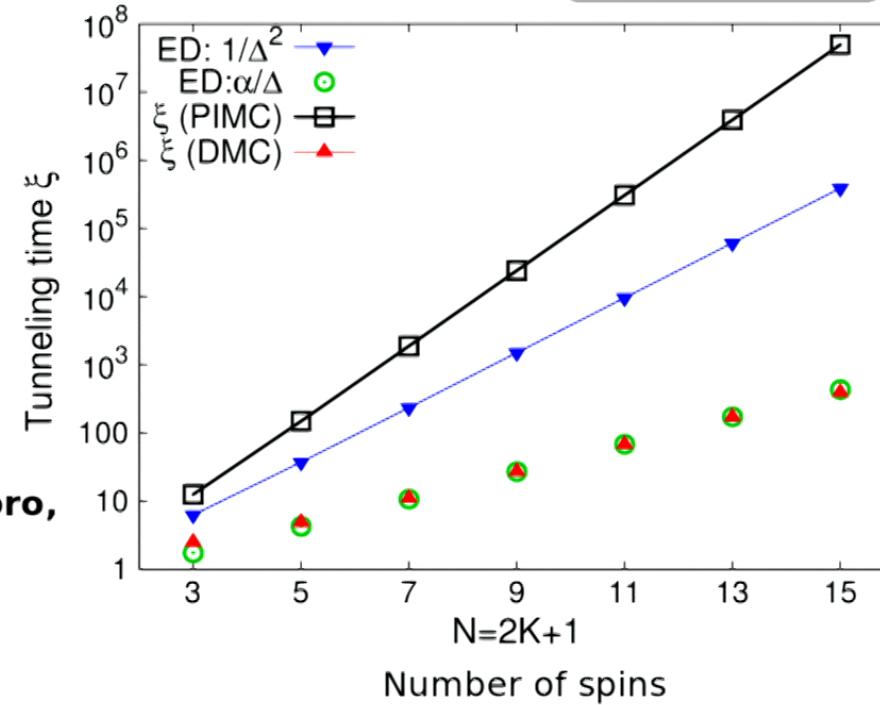
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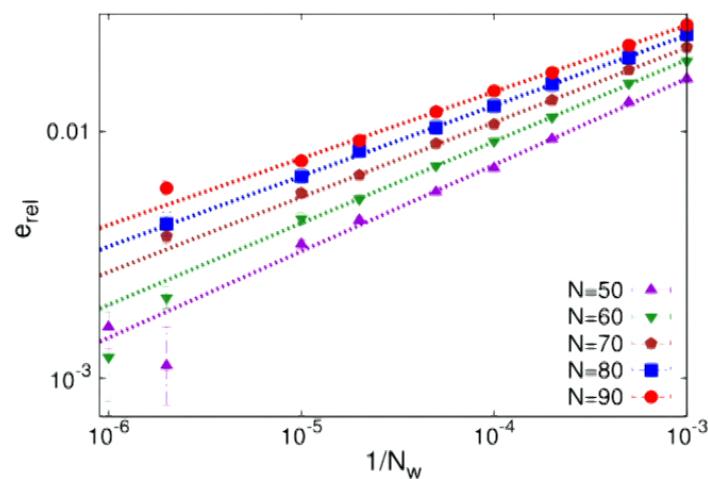
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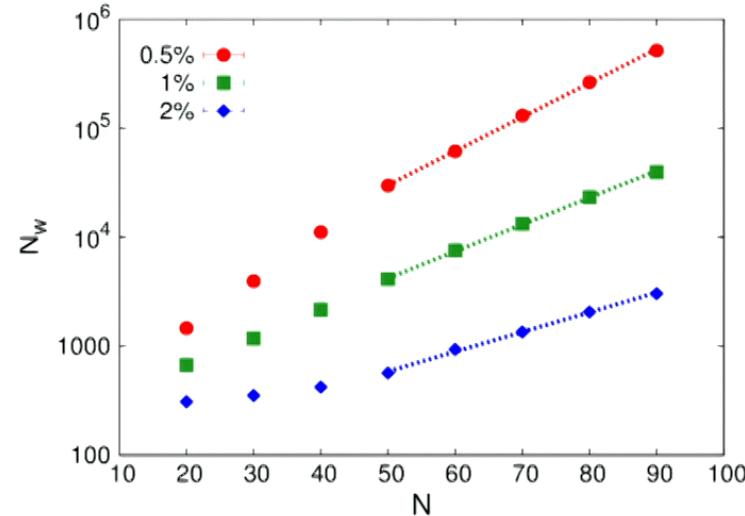
