



Generating configurations of increasing lattice size with machine learning and the inverse renormalization group

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In one sentence:

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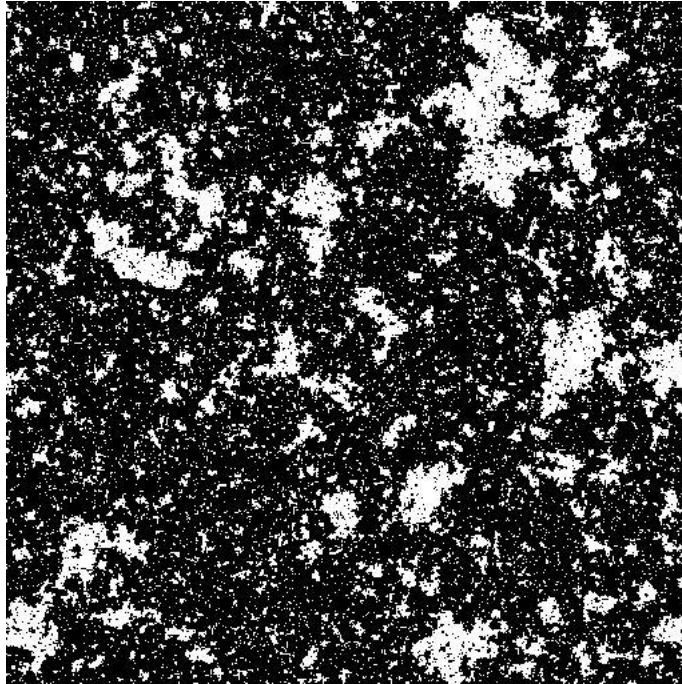
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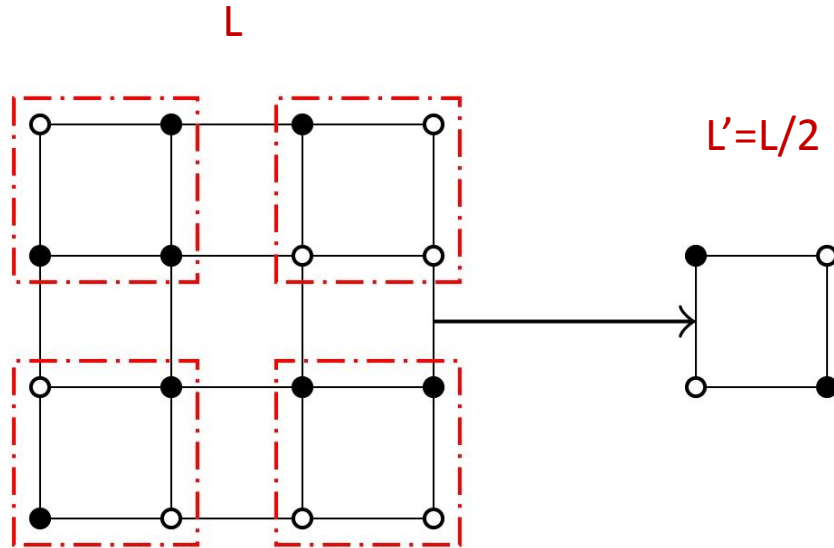
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Standard renormalization group

