



Entanglement entropy in SU(N) lattice gauge theory: an update



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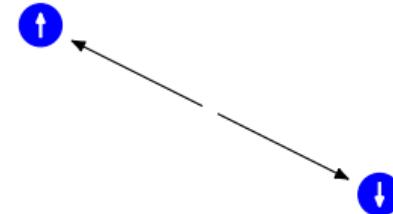
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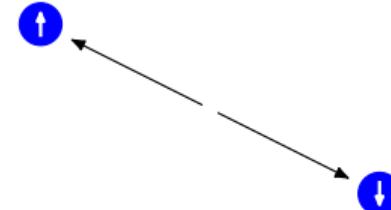


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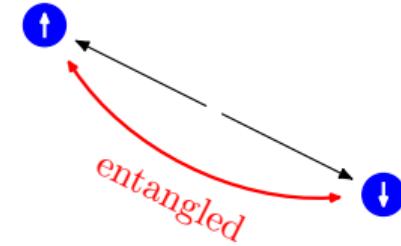


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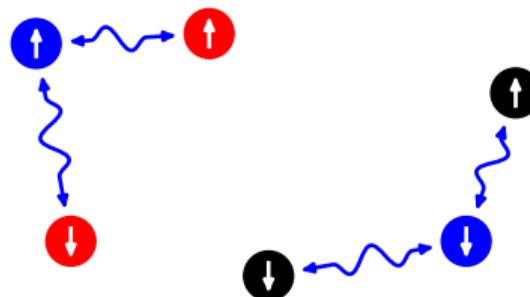
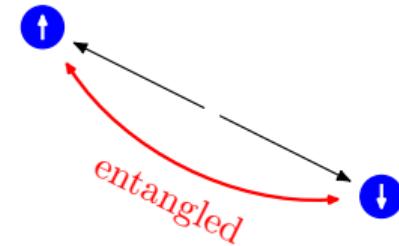


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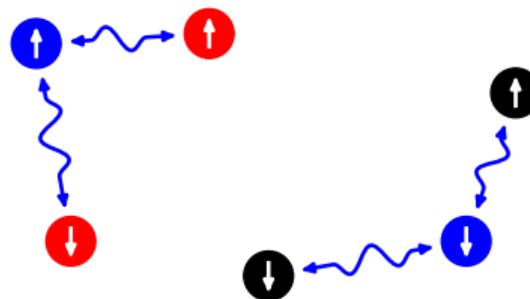
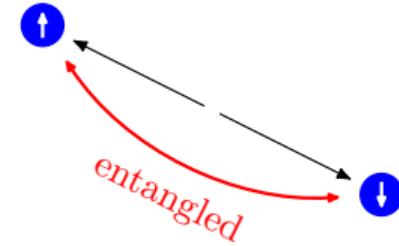


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■ Preliminaries:

Hilbert space: \mathcal{H} , state vector: $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$

Density matrix:

$$\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| \quad , \quad |\psi_i\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \quad \forall i \quad , \quad \sum_i p_i = 1$$

$$\text{tr}(\rho) = 1$$

pure state: $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$

$$\rightarrow \rho^2 = \rho \text{ (projector)} \rightarrow \text{tr}(\rho^2) = 1$$

mixed state: $\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$

$$\rightarrow \rho^2 \neq \rho \text{ (not projector)} \rightarrow \text{tr}(\rho^2) < 1$$

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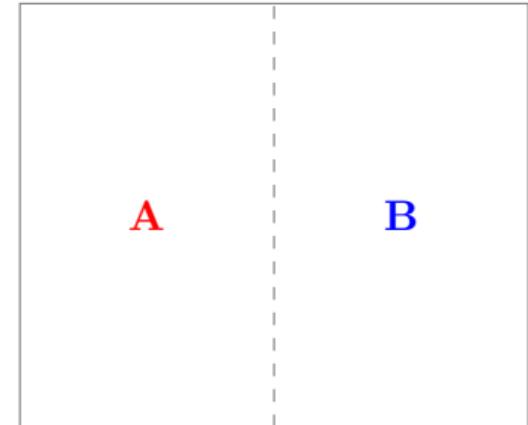
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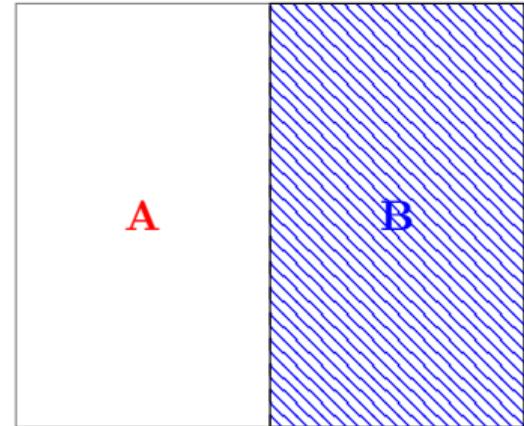
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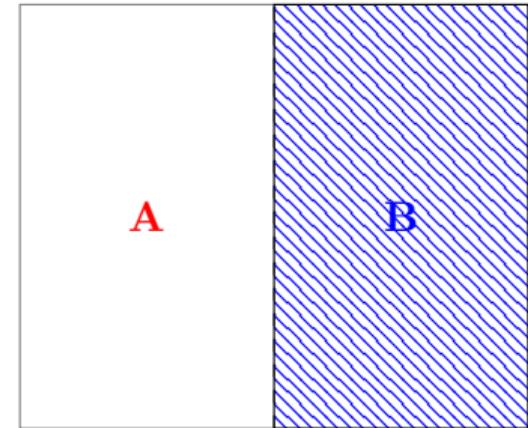
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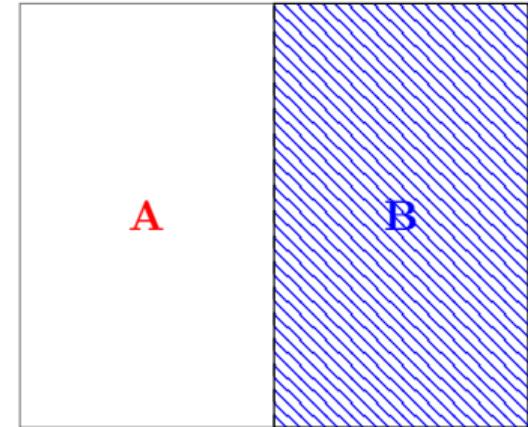
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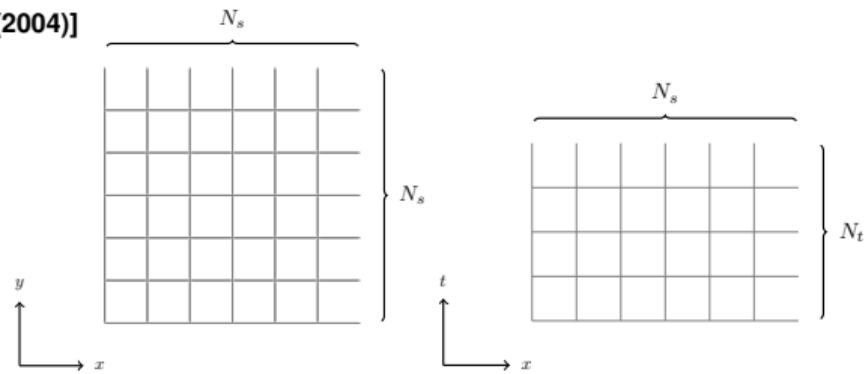
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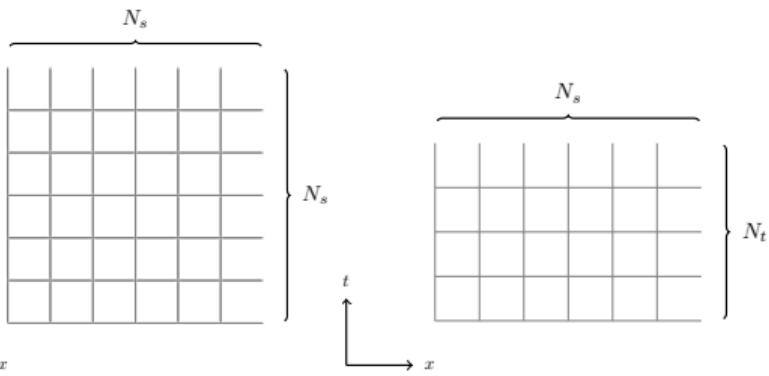
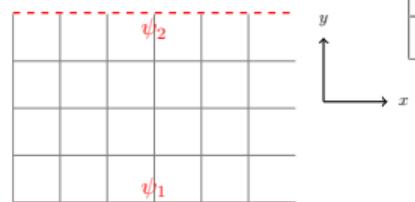
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$U(\bar{x}, N_t) = \psi_2(\bar{x})$
 $U(\bar{x}, 0) = \psi_1(\bar{x})$



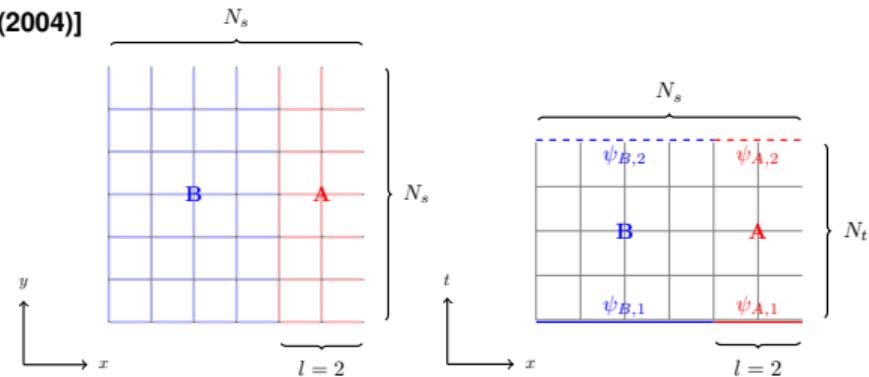
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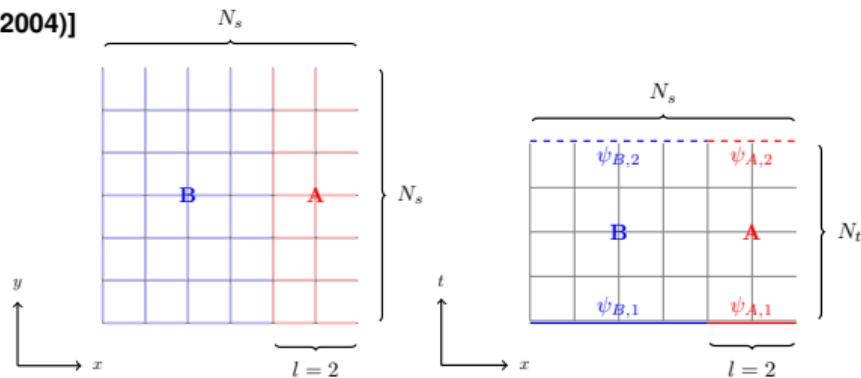
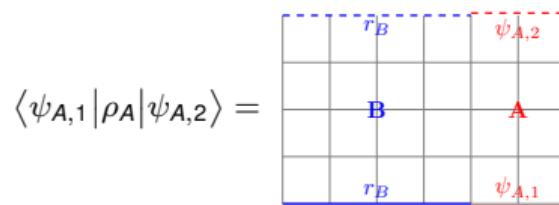
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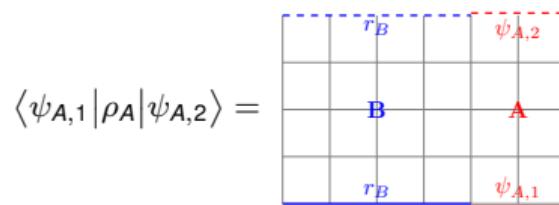
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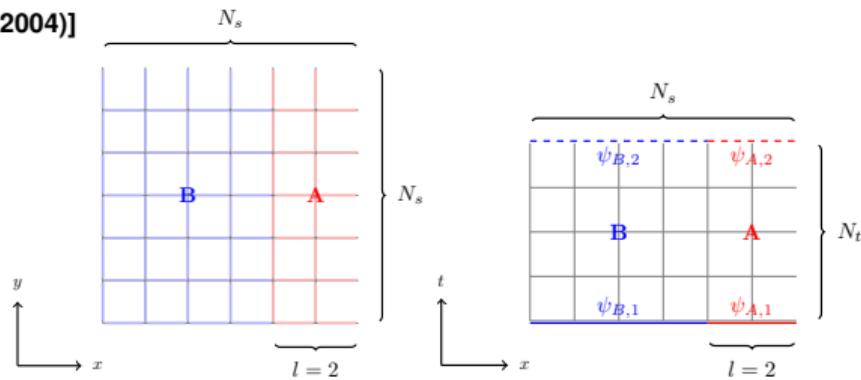
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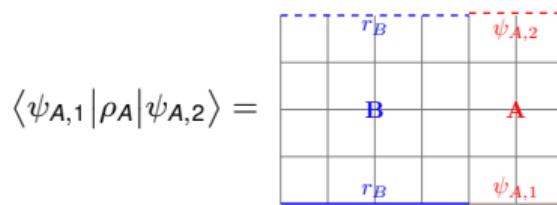
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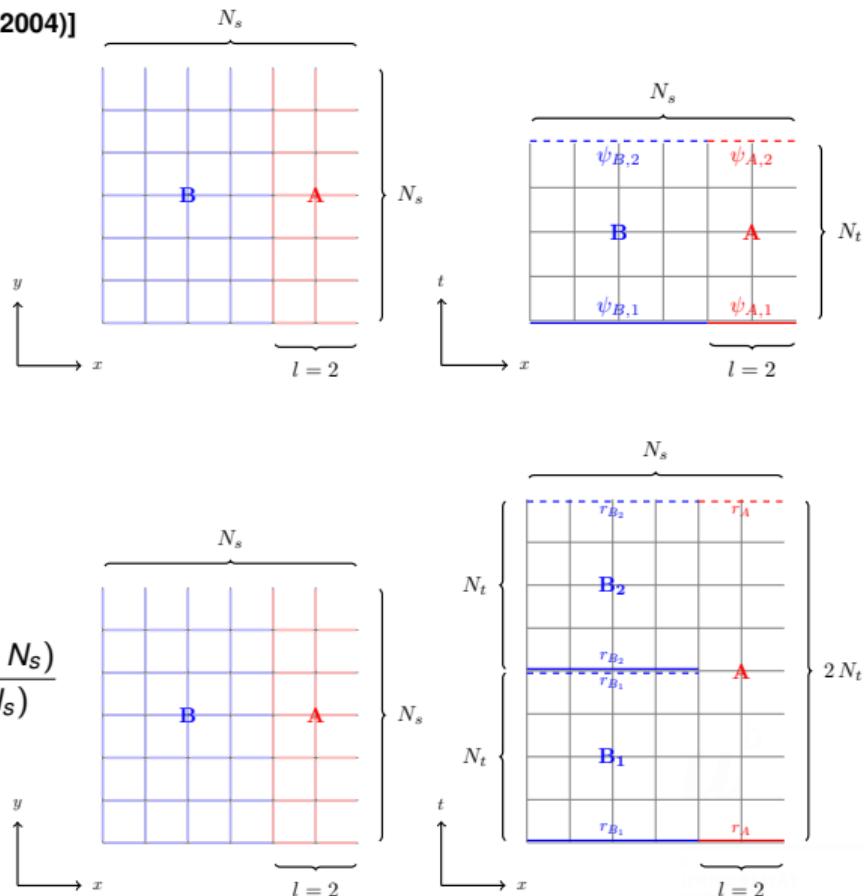
→ Replica method for s -th Rényi entropy:

$$H_s(I, N_t, N_s) = \frac{1}{1-s} \log \text{tr}(\rho_A^s) = \frac{1}{1-s} \log \frac{Z_c(I, s, N_t, N_s)}{Z^s(N_t, N_s)}$$

