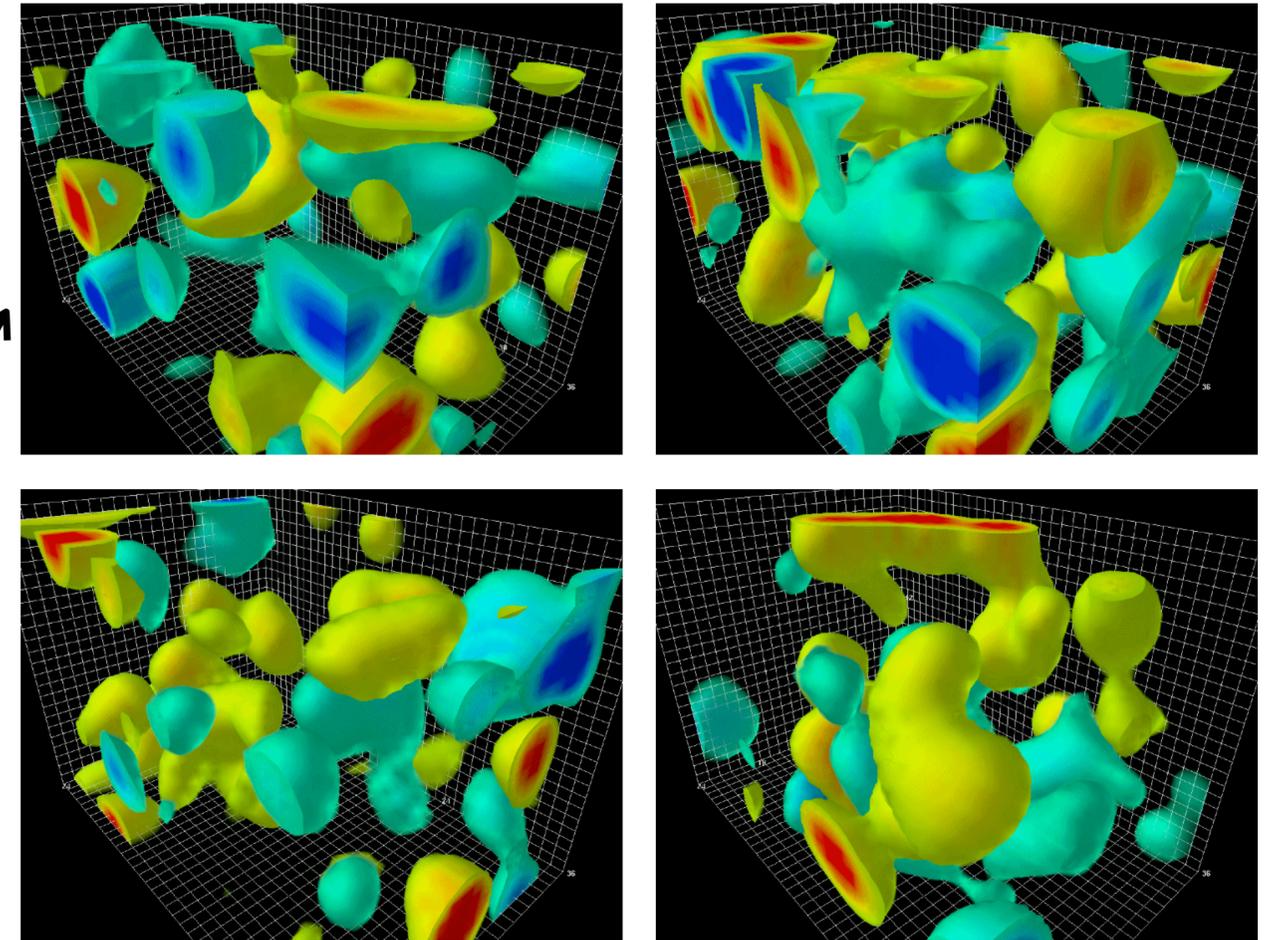


# Machine learning for Lattice gauge theories

# Lattice simulations

**High-dimensional path integral** over degrees of freedom assigned to points and edges of a lattice

- Boltzmann weight  $e^{-S(\phi)}$  encodes distribution over “typical” configurations

