

# Algorithms for Tensor Network Contraction Ordering

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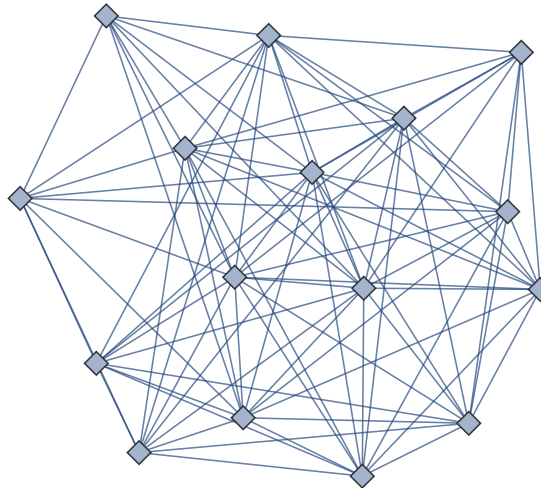
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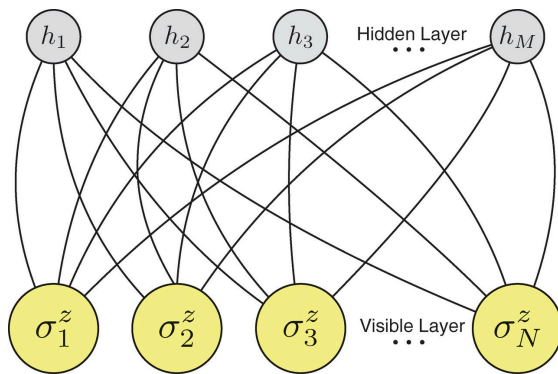
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# Motivation: Machine Learning in Physics

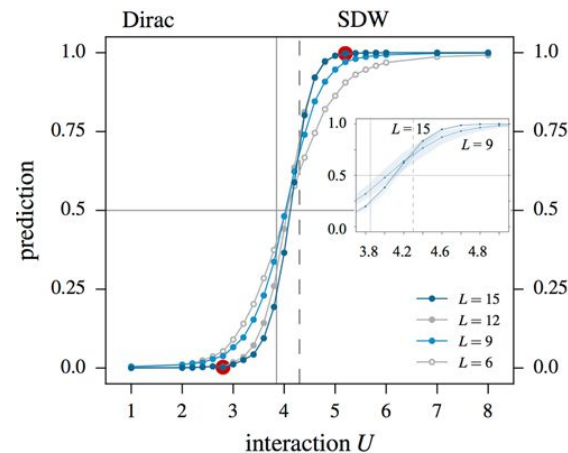
Previously: Use ML models (neural networks, ...) as models of nature

## ML models as variational wavefunctions

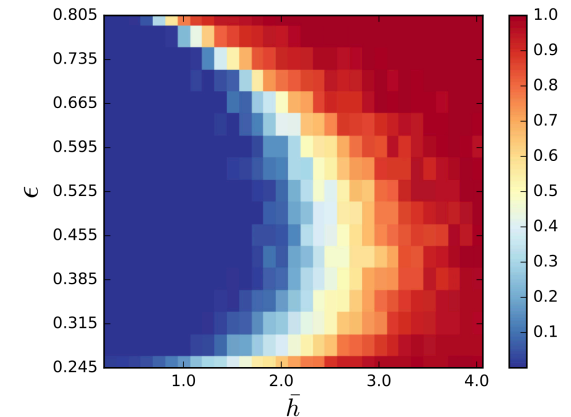


Restricted Boltzmann Machines  
*Carleo & Troyer, Science (2017)*

## ML models as phase classifiers



Many-body systems w/ sign problem  
*Broecker, Carrasquilla, Melko & Trebst, Scientific Reports (2017)*

