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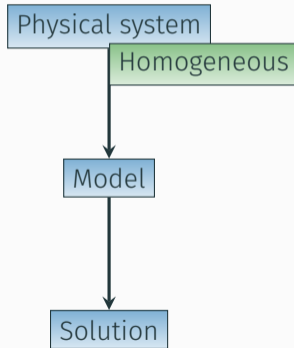
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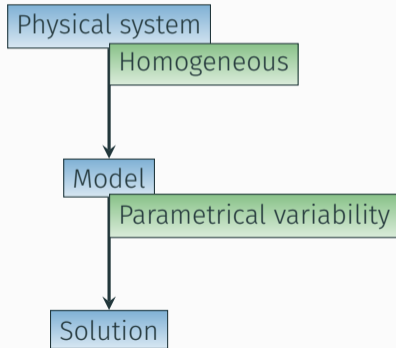


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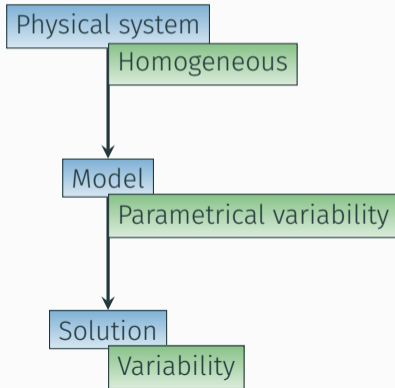


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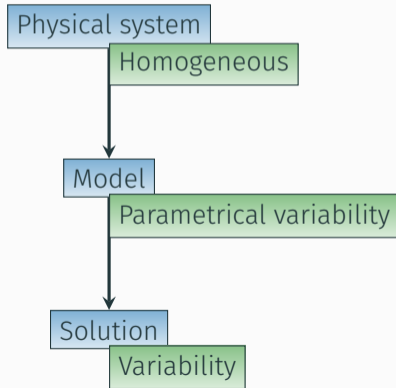


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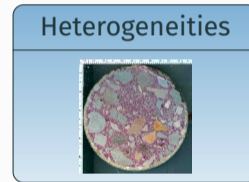
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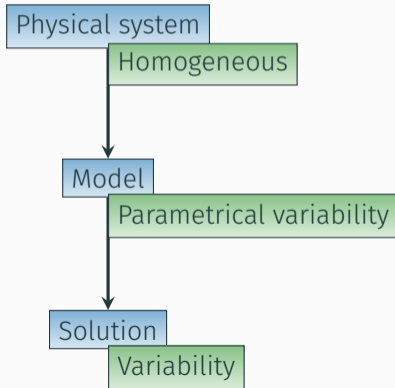
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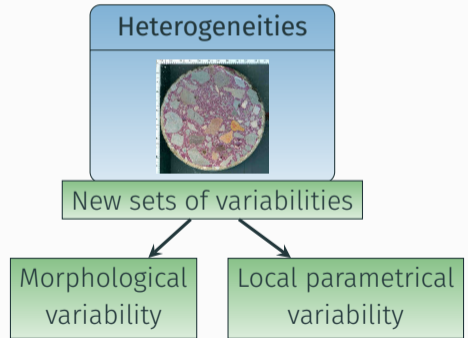
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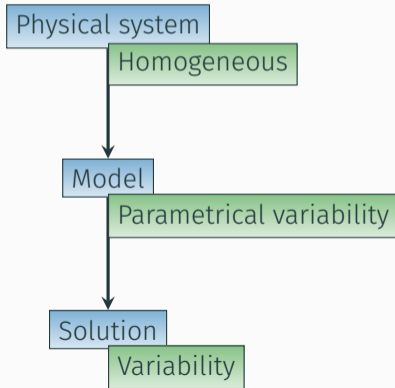
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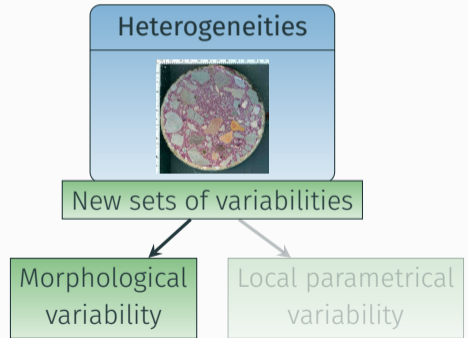
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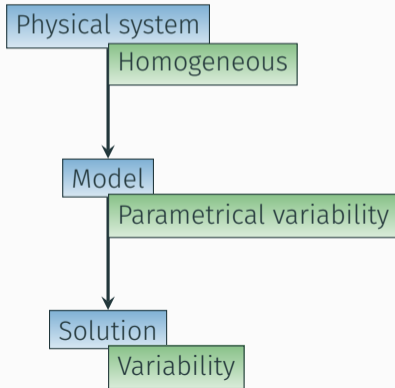
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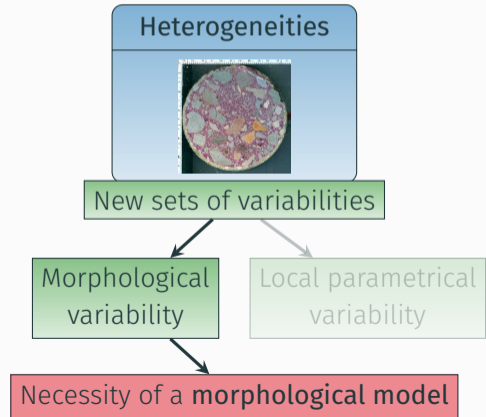
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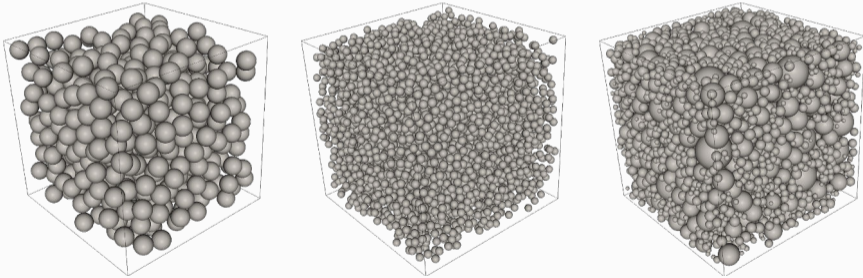
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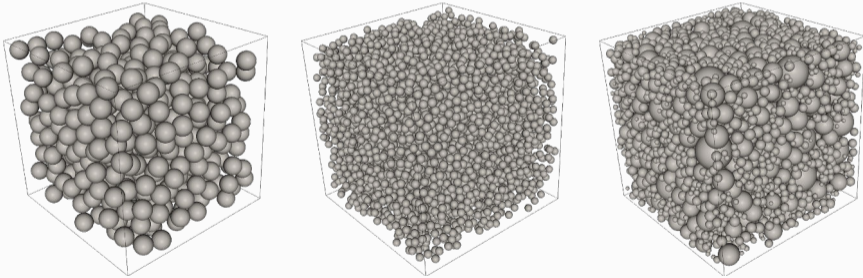


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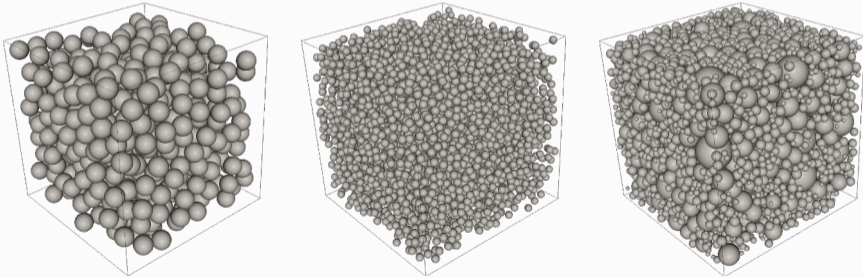
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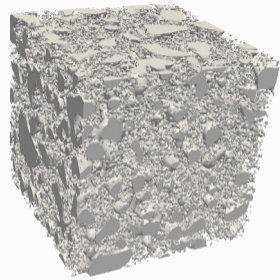
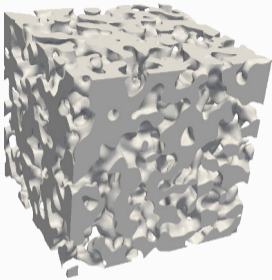
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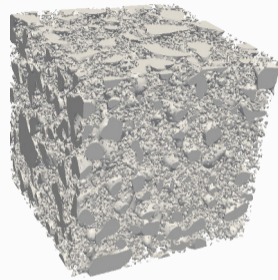
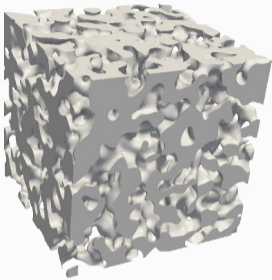


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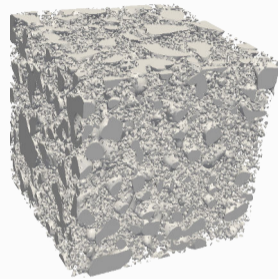
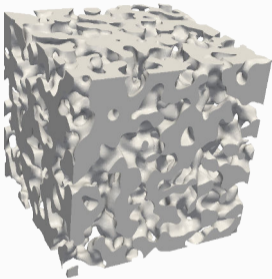


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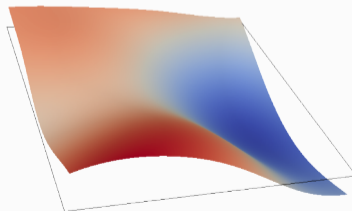
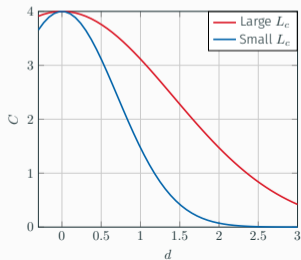
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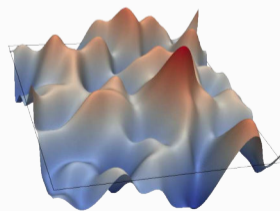
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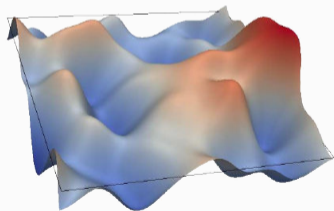
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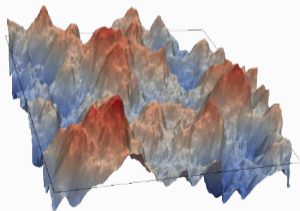
Out of topic... but other classes of covariance functions bring more flexibility.

