PHASE TRANSITIONS IN THE FLUCTUATIONS OF DRIVEN SYSTEMS

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- **Dynamical phases** correspond to **different types of trajectories** : some may display **emergent order, collective rearrangements, and symmetry-breaking**

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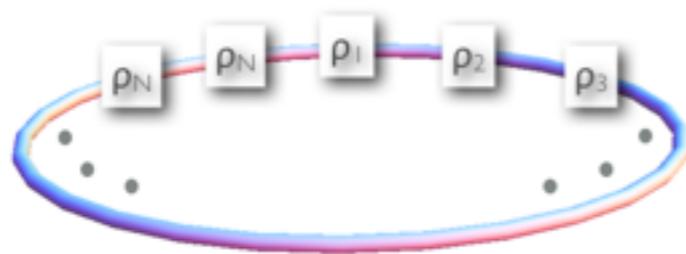
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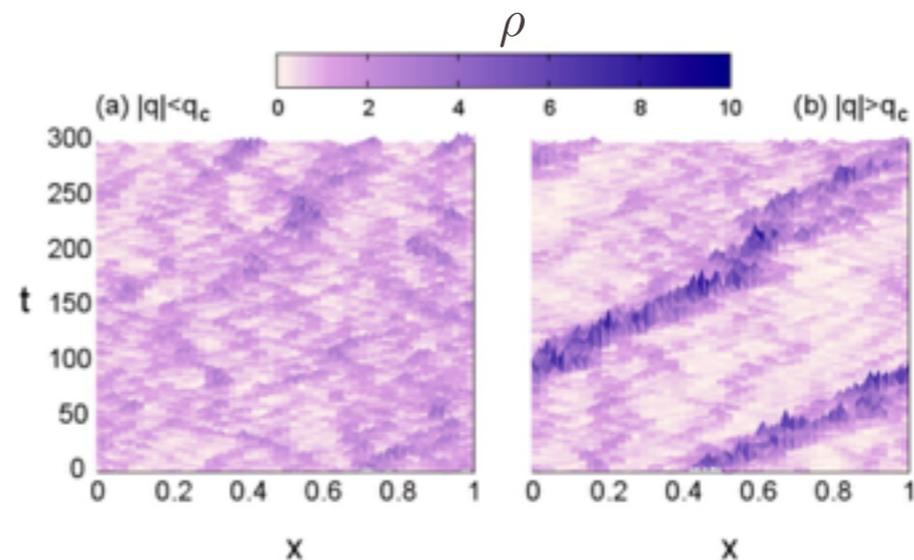
- The **large deviation functions (LDFs)** controlling the statistics of these fluctuations exhibit **nonanalyticities and Lee-Yang singularities at the DPT** reminiscent of **standard critical behavio**r

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- LDFs play a role akin to thermodynamic potentials for nonequilibrium systems, so their nonanalyticities are interesting

- Rare events far more probable than anticipated due to self-organized structures

- Control-theory (or active) interpretation of fluctuations allows to see DPTs as singular changes in optimal control field (experimentally observable)

- May help understanding some elusive phenomena, e.g. glass transition
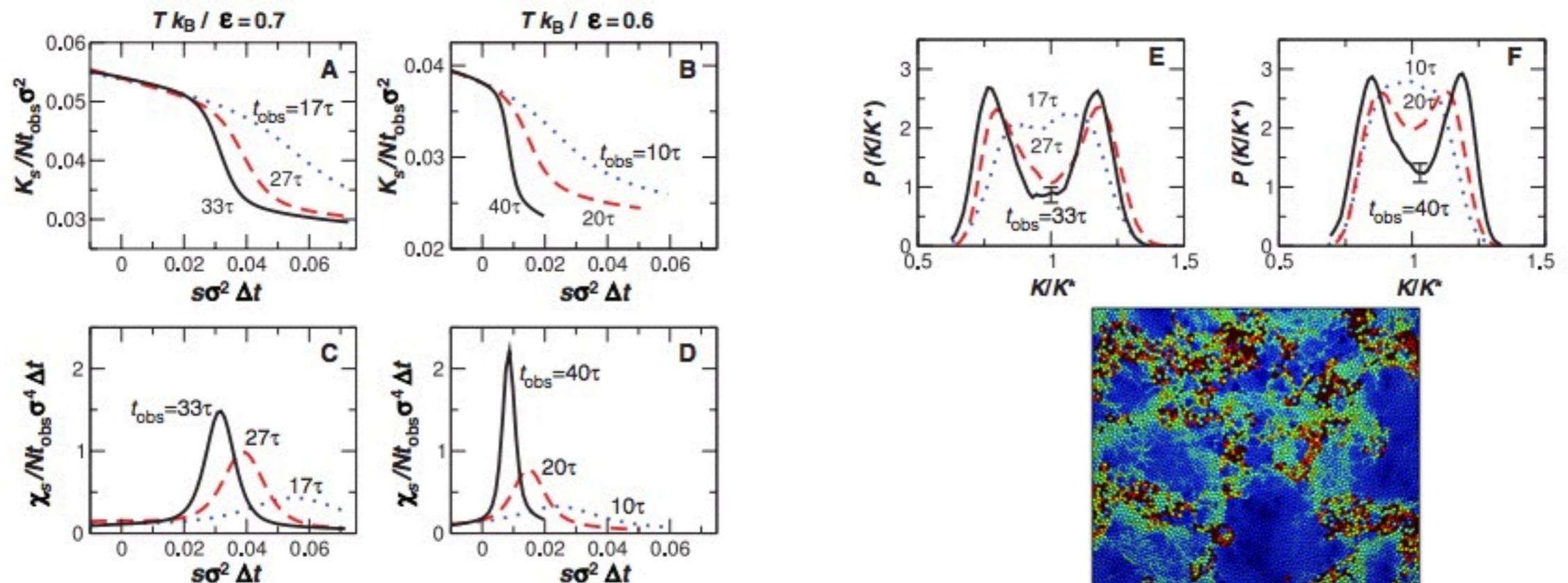
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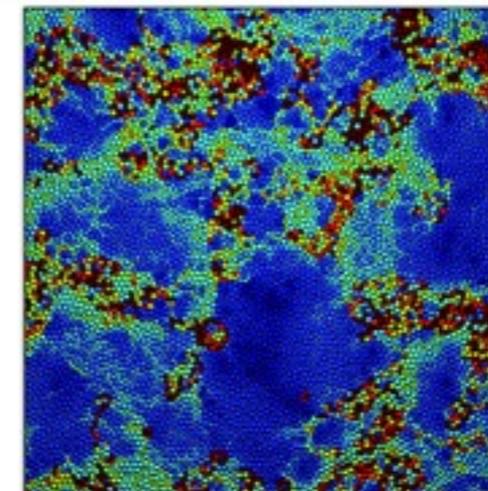
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- **Current statistics**: important for nonequilibrium statistical physics. **Fundamental observable:** current LDF

- **Aim**: DPTs in the vectorial current statistics of d>1 driven diffusive systems

- **Tools**: Macroscopic Fluctuation Theory (**MFT**) and advanced **cloning Monte Carlo simulations for rare events**

2D WEAKLY ASYMMETRIC SIMPLE EXCLUSION PROCESS

- **WASEP** in 2d: **Diffusive particle transport under external field**

- Occupation numbers $n_i = 0, 1$ + particle jumps to empty neighbors with rates

$$r_\pm^{(\alpha)} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \exp(\pm E_\alpha / L)$$

- **Periodic boundary conditions**
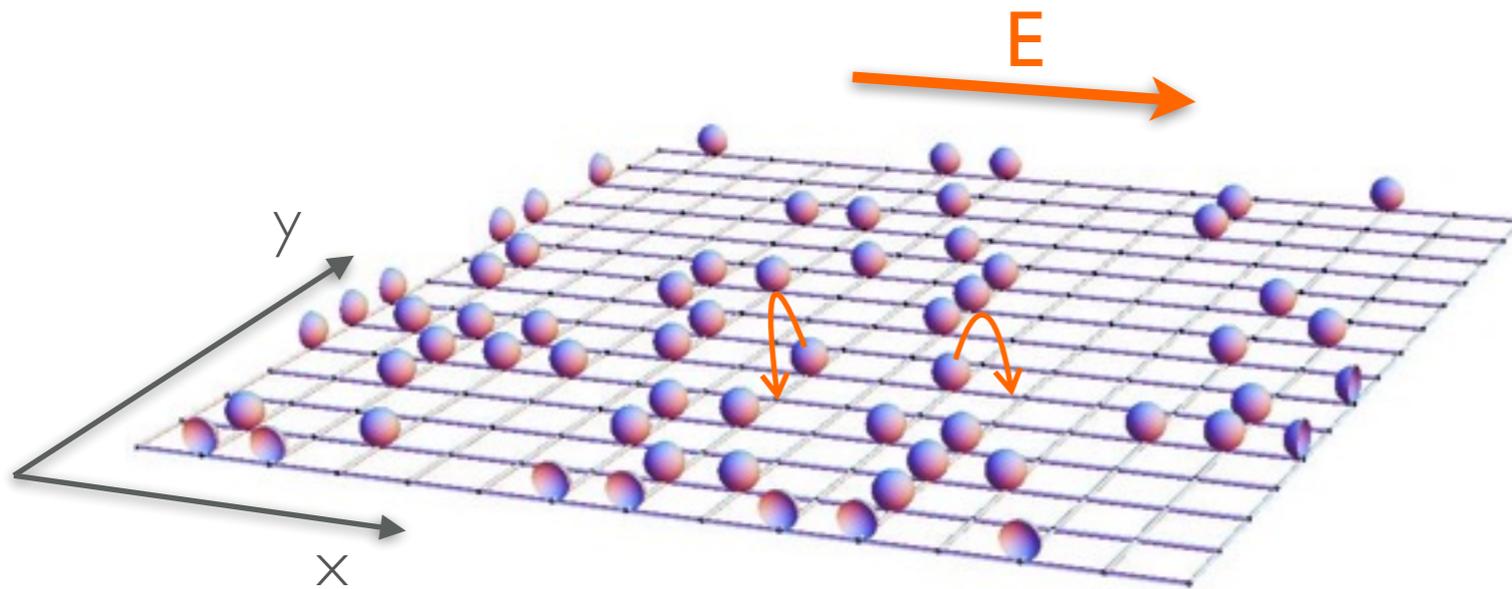
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$$N = L^2 \qquad M = \sum_{i,j=1}^{L} n_{ij}$$

$$\rho_0 = \frac{M}{N}$$

- For large E and moderate L, **the field per unit length E/L is strong** $\Rightarrow$ **effective anisotropy ϵ**, enhancing diffusivity and mobility along E.

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$$I_\tau[\rho, \mathbf{j}] = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\tau dt \int_\Lambda d\mathbf{r} [\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{Q_E}(\rho)]^T \cdot \hat{\sigma}^{-1}(\rho) [\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{Q_E}(\rho)]$$

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- **Small current fluctuations** result from weakly-correlated local events which sum incoherently ⇒ **homogeneous optimal fields**

$$|\mathbf{J} - \langle \mathbf{J} \rangle| \ll 1 \Rightarrow \left| \begin{array}{l} \rho_{\mathbf{J}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \rho_0 \\ \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{J}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \langle \mathbf{J} \rangle \end{array} \right.$$

- Leads to **quadratic dFE** and **Gaussian current statistics**

$$\mu_{\mathrm{G}}(\mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{z} \cdot \hat{\sigma}_0 \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{E} \cdot \hat{\sigma}_0 \mathbf{E})/2 \qquad\qquad \mathbf{z} \equiv \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \mathbf{E}$$