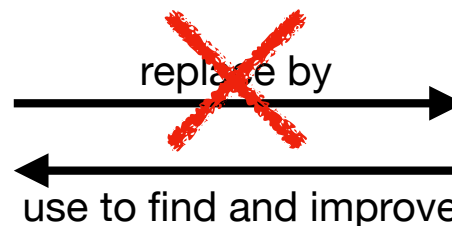


Many-body localization  
*Schindler, Regnault & Neupert, PRB (2017)*

— and many more —

**These were good exploratory proof of concepts, but we need to move on!**

physically motivated,  
interpretable, controlled  
models of nature

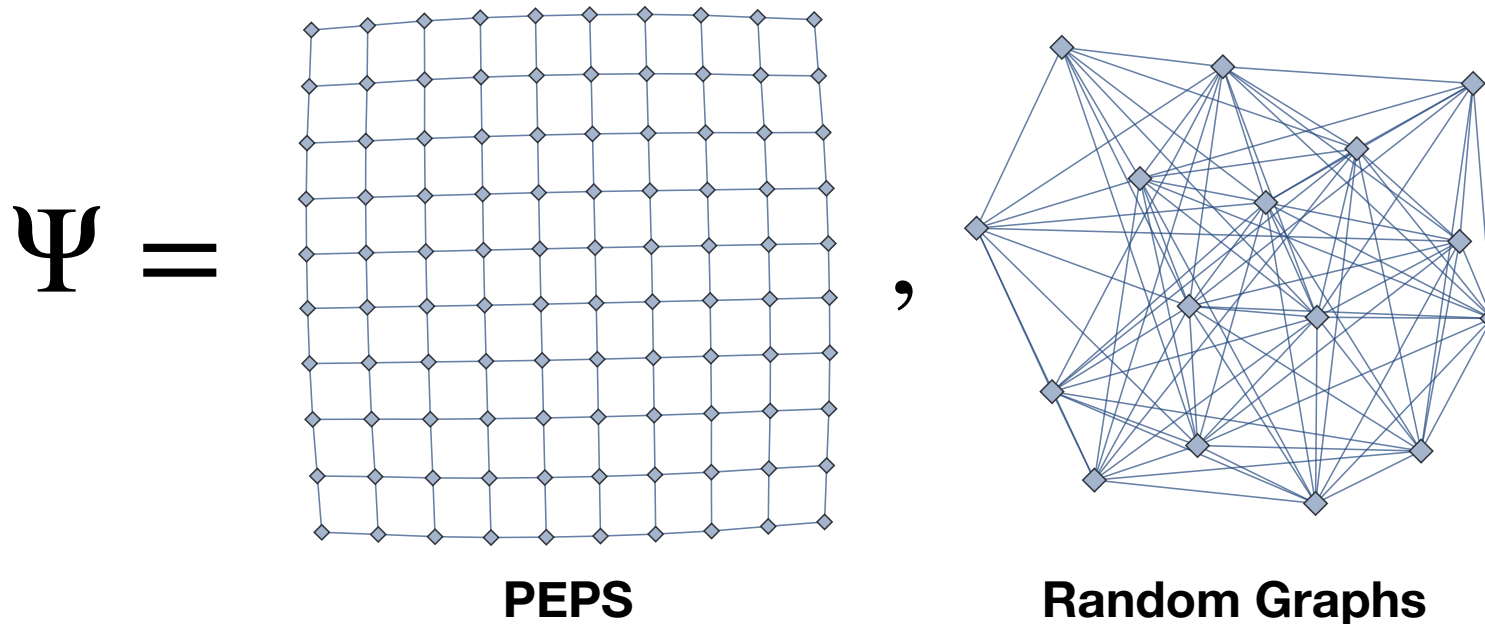


machine learning  
algorithms

# Tensor Network Contraction

Tensor networks are

physically motivated,  
interpretable, controlled  
variational wavefunctions



- (1) contracting TNs exactly without special structure is exponentially costly in  $D > 1$   
**many successful approximation schemes (MPOs, CTM, TRG, TNR, ...)**
- (2) finding exact optimal contraction sequences is exponentially costly in  $D > 1$   
NETCON algorithm: *Pfeifer, Haegeman & Verstraete, PRE (2014)*  
**Are there good approximation schemes?**