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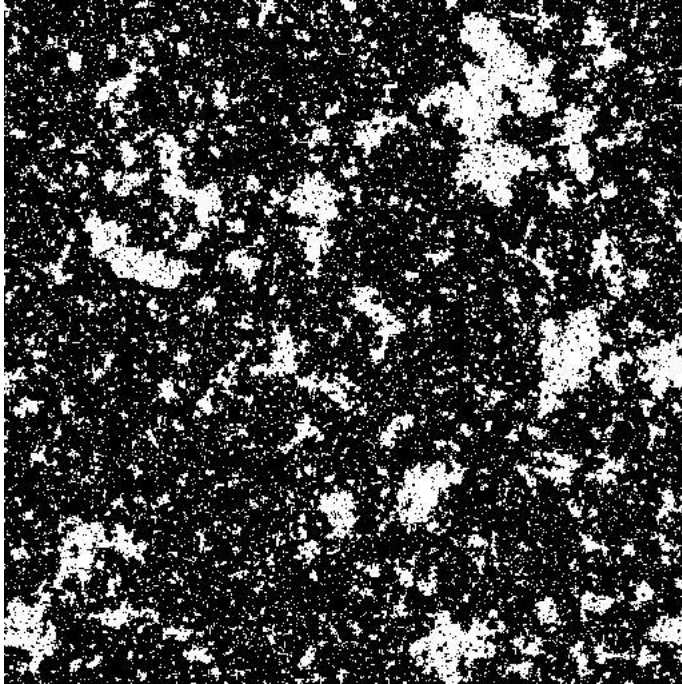
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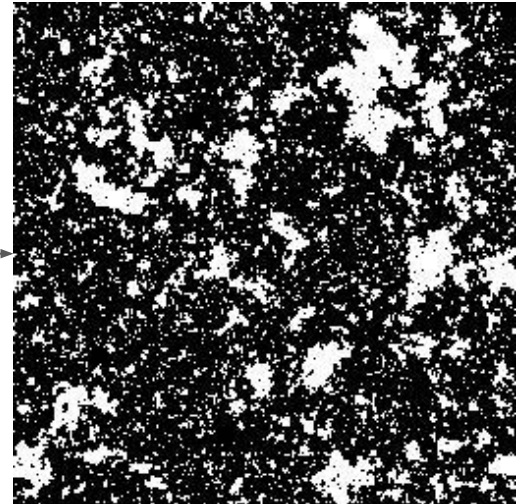
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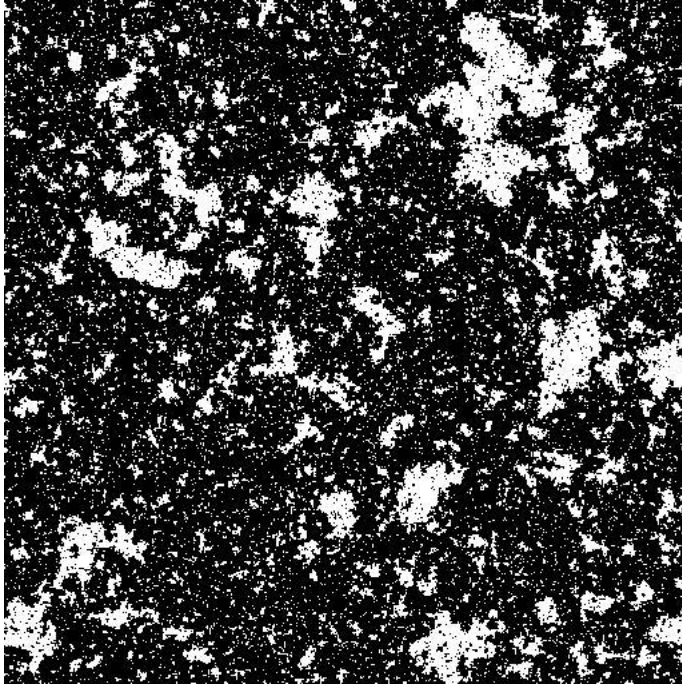


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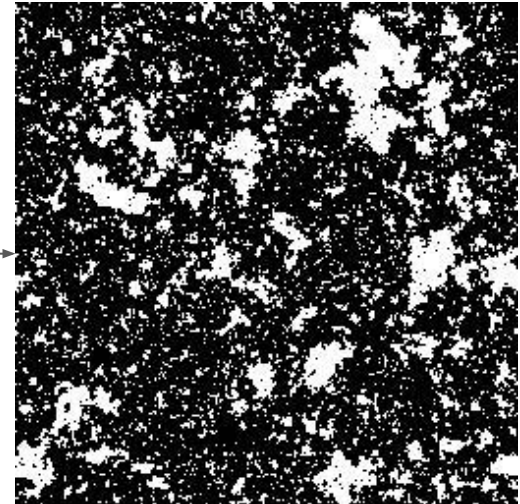


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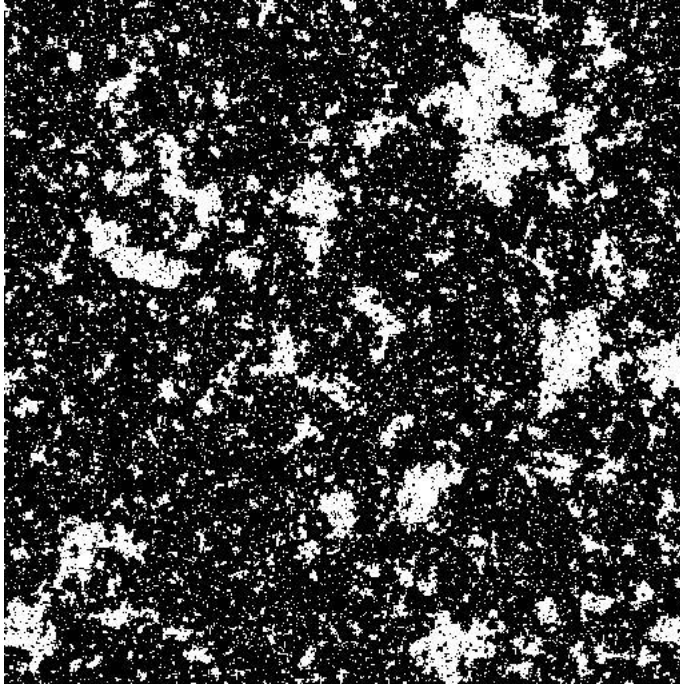