with "cut partition function" $Z_c(I, s, N_t, N_s)$

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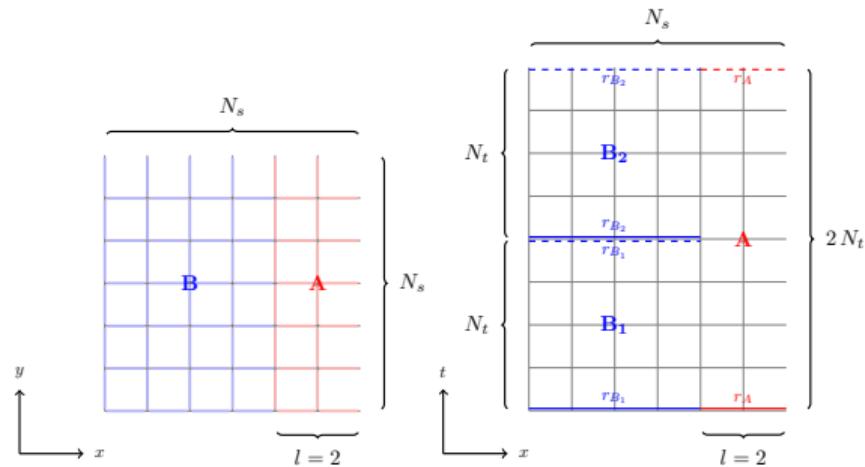
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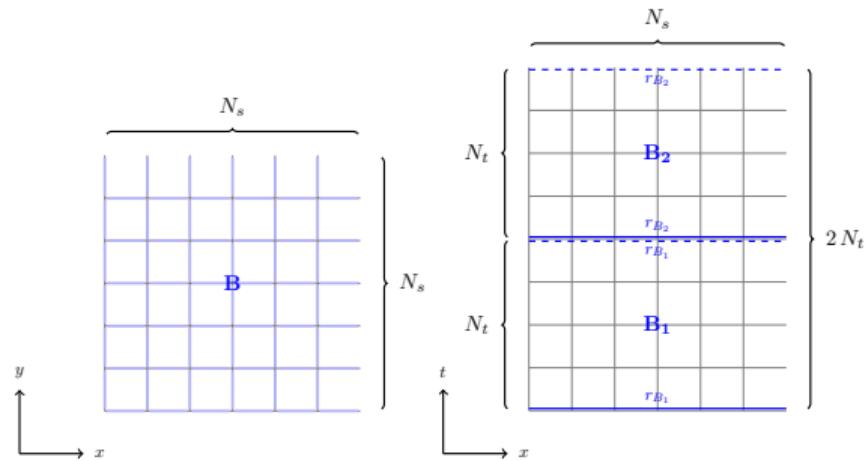
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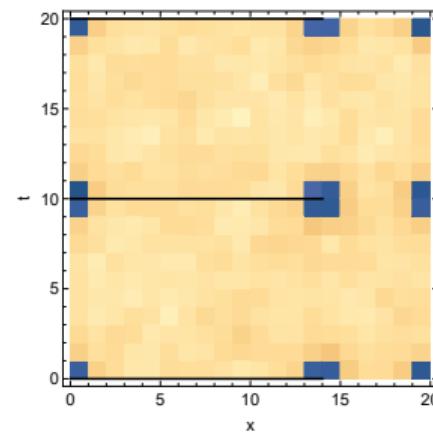
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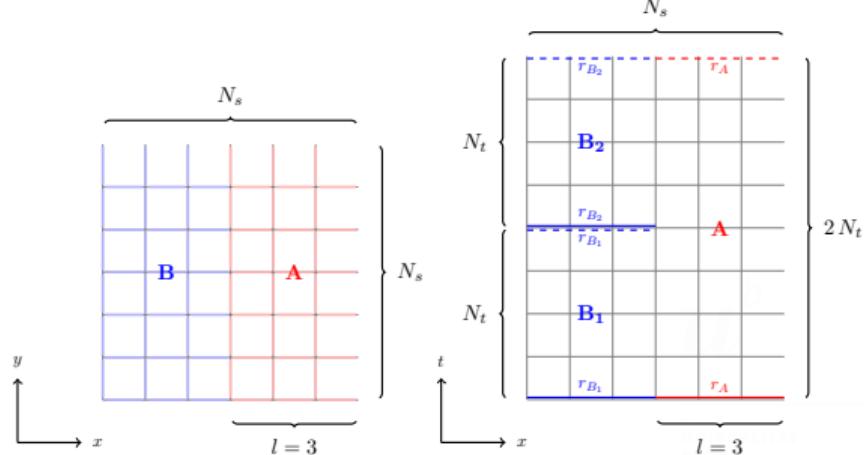
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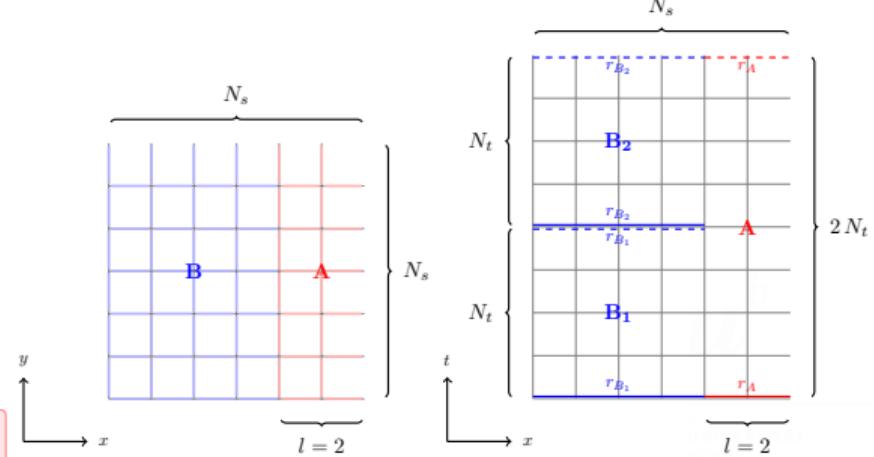
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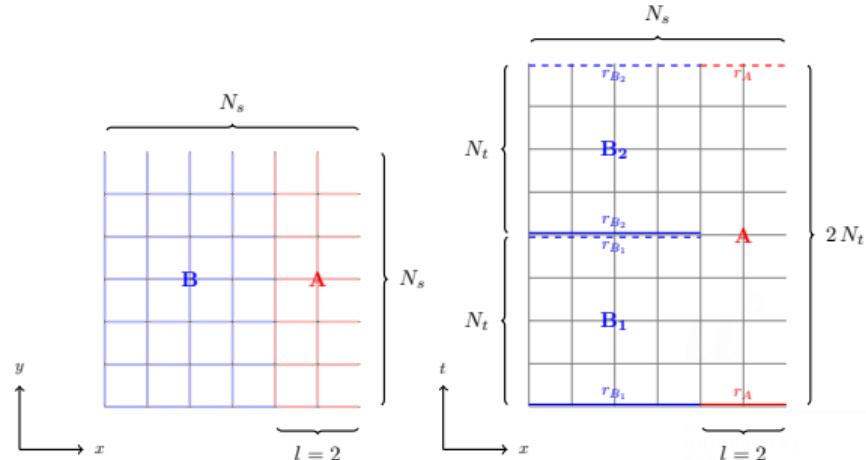
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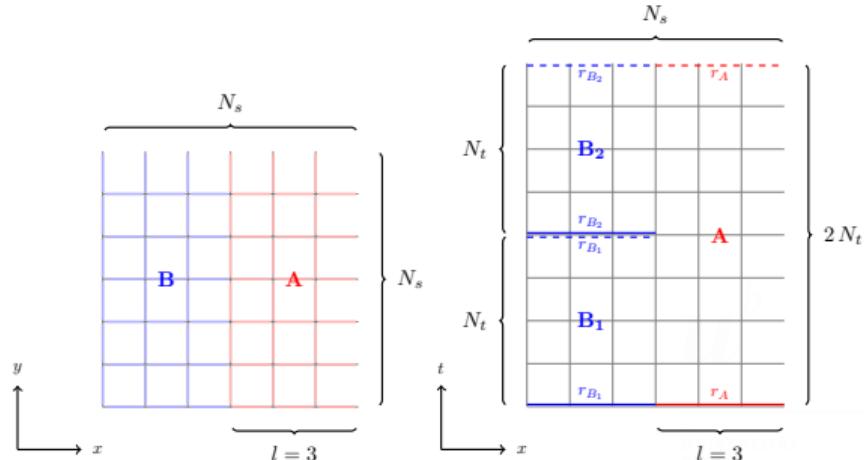
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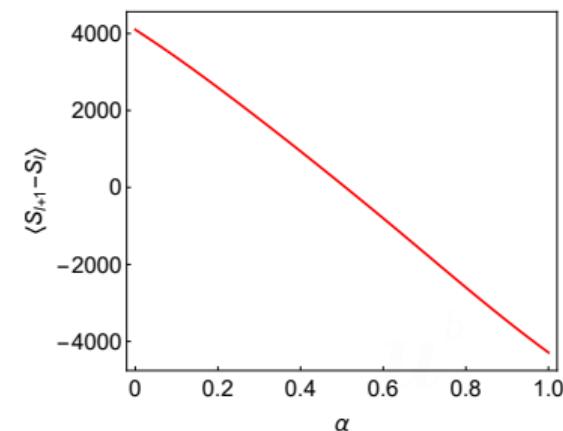
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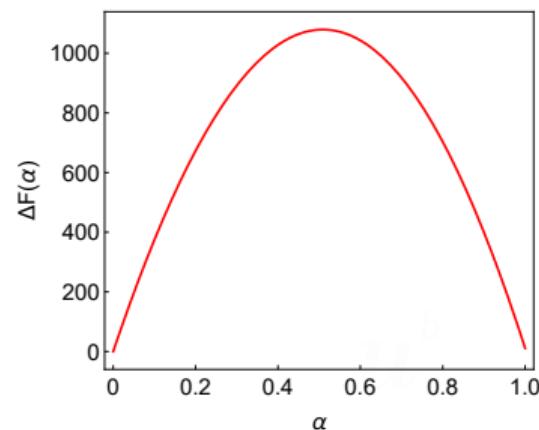
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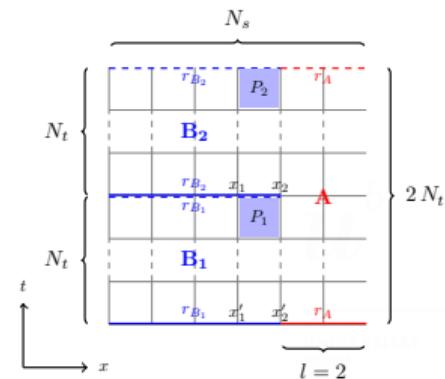
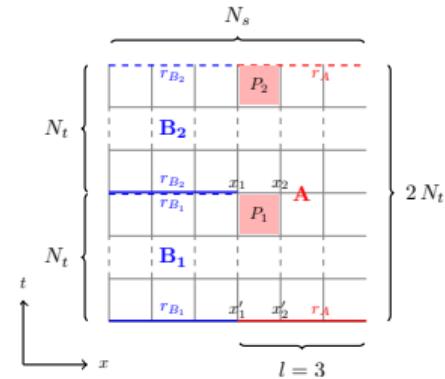
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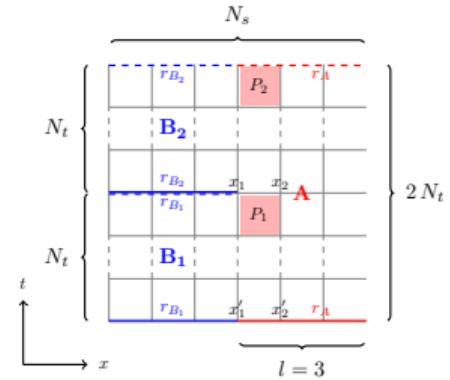
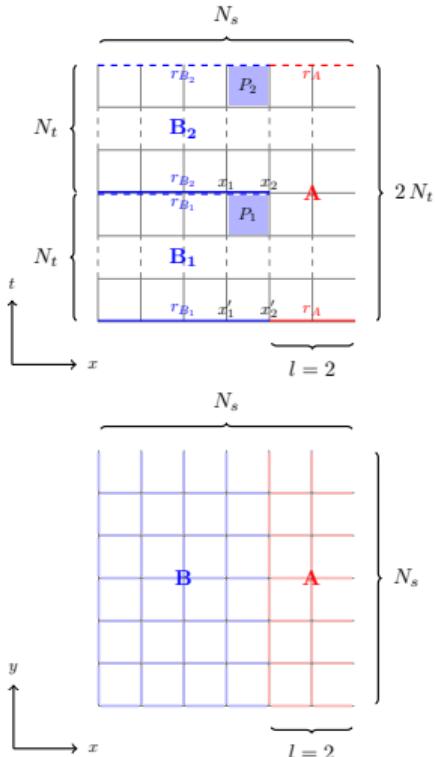
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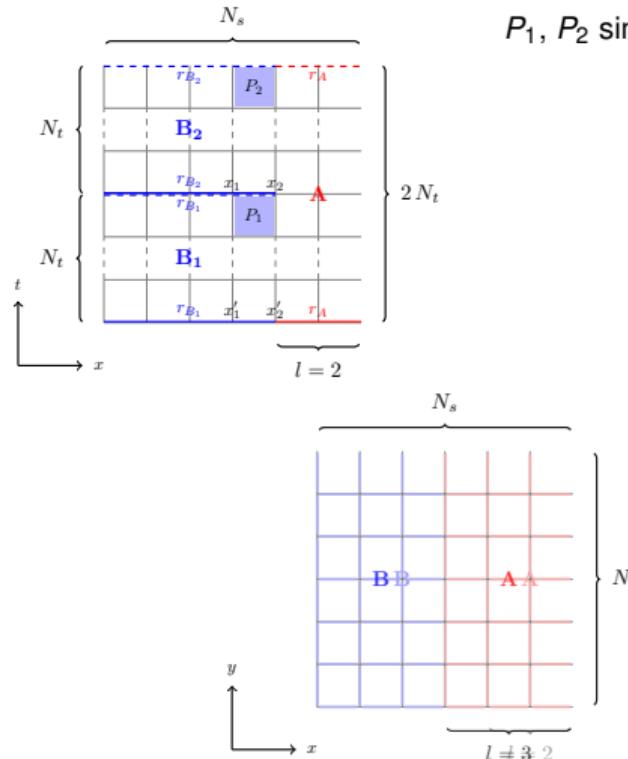
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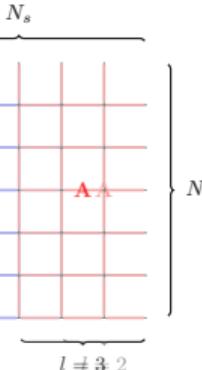
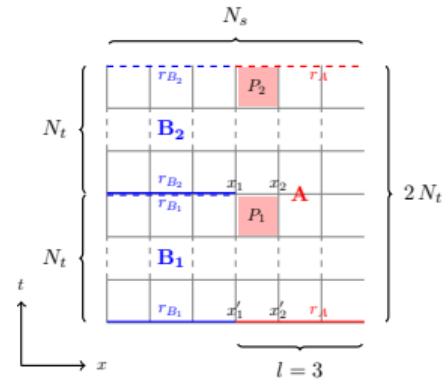
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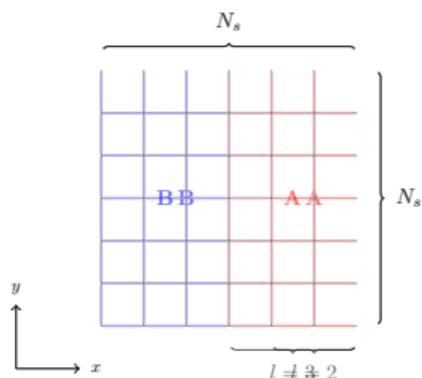
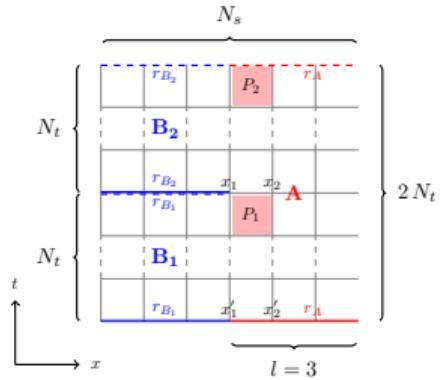
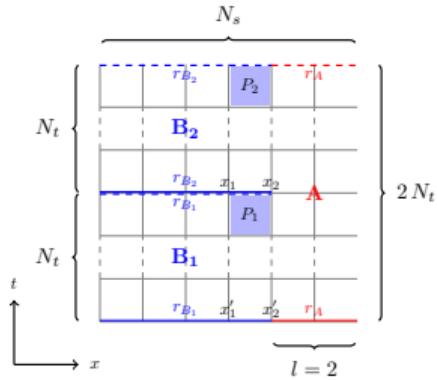


