

## I. METHODS

We used the Swendsen Wang algorithm to simulate the Potts Model with  $1 = 1, 2, 3, 4$  on square (dim=2) lattices of various sizes  $L$ , and with  $q = 2$  in the cubic and hypercubic lattices (dim=3,4). In the largest cluster in each of  $N = 10^5$  realizations, we measured the chemical distance,  $l$ , between two randomly chosen sites on the largest cluster, as well as the diameter  $D$  of the largest cluster. For  $q = 1$ , the standard deviation  $\sigma$  in the (uncorrelated) values for  $\langle l \rangle$  and  $\langle D \rangle$  were calculated as  $\sigma_{uncorr} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1}(\langle l^2 \rangle - \langle l \rangle^2)}$ . For  $q = 2, 3, 4$ , successive measurements of  $l$  and  $D$  were not independent; each system of size  $L$  was therefore allowed to thermalize for  $10^* \tau_{exp}$ , where  $\tau_{exp}$  is the fitted exponential correlation time for the mass of the largest cluster in the system. The standard deviation  $\sigma_{corr}$  was then considered to be  $\sigma_{corr} = \sqrt{\frac{2\tau_{int}}{N}(\langle l^2 \rangle - \langle l \rangle^2)}$ , where  $\tau_{int}$  is the measured integrated correlation time for the chemical distance  $l$ . A similar analysis was used for the diameter,  $D$ .

dim	$q$	$L$	$L_{min}$	$d_{min}$	$D_{min}$
2	1	16,32,48,64,96,128	48	1.131(1)	1.138(1)
2	2	16,32,48,64,96,128	48	1.096(1)	1.102(1)
2	3	16,32,48,64,96,128	48	1.065(3)	1.071(1)
2	4	16,32,48,64,96,128	48	1.033(3)	1.039(1)

TABLE I: Scaling exponents  $d_{min}$  and  $D_{min}$  for  $dim = 2$ ,  $q = 1, 2, 3, 4$

dim	$q$	$L$	$L_{min}$	$d_{min}$	$D_{min}$
3	2	20,36,48,64,128	36	1.267(5)	na
4	2	12,24,36,48,64	24	1.485(7)	na

TABLE II: Scaling exponents  $d_{min}$  and  $D_{min}$  for  $dim = 3, 4$ ,  $q = 2$