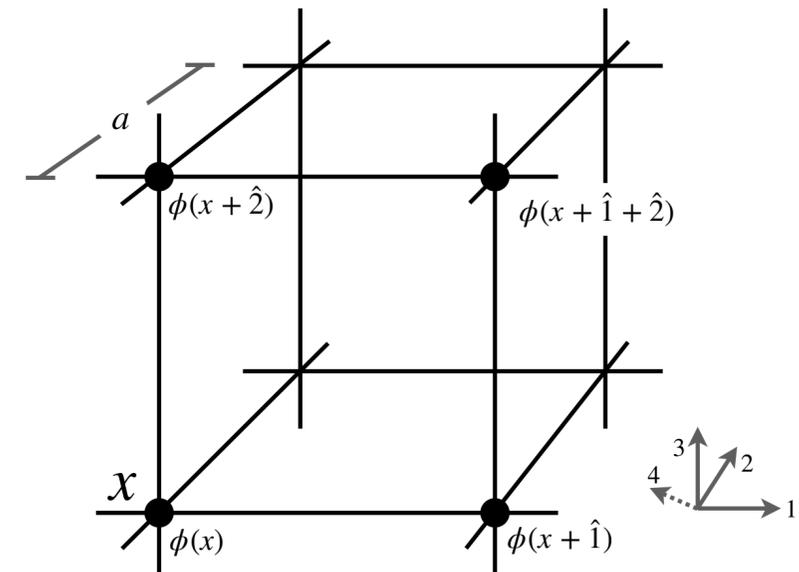


Partition function

$$Z \equiv \left[ \prod_x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\phi(x) \right] e^{-S(\phi)}$$

Thermal expt. value  
of operator  $\mathcal{O}$

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \left[ \prod_x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\phi(x) \right] \mathcal{O}(\phi) e^{-S(\phi)} / Z$$