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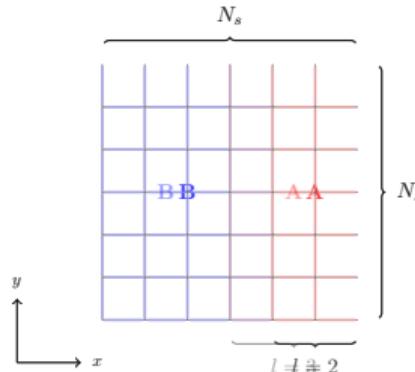
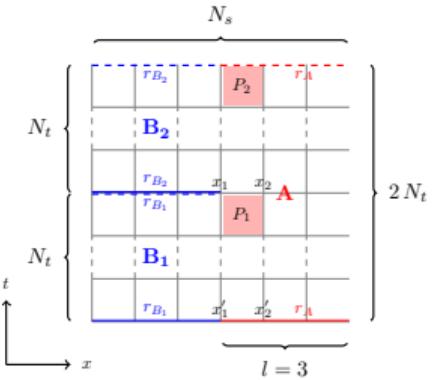
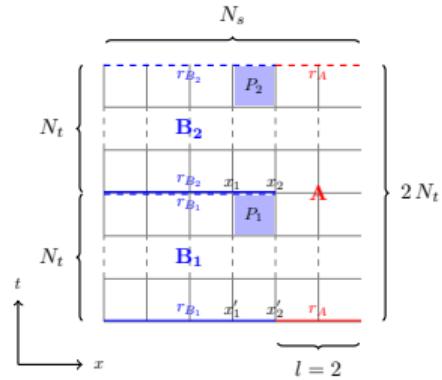
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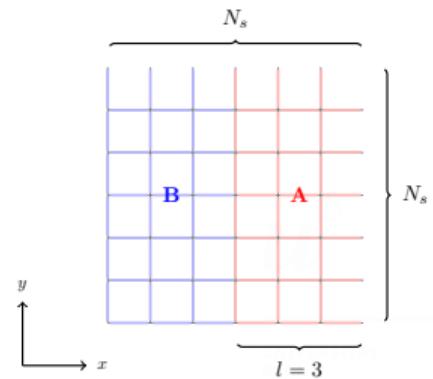
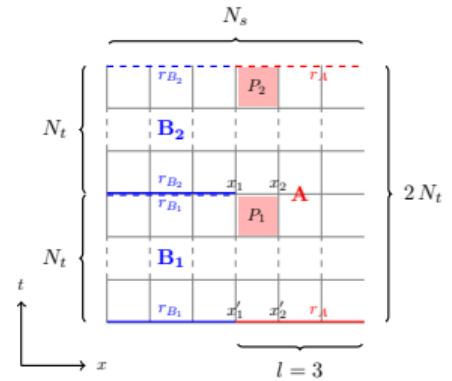
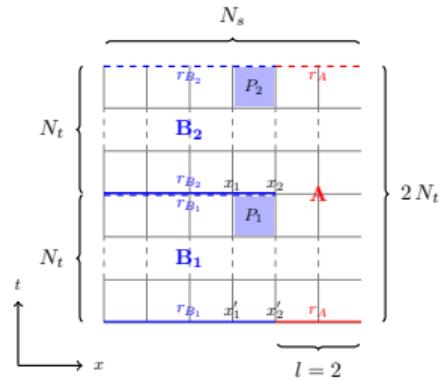
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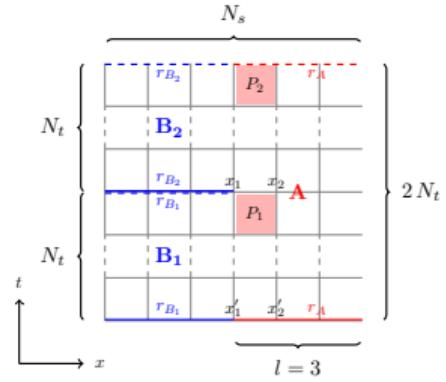
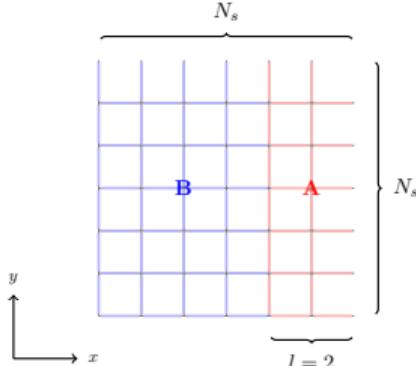
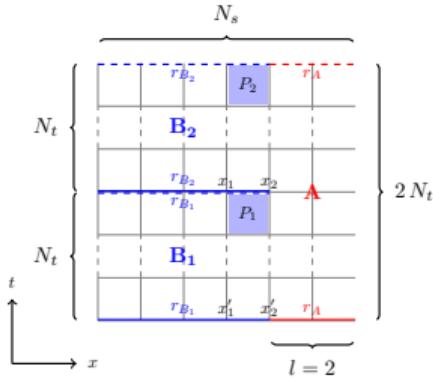
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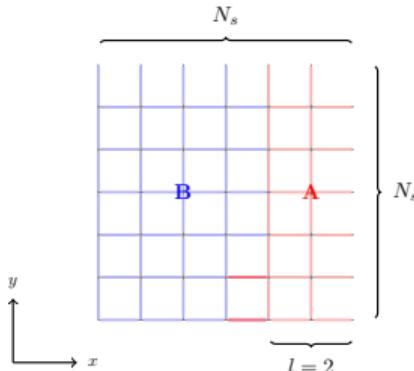
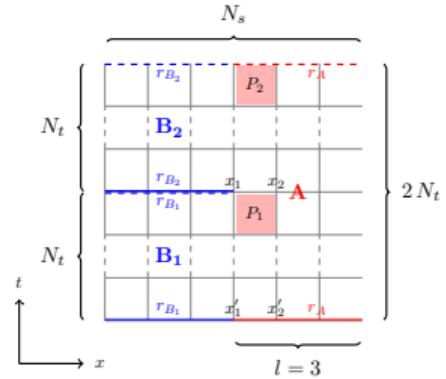
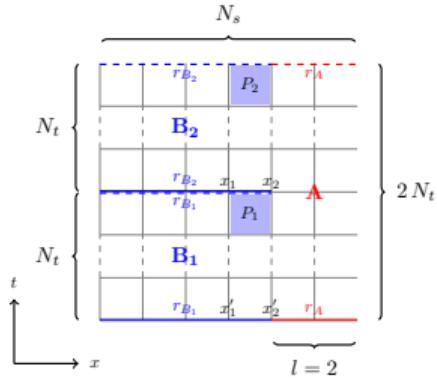
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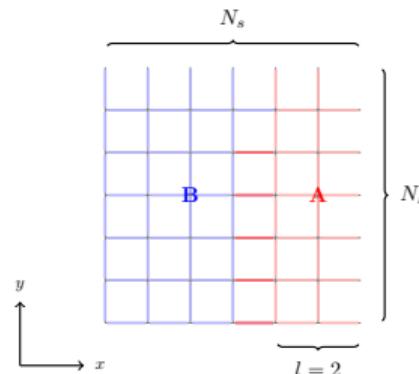
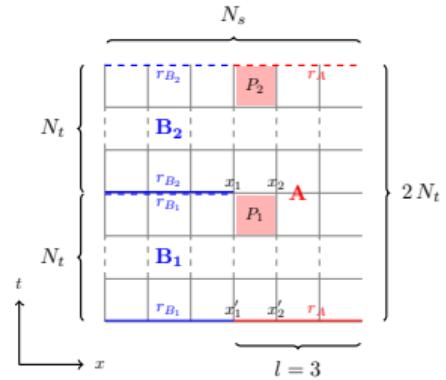
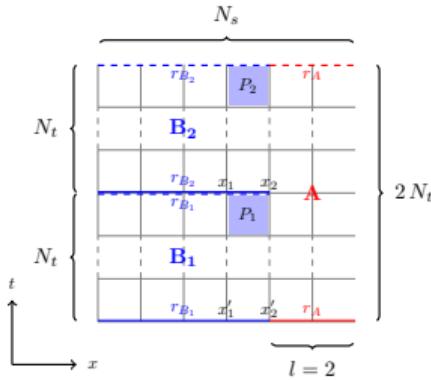
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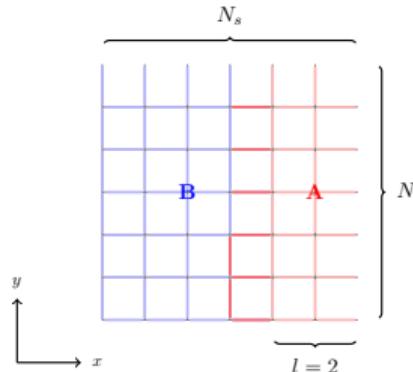
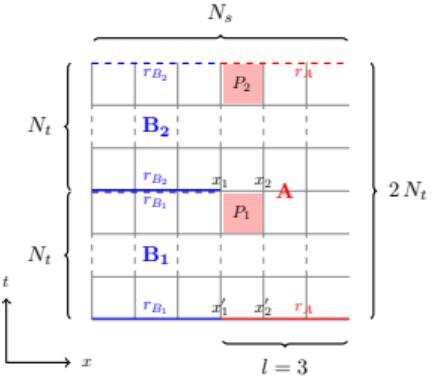
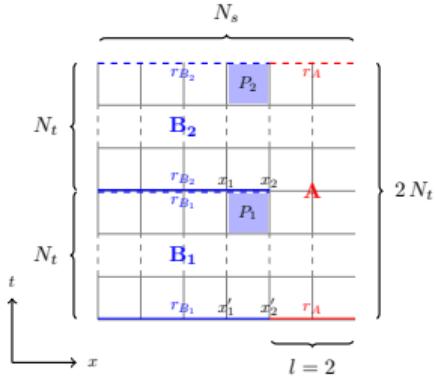
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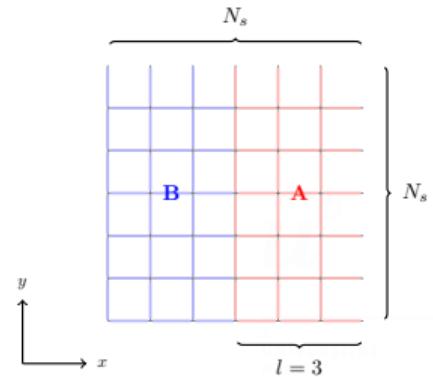
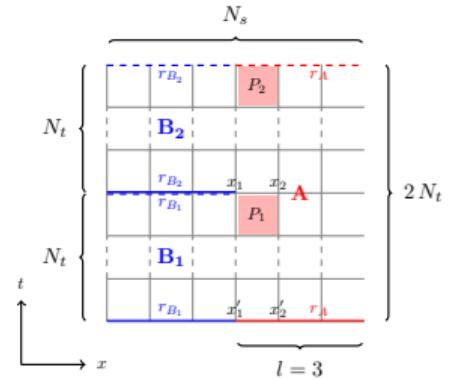
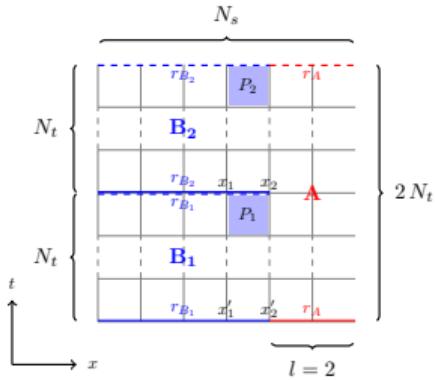
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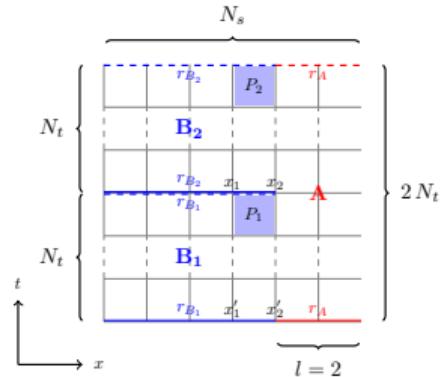
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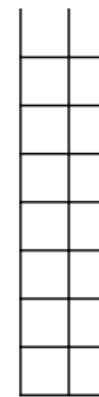
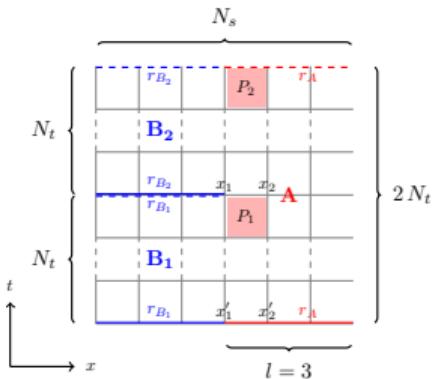
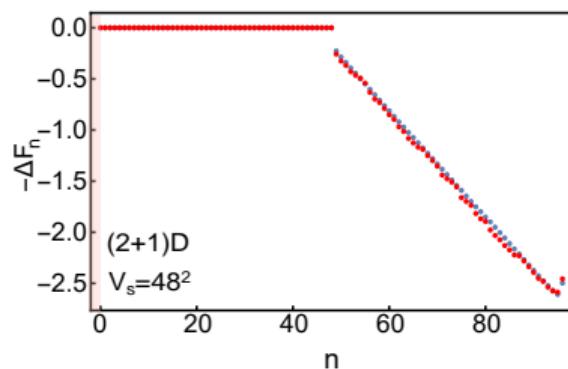
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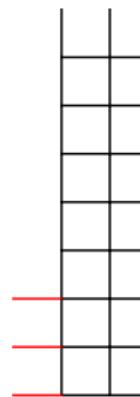
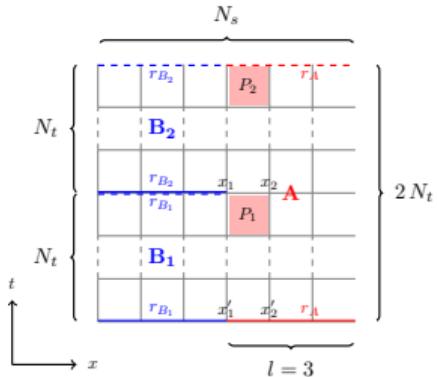
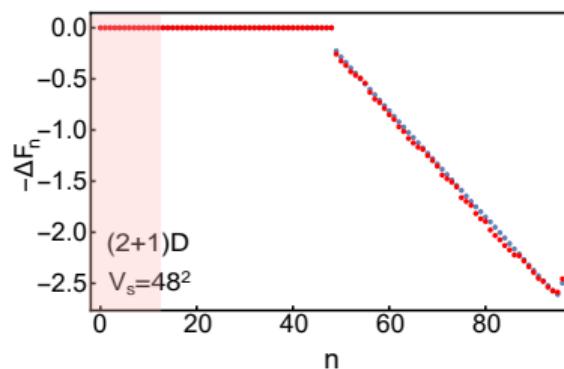
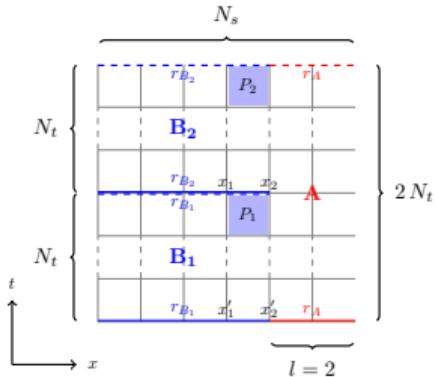
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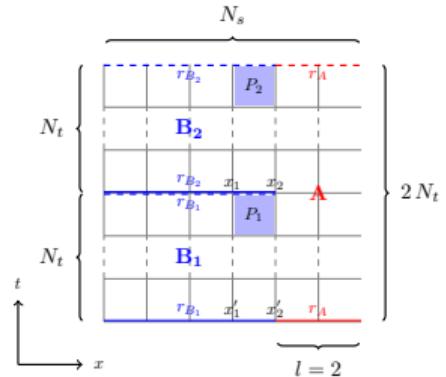
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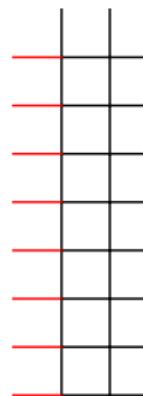
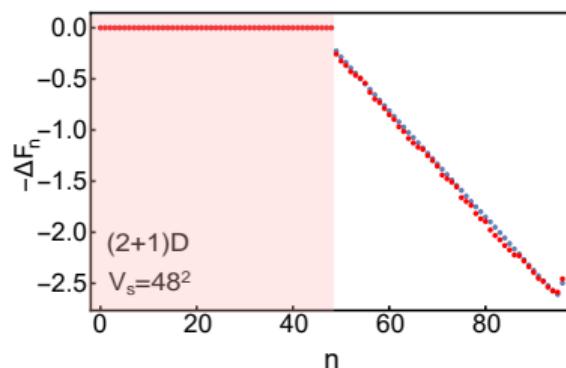
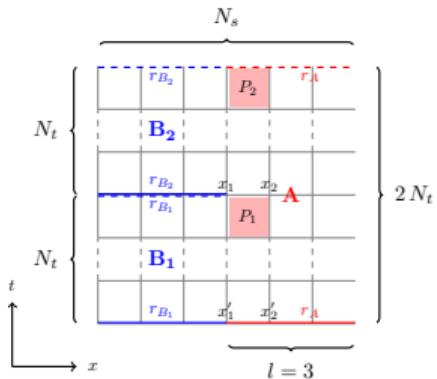
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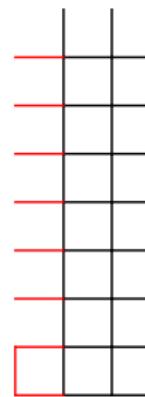
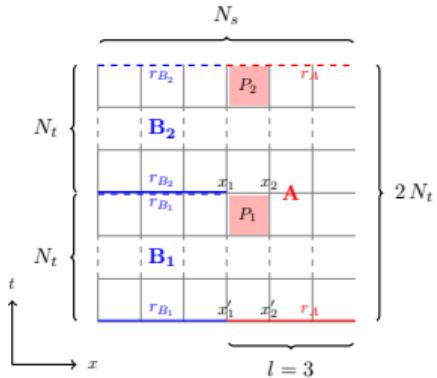
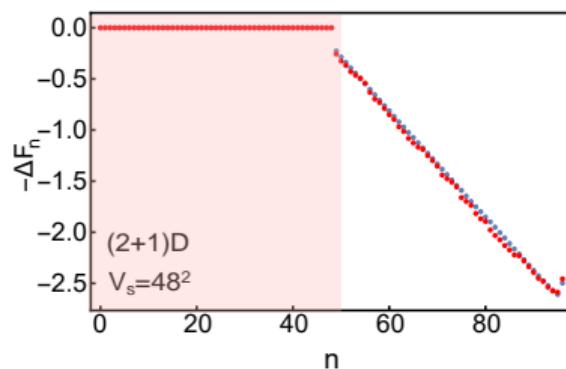
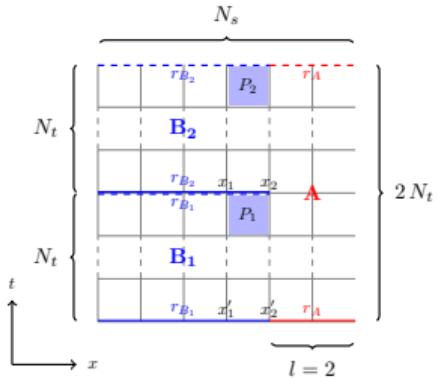
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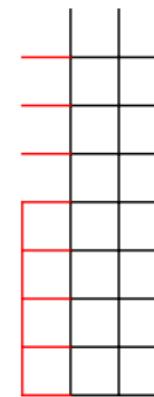
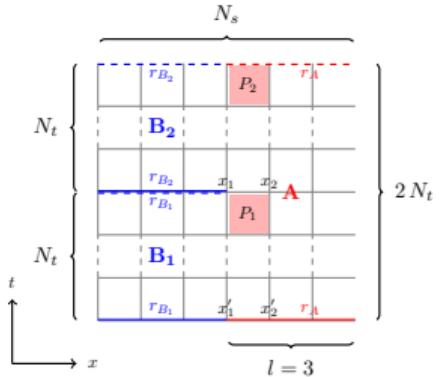
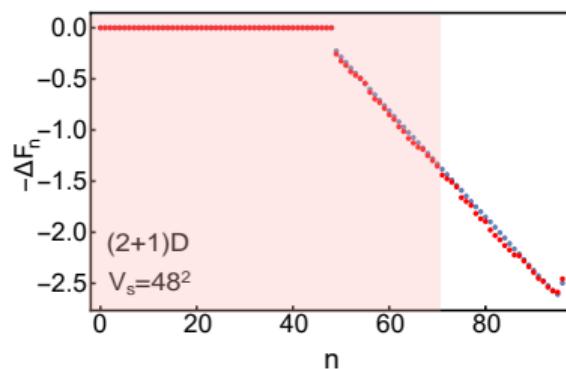
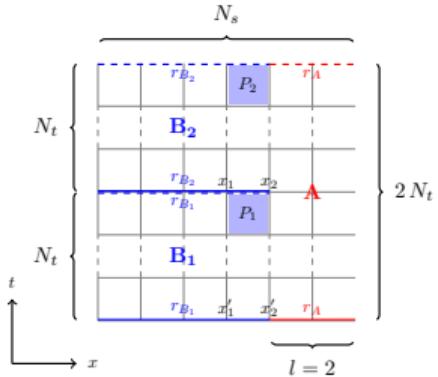
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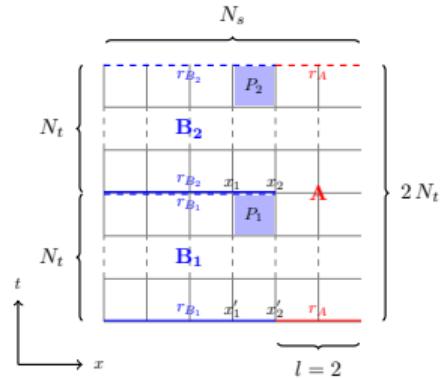
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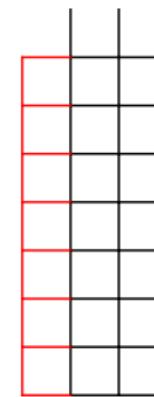
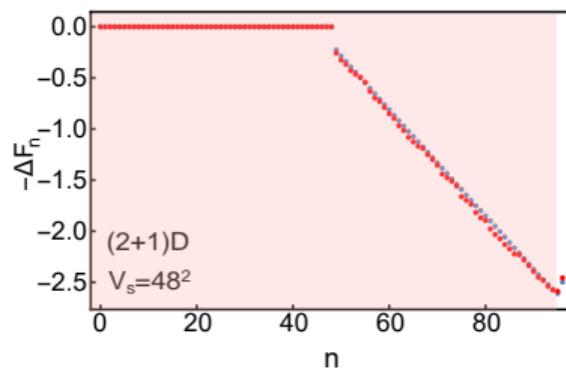
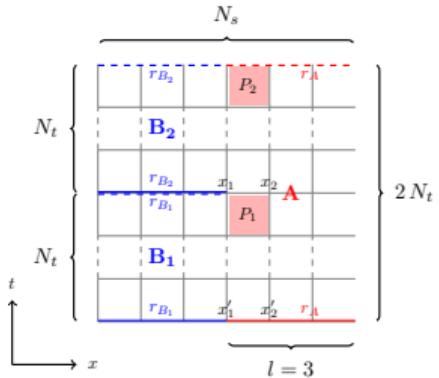
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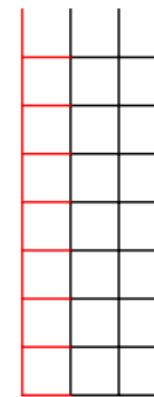
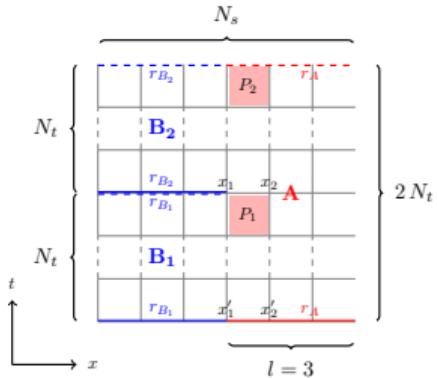
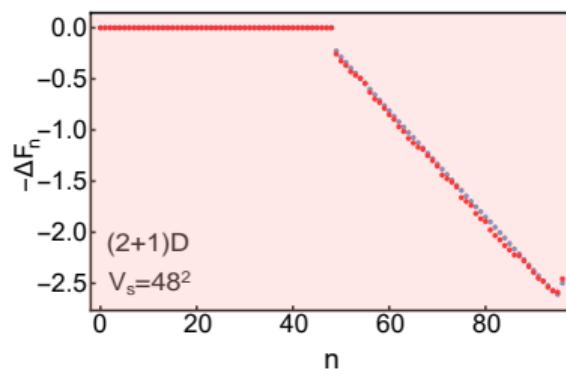
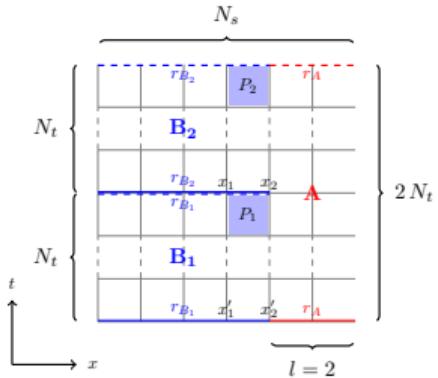
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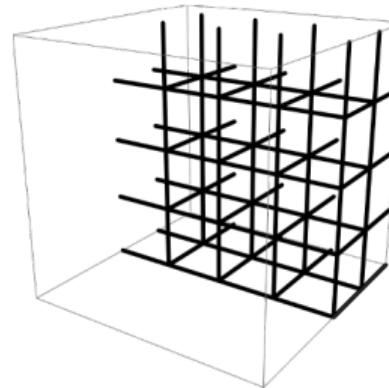
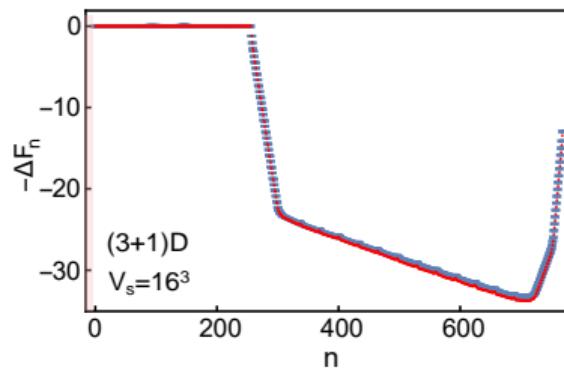
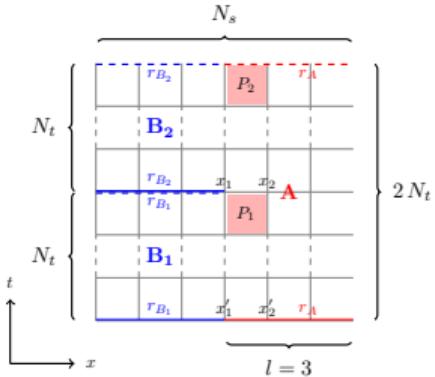
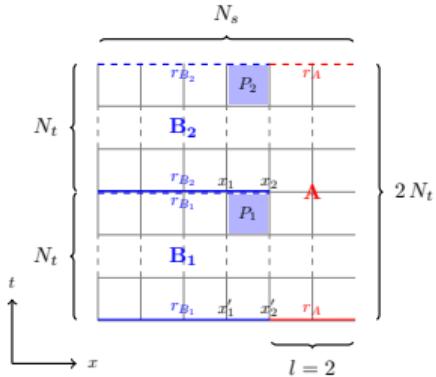
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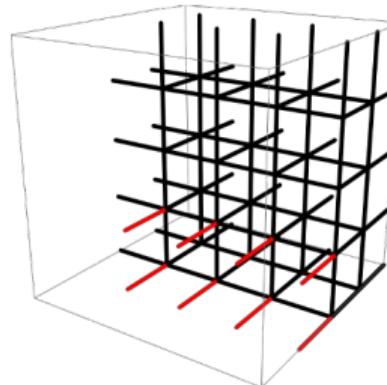
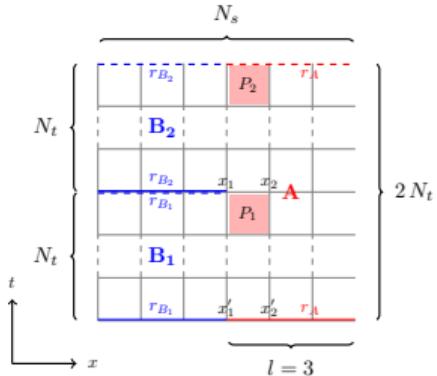
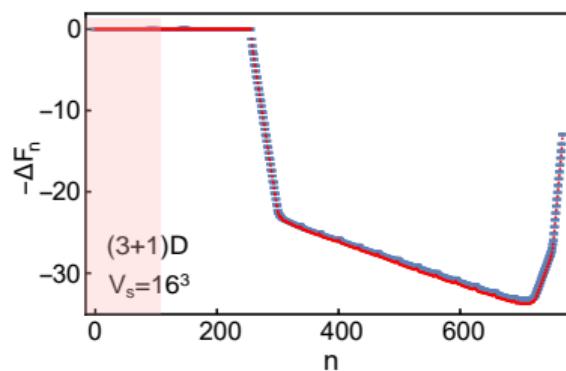
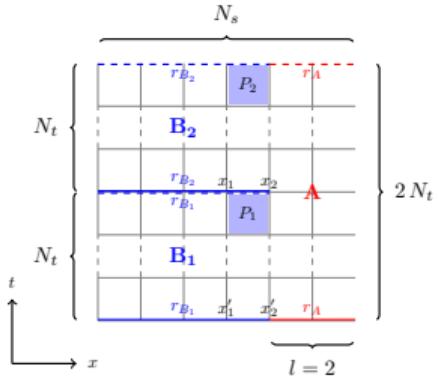
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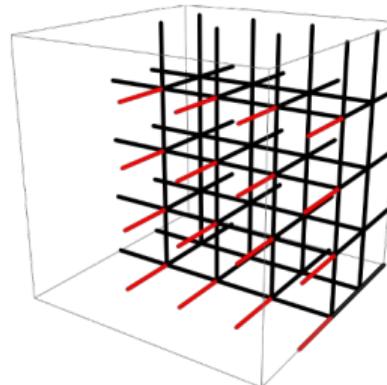
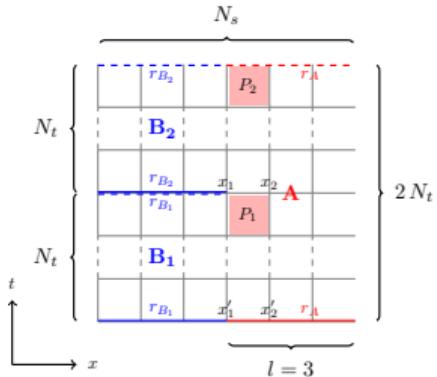
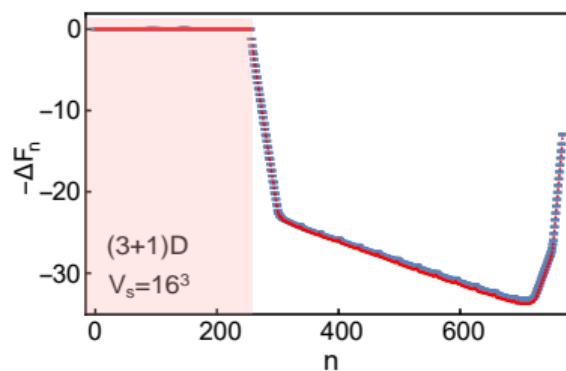
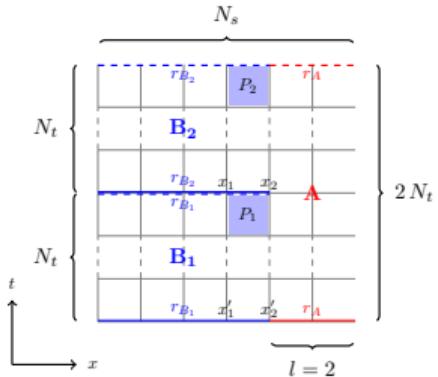
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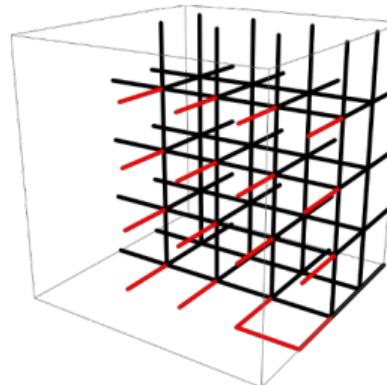
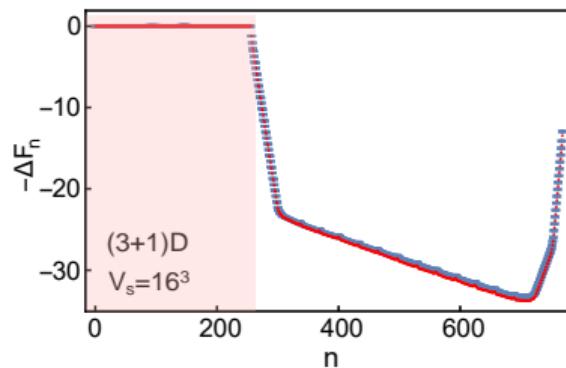
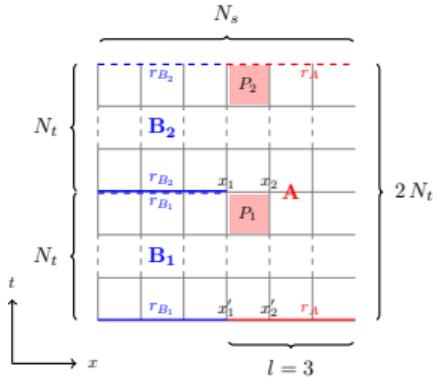
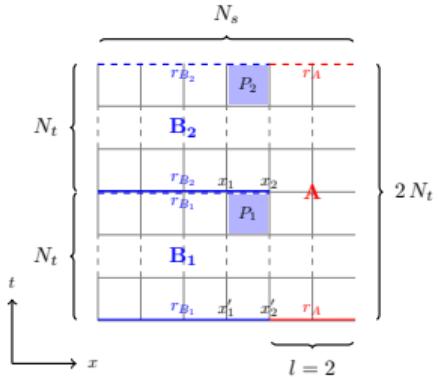
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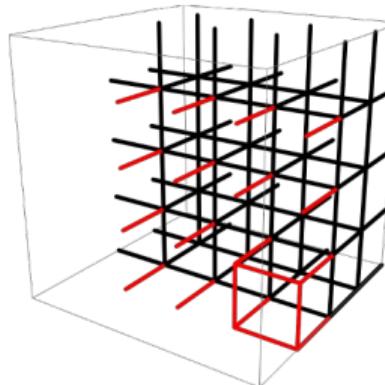
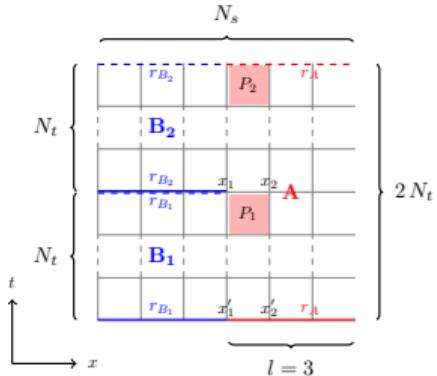
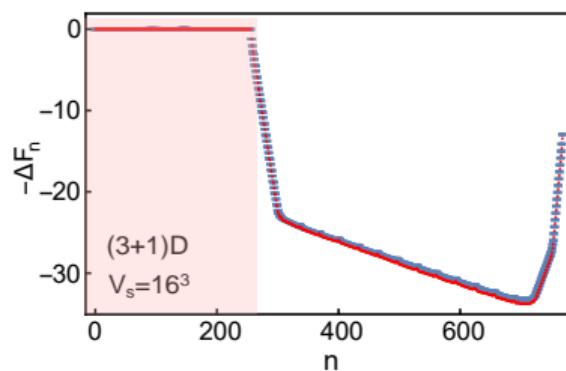
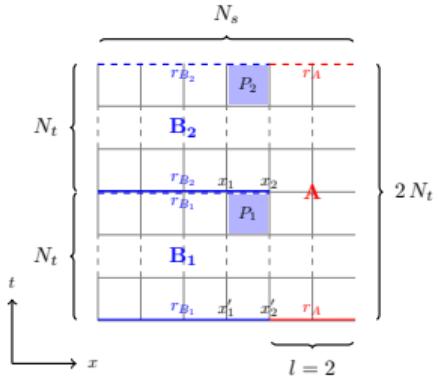
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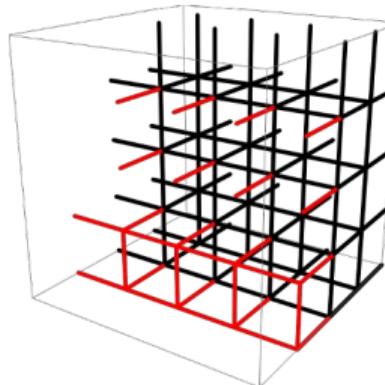
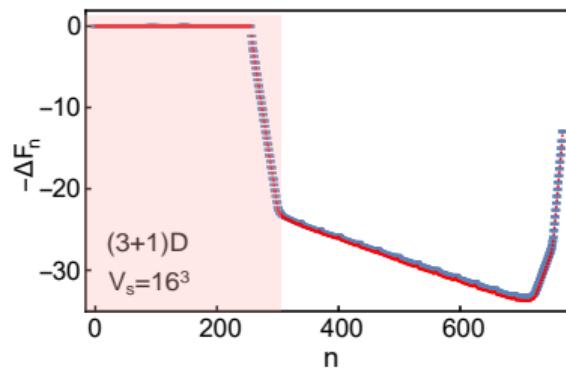
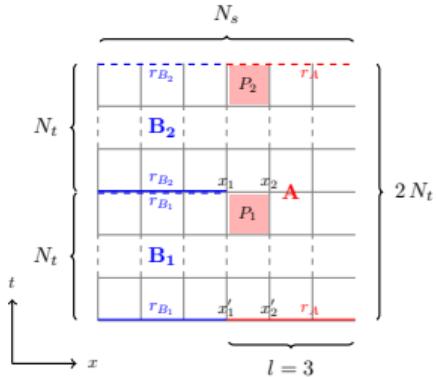
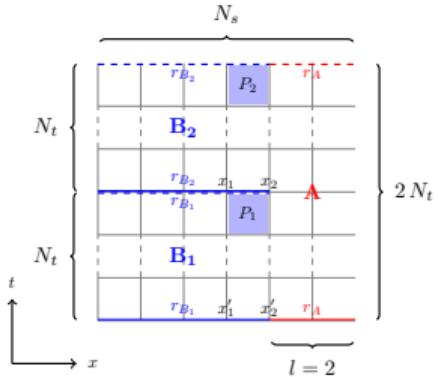
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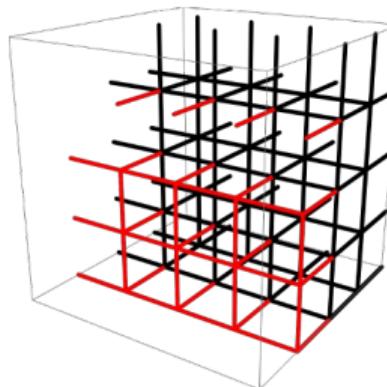
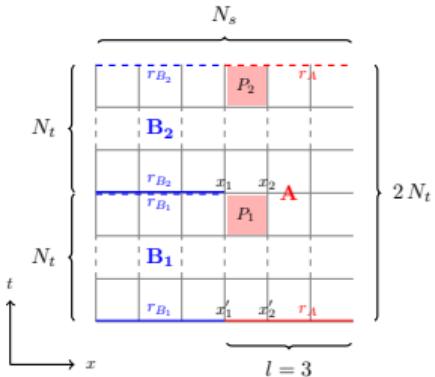
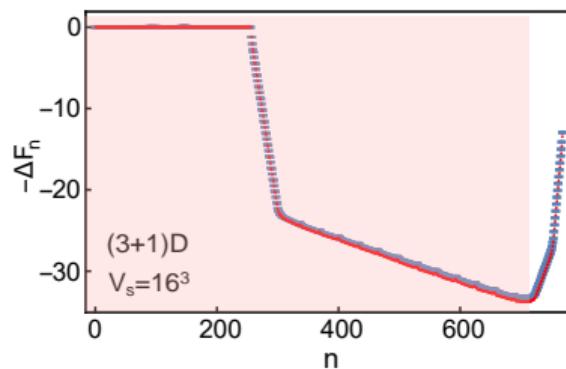
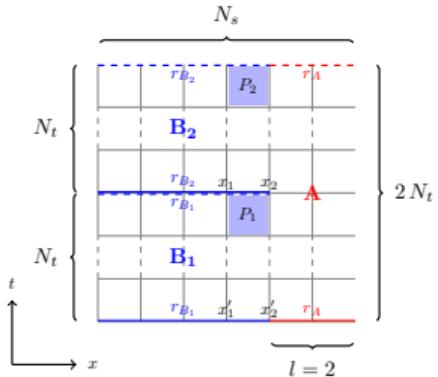
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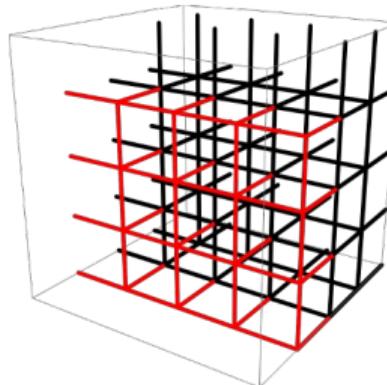
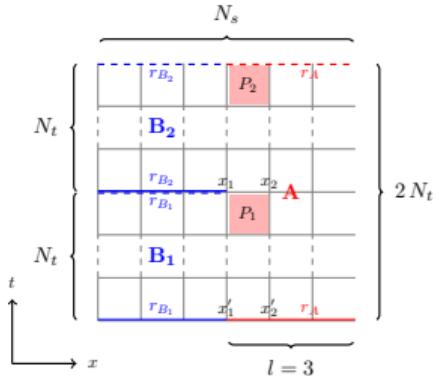
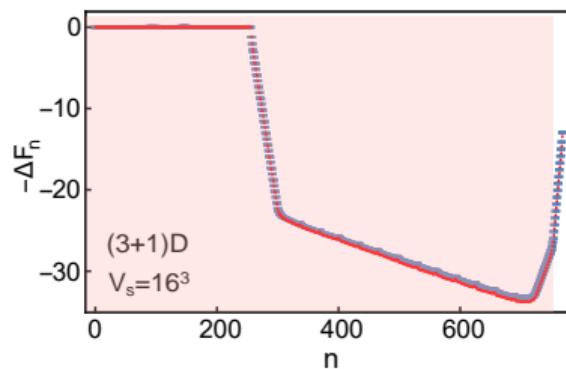
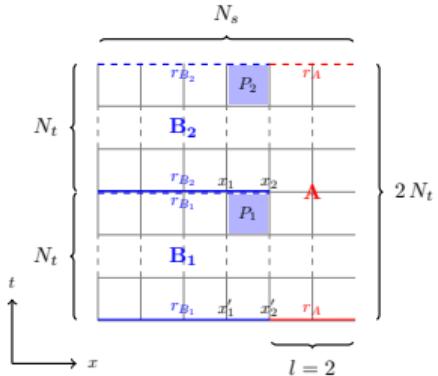
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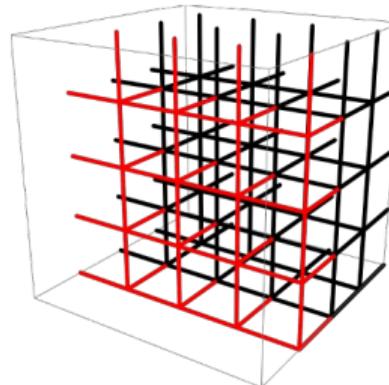
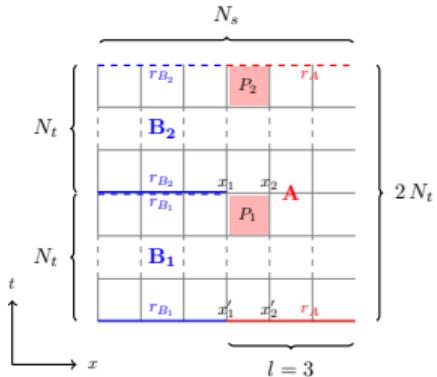
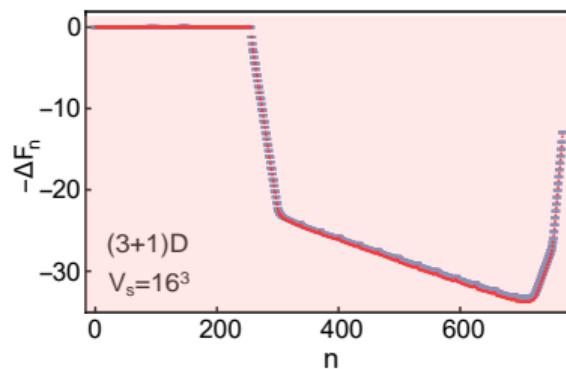
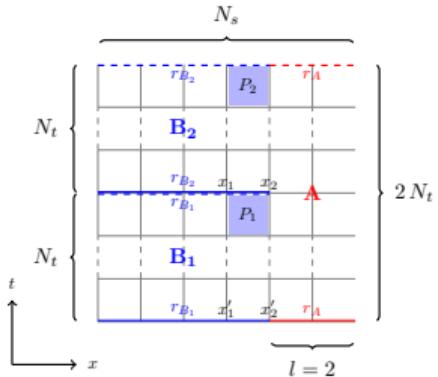
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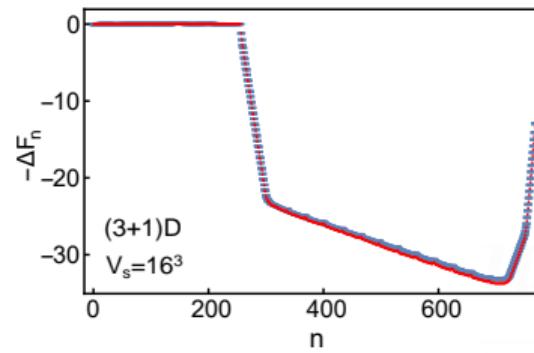
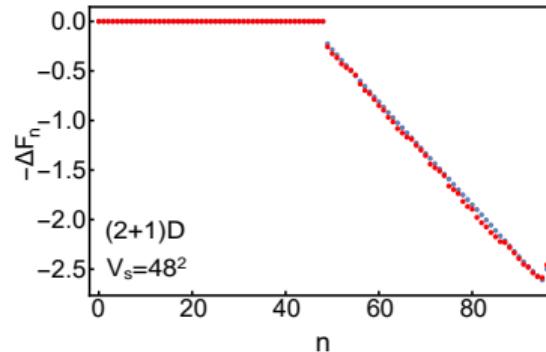
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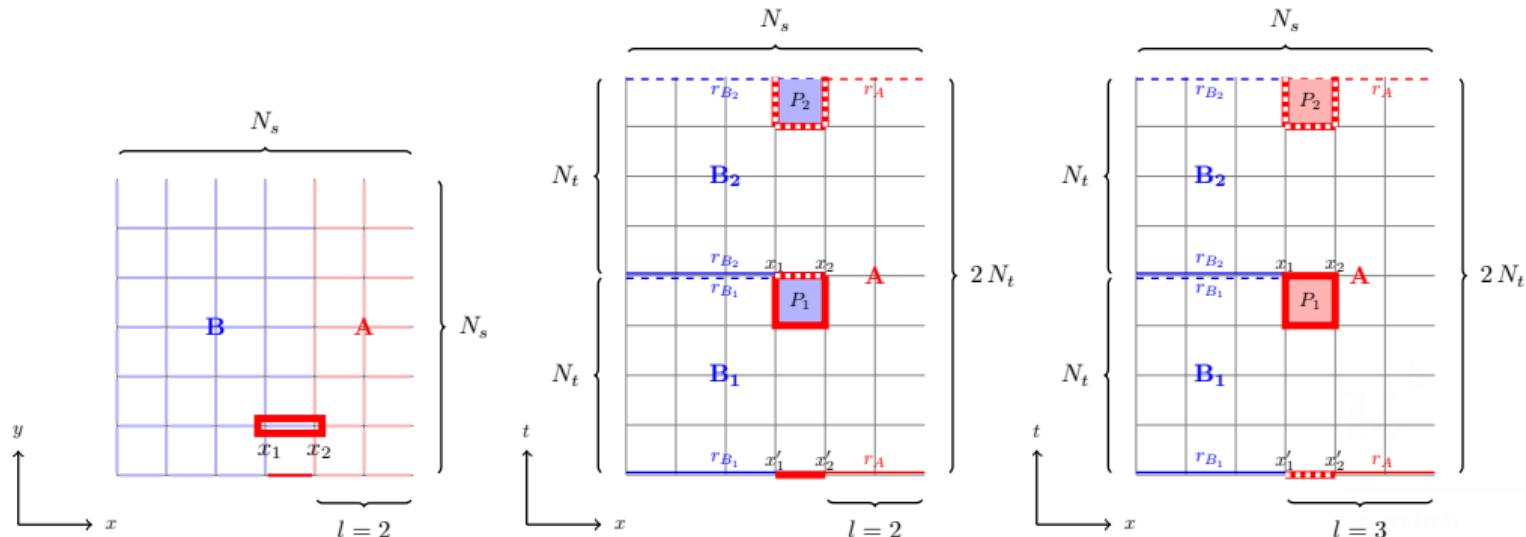


