



# Machine Learning and the Real-Space Renormalization Group

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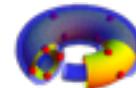
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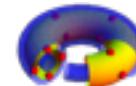
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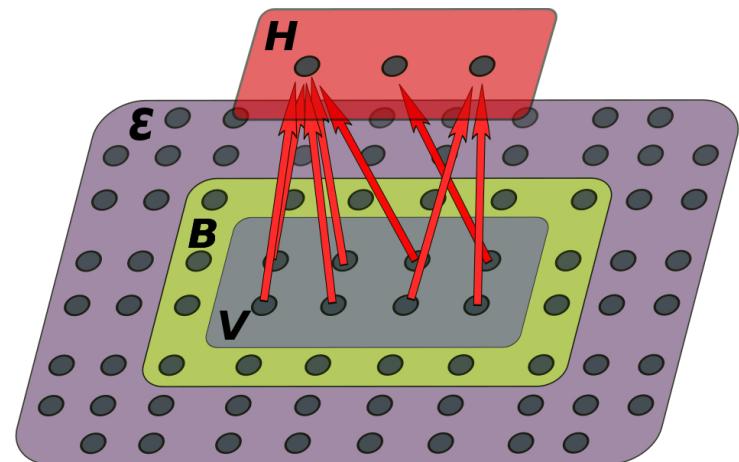
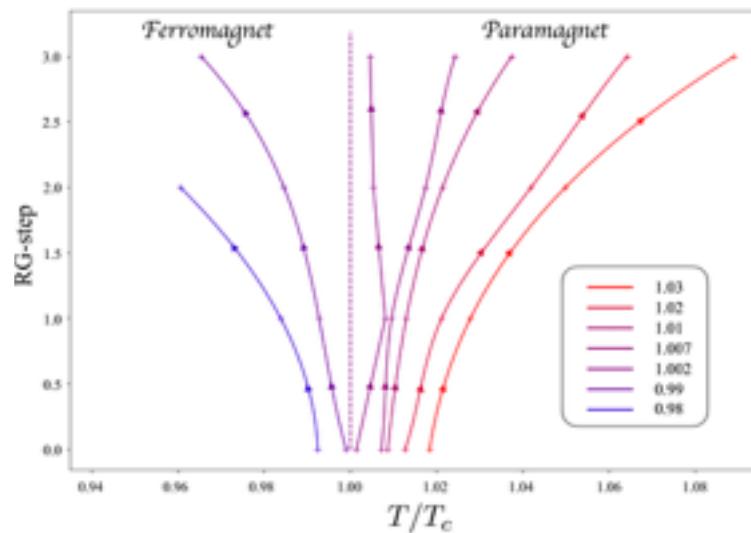
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- Machine learning in condensed matter
- RBMs 101
- Information-theoretic approach to real-space RG
  - The Real Space Mutual Information algorithm
  - Results
  - “Optimality” of Mutual Information



# The punchline

An information theoretic approach and an unsupervised machine learning algorithm performing real-space RG of classical statistical physical systems: degrees of freedom relevant for large length scales, RG flow, critical exponents.





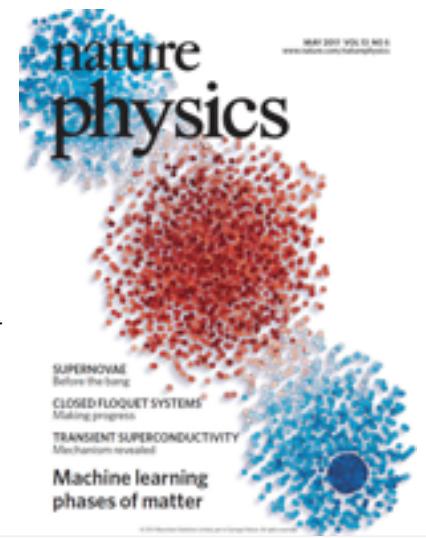
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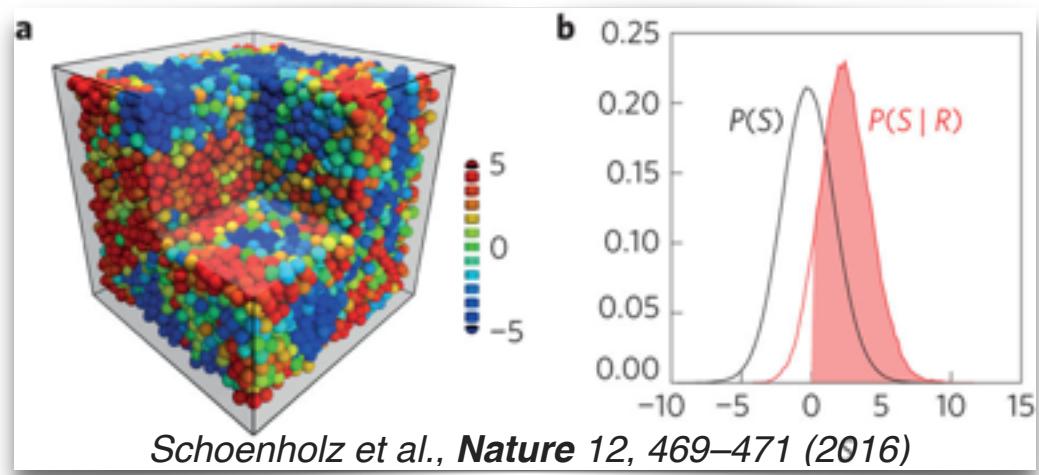
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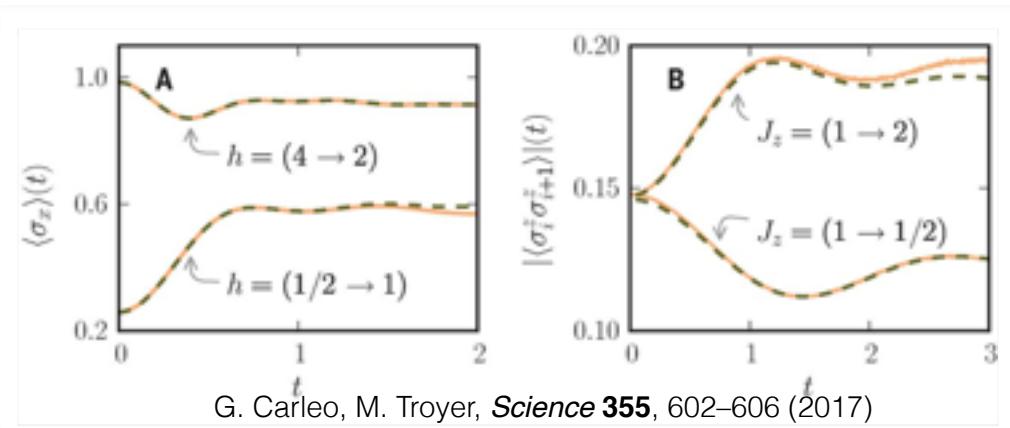
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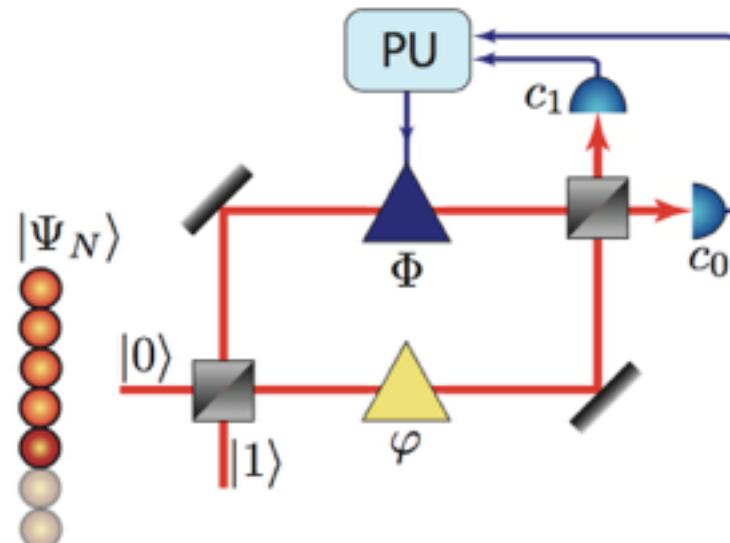
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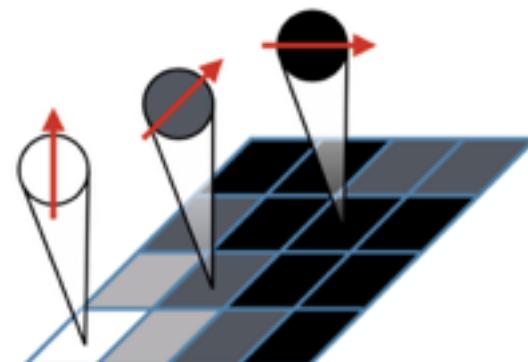
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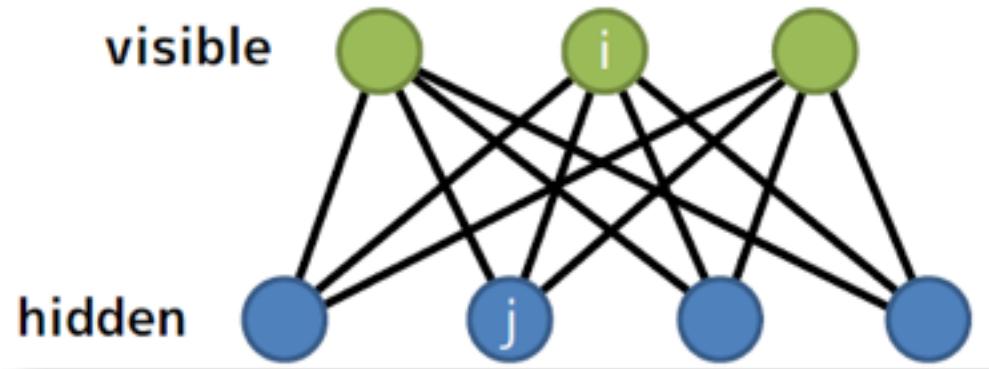
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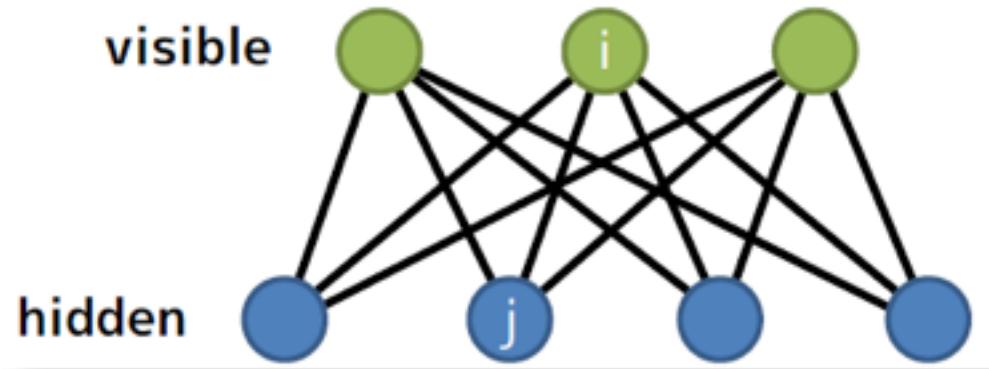
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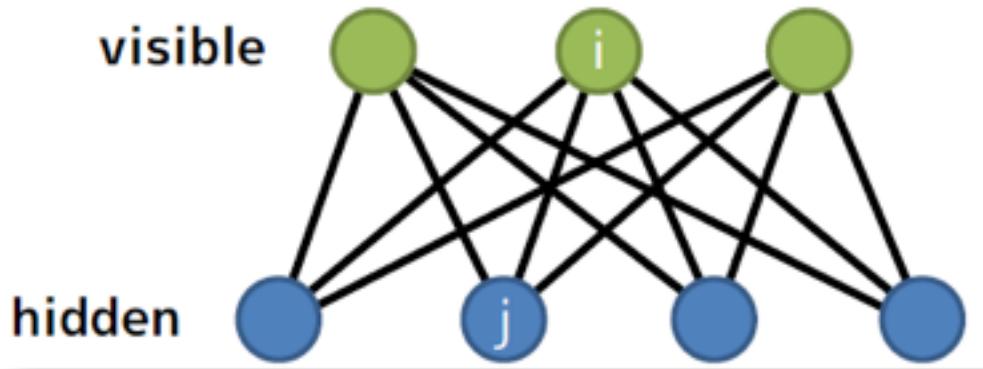
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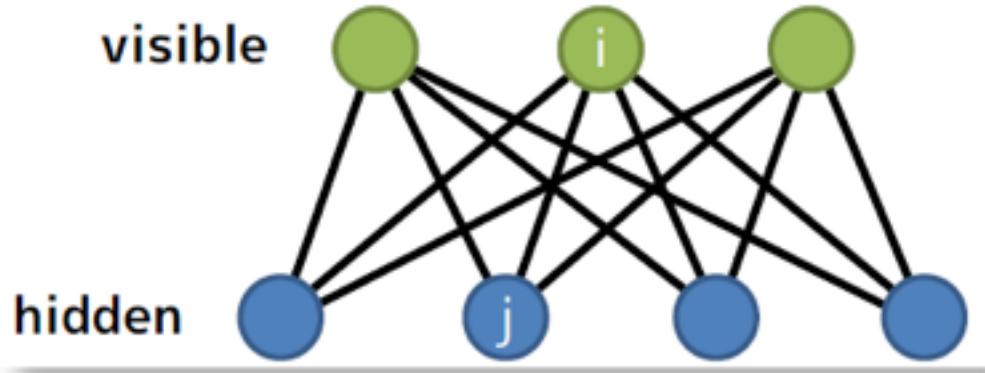
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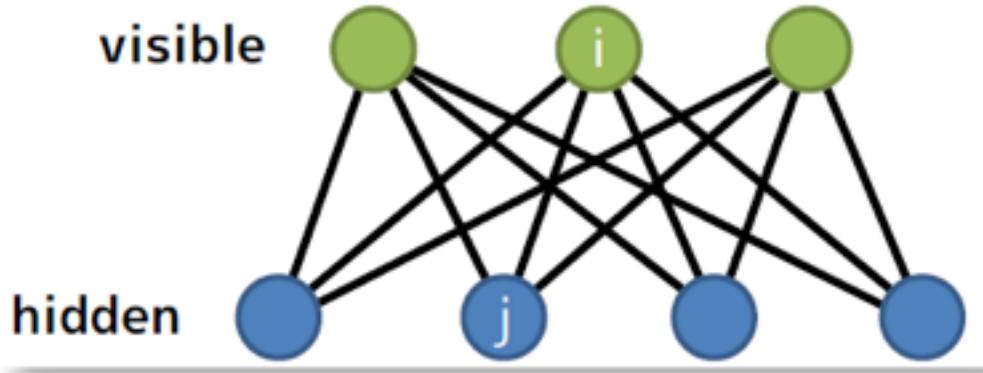
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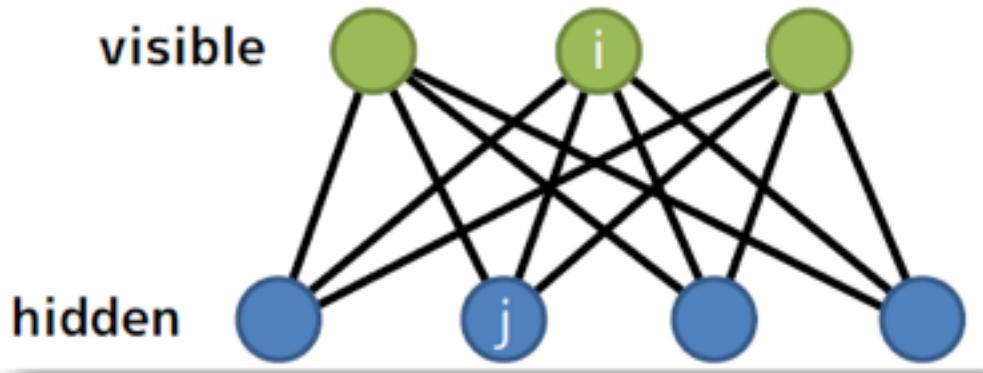


