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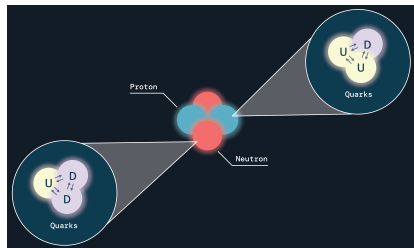


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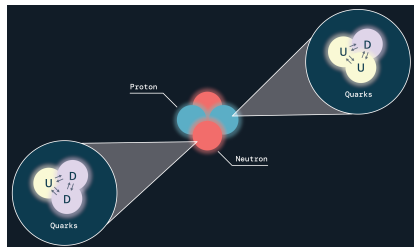


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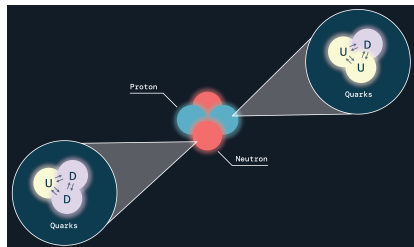


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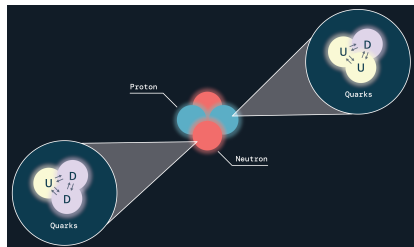


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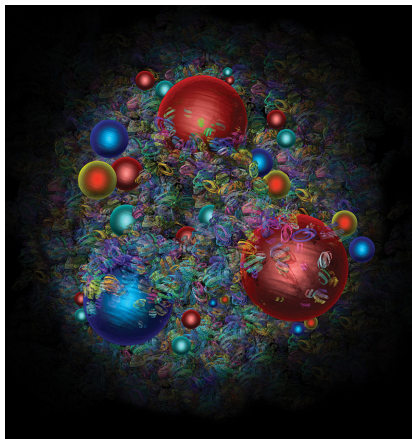


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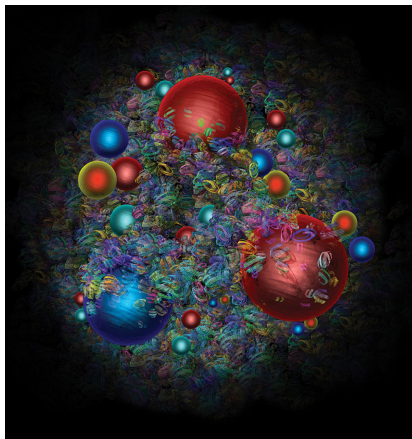


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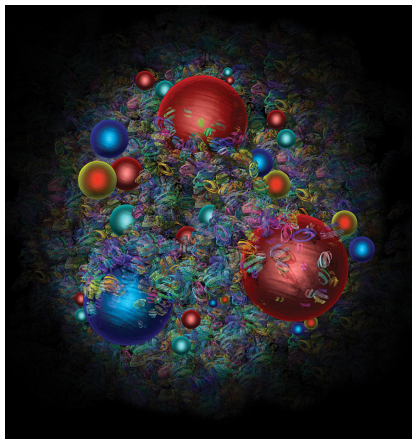


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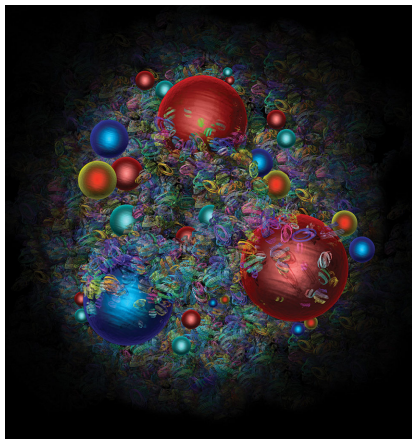


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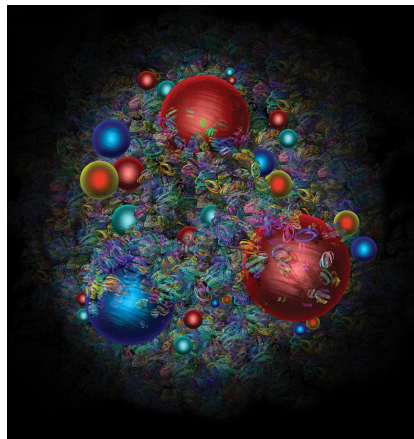