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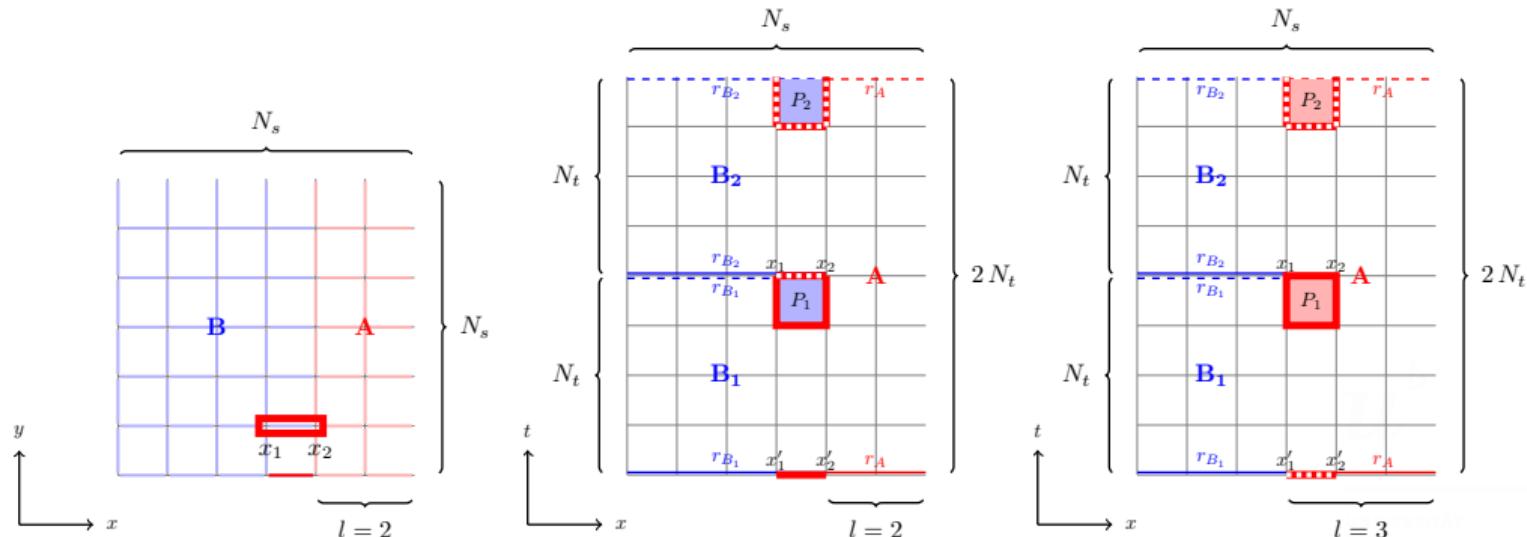
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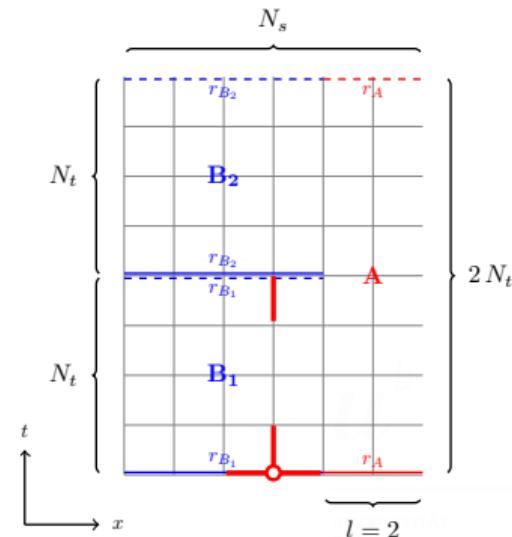
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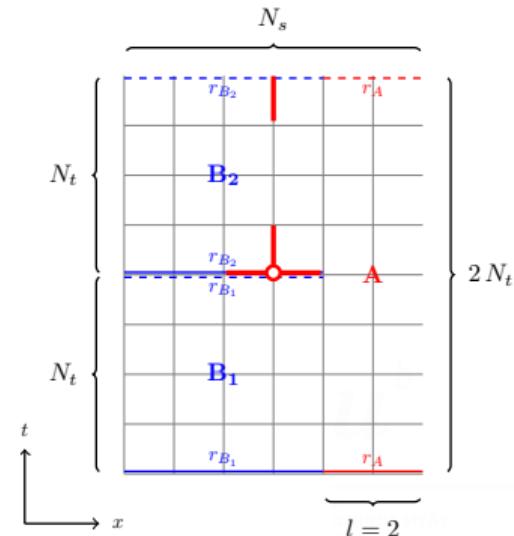
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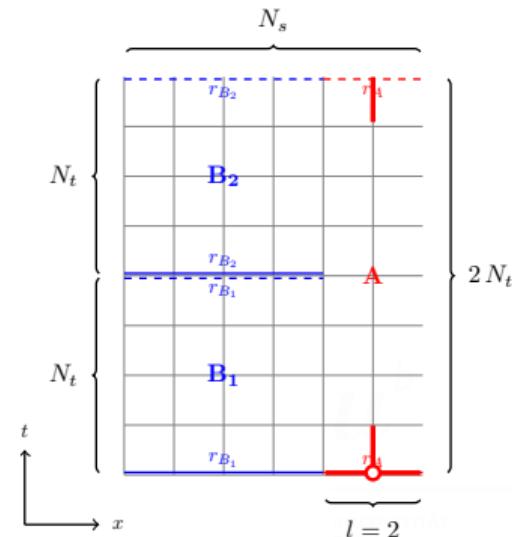
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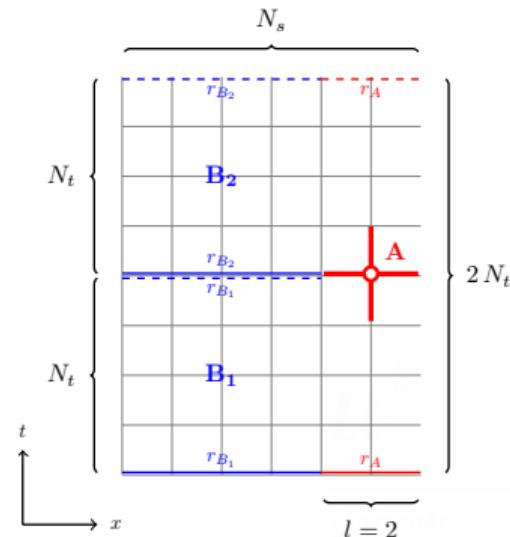
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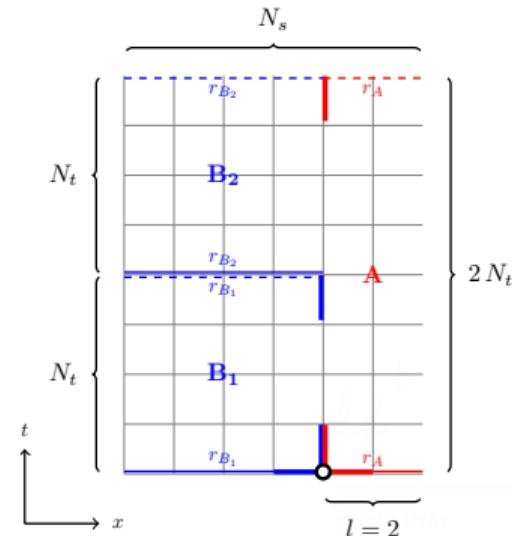
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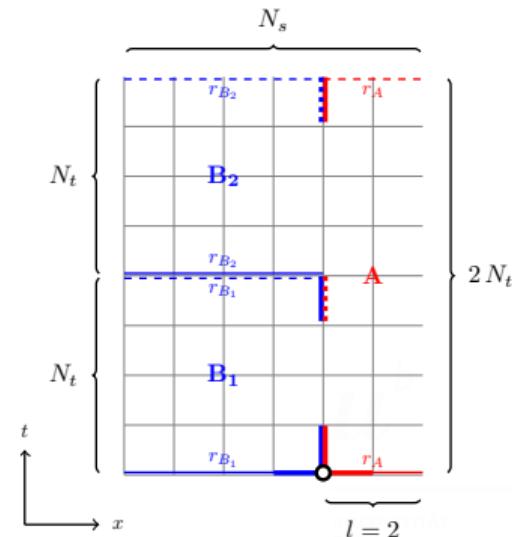
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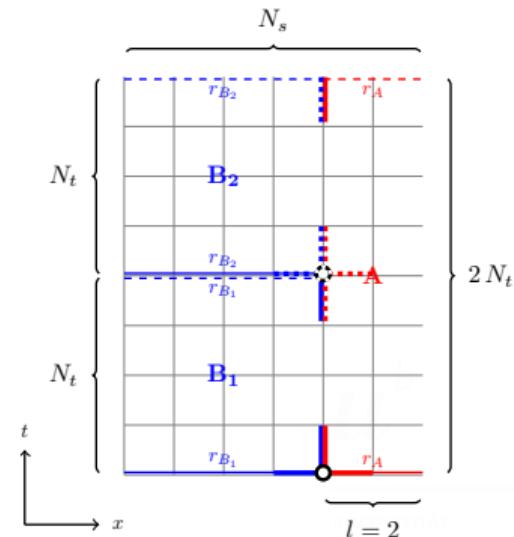
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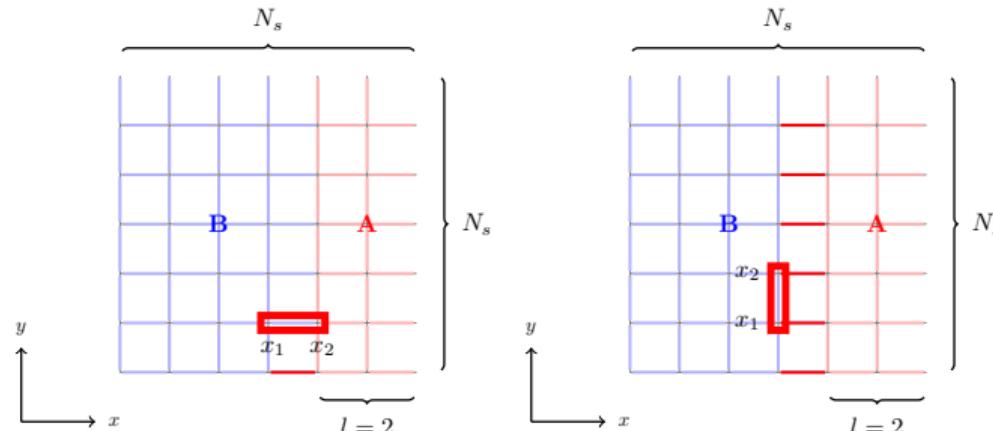
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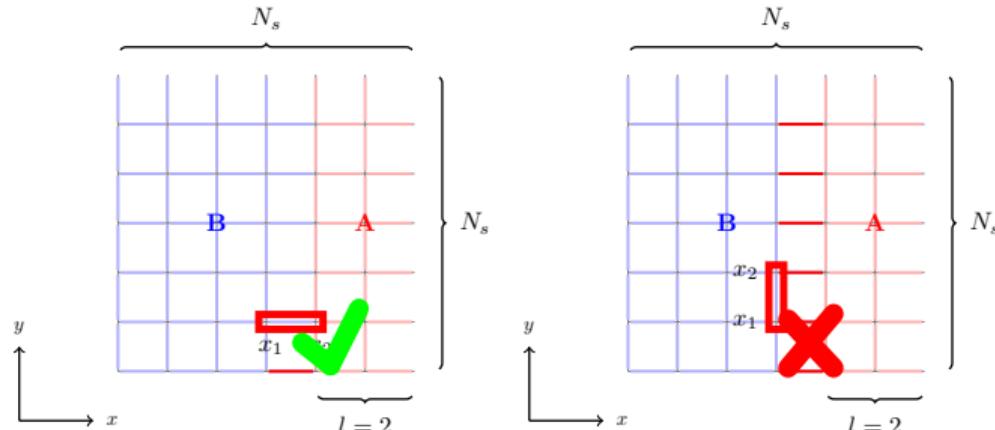
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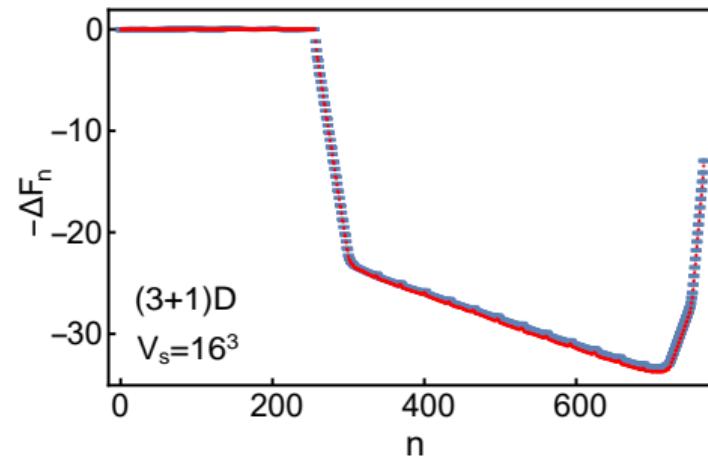
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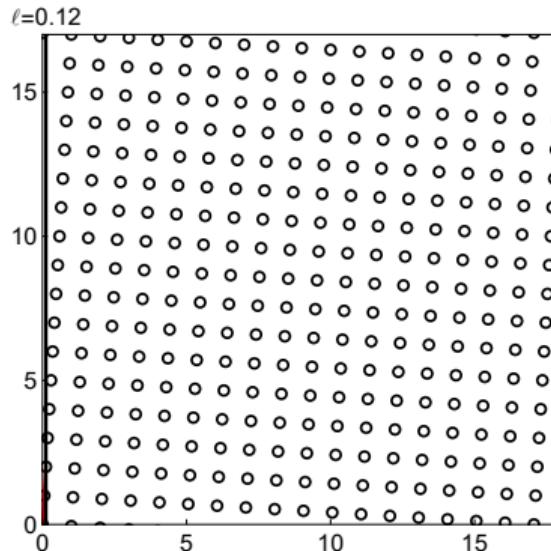