- Stability of this homogeneous solution?
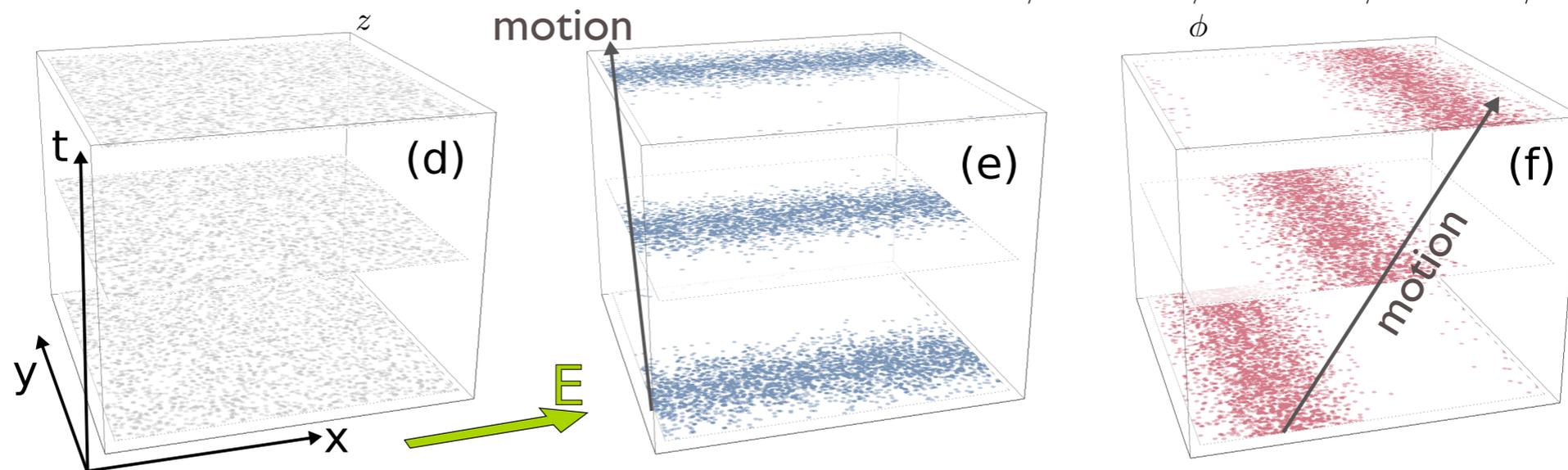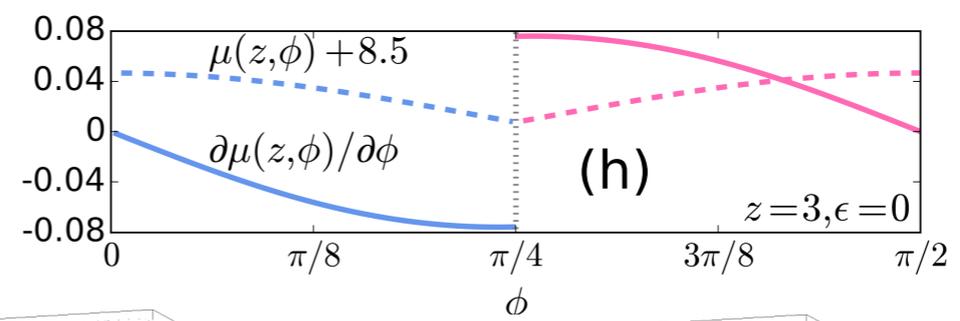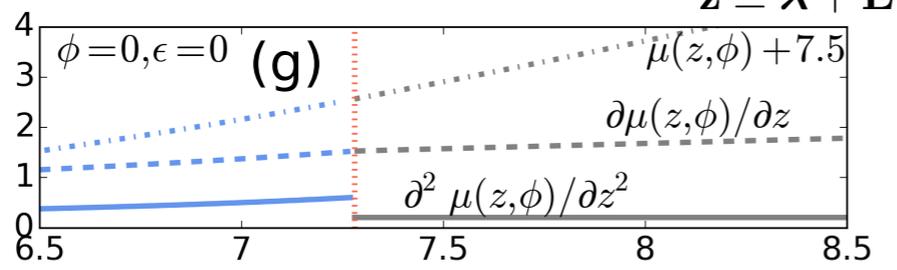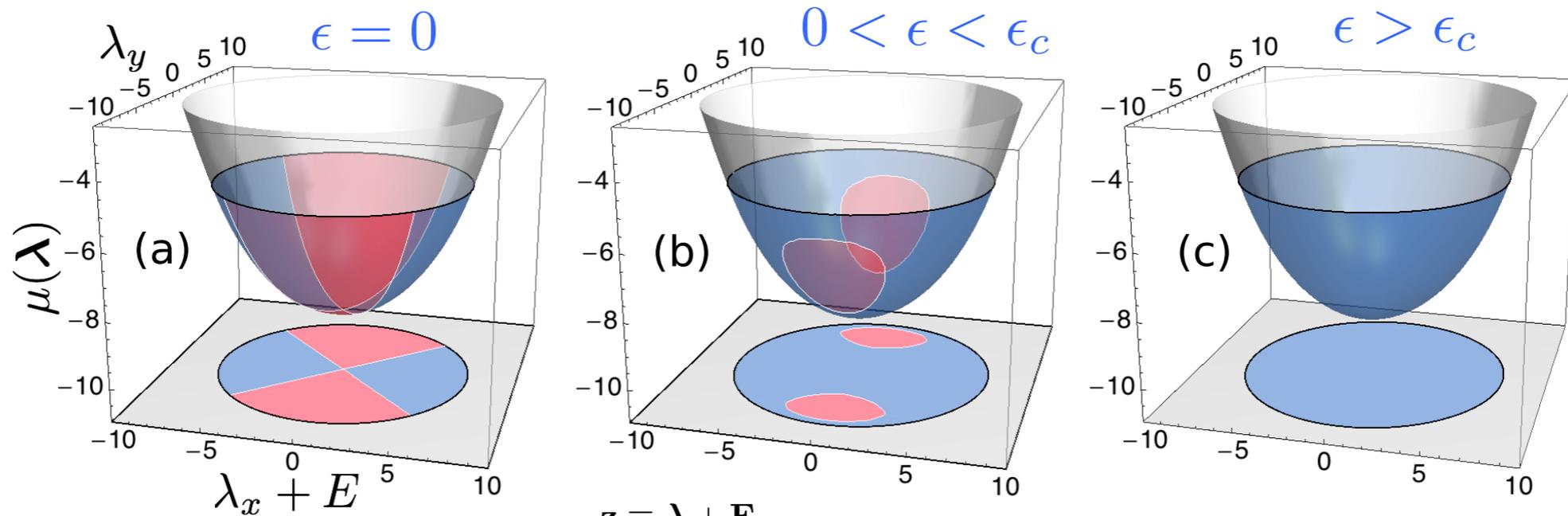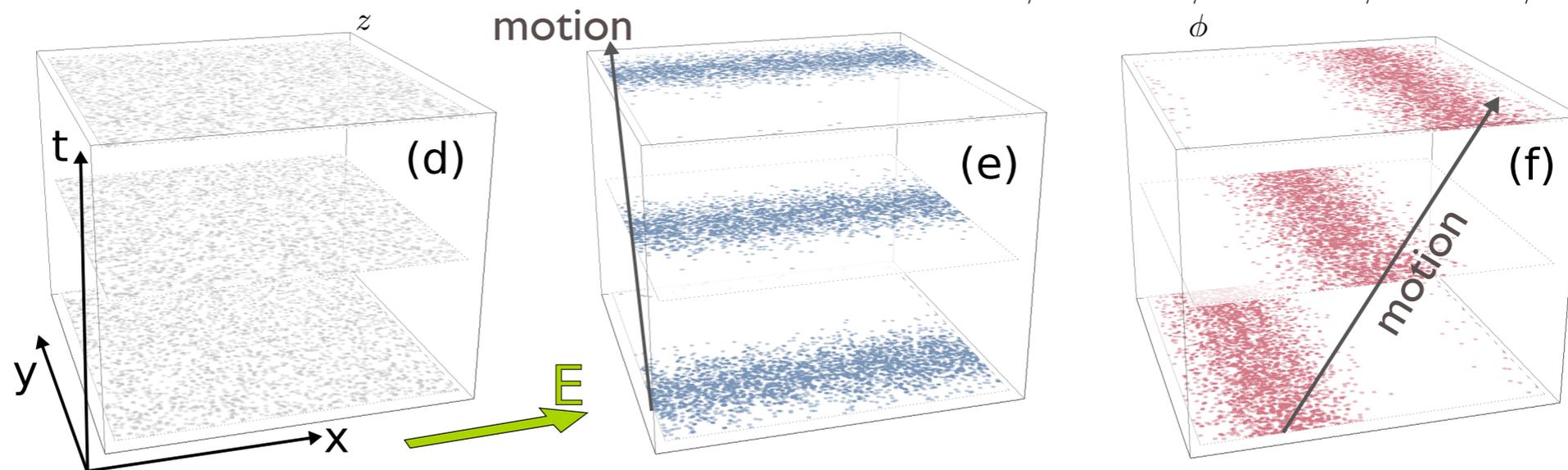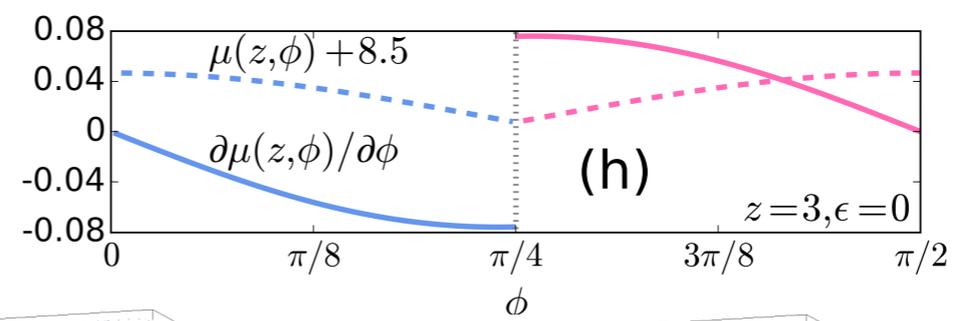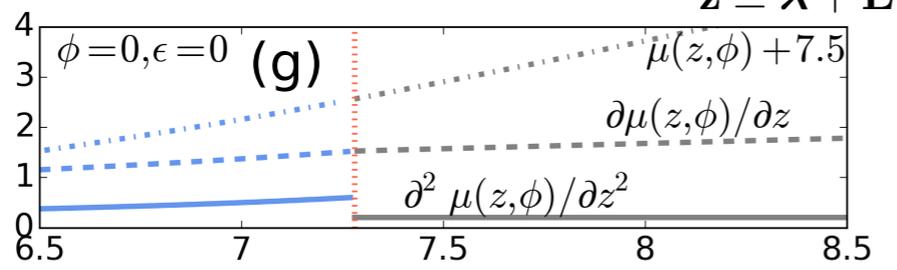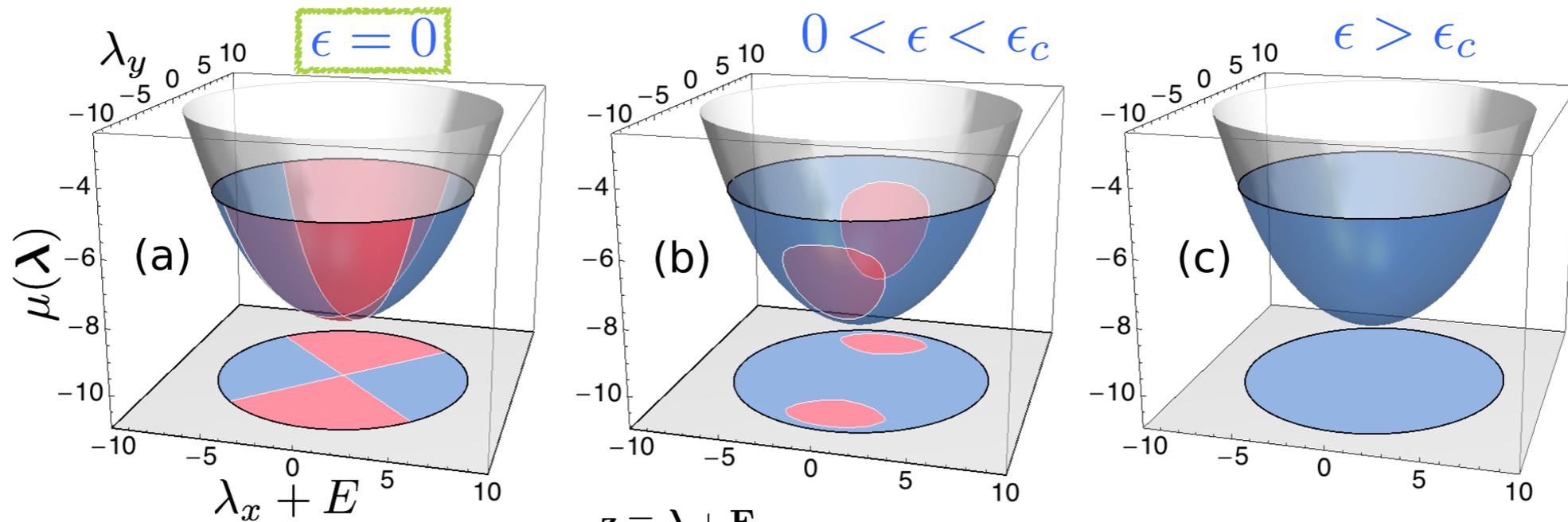
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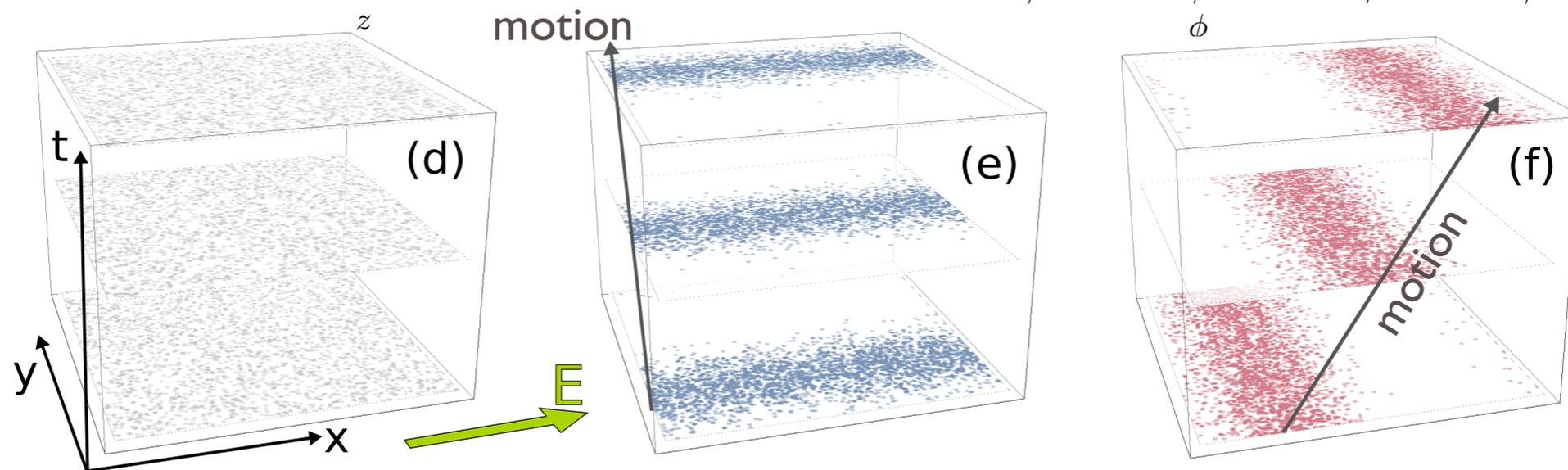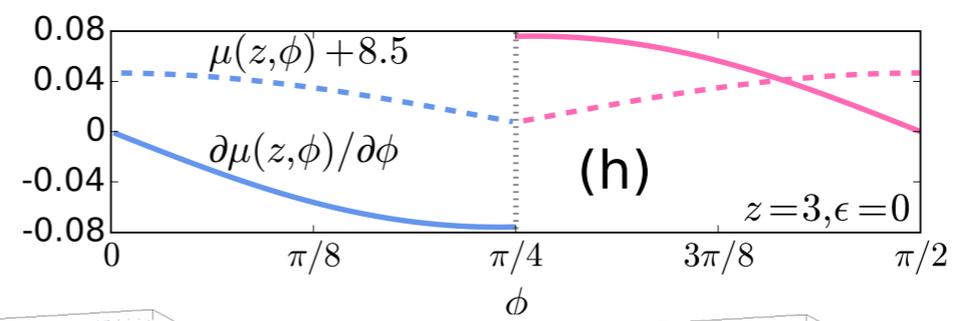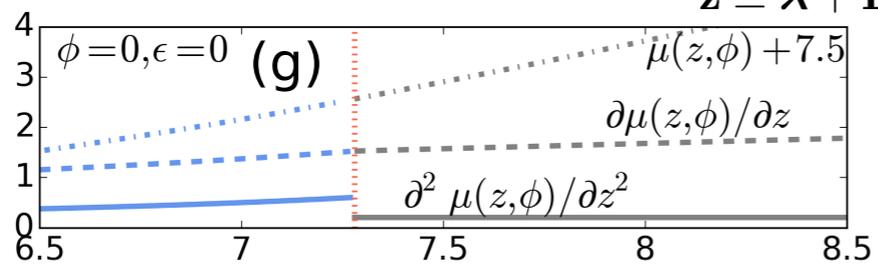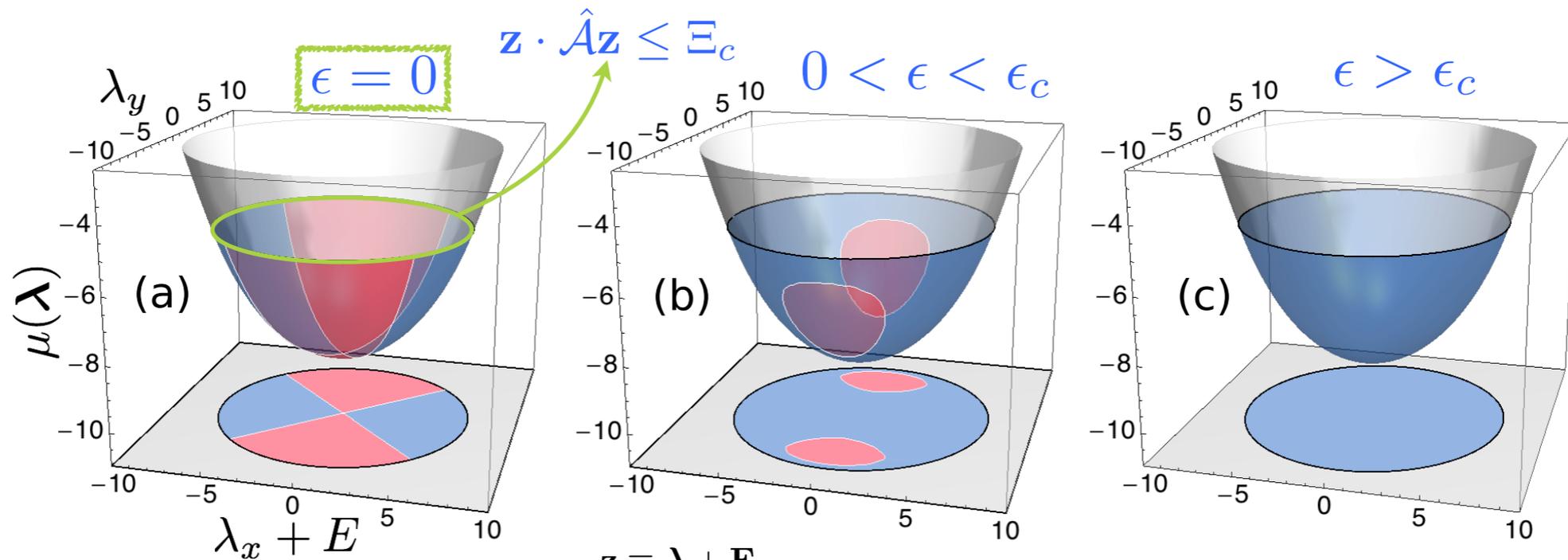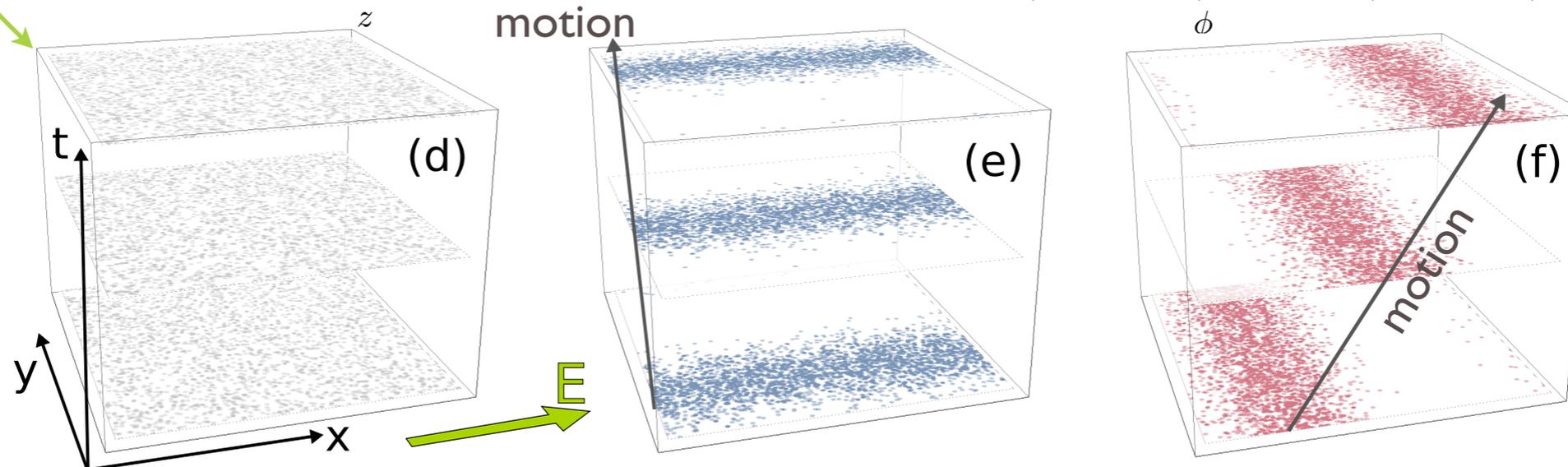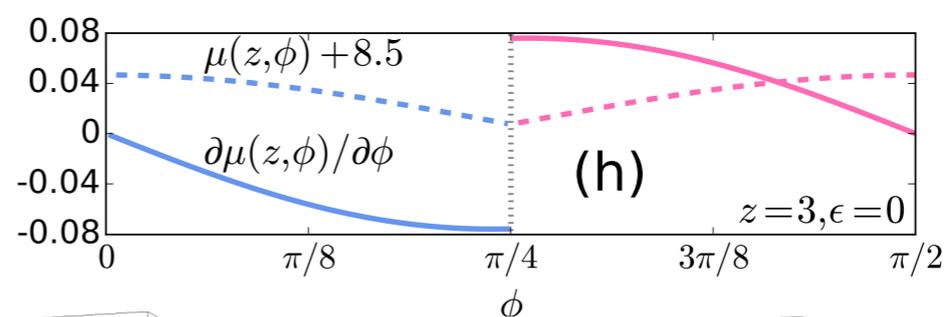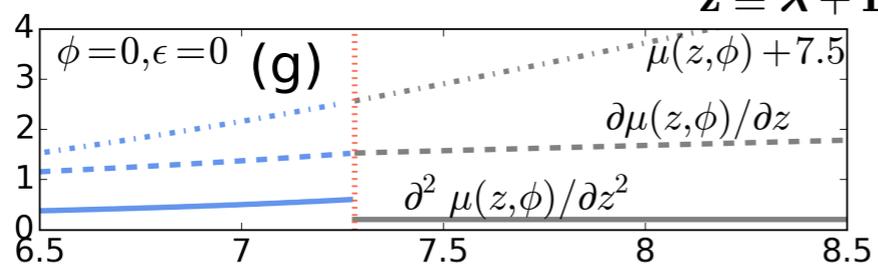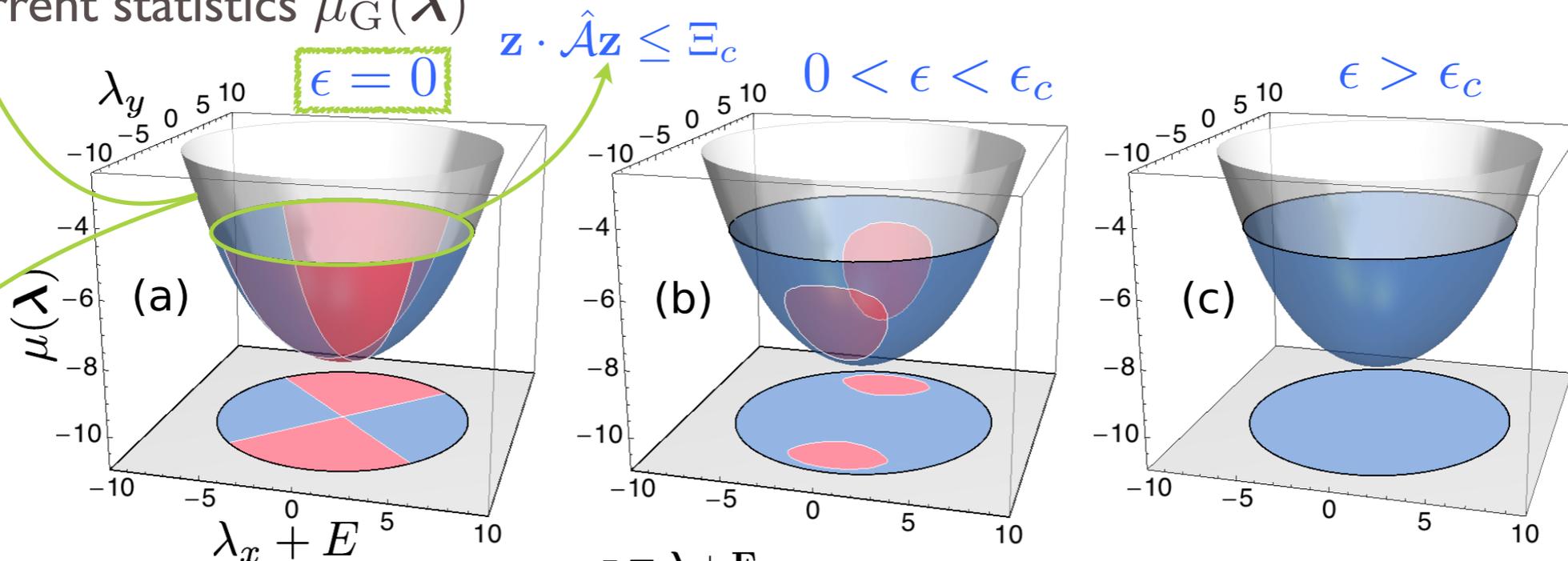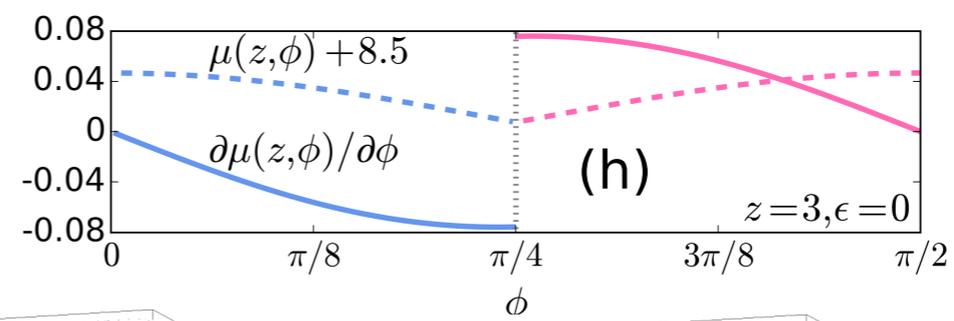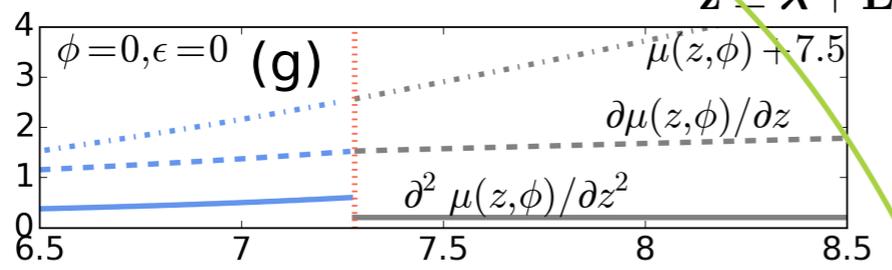
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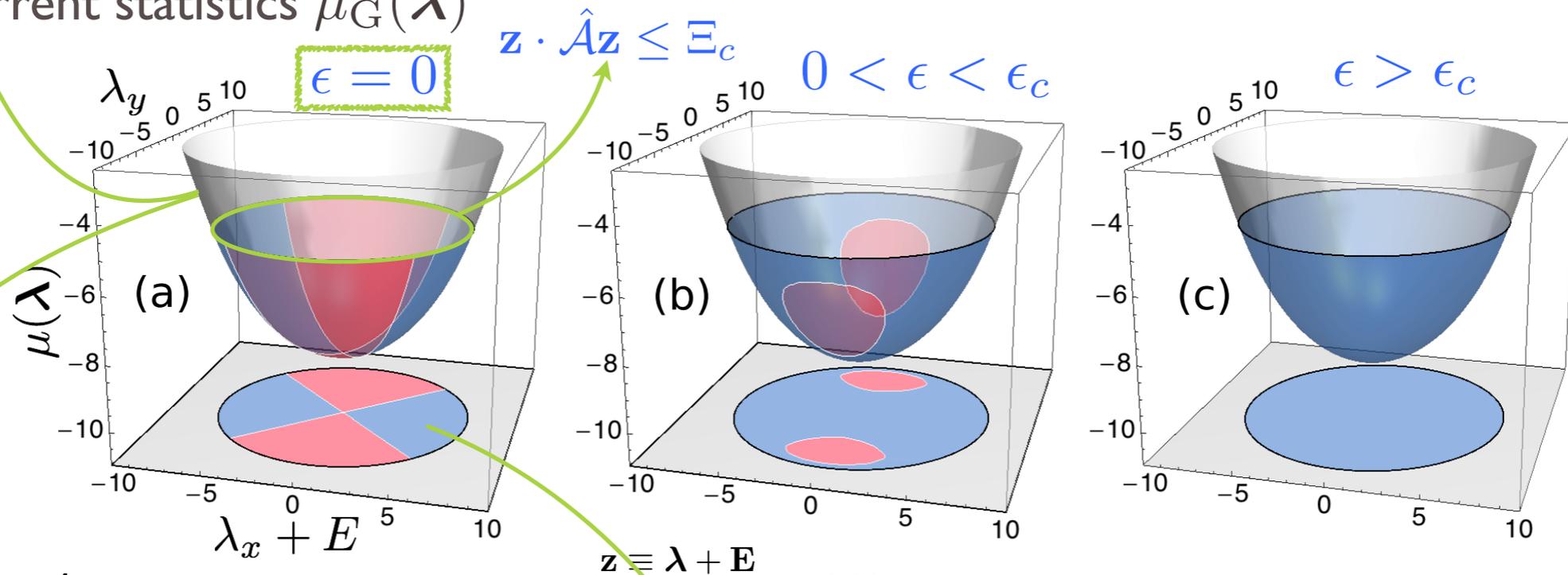$\epsilon = 0$