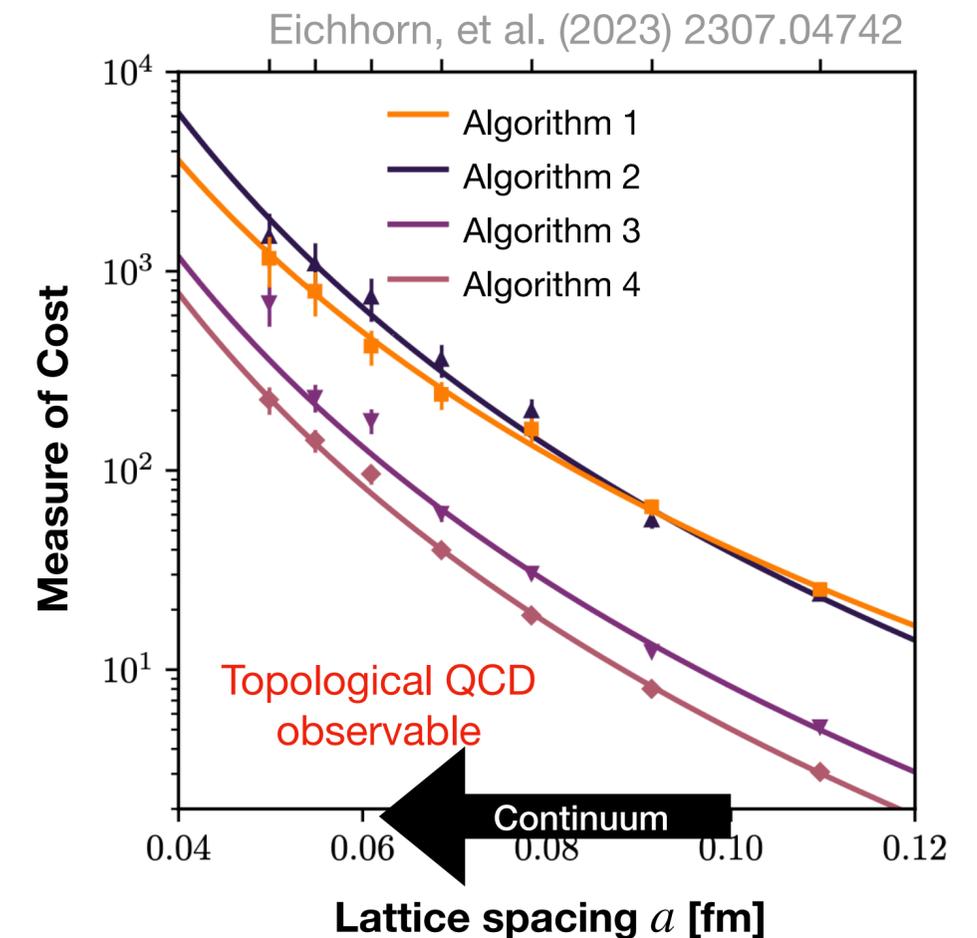


# Why machine learning?

State-of-the-art LGT calculations require **enormous computational cost.**

- $\gtrsim 10^9$  degrees of freedom
- “Critical slowing down” as  $a \rightarrow 0$
- Costly matrix inversion for propagators  $\langle \psi \bar{\psi} \rangle$  (especially as  $m_q \rightarrow 0$ )

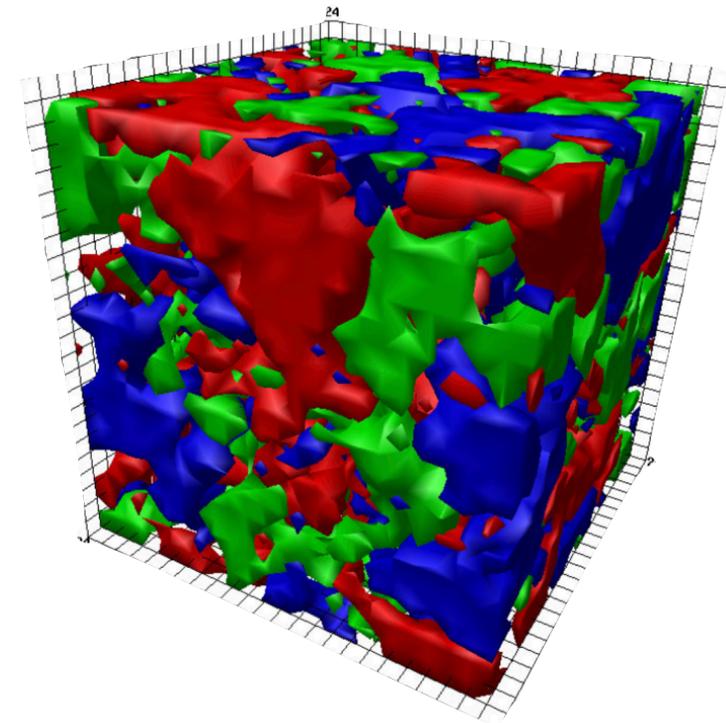
**This limits the precision of physics results**  
(challenging uncertainties from  $a \rightarrow 0$ ,  $m_\pi \rightarrow \sim 140\text{MeV}$ , and  $V \rightarrow \infty$  limits!)



# Why machine learning?

Lattice field theories may be well-suited for application of ML

- Problem involving **lots** of well-structured data
- Analytically-known target
- Generative models with exactness now exist