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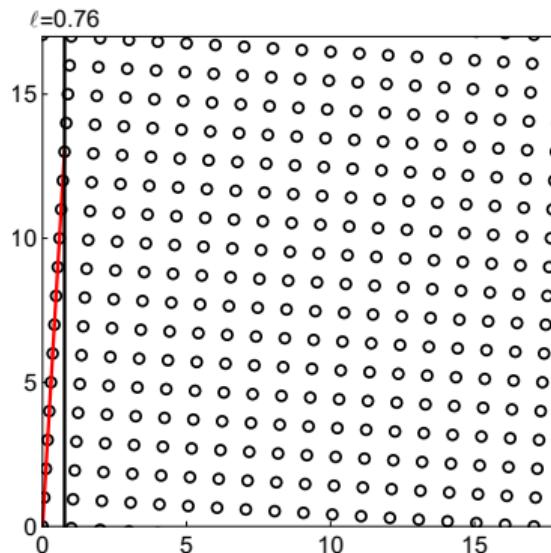


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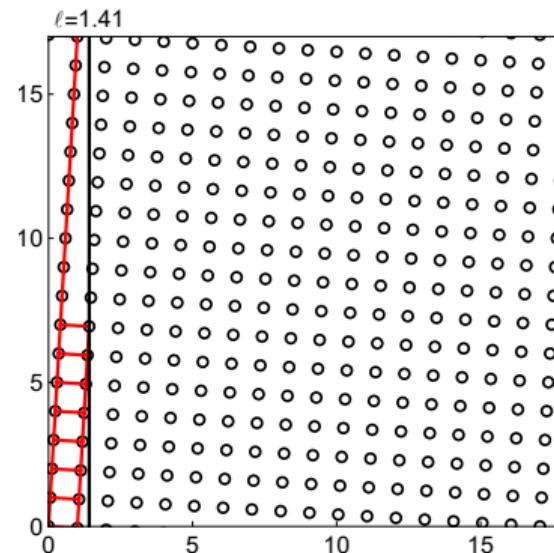


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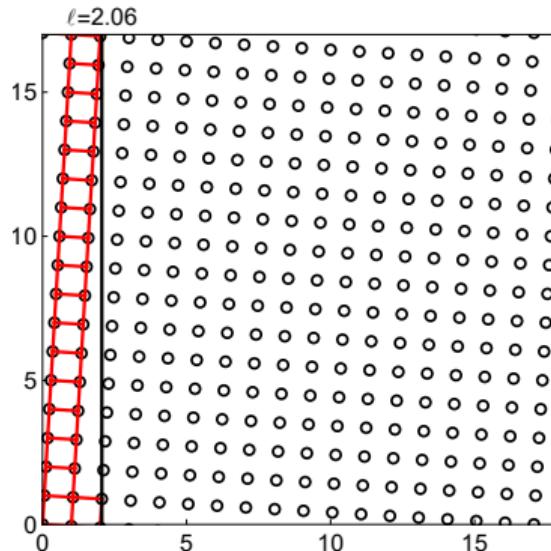


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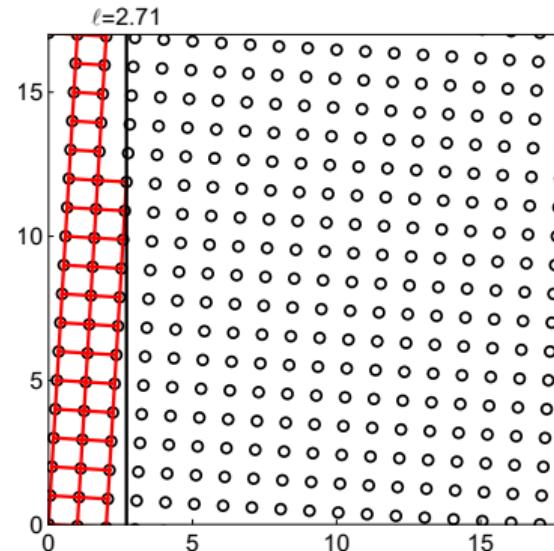


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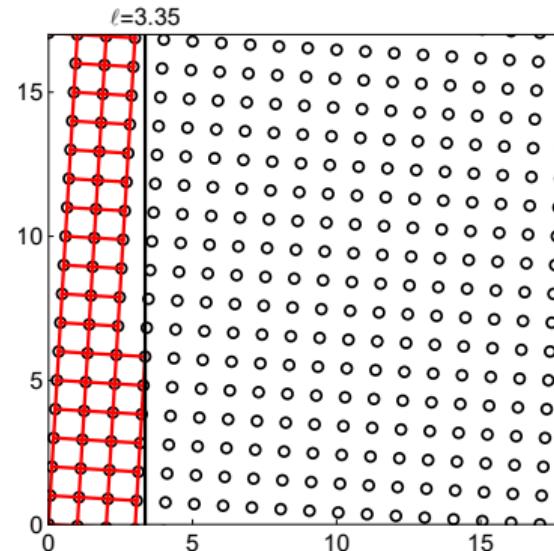


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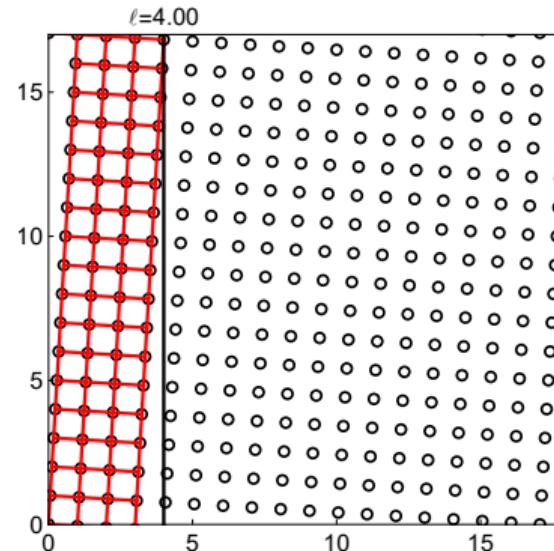


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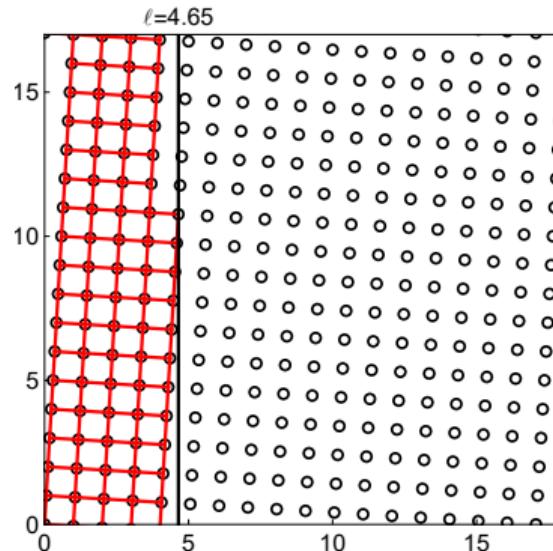


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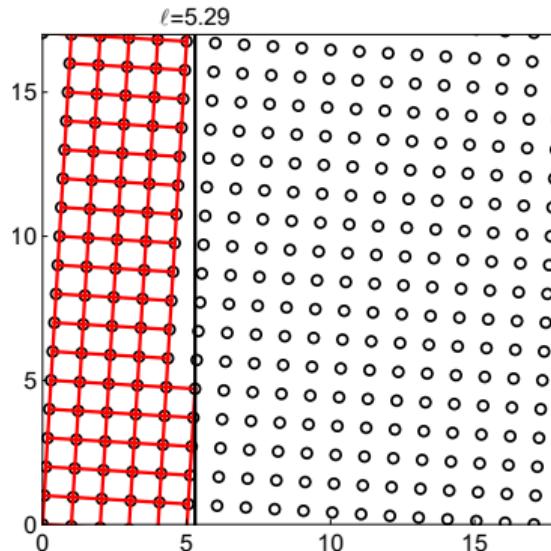


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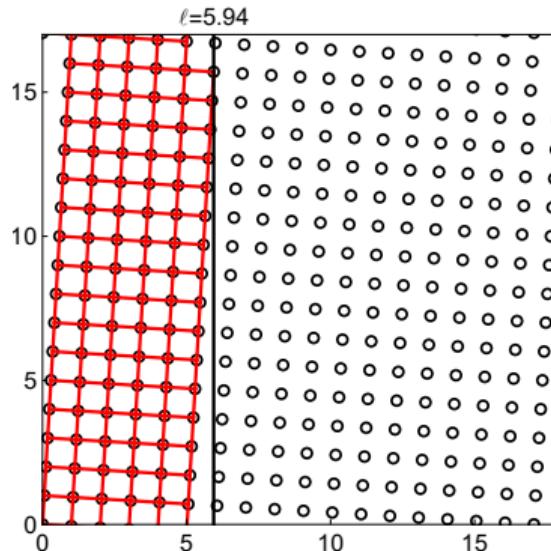