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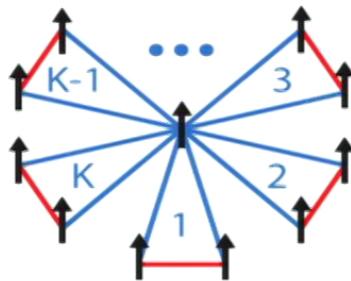
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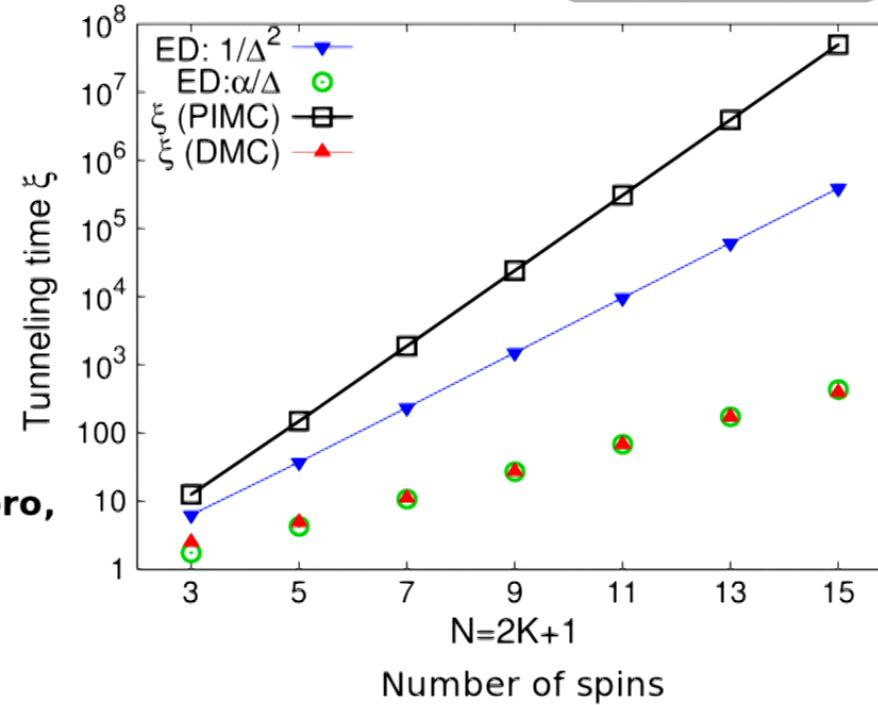
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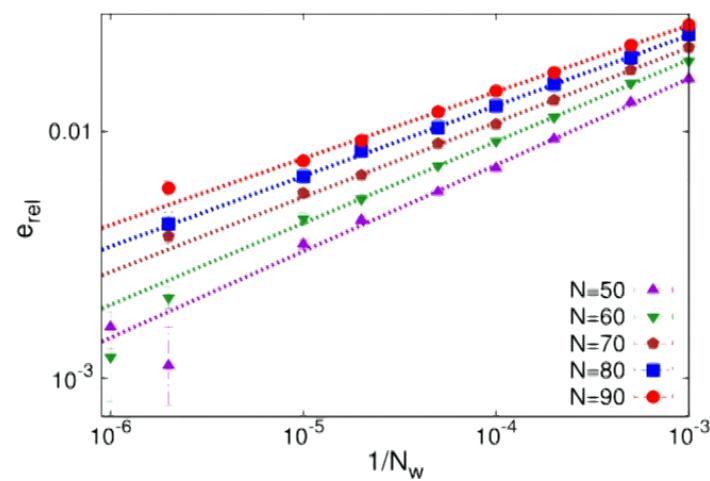