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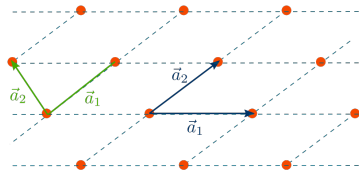


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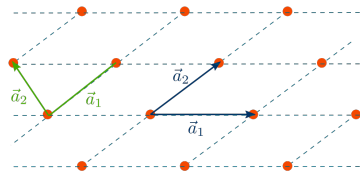


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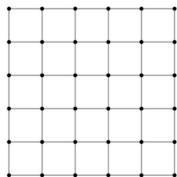


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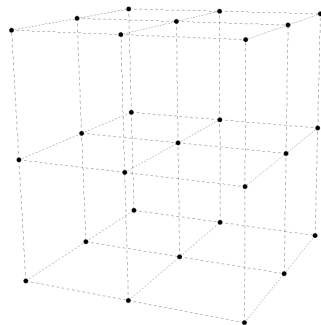


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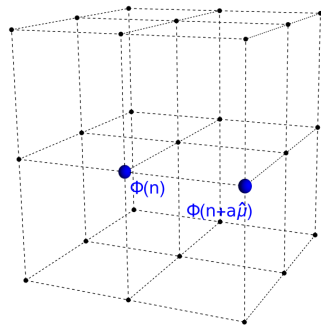


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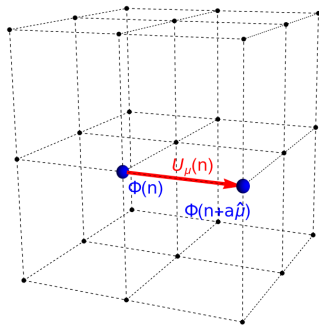


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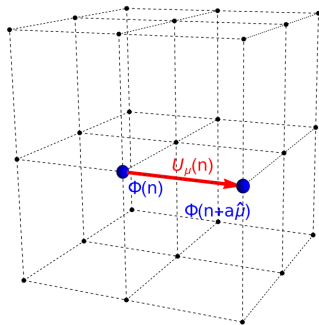


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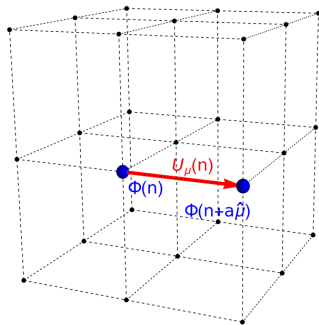


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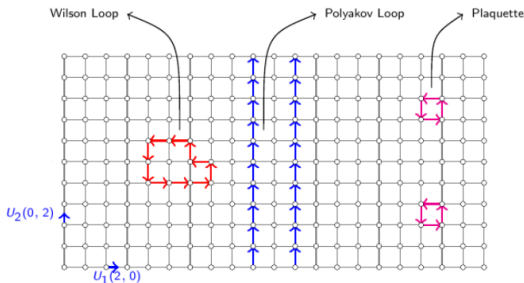


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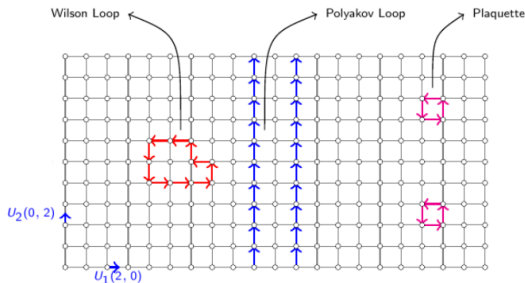


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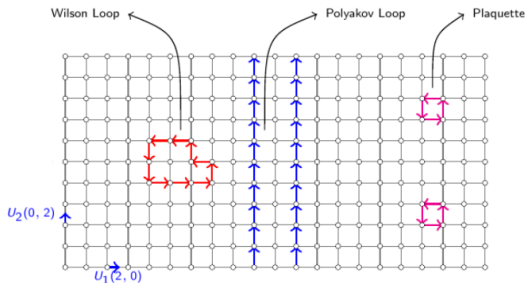