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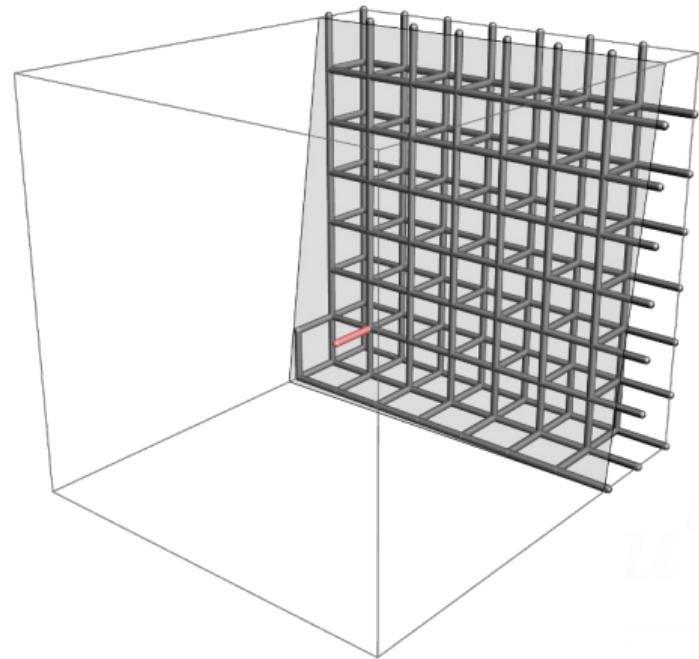
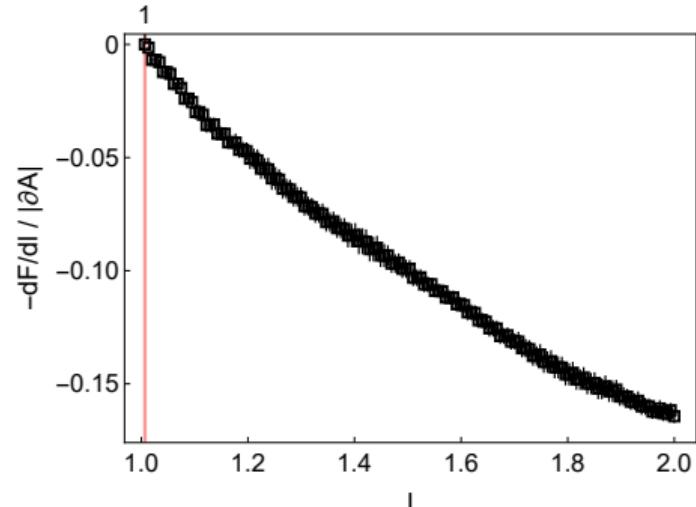


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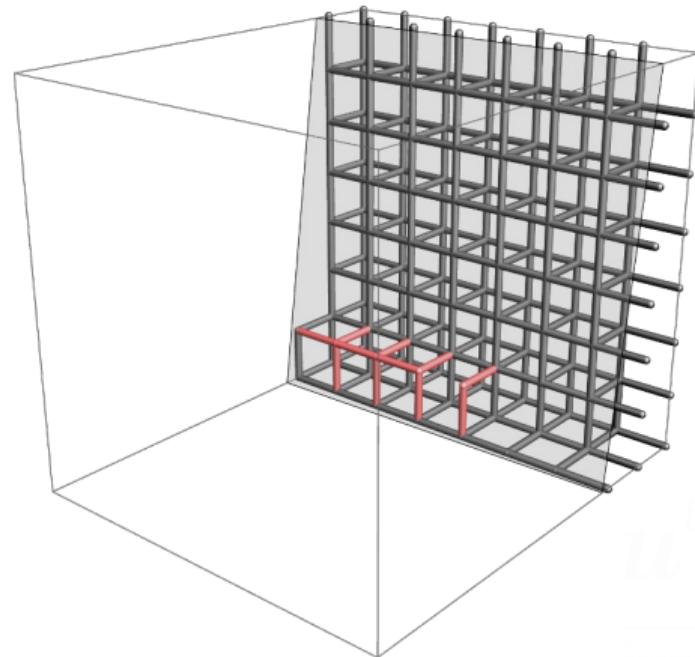
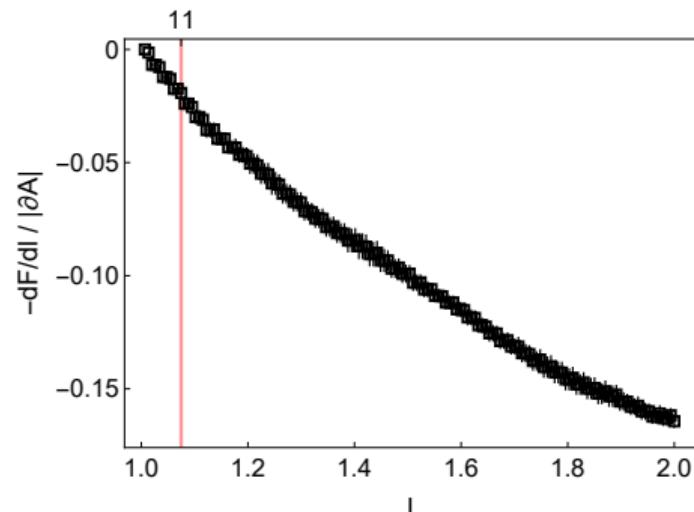


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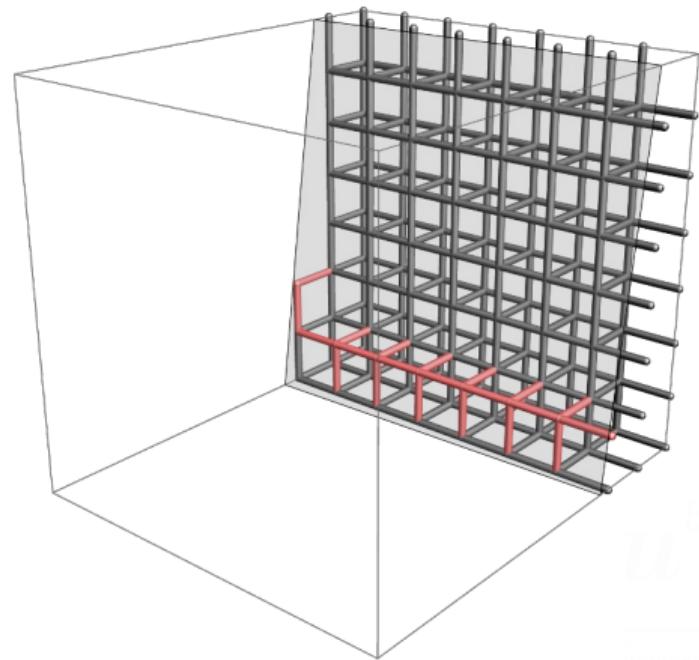
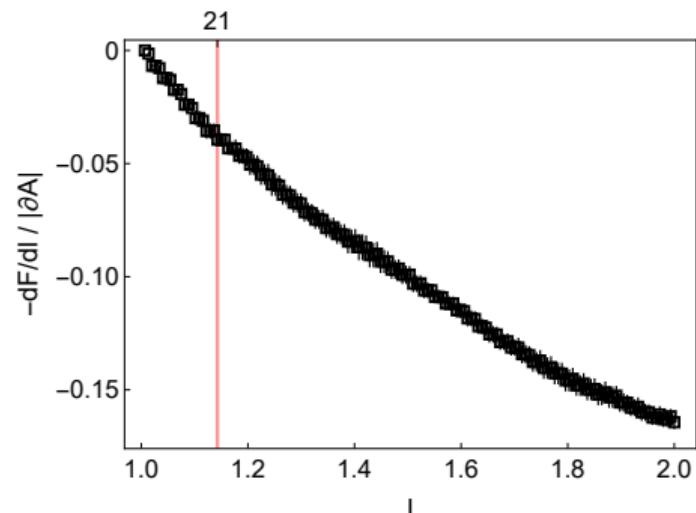


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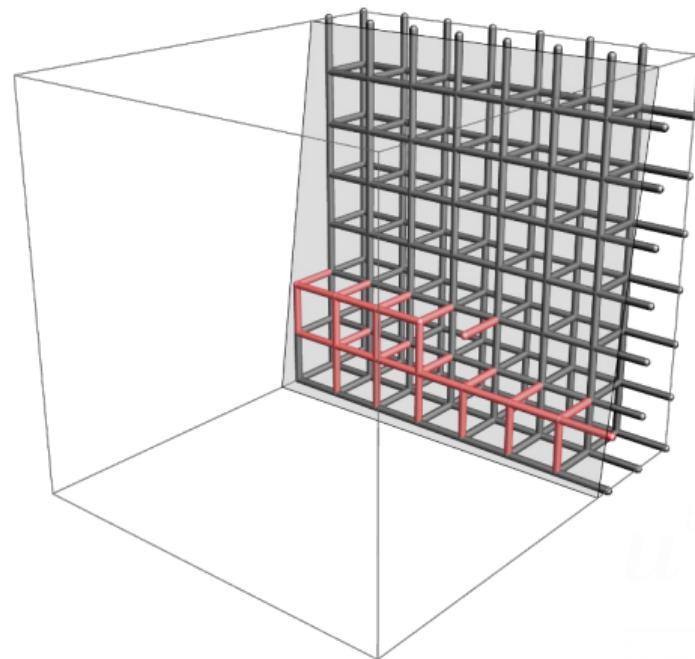
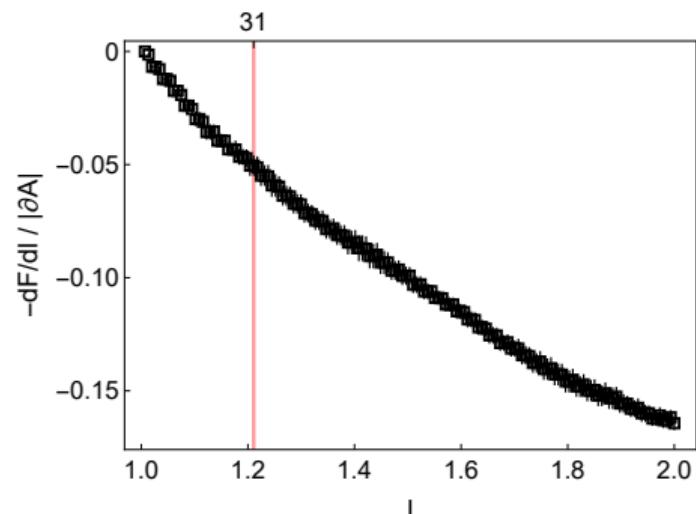


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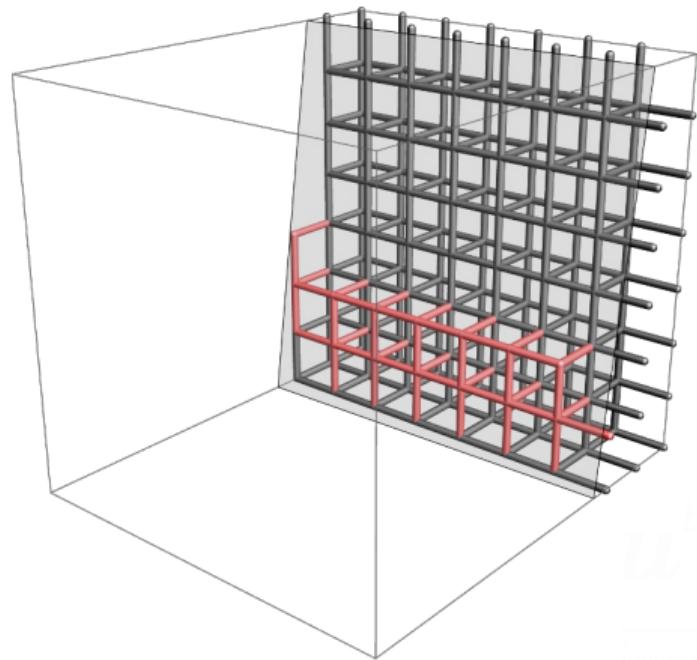
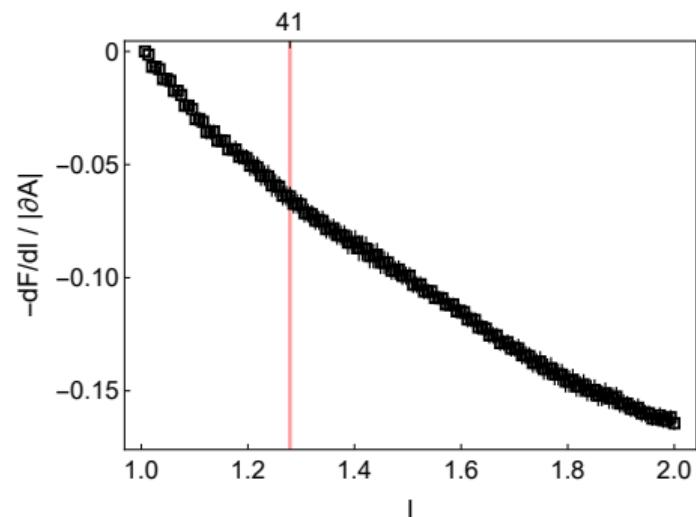


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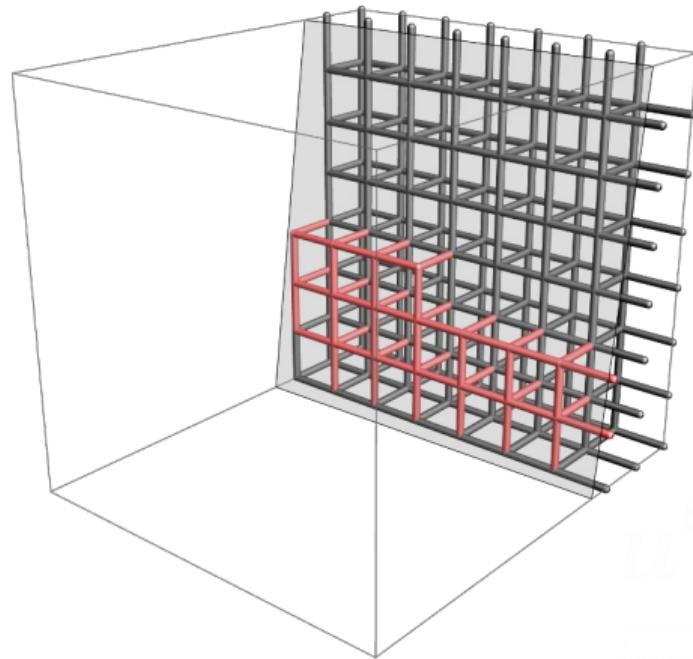
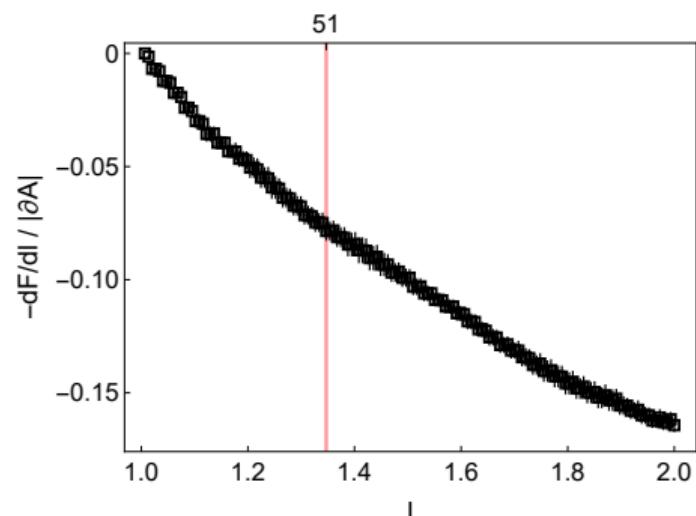


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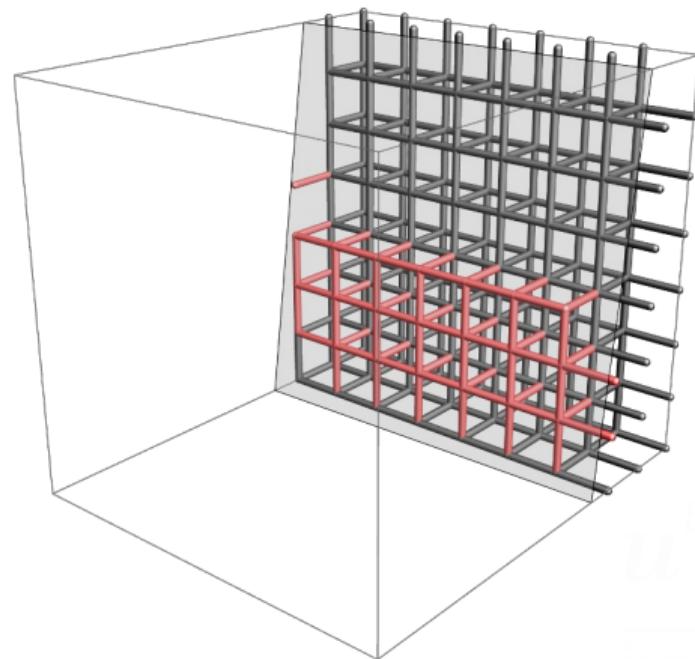
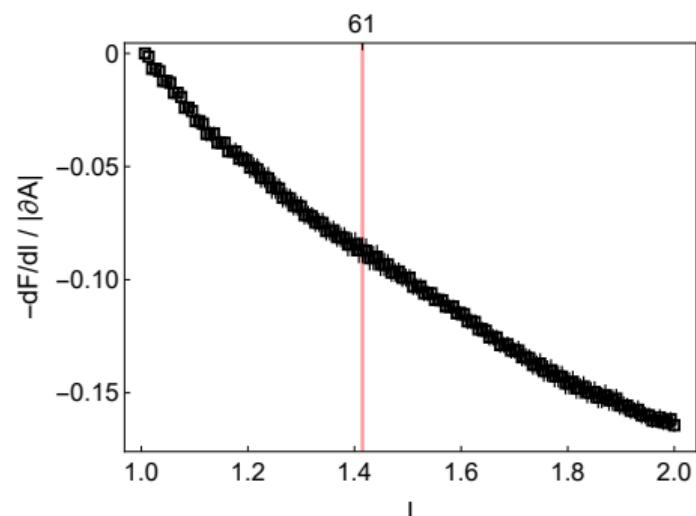


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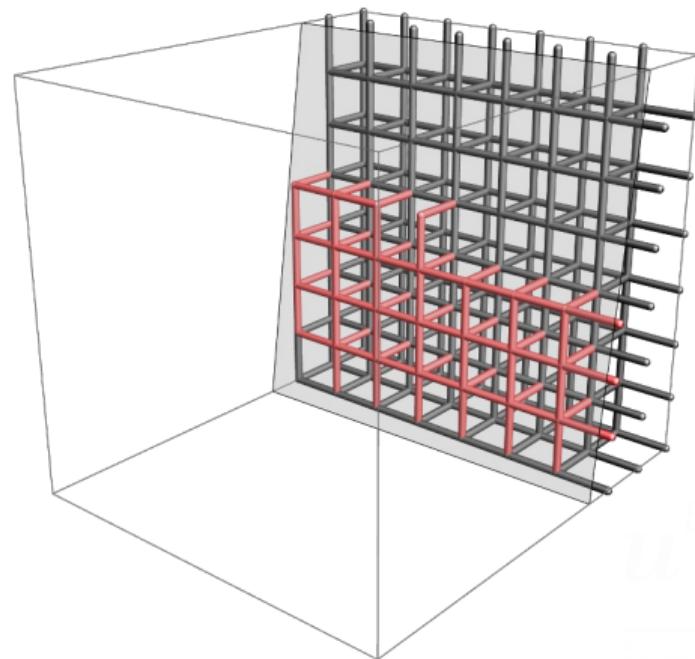
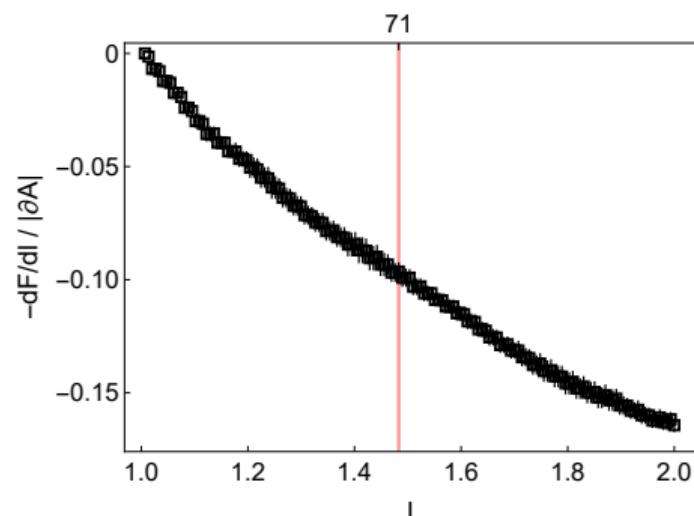