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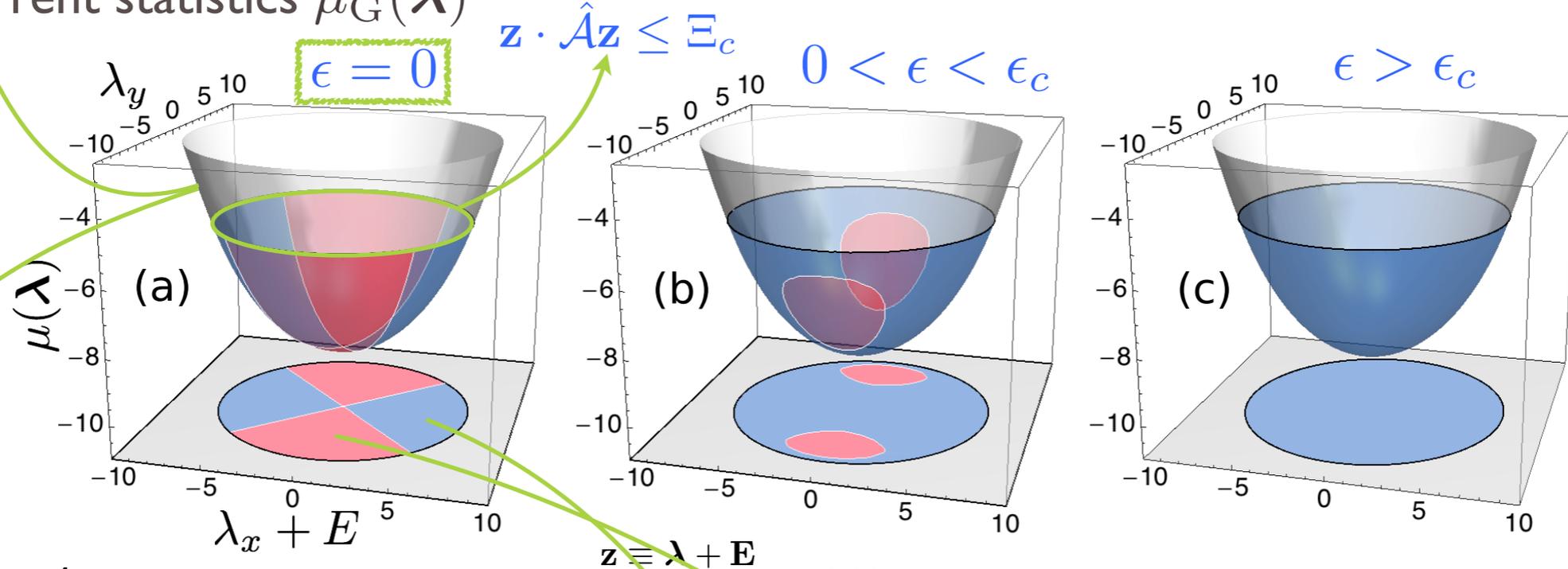motion

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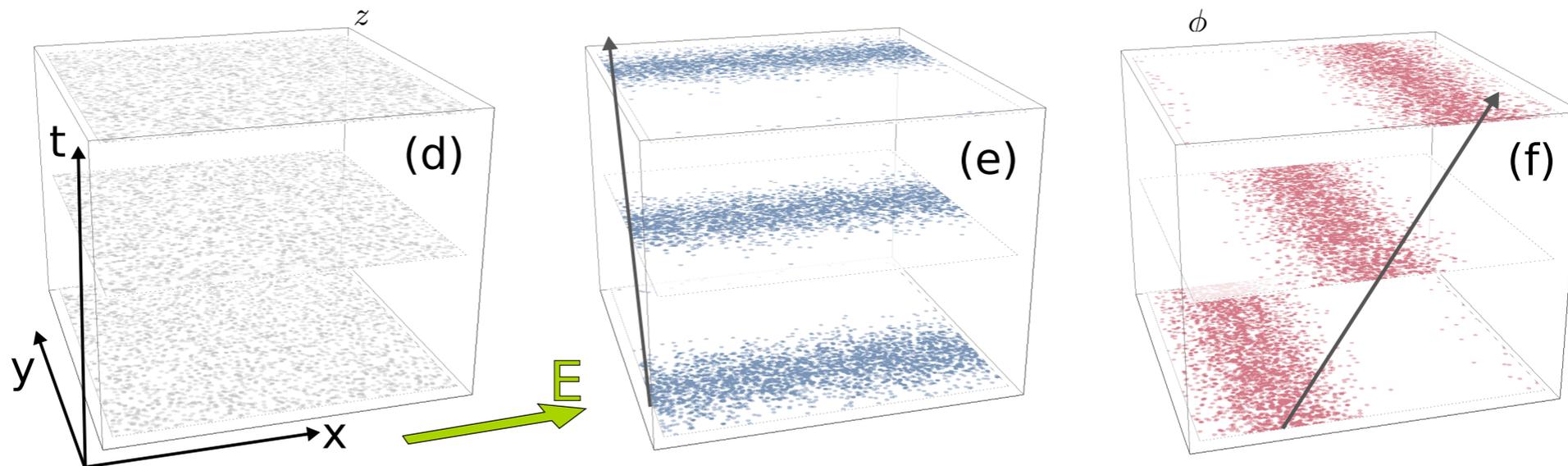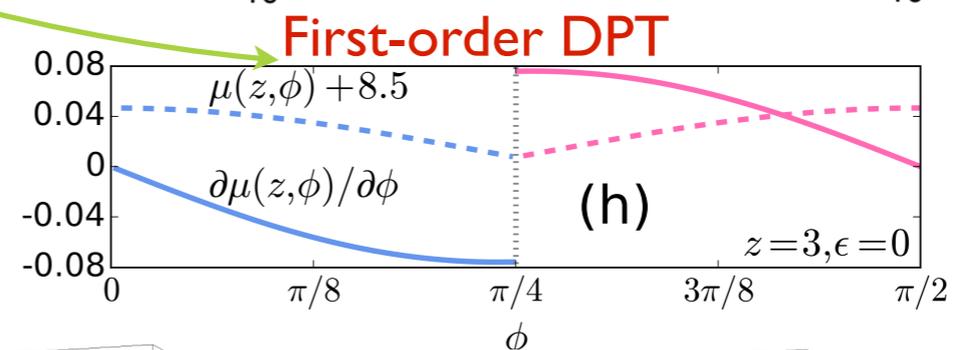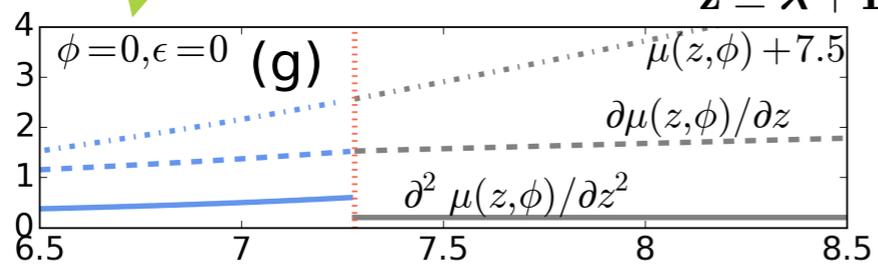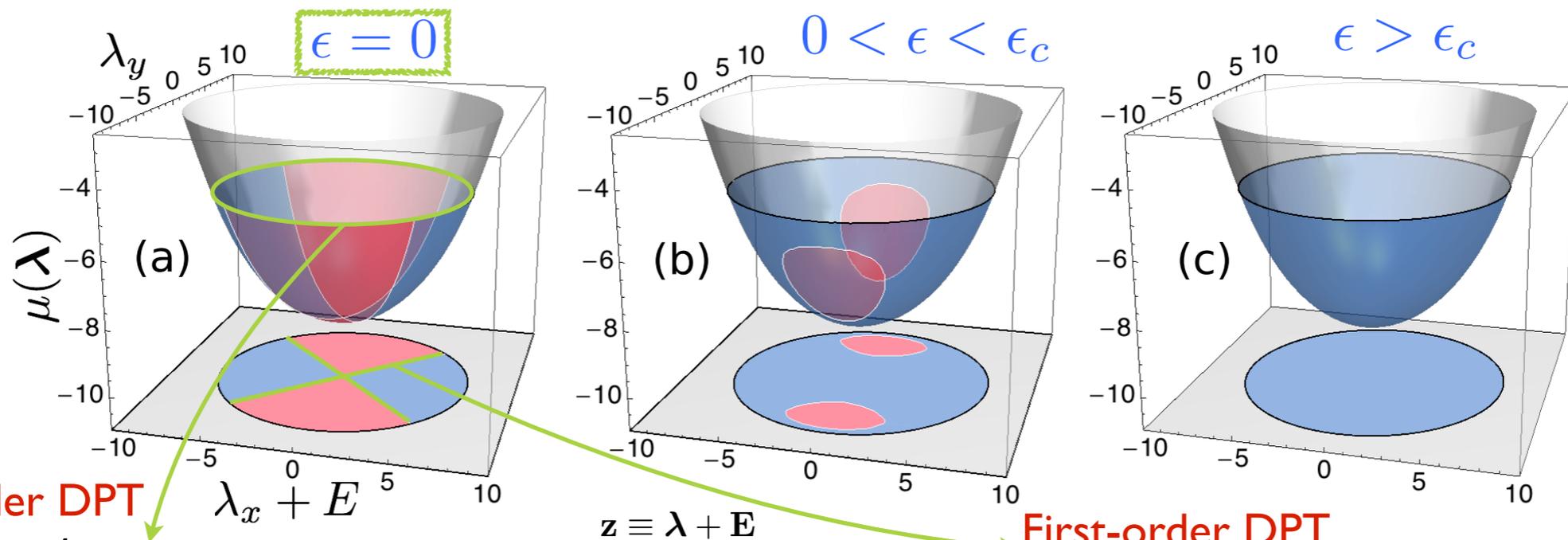$$\mathbf{E} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{A}}\mathbf{E} \geq |\Sigma_c|$$