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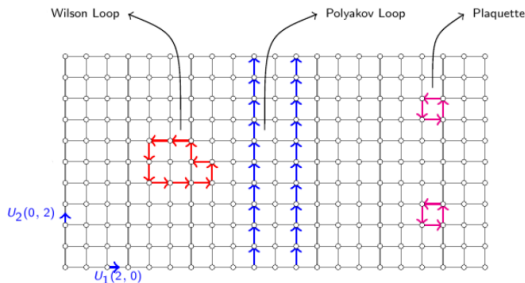


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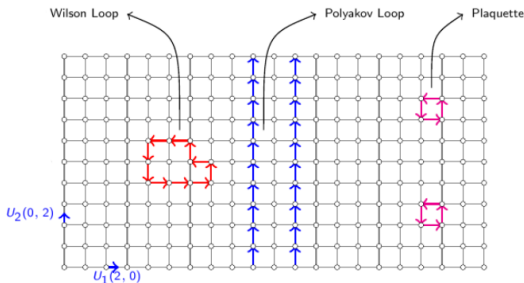


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Important:

Rotational invariance seems to be broken.

Rotational Invariance Restoration - Lang and Rebbi

Equipotential surfaces become spheres as the continuum limit is approached^[Lang and Rebbi, 1982].

The gauge group used was the discrete icosahedral subgroup $\tilde{Y} \subset SU(2)$.

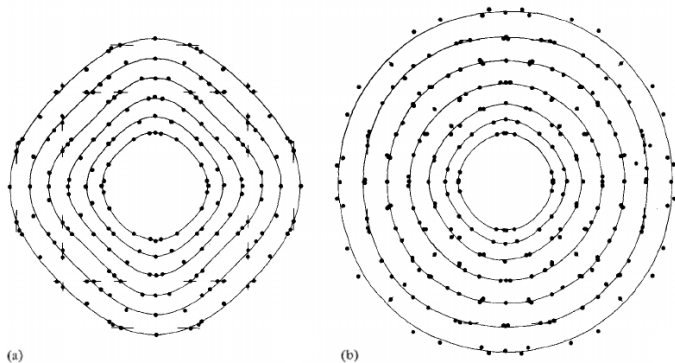


Figure: Restoration of rotational invariance from (a) $\beta = 2$, $n_s = 8$, $n_t = 4$ to (b) $\beta = 2.25$, $n_s = 16$, $n_t = 6$; the curves represent equipotential curves.

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Results of simulations for gauge group $SU(2)$ with 20000 measurements each¹. Approach slightly different than Lang and Rebbi's.

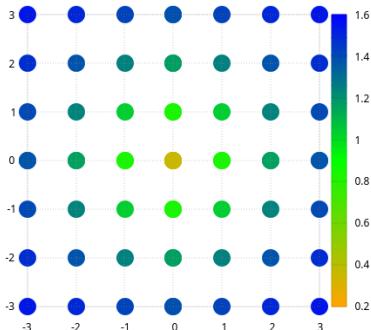


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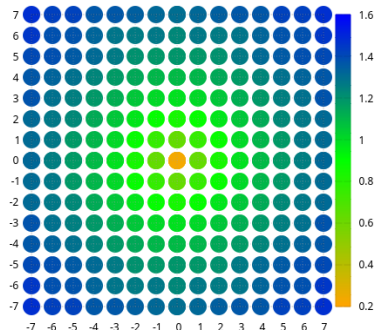


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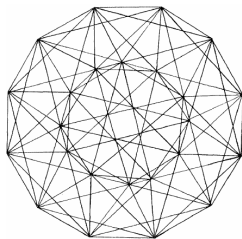


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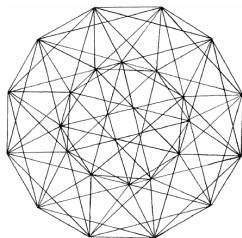


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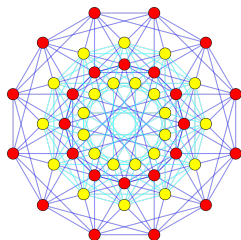


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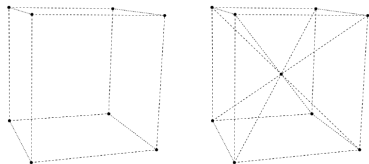


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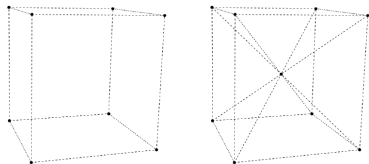


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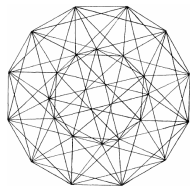