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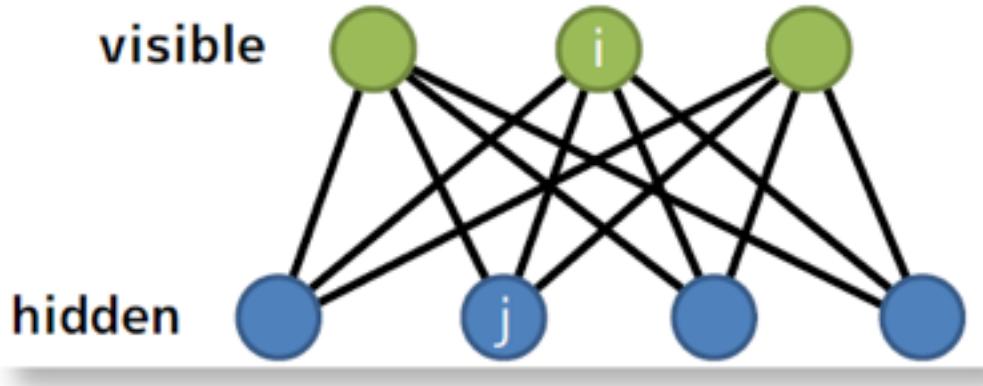
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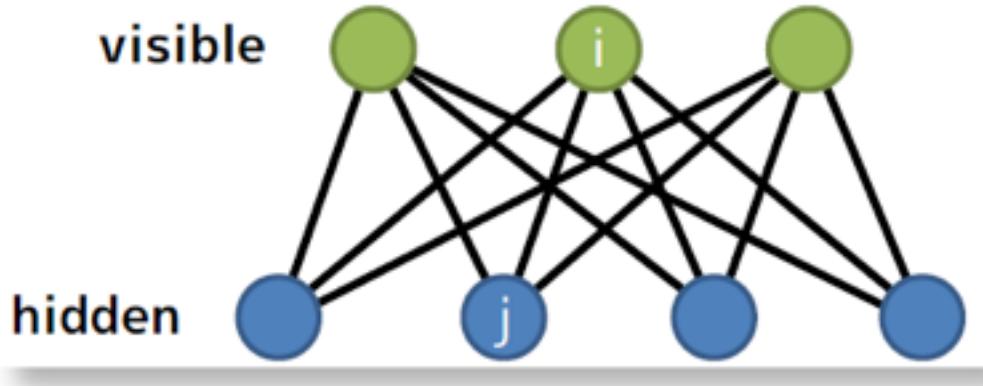
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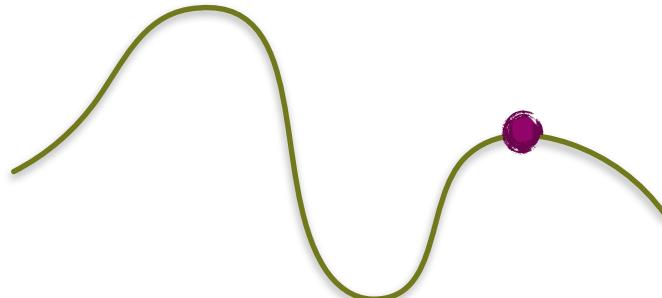
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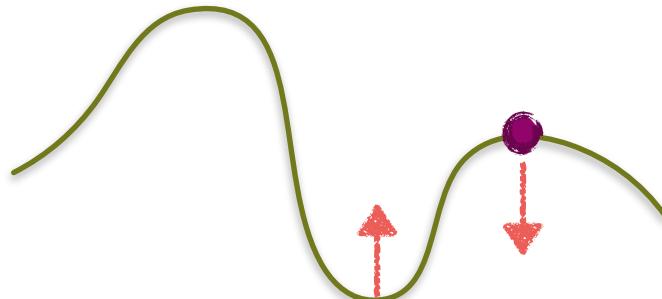
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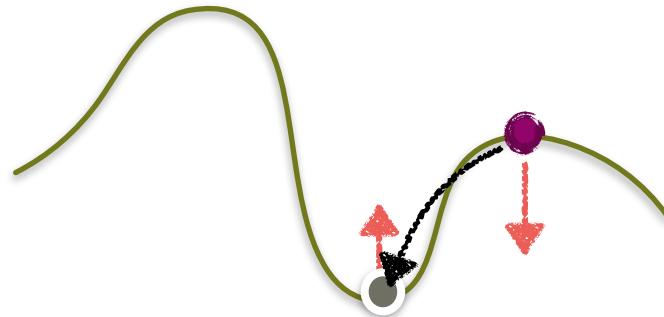
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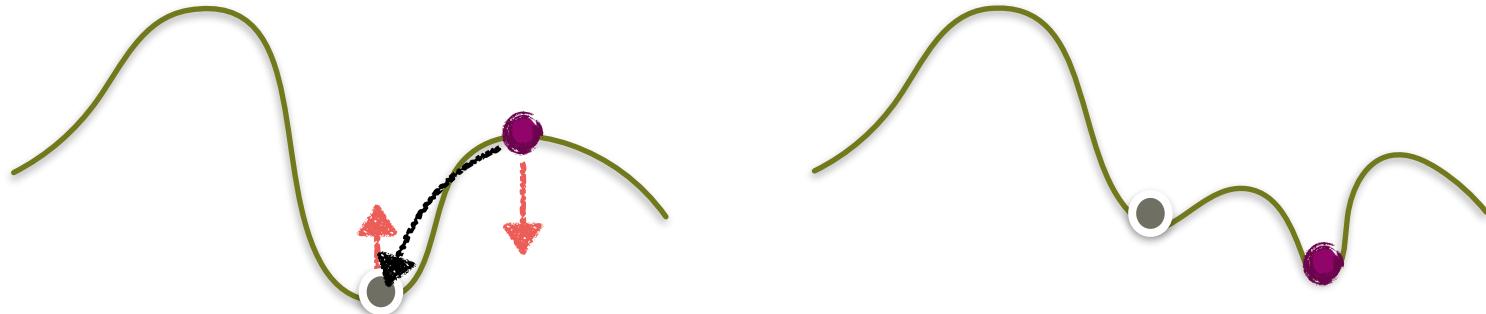
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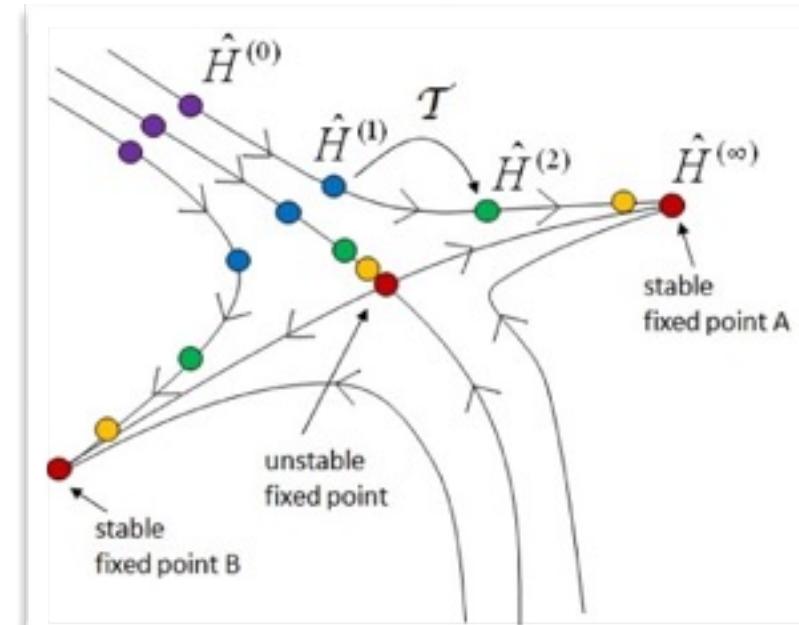
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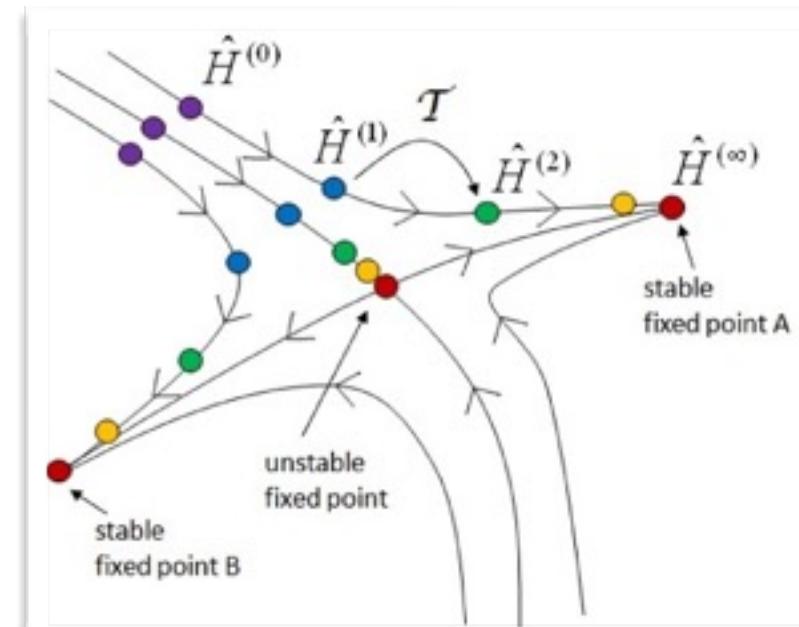
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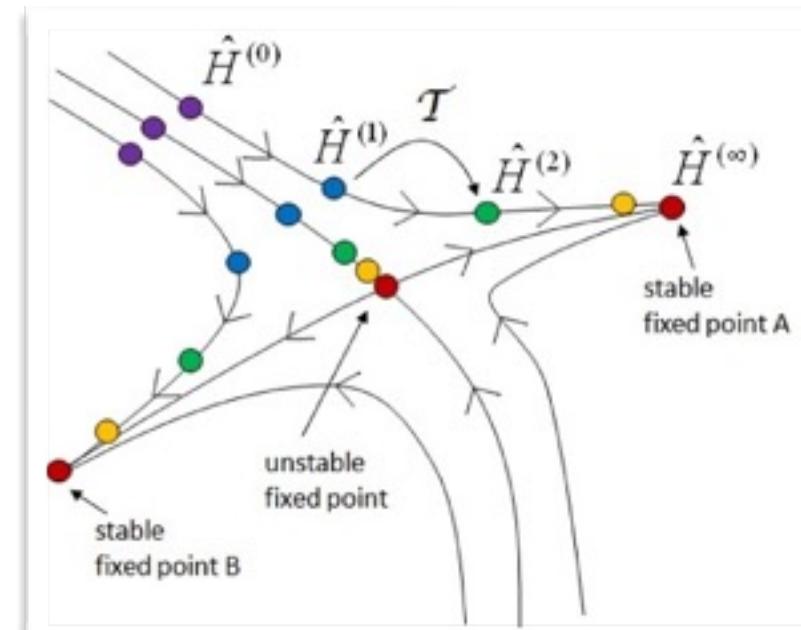
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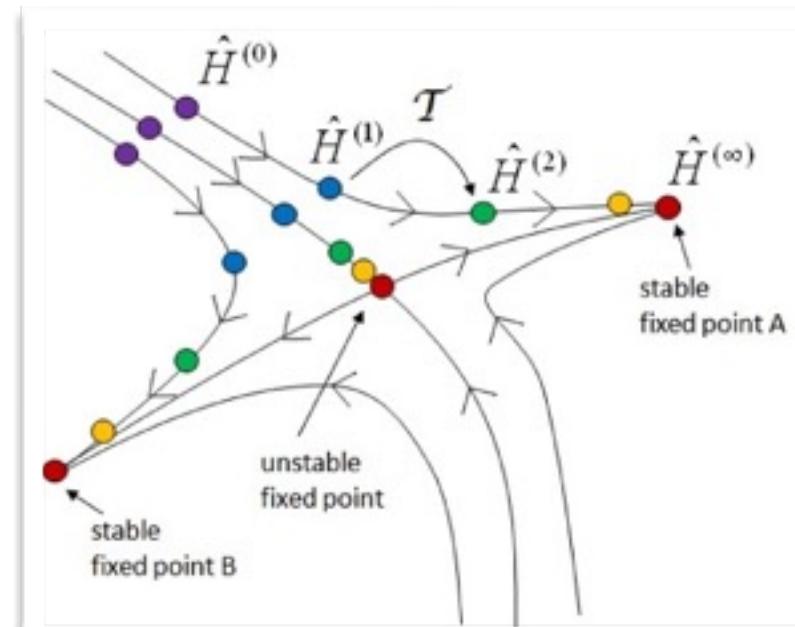
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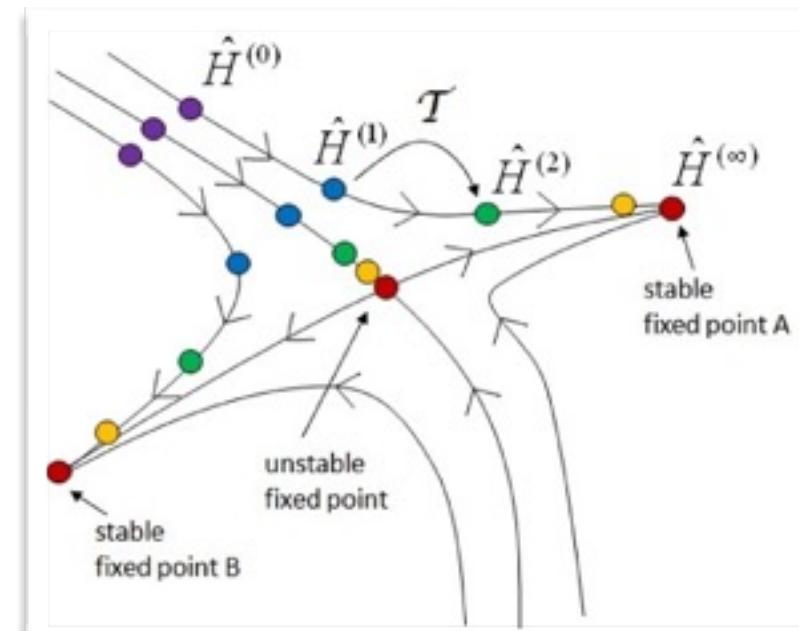
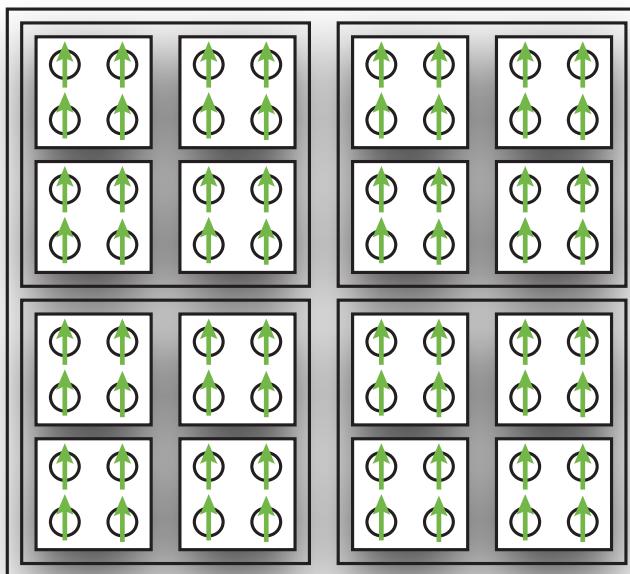
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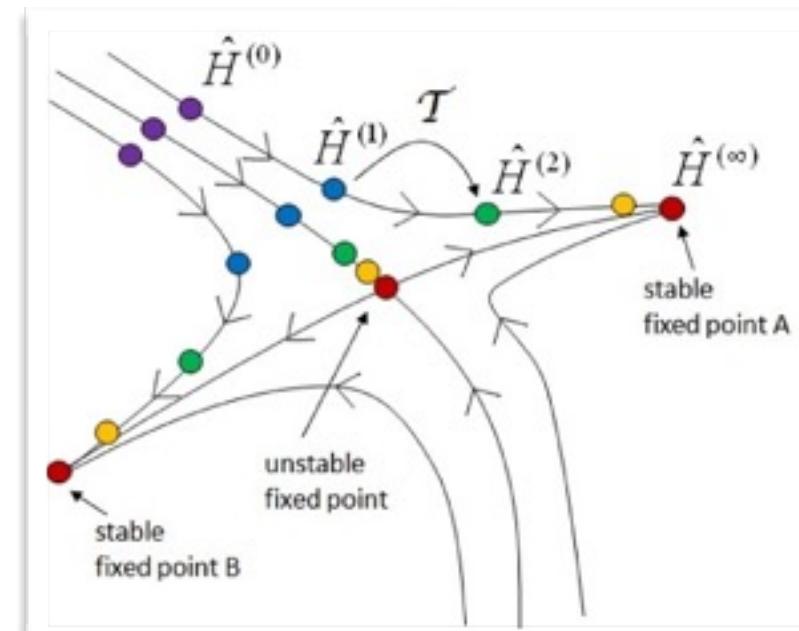
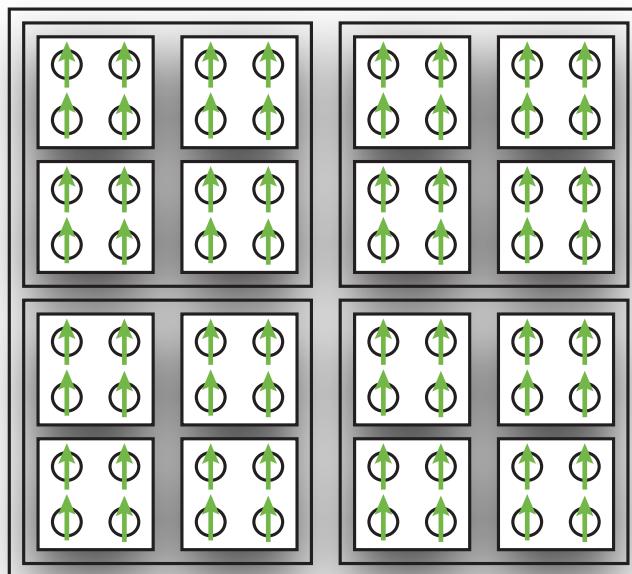
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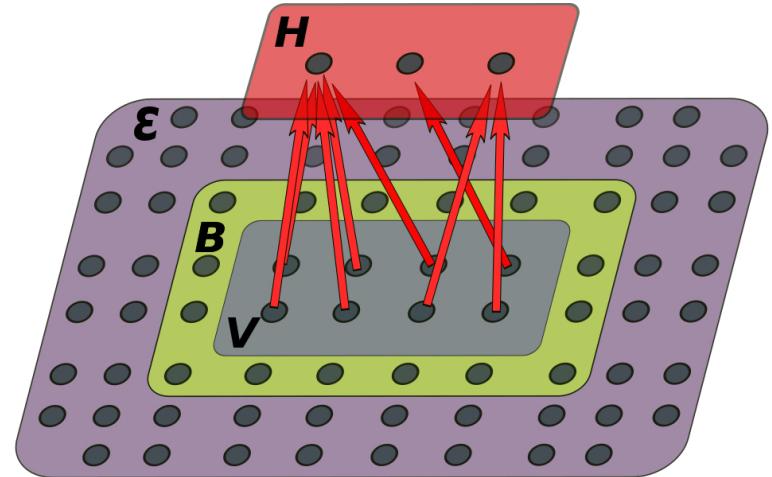
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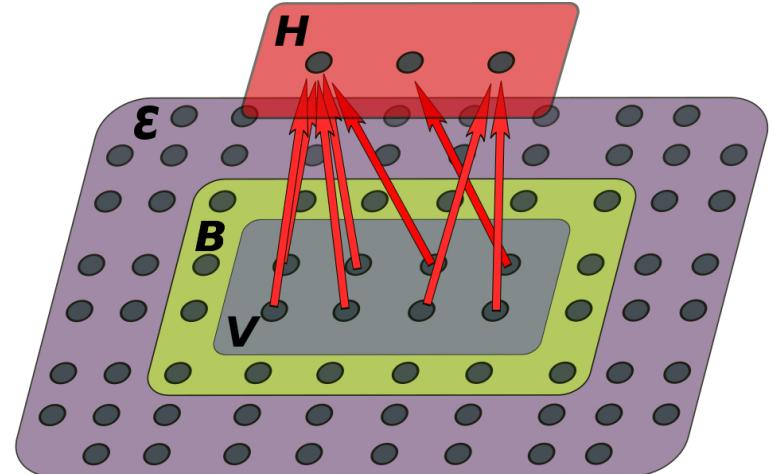
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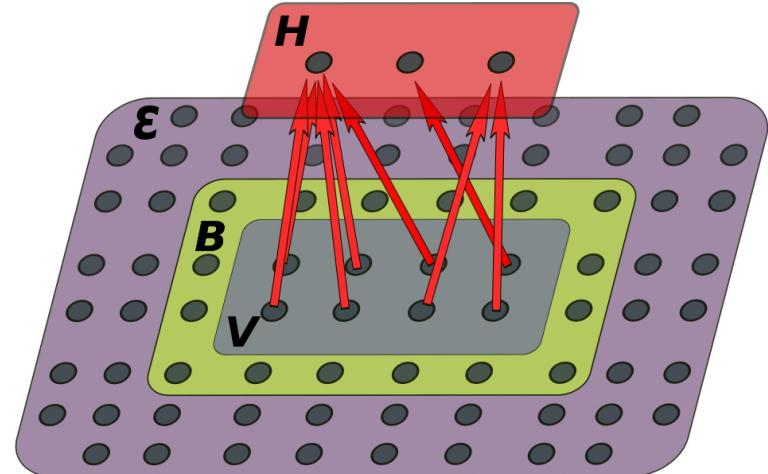


