

Localized machine learned flow maps to accelerate Markov Chain Monte Carlo simulations



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Motivation

- Standart Model of Particle Physics
- Monte Carlo simulation of lattice gauge theories

Gauge equivariant/normalizing flows

J. F., arXiv:2201.02216

- Proposal via flows
- Domain Decomposition
- Applications in 2D

Fine graining flows in 2D

J. F., arXiv:2402.12176

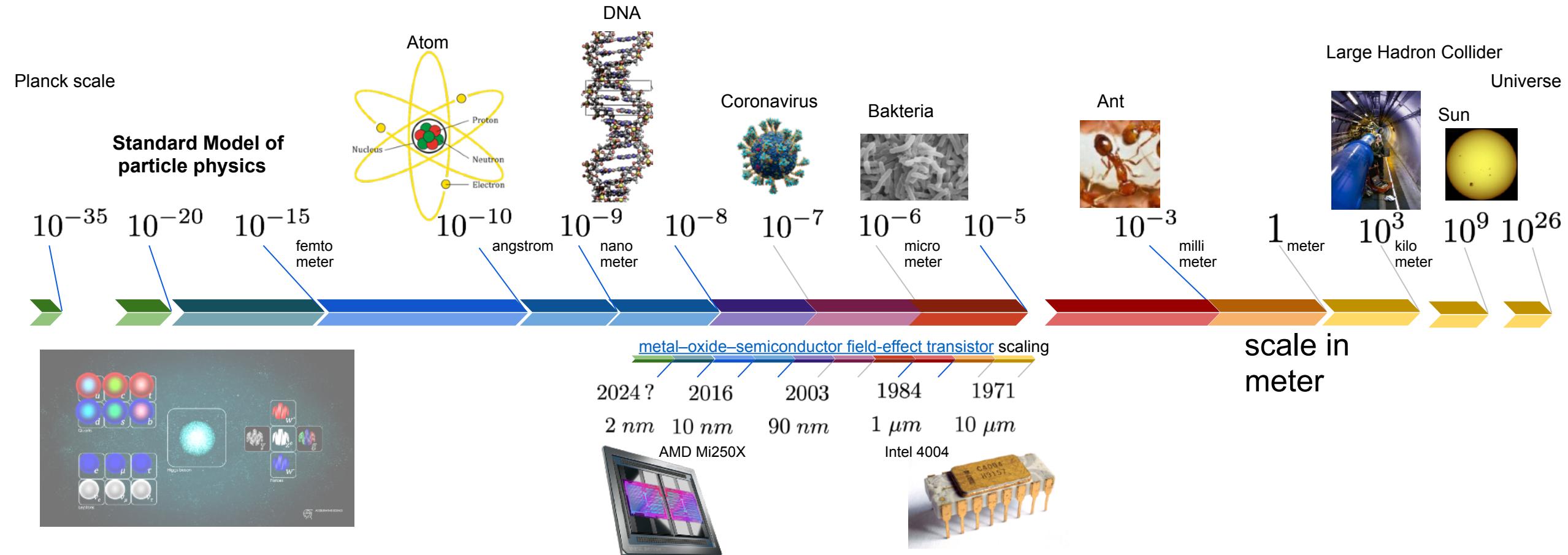
- Maps and training
- Tunneling rate

Global corrections with the fermion determinant

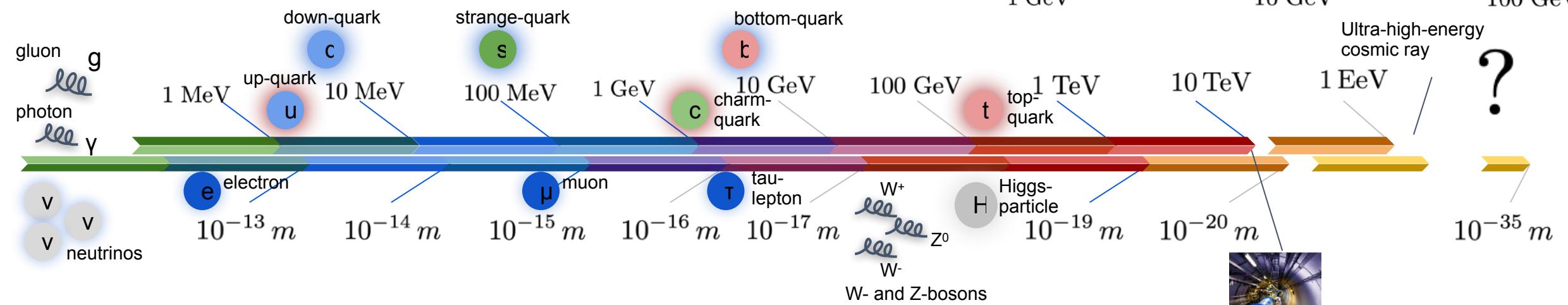
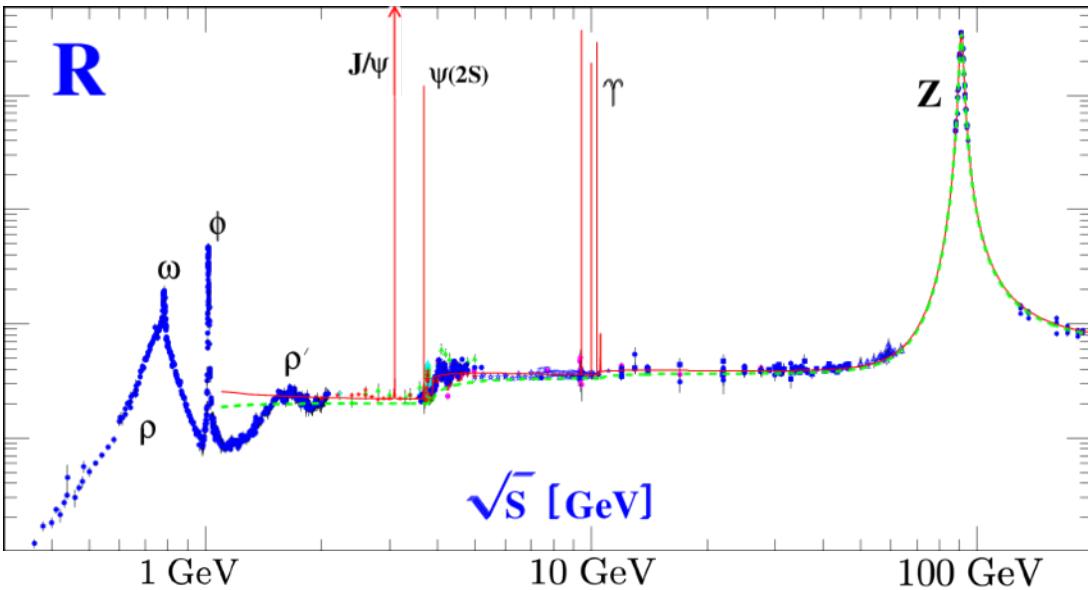
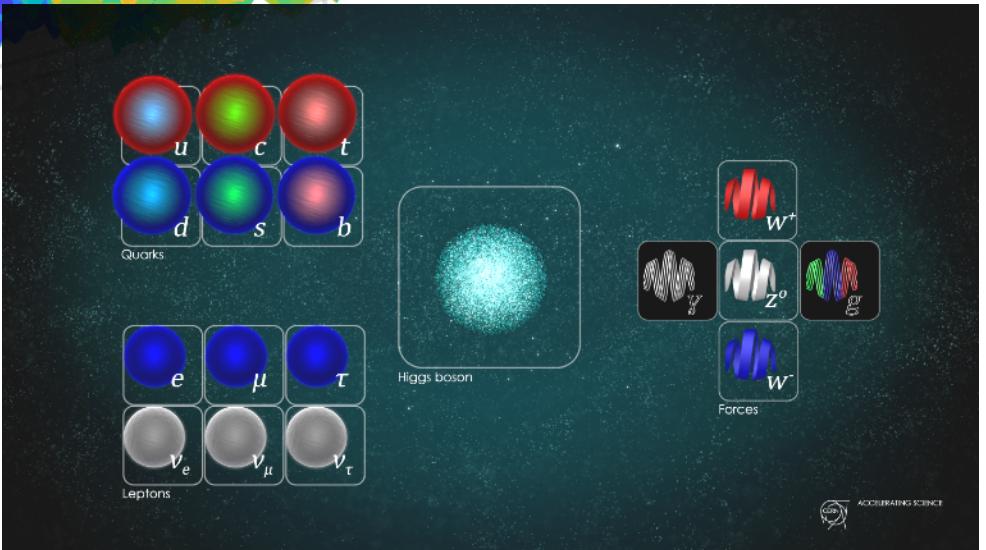
- Domain decomposition of fermions
- Towards high acceptances

Motivation

The length scale of our known world



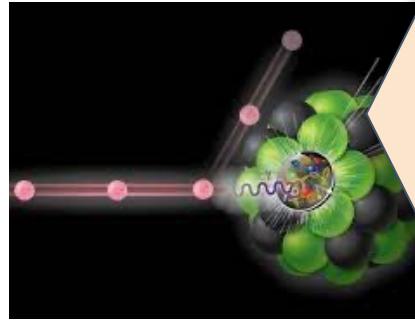
Standard Model



Standard model

Understanding the building blocks of our world

Particle Collider: like LHC or future EIC



Experiment

Theory



Computation

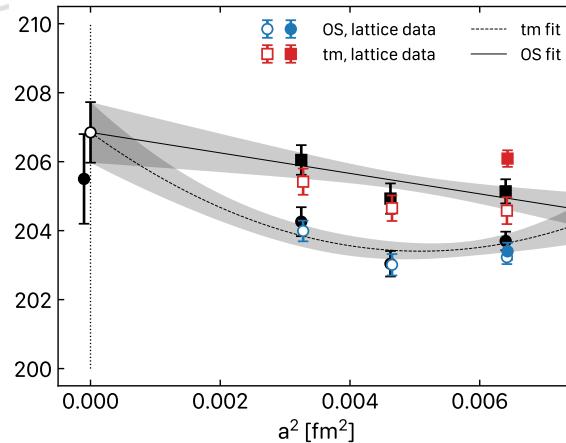
Lagrangian of Standard model - QED, QCD, Weak Interactions - solvable via perturbation theory at high energy

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + i\bar{\Psi}\not{D}\psi \\ & + D_\mu\Phi^\dagger D^\mu\Phi - V(\Phi) \\ & + \bar{\Psi}_L\hat{Y}\Phi\Psi_R + h.c.\end{aligned}$$

At low energies QCD is non-perturbative
 → Lattice QCD only known ab initio method to predict

- Constituents of matter
- Zoo of baryonic states

Simulation at the Precision Frontier



Lattice QCD:

- ❖ 4 dimensional lattice: $V=L \times L \times L \times T$
- ❖ State of the art $V = 2^* (96^3)$ points
- ❖ physical degrees of freedoms:
SU(3) matrices, 8 real numbers per matrix
- ❖ SU(3) matrices are acting as parallel transporter between points:
-> 4^*V links

High dimensional integral

- ❖ possible to solve via Markov chain Monte Carlo methods

Simulation at the Precision Frontier: Markov chain Monte Carlo

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \int D[U, \phi] \mathcal{O}(U) \cdot \rho(U)$$

where

$$\rho(U) = Z^{-1} \left(\prod_j^{N_f} \det D_j(U) \right) e^{-\beta_g(U)}$$

here, we will mainly use:

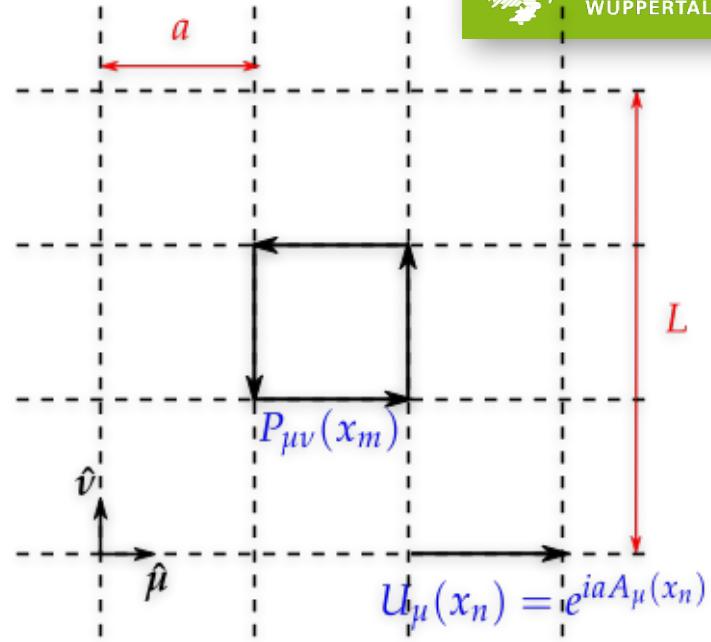
We will discuss mainly the 2D-Schwinger model with U(1) links

Generic models are only applied to *pure gauge weight*

$$\rho_{PG} \propto \exp\{-\beta S_g(U)\}$$

And fermions are treated via correction steps

$$\rho_f \propto \prod_j^{N_f} \det D_j(U)$$



here: 2D Schwinger Model

Markov chain Monte Carlo algorithm

Standard large scale MCMC method:

- Hybrid Monte Carlo (HMC) algorithm
 - based on molecular dynamics

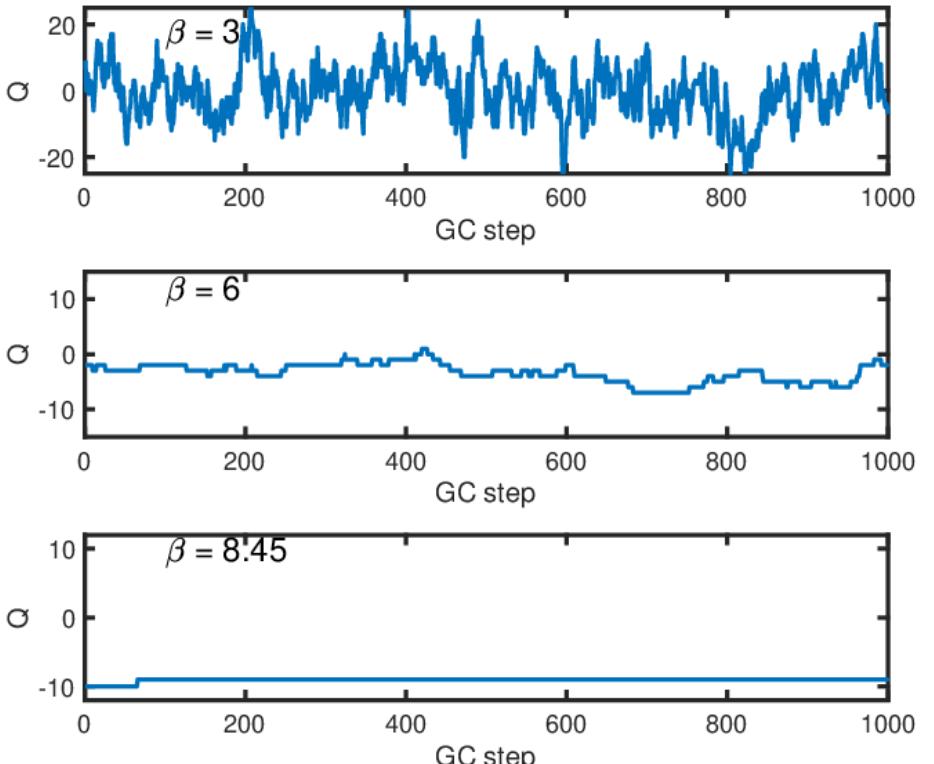
$$\dot{P} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial U} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{U} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P}$$

- can be integrated using numerical integrators
- Sampling configuration in field space

- Ensemble average over these configurations:

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \mathcal{O}(U_i) + \sqrt{\frac{2\tau_{int}\sigma^2}{N}}$$

- for very fine lattice spacings $a < 0.05$ fm sampling of independent configuration becomes hard $\tau_{int} \gg 1$
- the HMC algorithm freezes out a topological sector



severe critical slowing down

- Efficient algorithm in QCD missing (openBC would be a possibility)

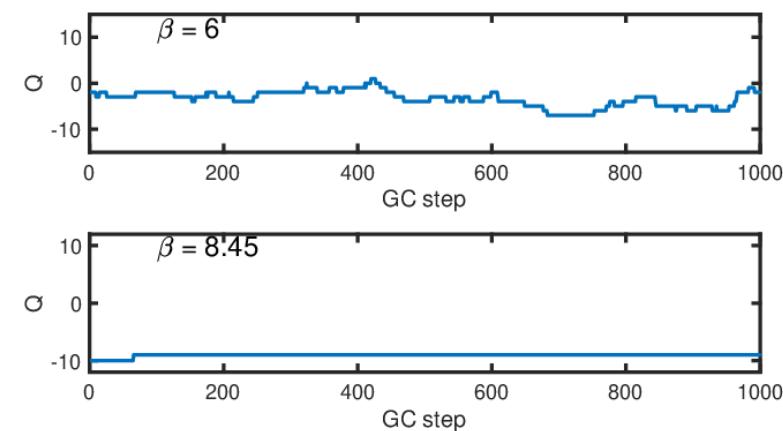
General structure of a MCMC algorithm:

1. Propose U' according to $T_0(U \rightarrow U')$
2. Correct with $P_{acc}(U \rightarrow U') = \min \left[1, \frac{\tilde{\rho}(U)\rho(U')}{\rho(U)\tilde{\rho}(U')} \right]$

MCMC samples sufficient if:

- ❖ Proposal can efficiently propose independent configurations
- ❖ Correction steps has a good acceptance rate

Sampling via HMC simulations are suffering from point 1.)
❖ integrating Molecular Dynamics induces only small changes in the fields



❖ How to improve that ?