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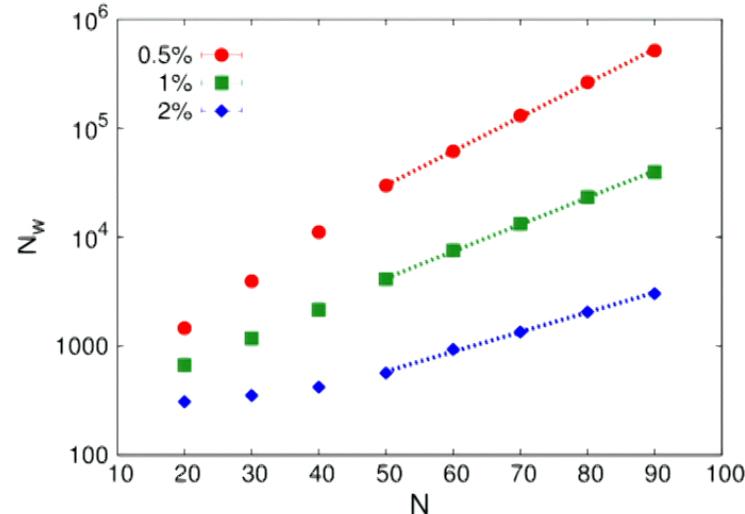
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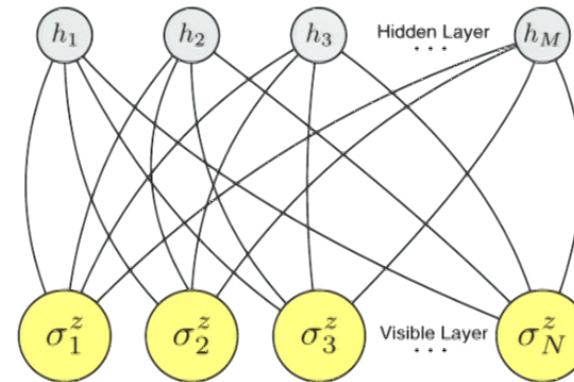
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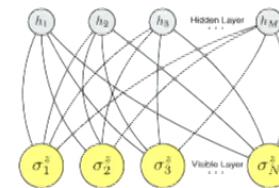