## Tensor contraction involves simultaneous sums:

$$N_{klmn} = \sum_{ij}^{\chi} T_{ijkl} X_i Y_{jmn} :$$

Let  $\chi = 2$ : Then naively need to perform  $(1+2)*2^6 = \mathbf{192}$  addition and multiplication operations

## There are two ways to split up the sum:

$$N_{klmn} = \sum_i^{\chi} Q'_{iklmn} X_i,$$

$$Q'_{iklmn} = \sum_j^{\chi} T_{ijkl} Y_{jmn}.$$

$128 + 64 = \mathbf{192}$  addition and multiplication operations

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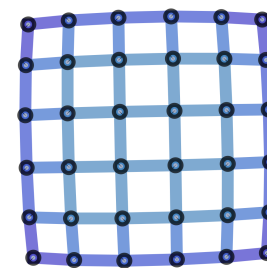
$32 + 64 = \mathbf{96}$  addition and multiplication operations

**order of summation matters!**

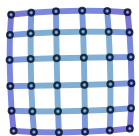
Naive approximation: **Greedy algorithm**

always contracts the cheapest bond

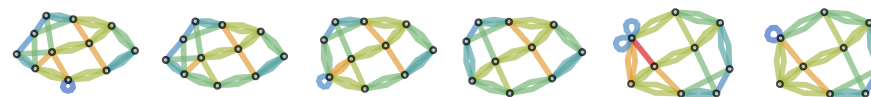
consider a 6x6  
square tensor  
network (PEPS)



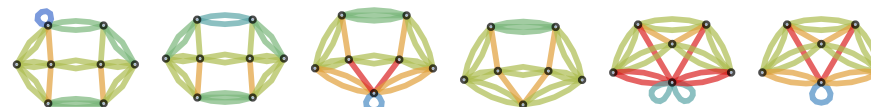
greedy sequence:



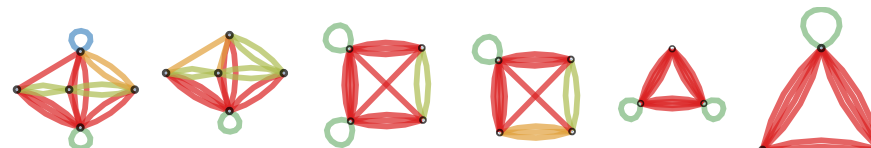
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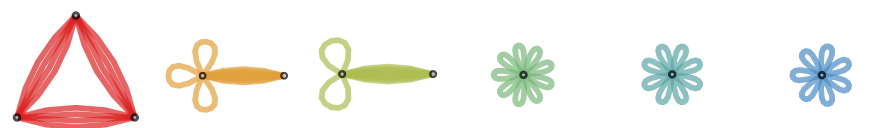
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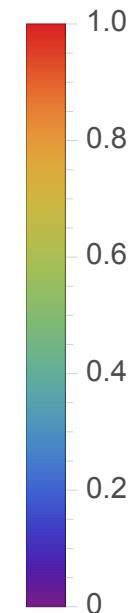


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cost



Can we do better than greedy?

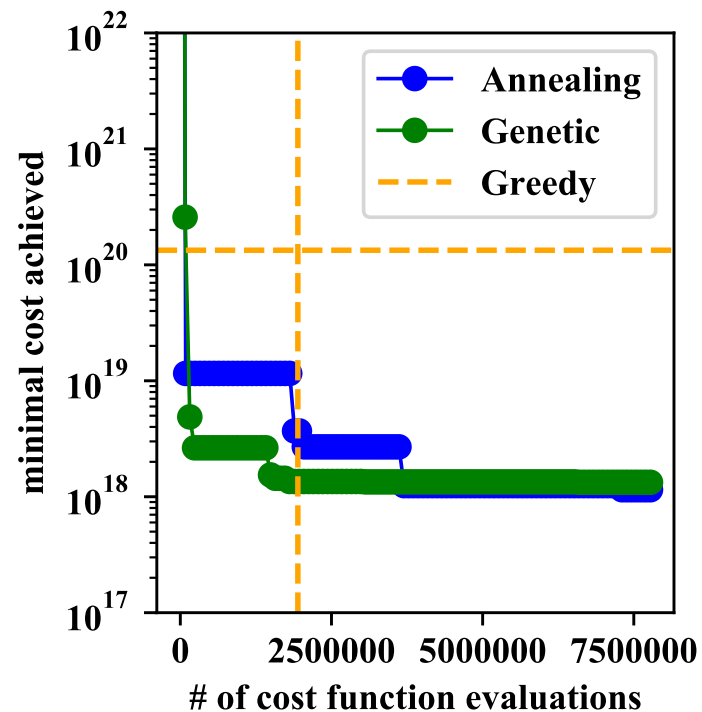
## Simulated Annealing:

global, Monte-Carlo-inspired search

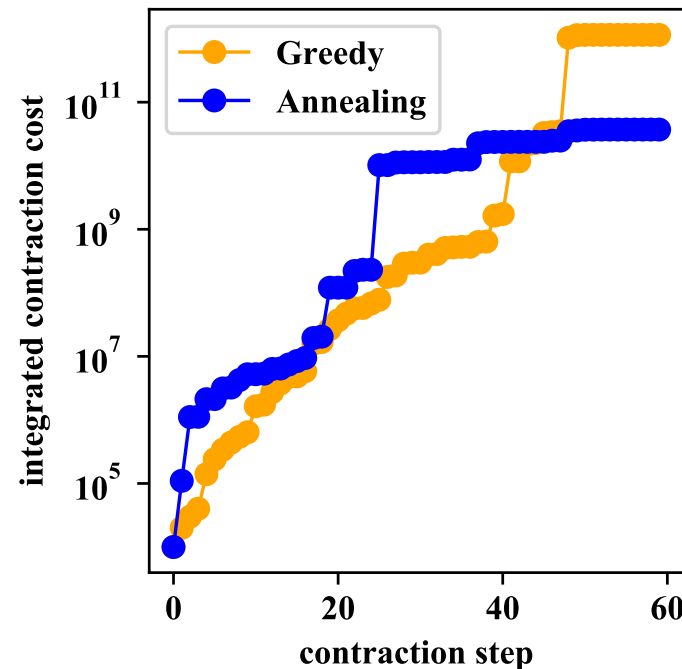


## Genetic Algorithm:

global, biological evolution-inspired search

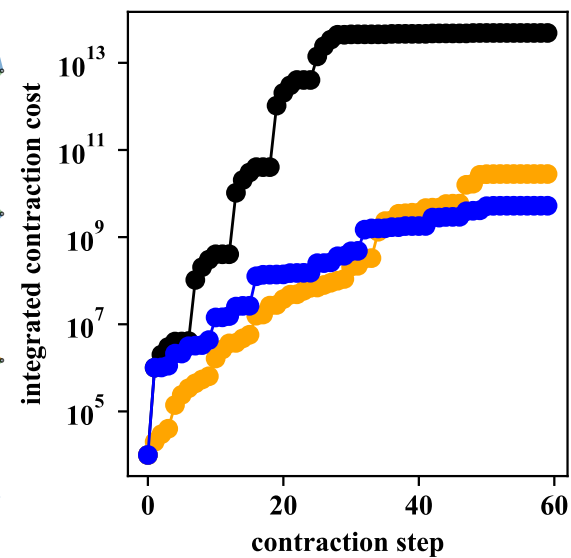