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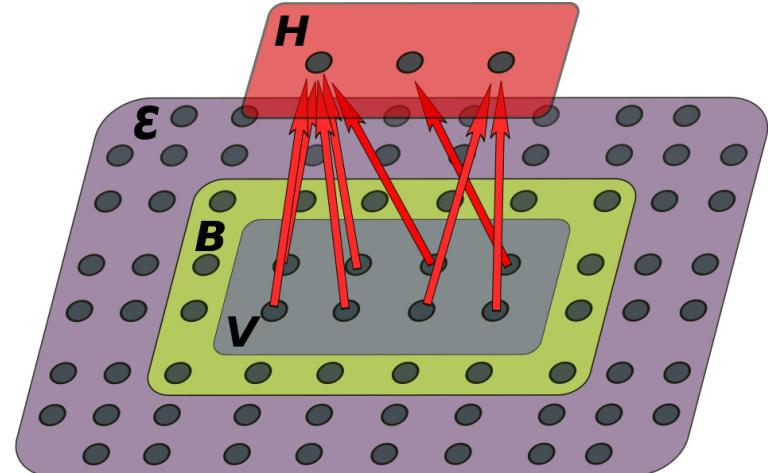
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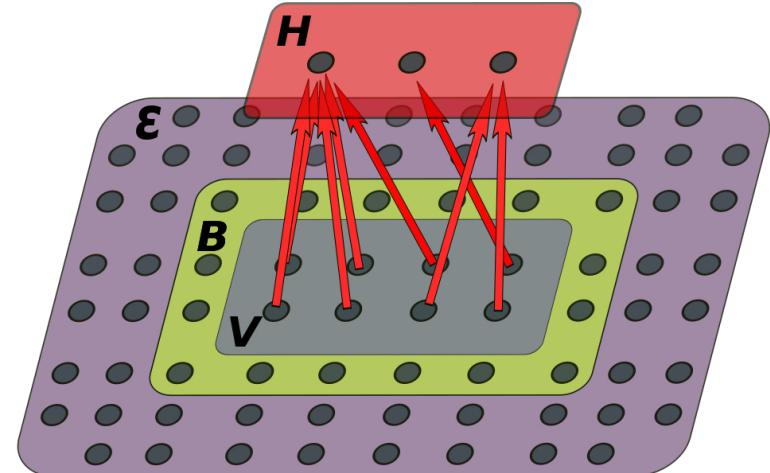
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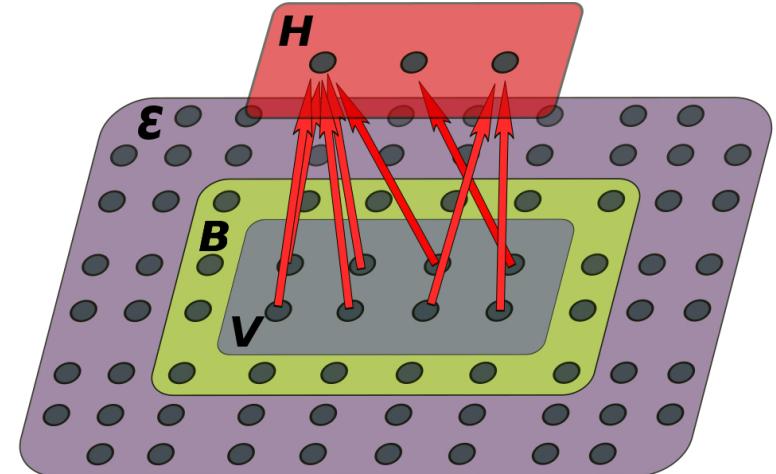
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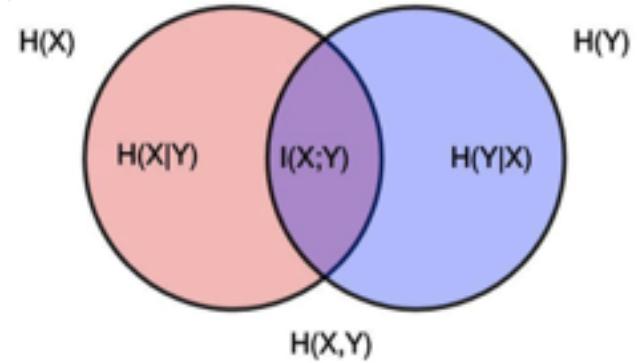


