

Sensitivity and complexity of non-equilibrium steady states of quantum spin chains

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- 3 Regimes of superextensive Fisher information

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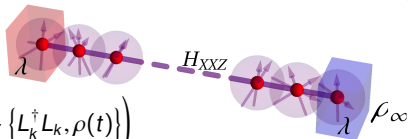
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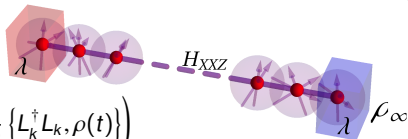
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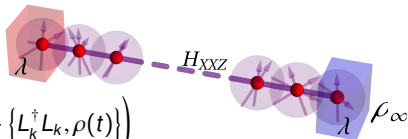
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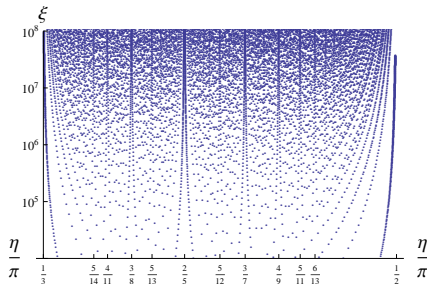
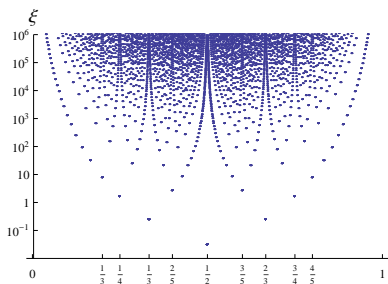
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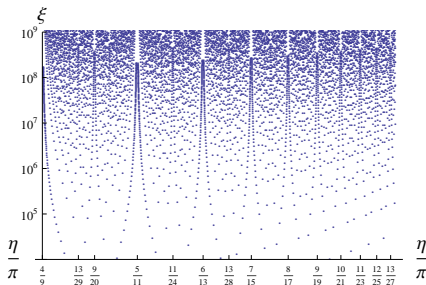
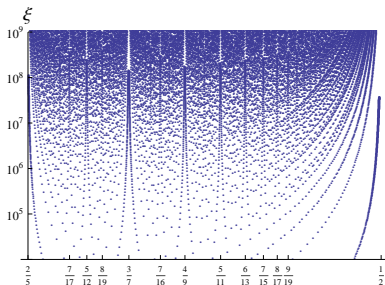