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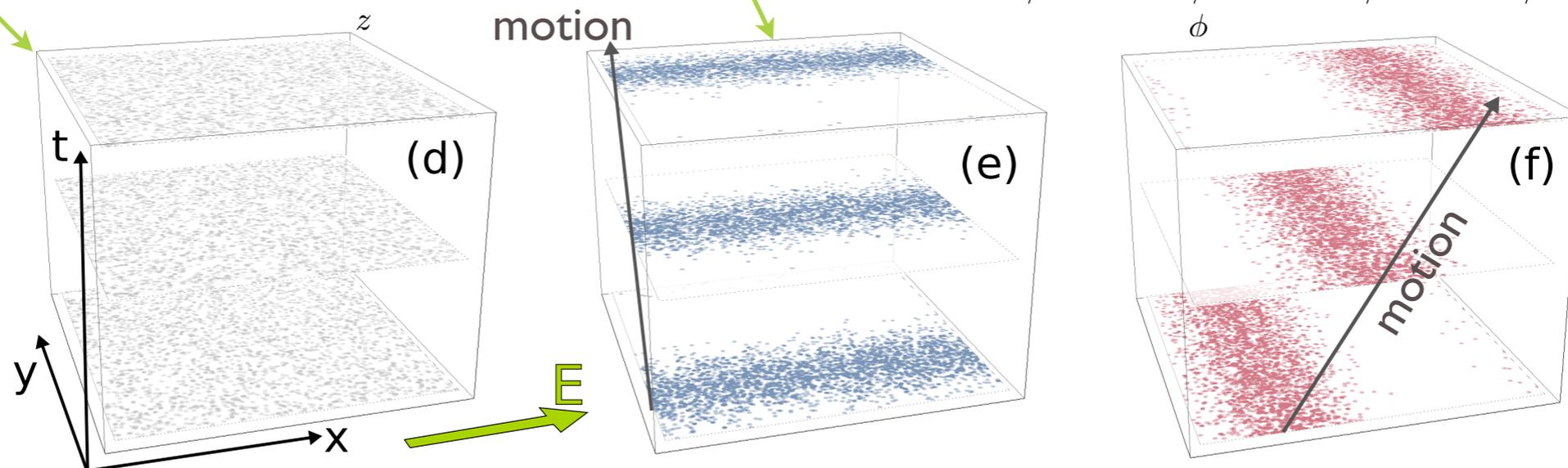
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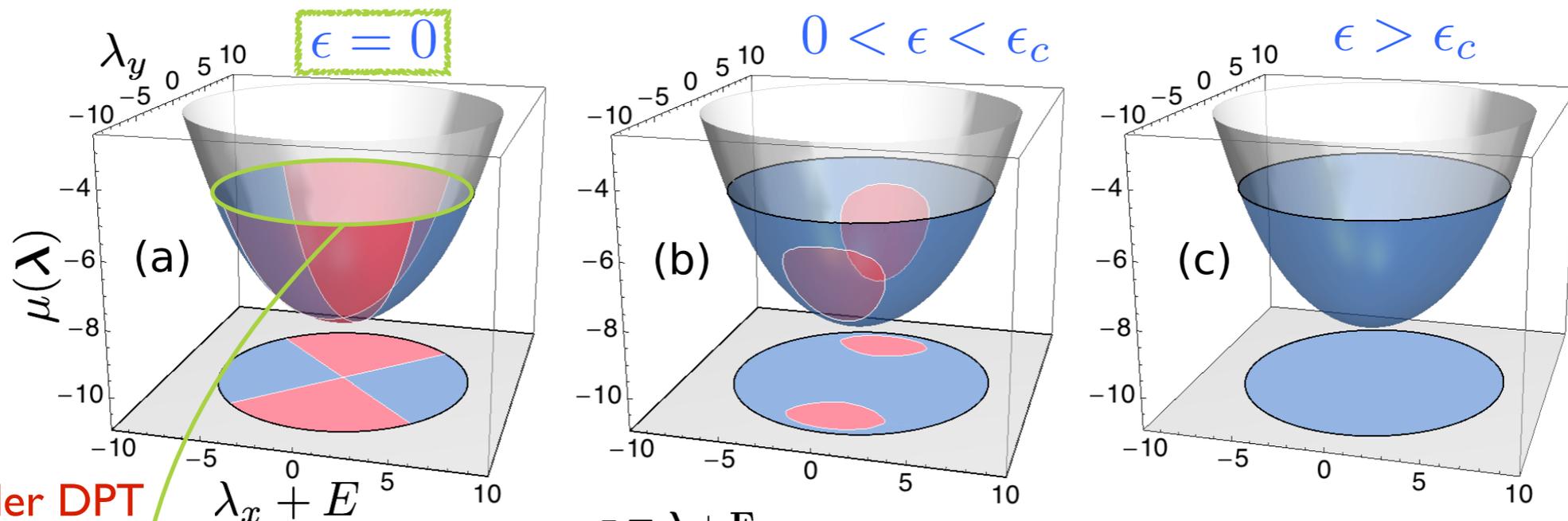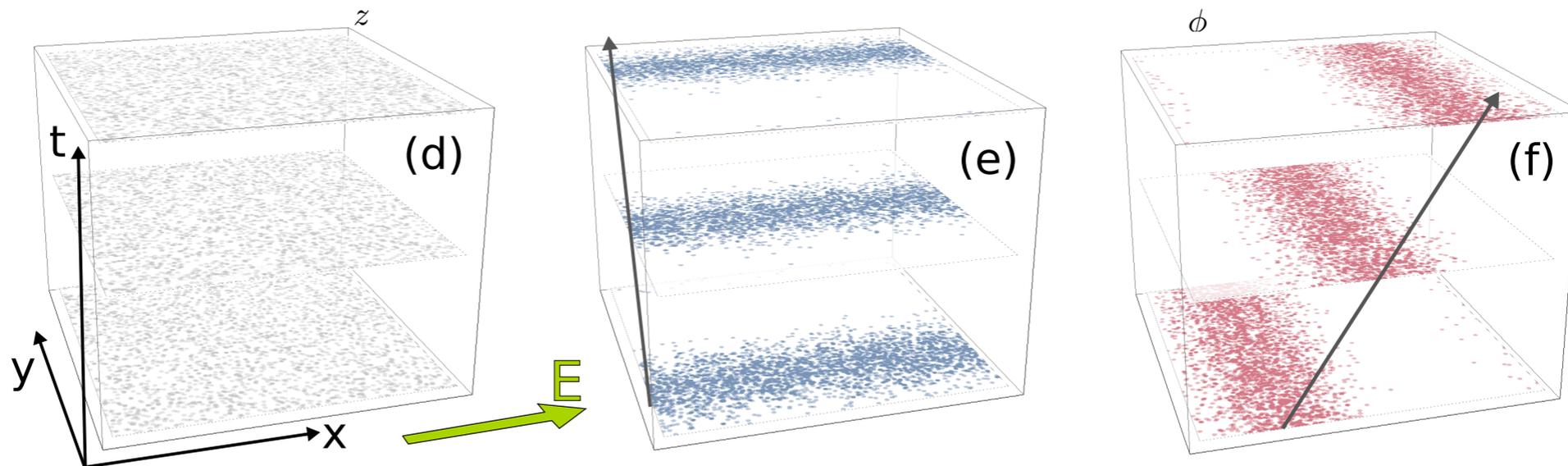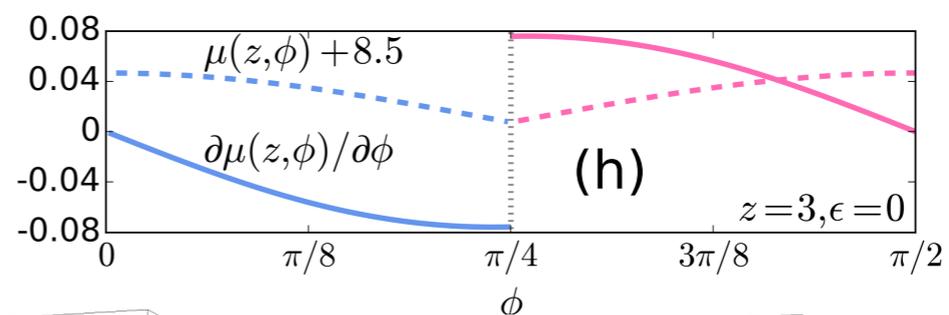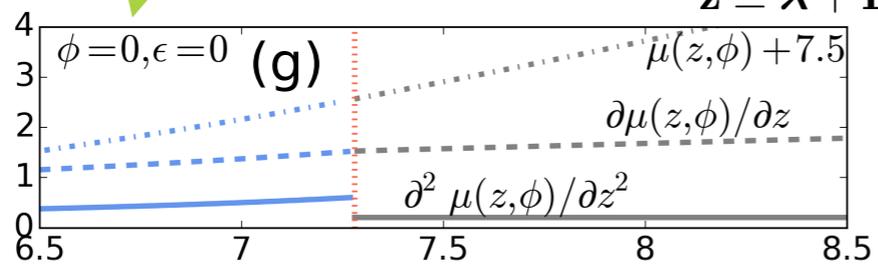
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(h)

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t

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x

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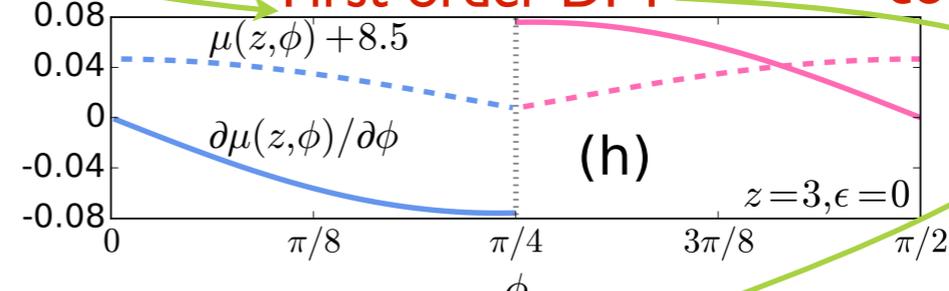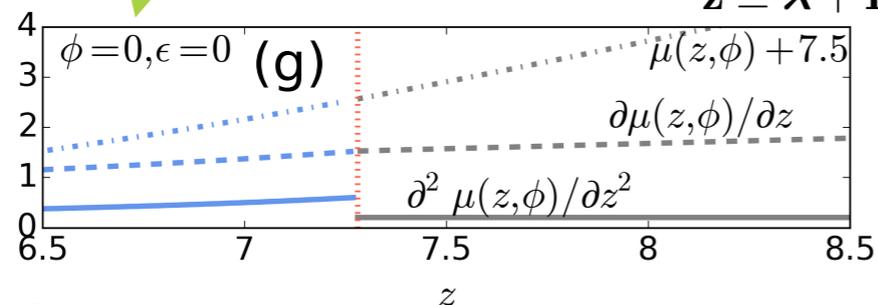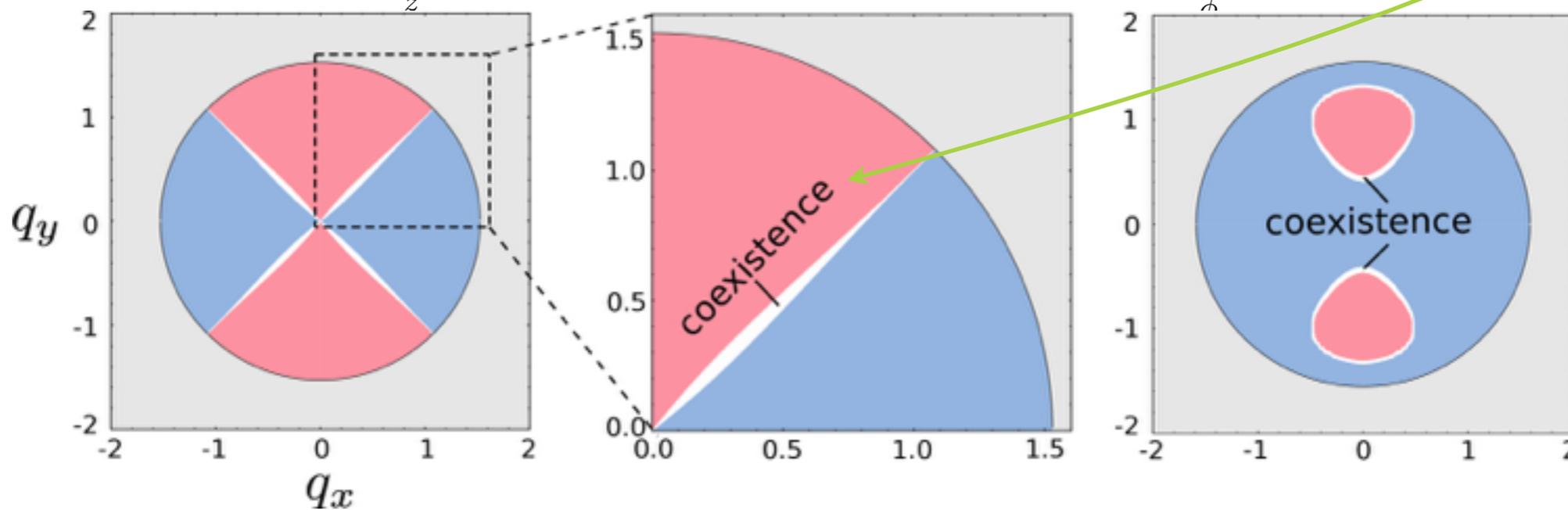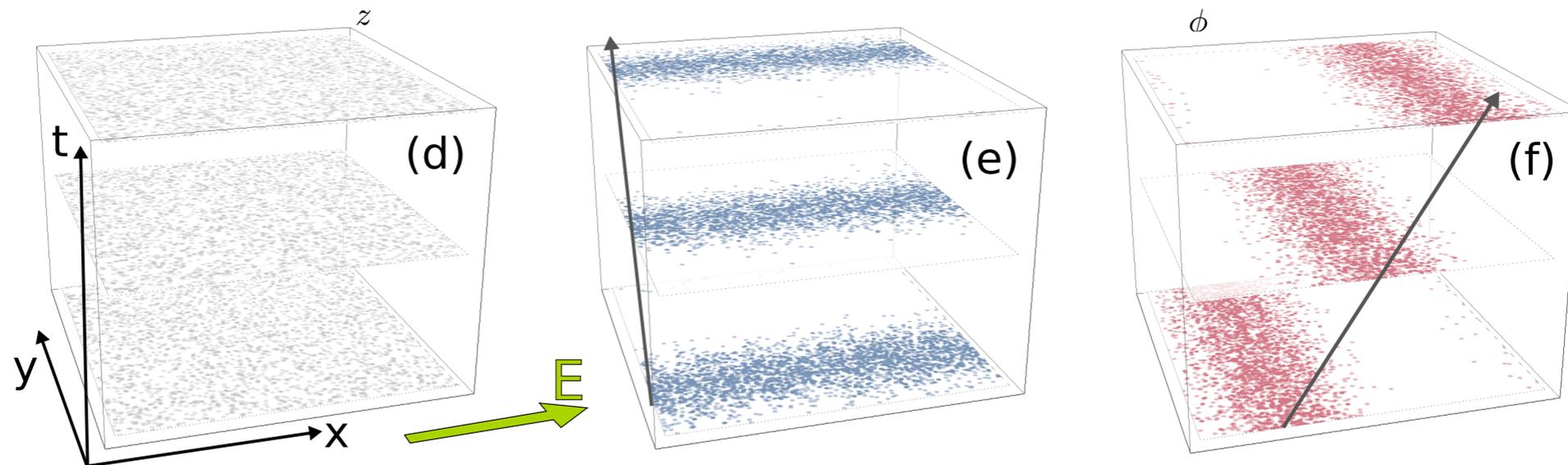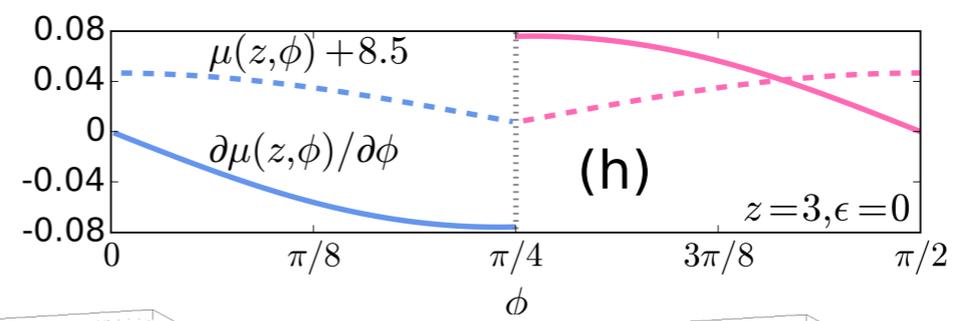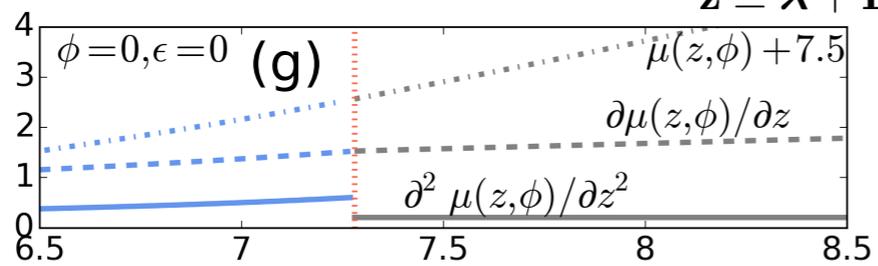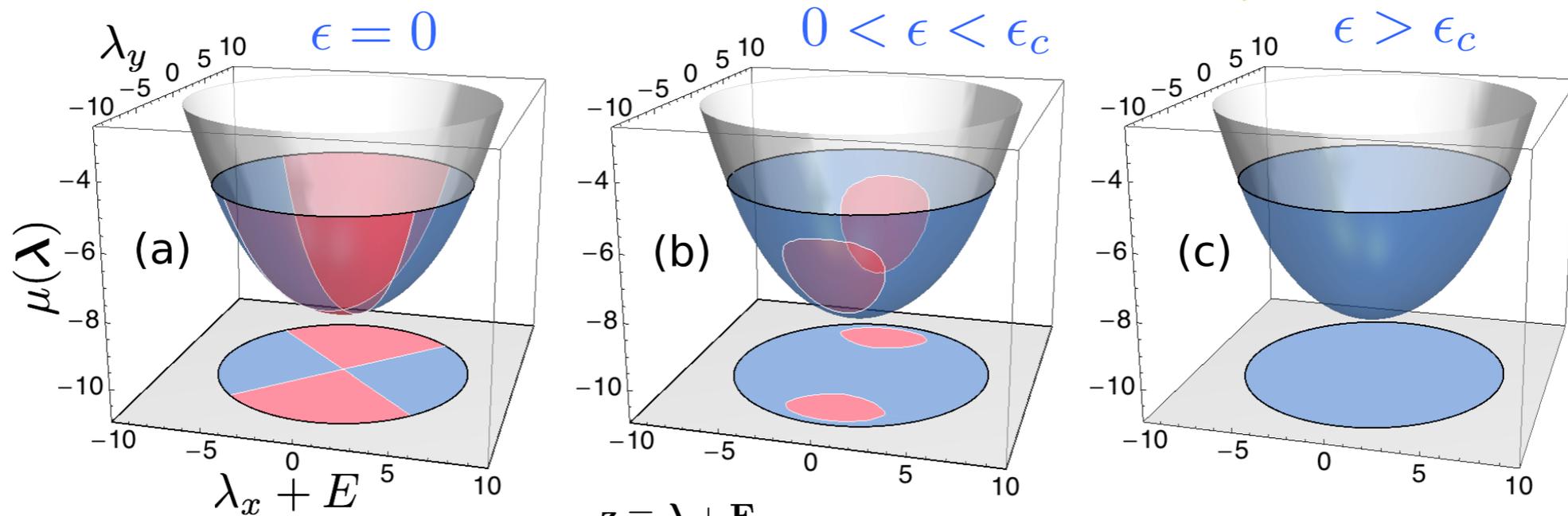$$\mathbf{E} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{A}}\mathbf{E} \geq |\Sigma_c|$$