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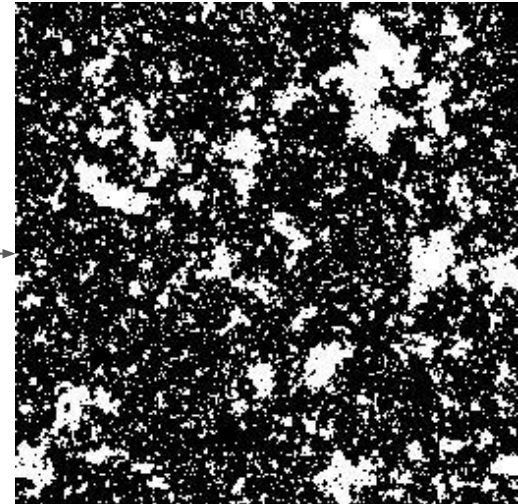


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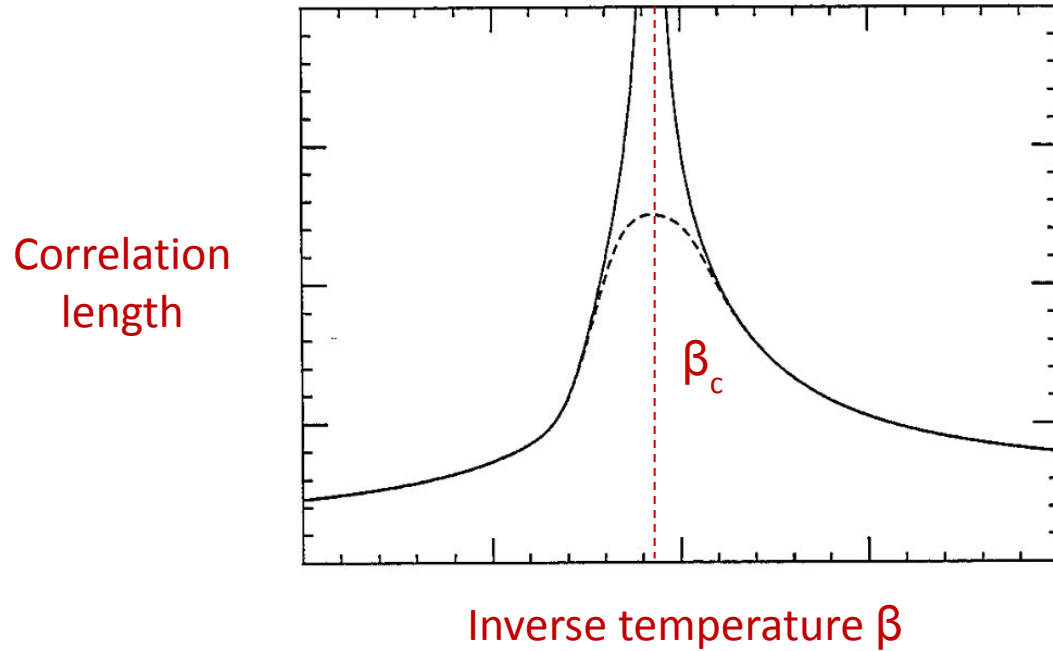
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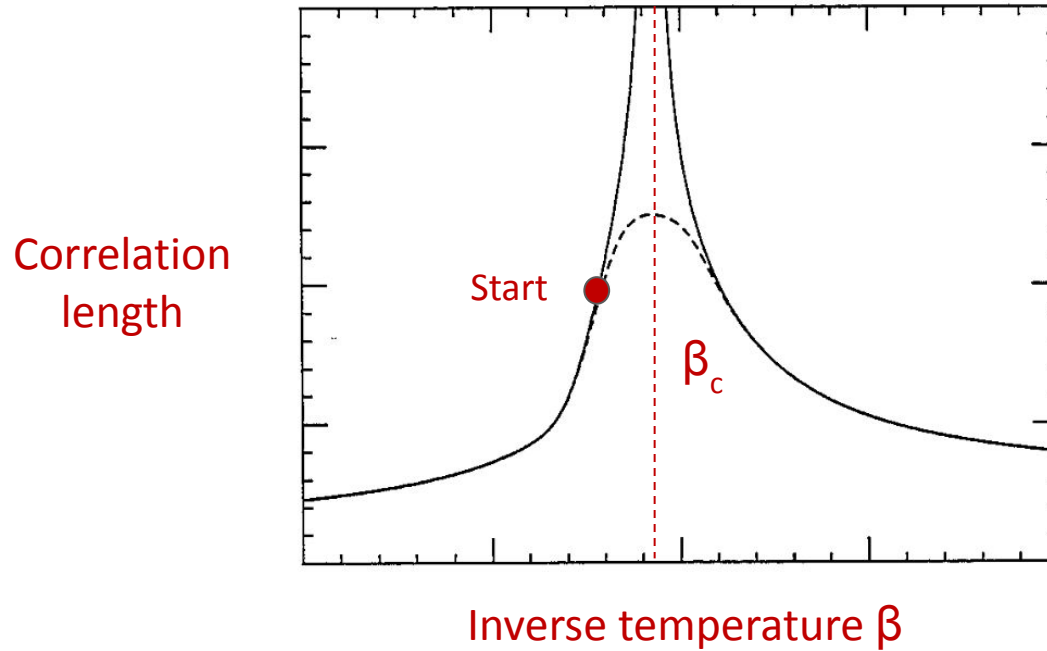