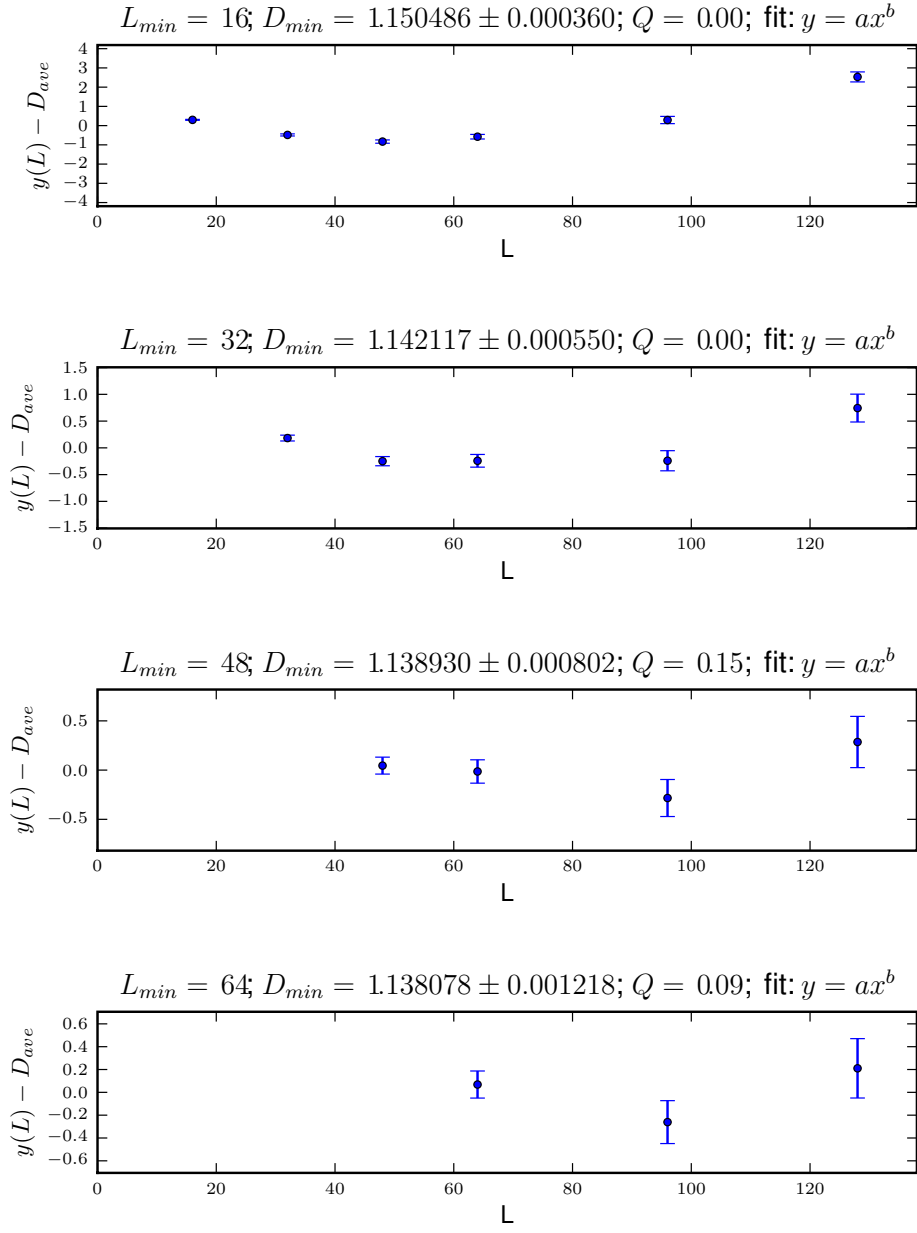


FIG. 1:  $d_{min}$  for  $D=2$ ,  $q=1$ .

FIG. 2:  $D_{min}$  for D=2, q=1.