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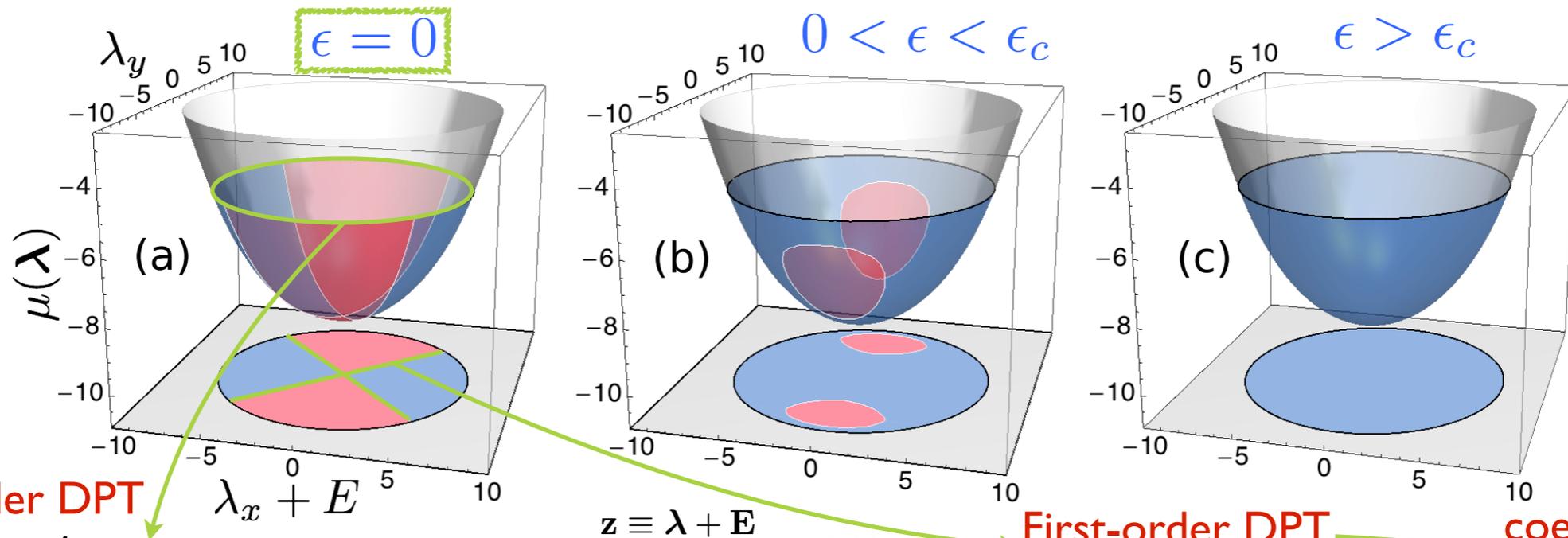
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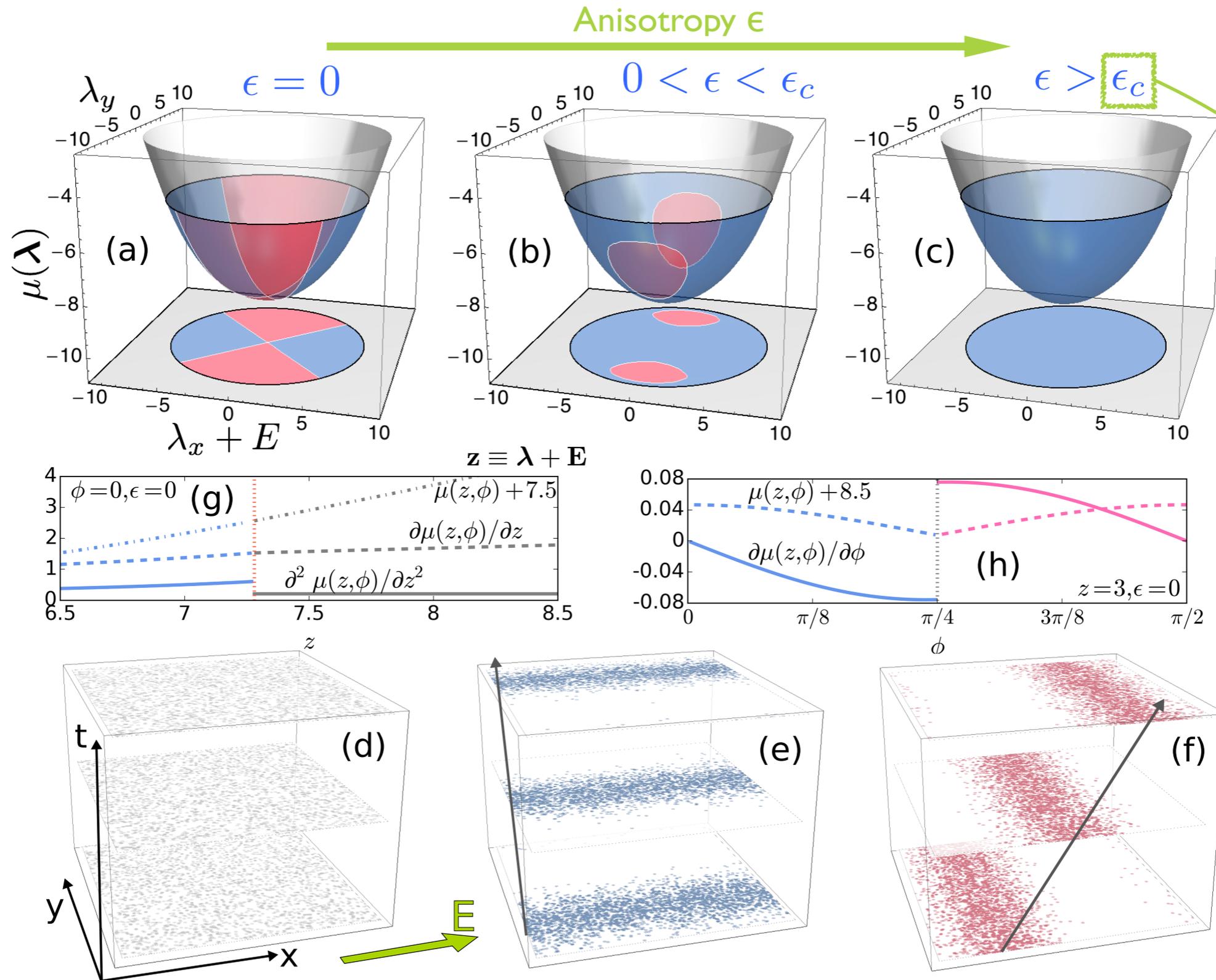$$\mathbf{E} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{E} \geq |\Sigma_c|$$

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There exists a critical anisotropy $\epsilon_c \approx 0.035$ beyond which only one symmetry-broken phase appears

KEY INGREDIENTS BEHIND NEW PHYSICS ?

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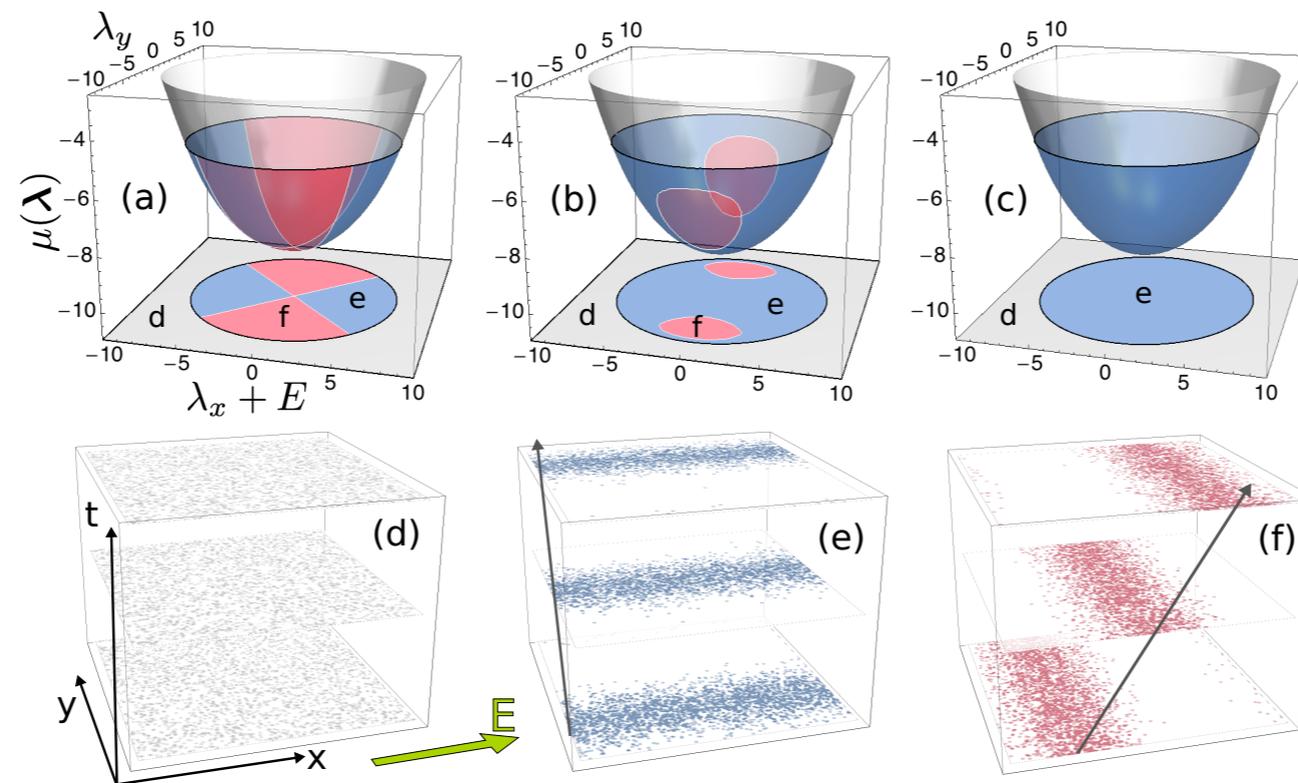
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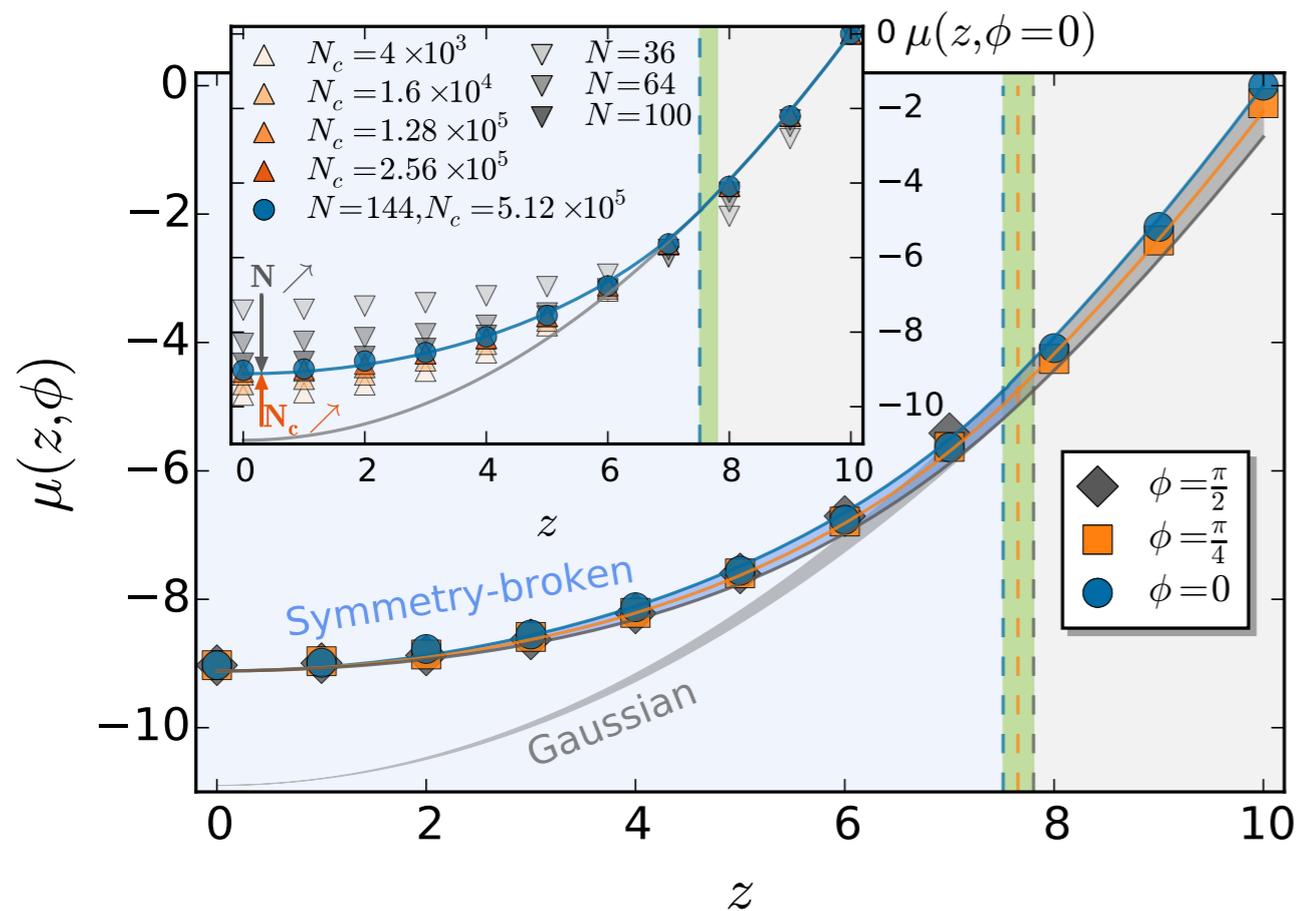Tizón, PH & Garrido, PRE **95**, 032119 (2017)