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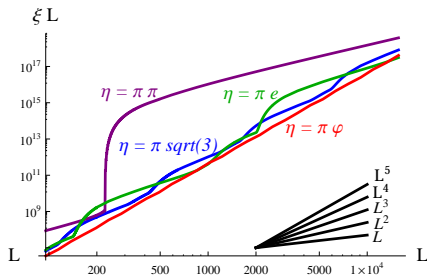
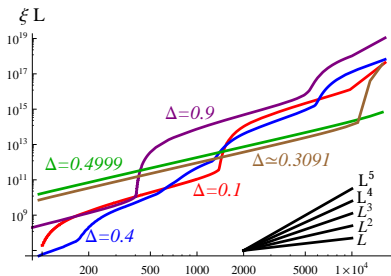
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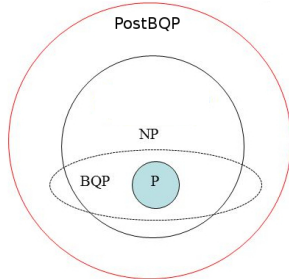
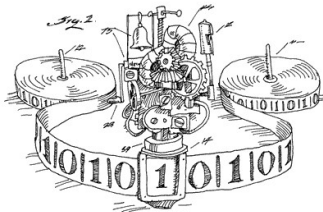
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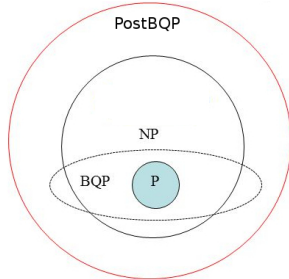
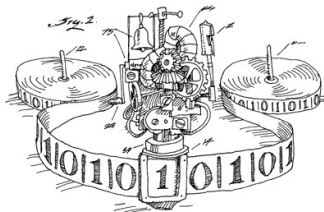
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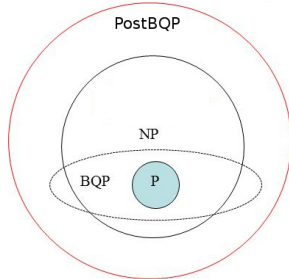
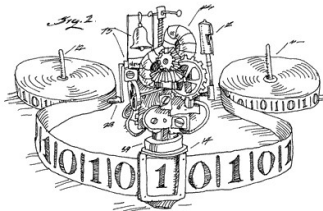
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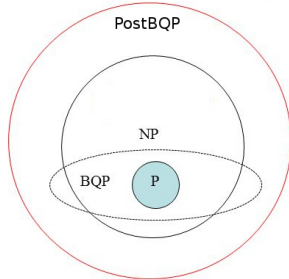
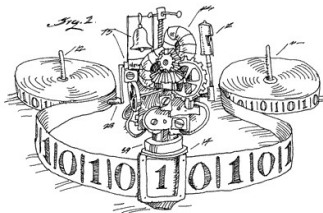
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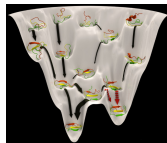
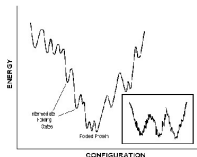
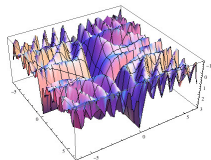
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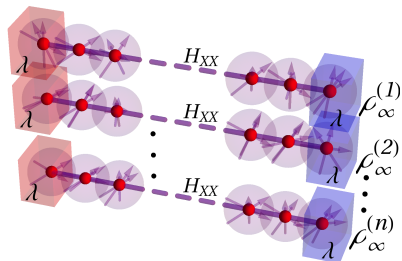
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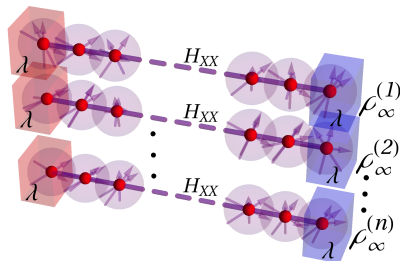
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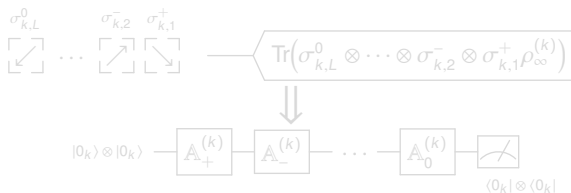
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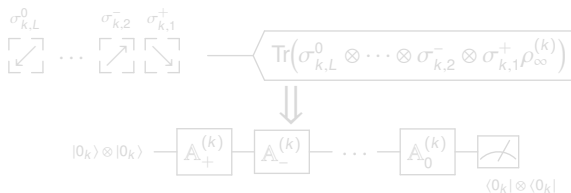
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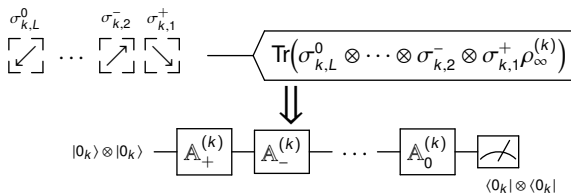
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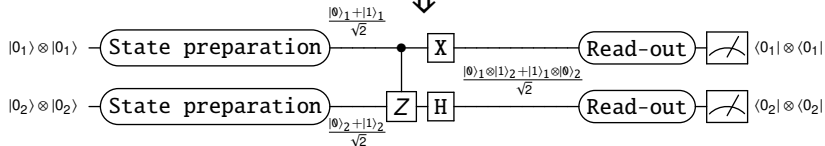
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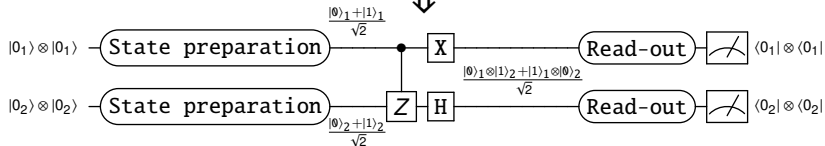
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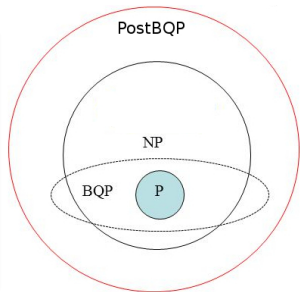
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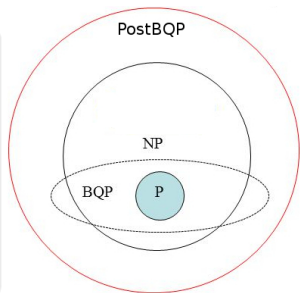
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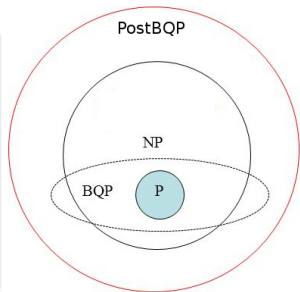
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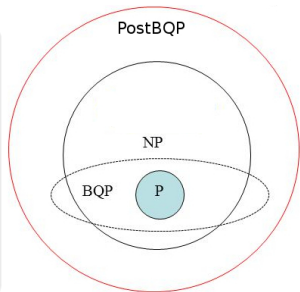
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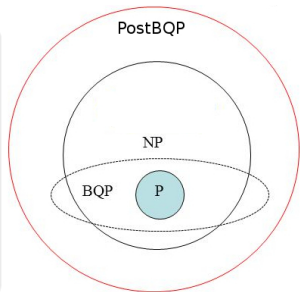
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