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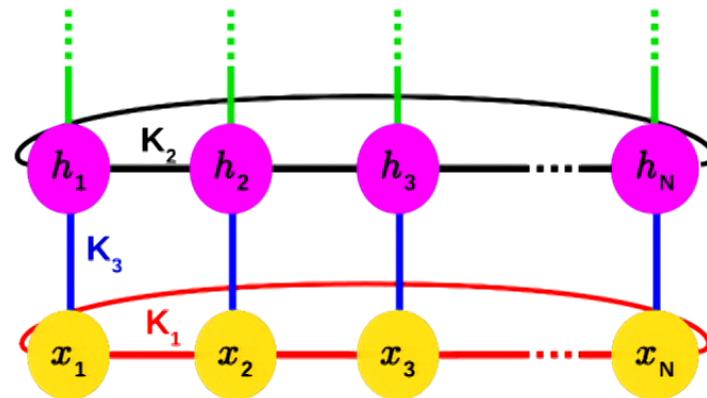
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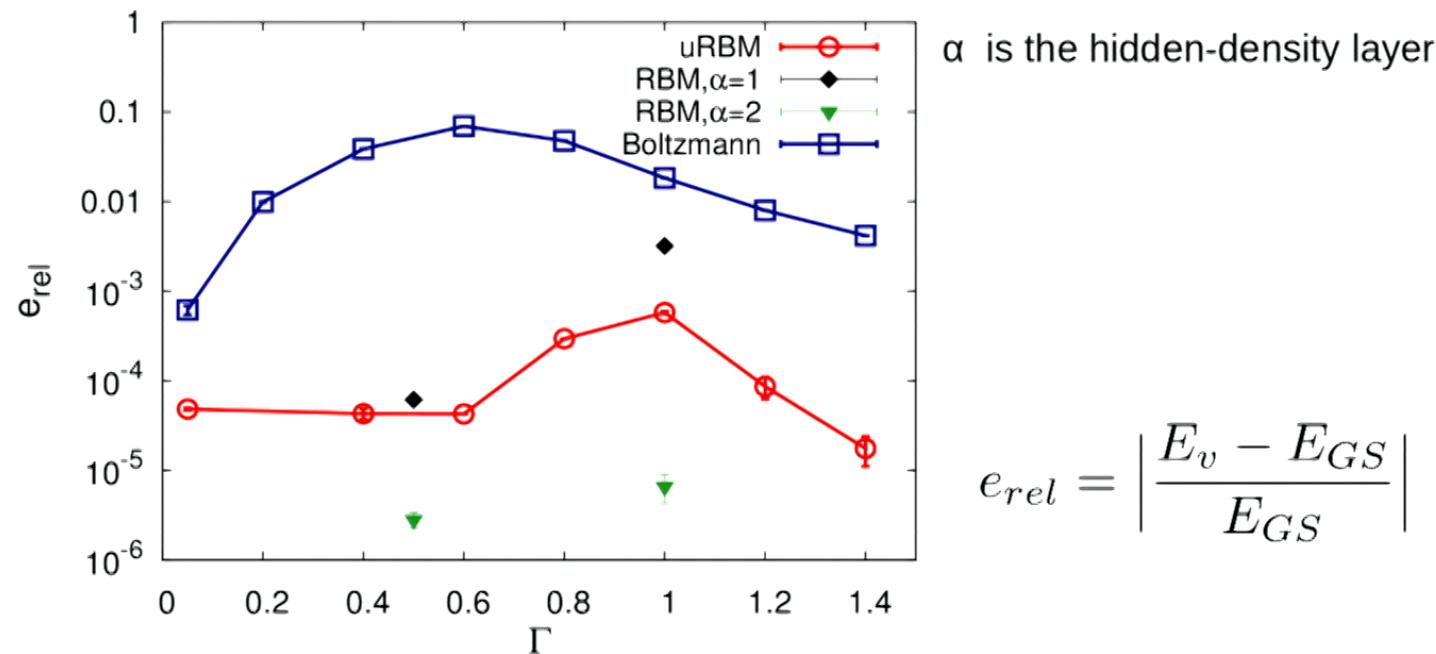
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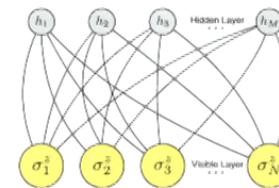
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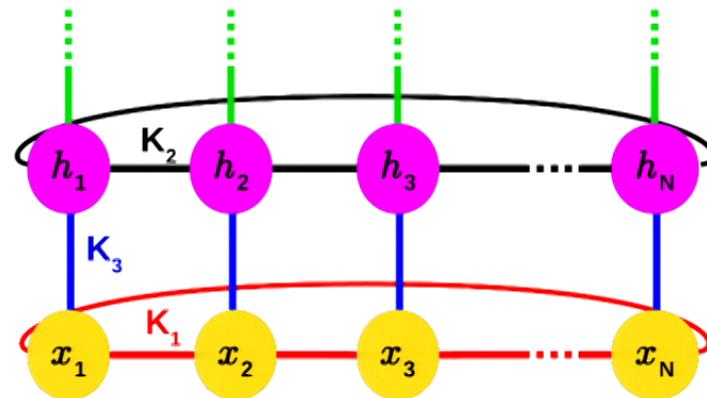