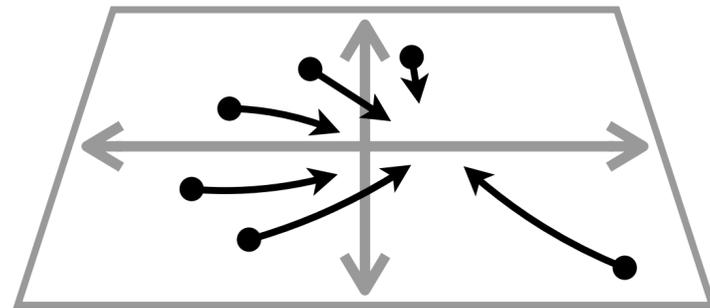


# Some applications of ML

**Two major components** to a lattice calculation.  
Ongoing efforts to apply ML to both of these.

See e.g. Boyda, et al.  
Snowmass 2022, 2202.05838

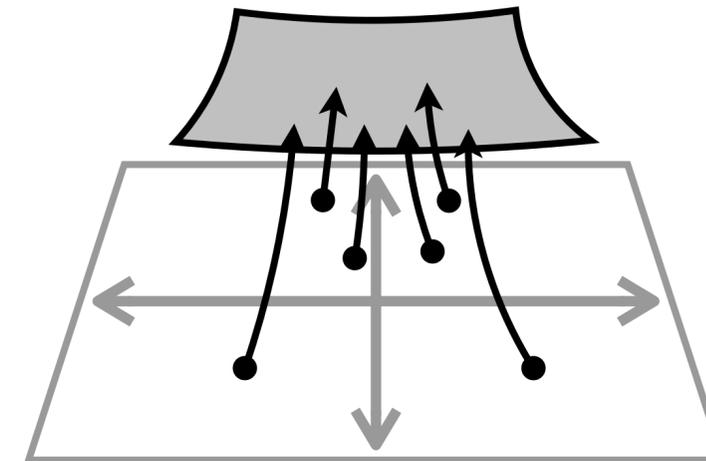
## 1. Ensemble generation



### Normalizing flow models

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## 2. Observable measurements & analysis