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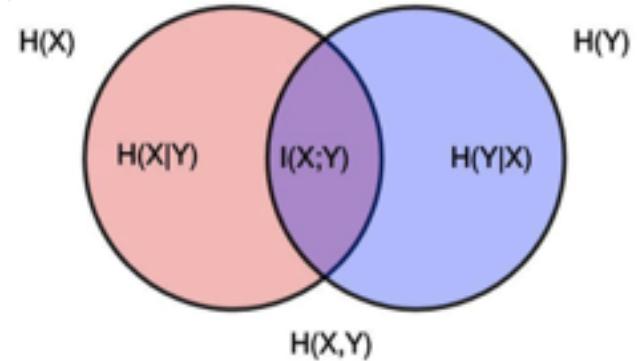
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**Formally:** find  $\max[I_{\Lambda}(\mathcal{H}:\mathcal{E})]$  over parameters  $\Lambda$

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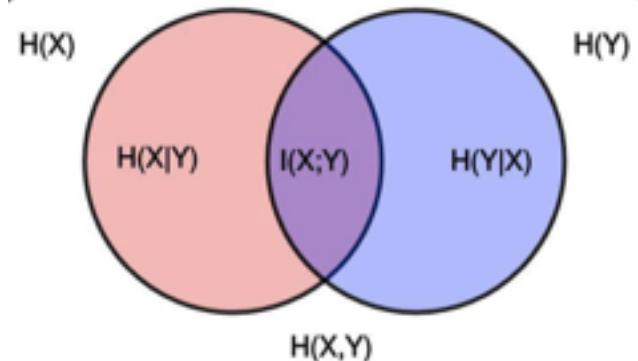
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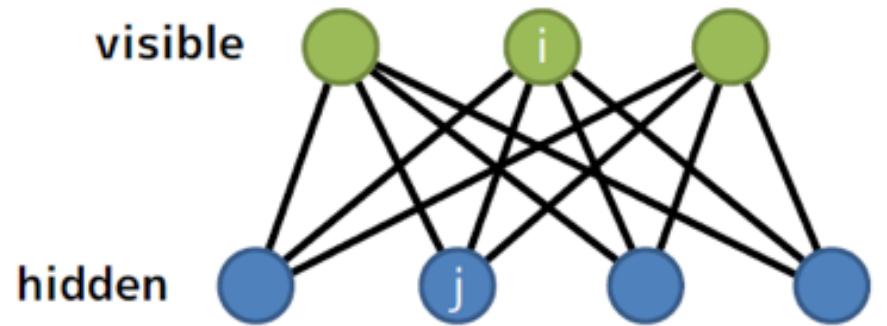
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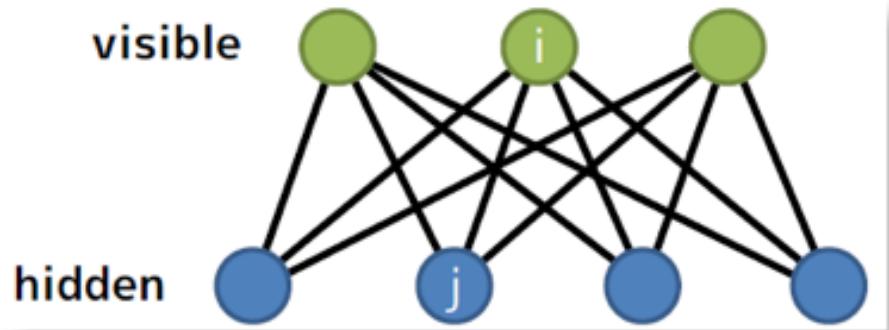


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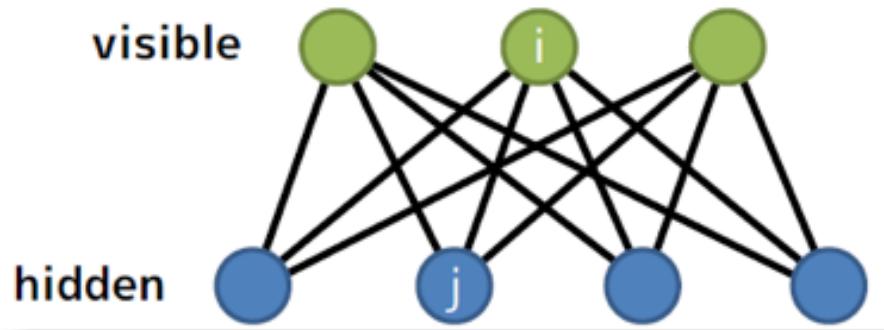


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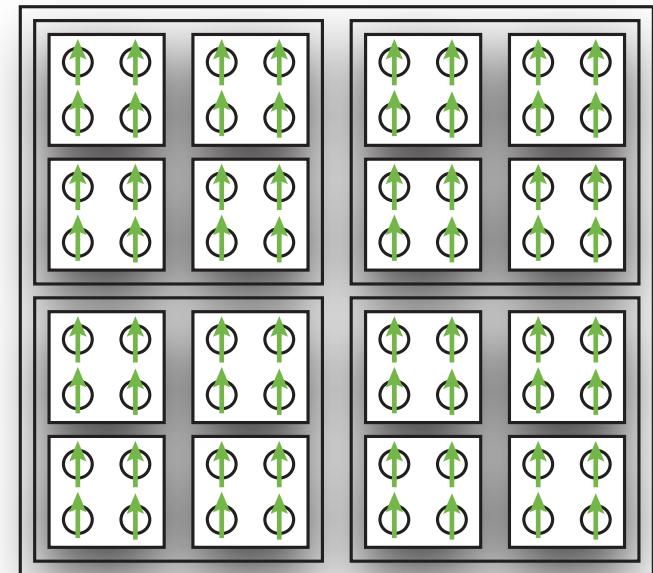
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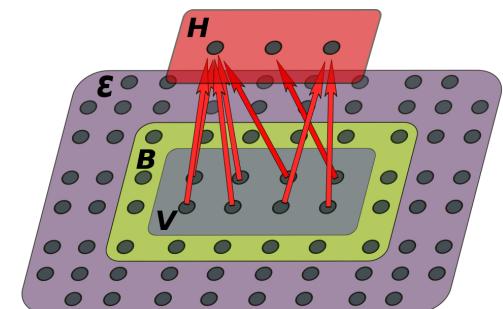
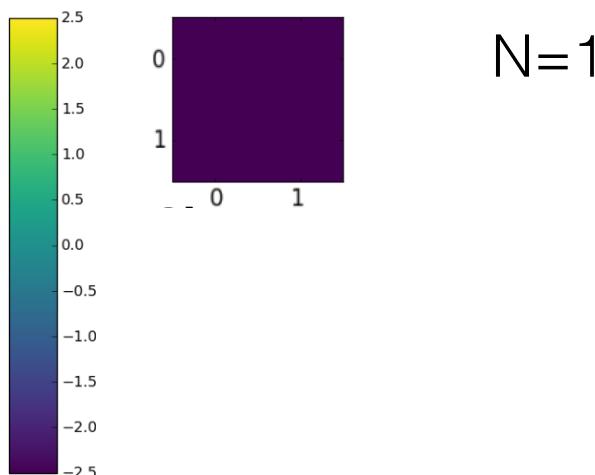
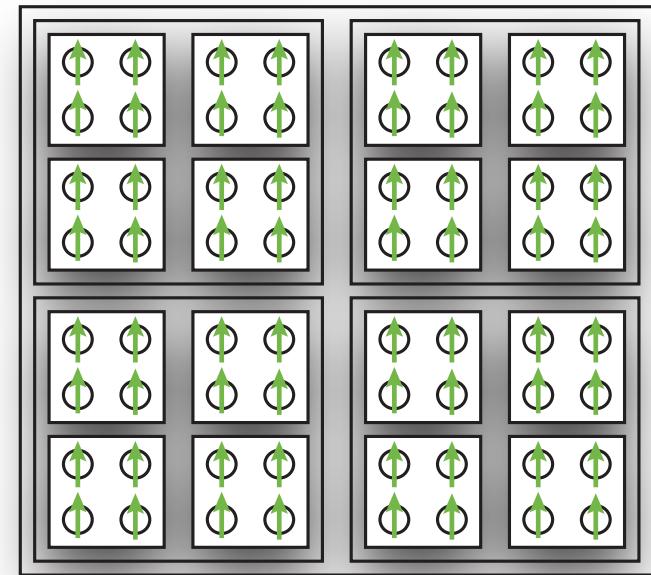
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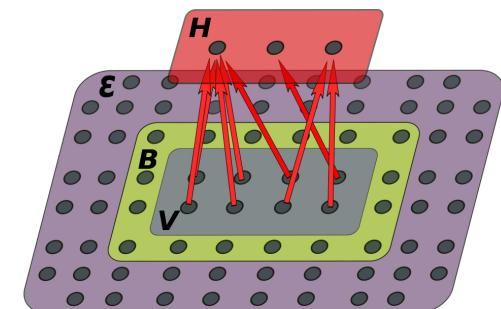
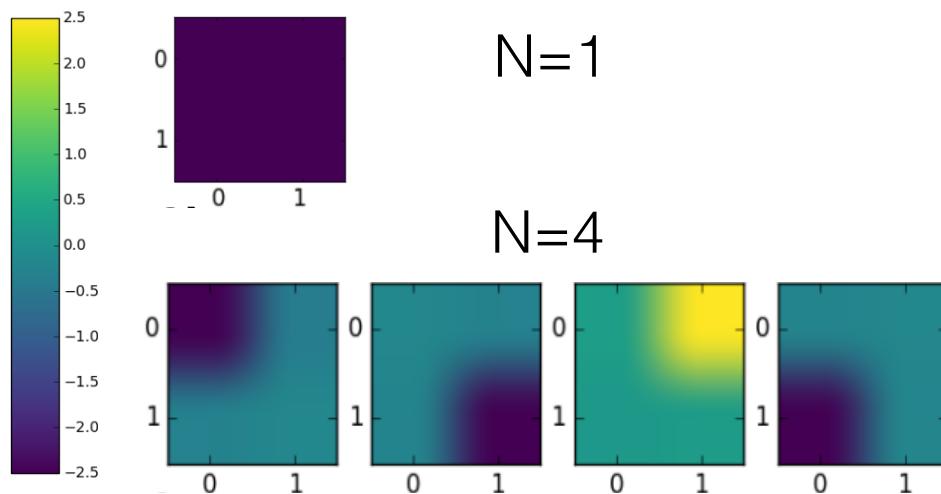
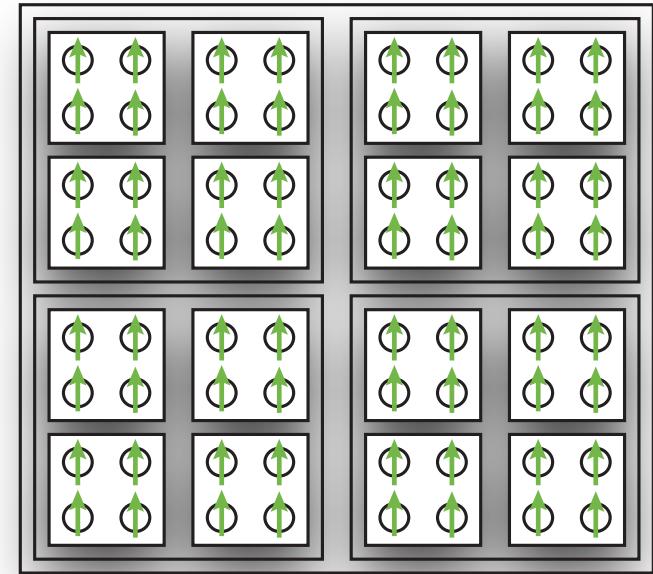
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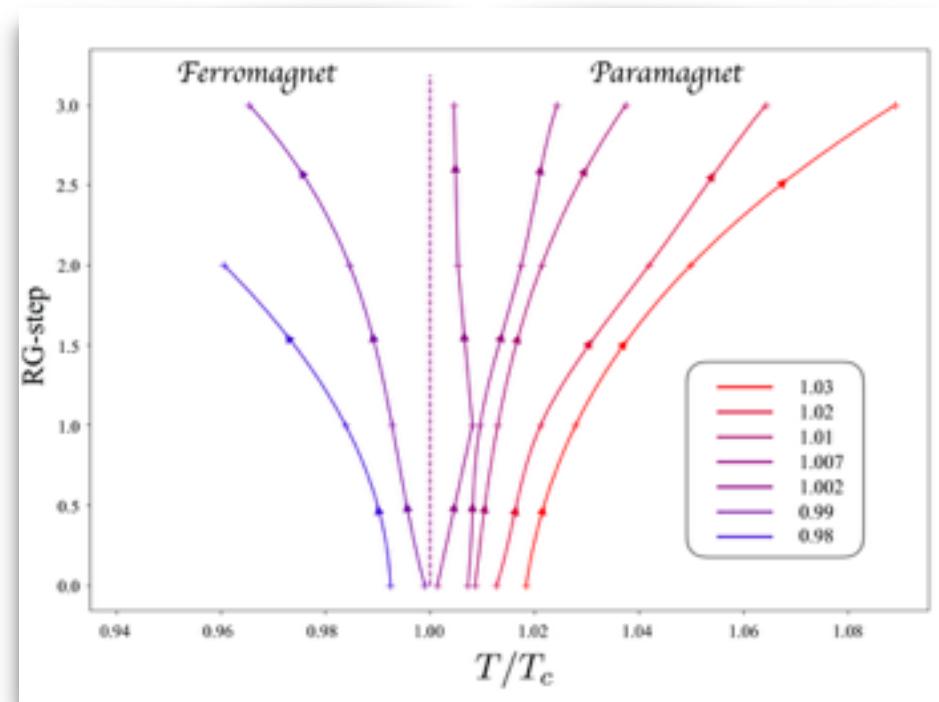
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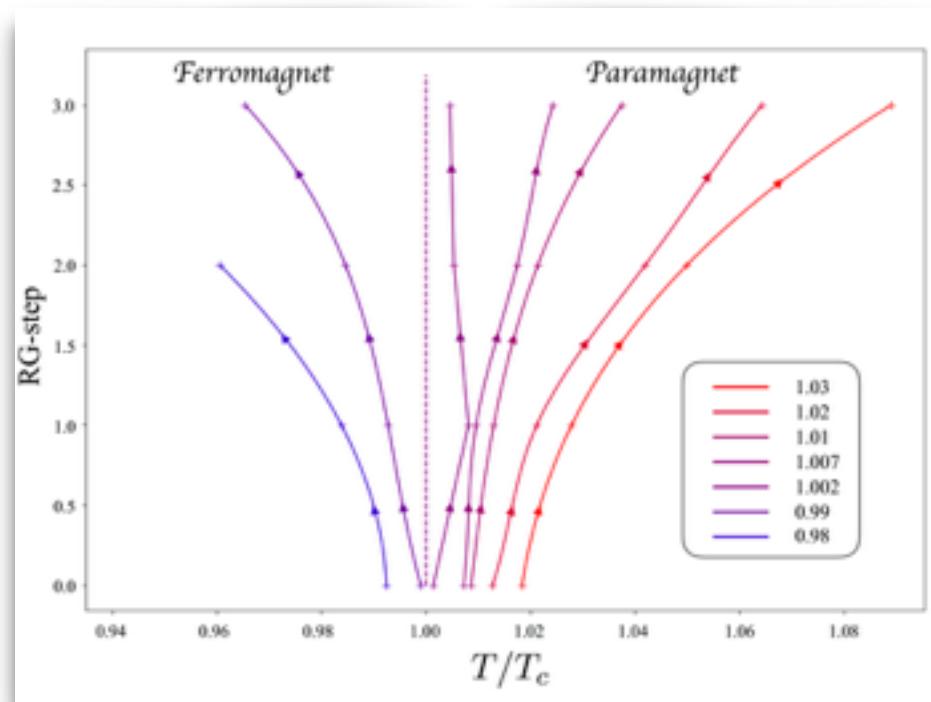
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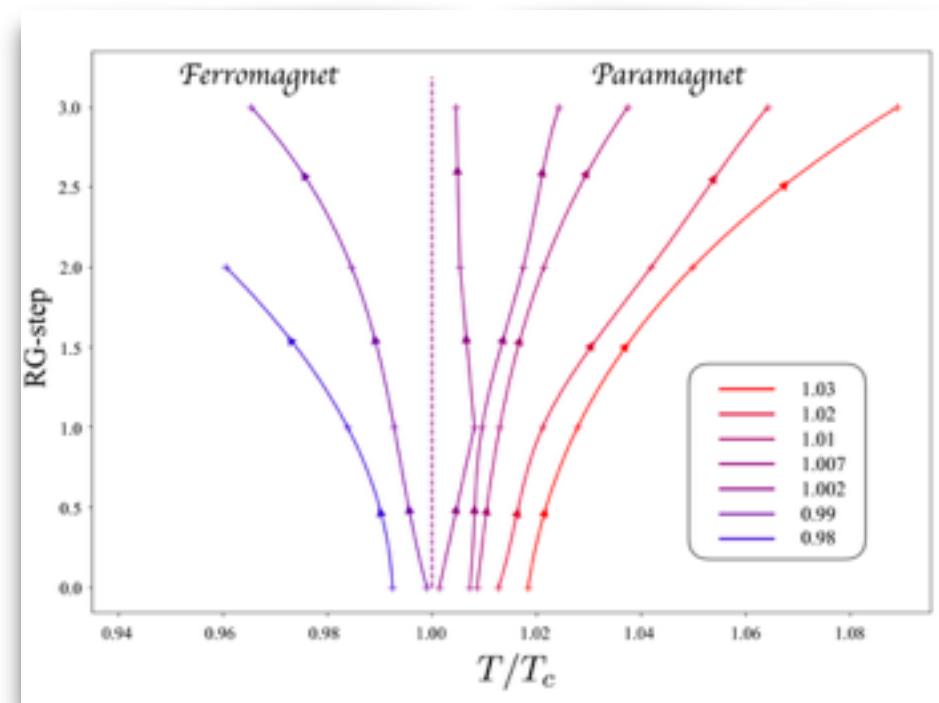
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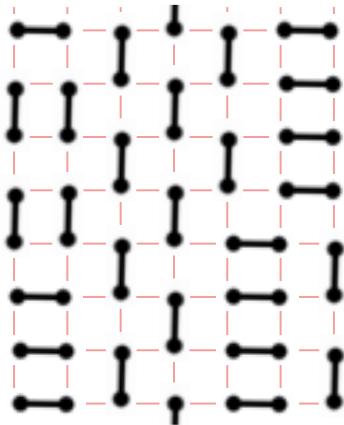


