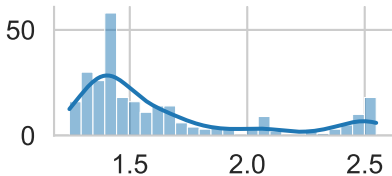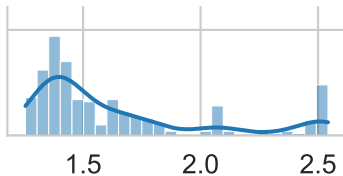Block Expansion Factor