### Learned contour deformations

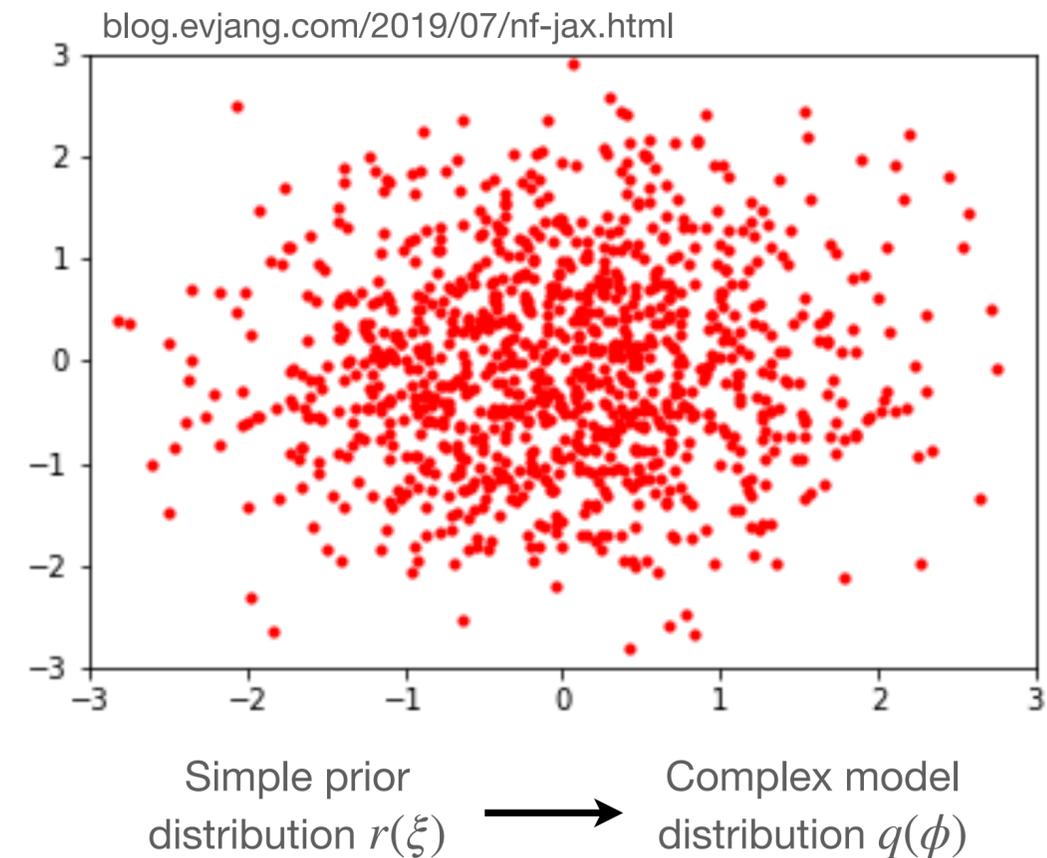
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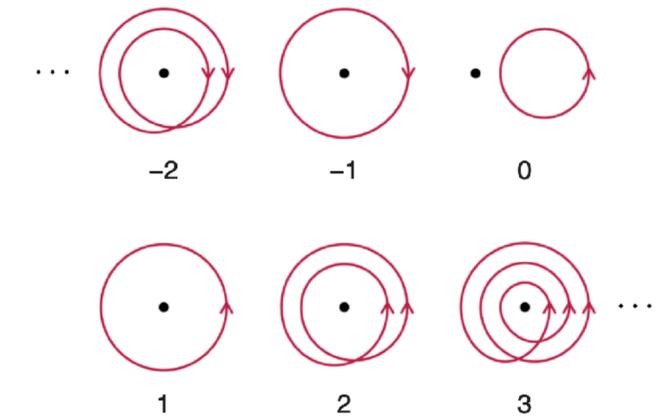
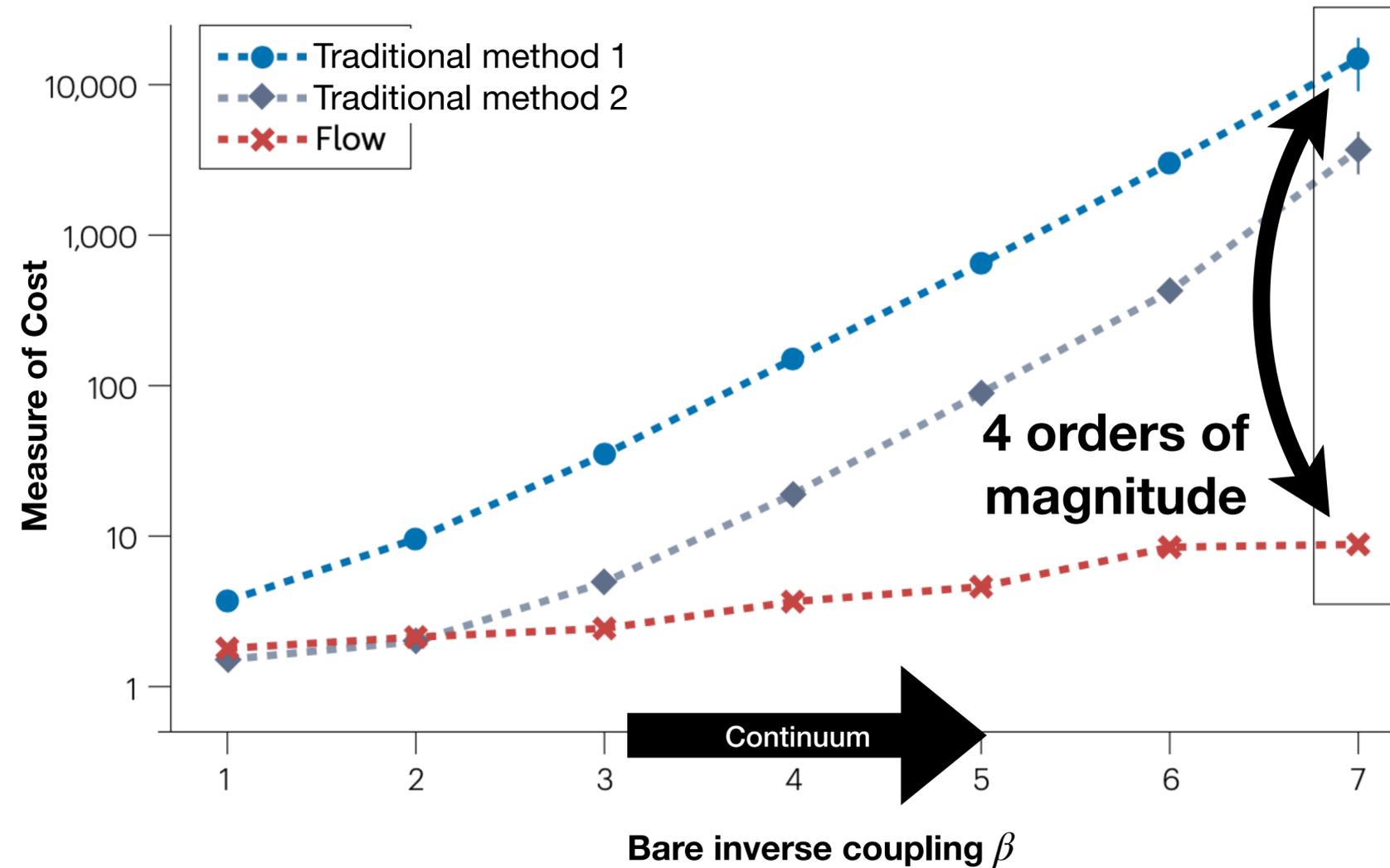
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- Sample from “easy” prior density  $r(\xi)$
- Apply parametrized diffeomorphism  $f$  (the “flow”)
- Output samples follow new “model density”  
 $q(\phi) = r(\xi) \det | \partial f(\xi) / \partial \xi |^{-1}$
- Flow  $f$  can be **learned** to match target density!