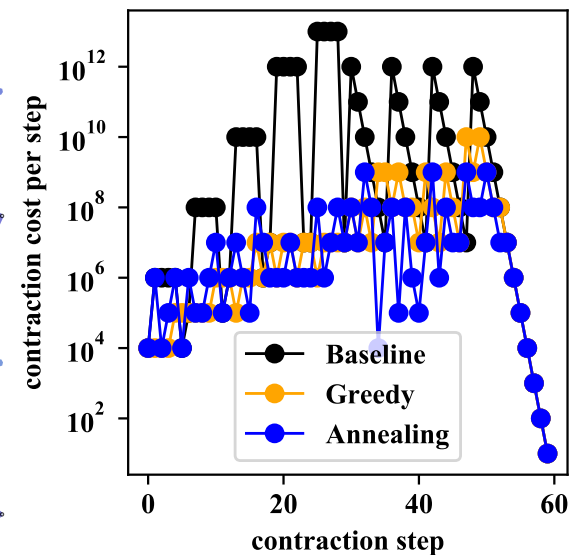
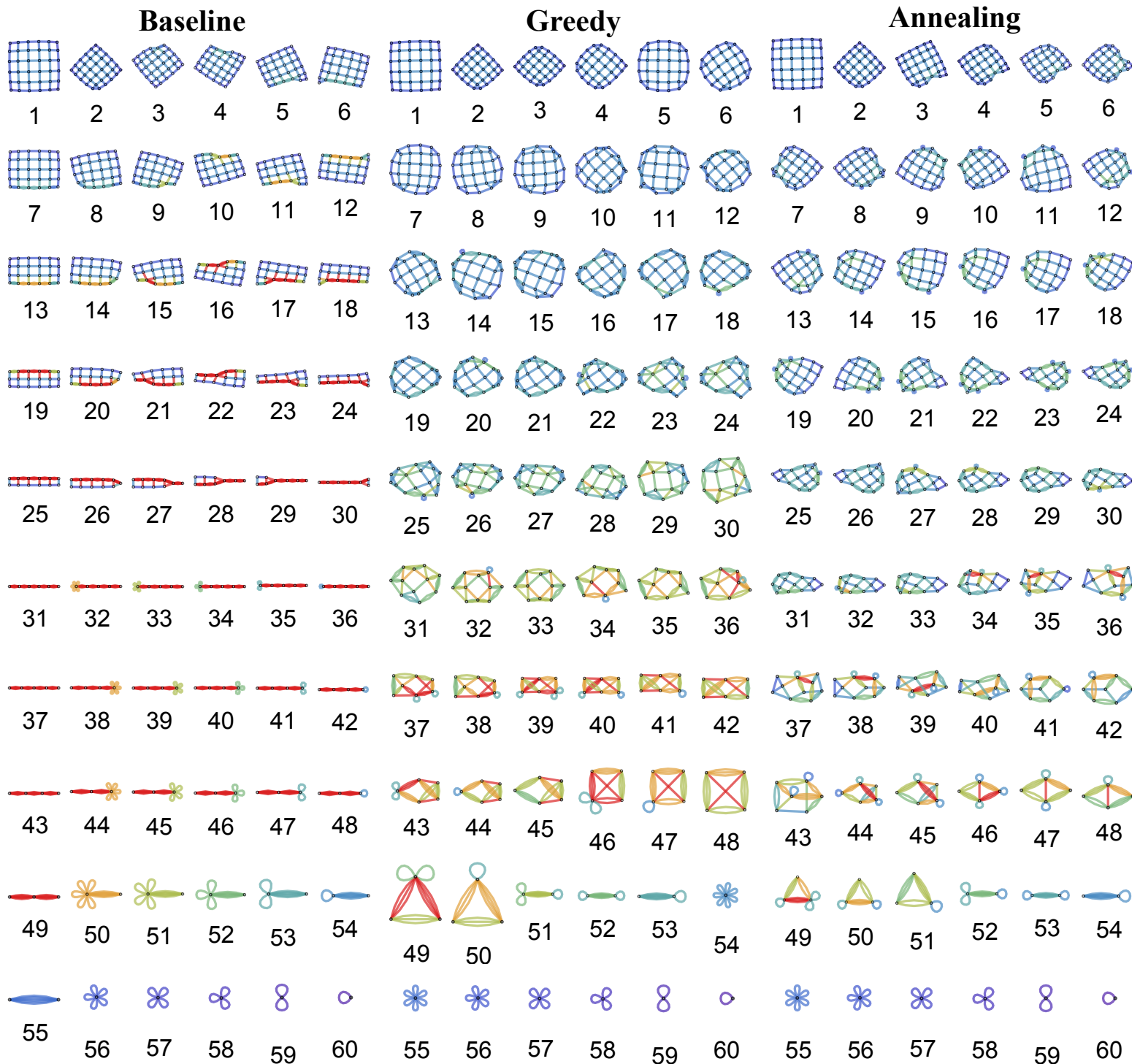


both algorithms often beat Greedy using less runtime  
(plot: 10x10 PEPS,  $\chi = 10$ )