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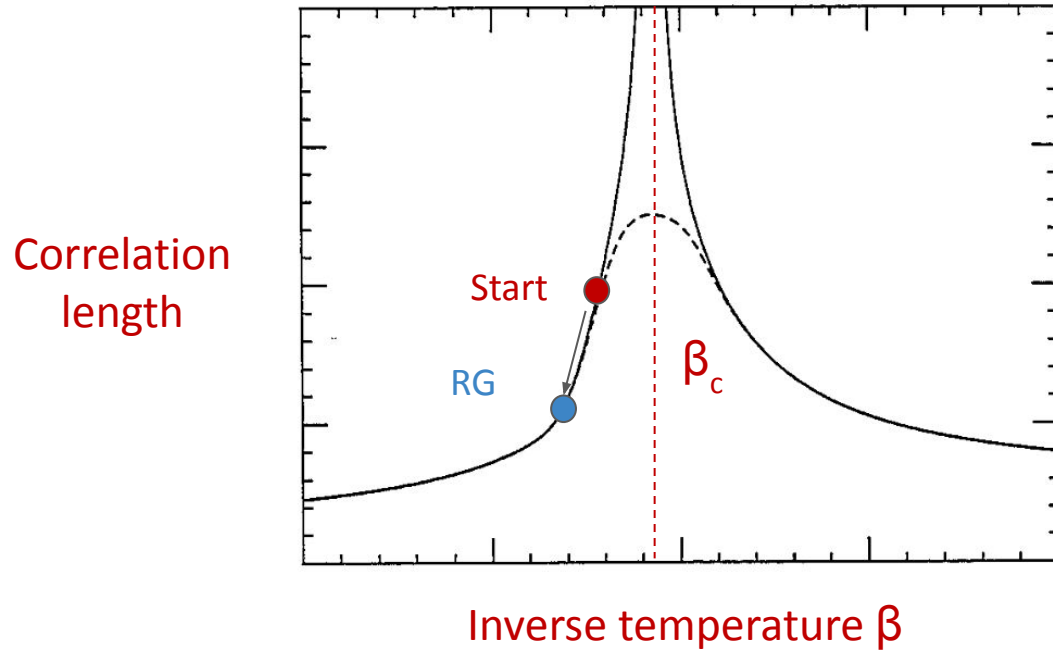
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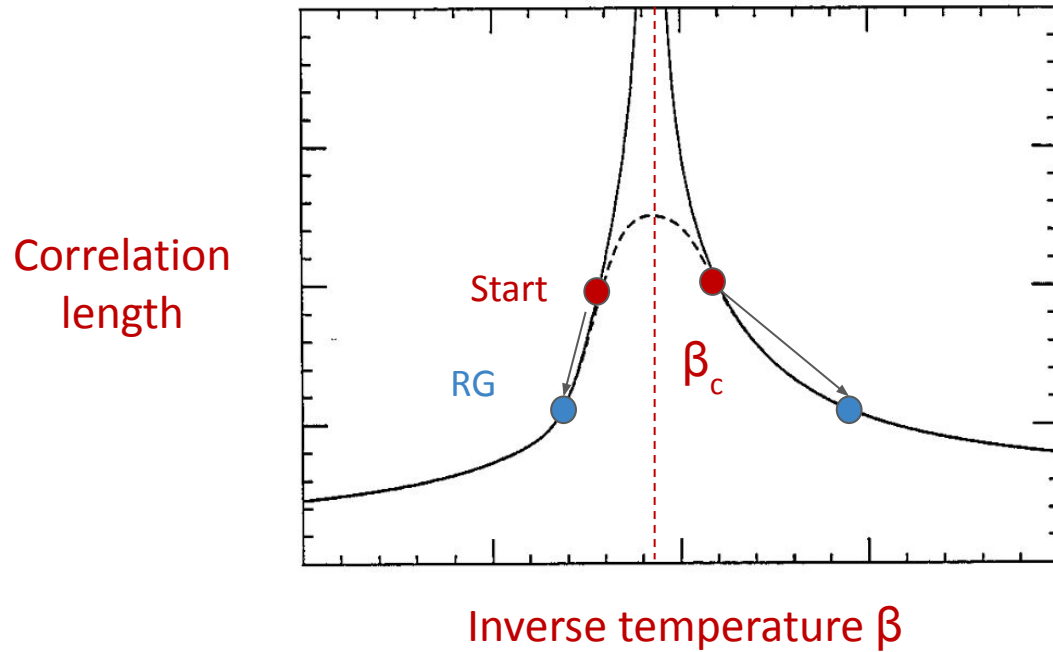
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The **Monte Carlo renormalization group (Swendsen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 42, 859, 1979)** is a powerful technique to study phase transitions:

- 1) **Each iteration of the MCRG (when done in the vicinity of the transition) drives the system closer to the fixed point:** we reduce pertinent errors.
- 2) **Calculations can be systematically improved via the consideration of multiple operators:** the method performs superiorly to brute-force finite size scaling extrapolations.
- 3) **We can partially eliminate finite-size effects:** precision measurements can be obtained on smaller lattice volumes.
- 4) **We can locate the critical point self-consistently:** via the convergence of the critical exponents.
- 5) **We linearize the transformation:** we can obtain accurate results anywhere in the linear region (i.e. we do not need knowledge of the exact value of the critical point).
- 6) **We need only one Monte Carlo simulation for a given lattice volume:** we construct the renormalized configurations for other lattice volumes via the application of the real-space transformation.
- 7) **There is no critical slowing down effect.**

One limitation is that the standard MCRG can be applied for a finite number of steps before the degrees of freedom vanish.

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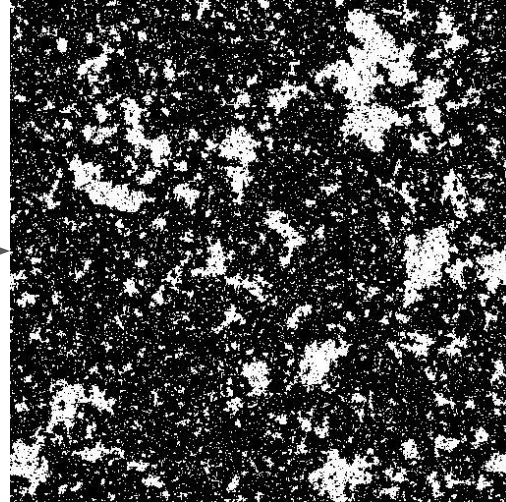
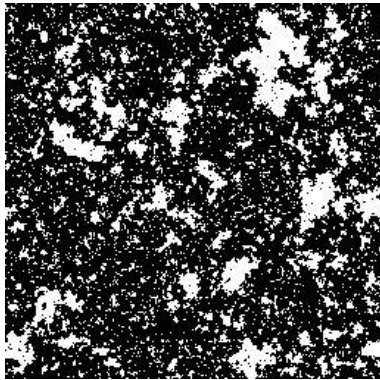
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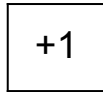
The first problem we encounter in the inverse renormalization group:
Novel degrees of freedom must be introduced within the system



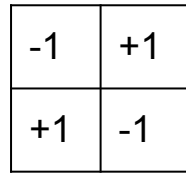
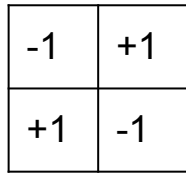
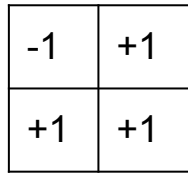
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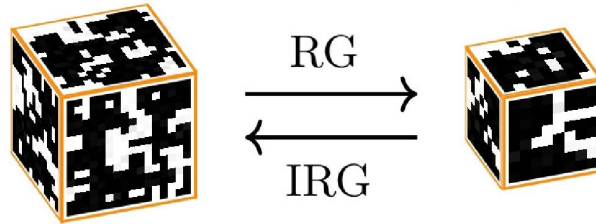
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Inverse renormalization group

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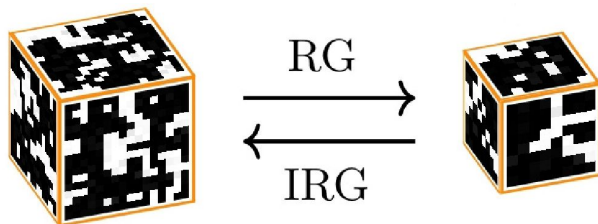
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The benefit:

Convolutions can be applied irrespective of the lattice size: **we can apply the inverse transformation an arbitrary number of times to construct configurations of increasing lattice size without the critical slowing down effect.**