Idea: Sampling from an independent distribution

Idea: starting from a unitary distribution and map into target space

★Trivialising maps:

Luescher, Commun.Math.Phys. 293 (2010)

- start from a trivial distribution $r(U_0)$
- construct field transformation towards target distribution $f^{-1}(U_0) \rightarrow U$

Flow distribution is given then by the Jacobian of the transformation

$$\tilde{\rho}(U) = r(f(U)) \cdot \left| \det \frac{\partial f(U)}{\partial U} \right|$$

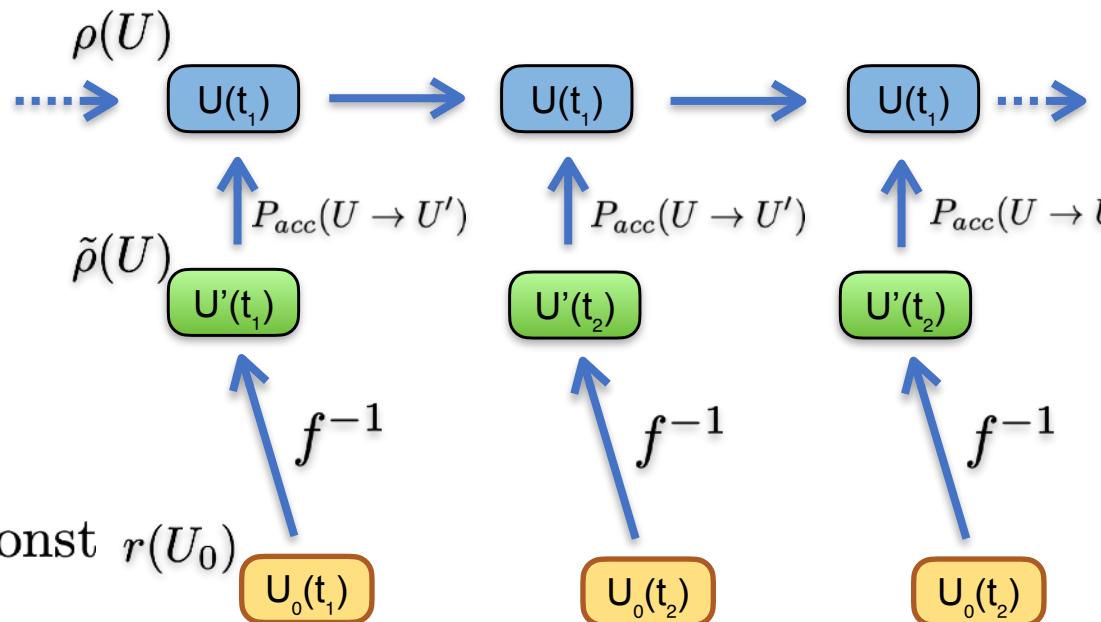
Trivialising Map:

$$\ln(\tilde{\rho}(f^{-1}(U_0))/\rho(f^{-1}(U_0))) = \text{const } r(U_0)$$

Maps can be parametrised and learned:

- ◆ Continuous flows
 - ◆ Equivariant flows using neural networks
- Here, we will use

Bacchio et al., arXiv:[2212.08469](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.08469)



Albergo et al., Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019) 3, 034515

Kanwar et al., Phys.Rev.Lett.125 (2020) 12, 121601

Boyda et al., Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 7, 074504

Albergo et al., arXiv:2101.08176

Generative model in ϕ^4 -model (U(1)) with normalising (gauge invariant) flow

Albergo et al., Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019) 3, 034515

$$\tilde{\rho}(U) = r(f(\phi)) \prod_j \det J(g_j^{-1}(\phi^{(i)}, s_i, t_i))$$

- introduce coupling layers with

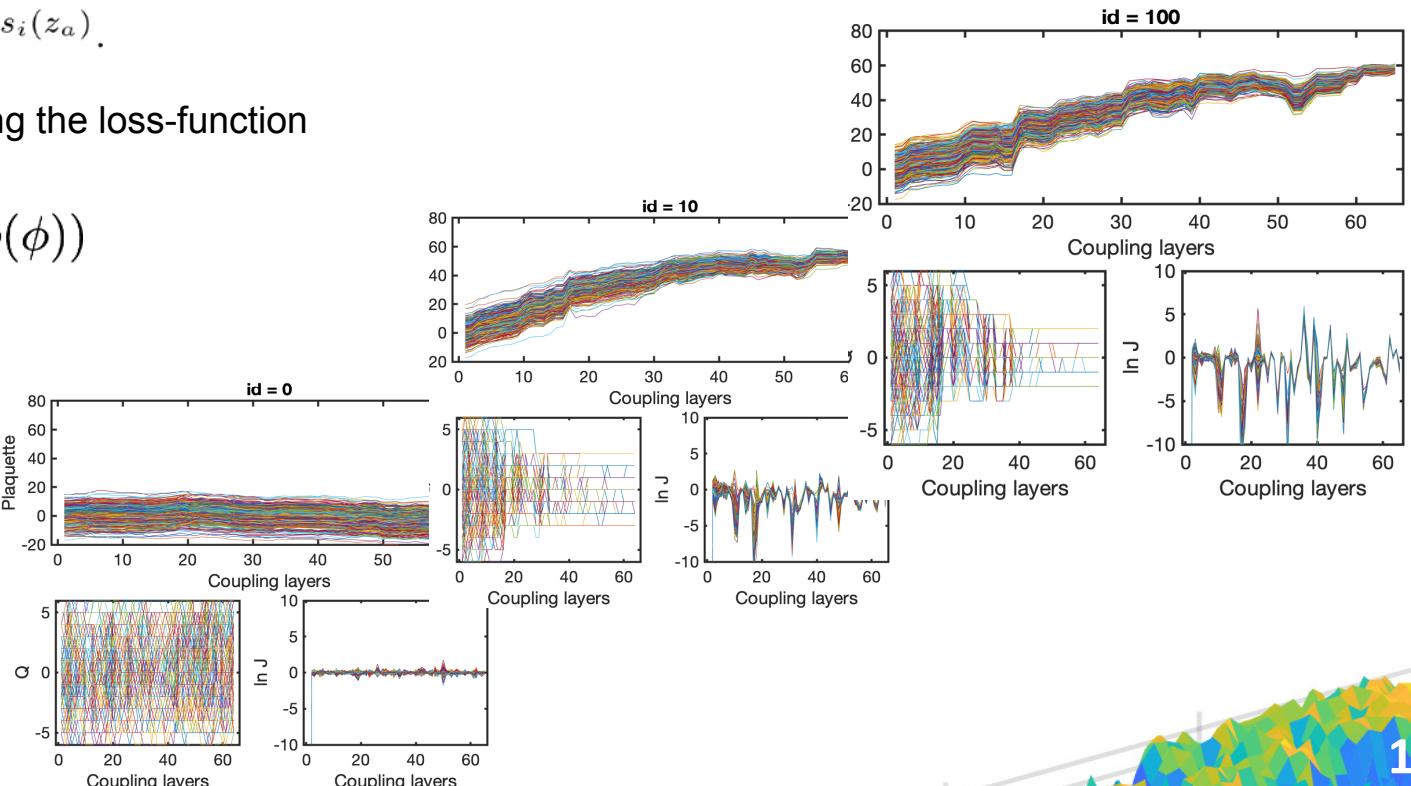
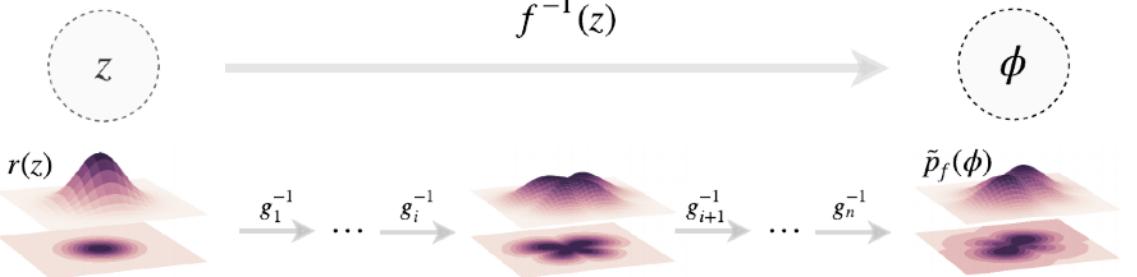
$$g_i^{-1}(z) := \begin{cases} \phi_a = z_a \\ \phi_b = (z_b - t_i(z_a)) \odot e^{-s_i(z_a)}. \end{cases}$$

- train the coupling layers t_i and s_i by minimizing the loss-function

$$L(\tilde{\rho}) = \int \prod_j \phi_j \tilde{\rho}(\phi) \ln(\tilde{\rho}(\phi)/\rho(\phi))$$

Construction the layer such that

- Forwards and backward map easily to compute
- Alternating freezing and unfreezing variable to get block diagonal Jacobians

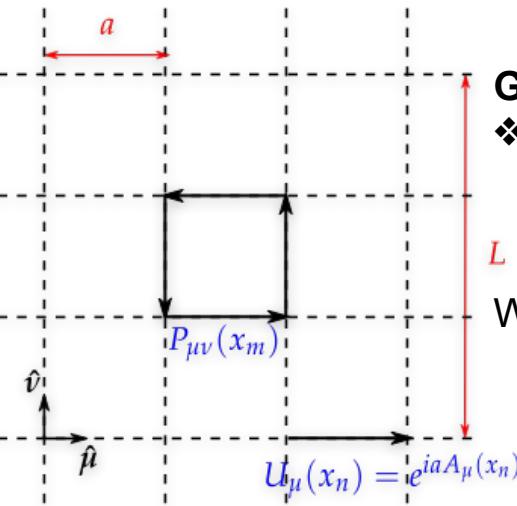


Application to gauge theories:

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Gauge invariant maps

- ❖ Lattice actions are gauge invariant under

$$U_\mu(x) \rightarrow g(x)^\dagger U_\mu(x) g(x + \hat{\mu})$$

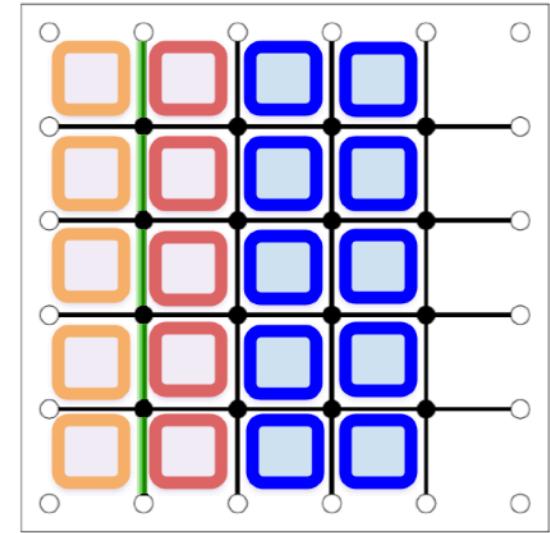
Wilson pure gauge action given by sum over plaquettes:

$$S_g(U) = 1 - \frac{1}{2N} \text{ReTr} \sum_{x, \mu > \nu} P_{\mu, \nu}(x)$$

With $P_{\mu, \nu}(x) = U_\mu(x) U_\nu(x + \hat{\mu}) U_\mu^\dagger(x + \hat{\nu}) U_\nu^\dagger(x)$
Which is gauge invariant

Idea: update gauge invariant object, plaquettes
And propagate update to the links via

- however this change also neighbour plaquettes
- Maps are changing:
 - ❖ Active : are updated
 - ❖ Passive : are not touched
 - ❖ Frozen : can be used to feed the networks



- ❖ Note: Links and plaquette needs to stay in the group
- ❖ Coupling layers/parameterization needs to account for that
 - ❖ See for details

Boyda et al., Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 7, 074504

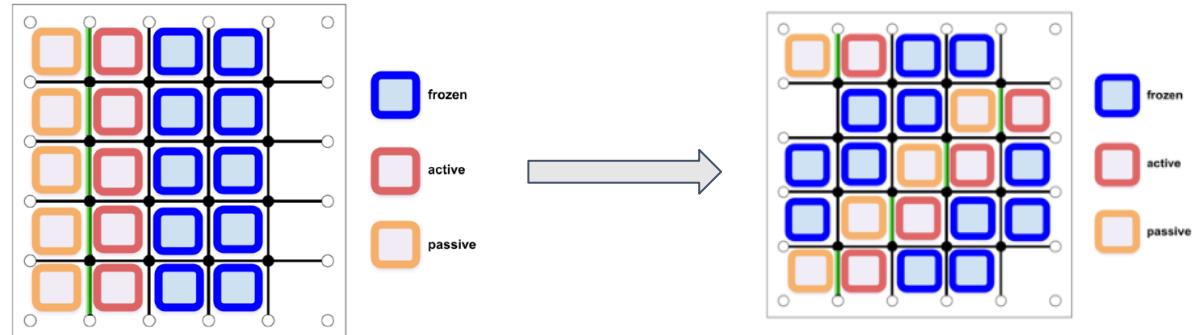
R. Abbott et al., arXiv:2401.10874

Some insides into gauge invariant flows

- Mapping can be optimized by including symmetries
 - Partially translation invariant by convolutional networks

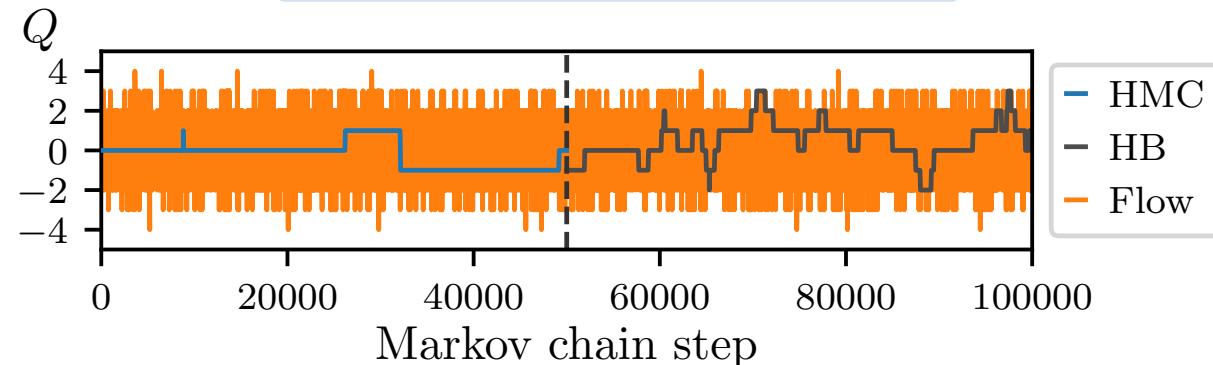
Structure of networks

- convolutional kernels with size 3
 - note that only frozen plaquettes are used as input values
- with hidden layers (here default 2 with 8 nodes)
- 8 coupling layers corresponds to a full update

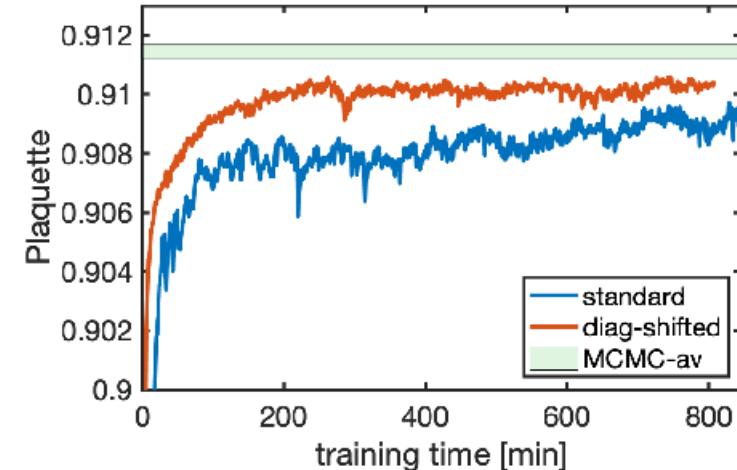


Decoupling of topological sectors:

Kanwar et al., Phys.Rev.Lett.125 (2020) 12, 121601



How to design coupling layers:



Updating masks improve convergence rate and acceptance from 30% to 50%

- Gauge proposal can indeed solve topological freezing

Lets take a look to the second step:

1. Propose U' according to $T_0(U \rightarrow U')$
2. Correct with $P_{acc}(U \rightarrow U') = \min \left[1, \frac{\tilde{\rho}(U)\rho(U')}{\rho(U)\tilde{\rho}(U')} \right]$

We have a proposal which generates independent configurations with weight:

$$\tilde{\rho}(U) = r(f(U)) \cdot \left| \det \frac{\partial f(U)}{\partial U} \right|$$

Need correction steps to correct towards the right weight: $\rho_{PG} \propto \exp\{-\beta S_g(U)\}$

Acceptance rate:

In case ratio of distributions $(\tilde{\rho}(U)\rho(U'))/(\rho(U)\tilde{\rho}(U'))$ is log-normal distributed.

- for the acceptance rate follows

Creutz, Phys. Rev. D38 (1988) 1228–1238

$$P_{acc} = \text{erfc}\{\sqrt{\sigma^2(\Delta S)/8}\}$$

with $\Delta S = \ln\{\rho(U')\} - \ln\{\rho(U)\} + \ln\{\tilde{\rho}(U)\} - \ln\{\tilde{\rho}(U')\}$

Scaling of normalizing flows

Del Debbio, Phys. Rev. D 104, 094507

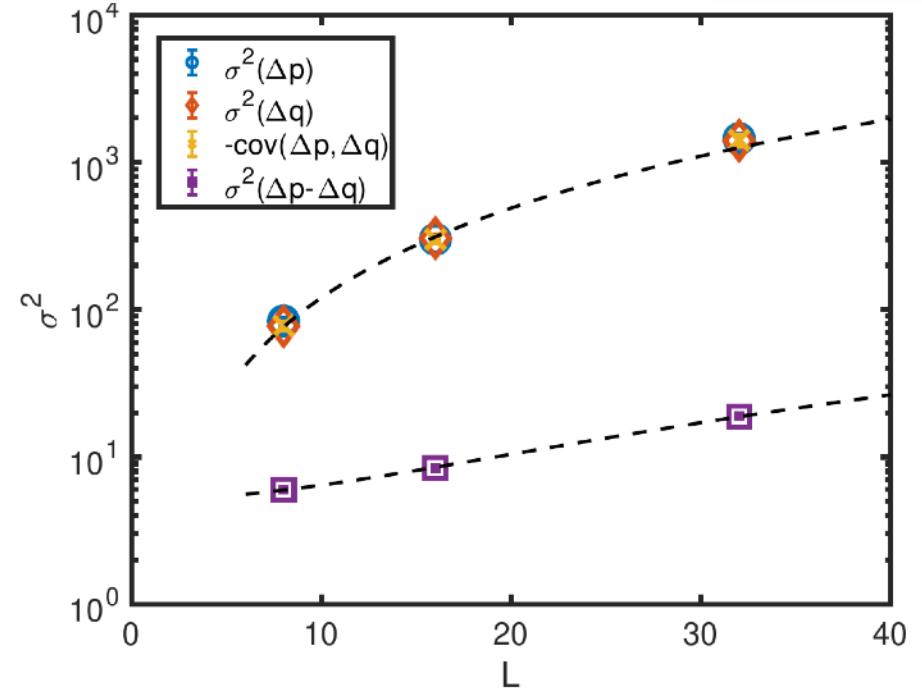
Fine tuning problem:
How the variance scales

$$\sigma^2(\Delta S)$$

Covariances of distributions scales like variances

$$\text{var}(\Delta\rho) + \text{var}(\Delta\tilde{\rho}) \approx -2 \cdot \text{cov}(\Delta\rho, \Delta\tilde{\rho})$$

But $\sigma^2 = \text{var}(\Delta\rho) + \text{var}(\Delta\tilde{\rho}) - 2 \cdot \text{cov}(\Delta\rho, \Delta\tilde{\rho})$
still grows with the volume