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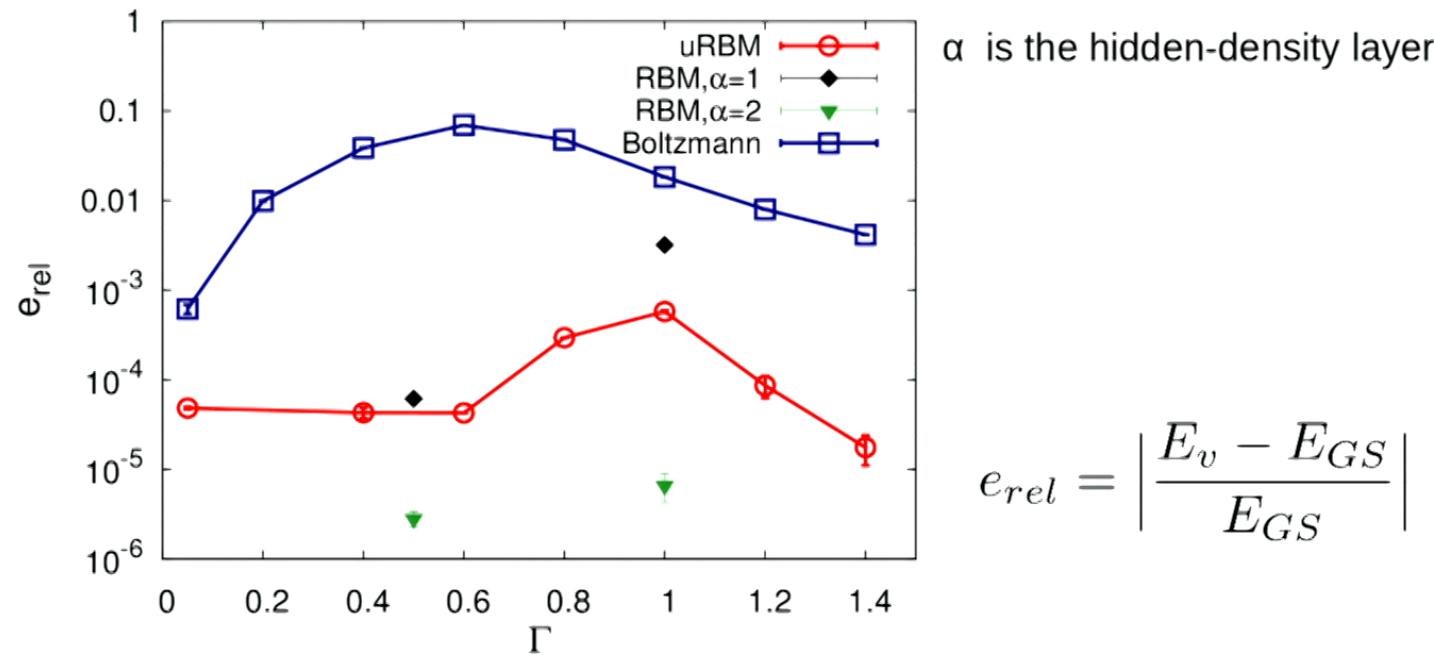
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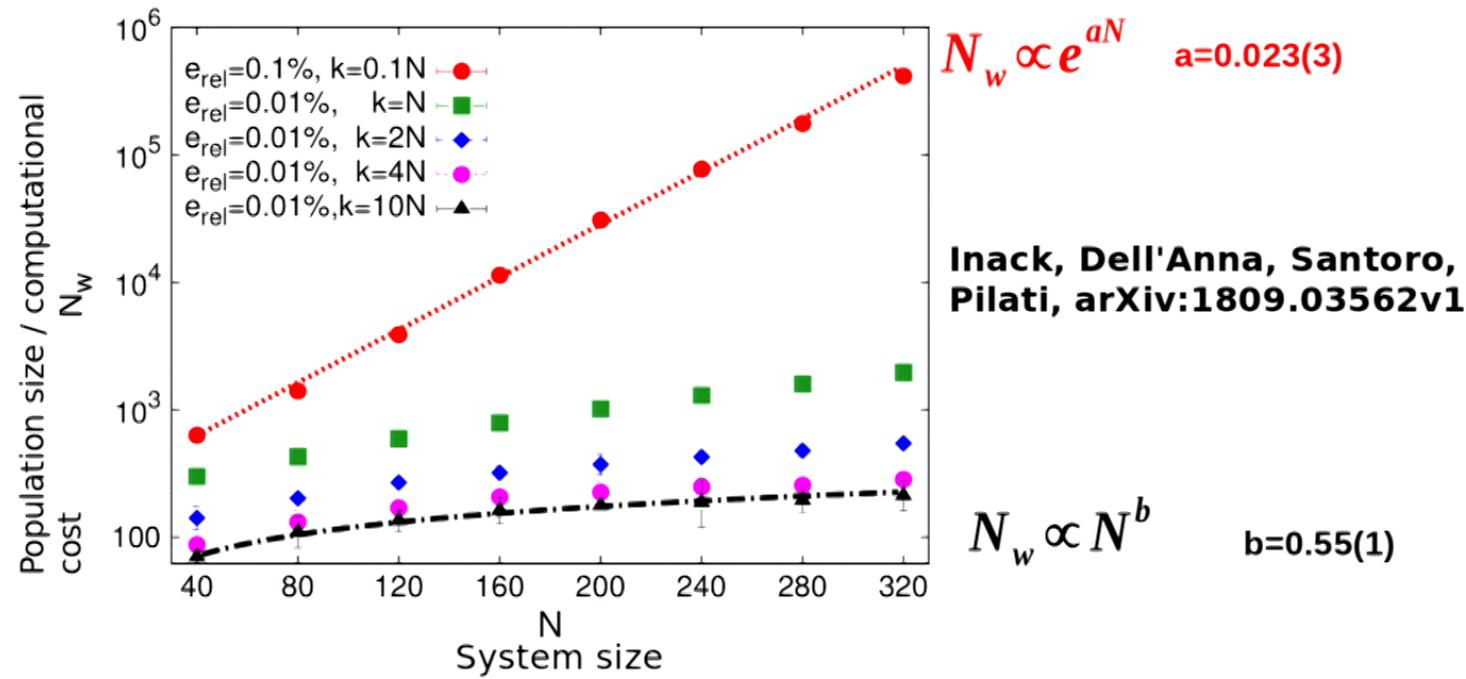
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Computational complexity of PQMC guided by unrestricted BM