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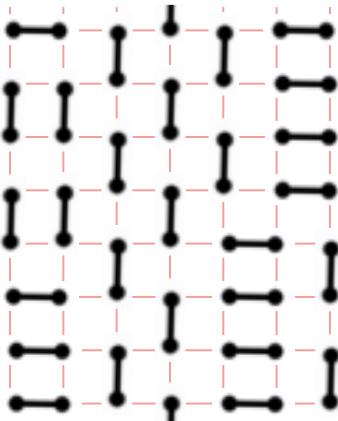
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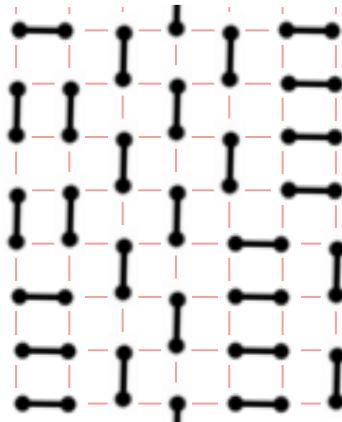


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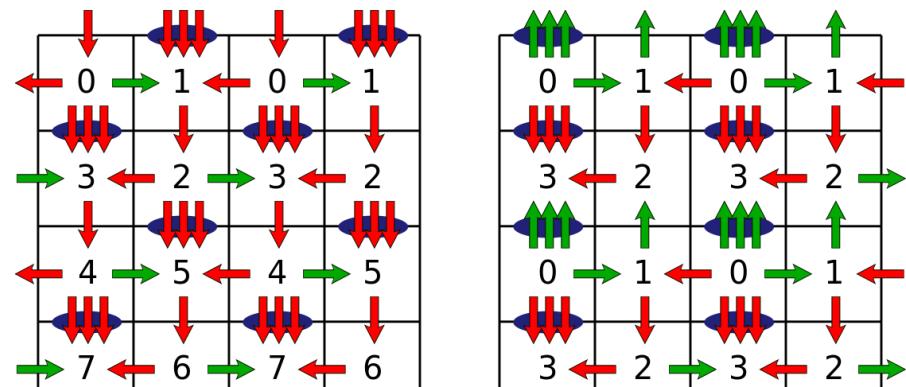
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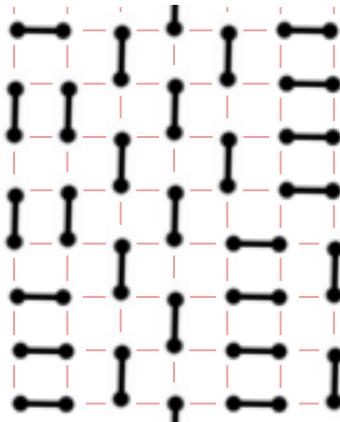


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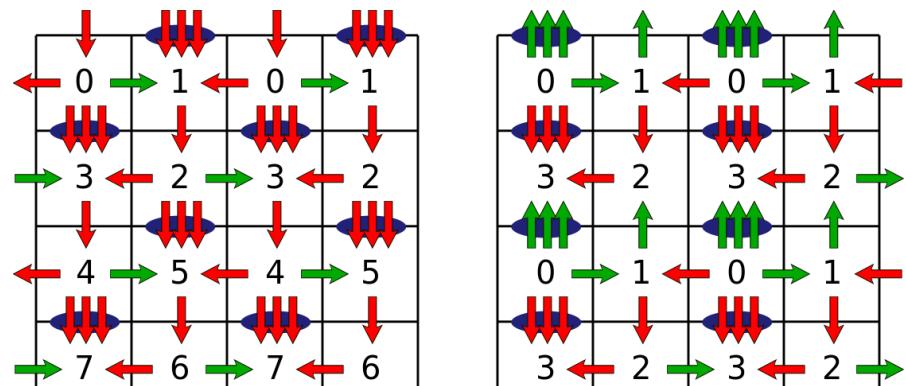
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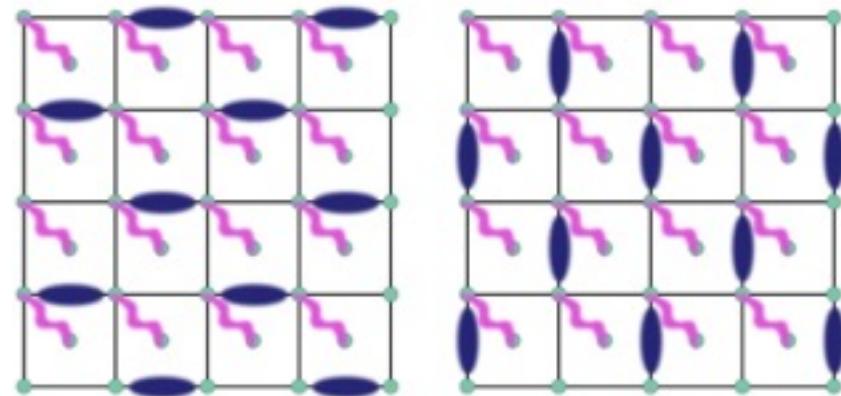
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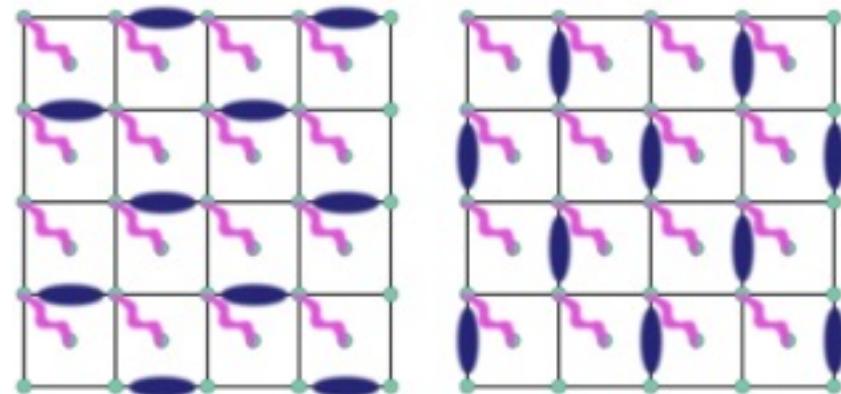