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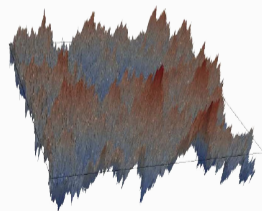
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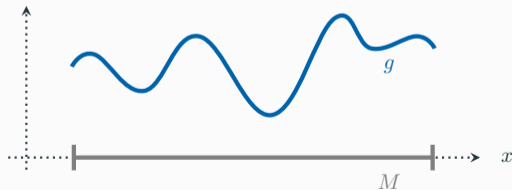
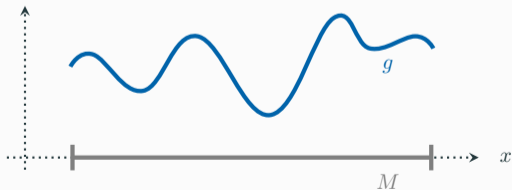
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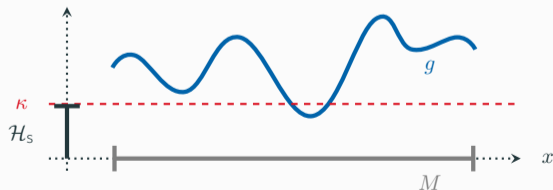
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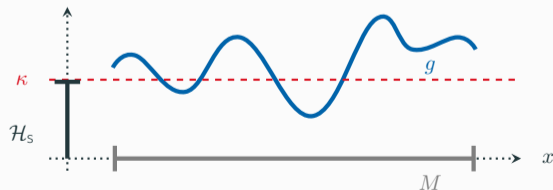
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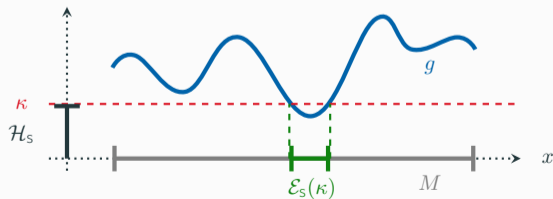
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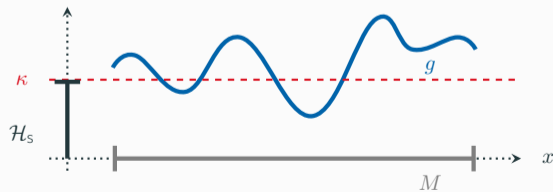
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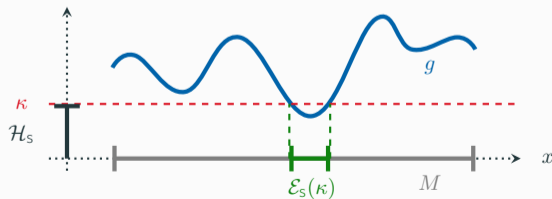
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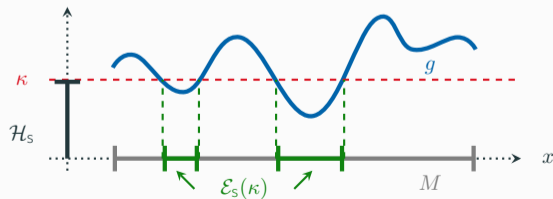
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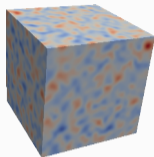


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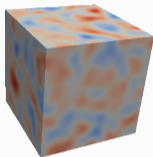
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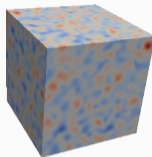
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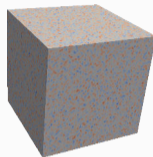
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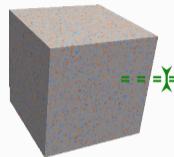
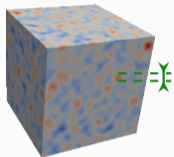
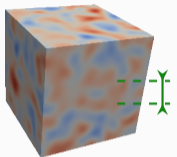
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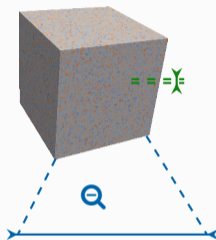
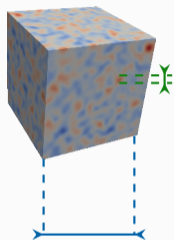
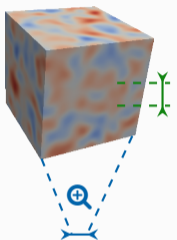
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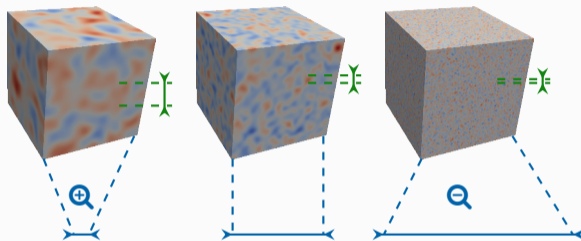
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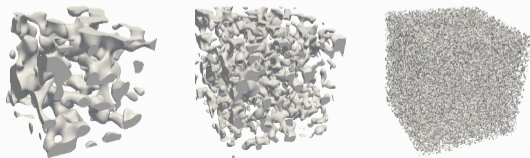
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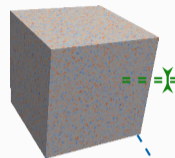
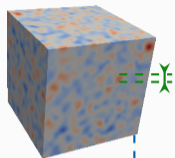
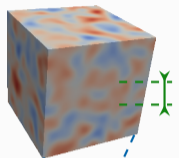
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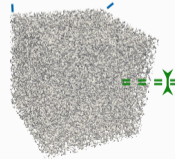
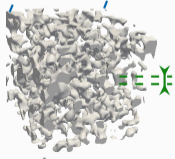
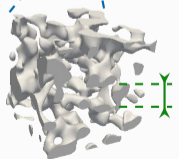


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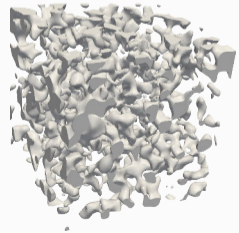
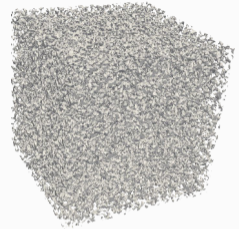
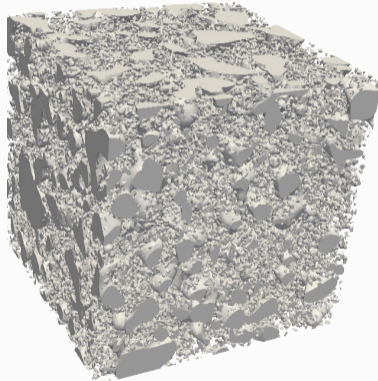
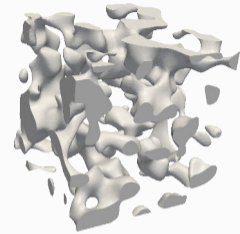
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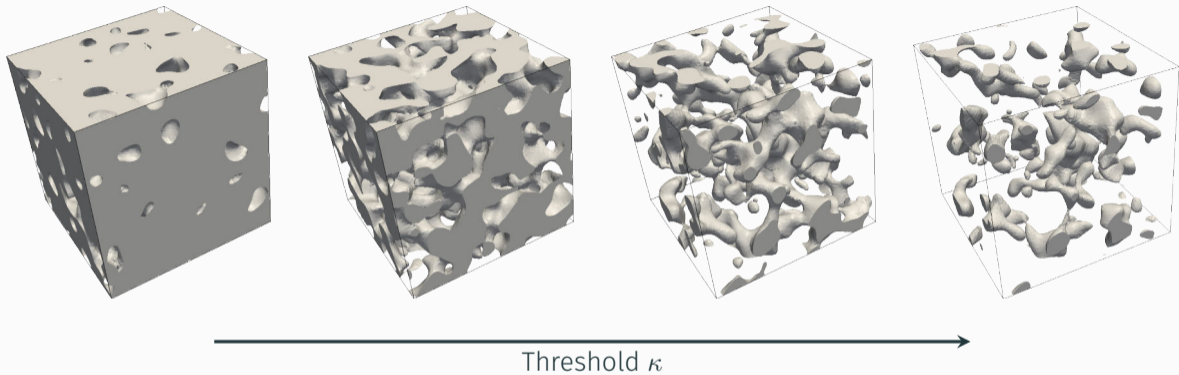
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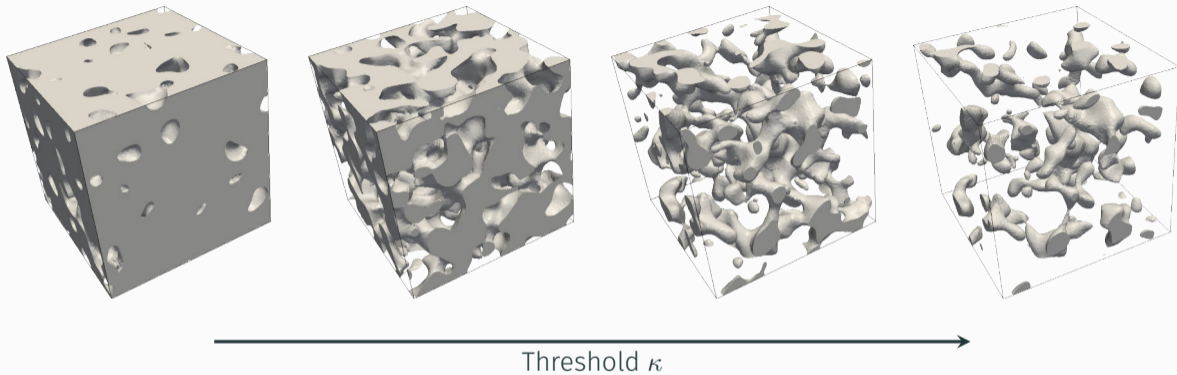
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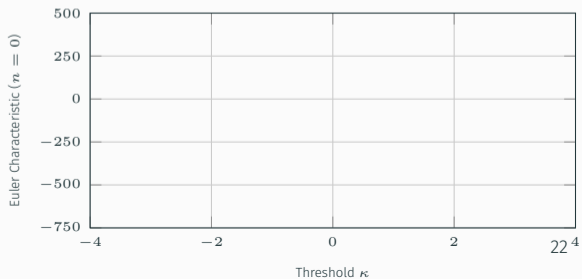
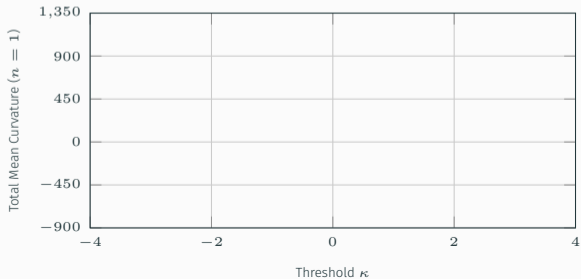
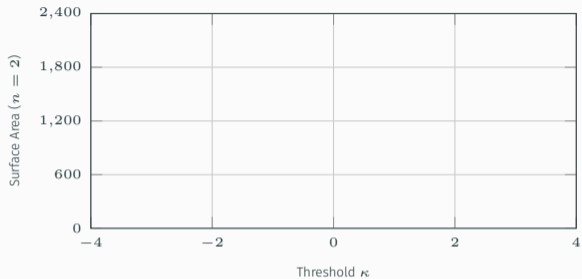
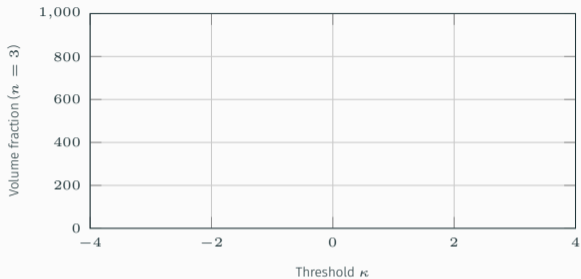