- Needs combined sampling of both visible and hidden spins
- Correlations among hidden-spin configurations affect systematic errors
- Needs efficient sampling of hidden-spins, especially at the critical point

$k = \# \text{ of updates of hidden spins variables every visible spin}$

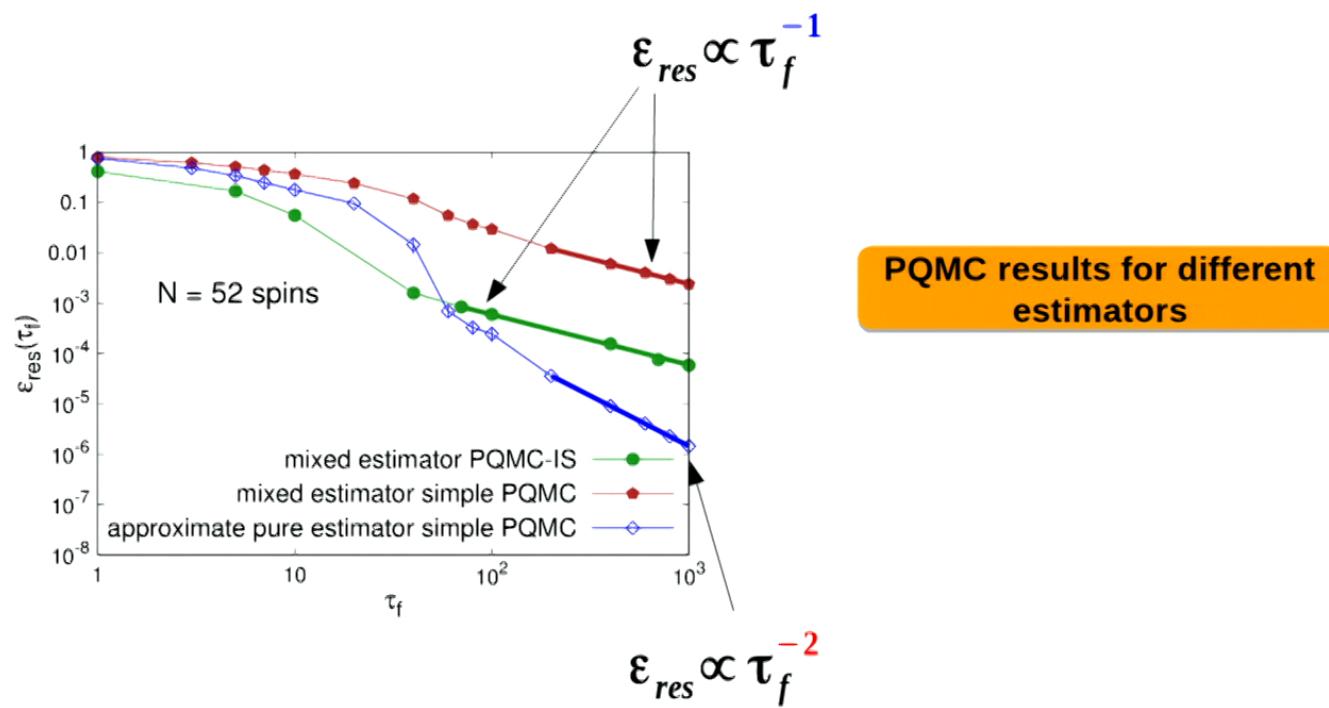
Quantum Ising chain: $\Gamma = 1$



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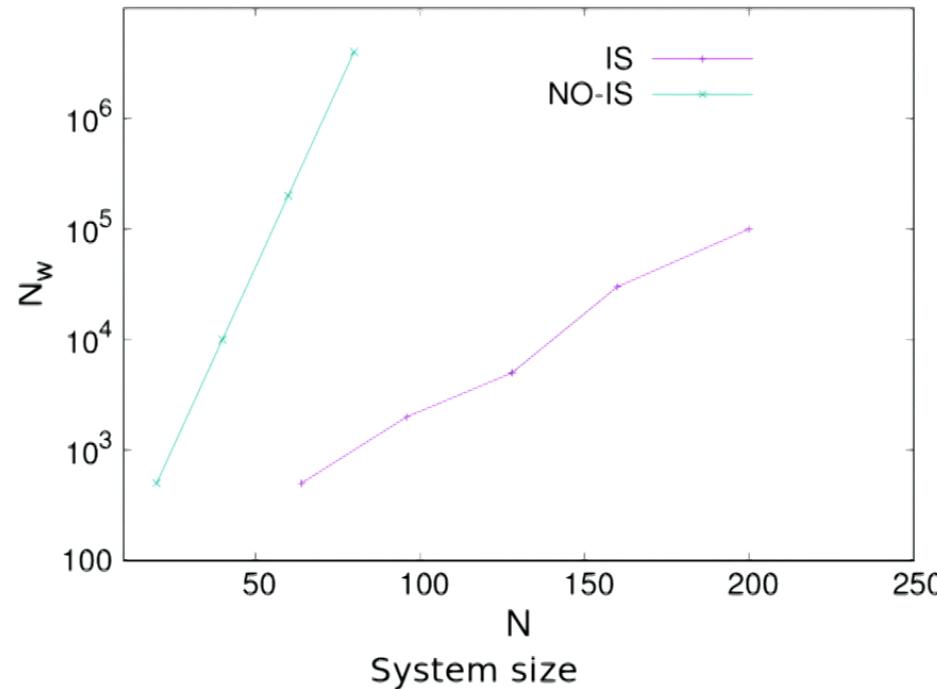
- Introduction to quantum annealing
- Simulating quantum annealing on continuous space models
Inack, Pilati, PRE 92, 053304 (2015)
- Tunneling dynamics in QMC simulations
Inack, Giudici, Parolini, Santoro, Pilati, PRA 97, 032307 (2018)
- Boosting projective QMC simulations via artificial neural networks
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- **SQA using projective QMC on the quantum Ising chain**
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SQA with results on the Ising chain (work in progress)