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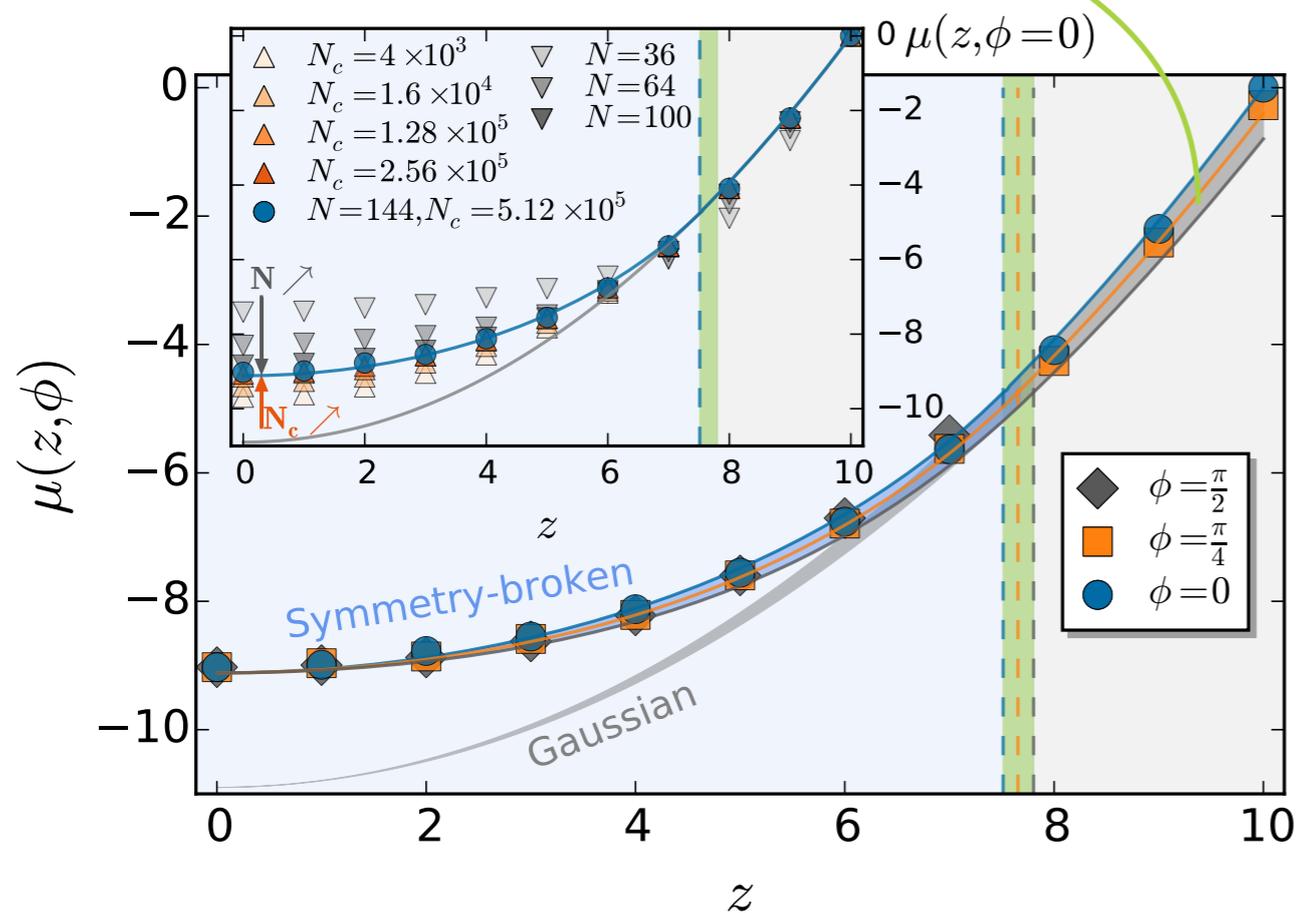
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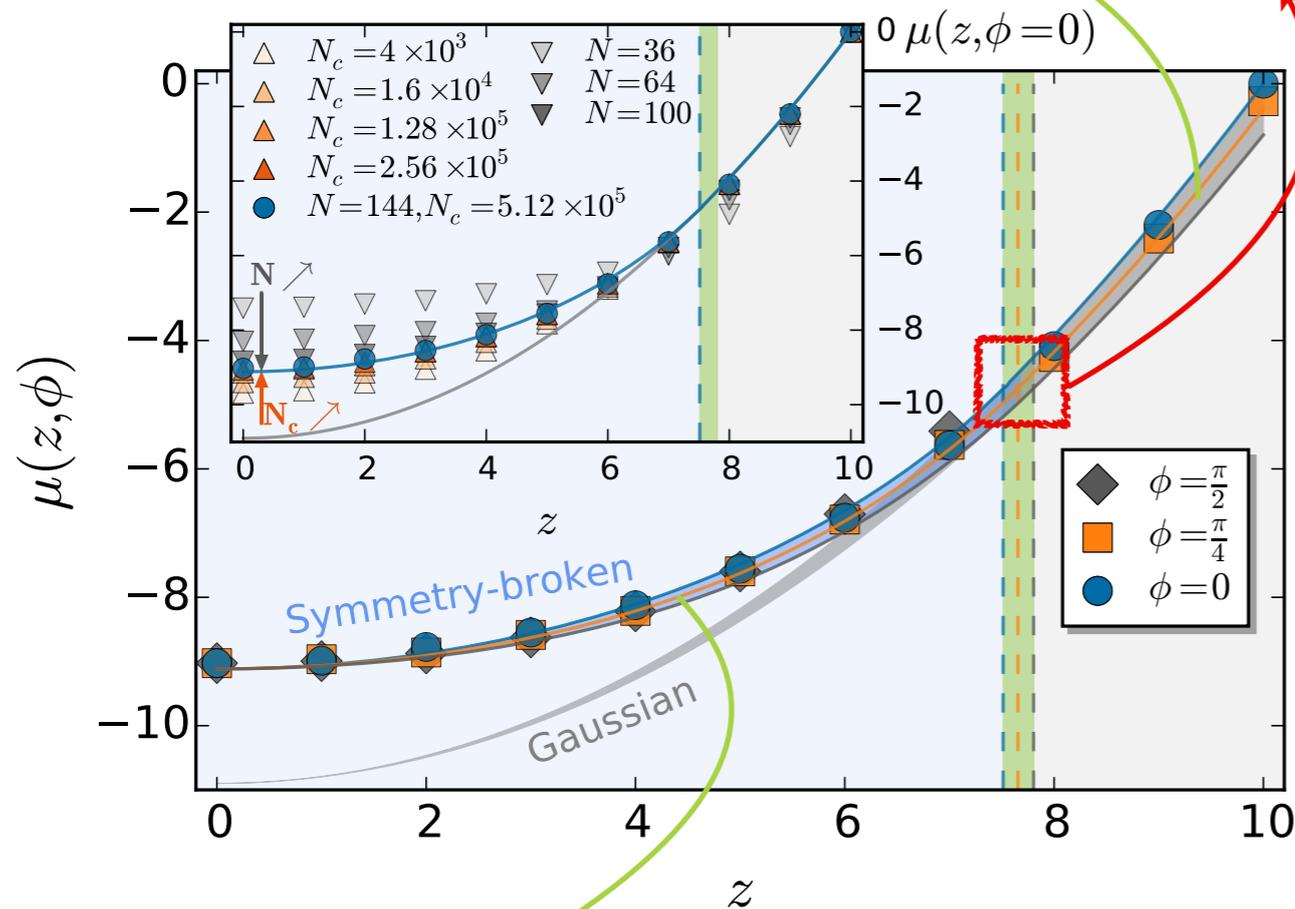$$\mathbf{z} \equiv \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \mathbf{E}$$
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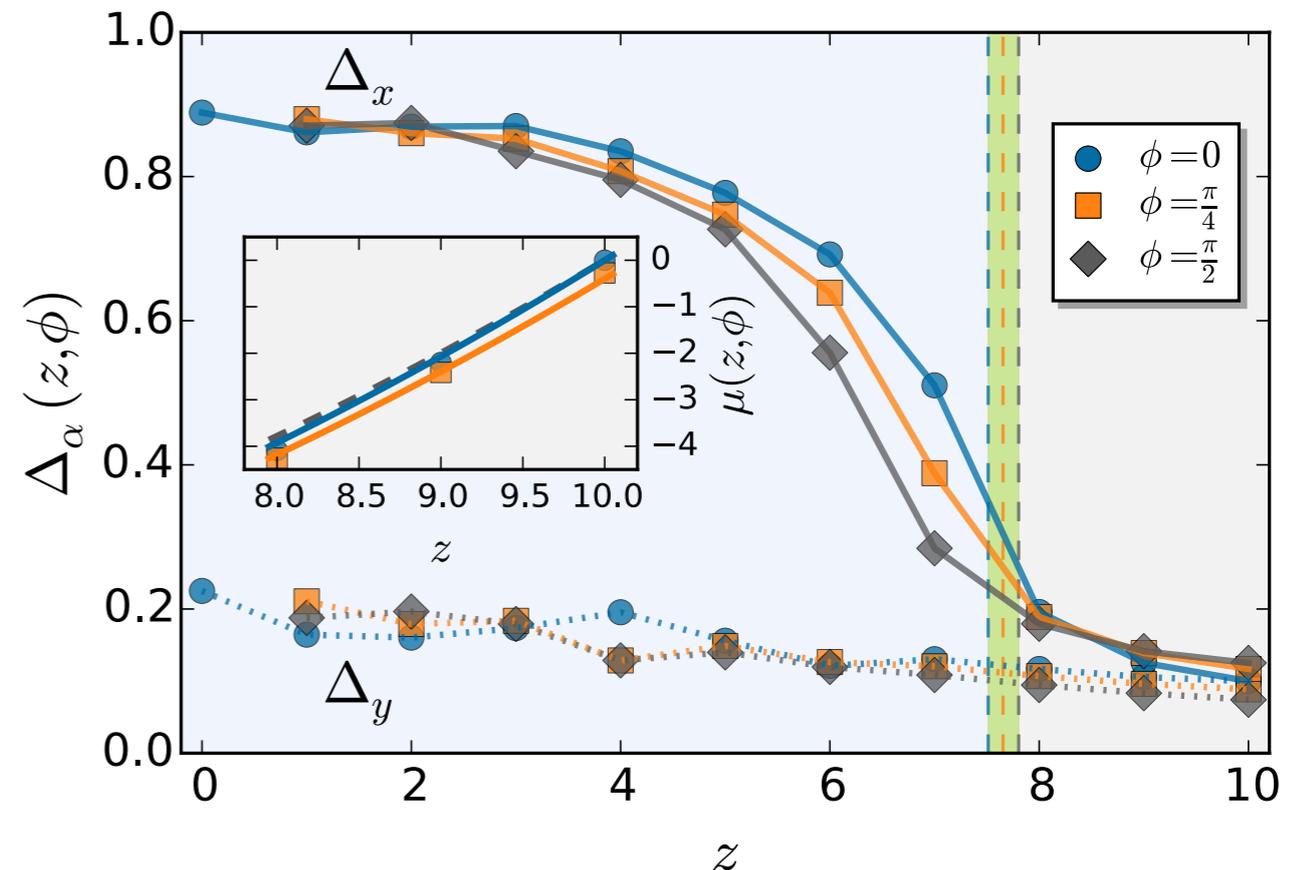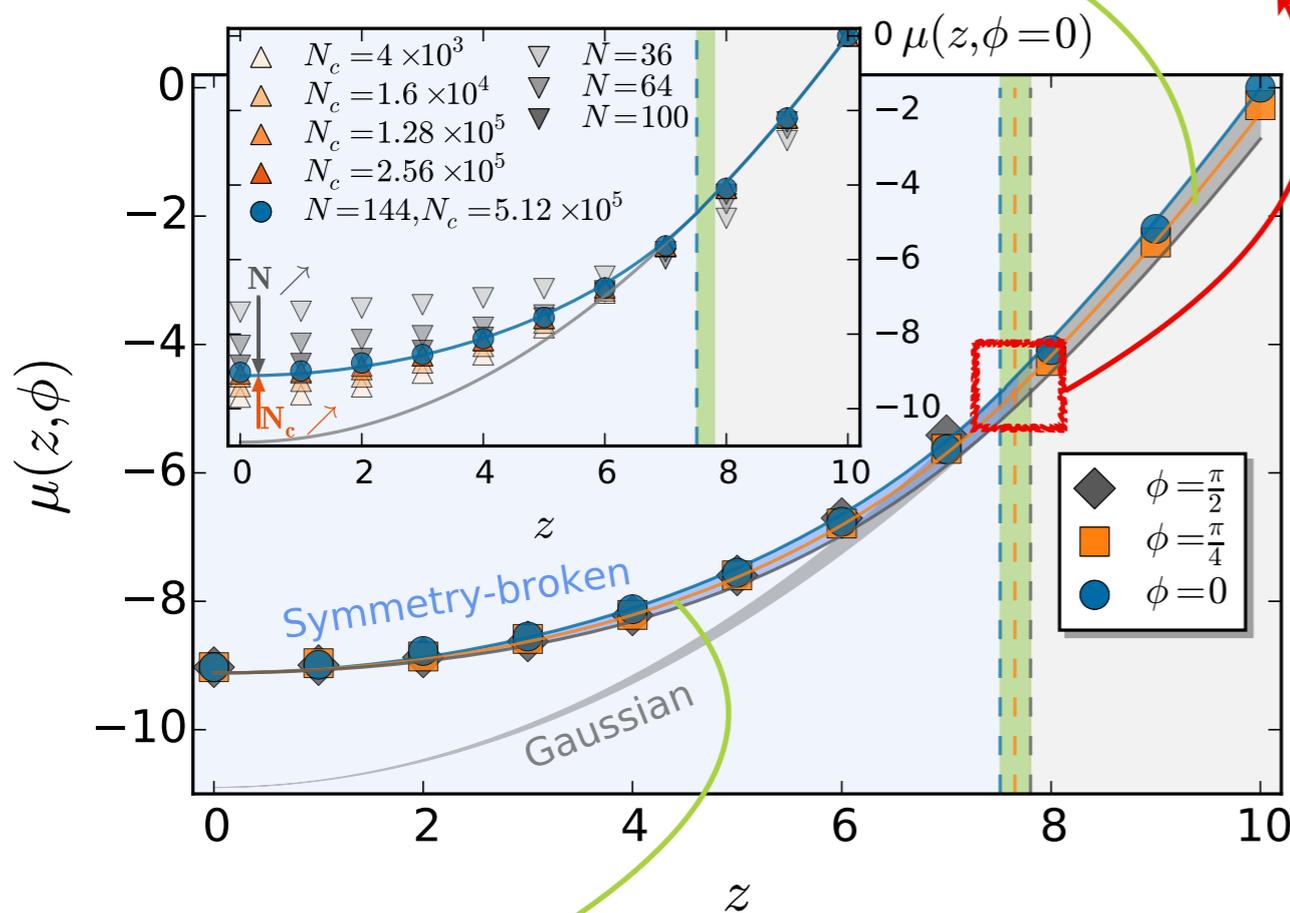$$z = |\mathbf{z}|$$
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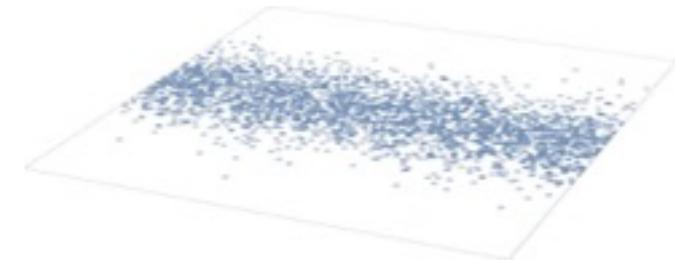fluctuations