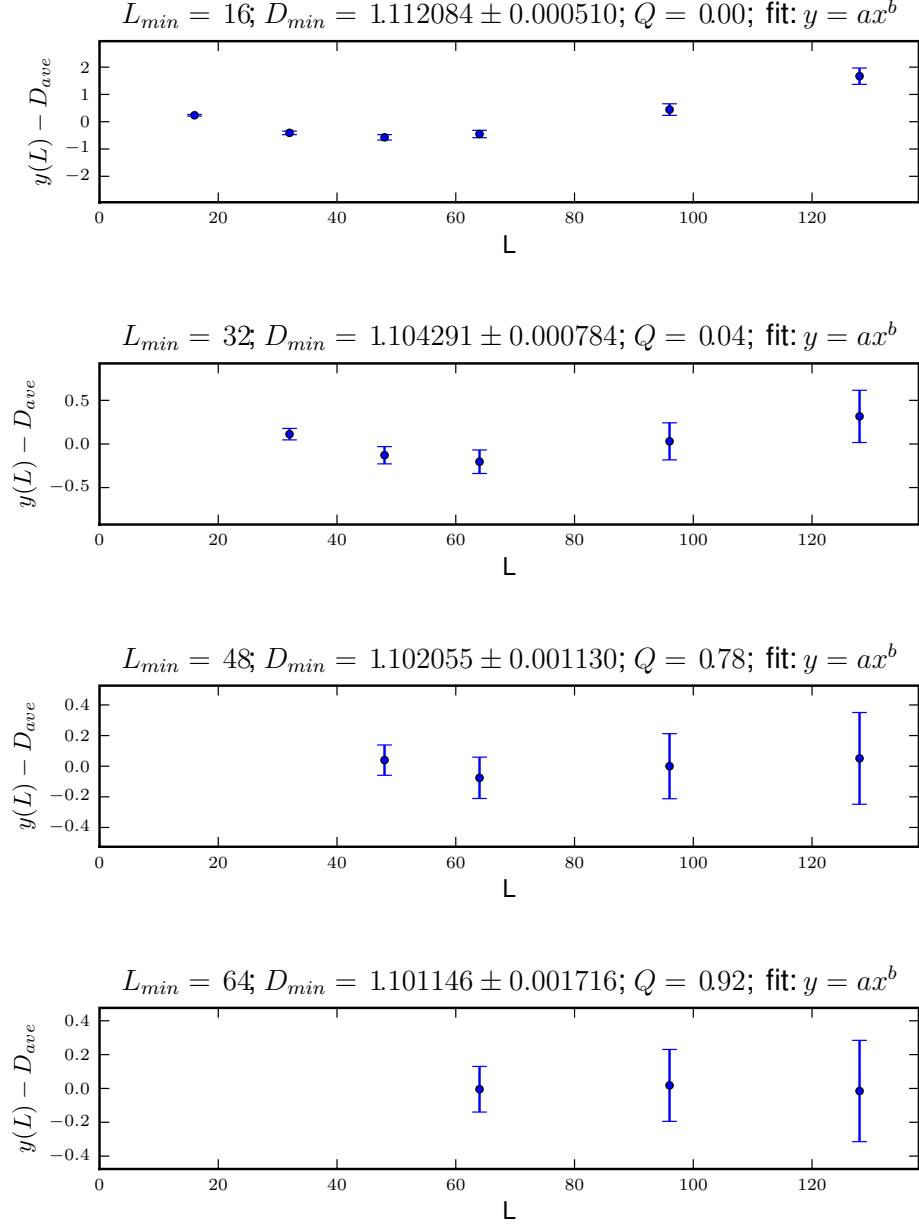


FIG. 3:  $d_{min}$  for D=2, q=2.

FIG. 4:  $D_{min}$  for D=2, q=2.