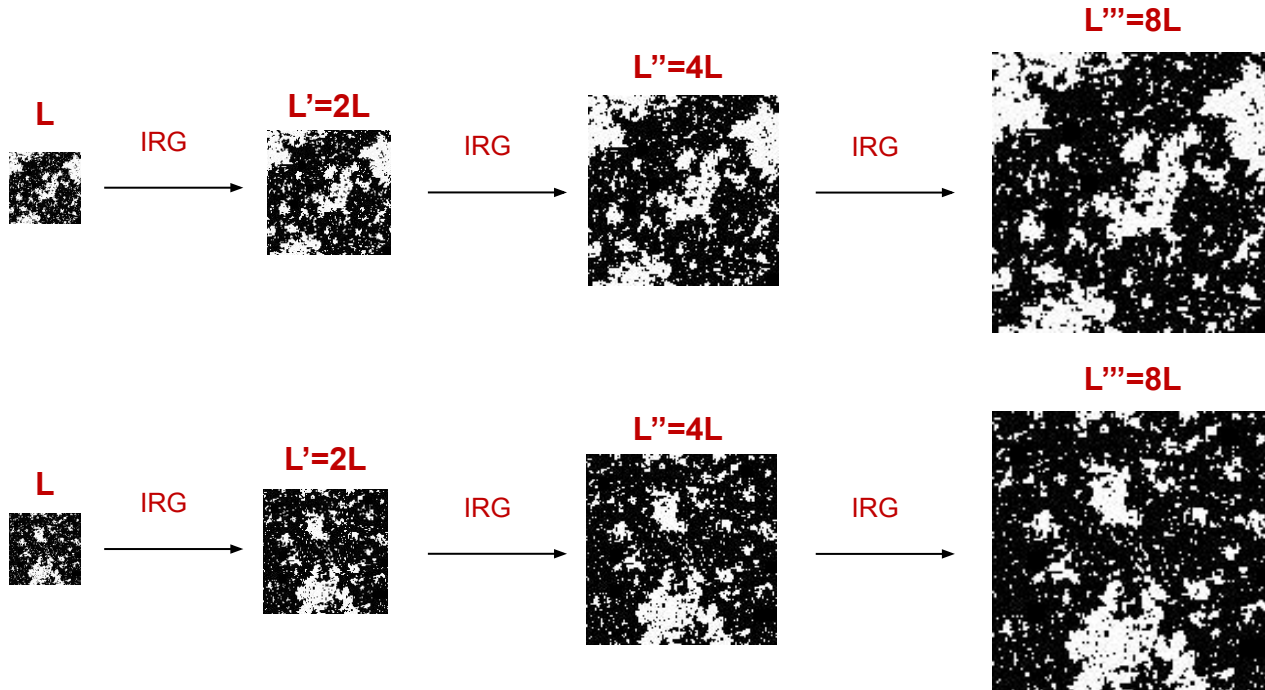
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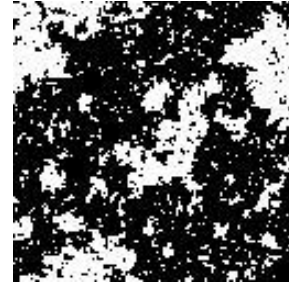
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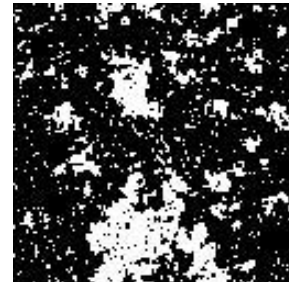
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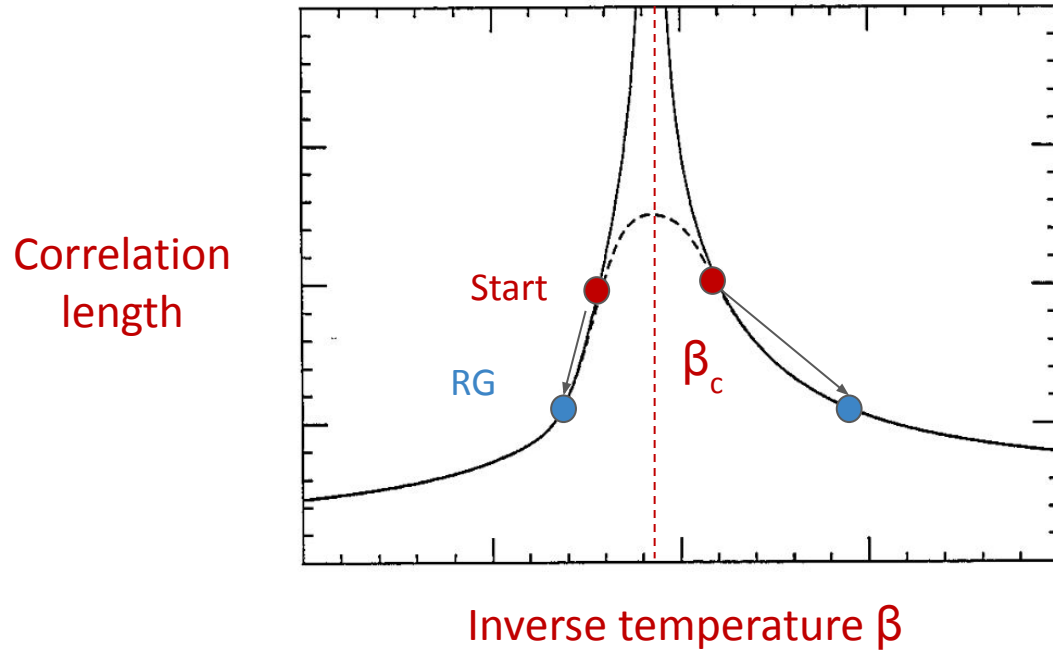
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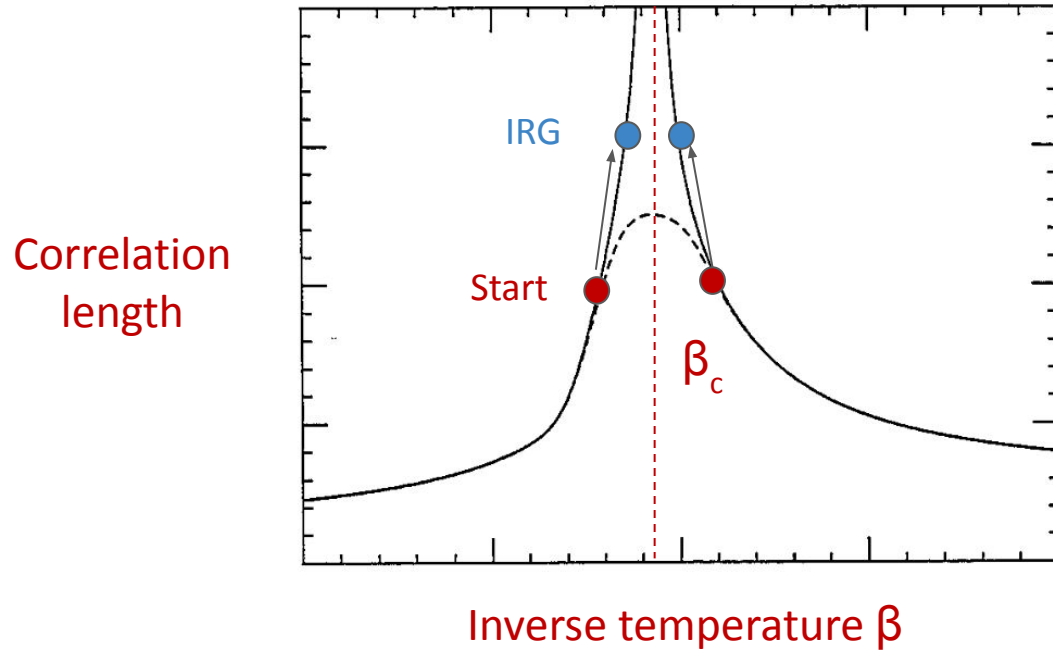
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Certain steps to make the inverse renormalization group work efficiently
(2D ϕ^4 theory as an example):