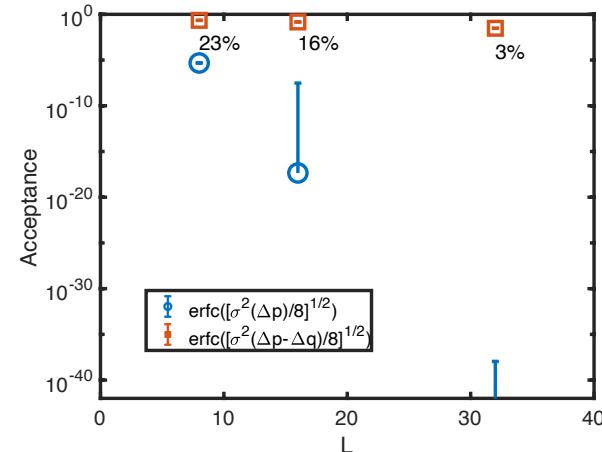
Volume fluctuations

❖ Localized models:

$$\sigma^2(S) = \langle S^2 \rangle - \langle S \rangle^2 = V(a_0 + a_1 e^{-d} + a_2 e^{-\sqrt{2}d} + \dots)$$

❖ Variance scales with the volume, acceptance rate is rapidly 0

❖ Requires modifications for larger volumes



Idea: Decomposition of lattice into domain

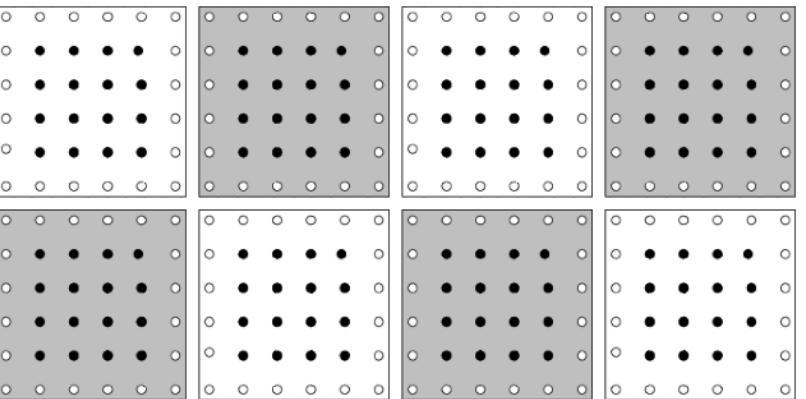
Separate action into:

$$S_{global} = \sum_{blk} S_{local} + I(S_{global}, S_{local})$$

Decomposition straightforward for ultra local lattice actions

- ϕ^4 - model
- Pure gauge theories

This becomes harder if fermions are included

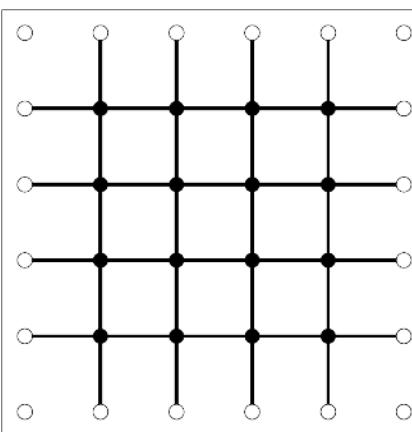
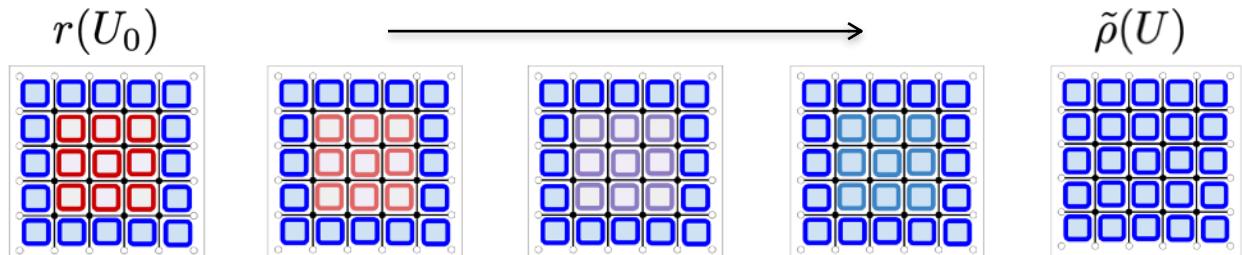


Domain Decomposition of normalizing flow

- update only links/variables inside blocks by creating maps of active links within each block

Training: (one possibility)

- using different boundaries for each sample in the batch
- increase iteration before boundaries updated to 1000



Taken from: M. Lüscher, CPC 165 (2005) 199-220

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- Monte Carlo simulation

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Fine graining flows in 2D

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- Towards high acceptances

Test in the ϕ^4 Model

Lets test domain decomposition in the ϕ^4 -model:

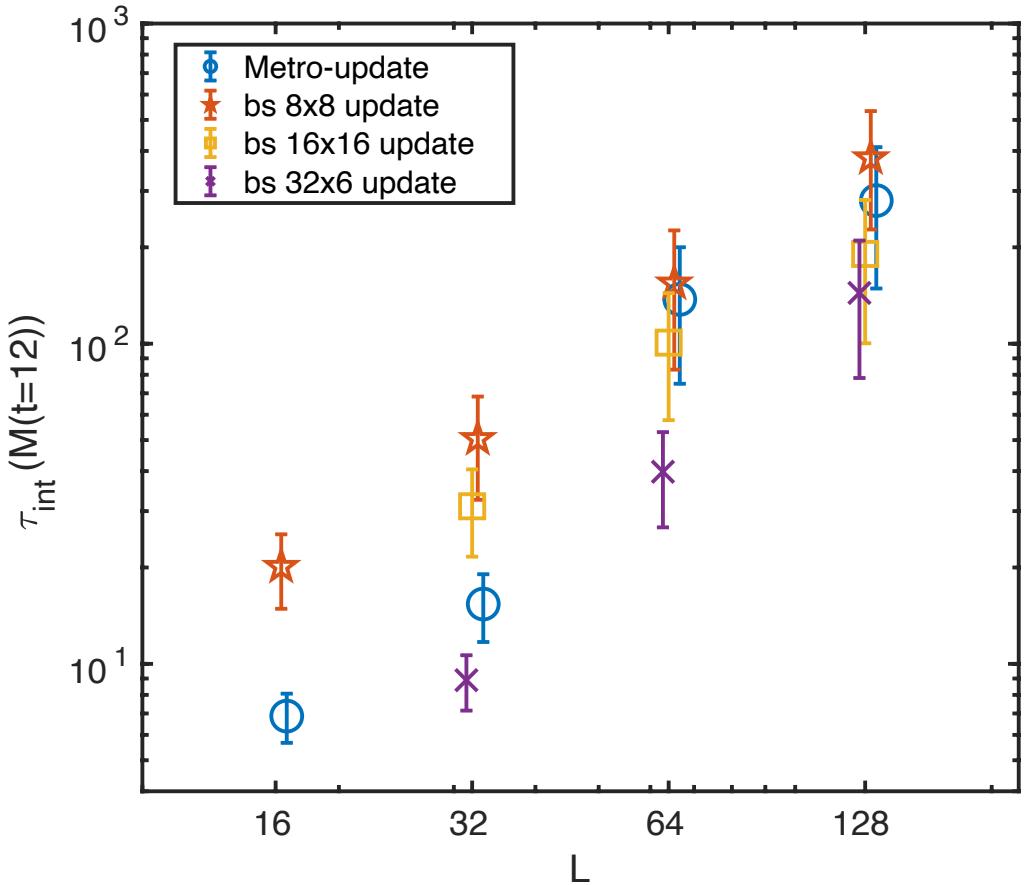
$$S(\phi) = \beta \sum_x \phi(x)\phi(x + \hat{\mu}) + \phi^2(x) + \lambda(\phi^2(x) - 1)^2$$

Acceptance rate for flow model become tiny for $L > 32$
 Close to phase transition, model becomes critical.

❖ Order parameter is related to the magnetization:

$$M = \frac{1}{V} \sum_x \phi(x)$$

At 2D parameter set taken from
 Korzec et al. Comput.Phys.Commun. 182 (2011)



Autocorrelation of magnetisation shows no improvements
 if domain size is fixed but lattice size is scaled

Test in the ϕ^4 Model

Close to criticality:

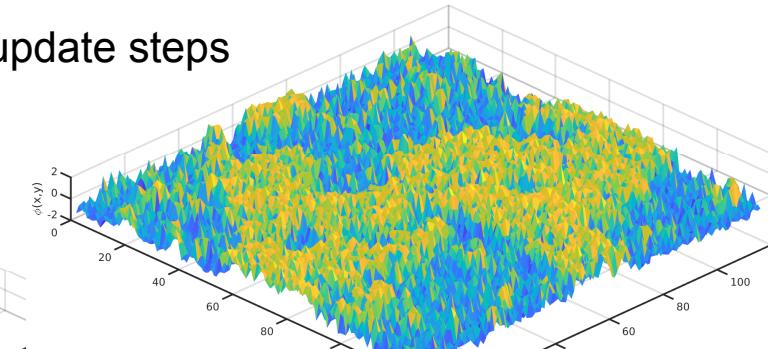
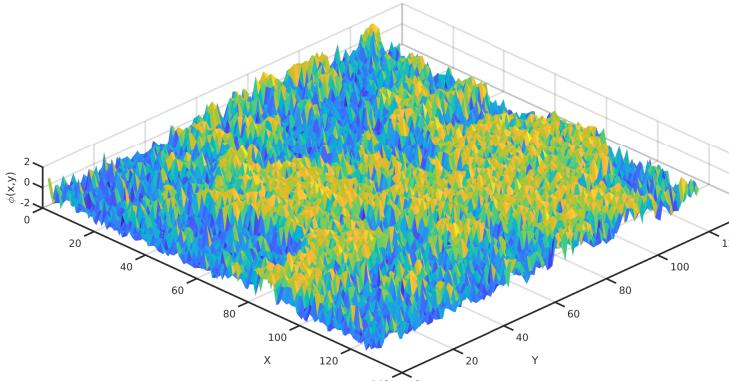
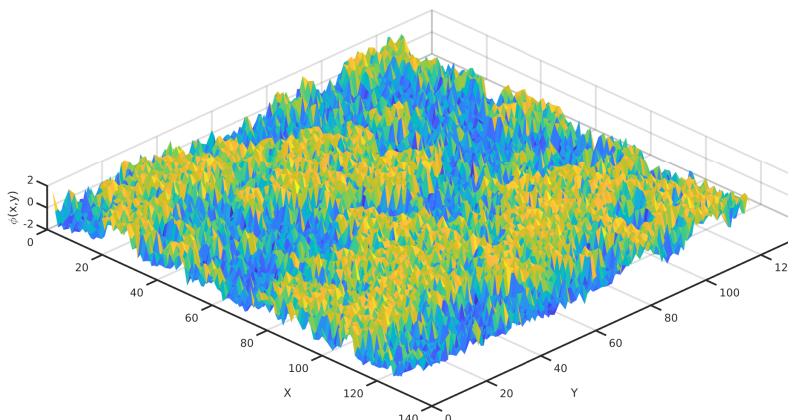
Correlation length increases with lattice size:

$$\xi \propto L$$

If domain size is smaller < L
the MC-time for de-correlation increases

Here, the magnetisation close to criticality is shown

- using $L = 128$ and separated by 40k metropolis update steps



Domain decomposition in the Schwinger Model

Lets take a look to 2D - U(1) gauge model

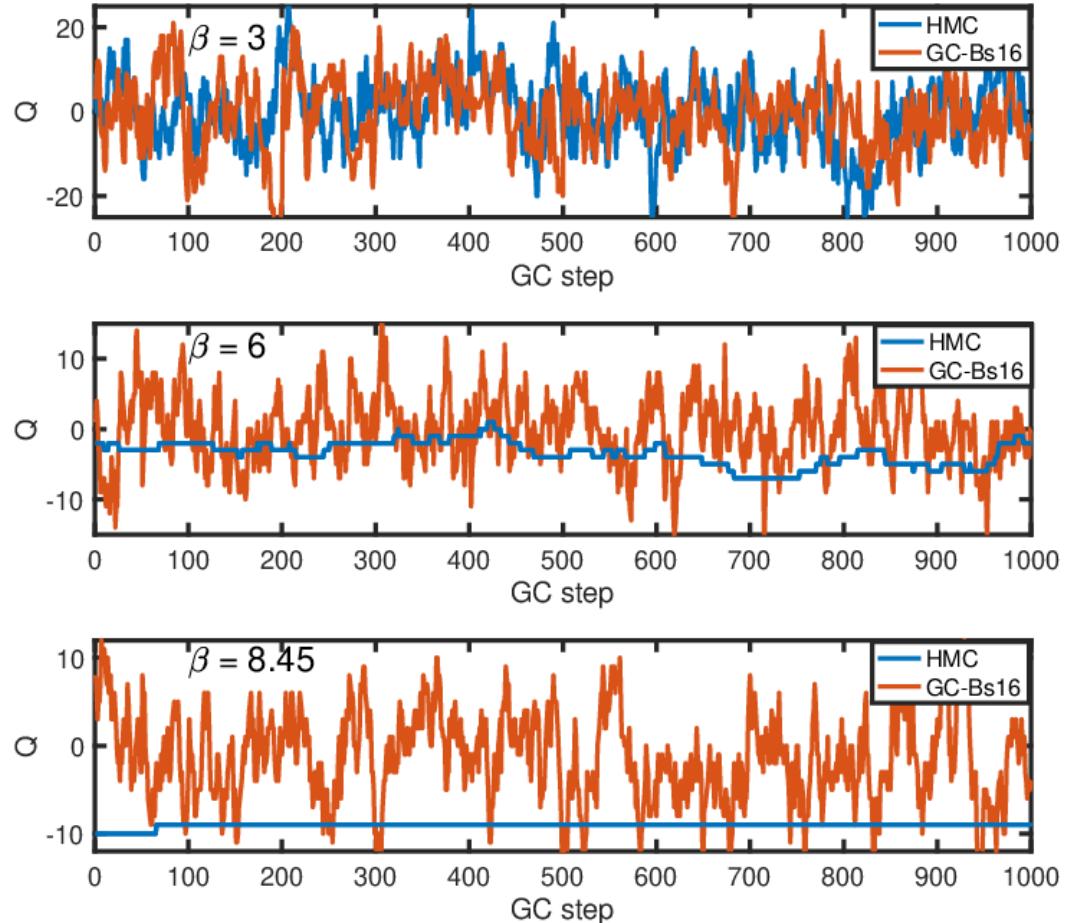
$$S_g(U) = \beta \sum_{x,\mu} \text{Re} \left(1 - U_\mu(x) U_\nu(x + \hat{\mu}) U_\mu^\dagger(x + \hat{\nu}) U_\nu^\dagger(x) \right)$$

Train with fixed boundary conditions using $L = 8$

- ❖ reduced acceptance rate compare to periodic case (40% to 25%)
- ❖ Scaling towards large lattice sizes is trivial

Effect on observables:

- ❖ using $L=8$ domain updates:
 - ◆ Samples topological sectors
 - ◆ For $\beta > 5$ outperforms HMC



Domain decomposition works because topological charges are localised

Towards more Complex models

Works well for $L=8$, however: becomes difficult for larger volumes (needed in 4D-SU(3))
J.F., arXiv:2201.02216

For 4D - SU(3)

- Block size has to be > 0.4 fm to change topology

For $a=0.05$, it requires a block of length $L_b = 8$

- For the physical degrees of freedoms follows:
 - $6 \cdot 8^*(8)^4 = 200k$

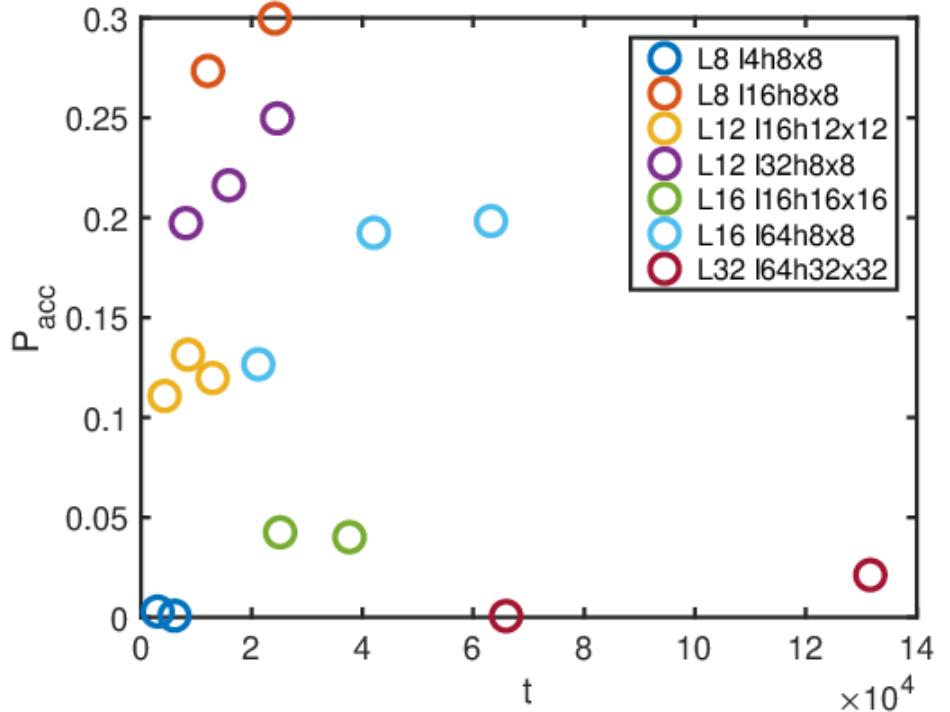
That's more dof than for the 2D-U(1) with $L=128$

- that's out of reach with the current flow models
- Acceptance rate is zero

New approaches needed:

- include additional symmetries
- Adapt flow maps

Bacchio et al., arXiv:2212.08469

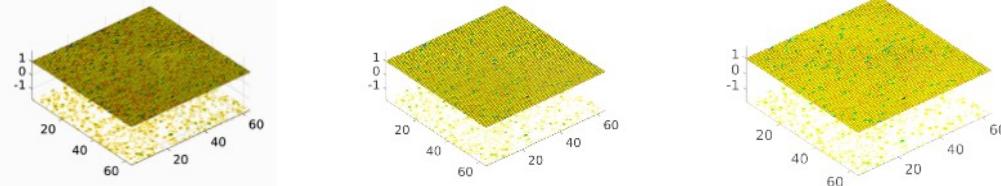


Here: using flows to fine grain updates

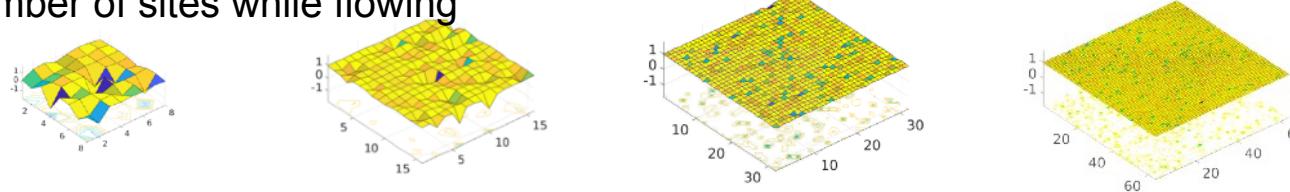
Fine graining flows

Standard Map: Keep L/a fixed
❖ Physical lattice size is decreasing

Flow maps:



Natural Projection: Keep physical box size fixed
❖ extend number of sites while flowing



Idea: Effective coarse to fine graining

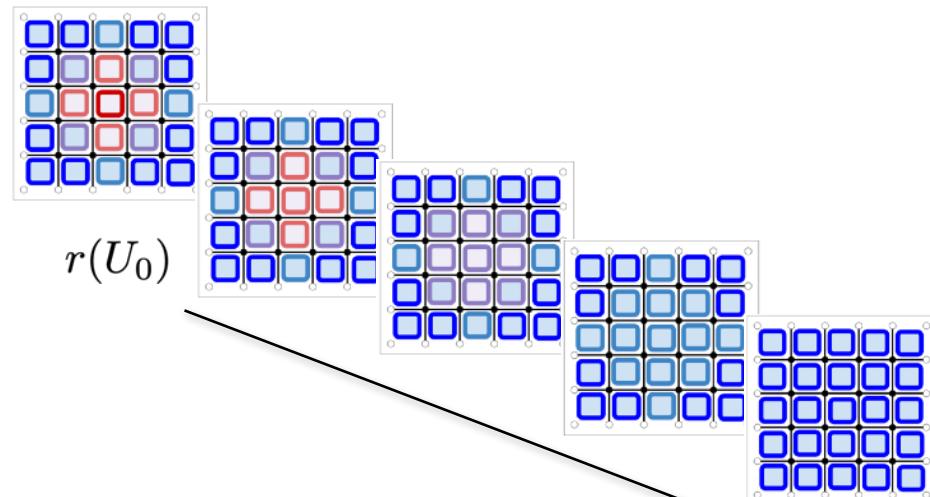
Introduce a smoothing mapping within a larger lattice
❖ place local defect and smooth out

- like multi-tempering approaches
- successfully applied in 4D-SU(N)

C. Bonati et al., PRD 99, 054503 (2019)

Here: use local flow transformations

- ❖ needs adjustments/modifications
 - ❖ Maps: localization of updates
 - ❖ Training conditions / loss function
- ❖ Train for topological tunneling

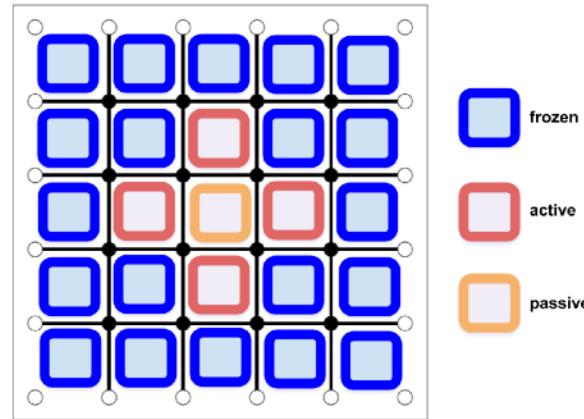


$\tilde{\rho}(U)$

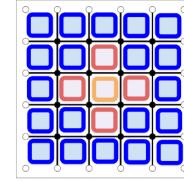
Localized update:

Center symmetric update

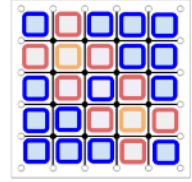
- ❖ only randomise all 4 links of center plaquette
- ❖ in 2D use a max. compact map
 - ◆ active to passive ratio = 4:1



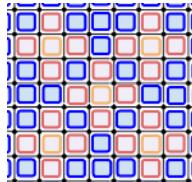
Kernel 0



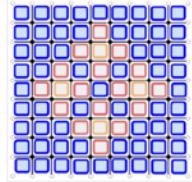
Kernel 1



Kernel 2



Kernel 3



In line with

Kanwar et al., Phys.Rev.Lett.125 (2020) 12, 121601

Modification of the loss-function:

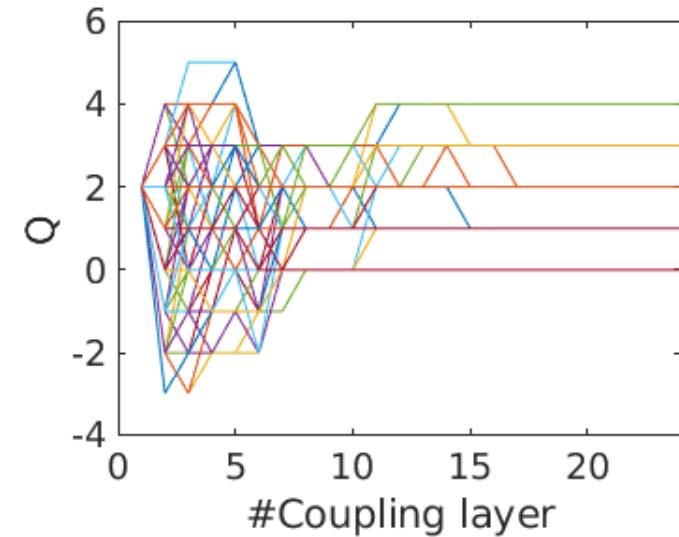
Training for topological transitions

- ❖ by modification of the loss-function

$$L = \ln(\tilde{\rho}(U')/\rho(U')) \cdot |Q(U') - Q(U)|$$

Train transitions using only four uniformed links

- ❖ Correlations need to be smeared out
- ❖ otherwise fancy plaquette update

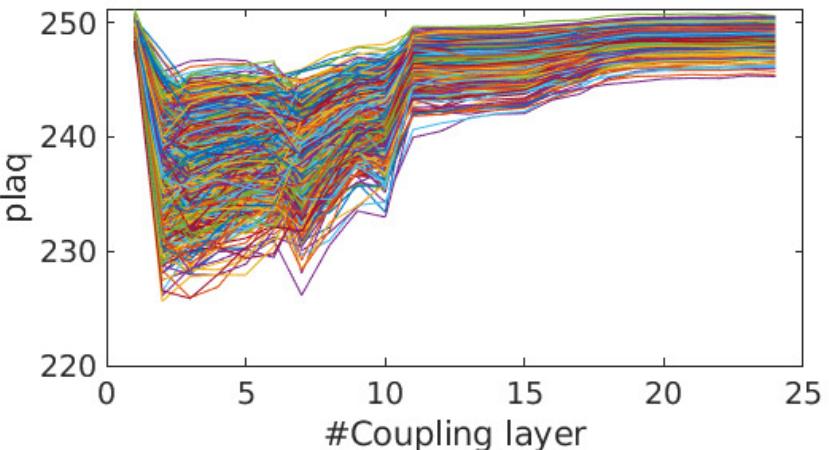
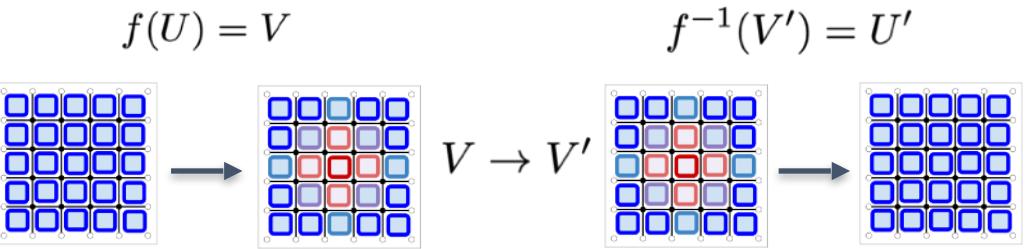


Grinding the fine graining

Graining needs change of update procedure:

- Requires back transformation before the update
 - Currently: for training fix backward transformation and update occasionally
 - Allows for new loss-function
 - Works in combination with topo. loss and fixed backward transformation

$$L = \ln\{\rho(U')\} - \ln\{\rho(U)\} + \ln\{\tilde{\rho}_{fixed}(U)\} - \ln\{\tilde{\rho}_{train}(U')\}$$



Grinding training:

Current training setup: relative long training chain

Pre-train on L=8 with pBC

Retrain on L=16 with fixed $\tilde{\rho}$

Build up chain via intermediate loss

Fine tune with updated $\tilde{\rho}$

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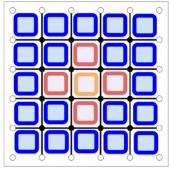
Use HMC generated configs

Fine Graining Flows

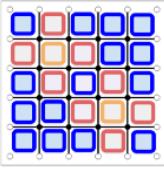
Test fine graining updates

- ❖ Updates at $\beta = 11.25$
- ❖ Kernel 1-3 used
- ❖ Use $3x[1, 3, 2] + 2$ with shifts

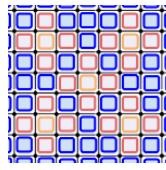
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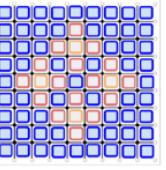
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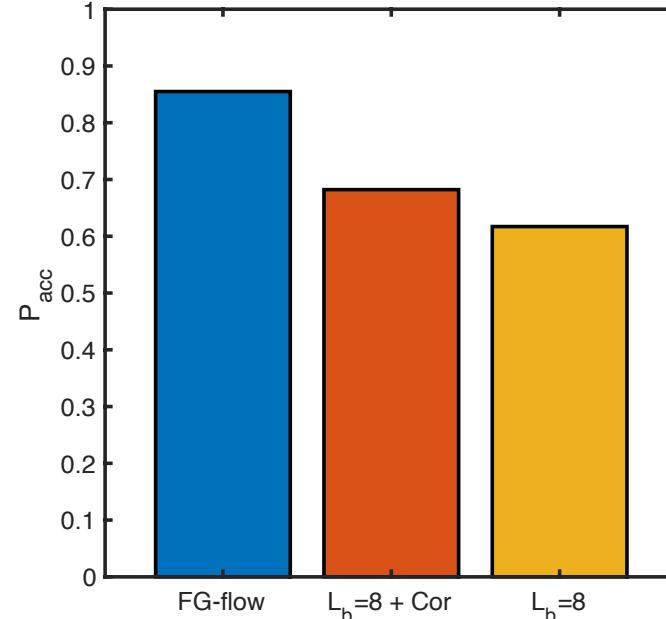
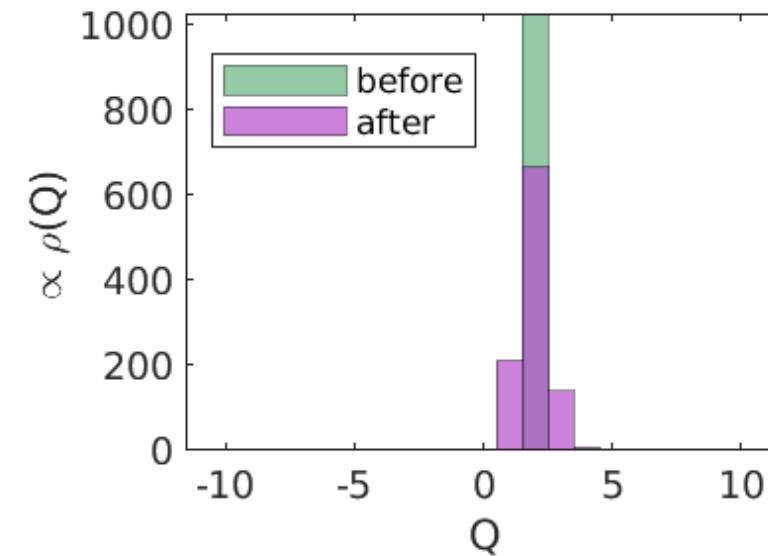


Local updates also increase block determinants acceptance rate

$$P_{acc}^{(b)}(U \rightarrow U') = \min \left[1, \frac{\det(D^b(U'))^2}{\det(D^b(U))^2} \right]$$

- ❖ Using an Fine Grain - flow update within a $L=16$ box
 - ❖ Acceptance rates of $P_{acc} \sim 0.85$ can be reached

- ❖ Flow updates within $L=8$ box is reaching $P_{acc} \sim 0.6 \%$



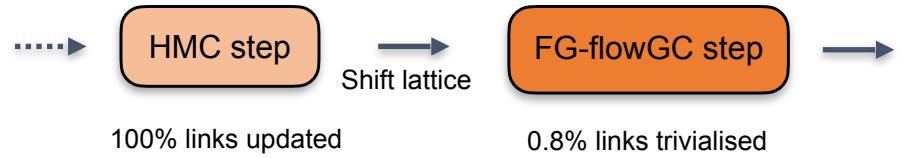
Results: Tunneling rate

Tunneling rate:

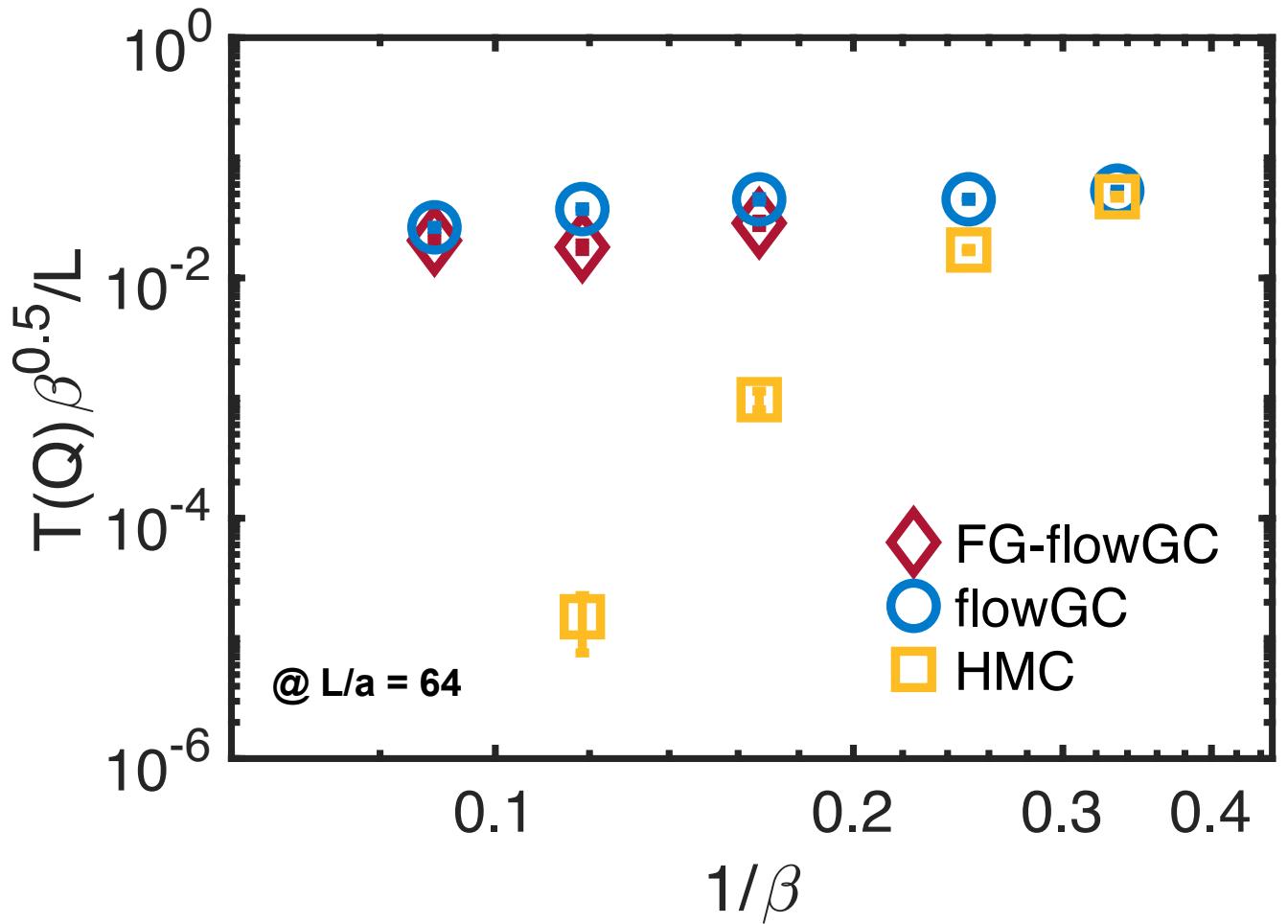
$$T(Q) = \langle |Q_i - Q_{i+1}| \rangle$$

Flow enables simulations beyond beta > 6.0

FG-flowGC:



flowGC:



Motivation

- Simulations at the precision frontier
- Monte Carlo simulation

Gauge equivariant/normalizing flows

J. F., arXiv:2201.02216

- Introduction
- Domain Decomposition
- Applications in 2D

Fine graining flows in 2D

J. F., arXiv:2201.02216

- Maps and training
- Tunneling rate

Global corrections with the fermion determinant

- Domain decomposition of fermions
- Towards high acceptances

Recursive Domain Decomposition

Action with fermions:

$$\rho(U) = Z^{-1} \left(\prod_j^{N_f} \det D_j(U) \right) e^{-\beta_g(U)}$$

with $\det D(U)$ is a *localised* action

- ❖ distance interaction decays with

$$\text{cov}(x, y) \propto \exp\{-m_{PS}|x - y|\}$$

Idea: using exact decomposition of fermion action:

$$\det D = \det S_{red} \cdot \det S_{pink} \cdot \det D_{blue}$$

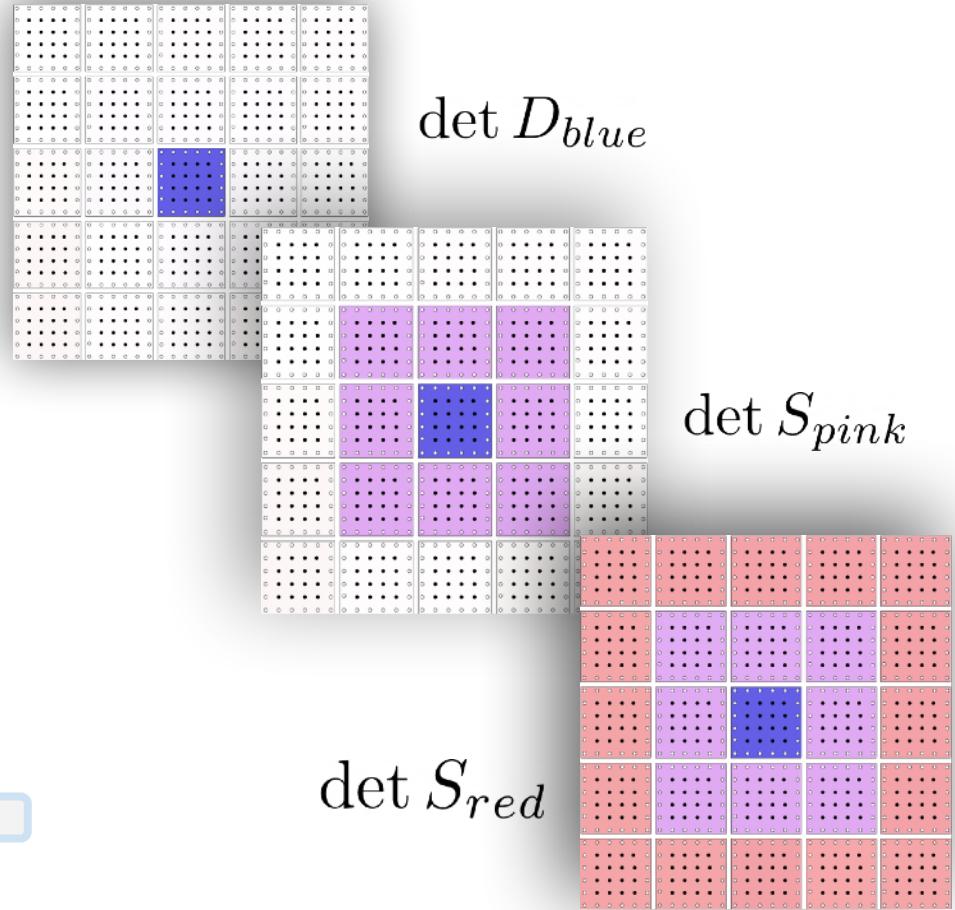
effective long range decomposition of the fermion determinant