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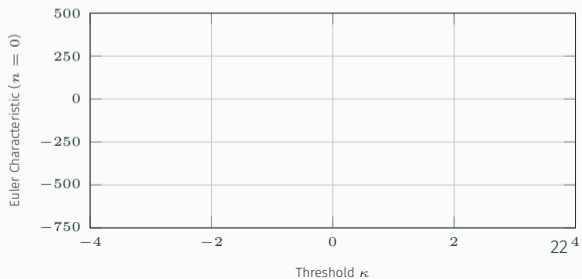
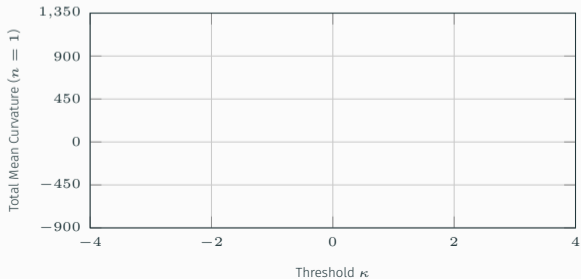
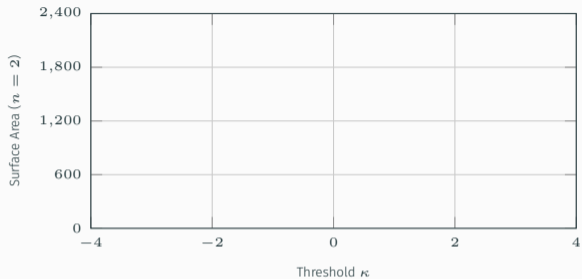
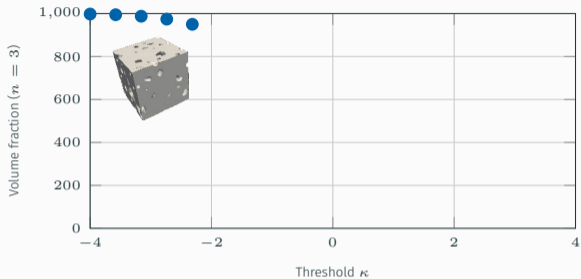


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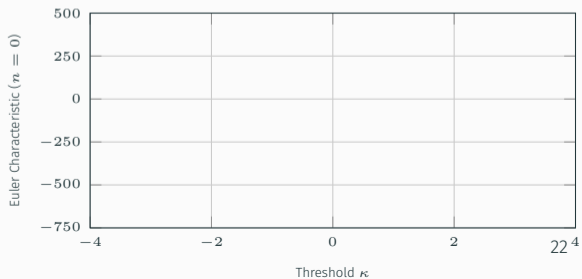
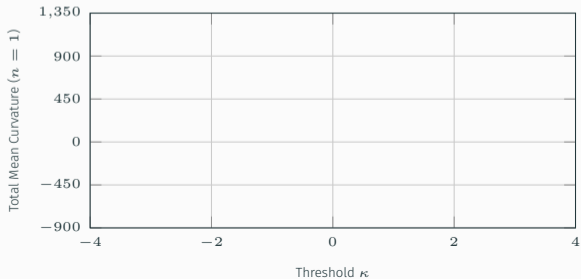
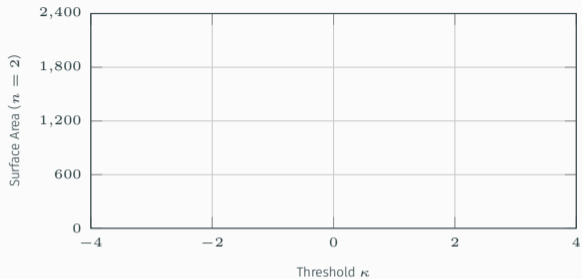
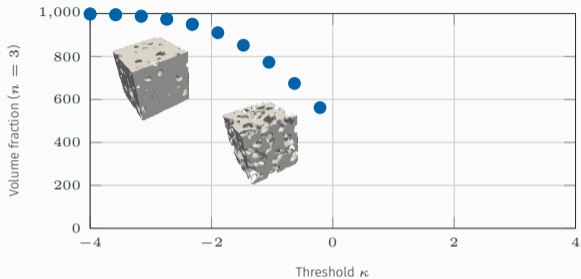
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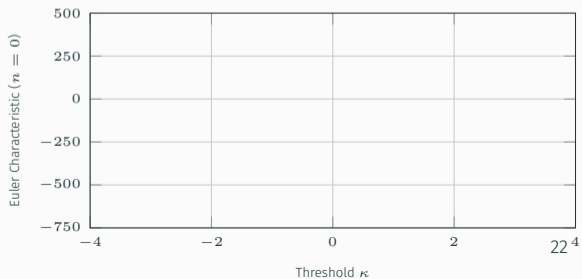
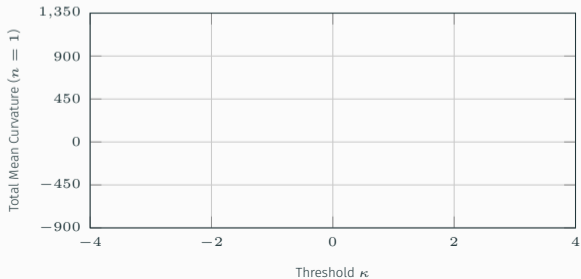
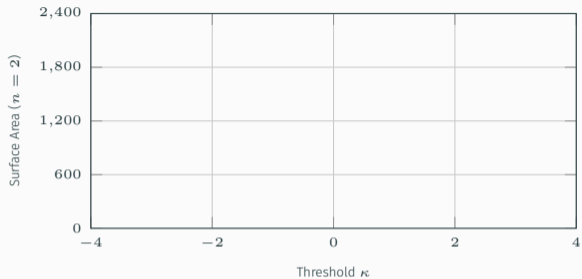
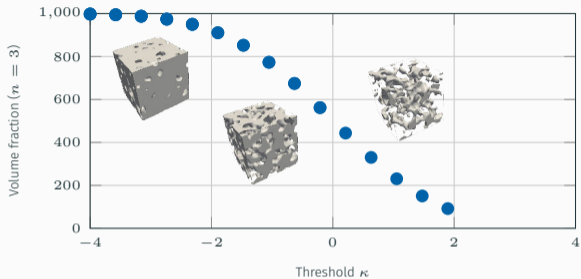
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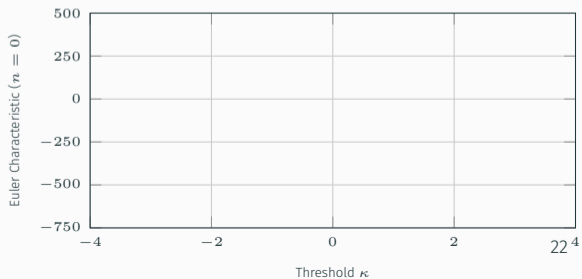
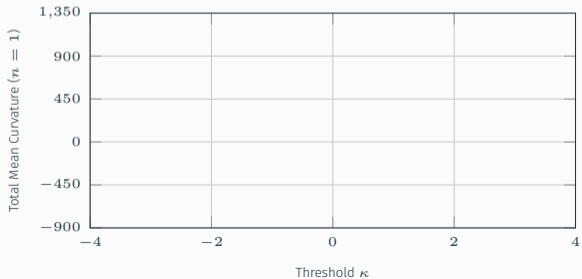
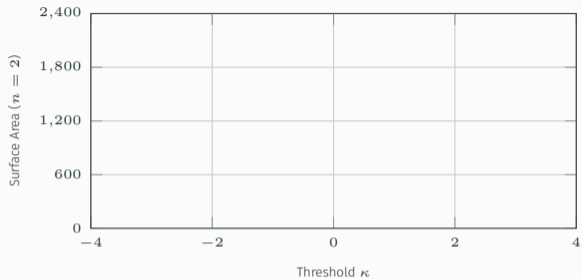
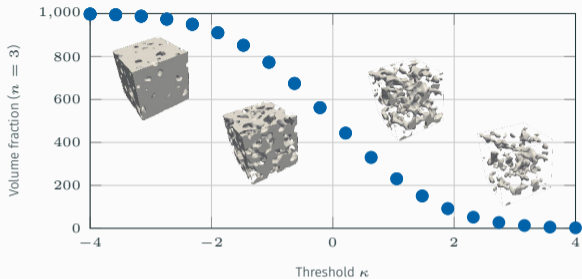
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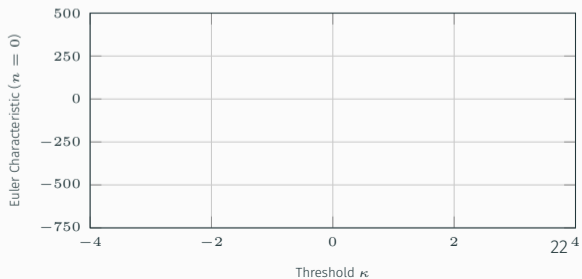
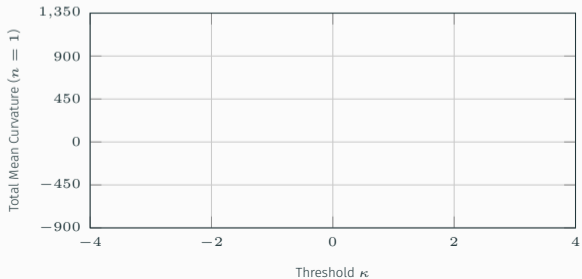