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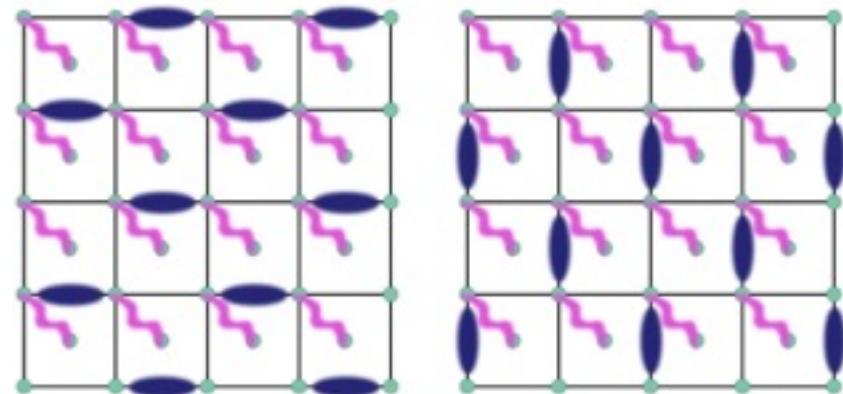
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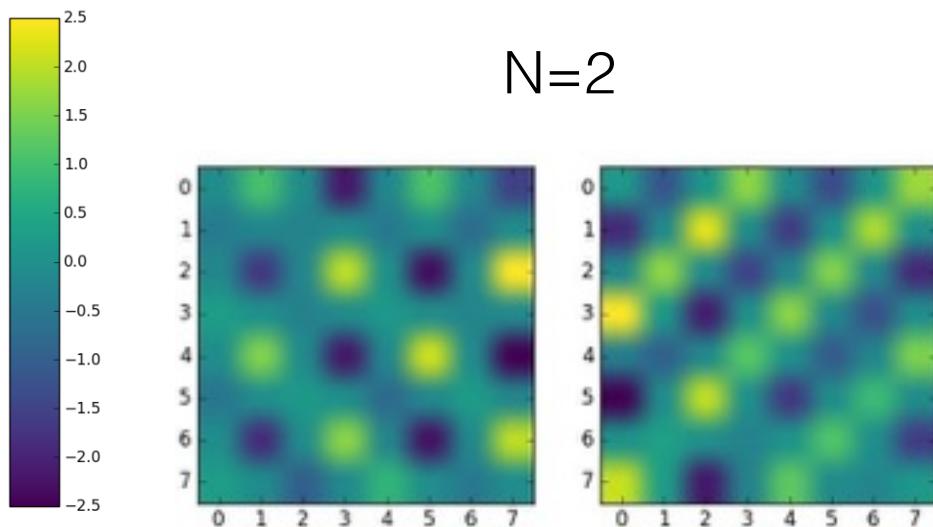
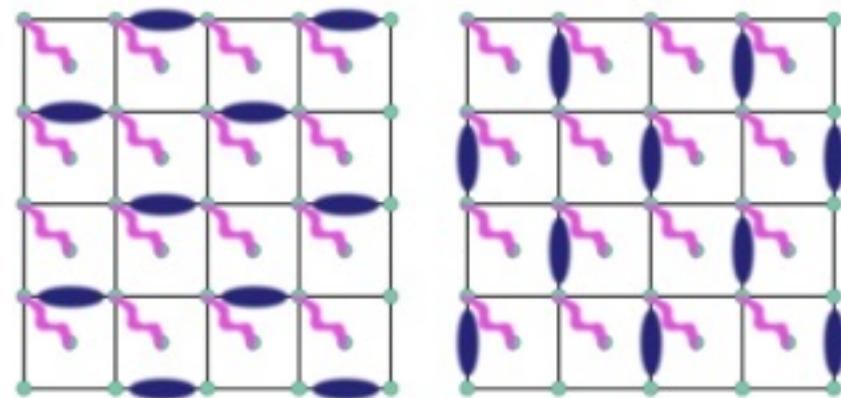
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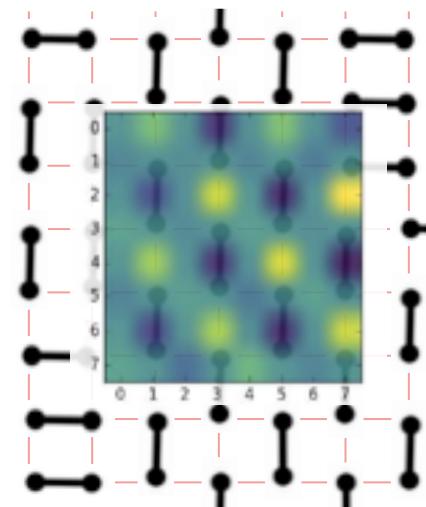
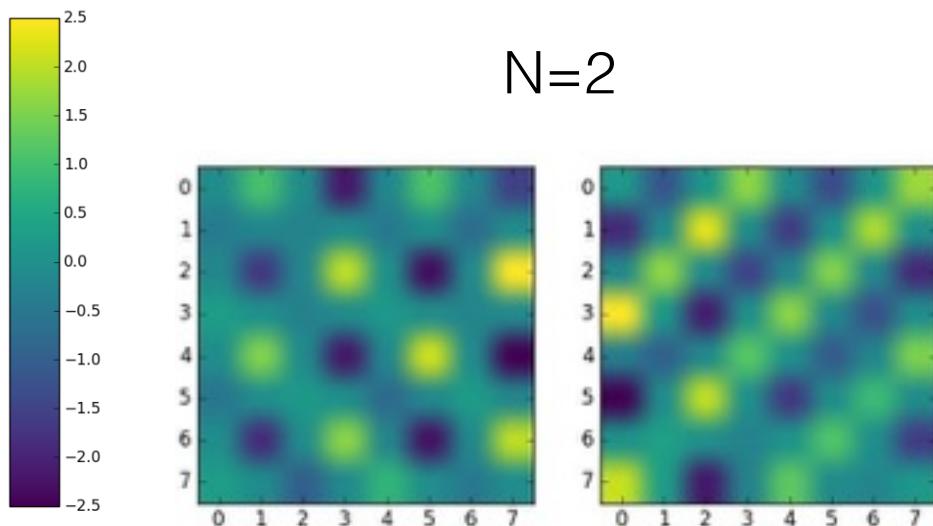
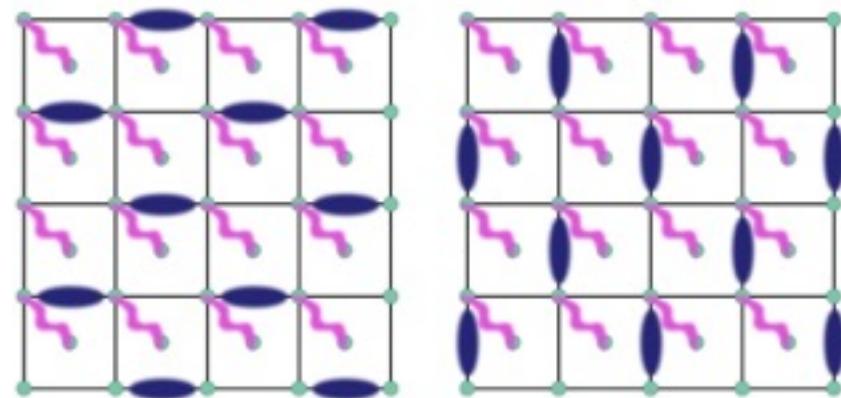
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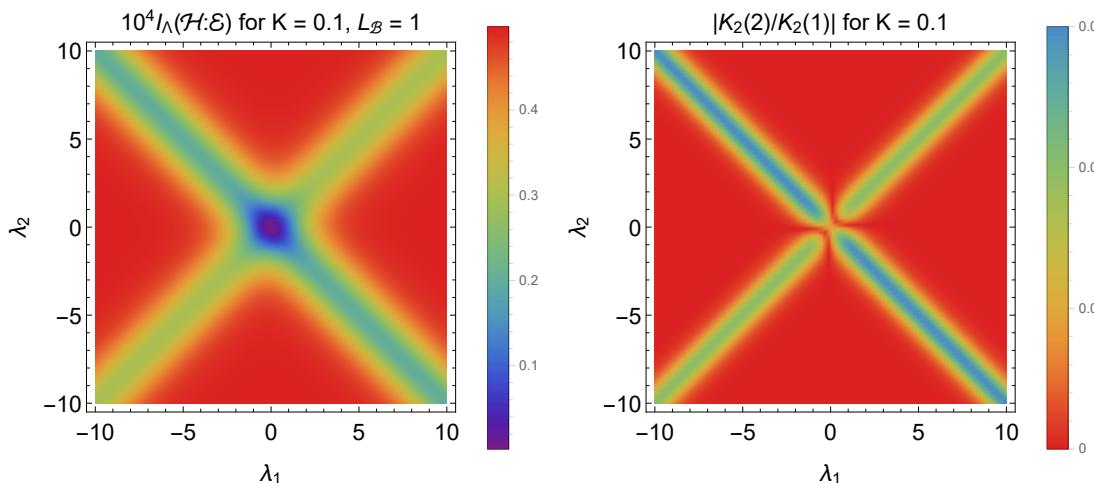
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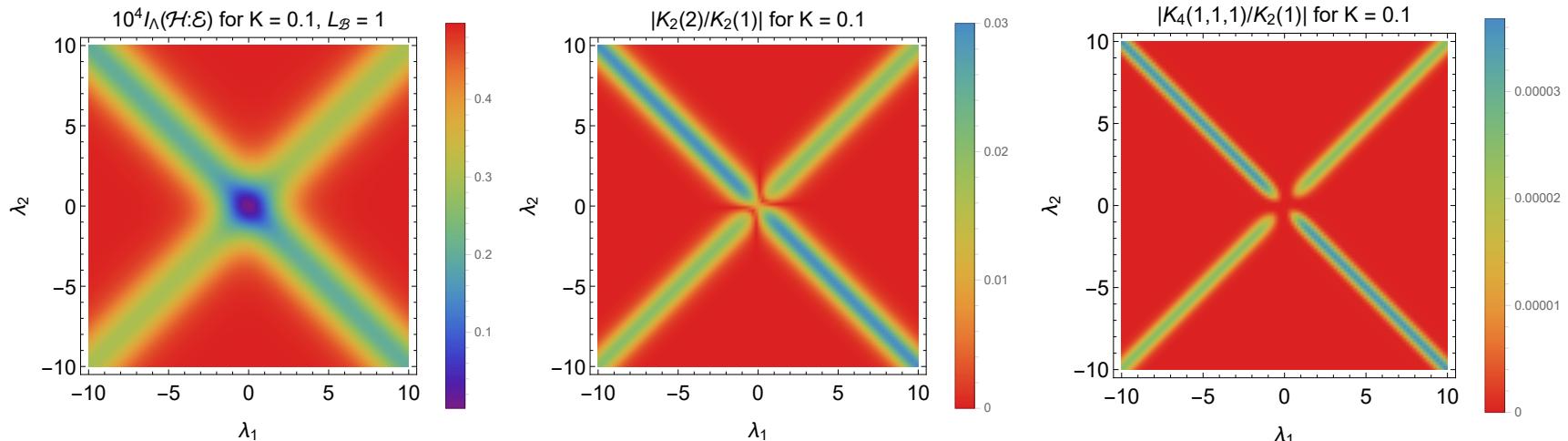


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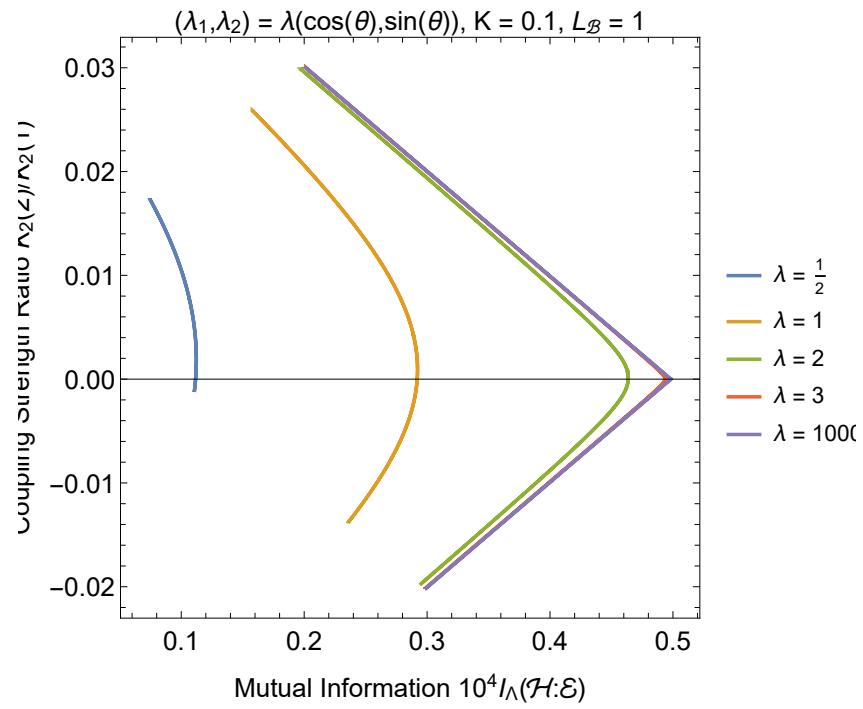
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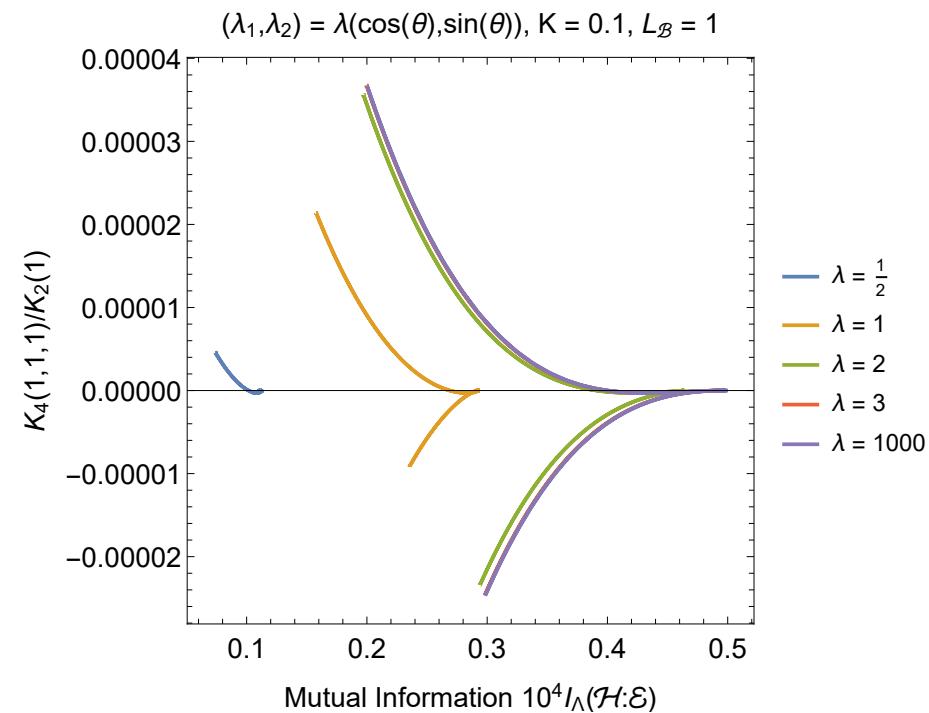
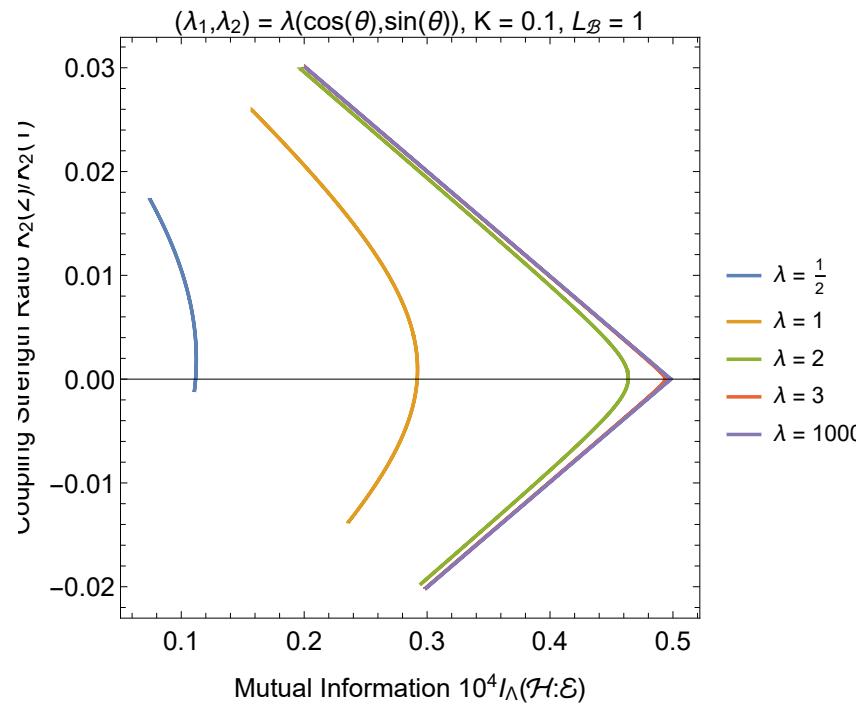
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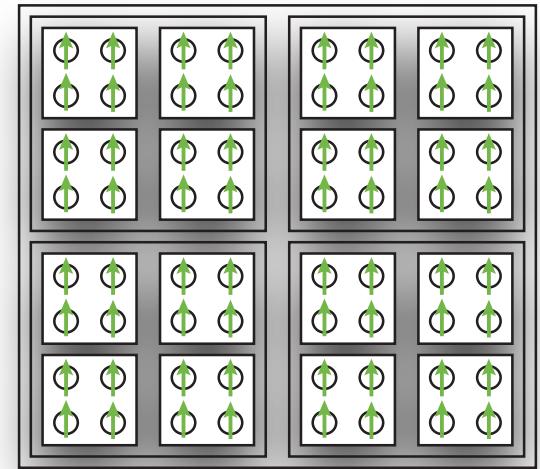