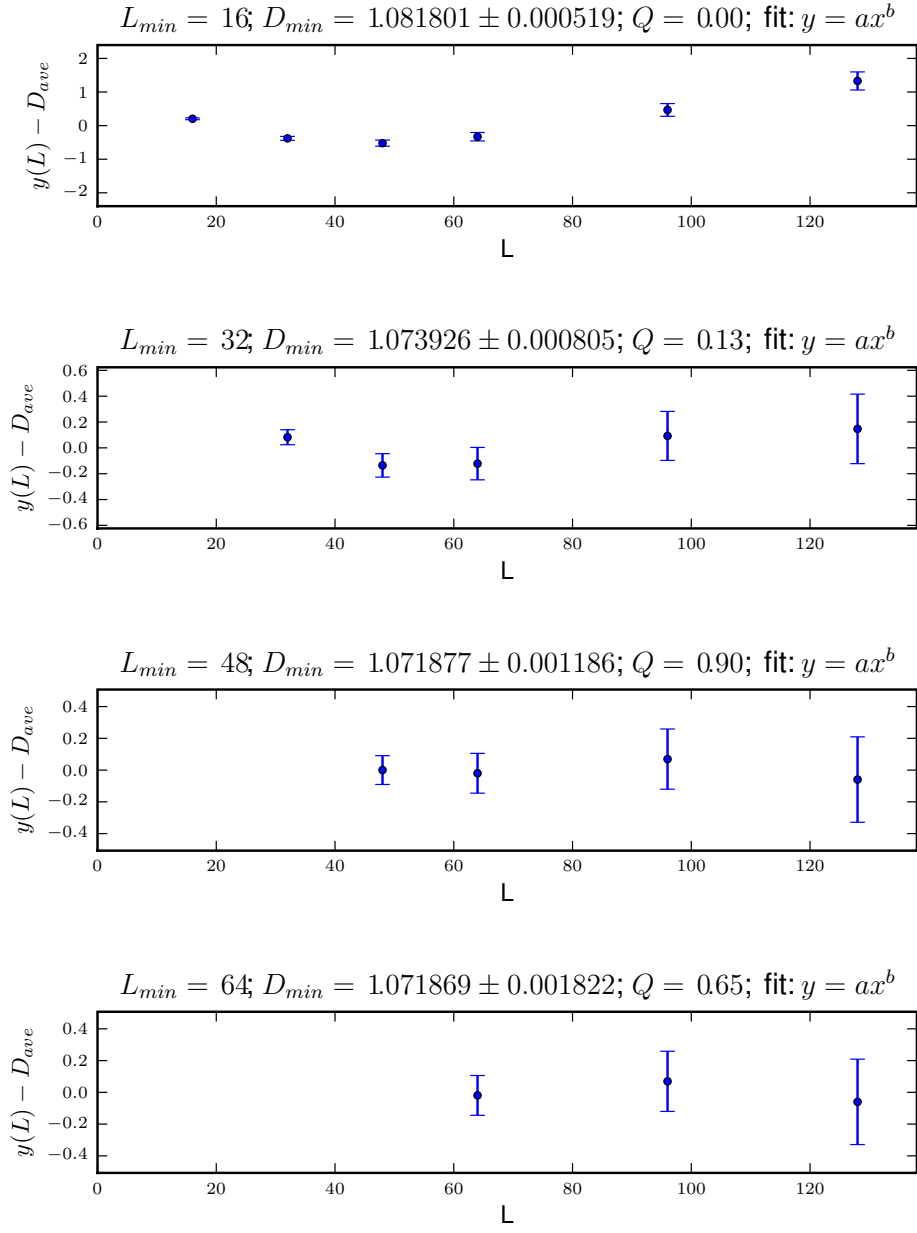


FIG. 5:  $d_{min}$  for  $D=2, q=3$ .

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FIG. 6:  $D_{min}$  for D=2, q=3.

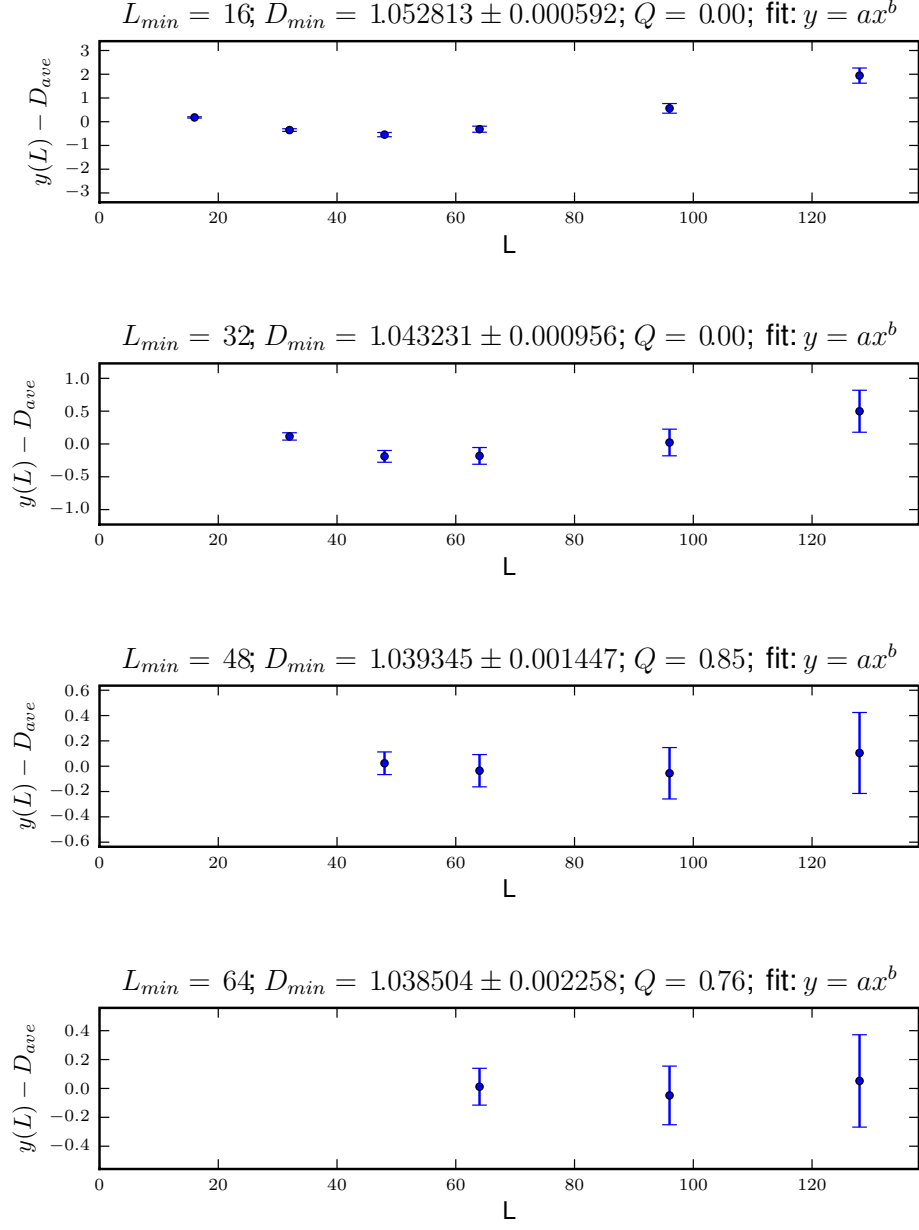
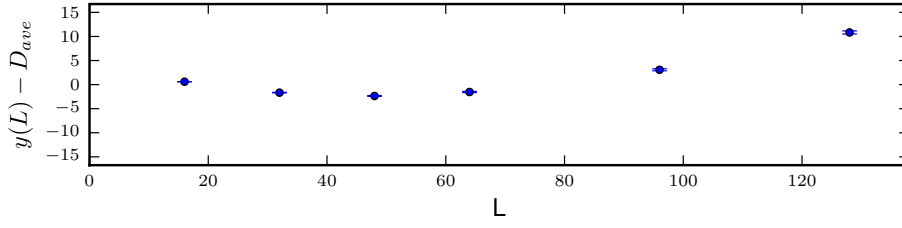