# Example of lattice sampling success

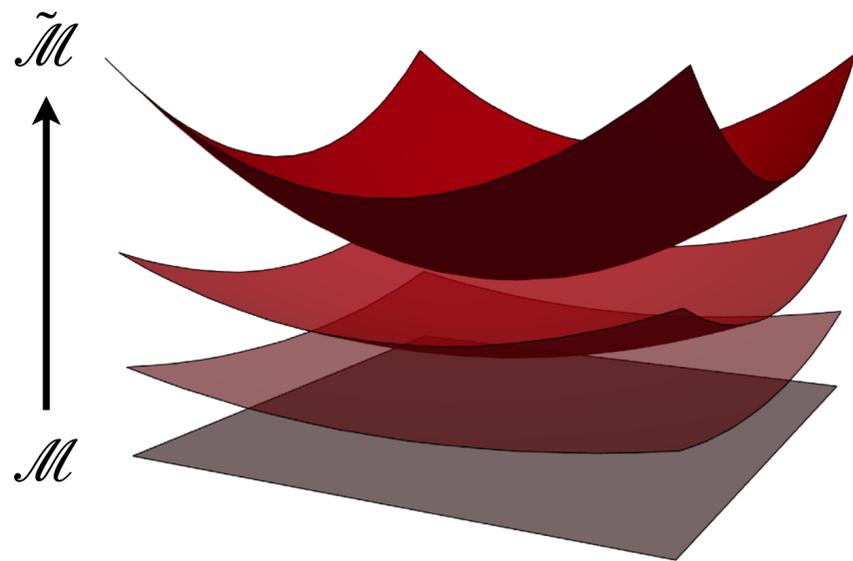


Cost of MCMC vastly reduced due to better topological mixing.

# Integral deformations for noisy observables

*Lattice integrands are often holomorphic, allowing the integration contour to be deformed without bias.*

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int_{\mathcal{M}} e^{-S(\phi)} \mathcal{O}(\phi) = \frac{1}{Z} \int_{\tilde{\mathcal{M}}} e^{-S(\tilde{\phi})} \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\phi})$$



- Defines a **modified observable**, which may have improved variance:

$$\mathcal{Q}(\phi) \equiv \det J(\phi) e^{-[S(\tilde{\phi}(\phi)) - S(\phi)]} \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\phi}(\phi))$$

$$\langle \mathcal{Q}(\phi) \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}(\phi) \rangle$$