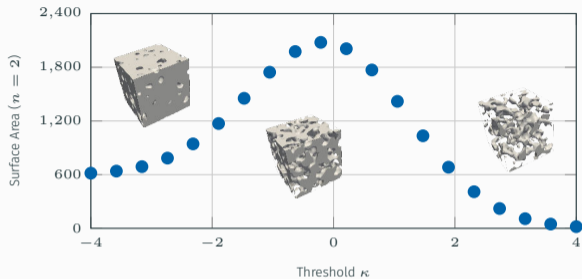
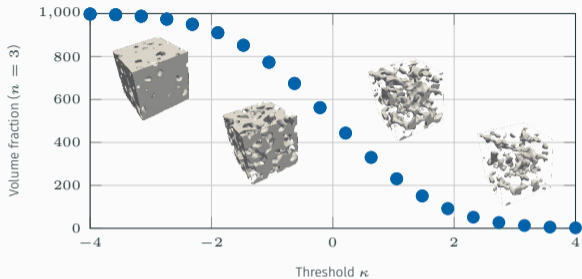
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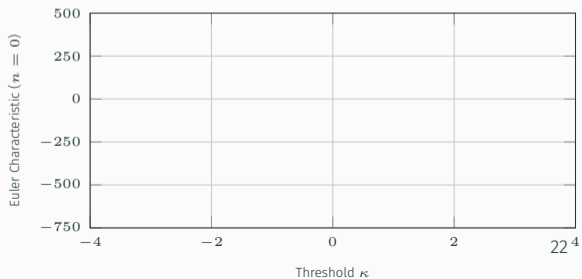
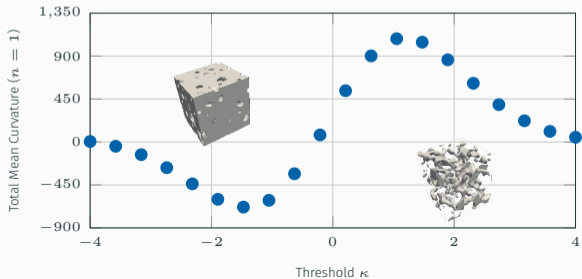
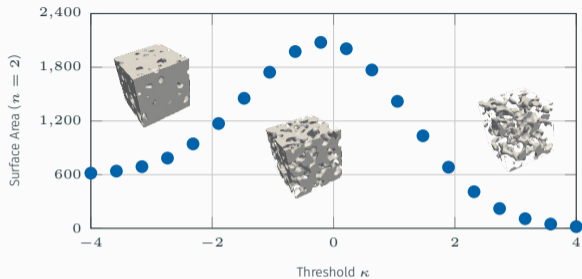
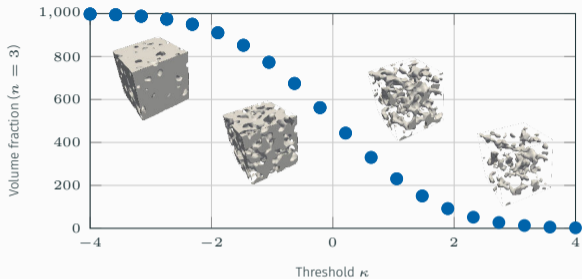
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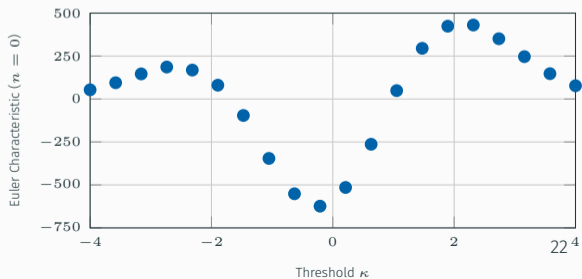
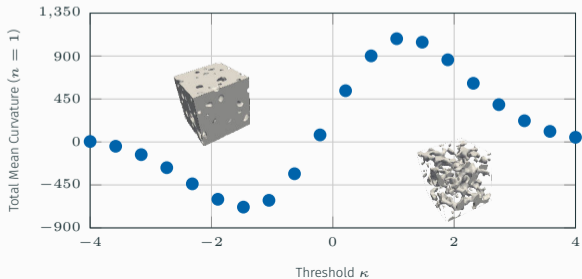
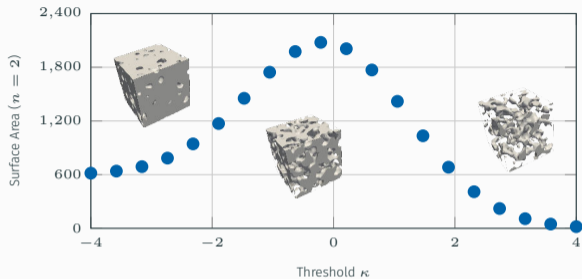
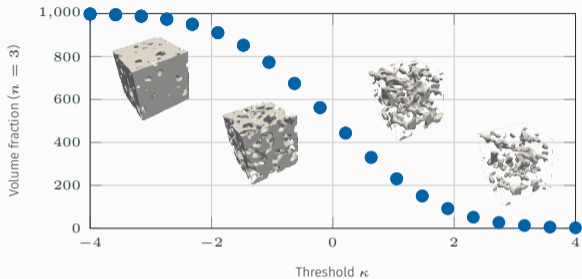
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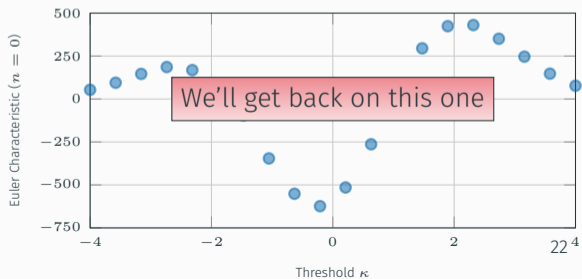
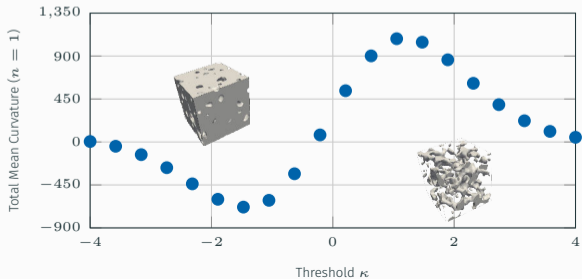
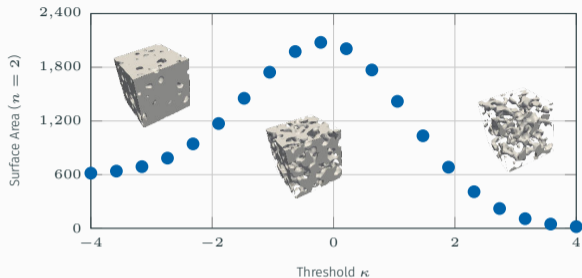
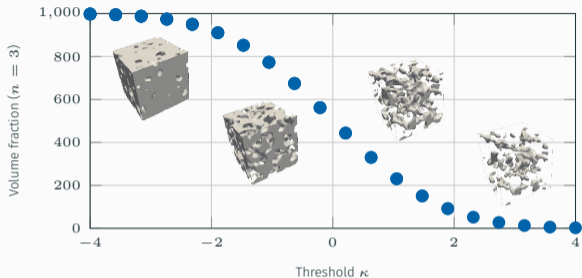
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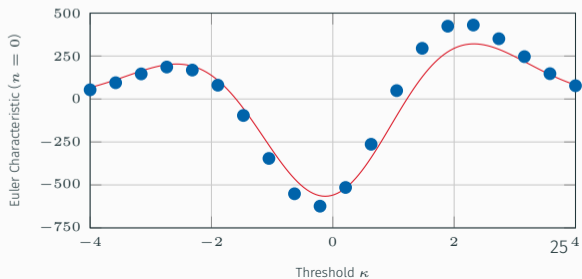
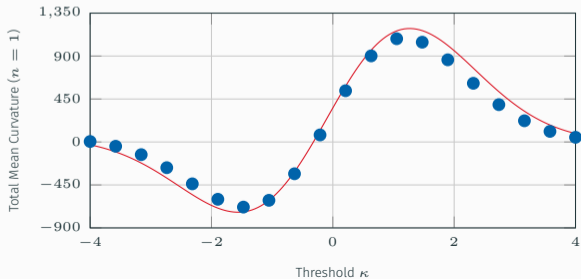
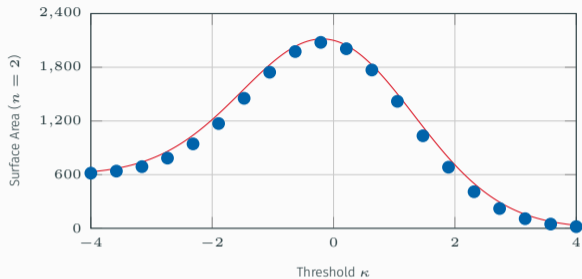
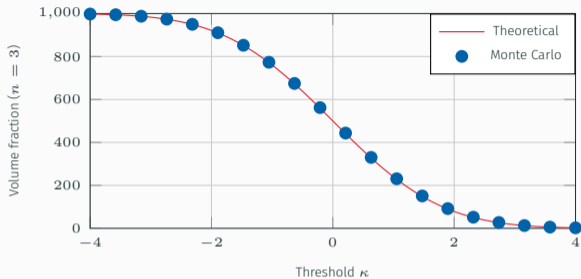
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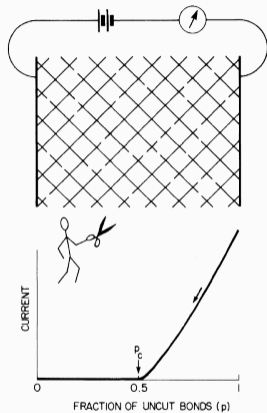