➤ PQMC performs asymptotically like deterministic IT-SHE (Zanca, Santoro, PRB 2016)

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Quasiadiabatic limit

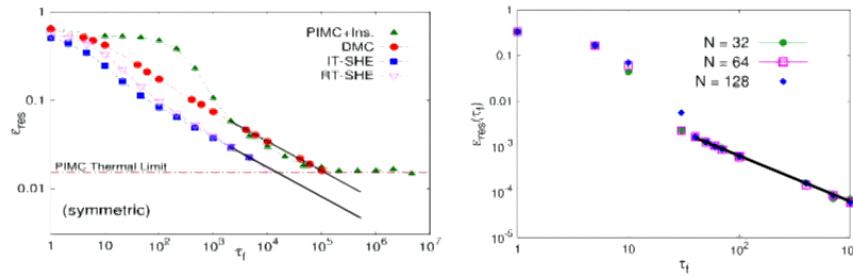
$$\tau_f = 500$$

$$\varepsilon_{res} \sim 10^{-4}$$

- Importance sampling betters the scaling but it's still exponential
- Better guiding wave-functions may improve the scaling

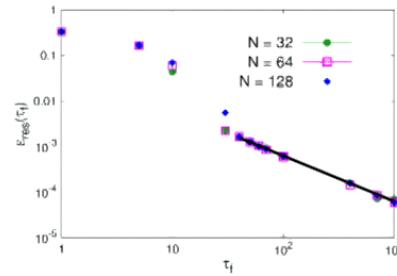
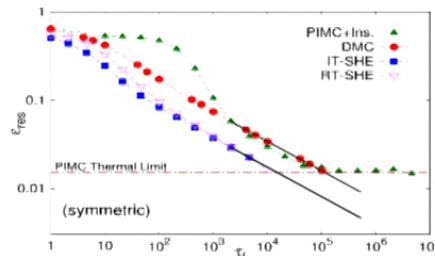
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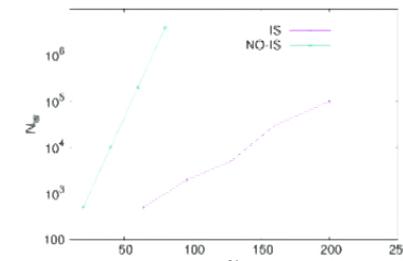


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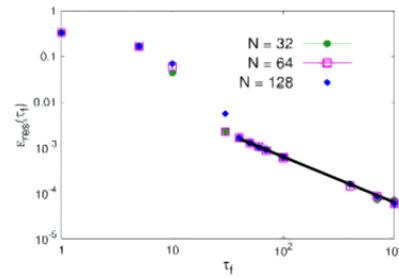
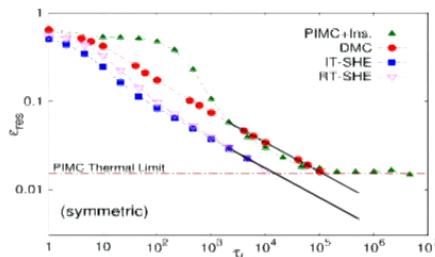
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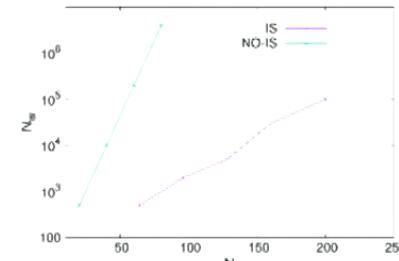
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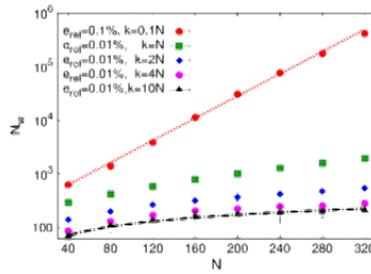


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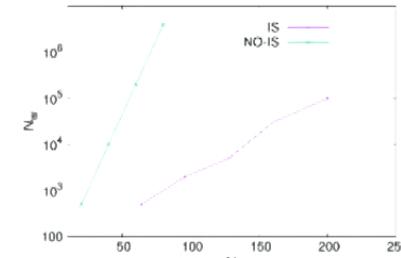
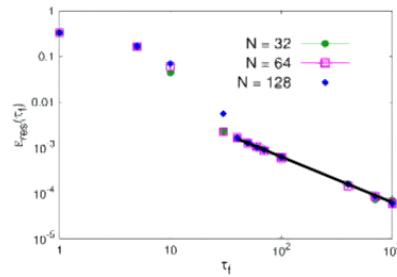
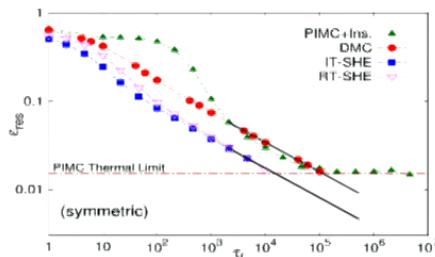
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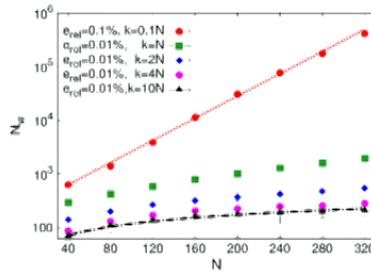