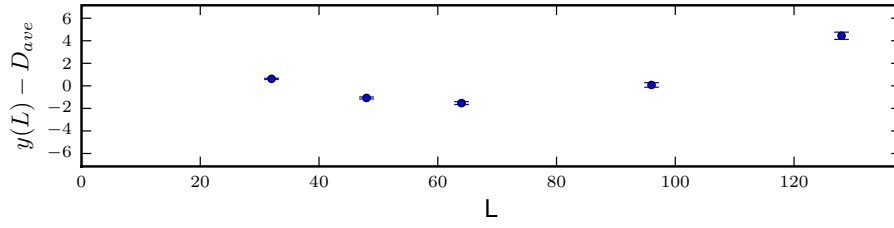
FIG. 7:  $d_{min}$  for D=2, q=4.

FIG. 8:  $D_{min}$  for D=2, q=4.

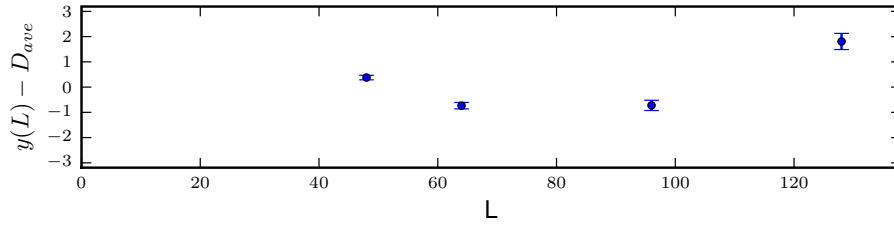
$L_{min} = 16; D_{min} = 10.659362 \pm 0.038231; Q = 0.00; \text{fit: } y = ax \log(x)(1 + b/x)$



$L_{min} = 32; D_{min} = 14.728597 \pm 0.089100; Q = 0.00; \text{fit: } y = ax \log(x)(1 + b/x)$



$L_{min} = 48; D_{min} = 17.710029 \pm 0.166570; Q = 0.00; \text{fit: } y = ax \log(x)(1 + b/x)$



$L_{min} = 64; D_{min} = 19.777069 \pm 0.297622; Q = 0.00; \text{fit: } y = ax \log(x)(1 + b/x)$

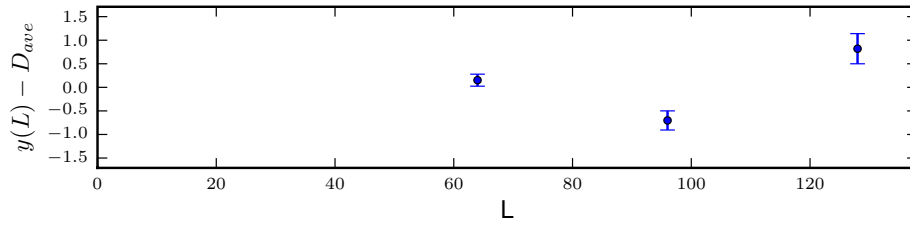


FIG. 9:  $d_{min}$  for  $D=2, q=4$ ; log fit

FIG. 10:  $D_{min}$  for  $D=2$ ,  $q=4$ ; log fit