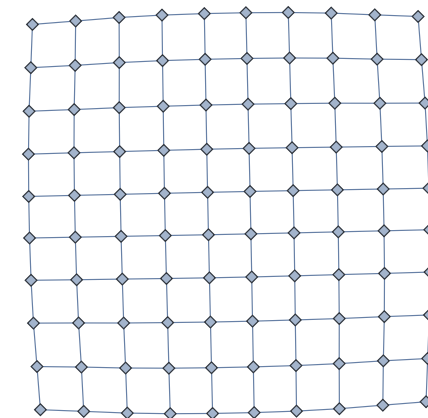
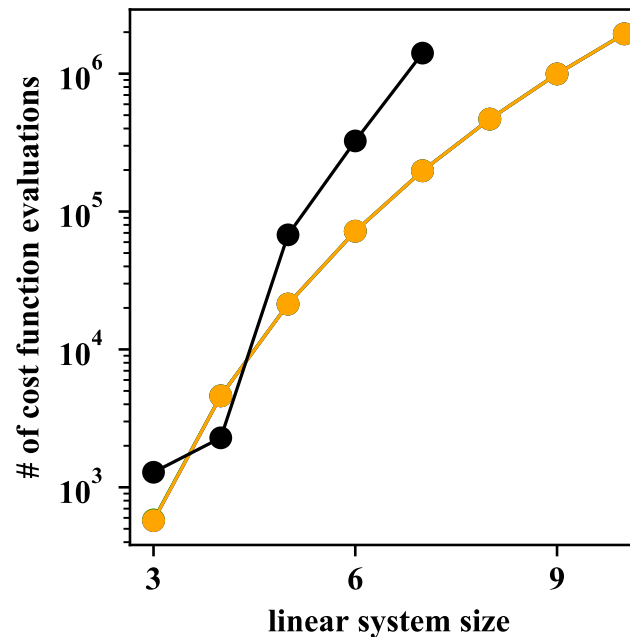
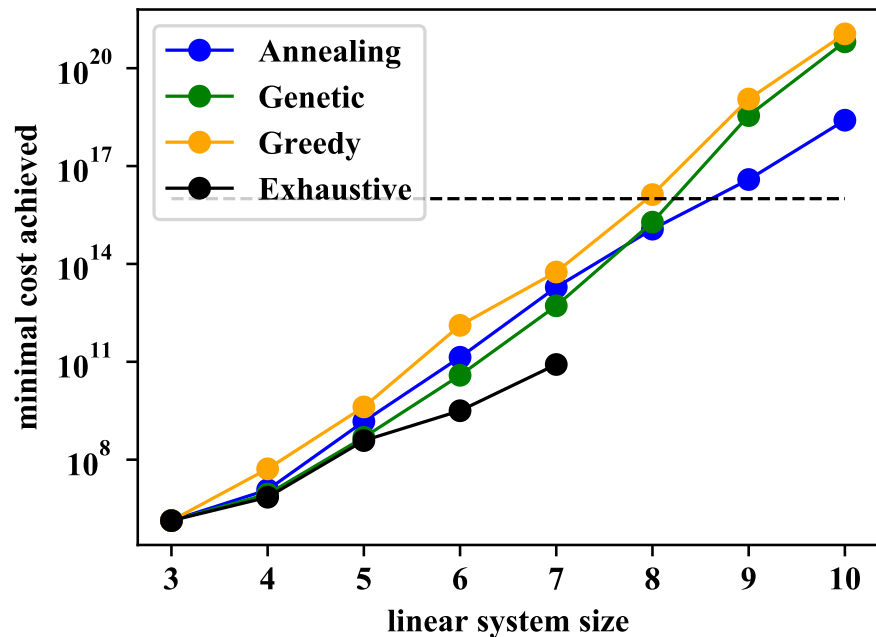
their contraction sequences involve seemingly suboptimal early contractions that avoid high costs later  
(plot: 6x6 PEPS,  $\chi = 10$ )