M. Lüscher, CPC 165 (2005) 199-220

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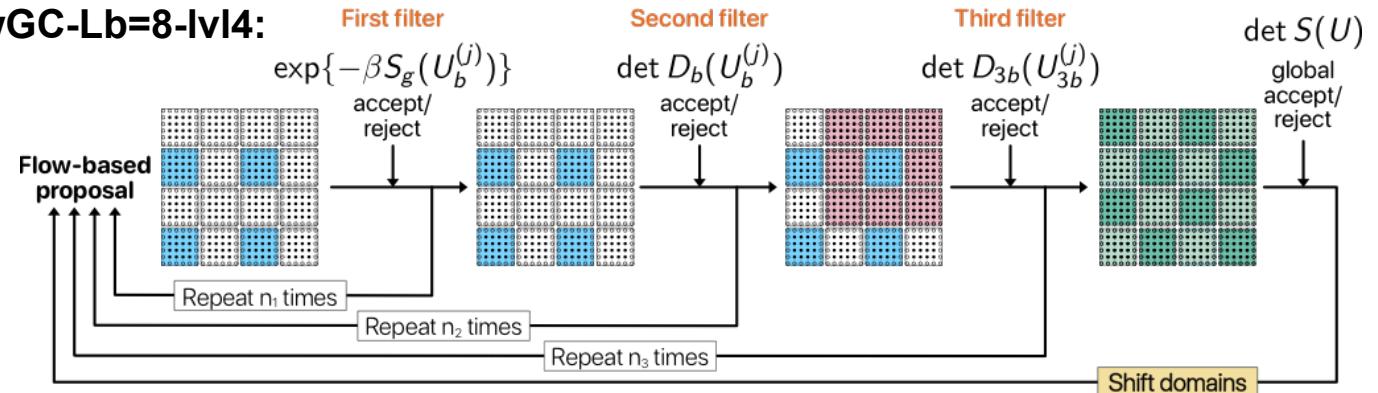
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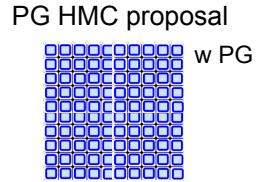
Correction steps With Fermions

Fermion Corrections via hierarchical Filter and flow-based pure gauge updates

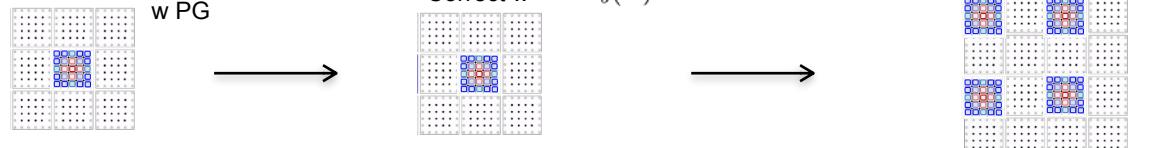
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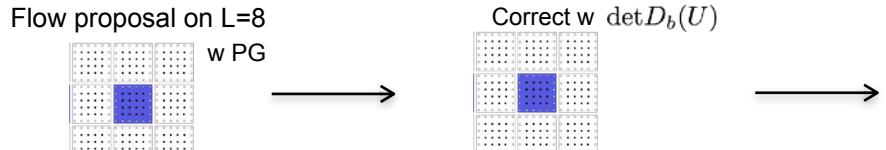
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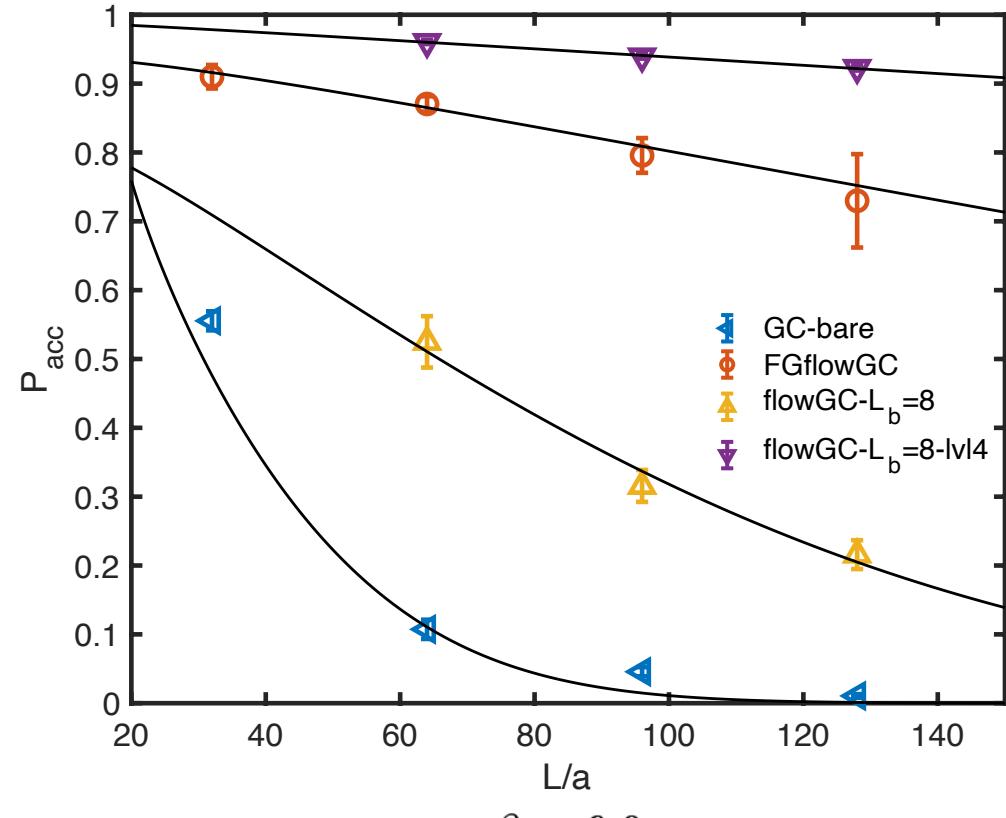
FG-flowGC: Fine grain flow proposal



flowGC-L_b=8:



2D - Schwinger Model Global acceptance rate



$\beta = 6.0$ @ $z = 0.2$

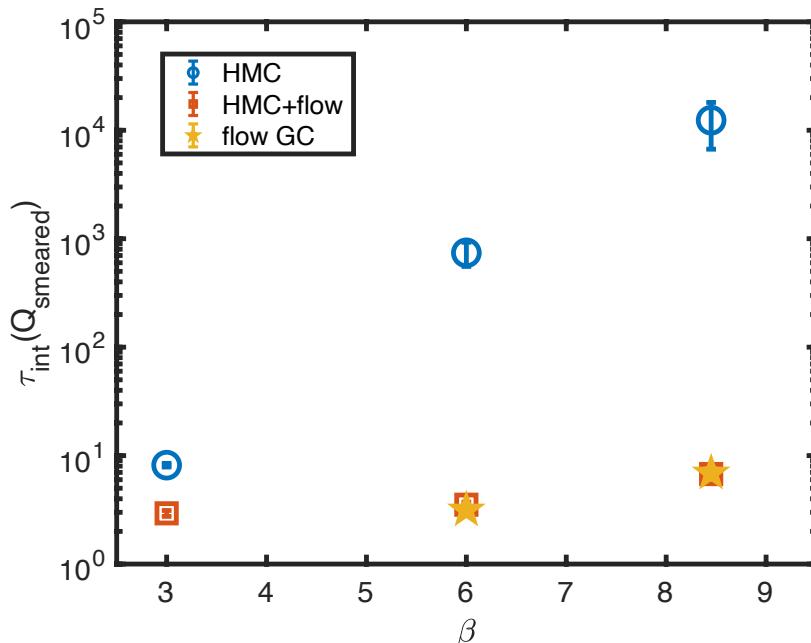
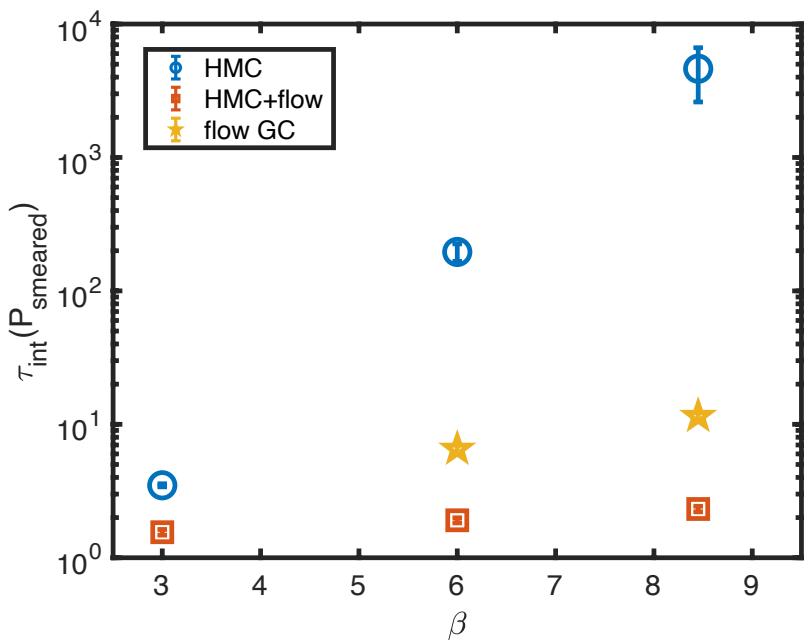
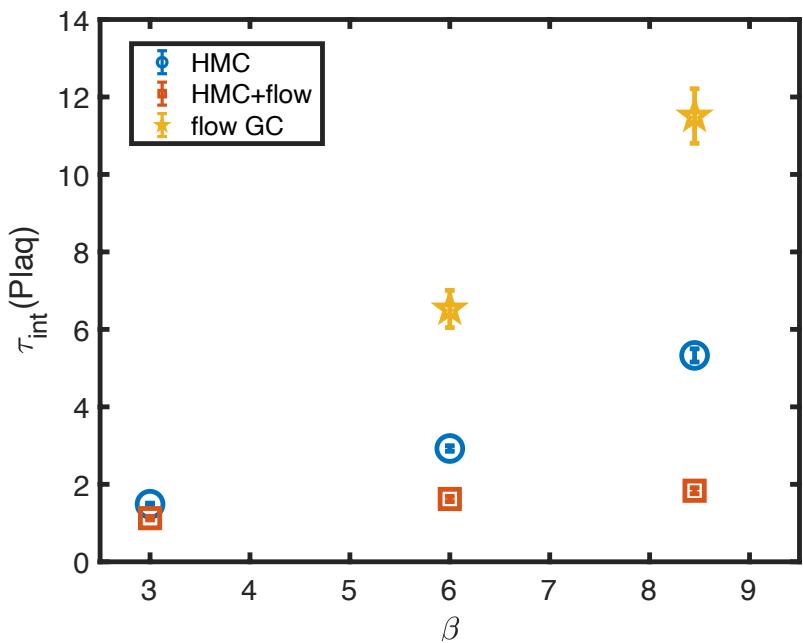
N. Christian et al., Nucl.Phys.B 736 (2006)

Combination with HMC

High statistic runs (at fixed $L=32$):
Analyse autocorrelation

Similar to

D. Albanea et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 81 (2021) 10, 873



HMC+flow:
Outperforming other. methods



Addressing scalability

- ❖ using domain decomposition
 - ❖ Works as long as domain size is larger than *correlation length* of the critical observable
 - ❖ Works to sample different topological sectors in gauge models (here U(1))

J. F., arXiv:2201.02216

Modification of updates

J. F., arXiv:2402.12176

- ❖ fine graining local updates
- ❖ Topological transition can be trained in 2D-U(1)

Next steps towards 4D SU(3)

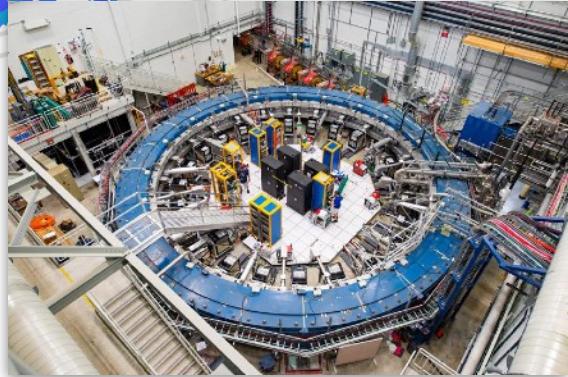
- ❖ Complexity increases, more degrees of freedom and topological charge is not an exact integer
- ❖ Using flows within multi-tempering approaches looks promising
 - ❖ Flow distance shorter, project from near



Thank you

Appendix

Motivation: Lattice QCD at the Precision Frontier



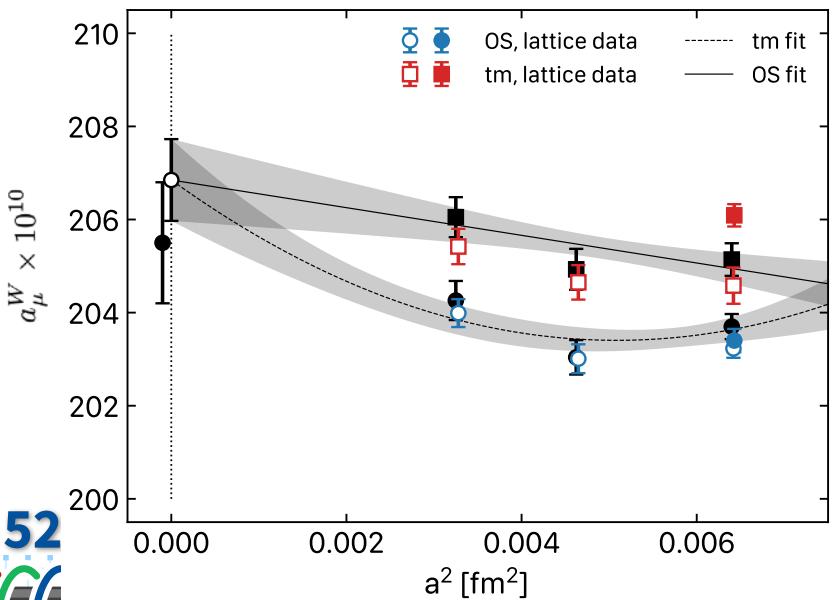
Lattice Quantum Chromodynamics At the precision frontier

Muon and Flavor Physics
are indicating New Physics;
ab initio LQCD calculations are needed

Search for new physics in the precision frontier by

- ❖ high precision measurements
- ❖ theoretical prediction

deviations are signs for new physics



Anomalous magnetic moment of muon:

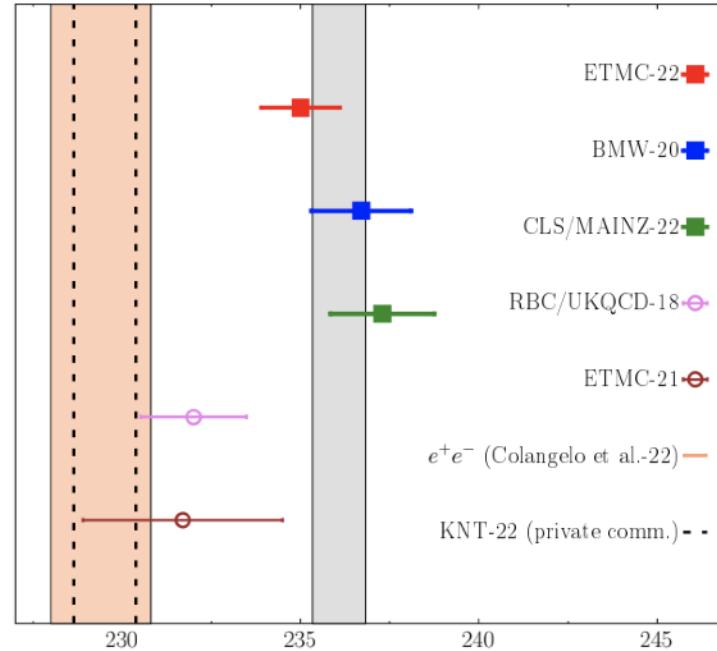
Muon g-2 Experiment at FermiLab increased precision

- ❖ $> 5\sigma$ deviation between experiment and data-driven approach
- ❖ 4σ deviation between lattice and data-driven approach

To resolve this puzzle:

Precision Measurement of Lattice QCD are needed

- ❖ finer lattice spacings needed to match future experiments precision



Details on normalizing flows

Let's defined our minimization condition:

The loss function:

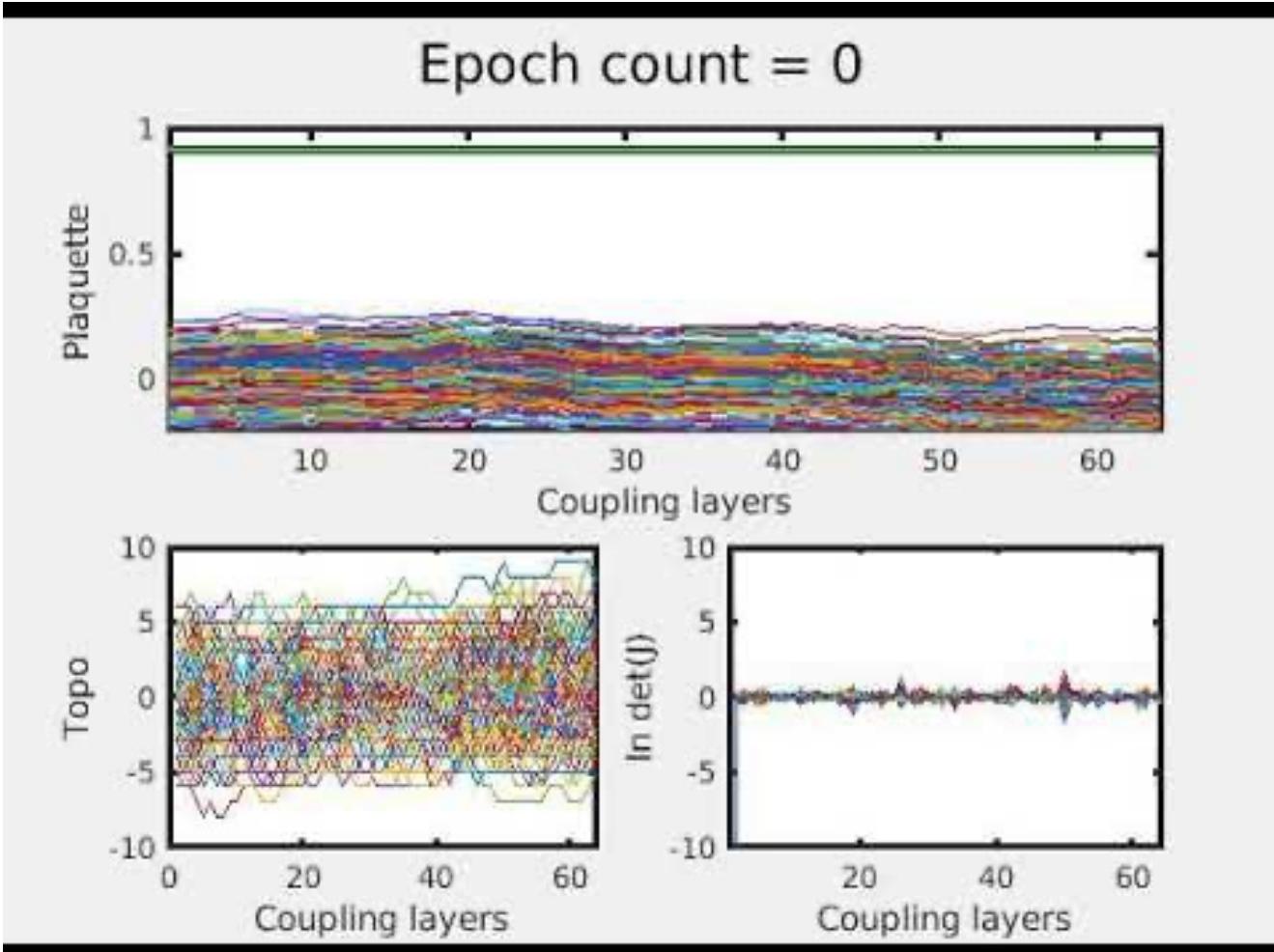
$$\begin{aligned} L(\tilde{P}) &:= D_{KL}(\tilde{P}||p) - \log Z \\ &= \int \prod_j d\phi_j \tilde{P}(\phi) (\log \tilde{P}(\phi) + S(\phi)). \end{aligned}$$

- with ultra-local plaquette action:

$$\ln(\rho(U)) = -\beta \sum_x P_{12}(U)$$

- and flow distribution:

$$\tilde{\rho}(U) = \rho_{trivial}(m^{-1}(U)) \prod_j \det J(g_j^{-1}(\alpha_{i,j}^{(0)}))$$



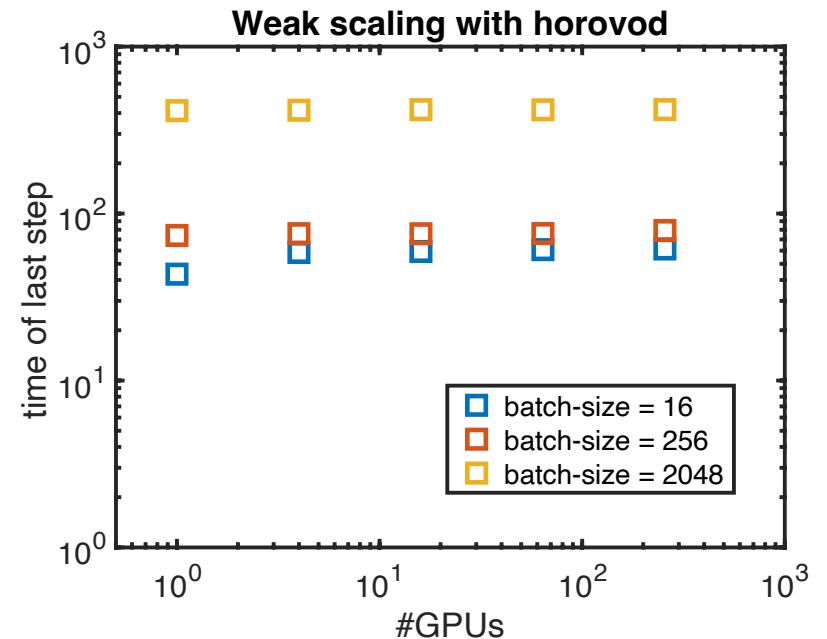
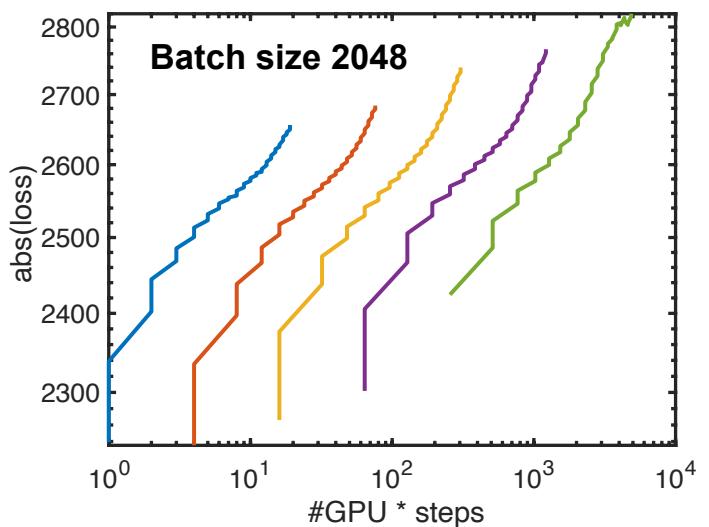
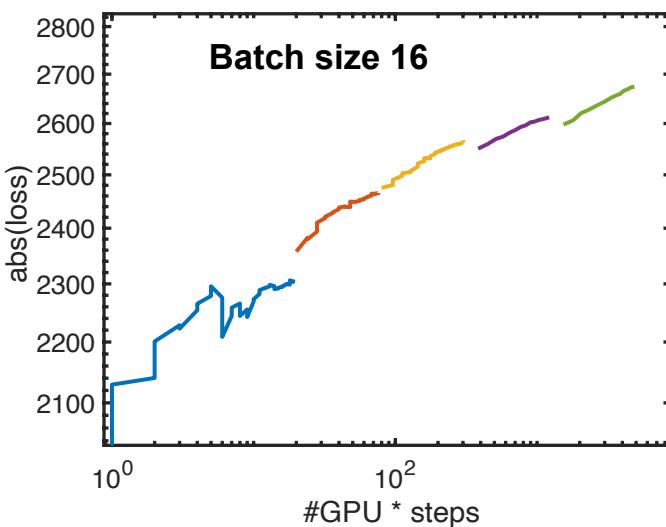
How to scale up:

Exercise with horovod

- Simple to implement but needs fine tuning
- adds new batch to each additional GPU
 - Total batch-size = #GPUs x local batch-size

Modifications:

- Switch to double precision
- Use horovod.Adasum
- Use scheduler for stepsize decay



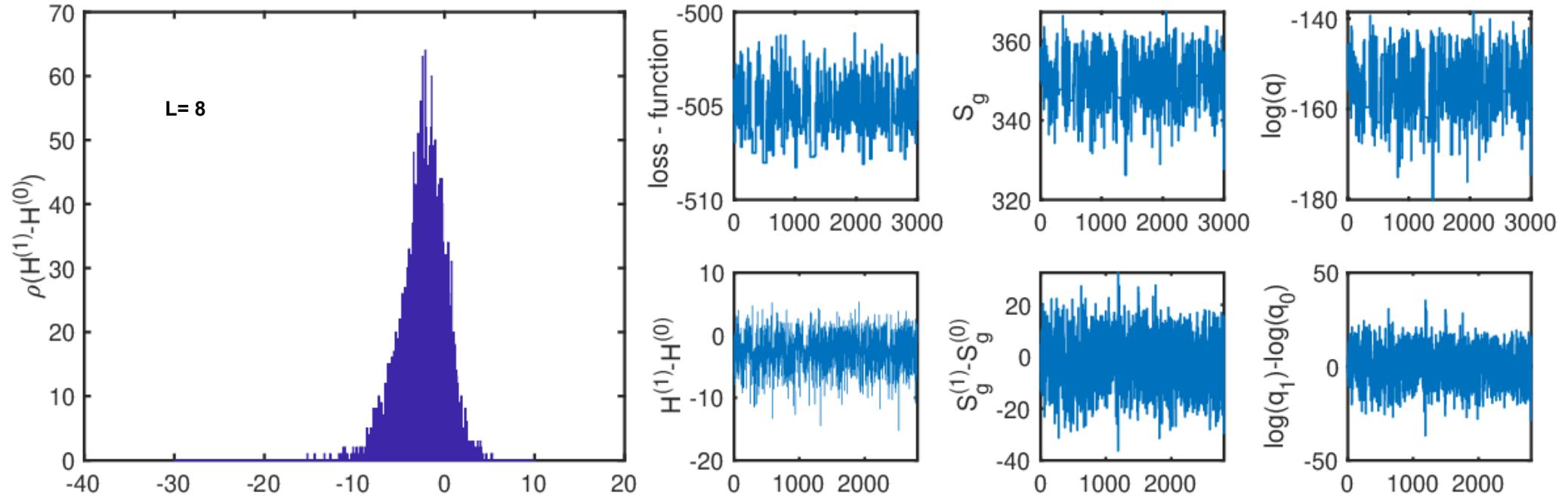
Benchmark runs on JUWELS-BOOSTER

- Loosely coupled scales weakly perfect
- For smaller batch-sizes works fine
- For larger batch-sizes convergence deteriorates

Some insides on normalising flows

Correlations of distribution $\tilde{\rho}$ and ρ

- covariance need to be of $\text{cov}(\tilde{\rho}, \rho) \propto \mathcal{O}(V)$ to compensate extensive variances $\sigma^2 \propto \mathcal{O}(V)$

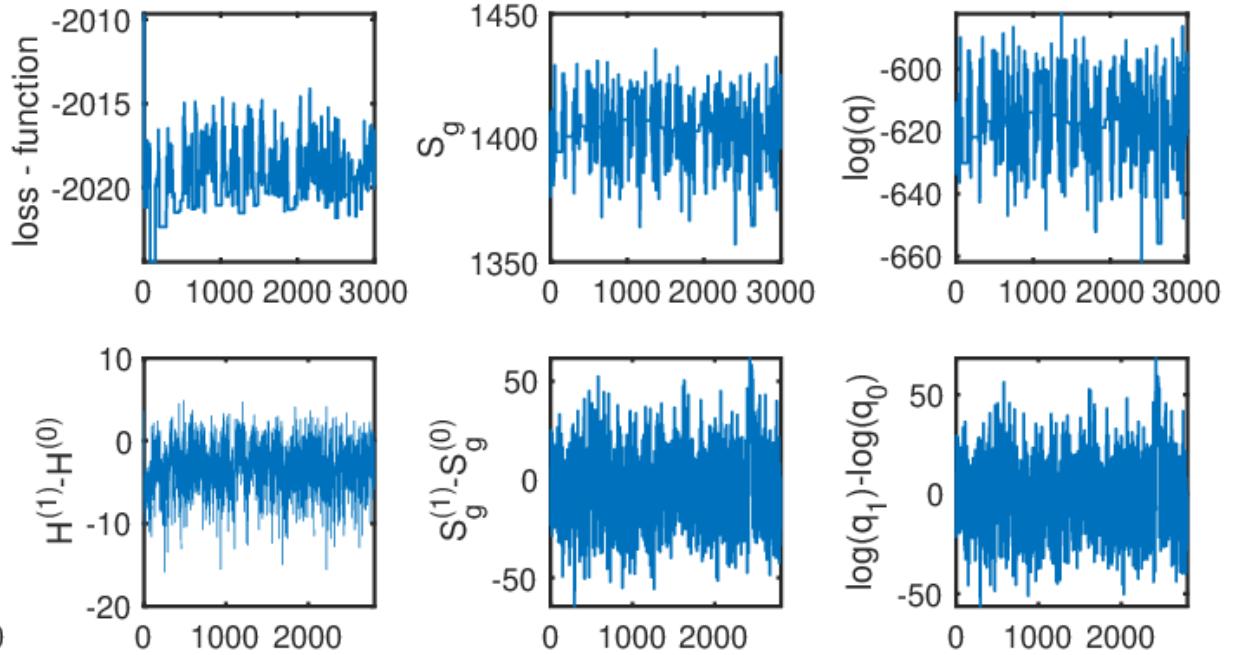
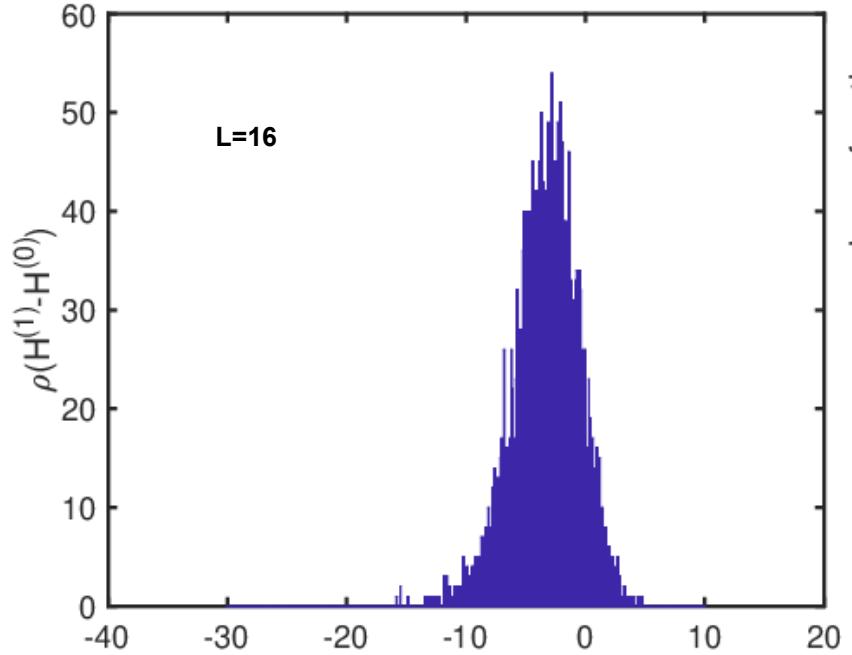


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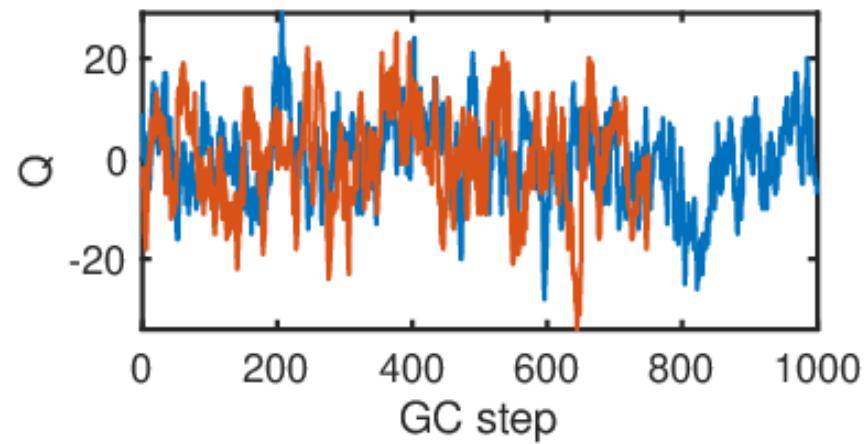
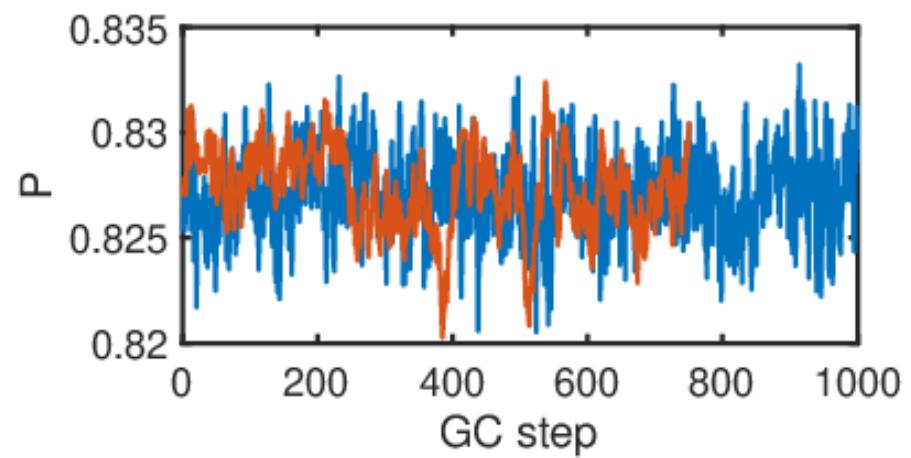
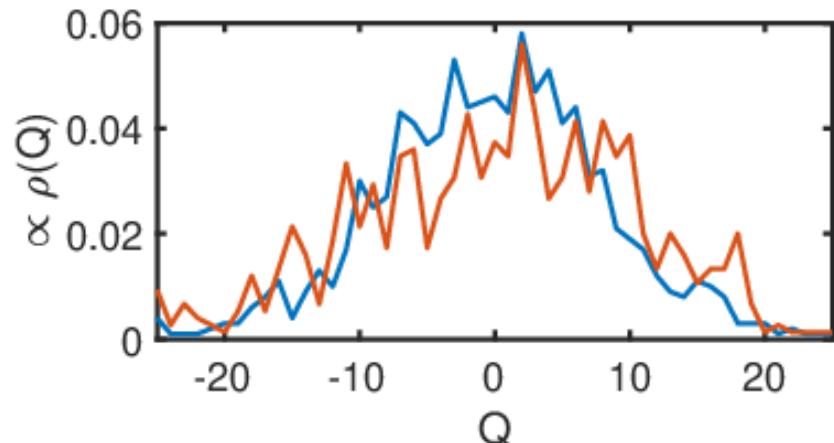
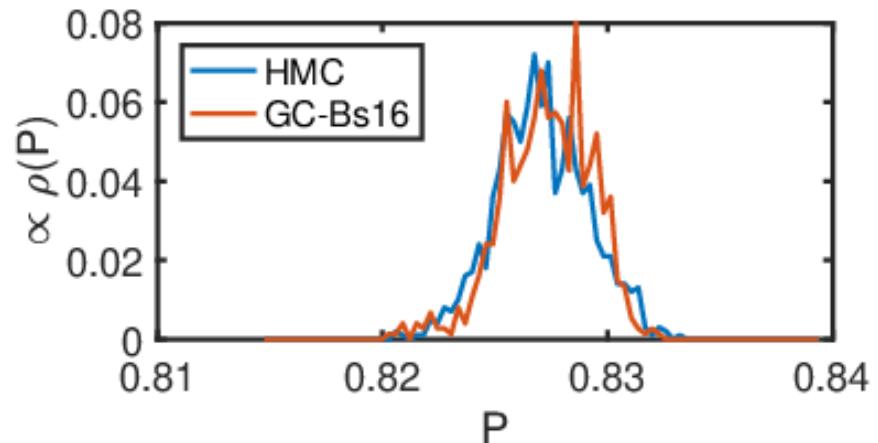