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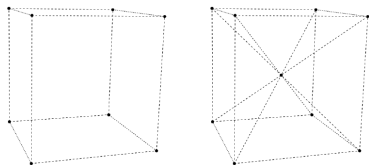


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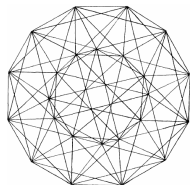


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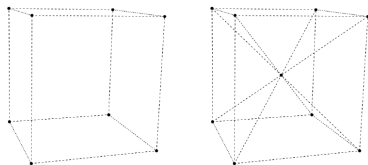


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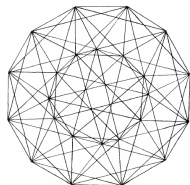


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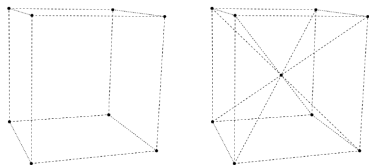


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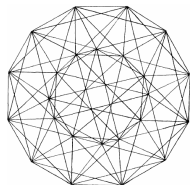


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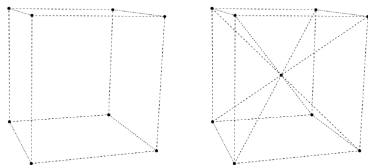


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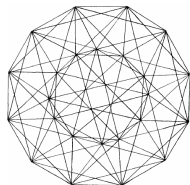


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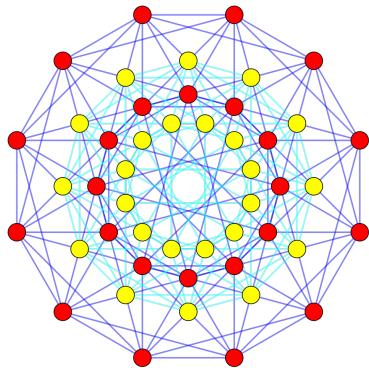


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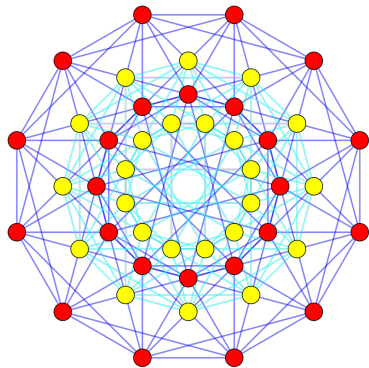


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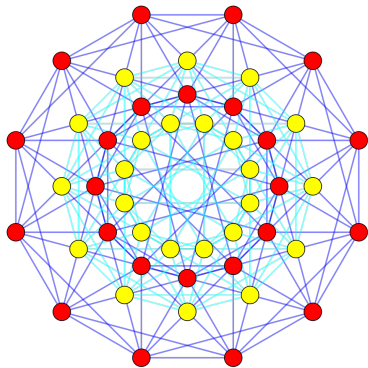


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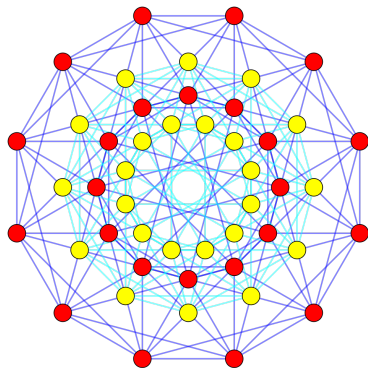


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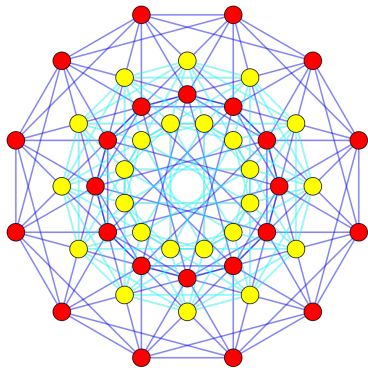


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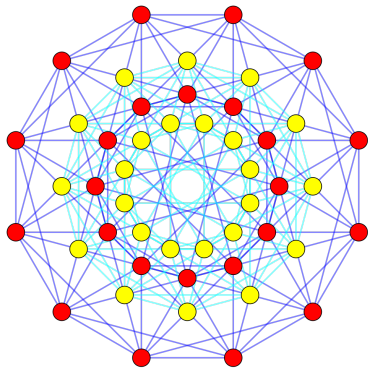