- 1) Find a suitable standard renormalization group transformation for the system.
- 2) Verify that the standard renormalization group transformation is of high-quality (remember that the quality of the inverse transformation depends on the quality of the standard transformation)
- 3) Approximate the inversion of a standard renormalization group transformation with the use of machine learning techniques.
- 4) Start from a lattice size ($L=32$) and apply iteratively the inverse renormalization group to construct lattices of larger lattice volumes (up to $L'=512$).
- 5) Calculate quantities of interest.

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TABLE I. Values of the critical exponents γ/ν and β/ν . The original system has lattice size $L = 32$ in each dimension and its action has coupling constants $\mu_L^2 = -0.9515$, $\lambda_L = 0.7$, $\kappa_L = 1$. The rescaled systems are obtained through inverse renormalization group transformations.

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β/ν	0.132(2)	0.130(2)	0.128(2)	0.128(2)	0.128(2)	0.127(2)	0.127(2)	0.126(2)	0.126(2)	0.126(2)

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L_i/L_j	8/16	8/32	8/64	8/128	8/256	8/512	16/32	16/64	16/128	16/256	16/512
γ/ν	1.694(6)	1.708(6)	1.717(6)	1.723(6)	1.727(6)	1.730(6)	1.721(6)	1.728(6)	1.732(6)	1.735(6)	1.737(6)
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Ising universality class: $\gamma/\nu=1.75$, $\beta/\nu=0.125$.