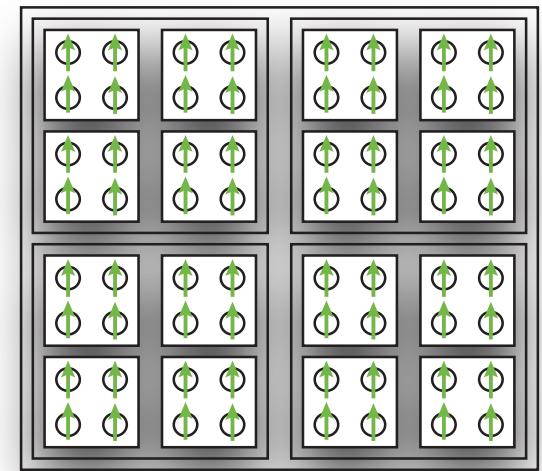


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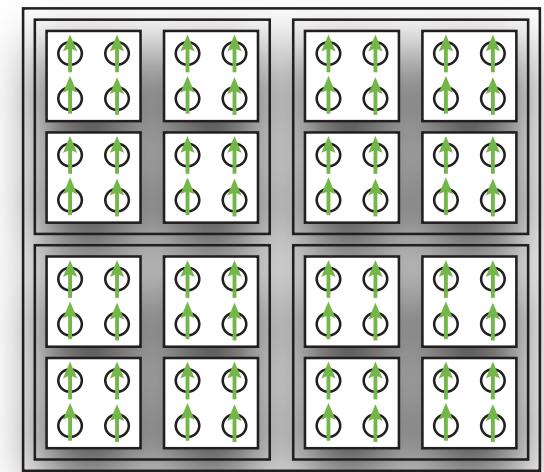
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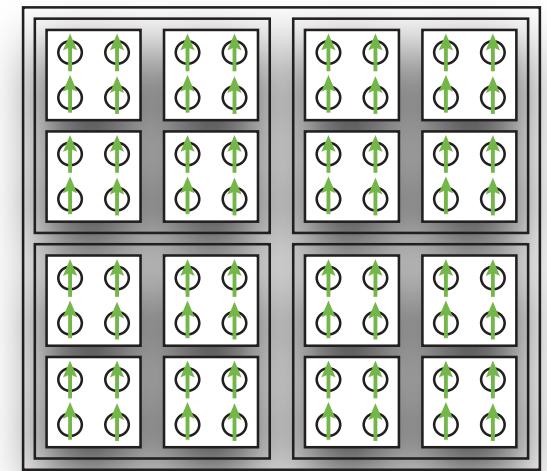


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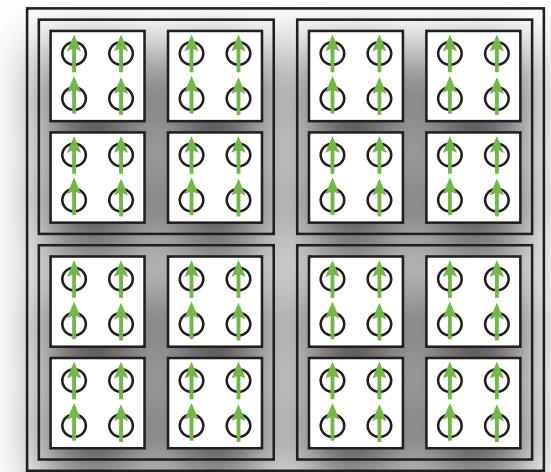


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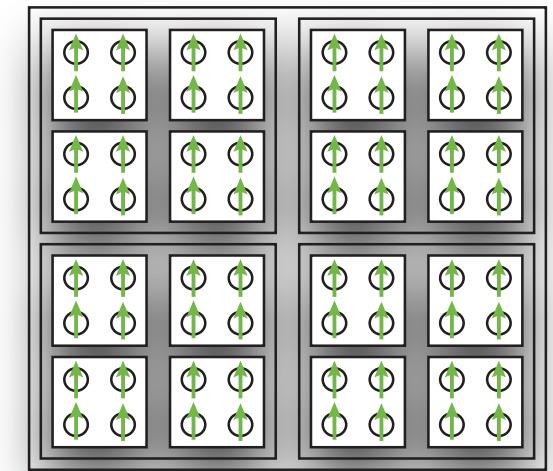


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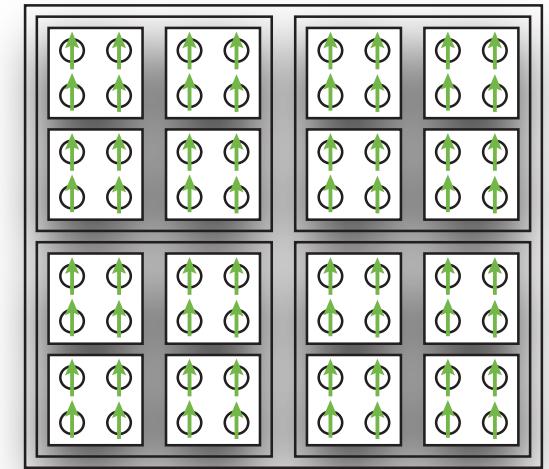
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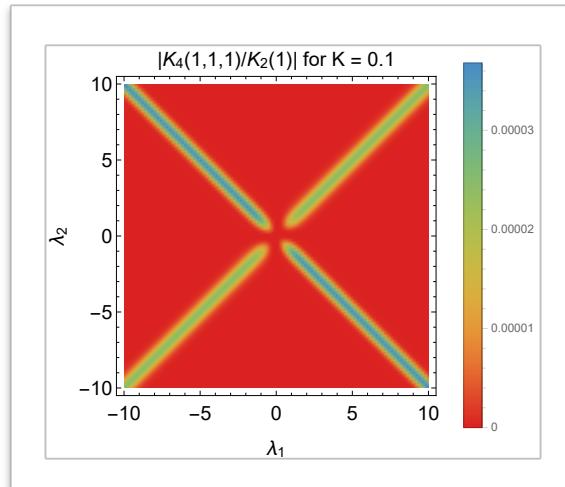


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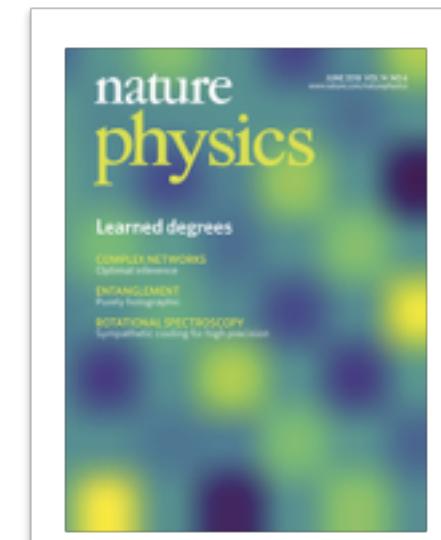
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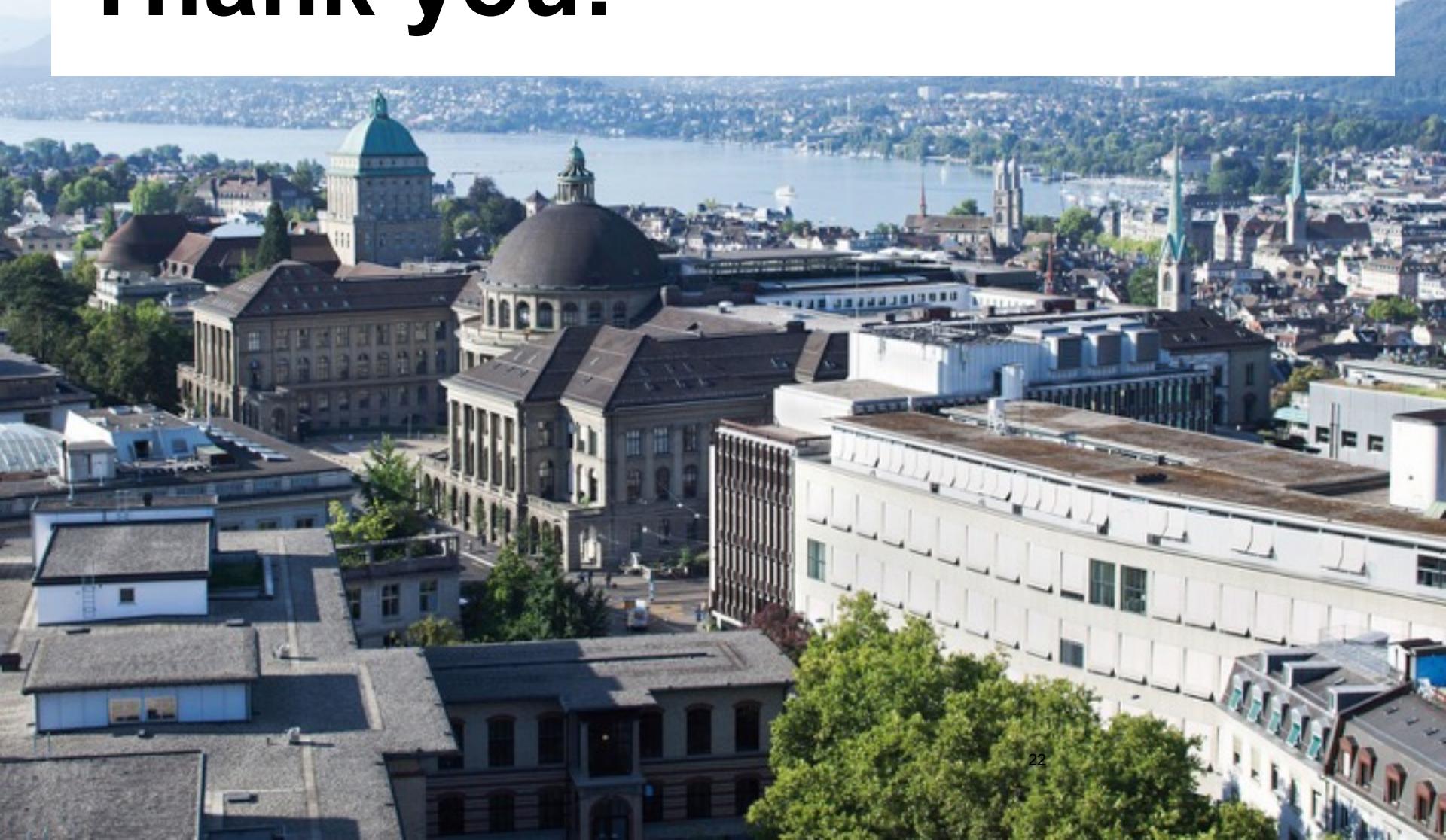