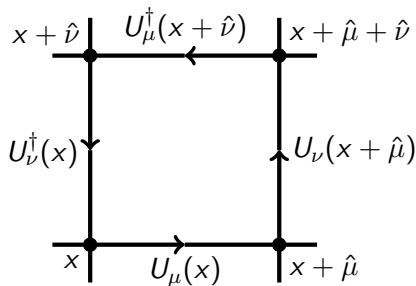
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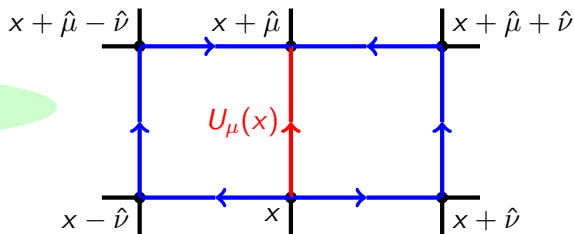
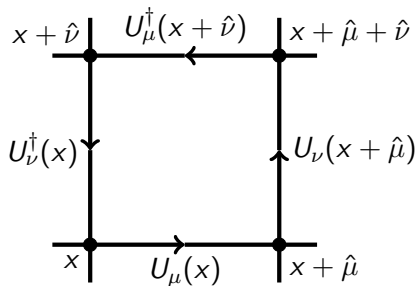
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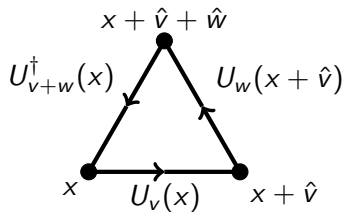
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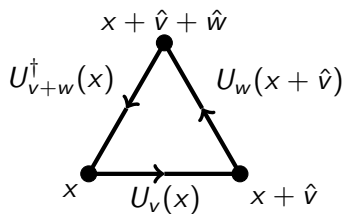
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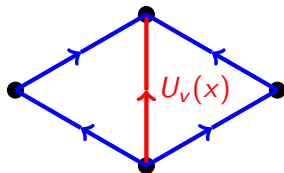
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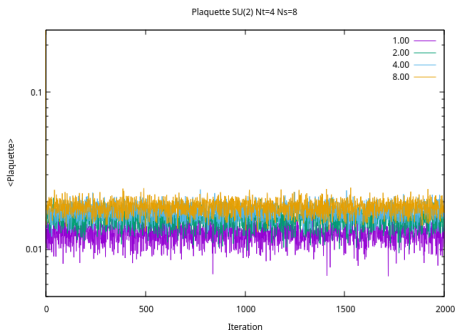


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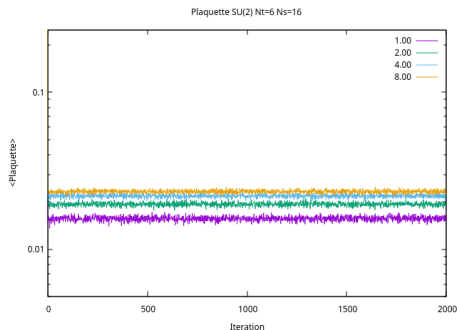
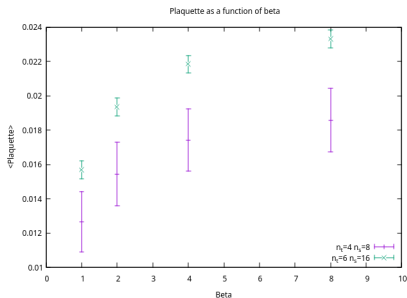


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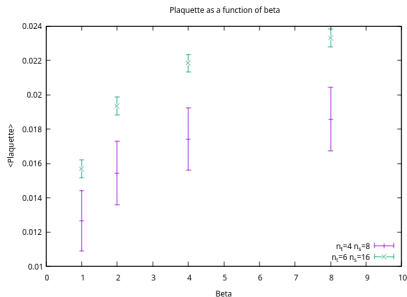


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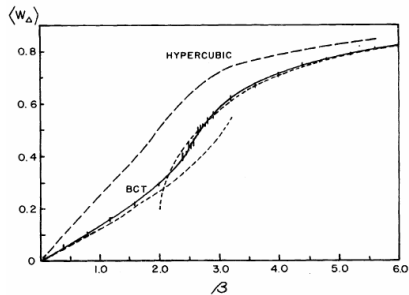
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