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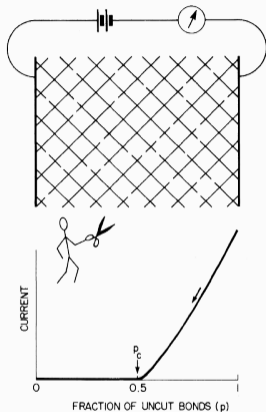


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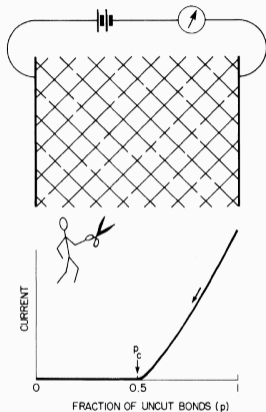


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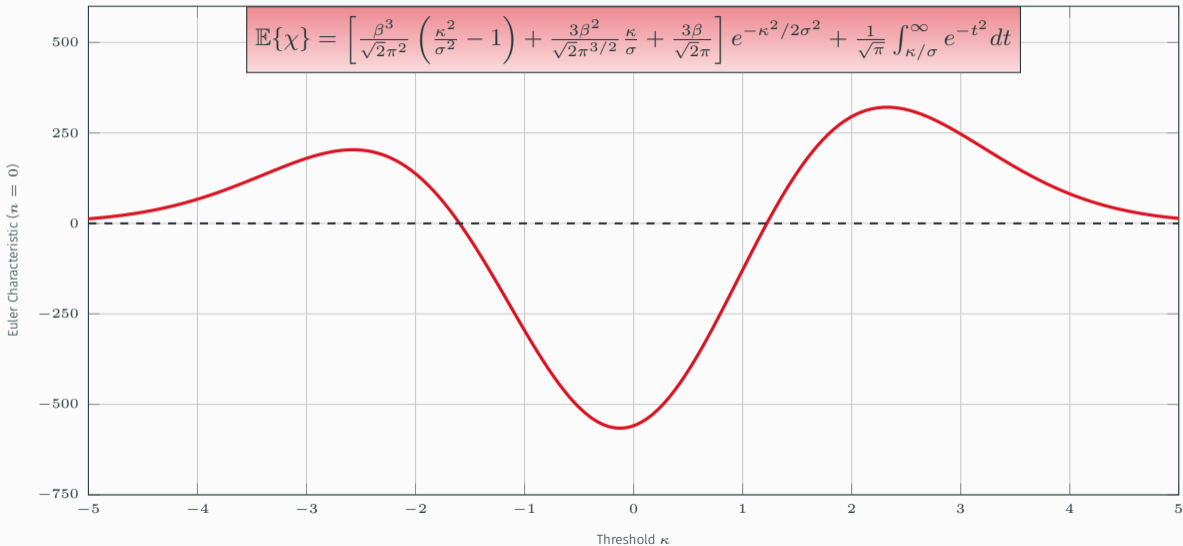
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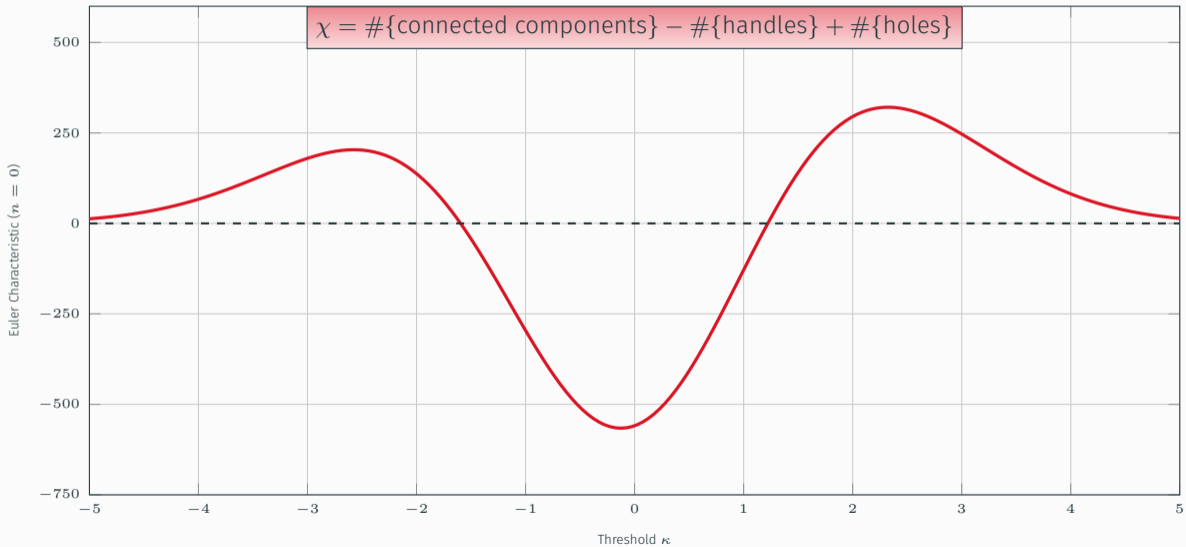
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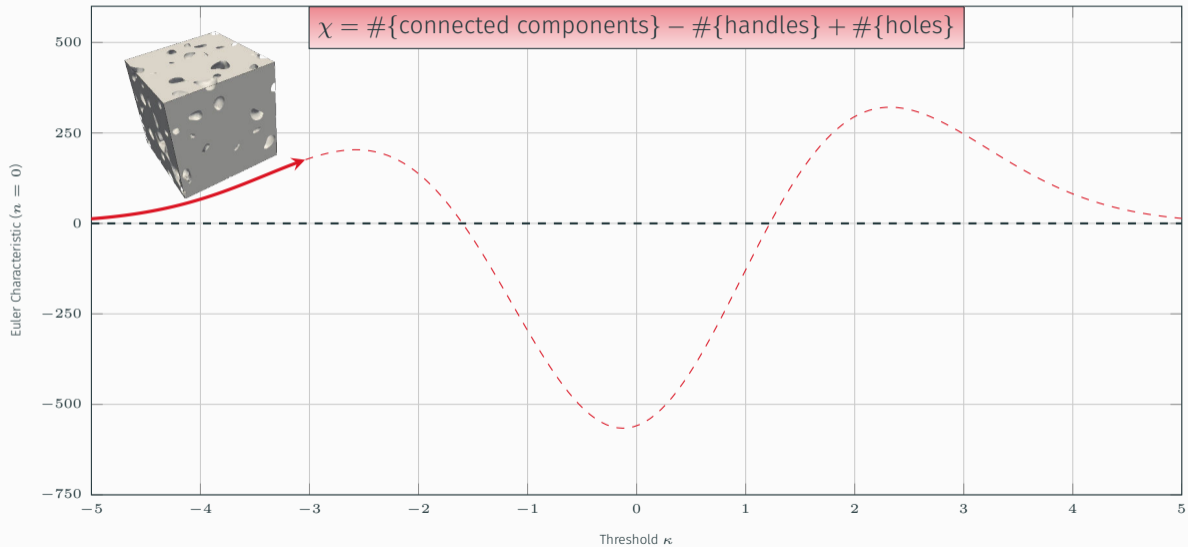
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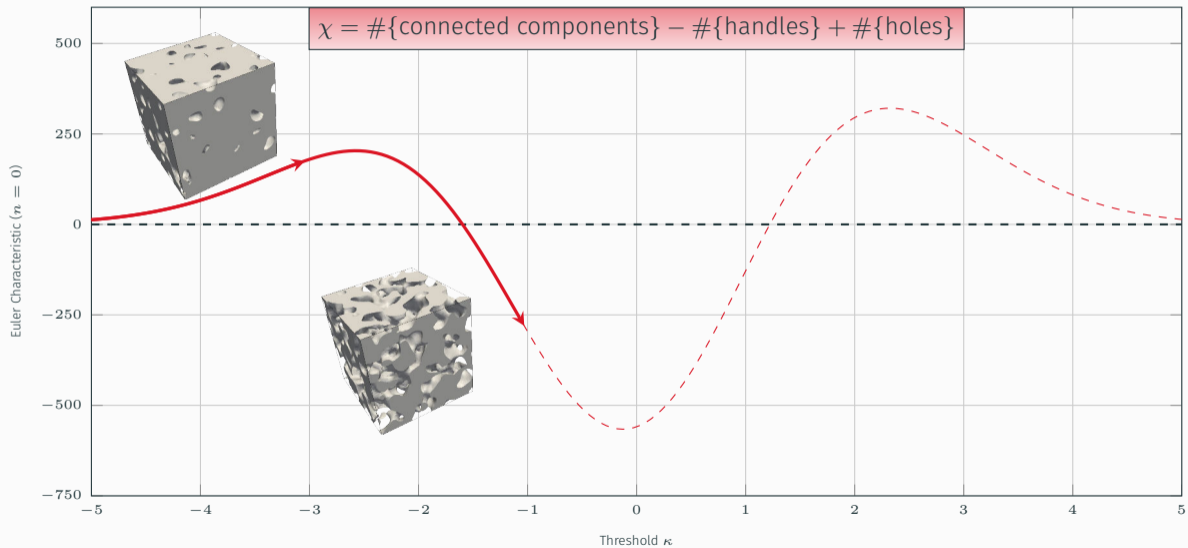
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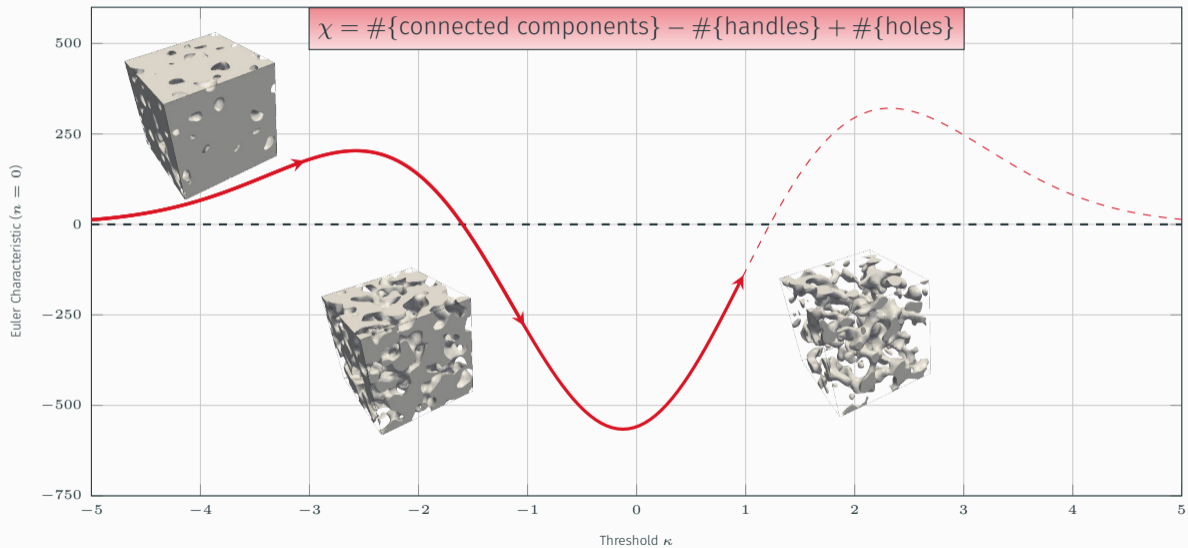
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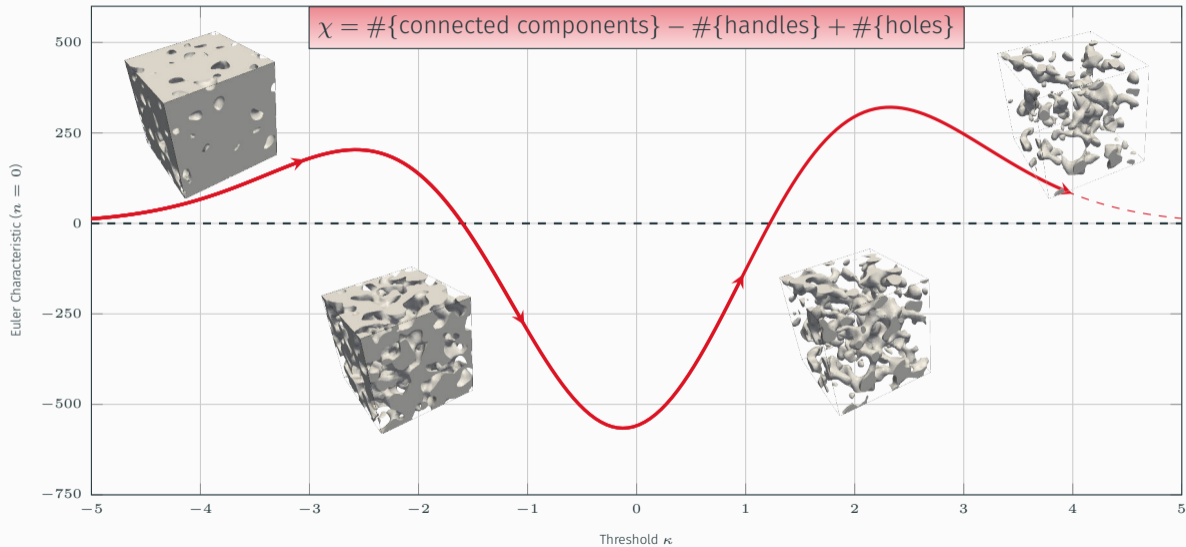
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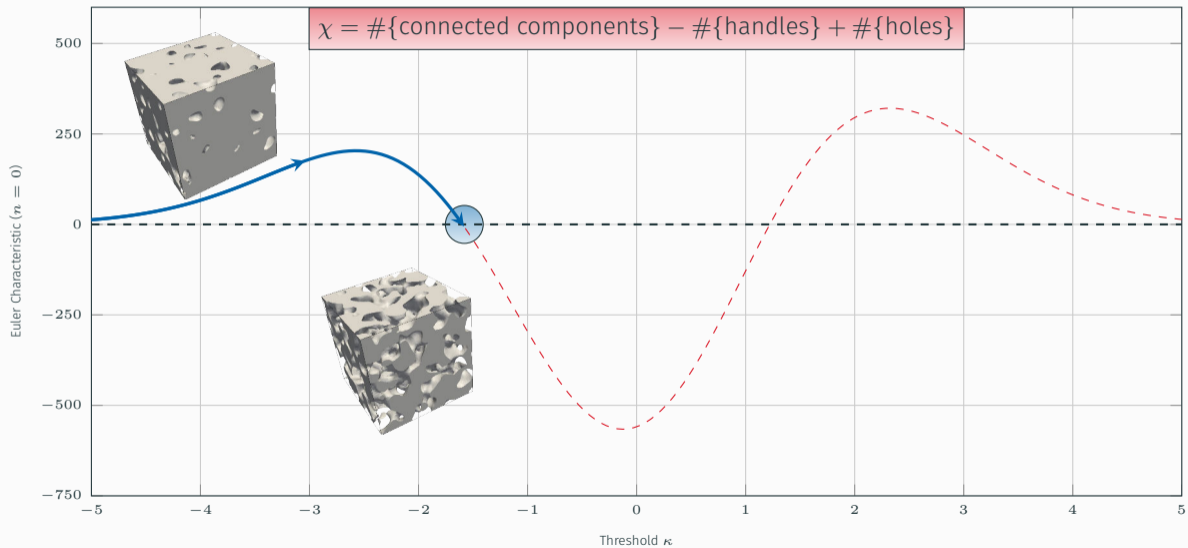