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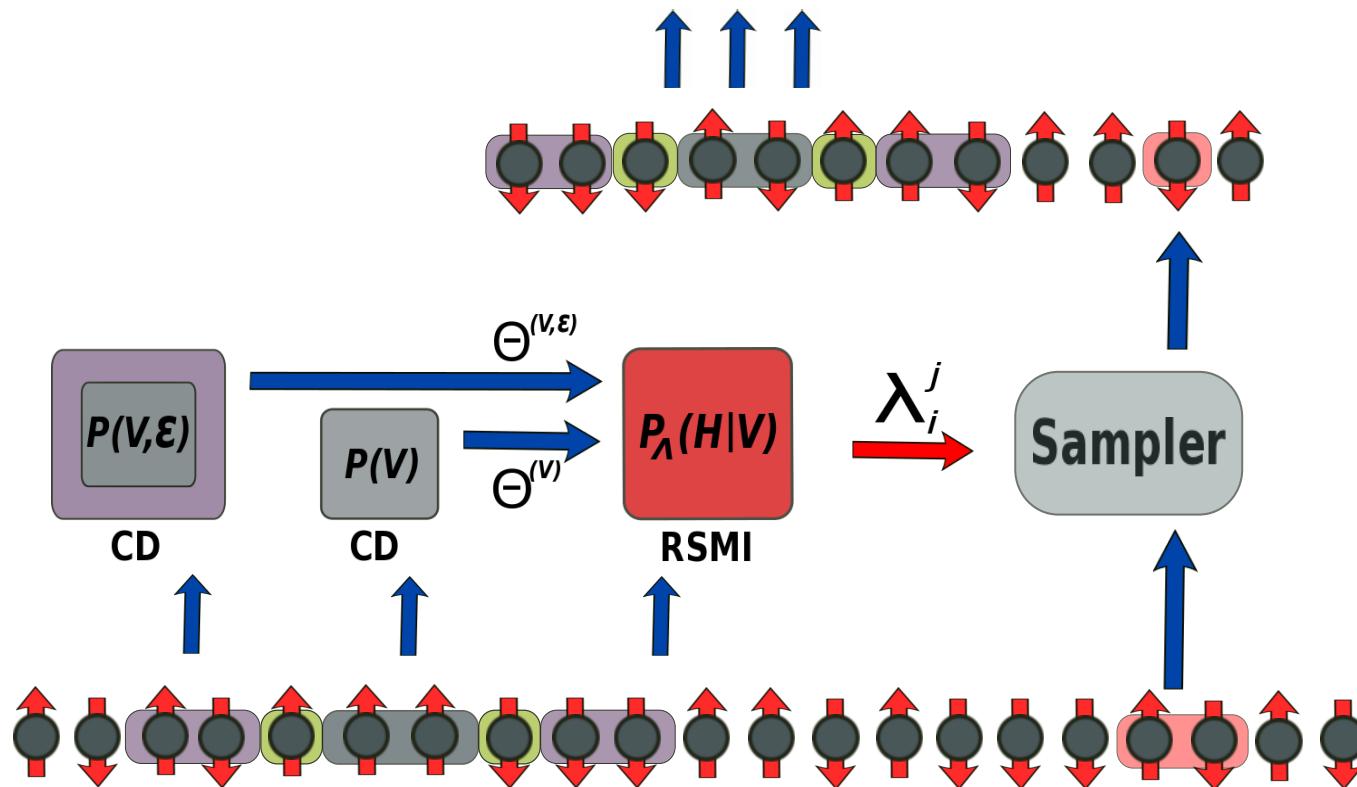
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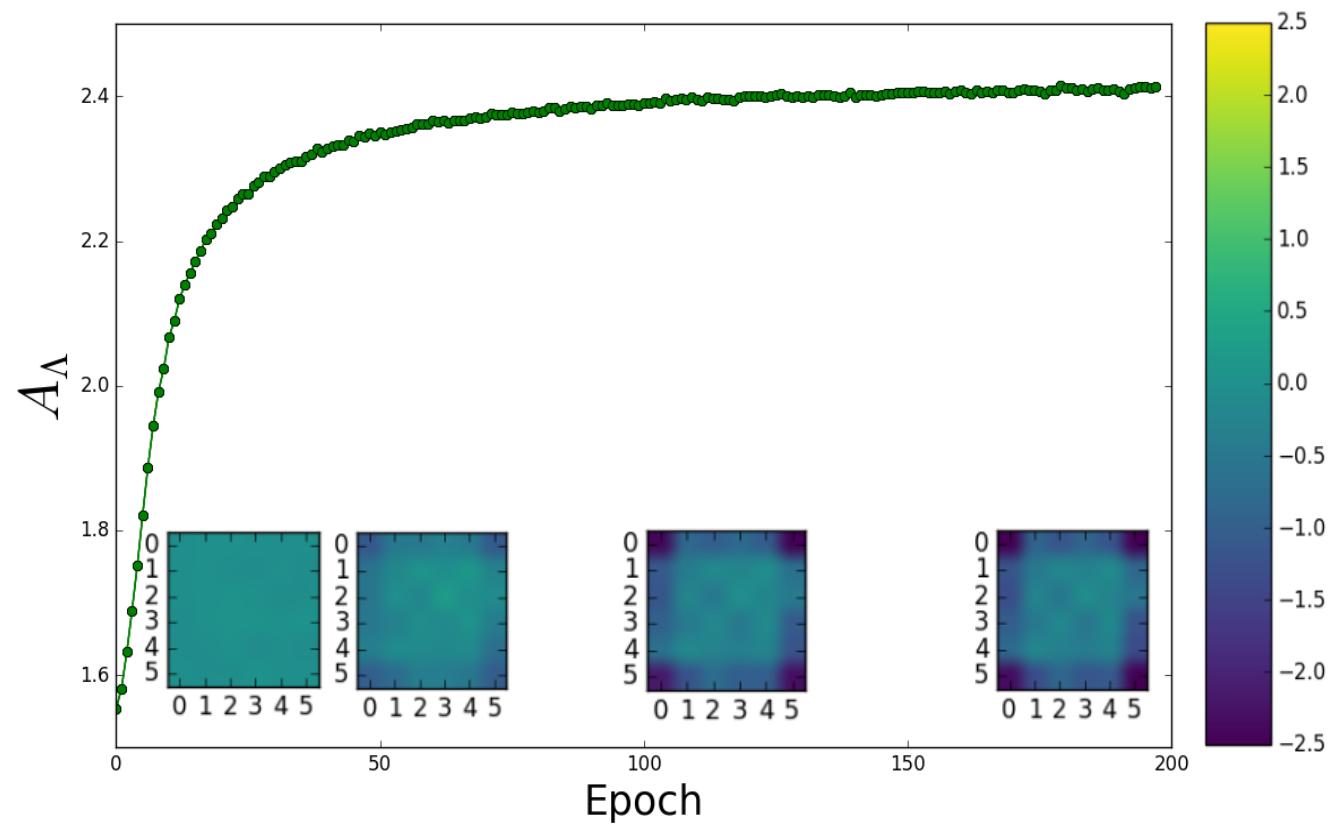
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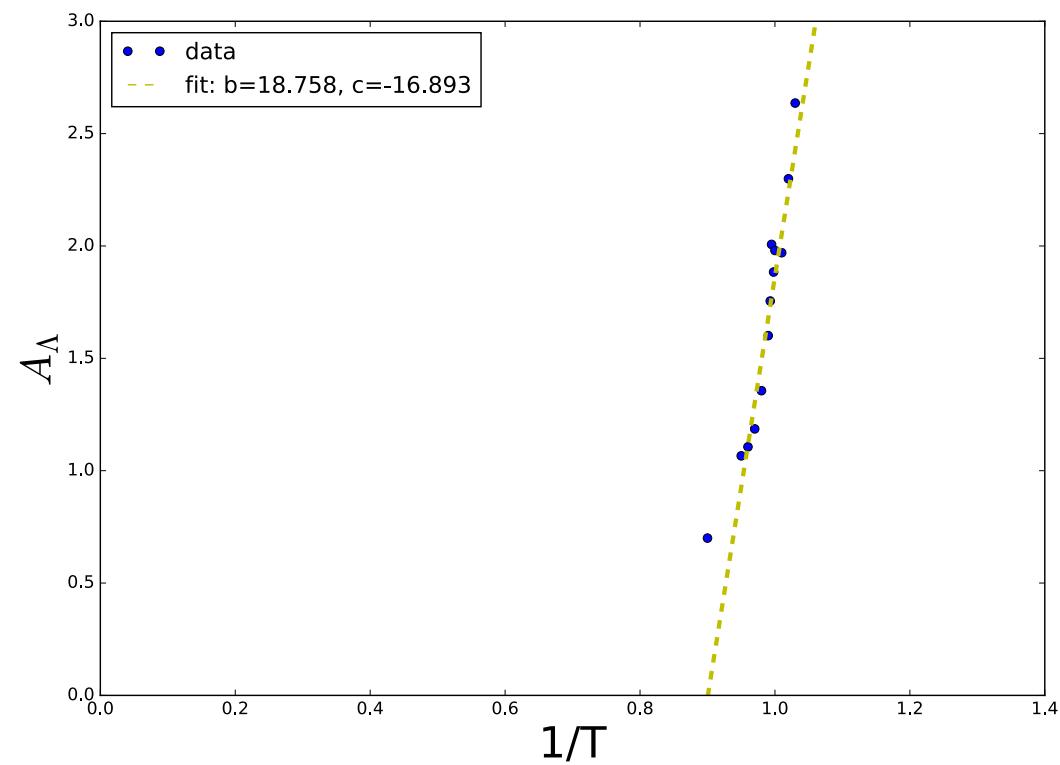
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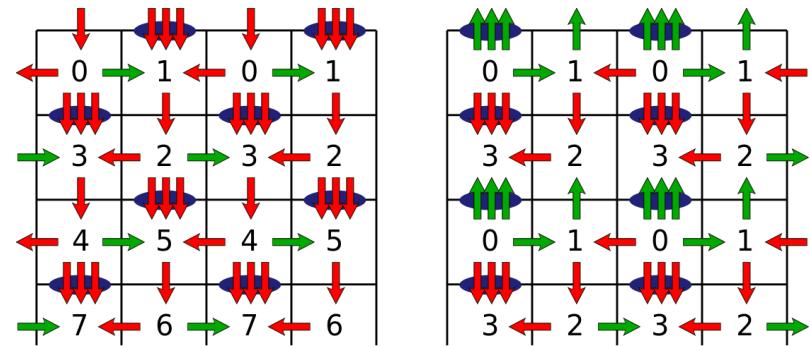


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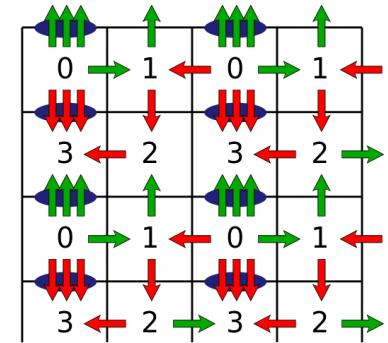
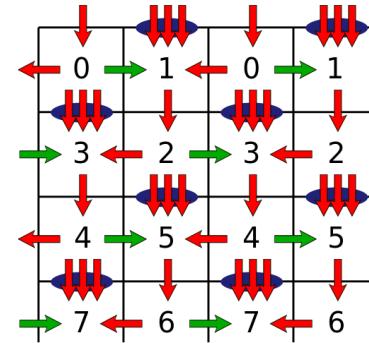
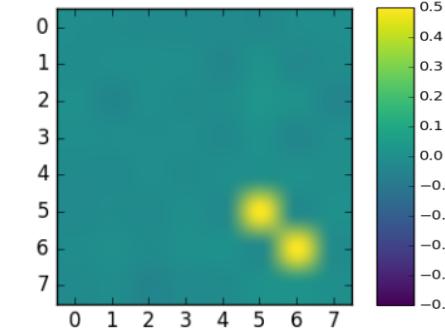
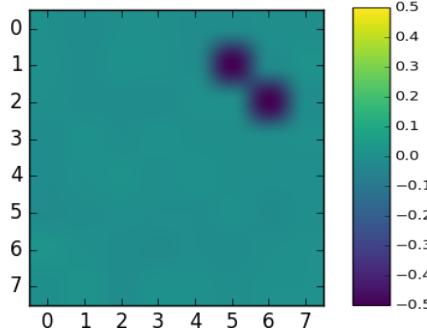
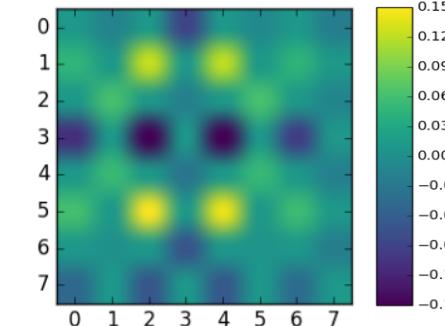
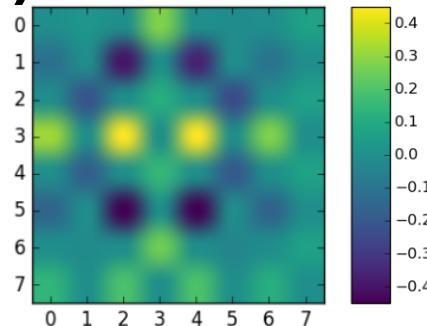
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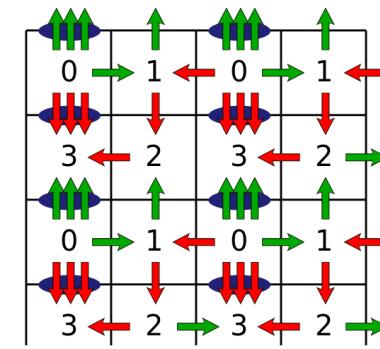
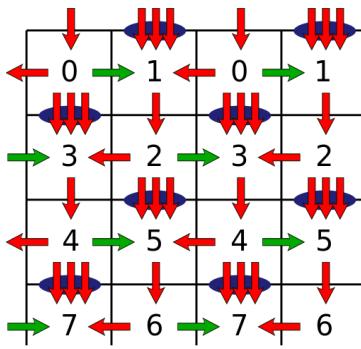
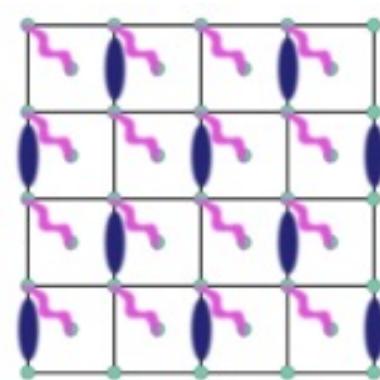
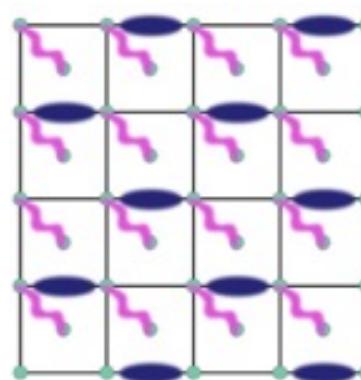
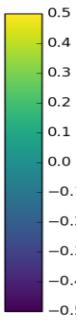
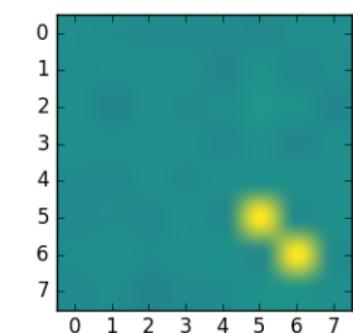
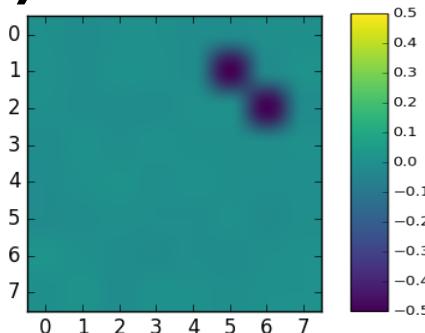
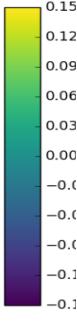
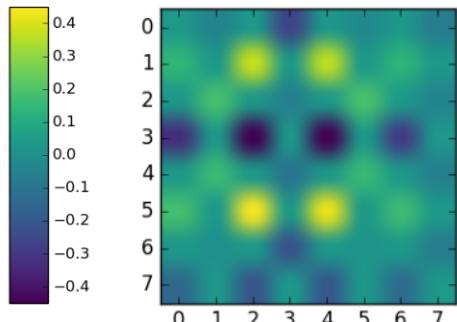
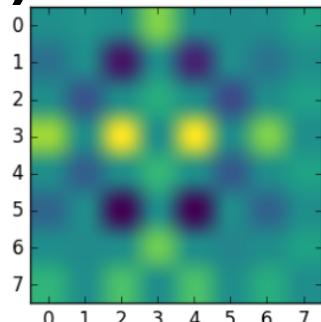
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