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The inverse renormalization group in disordered systems:
3D Edwards-Anderson spin glass

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3D Edwards Anderson model

Paramagnetic phase

$\beta \rightarrow 0$



Spin Glass phase

$\beta \rightarrow \infty$



System freezes to a configuration

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Replica theory

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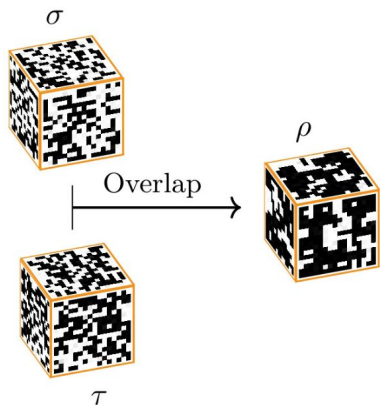
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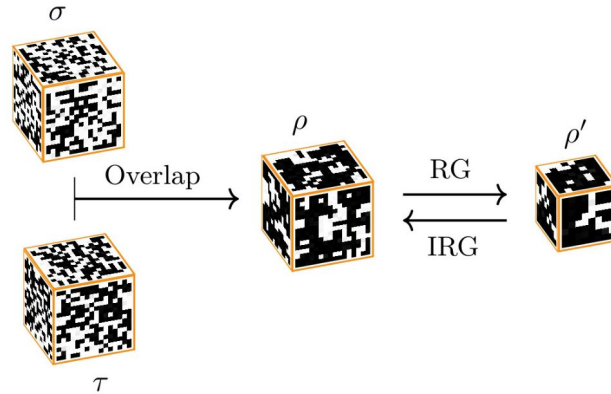
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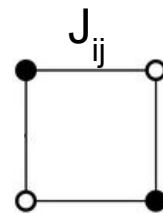
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The 3D Edwards Anderson model is **computationally hard**:

$$E_{\sigma,\tau} = E_{\sigma} + E_{\tau} = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} (s_i s_j + t_i t_j),$$

Some problems:

- 1) $\{J_{ij}\}$ is drawn from a probability distribution.
- 2) We need replica exchange/parallel tempering techniques.
- 3) We need to simulate multiple replicas.



As an example: If we multiply all of the above $L=8$ requires approximately 160 million (independent) simulations.

Critical parameters of the three-dimensional Ising spin glass, Janus collaboration, *Phys. Rev. B* **88**, 224416, 2013.

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The largest lattice volume simulated for the 3D Edwards-Anderson model is

$$V=40^3$$

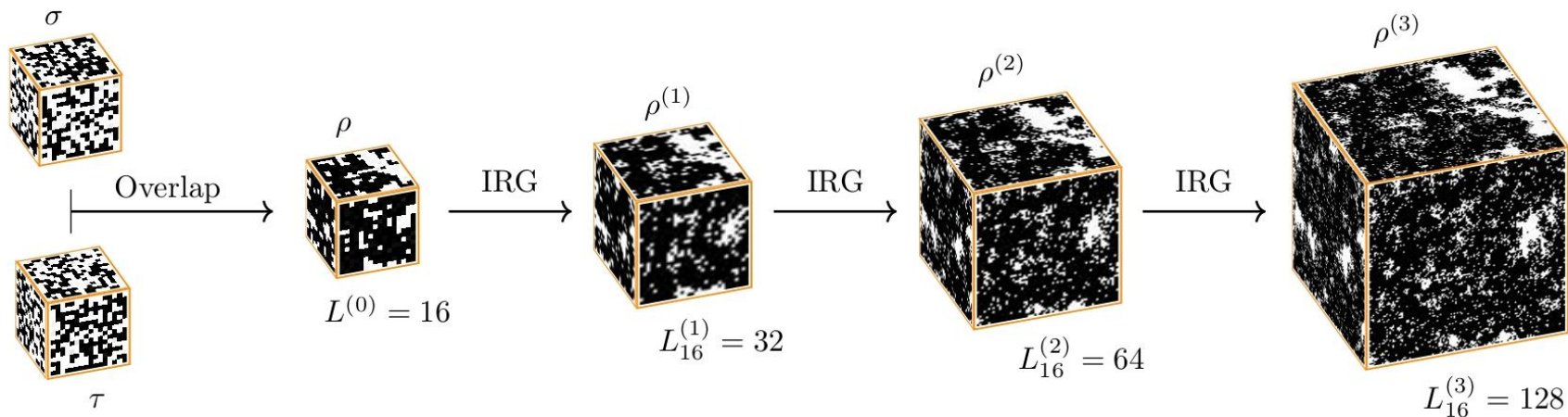
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We are able to construct lattices up to $V=128^3$



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Multiscale Data-Driven Energy Estimation and Generation, T. Marchand, M. Ozawa, G. Biroli, and S. Mallat, *Phys. Rev. X* 13, 041038 (2023) (see Misaki’s talk at this workshop)

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Books

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