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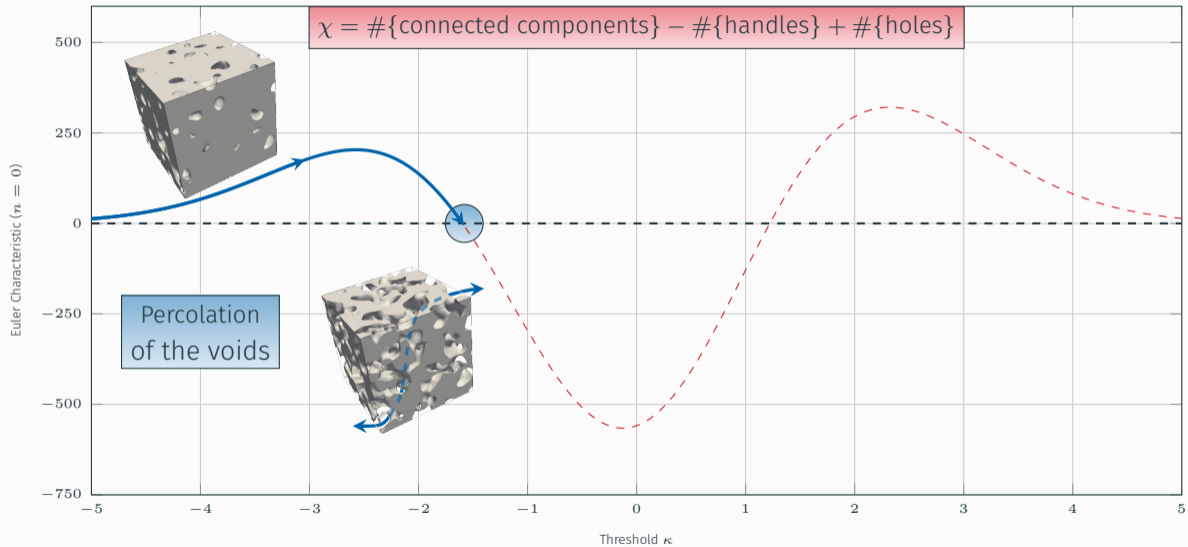
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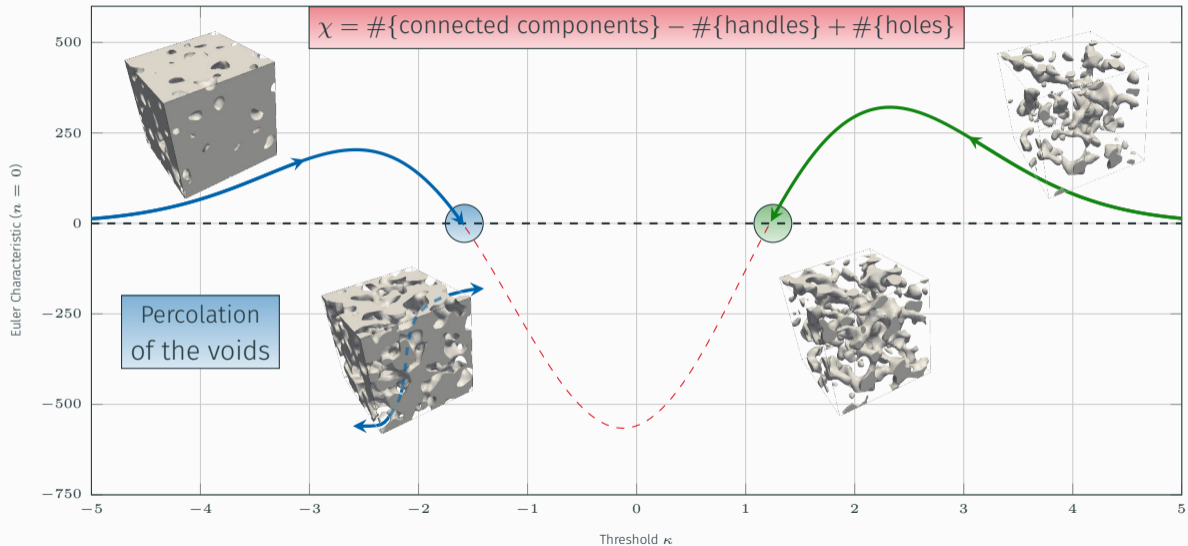
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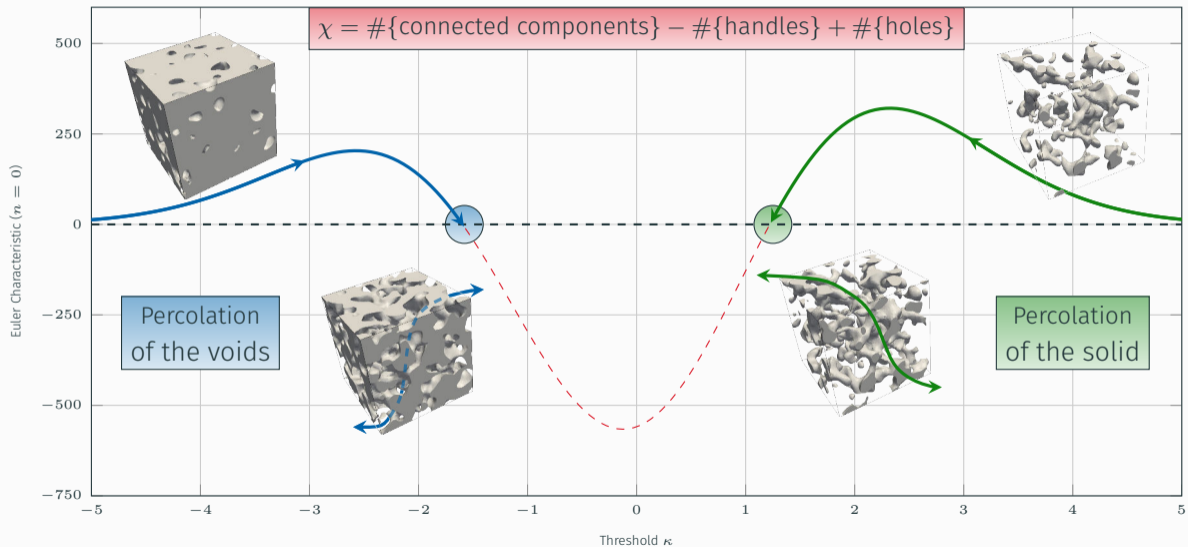
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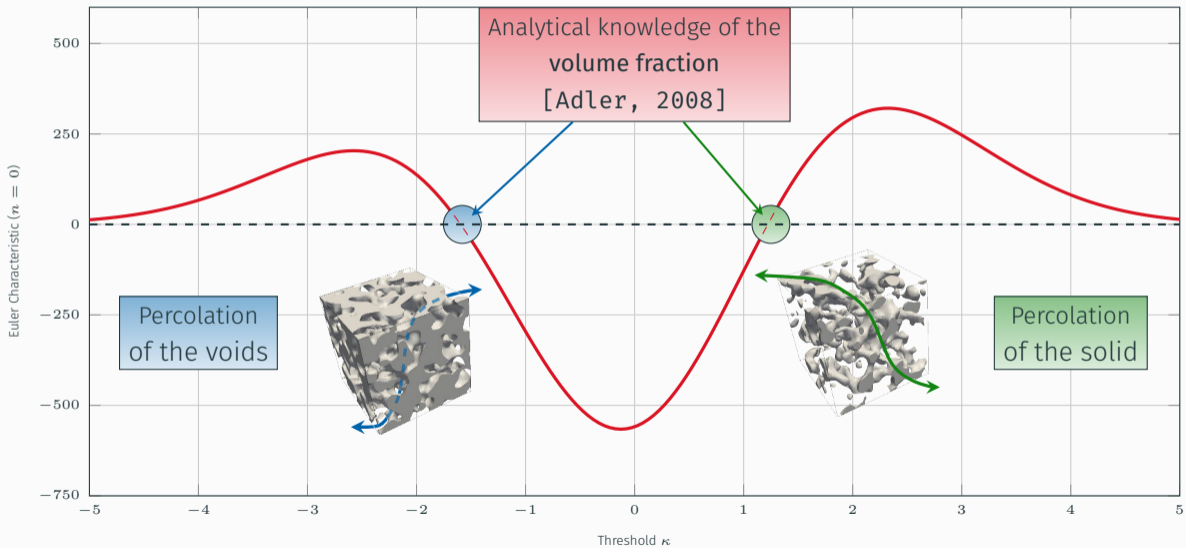
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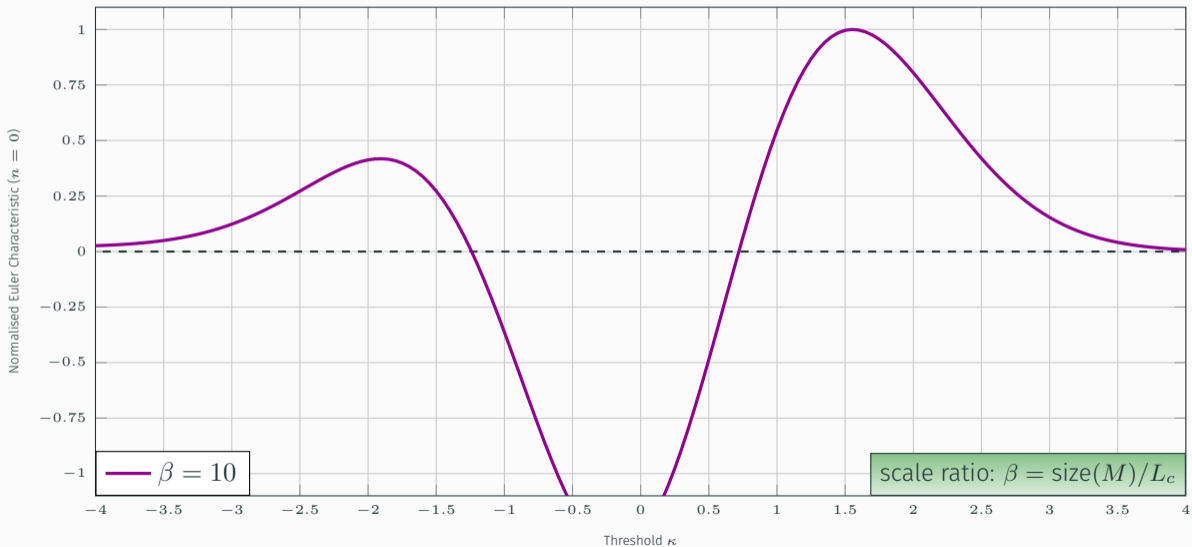
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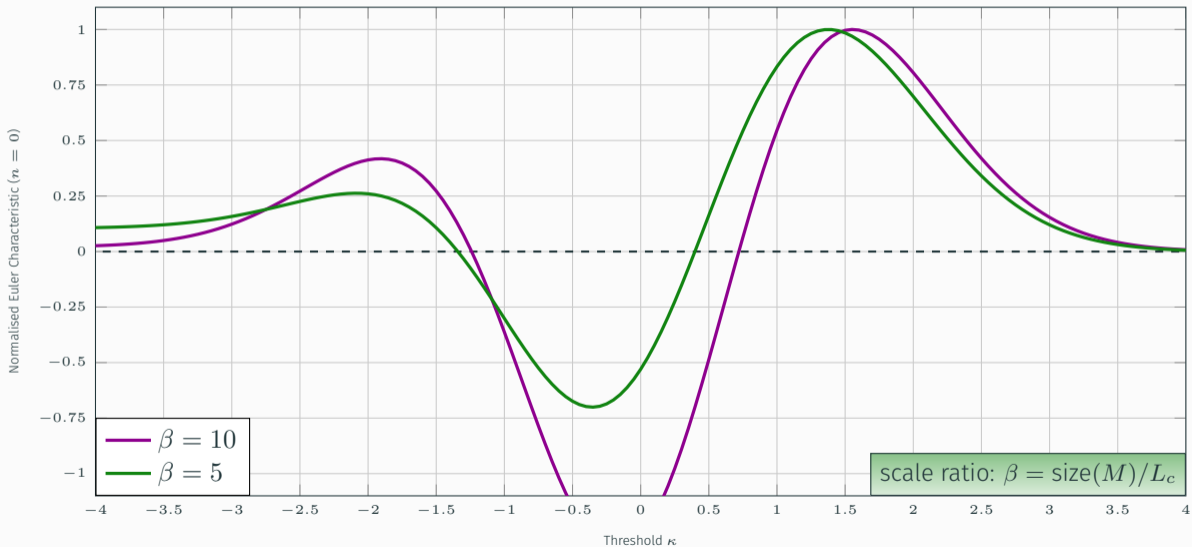
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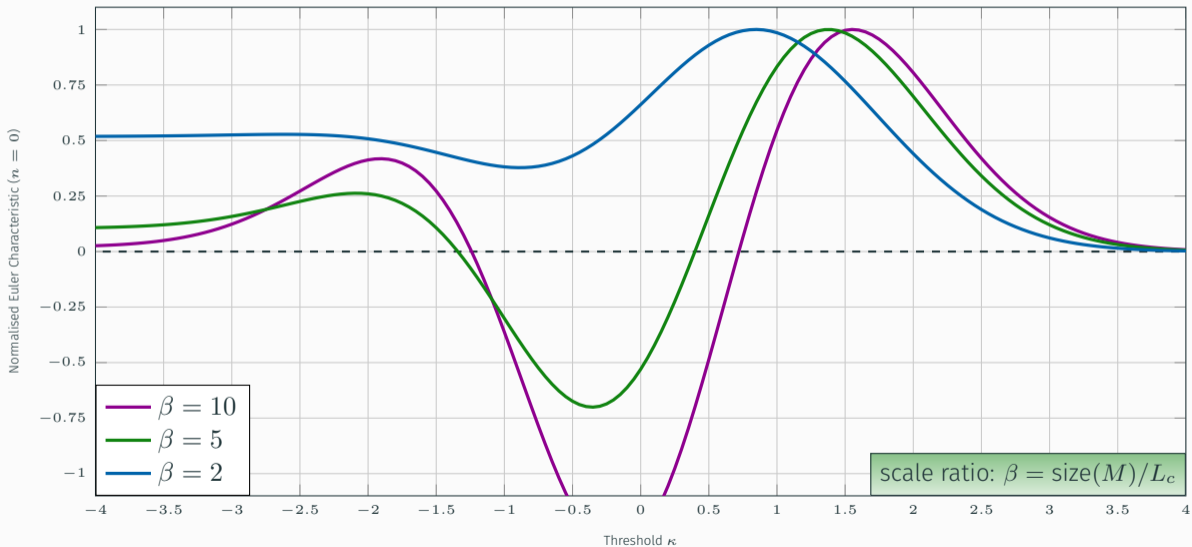
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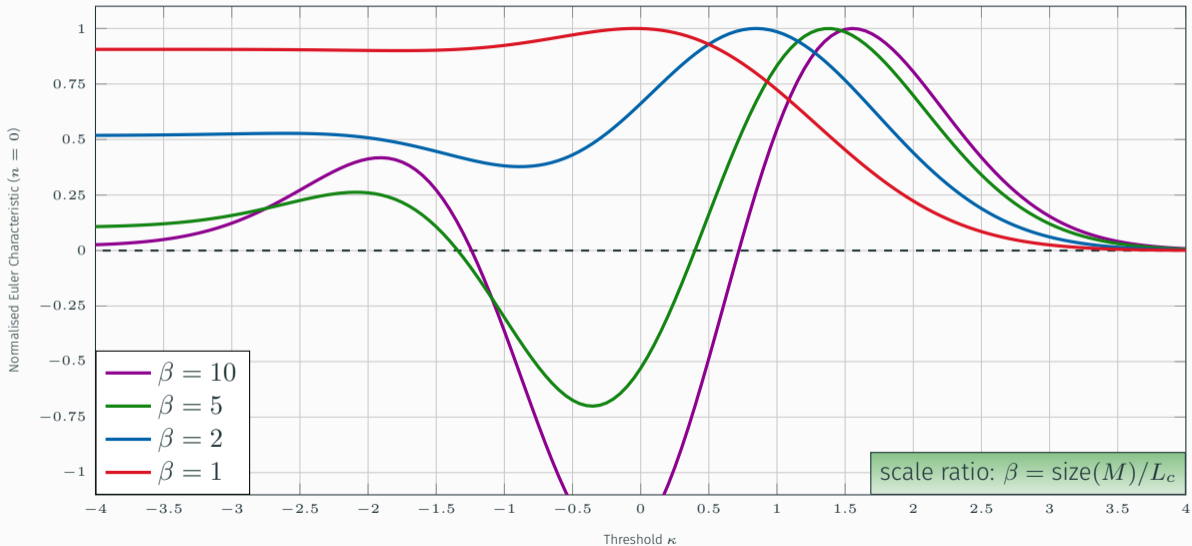