Works for $L=8 \rightarrow L=16$

Run statistic

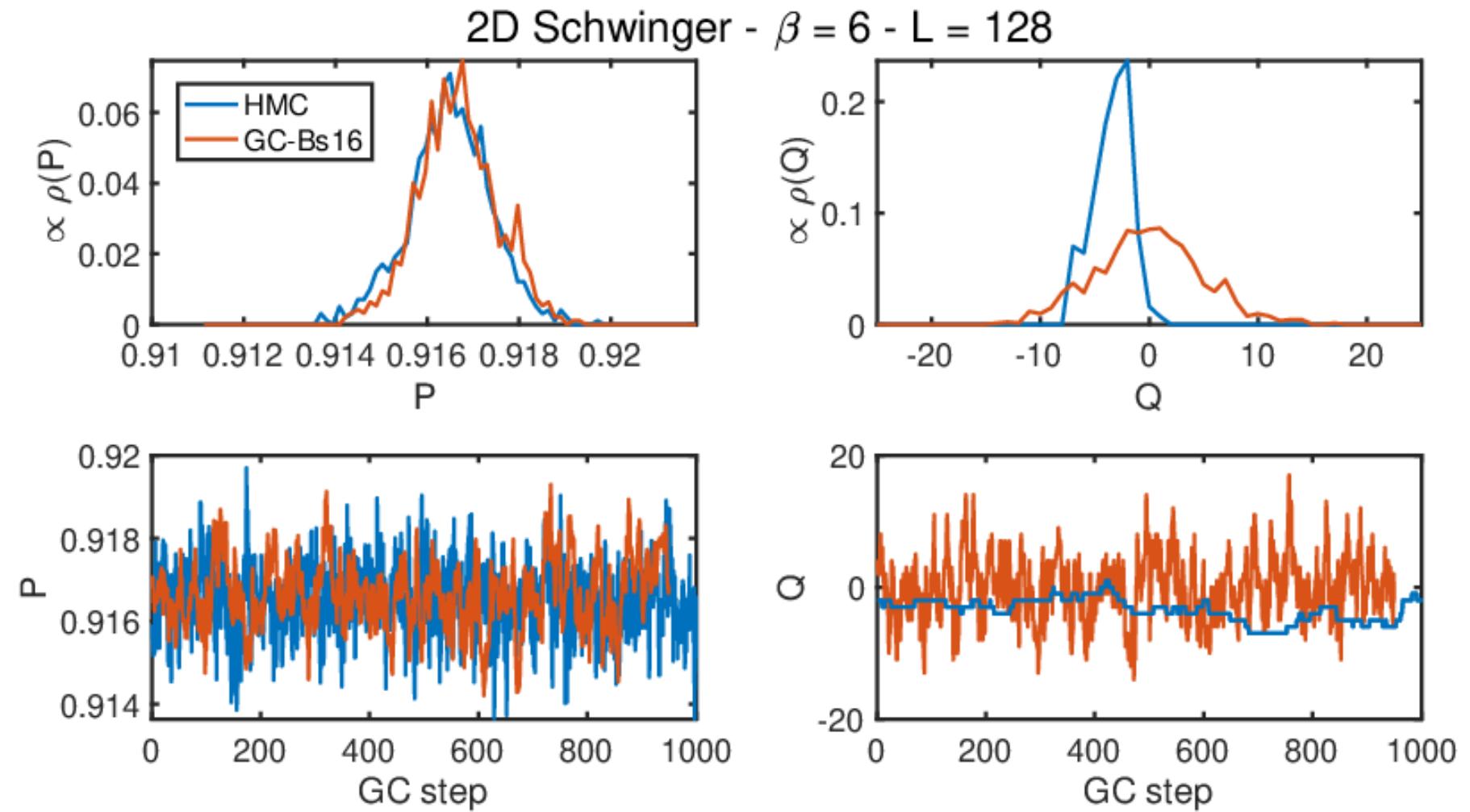
- $L = 128$
- $\beta = 3.0$
- $m = -0.082626$

2D Swinger - $\beta = 3$ - $L = 128$



Run statistic

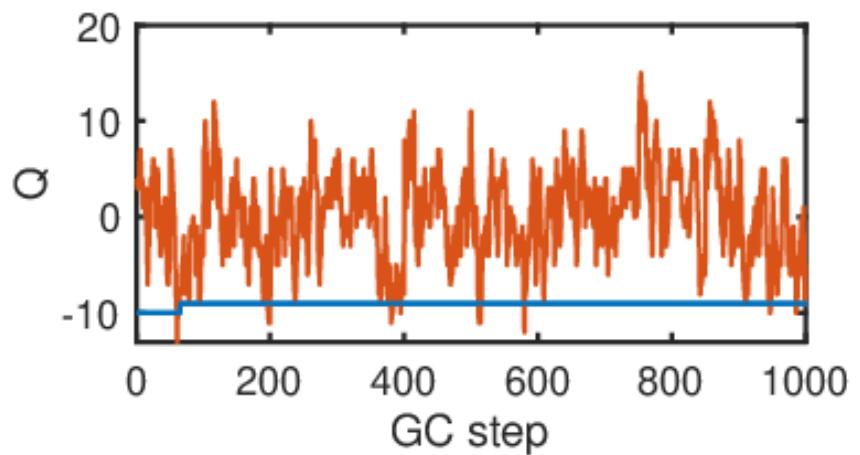
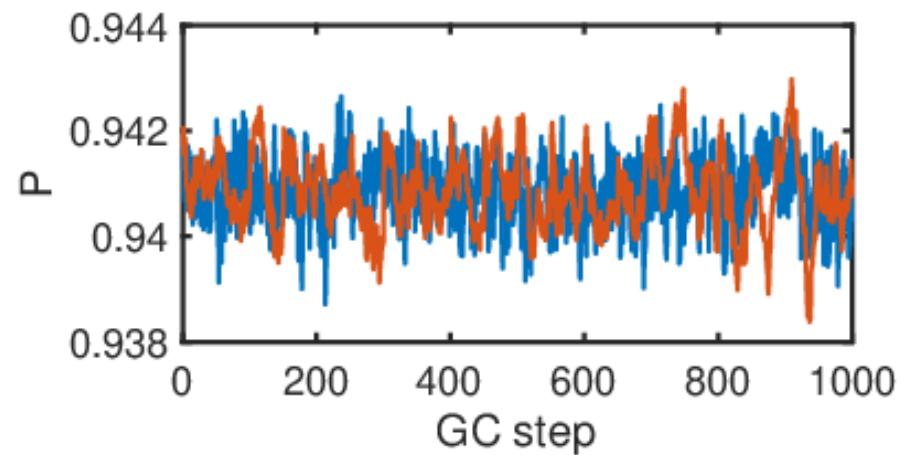
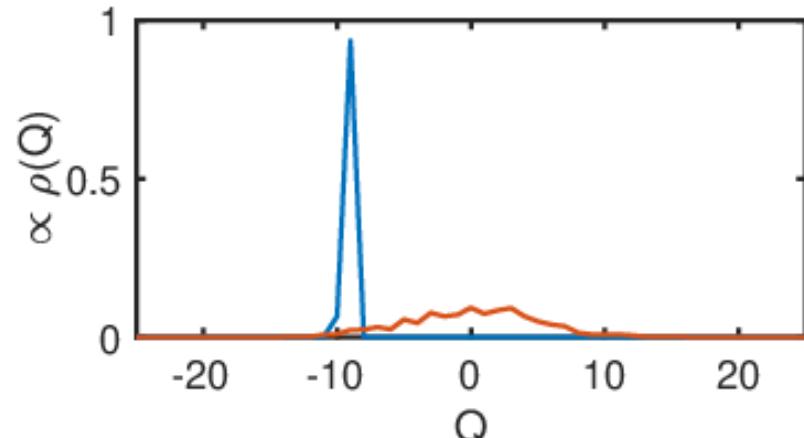
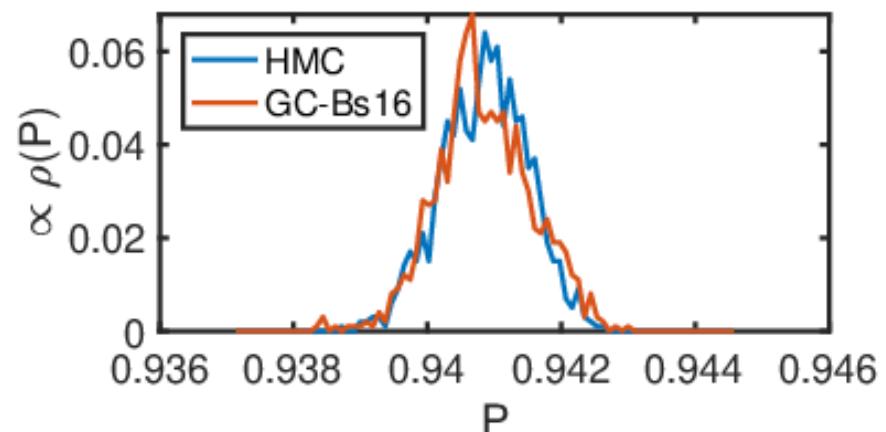
- $L = 128$
- $\beta = 6.0$
- $m = -0.0342$



Run statistic

- $L = 128$
- $\beta = 8.45$
- $m = 0.0$

2D Swinger - $\beta = 8.45$ - $L = 128$



How to control $\sigma^2(\Delta S)$

1. by using correlations between ρ and $\tilde{\rho}$
2. by reduction of degrees of freedom of ρ and $\tilde{\rho}$

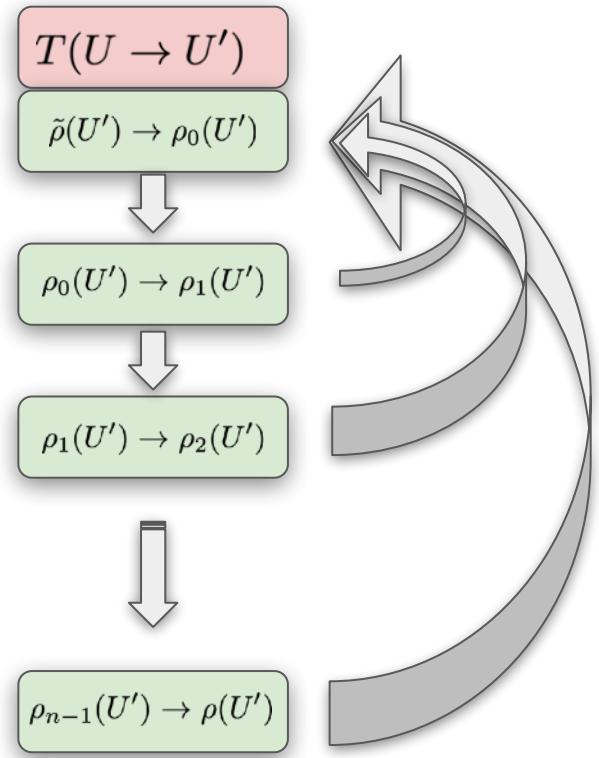
Generalization leads to factorization with parametrization of ρ via

$$\rho_n(U) = P_0(U, \alpha_i^{(0)}) P_1(U, \alpha_i^{(1)}) \dots P_n(U, \alpha_i^{(n)})$$

and GC step is splitting up into n successive steps

$$P_{acc}^i(U \rightarrow U') = \min \left[1, \frac{\rho_{j-1}(U, \alpha_i^{(j-1)}) \rho_j(U',, \alpha_i^{(j)})}{\rho_j(U,, \alpha_i^{(j)}) \rho_{j-1}(U',, \alpha_i^{(j-1)})} \right]$$

- Iterate each step to filter out local fluctuations

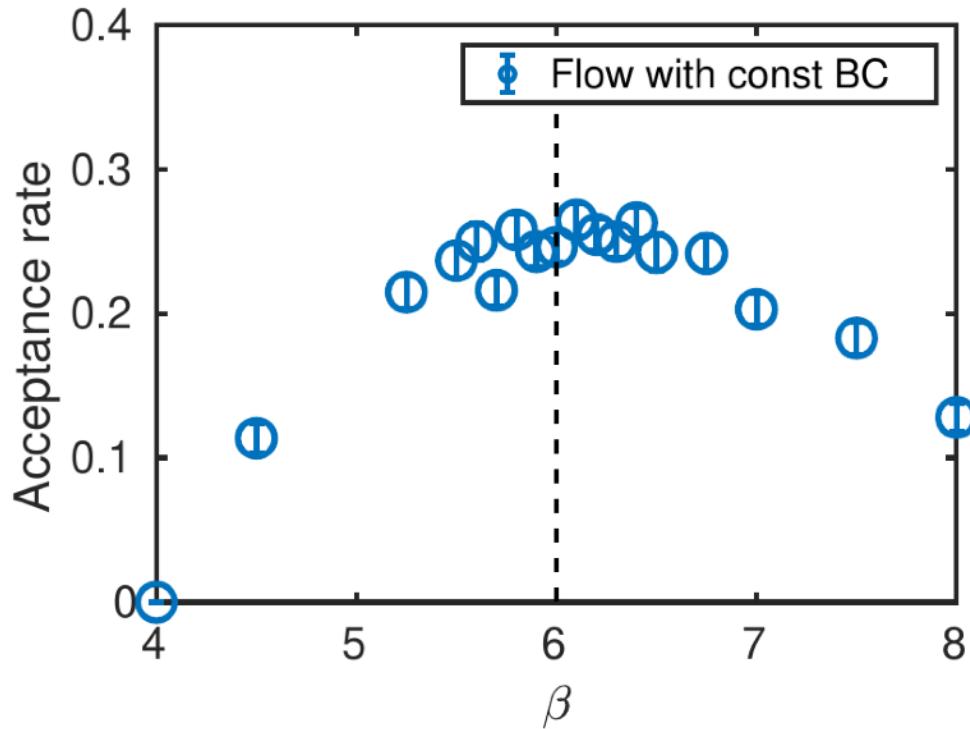


Training with fix boundaries

Adaptation of training procedure

By:

- Using the periodic trained model to generate boundaries or starting from random and shift lattice after each epoch
- Using different boundaries for each batch with total batch size 4096
- Increase iteration before boundaries updated to 1000
- Using diagonal masks to increase overlap with frozen plaquettes (faster convergence)



Acceptance rate of fixed boundaries drops down to $\sim 25\%$ with $L = 8$ (from 50% periodic case)

- due to the ultra locality of gauge action: larger volumes are trivial to generate

Training with fix boundaries

A priori unknown: Maps under shifts of the lattice

$$T_{\vec{x}} : \vec{x}_0 \rightarrow \vec{x}_0 + \vec{x}$$

Lattice action is invariant but maps *a priori* not

$$\langle \tilde{\rho}(U) \rangle \neq \langle \tilde{\rho}(T_{\vec{x}}(U)) \rangle$$

Idea: check numerical if one can detect deviations

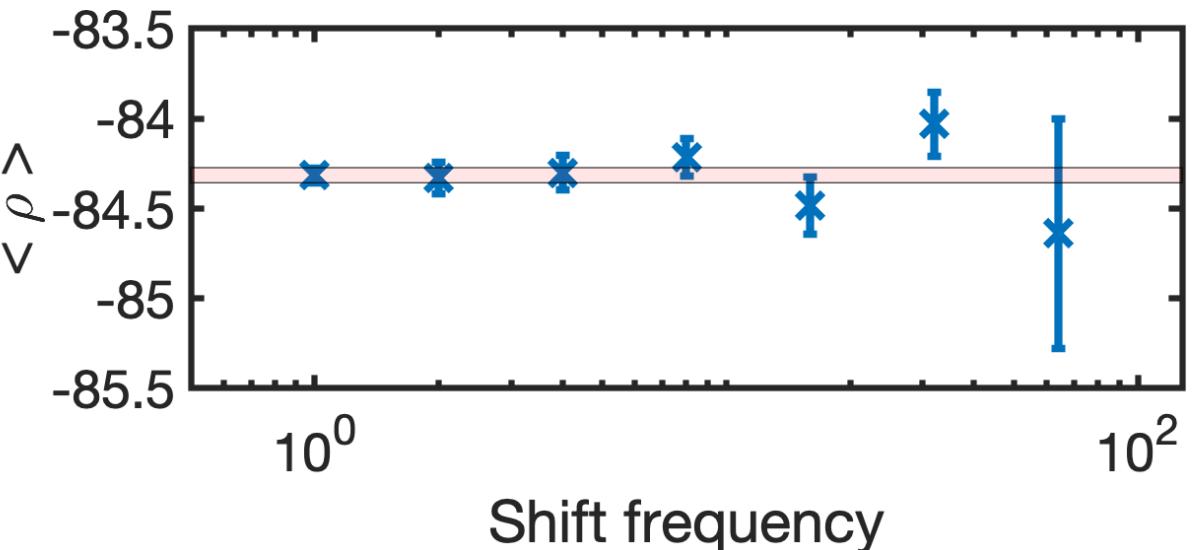
- check if the inverse map maps into the trivial space

$$m^{-1} : T(U) \rightarrow T(U_{trivial}) \in \rho_{trivial}?$$

- check if observables are sampled correctly via histograms and via mean values

no numerical indication that shift is violating sampling

- ideally do several iterations of flow updates after a shift
(would eliminate any violation via thermalization)