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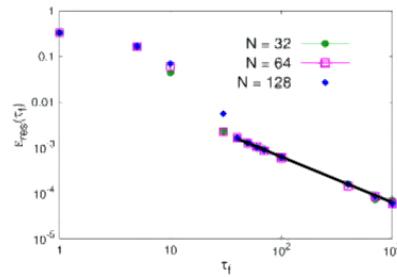
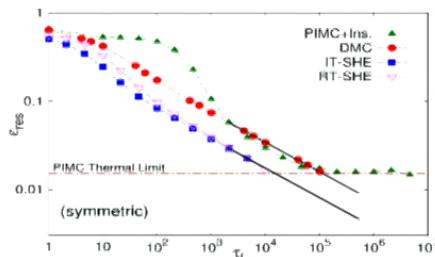
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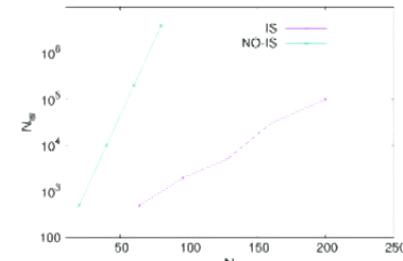


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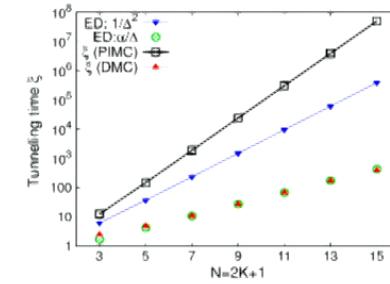
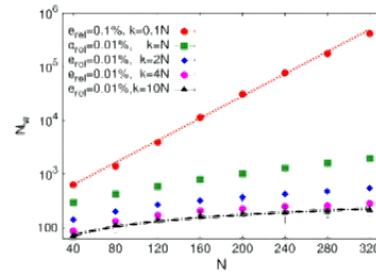
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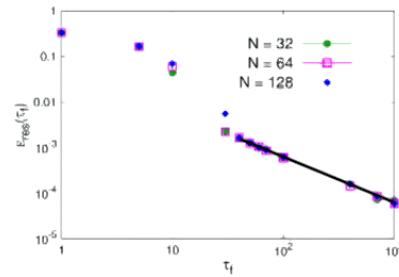
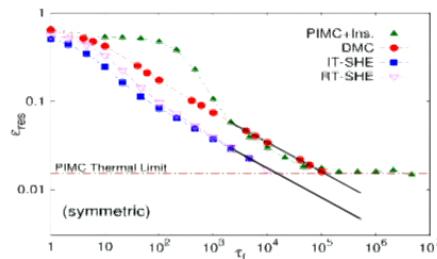
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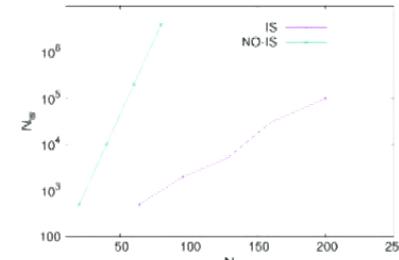
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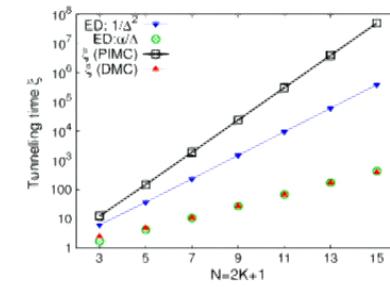
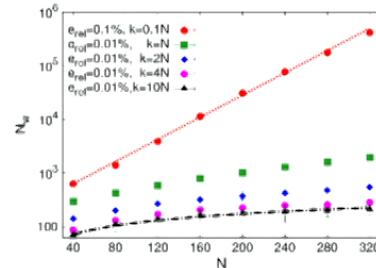
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- This suggests that imaginary-time based methods could be more efficient for solving optimization problems**

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