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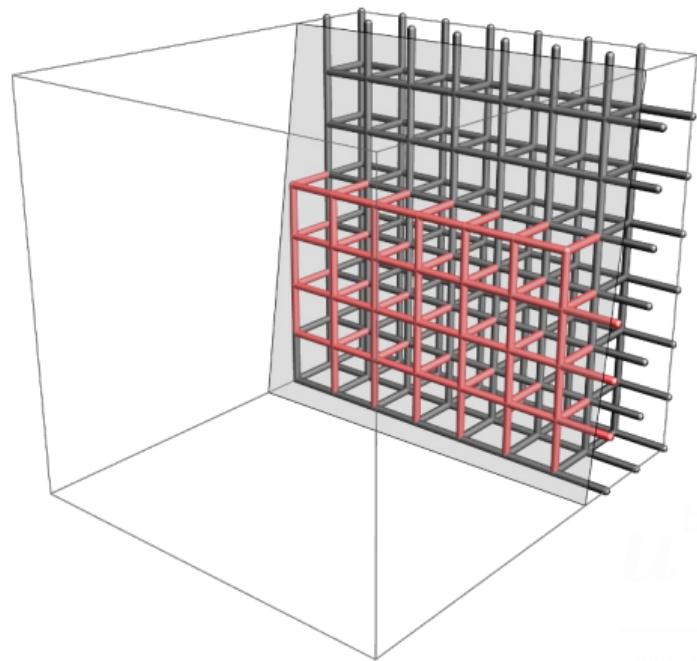
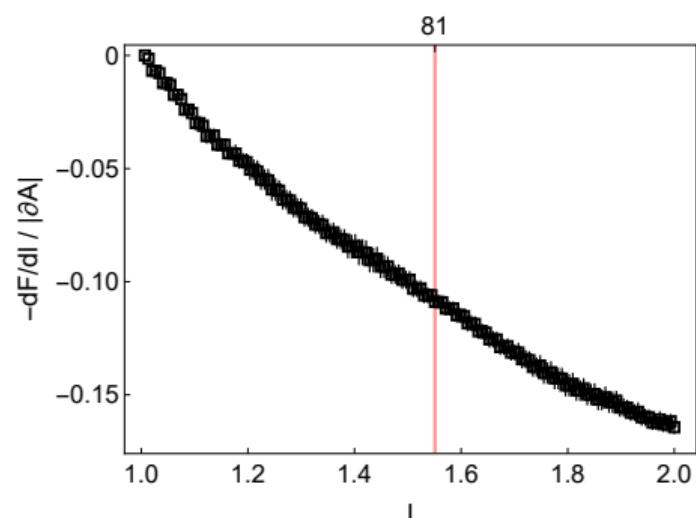


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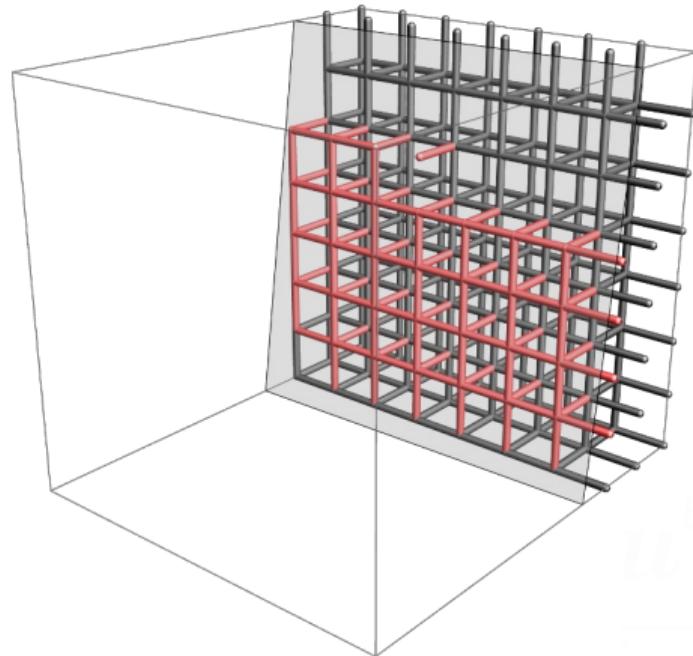
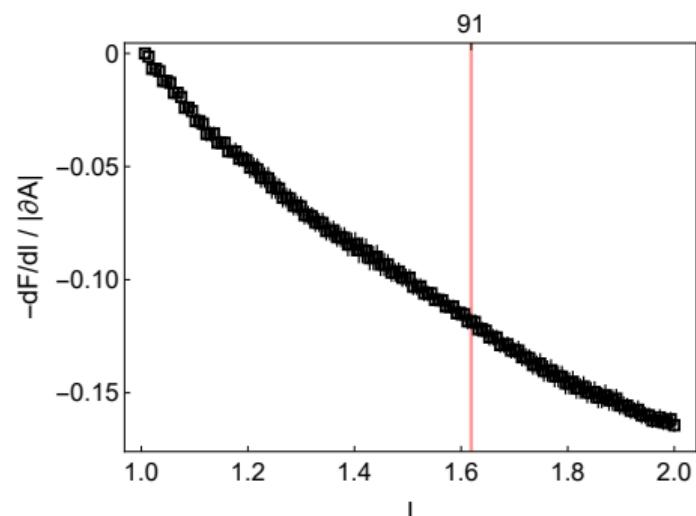


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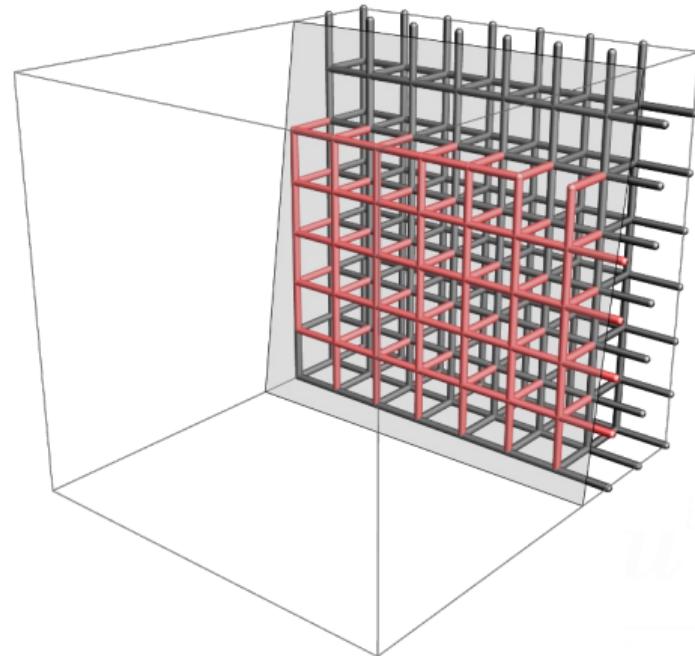
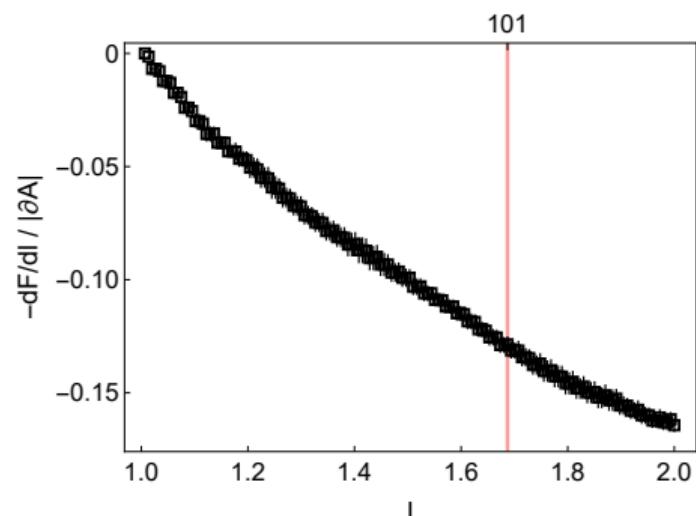


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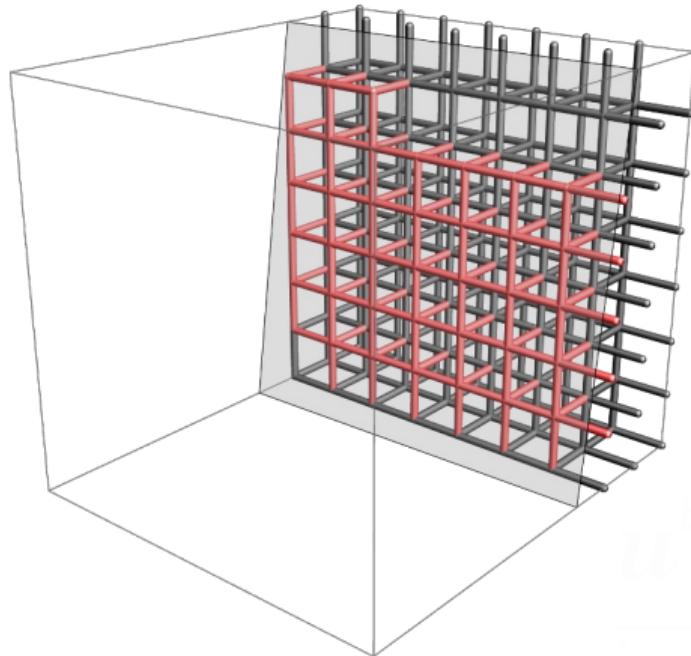
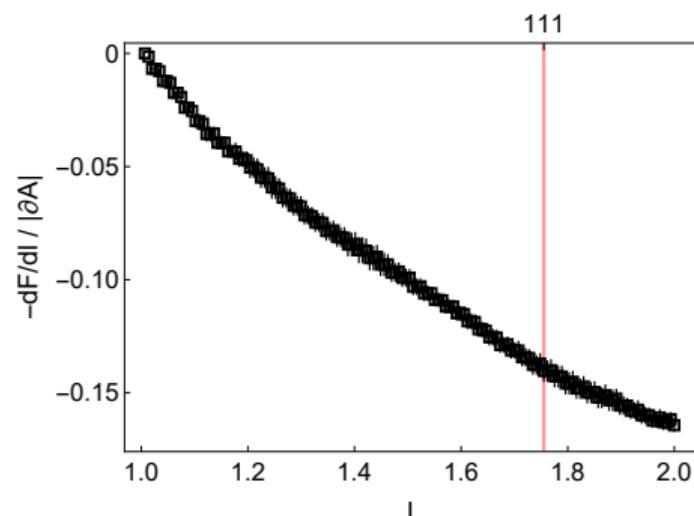


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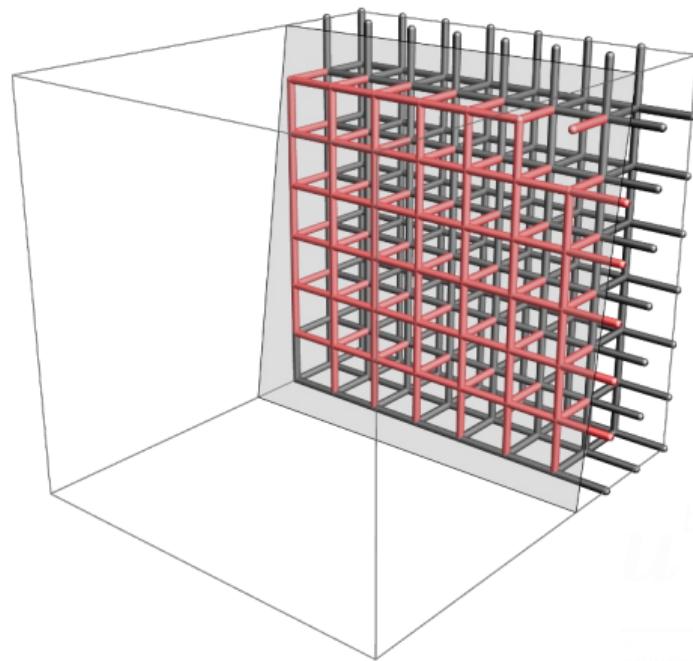
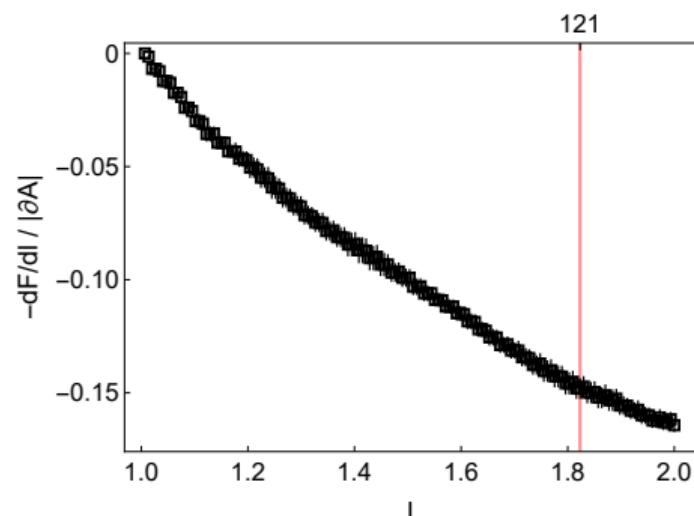


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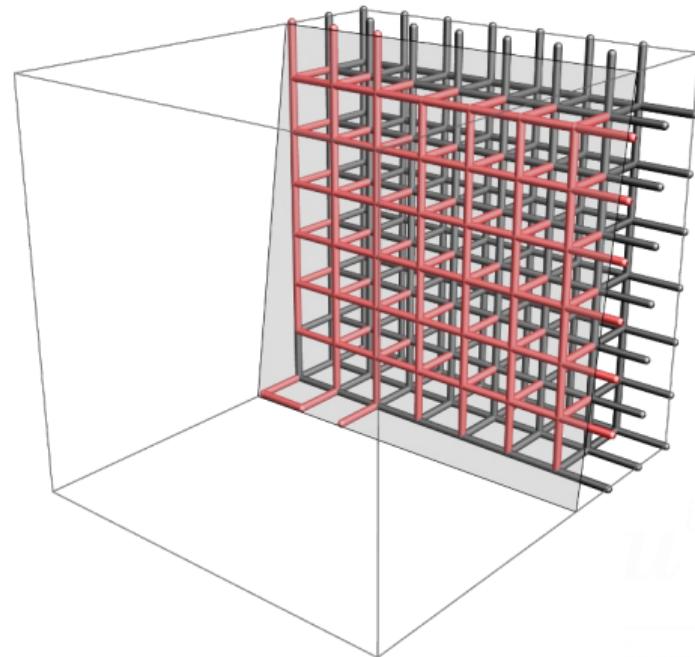
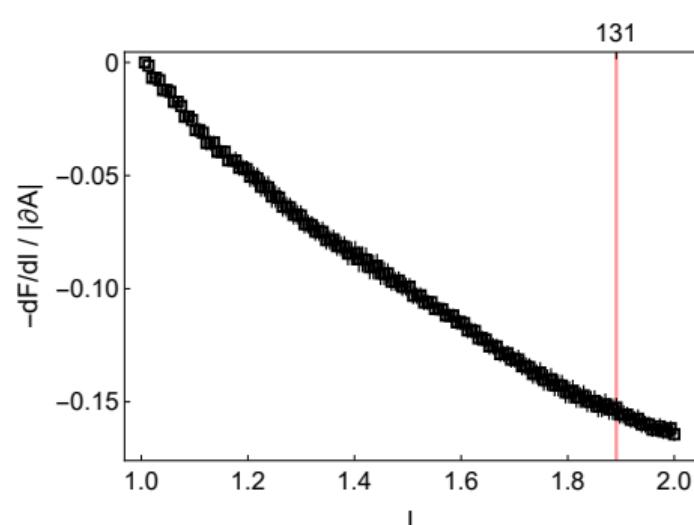


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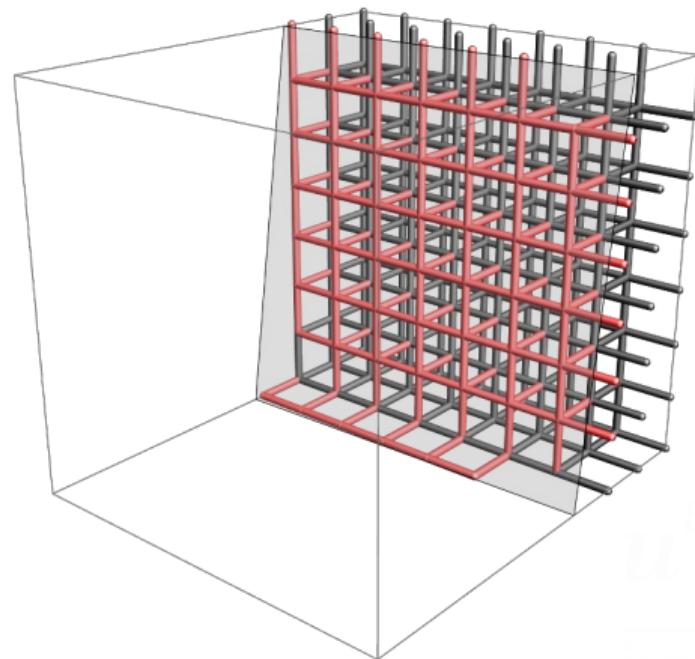
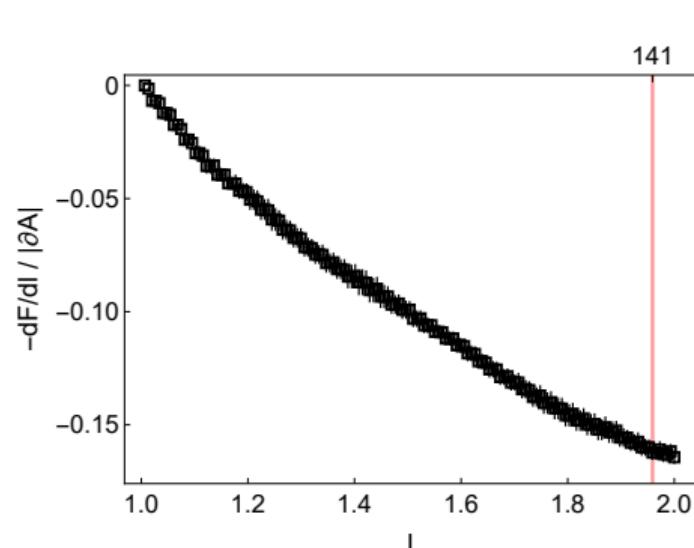


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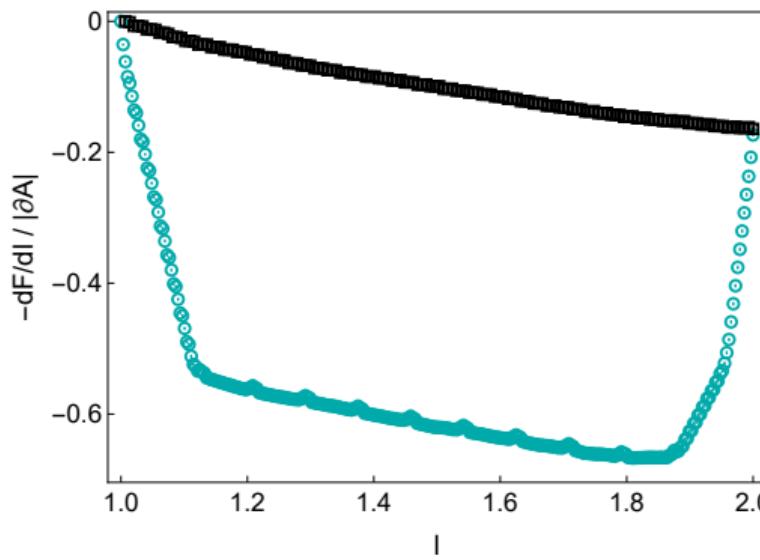
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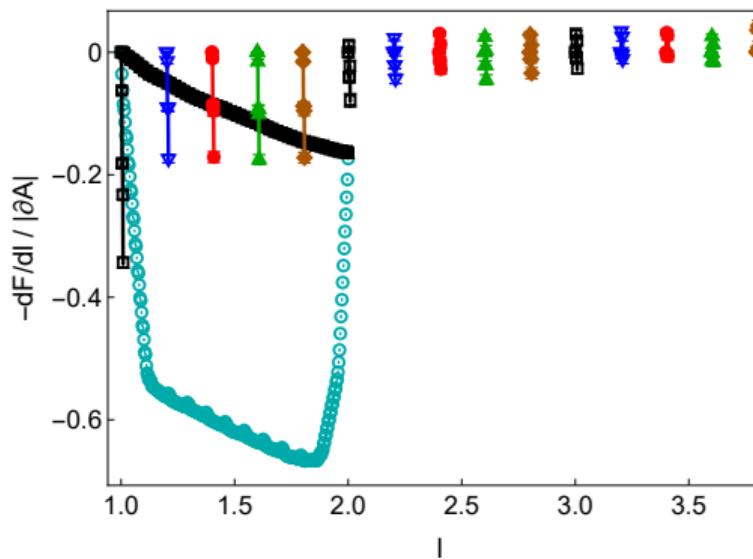
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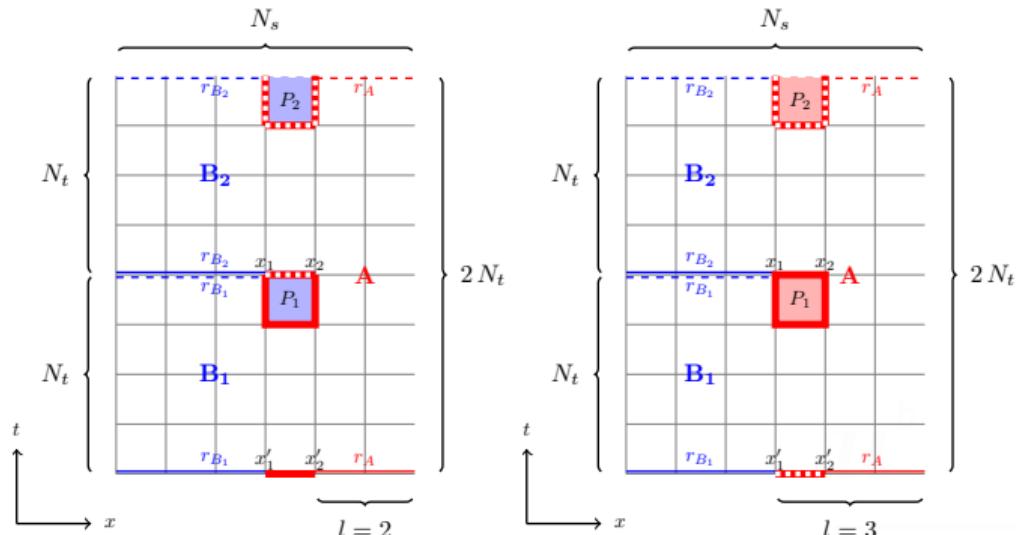