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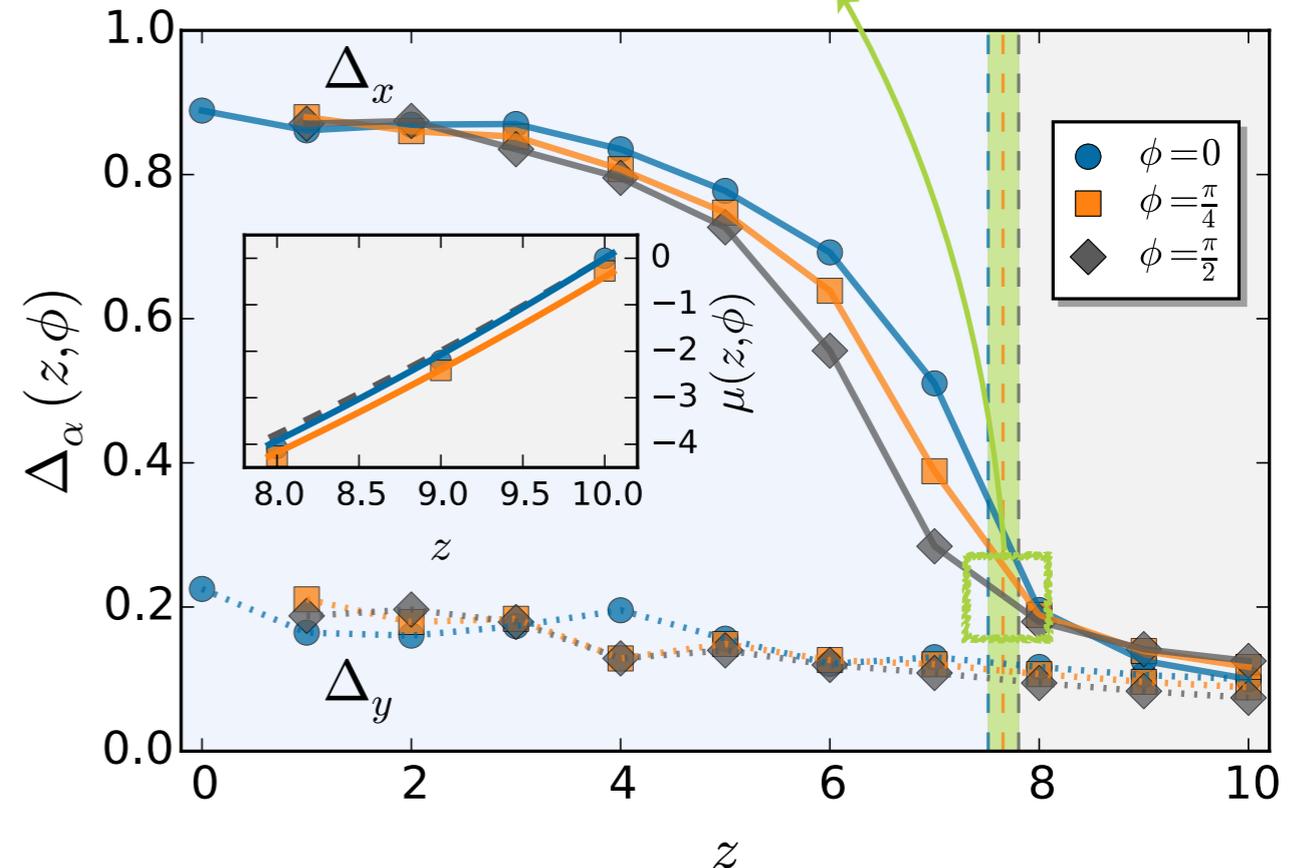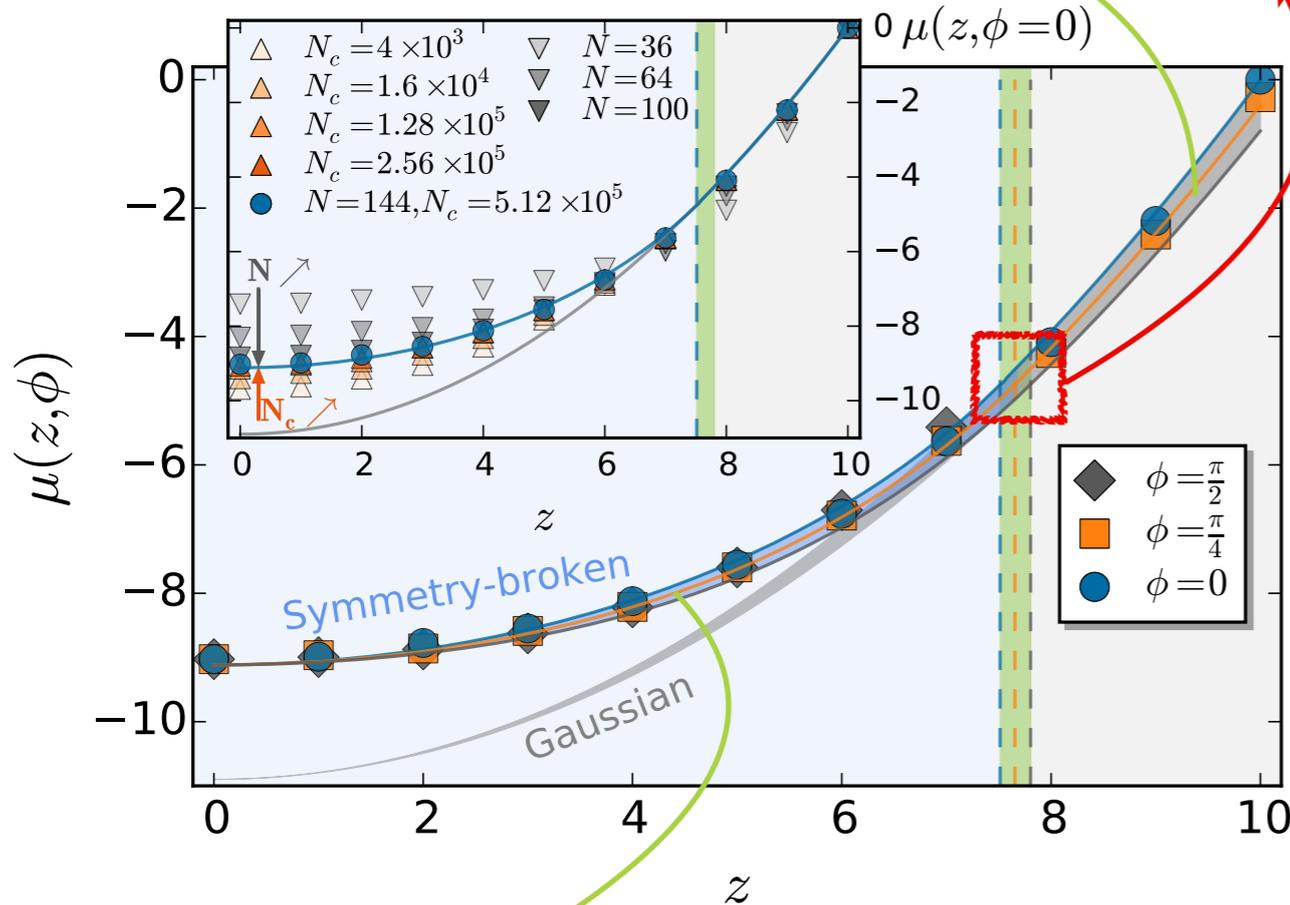
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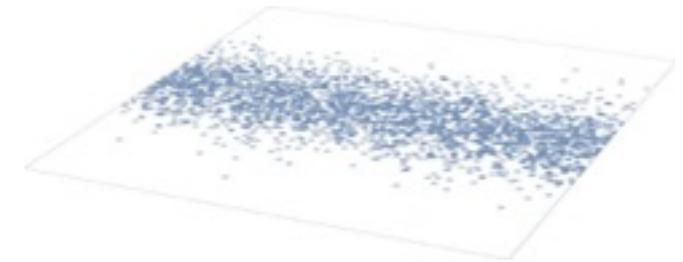$$z = |\mathbf{z}|$$
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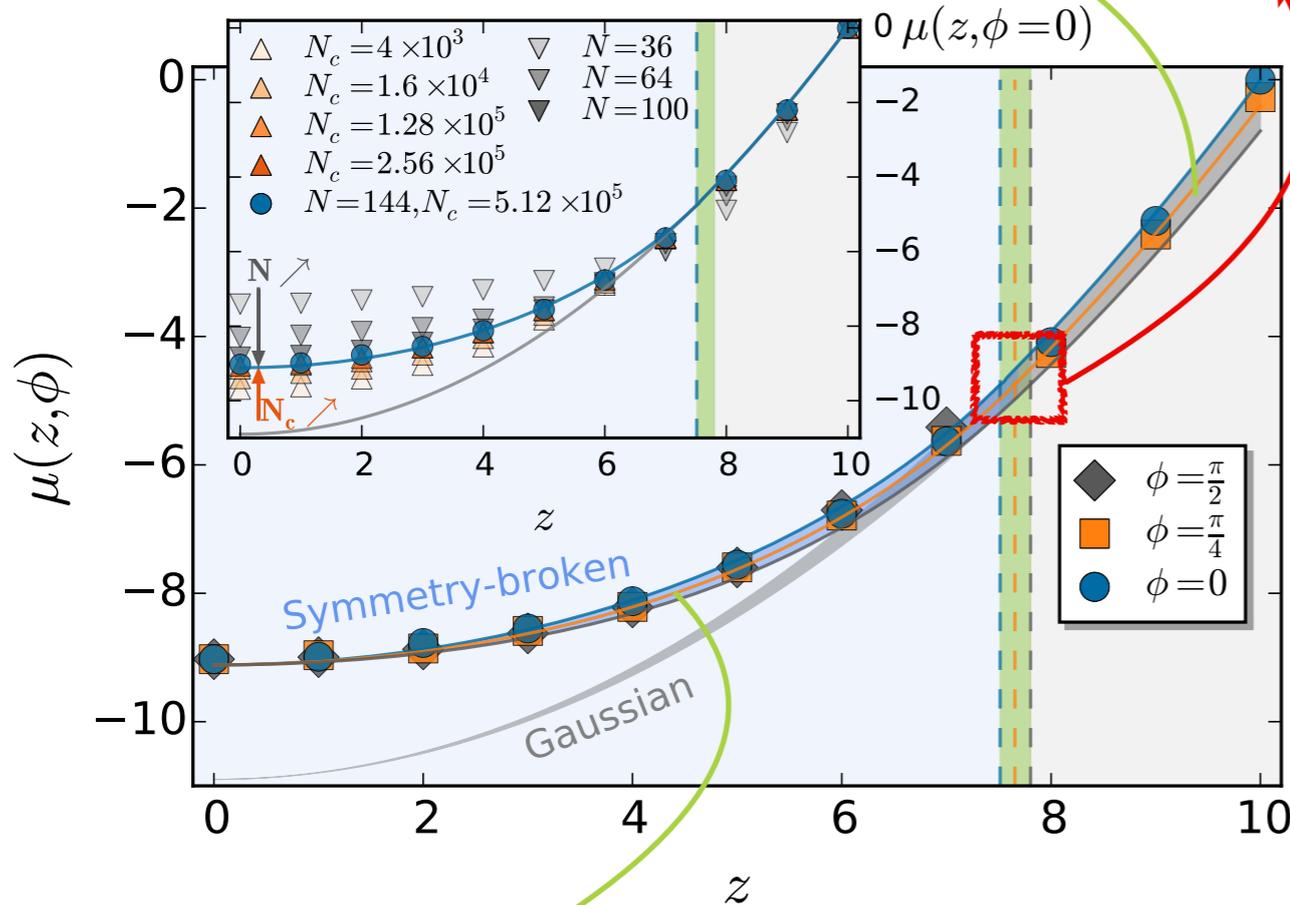- **Simulations: Cloning Monte Carlo** method for rare events. $N_c=5.12\times10^5$!!

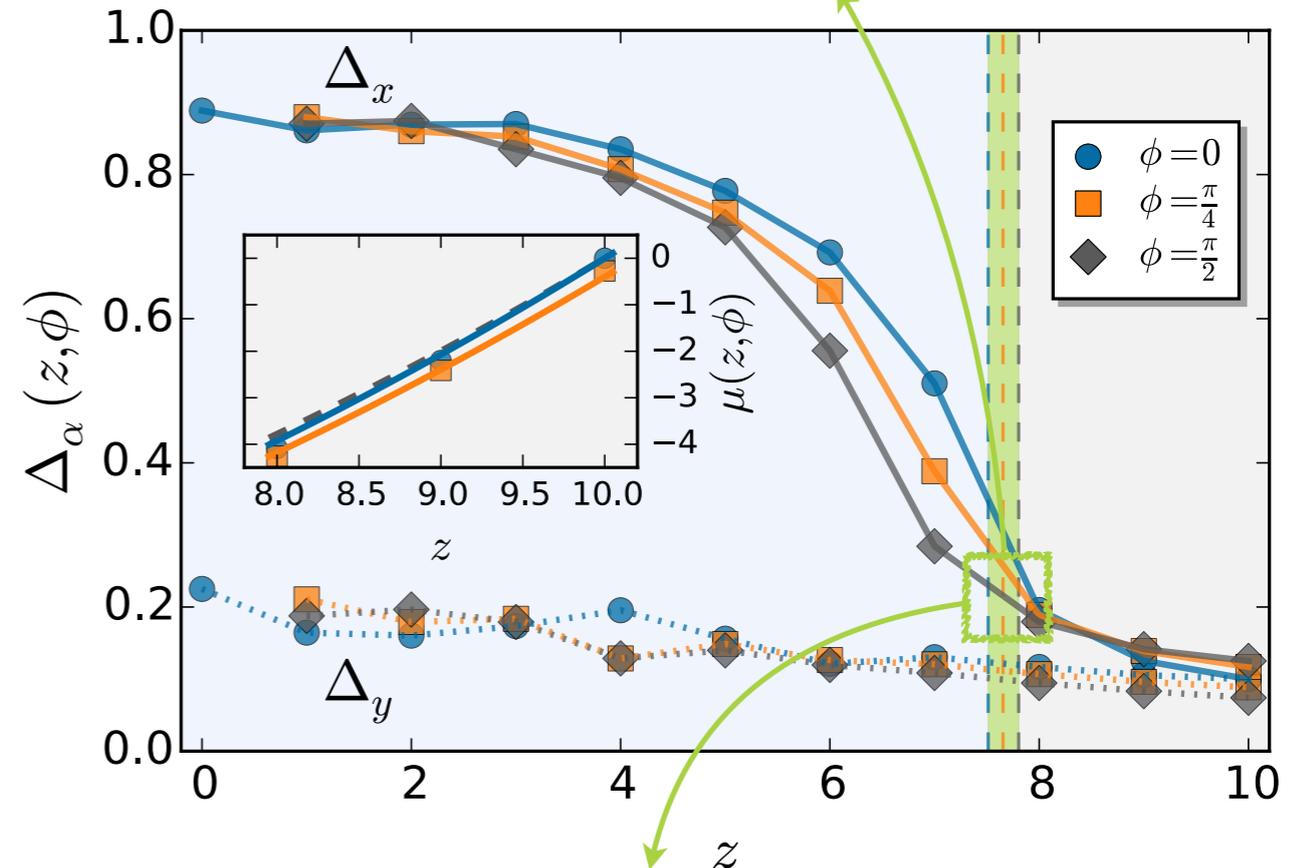- Parameters: $\rho_0 = 0.3$ $N \leq 144$ $\mathbf{E} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{A}}\mathbf{E} \geq |\Sigma_c|$

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- Baek, Kafri & Lecomte: **DPT's for current fluctuations in open systems**

    Baek, Kafri & Lecomte, PRL **118**, 030604 (2017); arXiv:1710.07139

- **Need an underlying symmetry**, e.g. particle-hole symmetry around, say, **ρ=1/2**

$$D(\frac{1}{2} - \delta\rho) = D(\frac{1}{2} + \delta\rho) \qquad \sigma(\frac{1}{2} - \delta\rho) = \sigma(\frac{1}{2} + \delta\rho)$$

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$$\partial_t \rho = -\partial_x[-D(\rho)\partial_x\rho + \sigma(\rho)E + \sqrt{\sigma(\rho)}\eta]$$

Diffusion favors
flat profile

Small J is easier
if σ(ρ) small

Symmetric w.r.t.
$\rho - 1/2 \to 1/2 - \rho$
(particle-hole symmetry)

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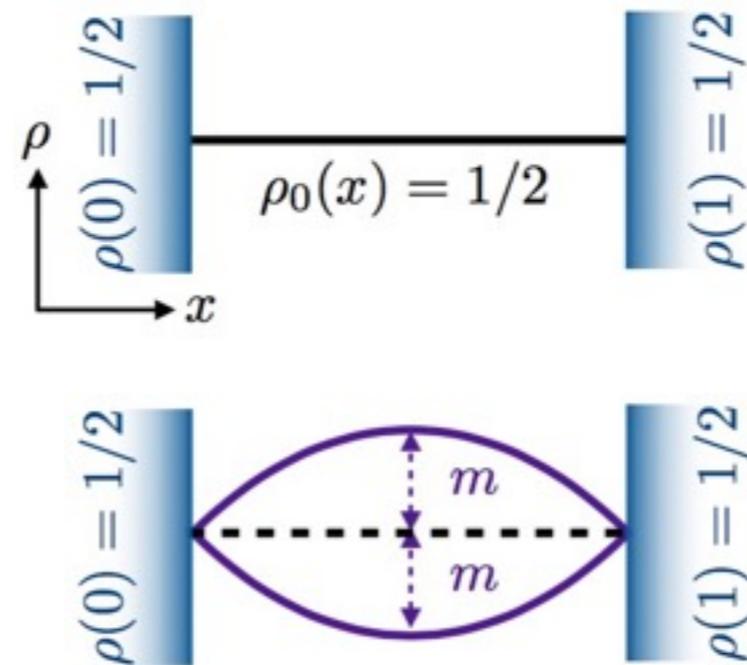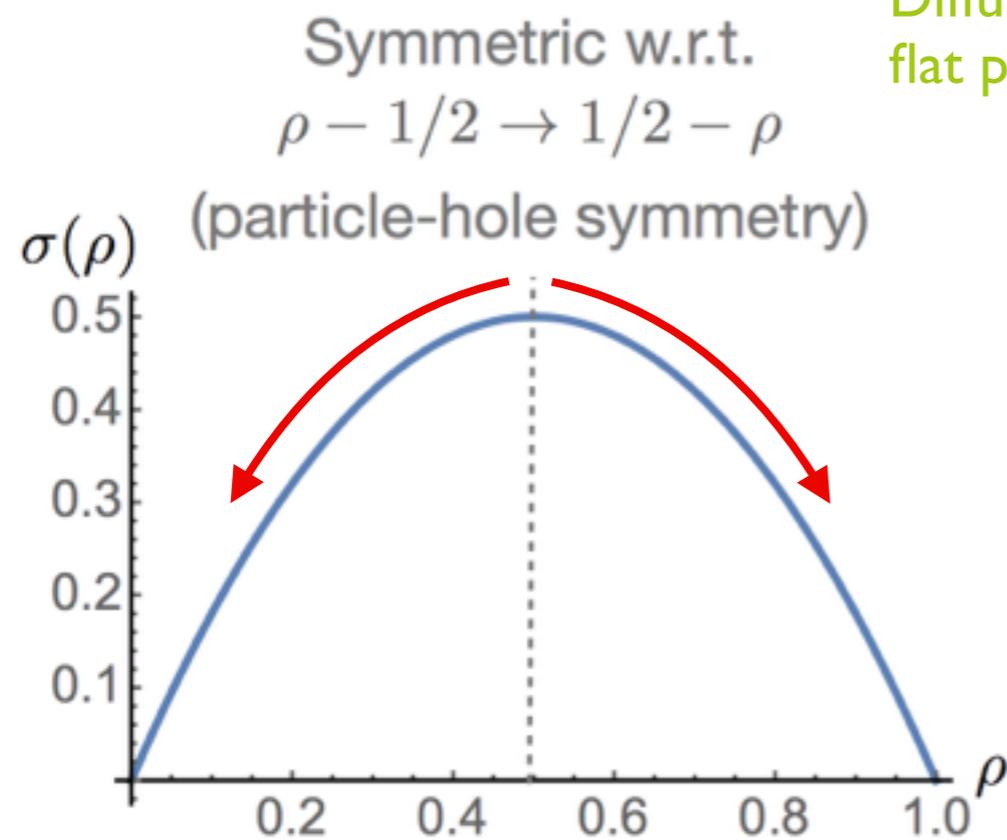
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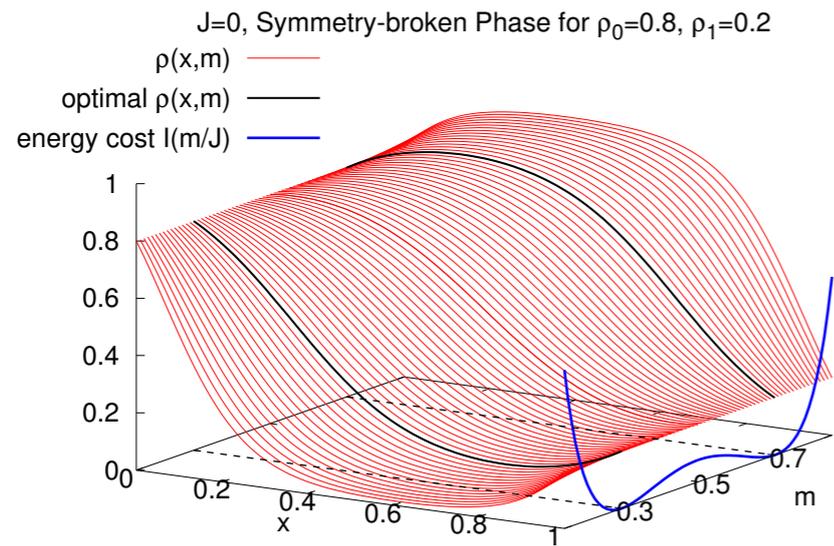
ONGOING WORK: DPT'S IN OPEN SYSTEMS (1D)