# 6x6 PEPS contraction Hall of Fame

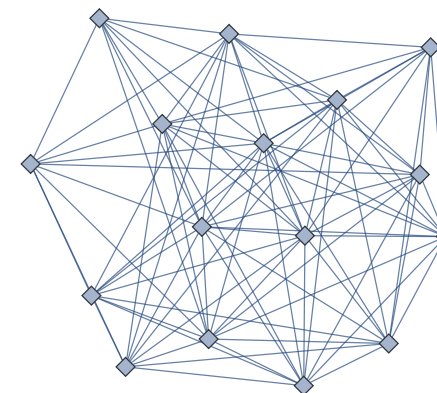
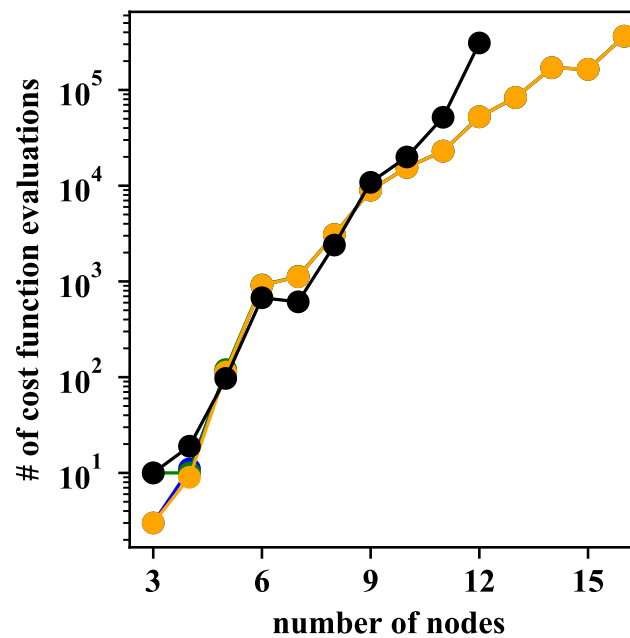
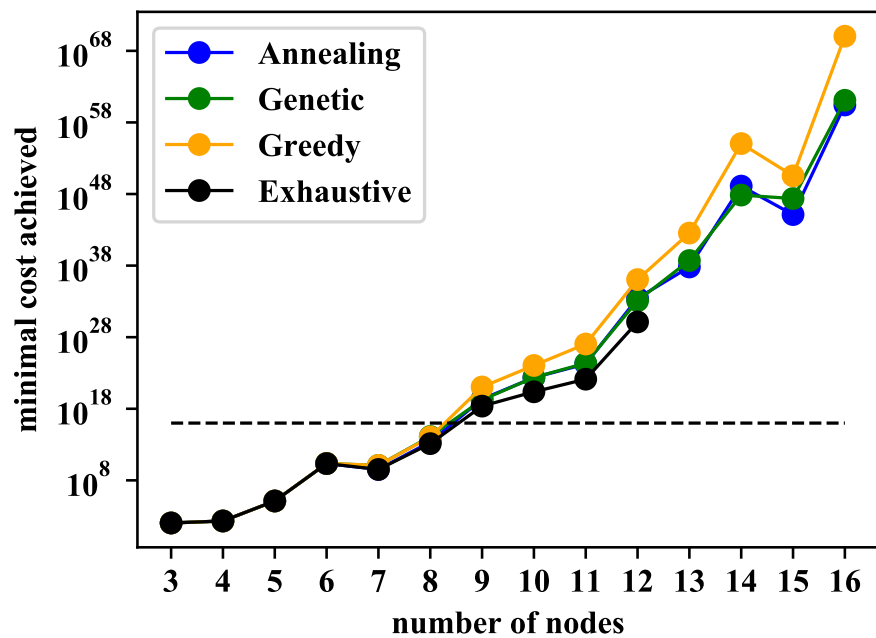




# System Size Scaling for PEPS



# System Size Scaling for Random Graphs





That's it!

for more, check out  
**arXiv:2001.08063**

or find the source code on  
**<https://github.com/frankschindler/OptimizedTensorContraction>**