Topological sampling in case of the Dirac Index

Topological tunneling requires energy

The Index theorem gives some illustrative insides:

$$N_R - N_L = Q^{geo}$$

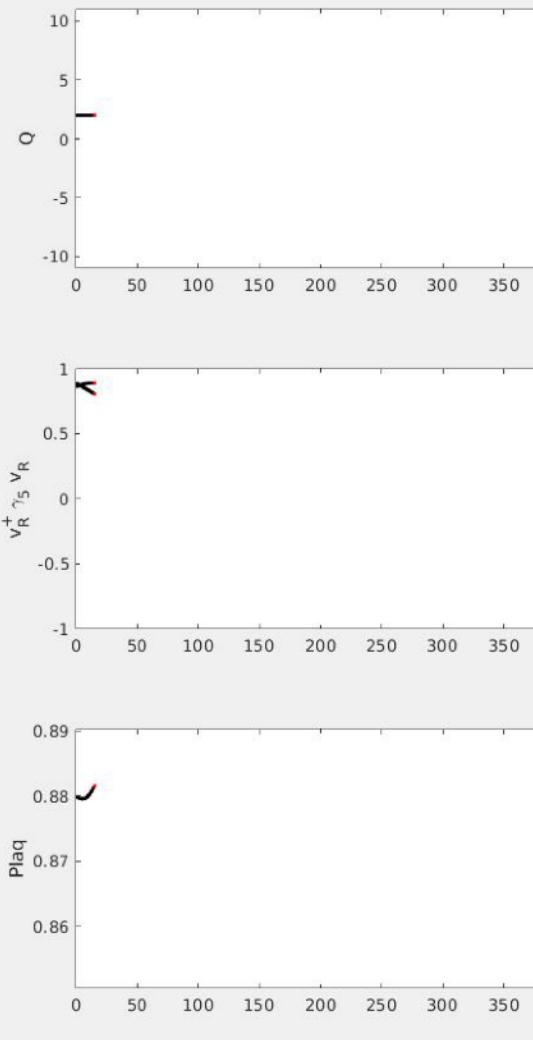
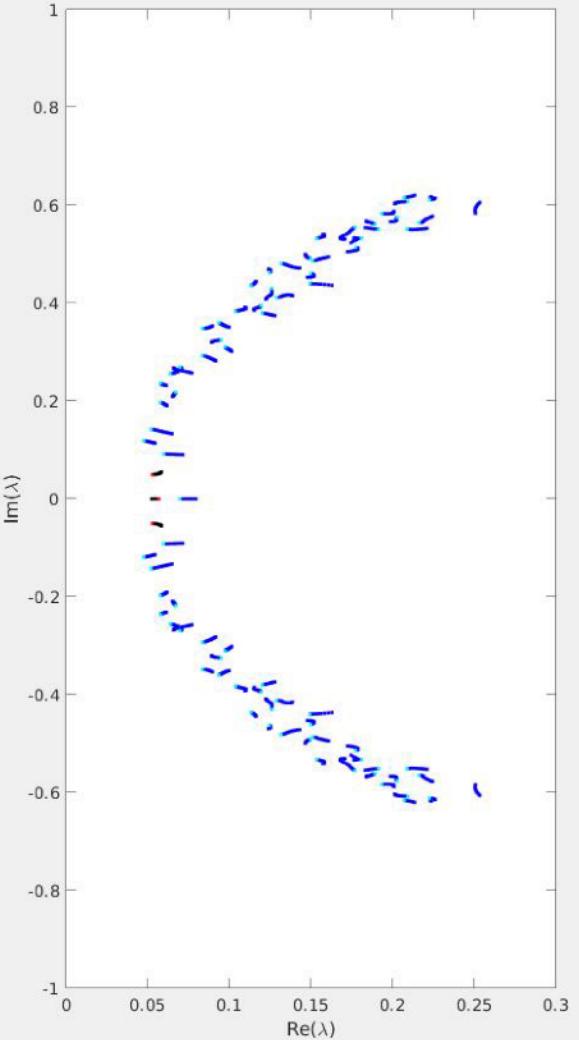
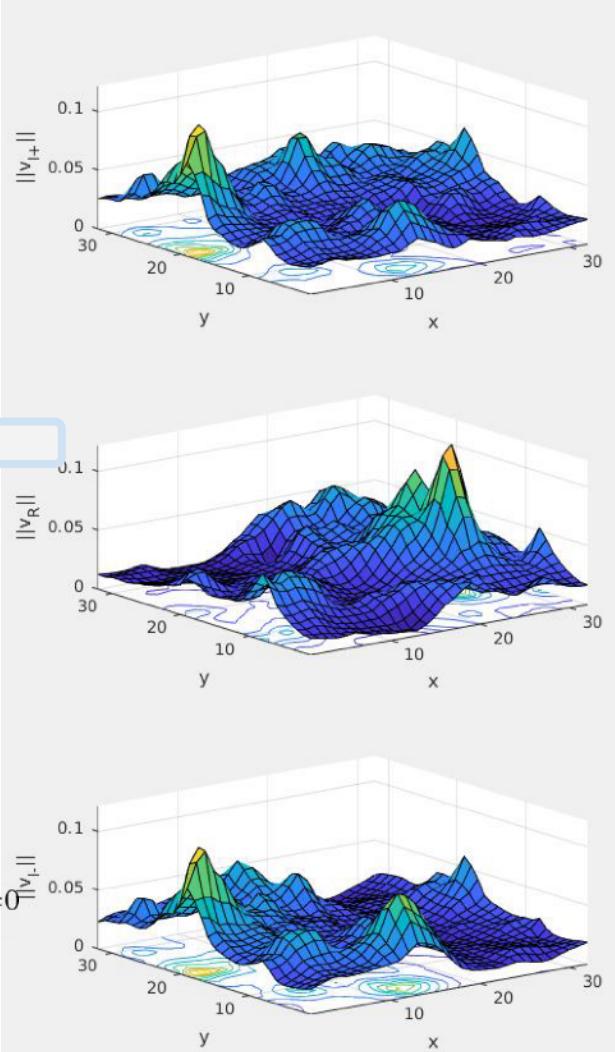
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with the geometric definition:

$$Q^{geo} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_x \theta_{12}(x)$$

and

$$\text{Index}(D) = N_R - N_L = \sum_i \chi_i|_{\lambda(D)=0}$$



Modes are localized
❖ update 8x8 block can flip charge

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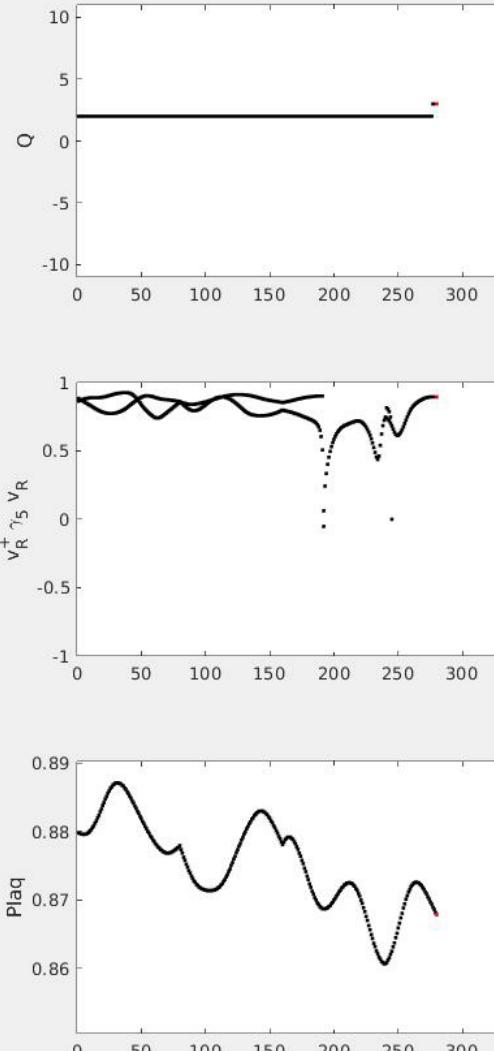
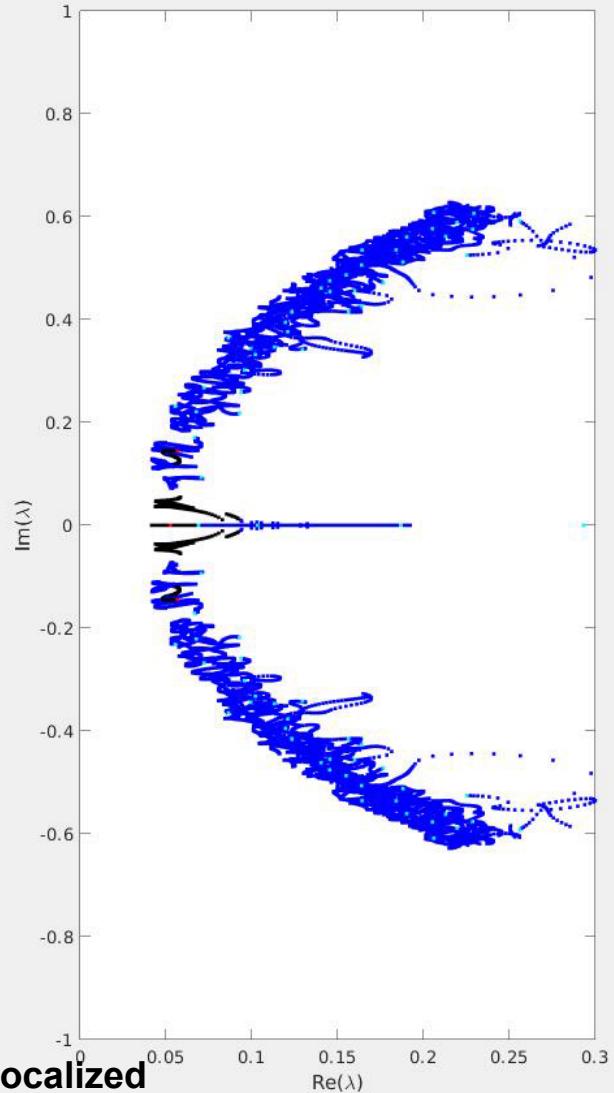
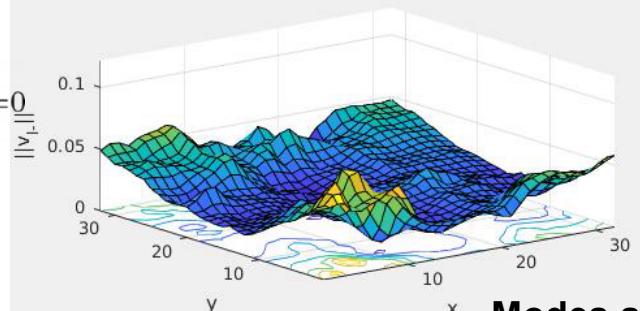
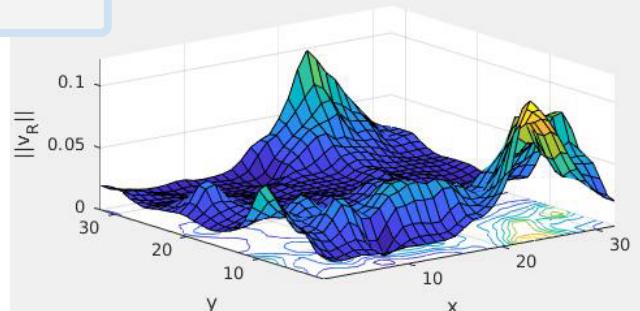
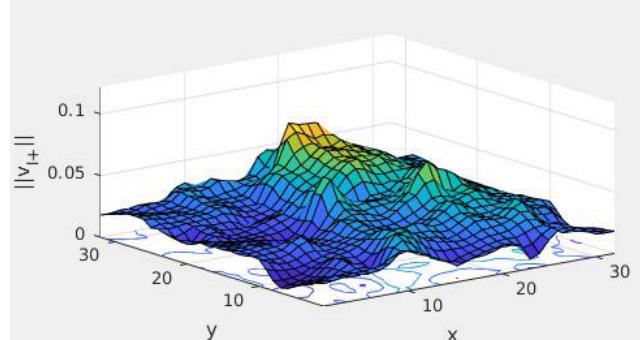
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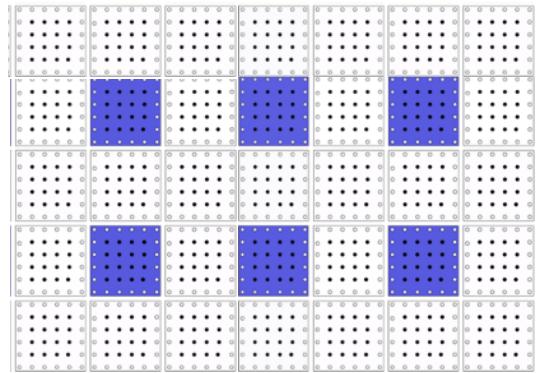
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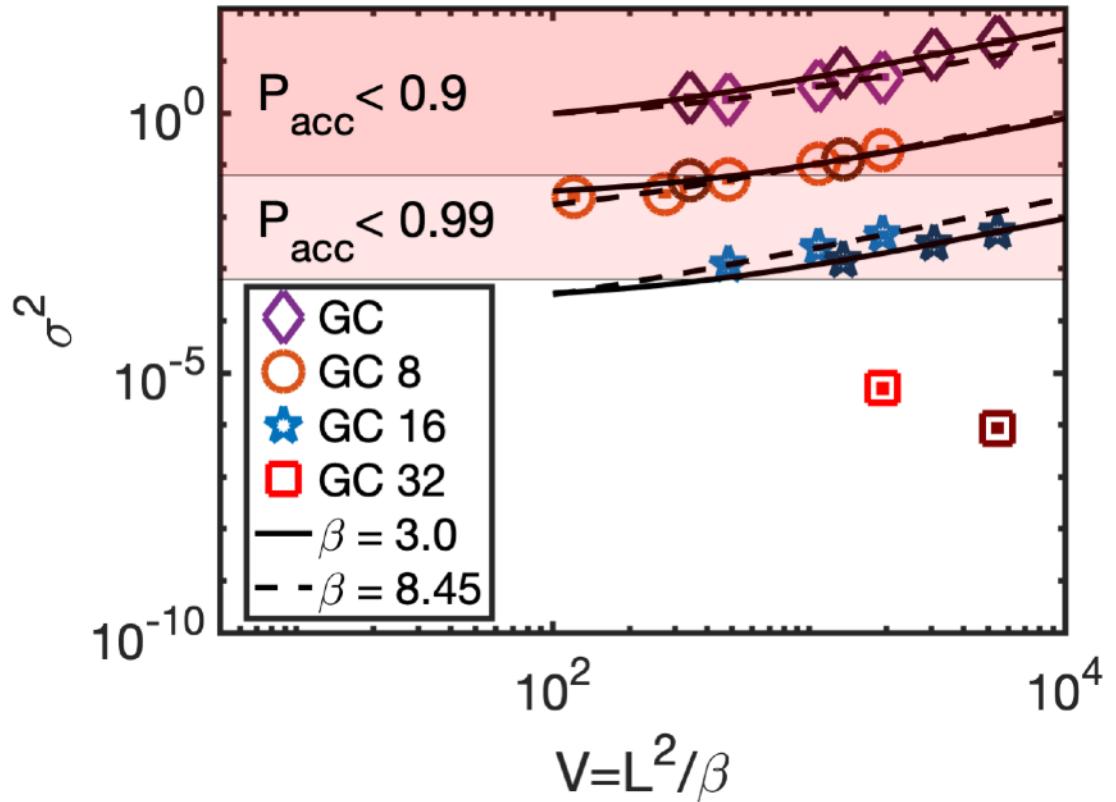


Acceptance rate:

- ❖ select $L=8$ flow proposals
- ❖ updating every 4th block, which introduces a distance between active blocks by $d = L_{bs}$
which results into 16% of links updated per step
(independent of global volume!)

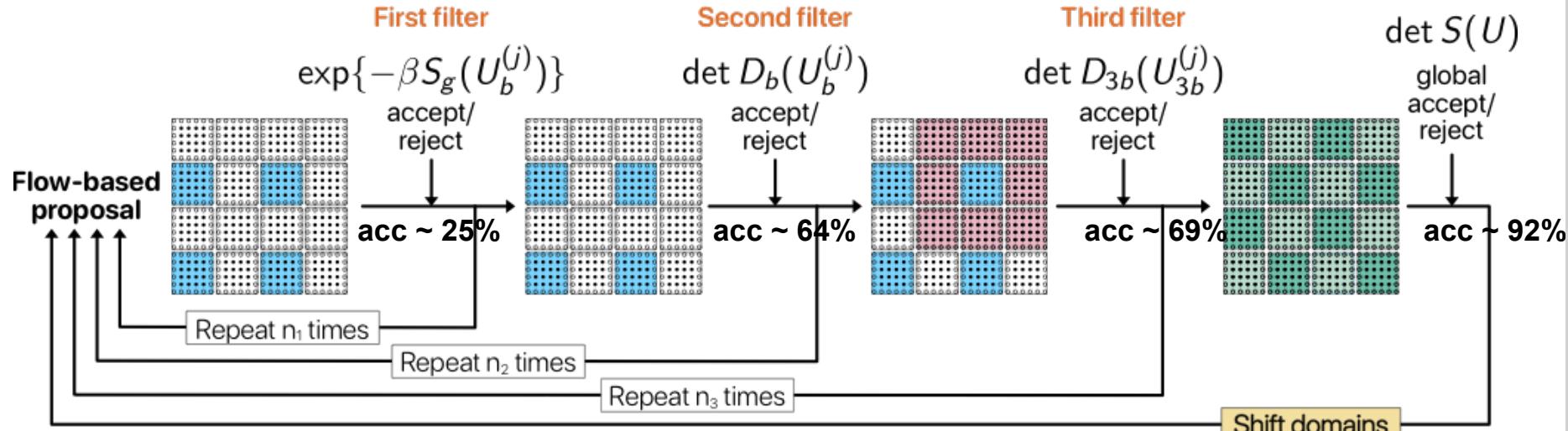
- runs for different $L_{bs} = 8, 16, 32$ with 4 lvl filter steps
- ❖ variance is very efficiently reduced for larger L_{bs}
 - ❖ volume scaling remains

How only 16% active links influence sampling rates ?



β	3.0	6.0	8.45
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Global Correction Monte Carlo algorithms with equivariant flows:



$$\rho(U) = \det D^2(U) e^{-\beta S_g(U)} = e^{-\beta S_g(U)} \prod_b \det D_b^2(U_b) \cdot \det S^2(U)$$

Multilevel hierarchical filter steps with 4 levels

Enhancing acceptance rate by

- ❖ within level 1, 2, 3 each active block can be updated independently from each other
- ❖ use correlation between actions via parameterization,
 - ◆ Using gauge coupling constant $\beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \dots$

5 level flowGC with $d = 16$:

Level 4			
with σ^2 and P_{acc}	0.0052	0.0369	0.0046
	0.9713	0.9235	0.9727
$\delta\beta_4^{(3)}$	-2.0037	-2.0182	-2.0087
$\delta\beta_4^{(2)}$	1.0027	1.0061	1.0083
$\delta\beta_4^{(1)}$	-0.0003	0.0008	0.0004
Level 3	$n_1 = 2$		
with σ^2 and P_{acc}	0.6688	0.6190	0.1546
	0.6826	0.6940	0.8441
$\delta\beta_3^{(2)}$	-1.1730	-1.3635	-1.3534
$\delta\beta_3^{(1)}$	-0.0006	0.0149	0.0125
Level 2	$n_2 = 4$		
with σ^2 and P_{acc}	1.4384	0.8325	0.1857
	0.5487	0.6482	0.8294
$\delta\beta_2^{(1)}$	-0.2482	-0.3082	-0.2863
Level 1	$n_1 = 100$		
with P_{acc}	0.5669	0.2501	0.2794

2 level GC:

	12.3774	9.7119	3.7260
with σ^2 and P_{acc}	0.0786	0.1192	0.3345

J. F., arxiv:2201.02216