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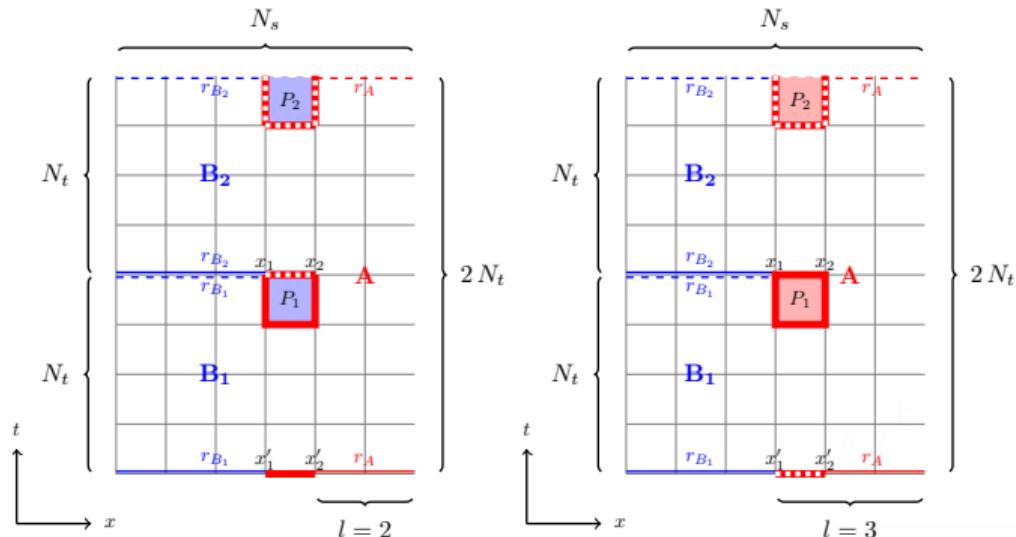
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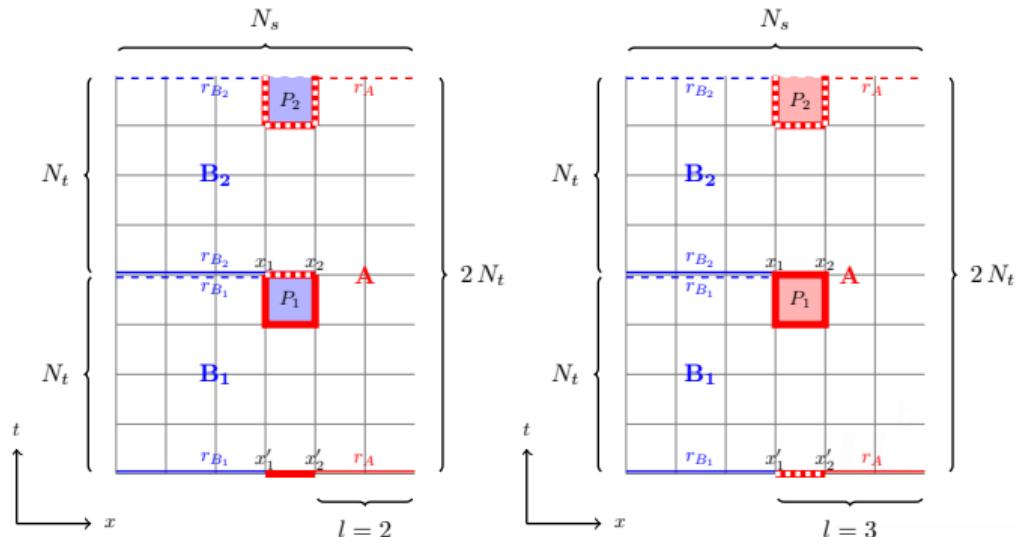
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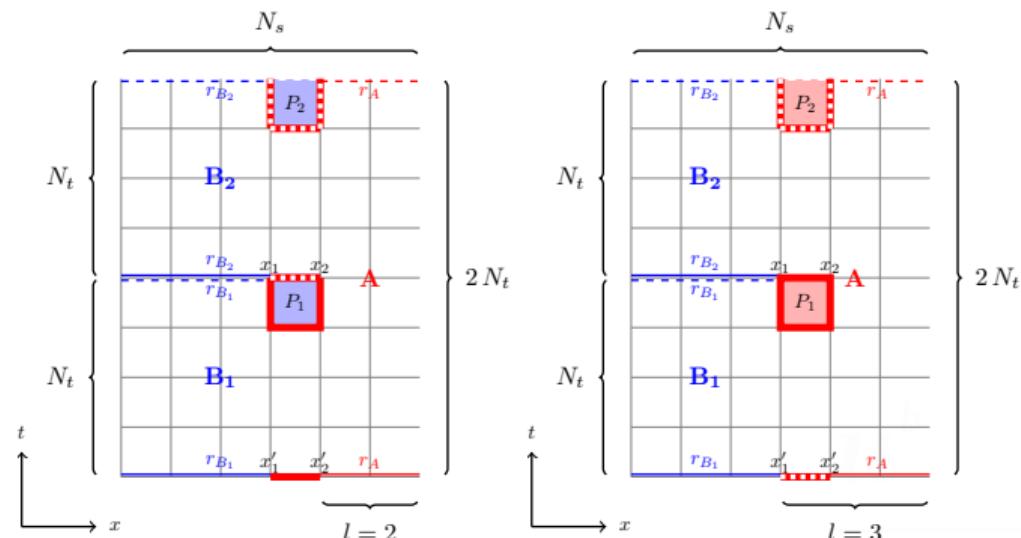


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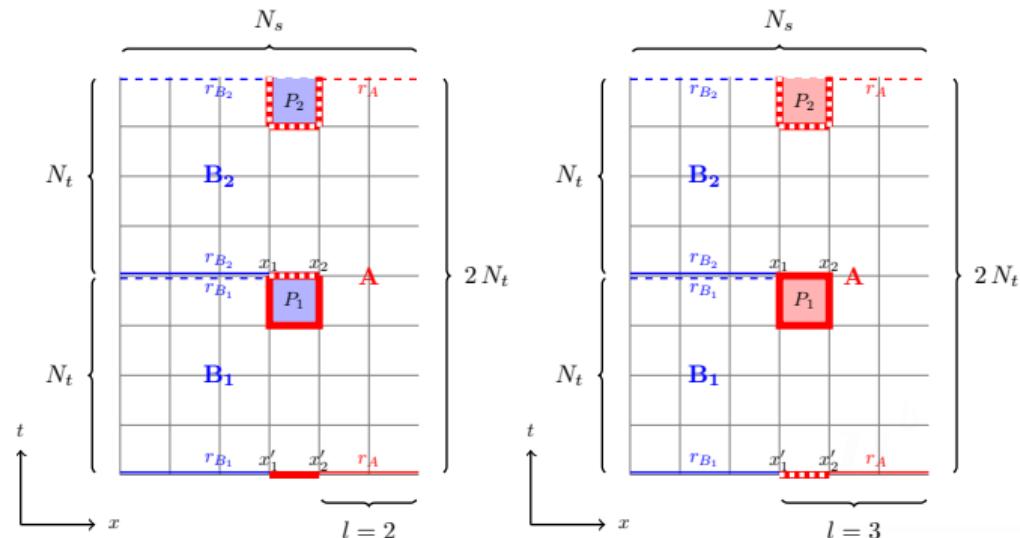
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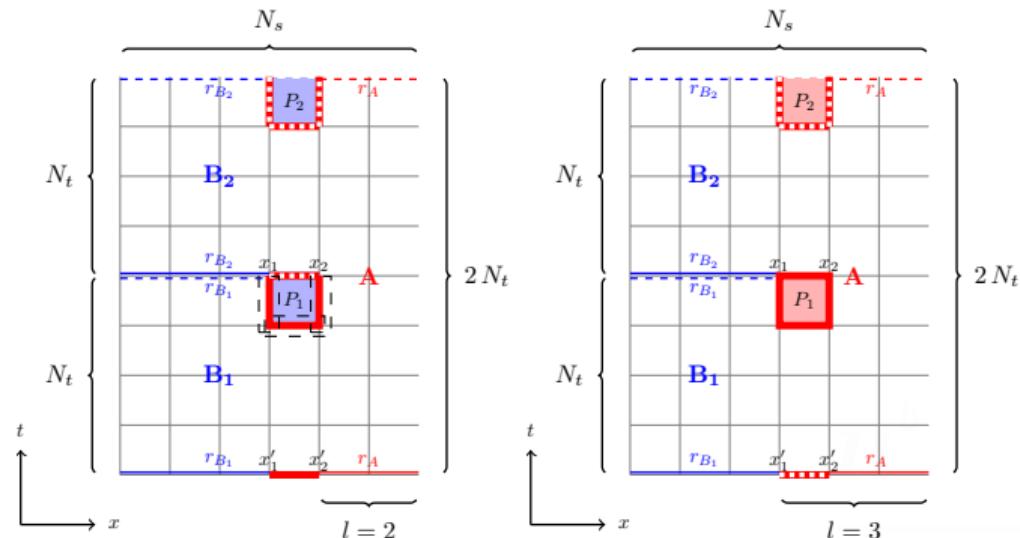
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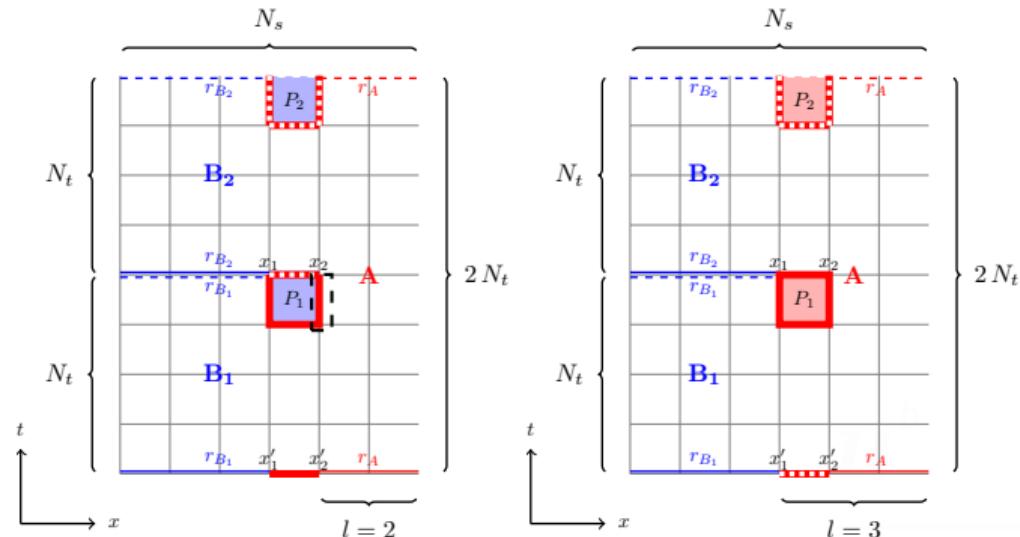
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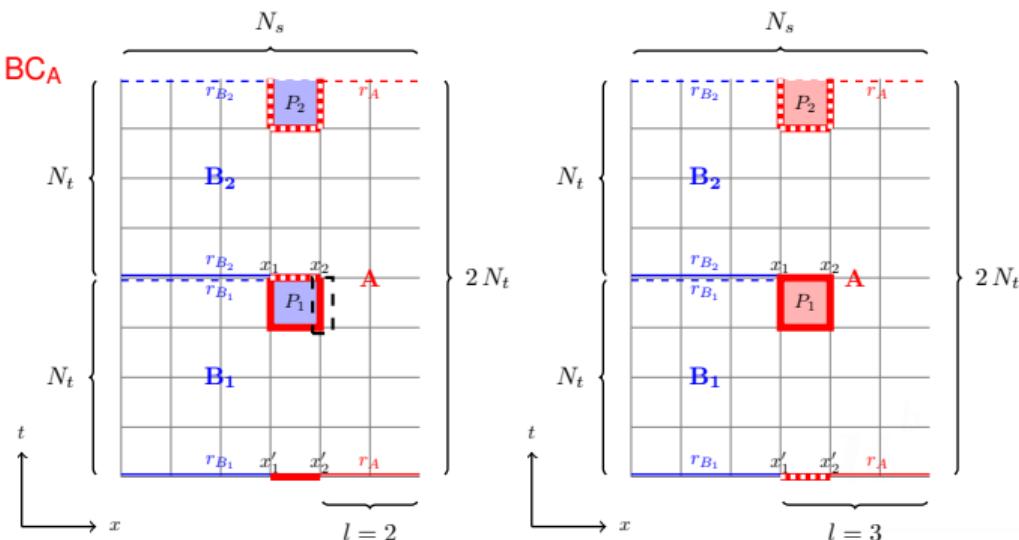
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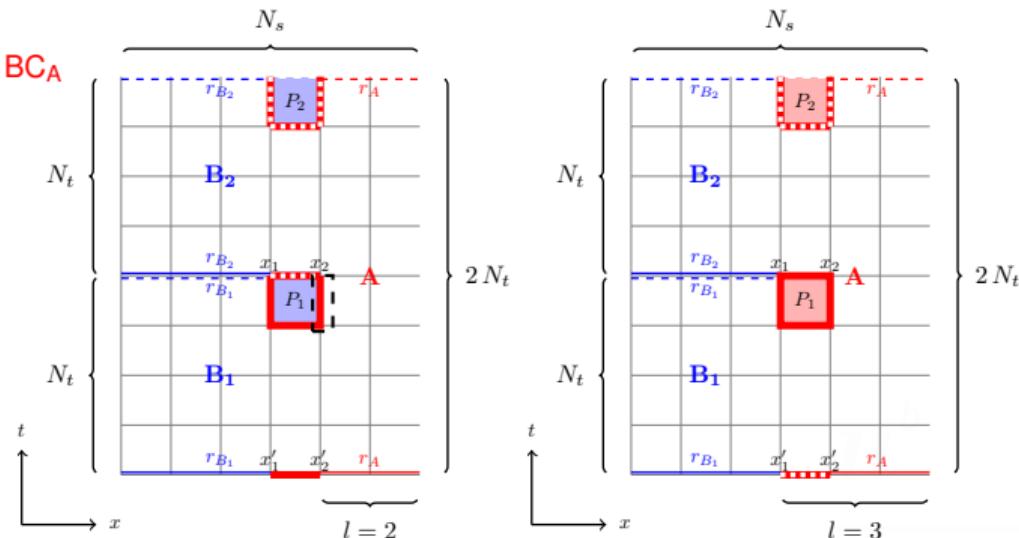
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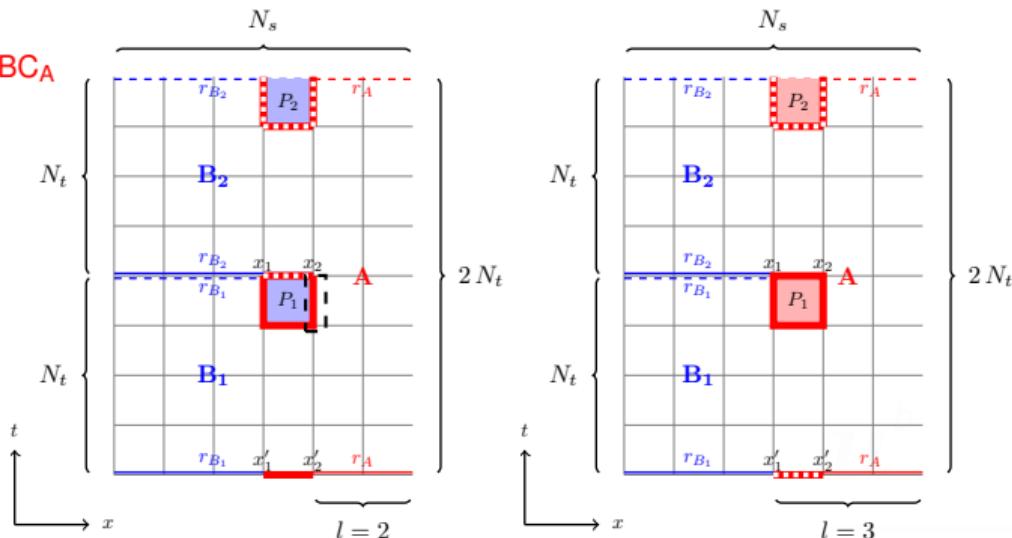
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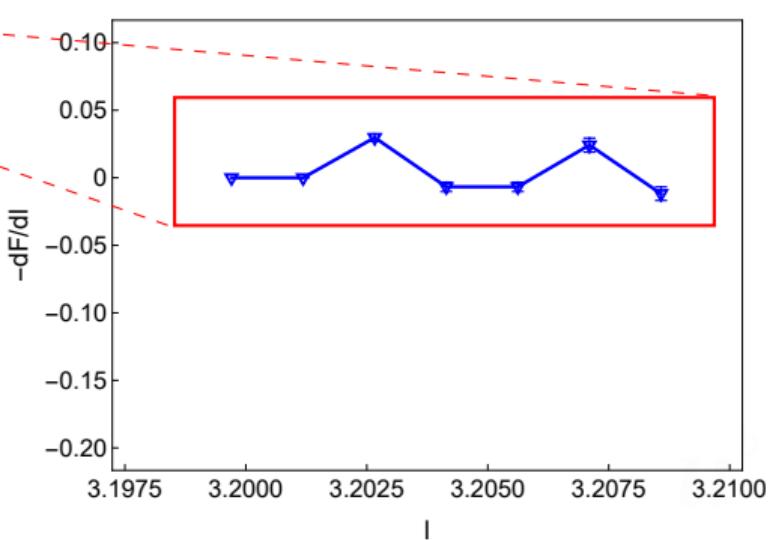
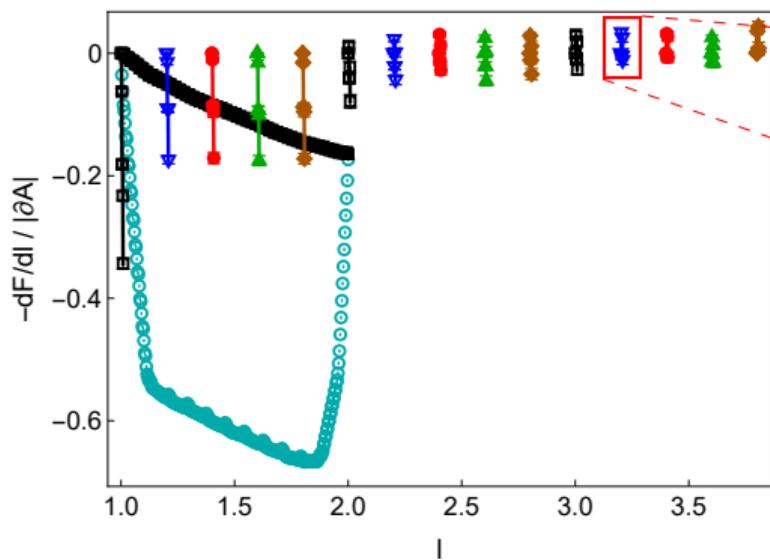
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- For $\ell > 2$ non-monotonic change in free energy during BC change for single spatial cube
 - auto-correlation issue?
 - can it be avoided?



Conclusions & outlook

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- Remnant "single cube" free energy barrier can show up for $\ell > 2$.
- Worm-like update for temporal BC flip over spatial link results in higher acceptance rates.

Outlook

- Some ideas to overcome the "single cube" free energy barriers.
- Extended worm-like update over more than one spatial link at a time?
- Applications ...

Thank you!