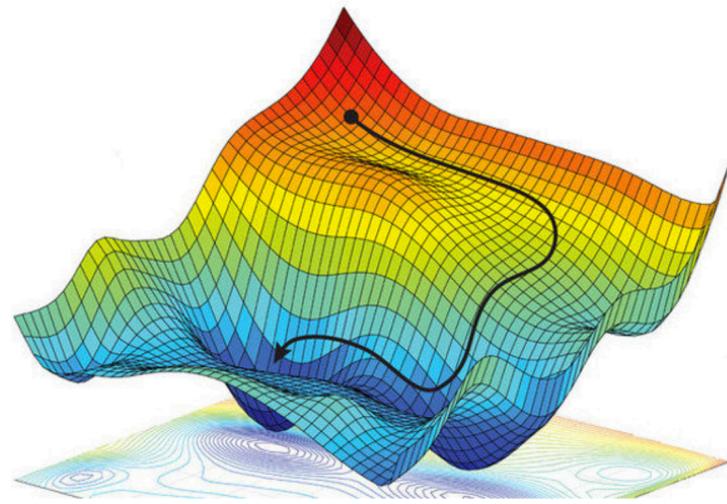
$$\text{Var}[\mathcal{Q}(\phi)] \neq \text{Var}[\mathcal{O}(\phi)]$$

# Learning the integration contour

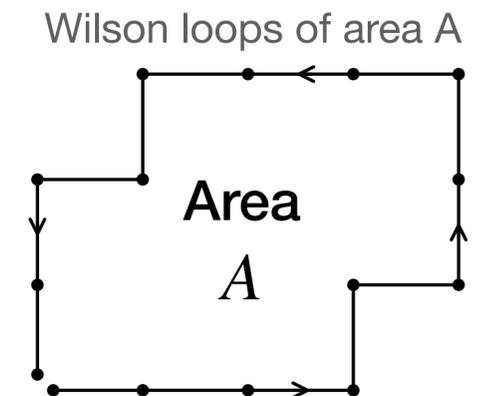
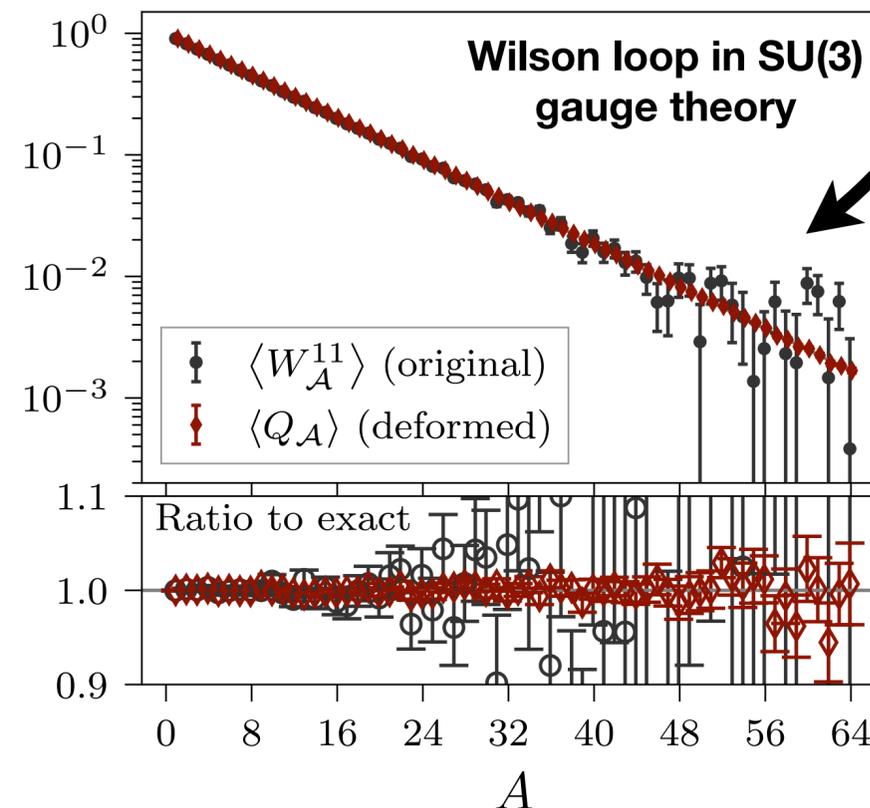
The choice of  $f : \phi \mapsto \tilde{\phi}$  defines  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$ ,  $Q(\phi)$ , and the variance.

Parameterize  $f(\phi; \omega)$  then **minimize variance**.

- Caveat: Complex analyticity
- Caveat:  $SU(N)$  variables



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