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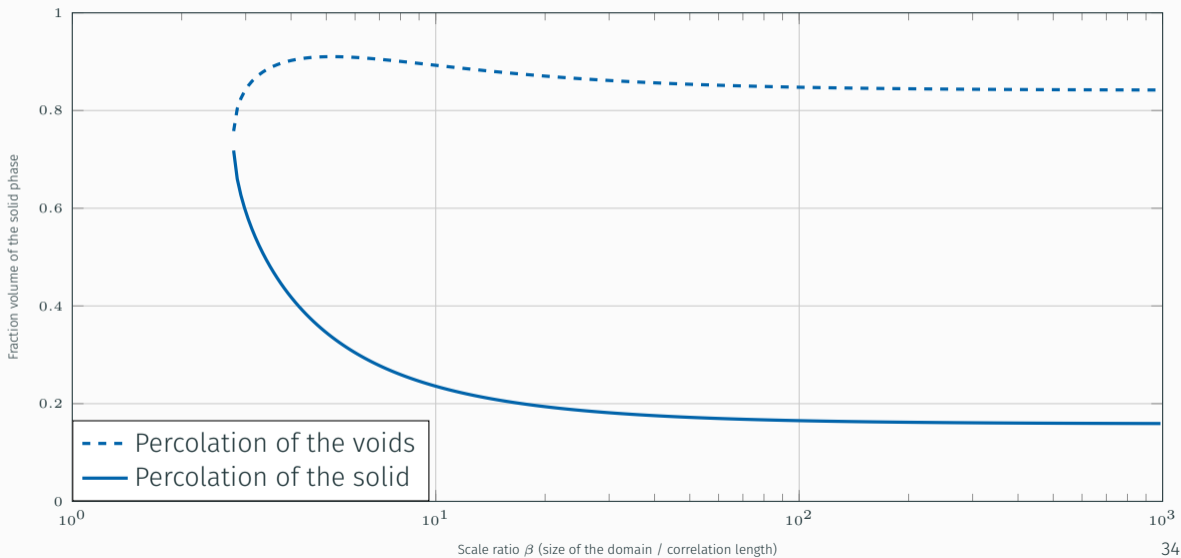
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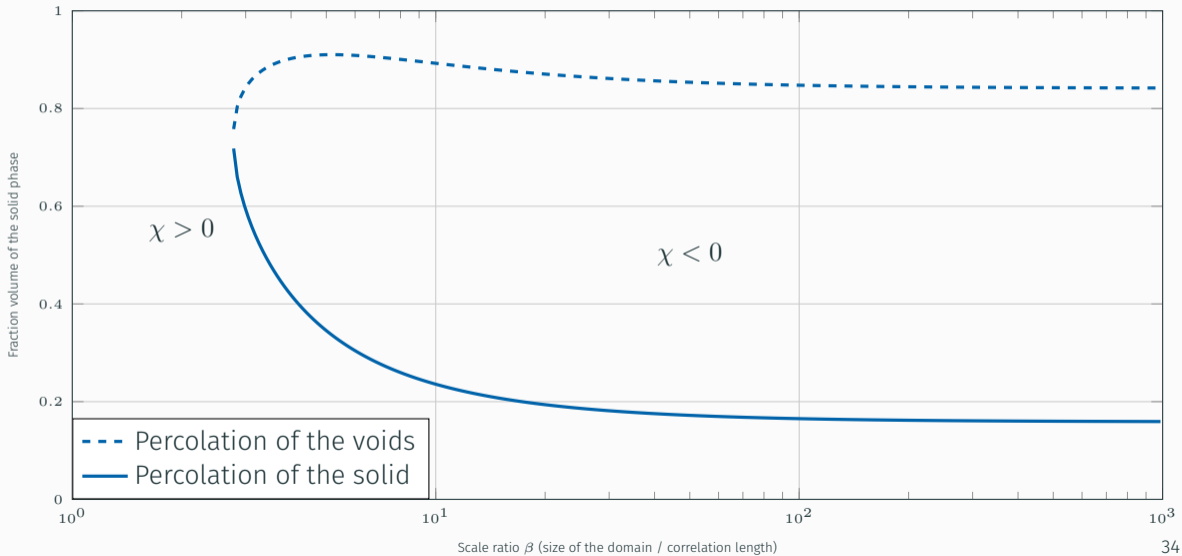
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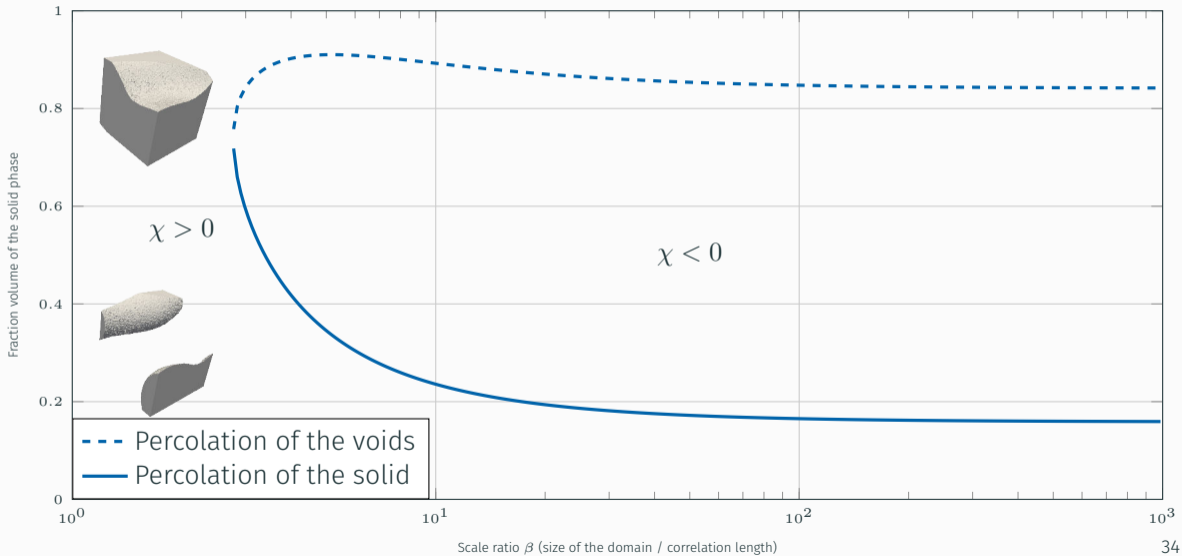
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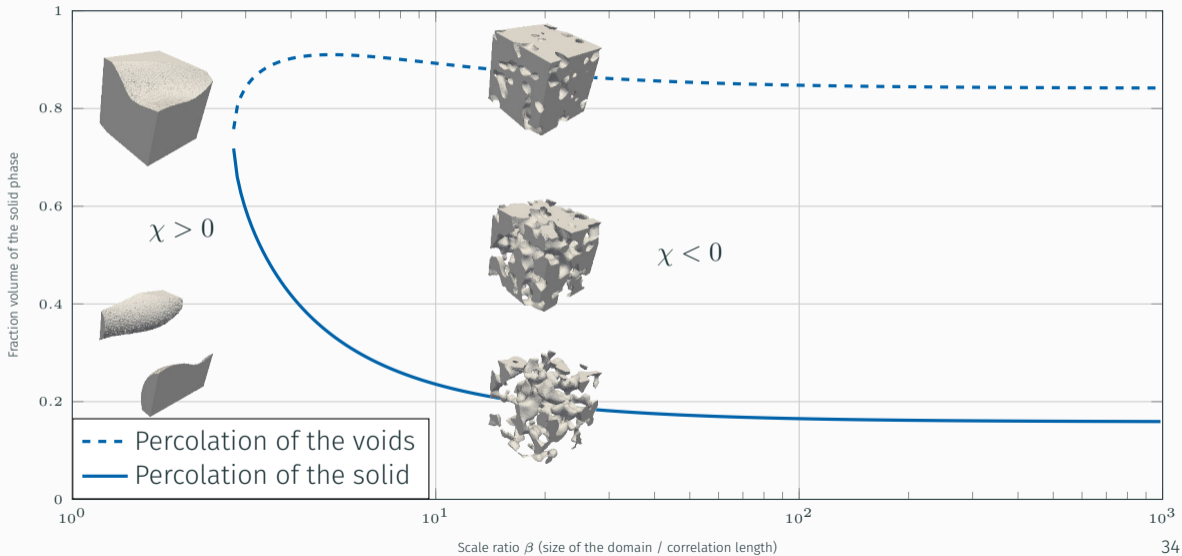
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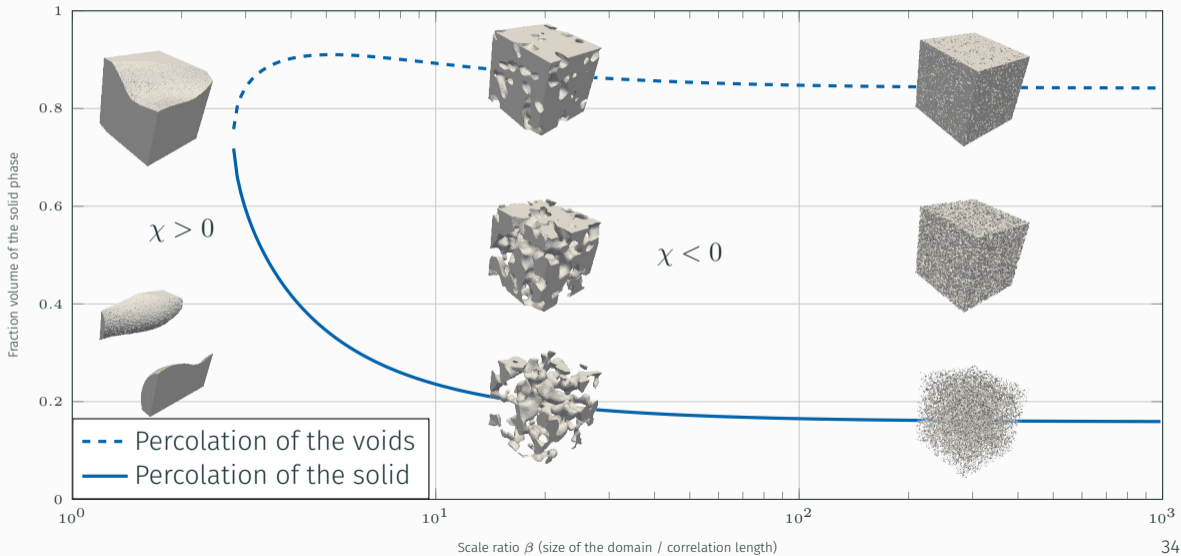
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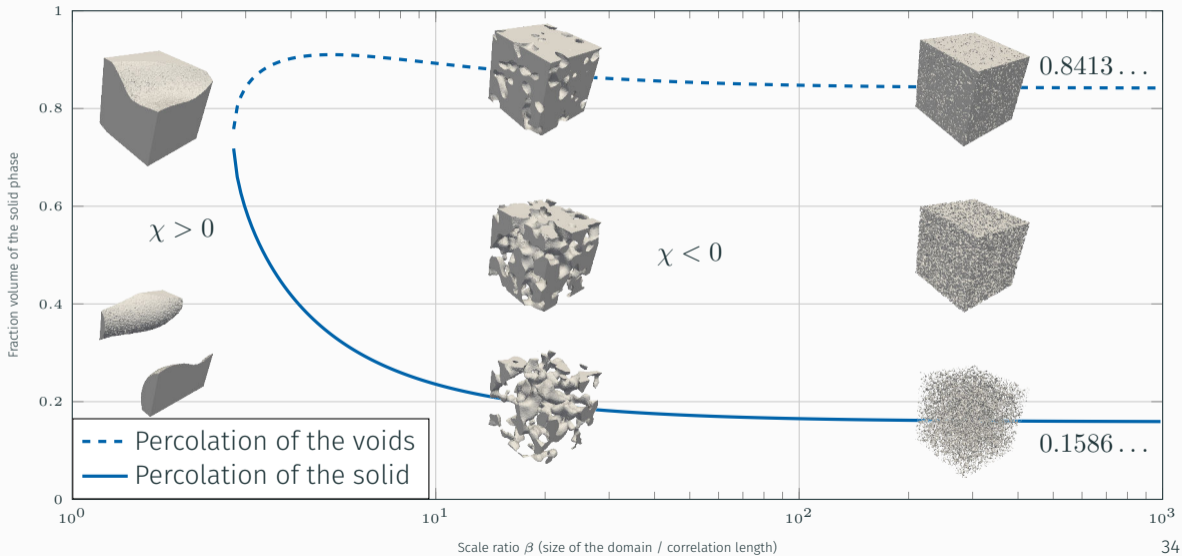
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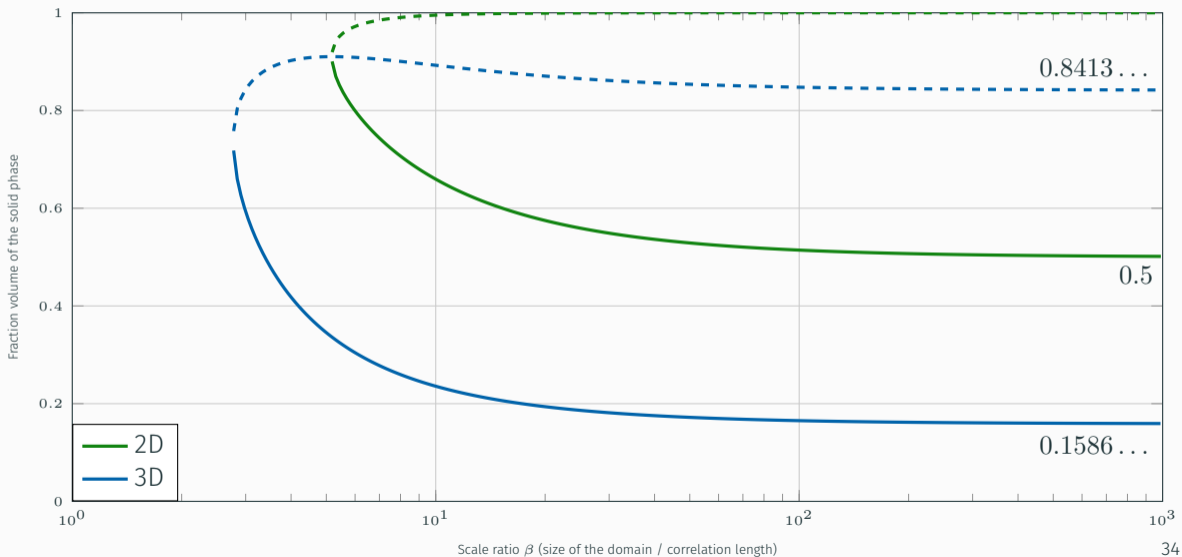
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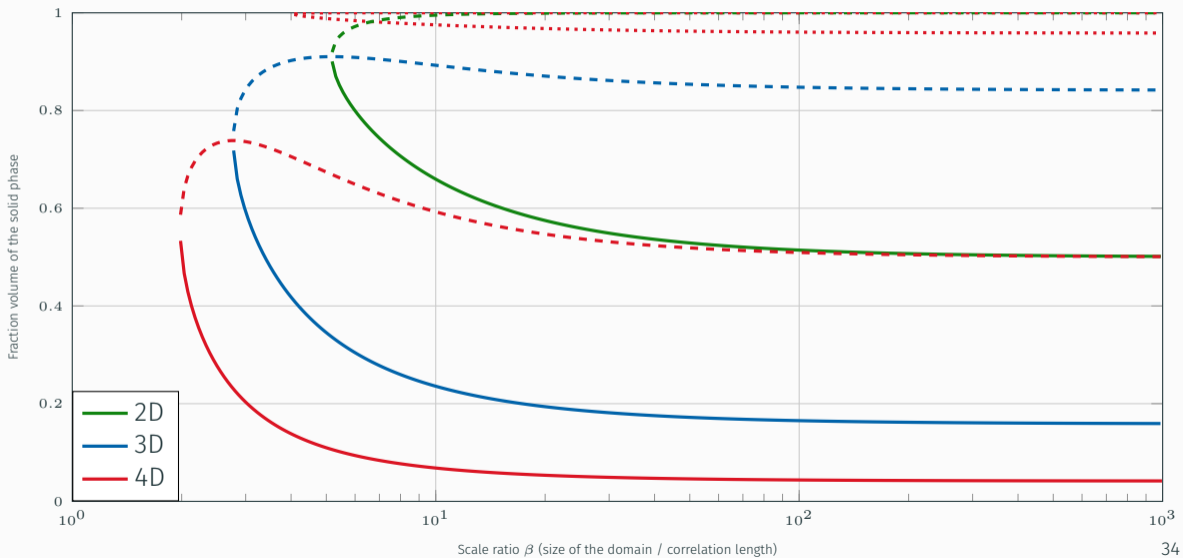
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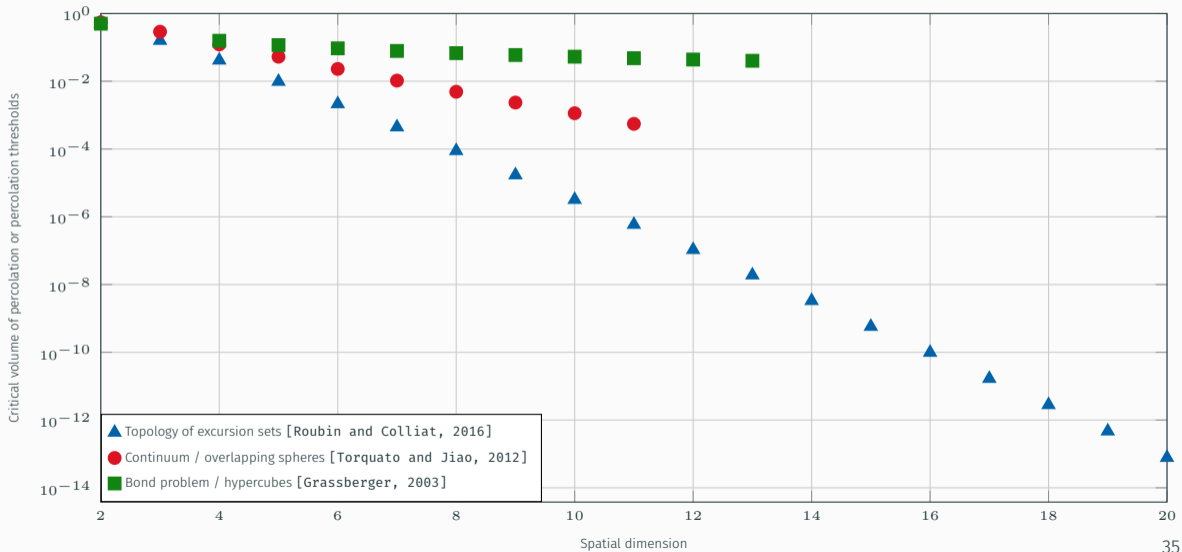
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Comparison to RVE for water diffusivity in cement paste

It is linked with percolation. In [Zhang, Ye and Breugel, 2011] they found for a 1% error a scale ratio of 100.

- Not the same property of interest (mechanical vs topological)
- Polydisperse spheres

Perspectives and possible applications

Further investigations

- Role of the distribution on the model (non isotropic fields)
- Investigation on the $\chi = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ percolation with numerical simulations

Applications

- Prediction of percolation in evolutive heterogeneous media
- Estimation of local parameters in phenomenological laws (diffusion, ...)
- Analytical model for size effect for heterogeneous brittle materials (lack of mechanics)