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- … or fluctuations of total mass in trajectory ensembles with constrained current

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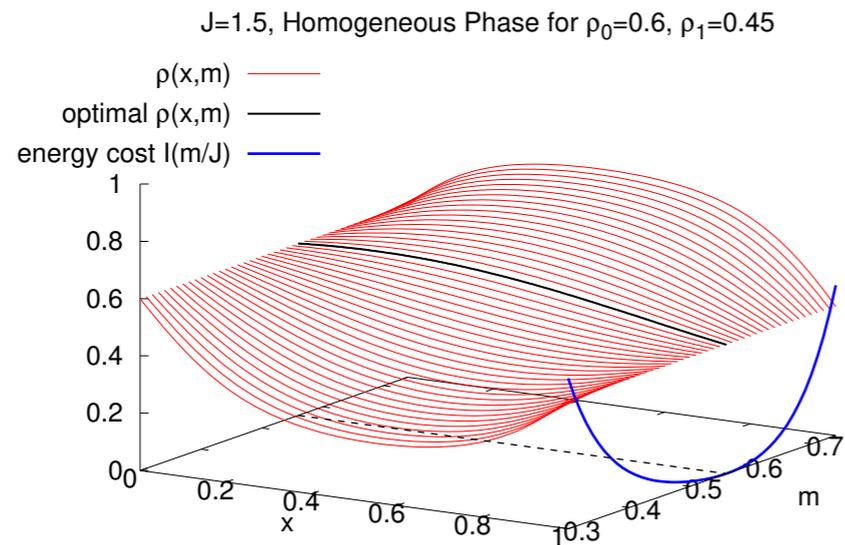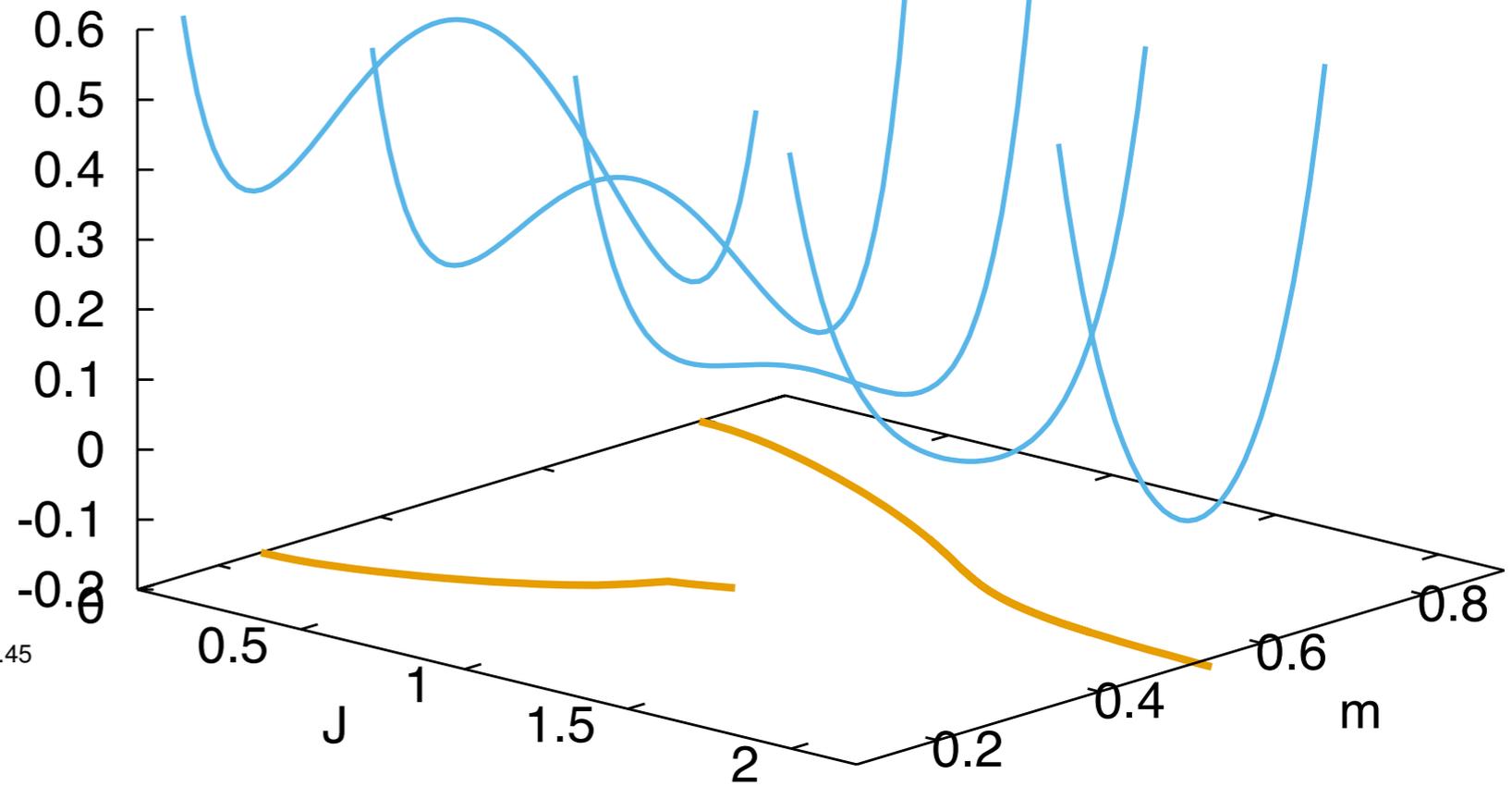
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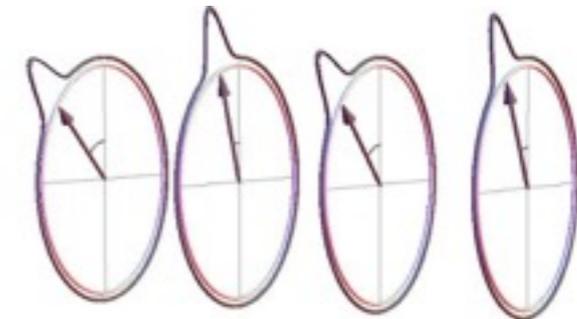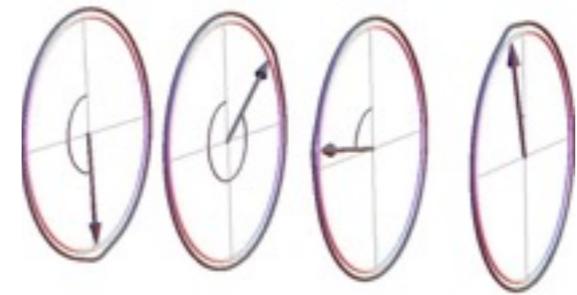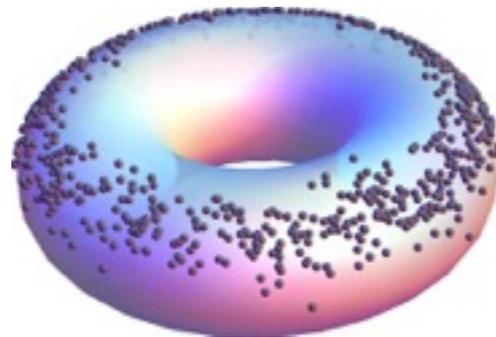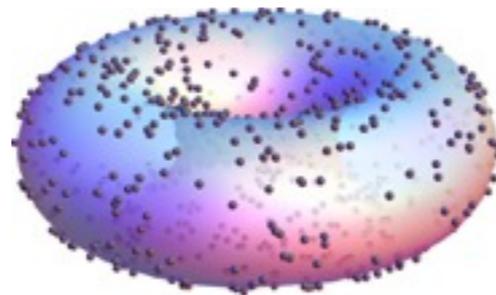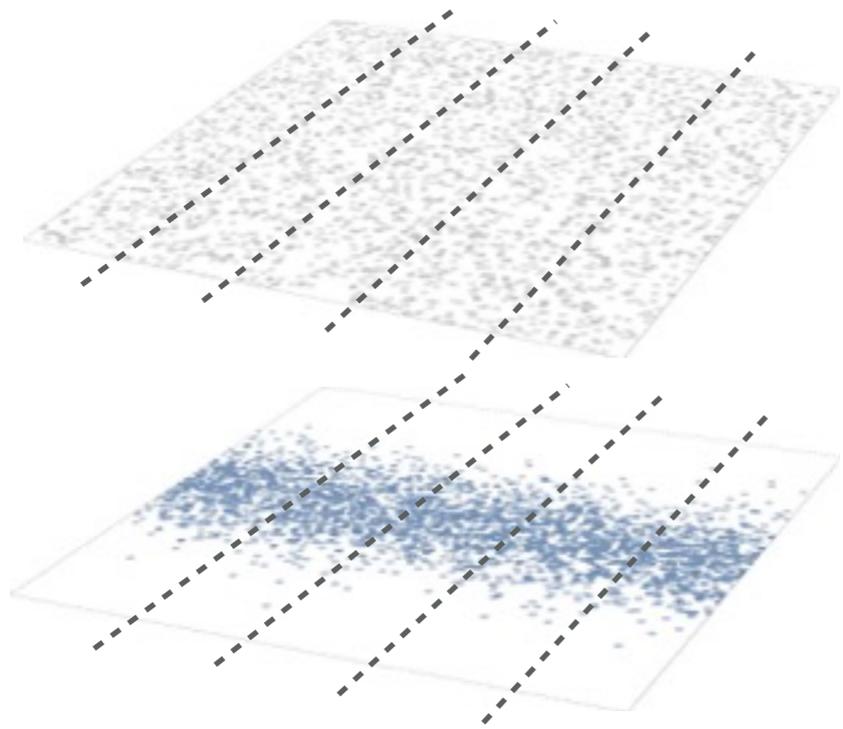
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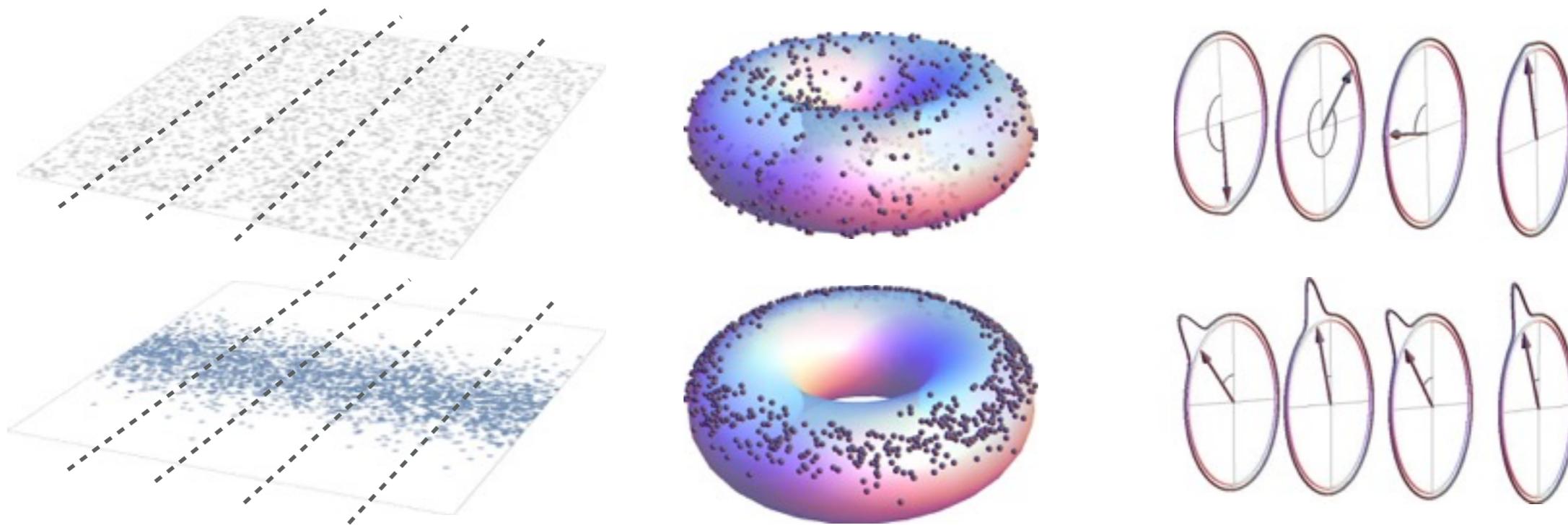
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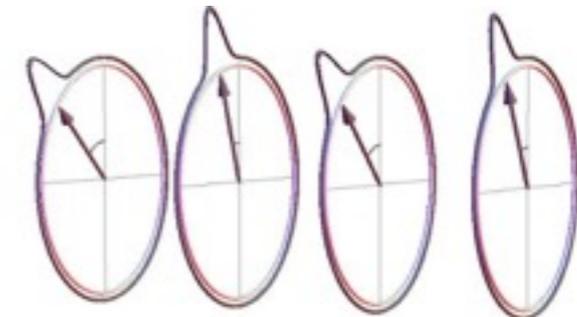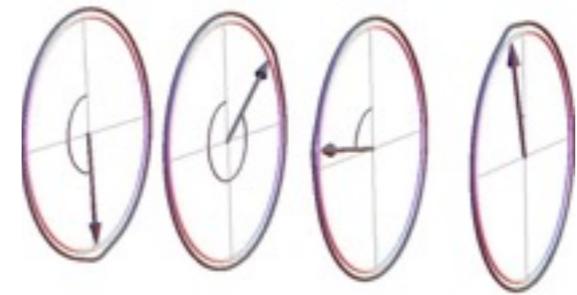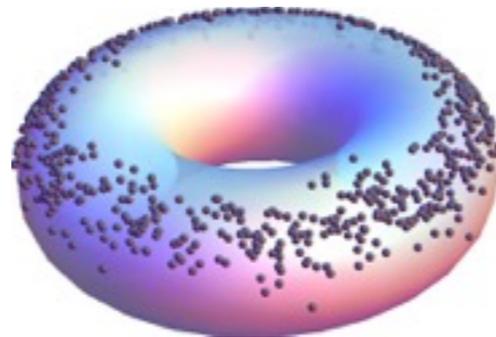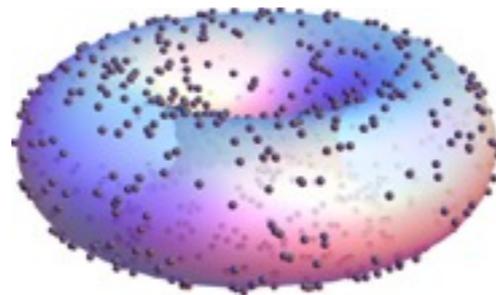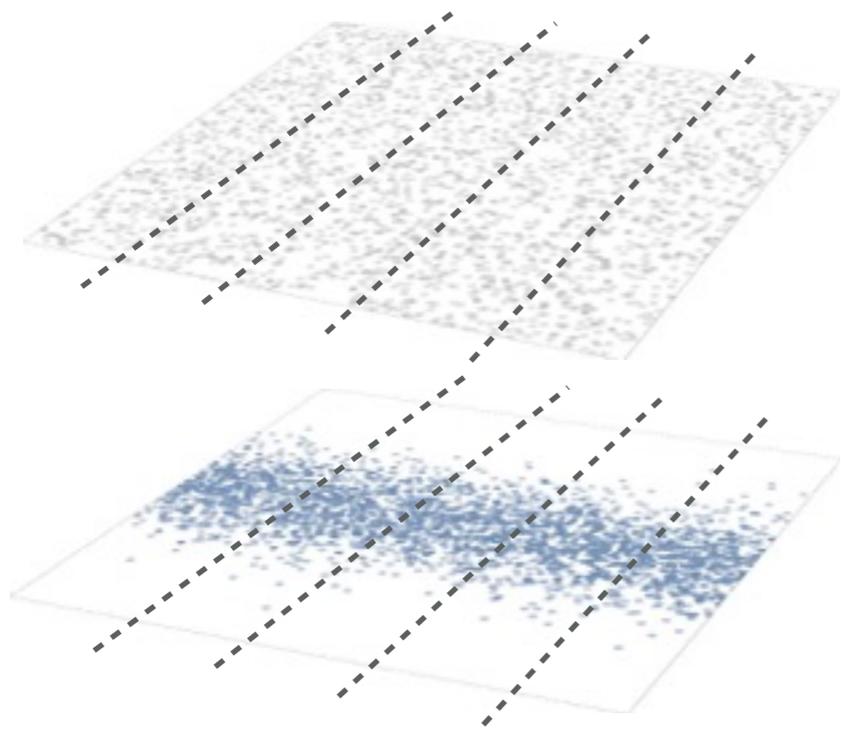

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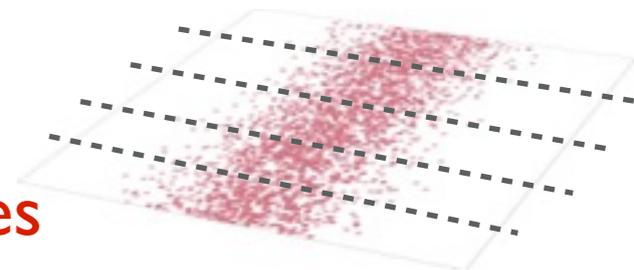
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