

Particle-MALA and Particle-mGRAD

Gradient-based MCMC methods for
high-dimensional state-space models¹

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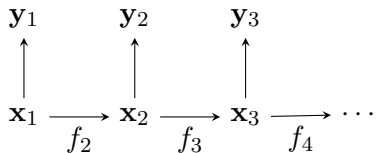
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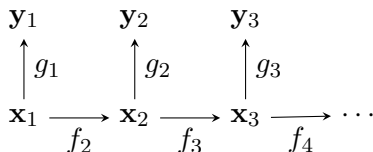
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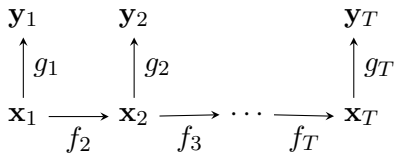


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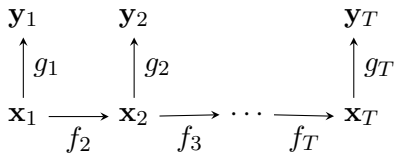


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 - ecology,
 - engineering,
 - epidemiology,
 - weather forecasting,
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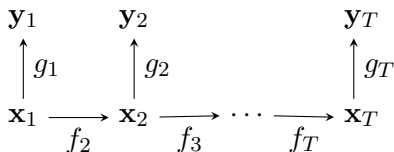


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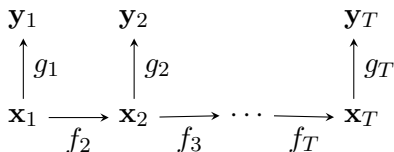
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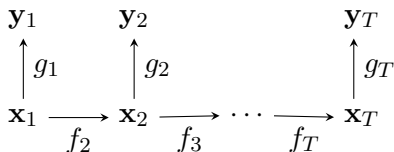
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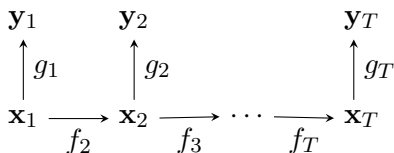


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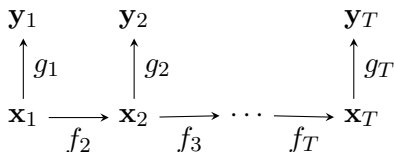


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2.3 Particle-RWM: An existing combination of MCMC and CSMC

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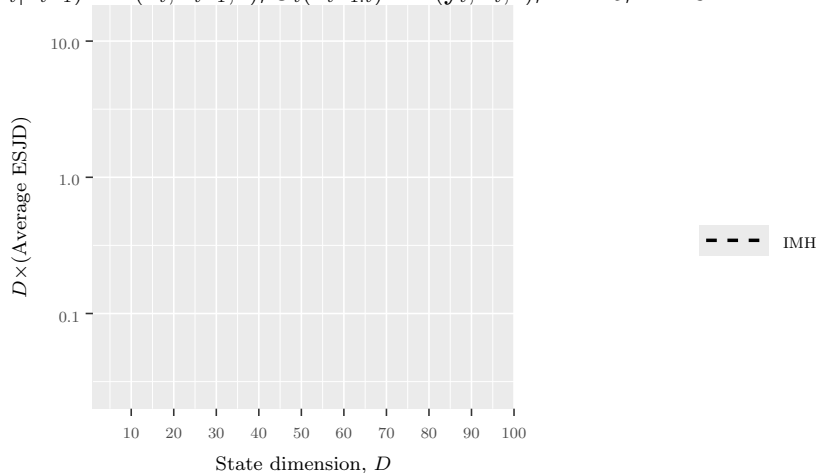
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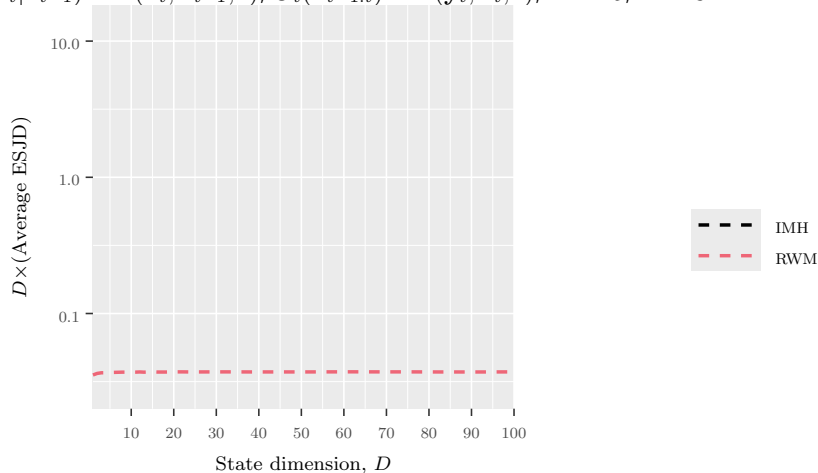
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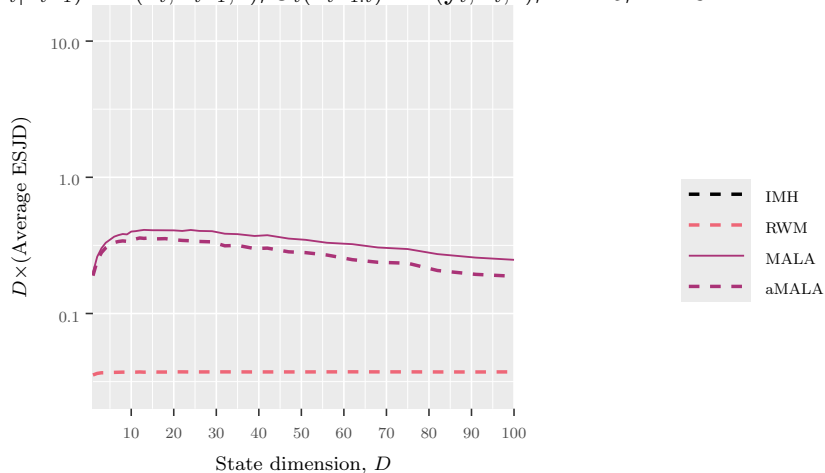
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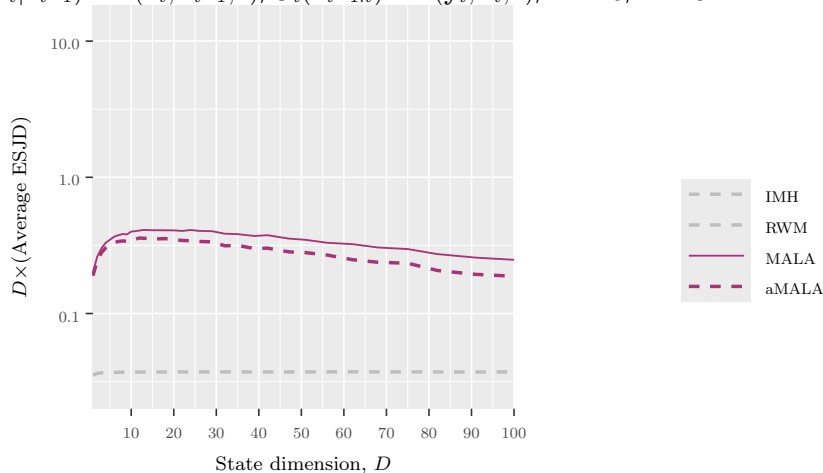


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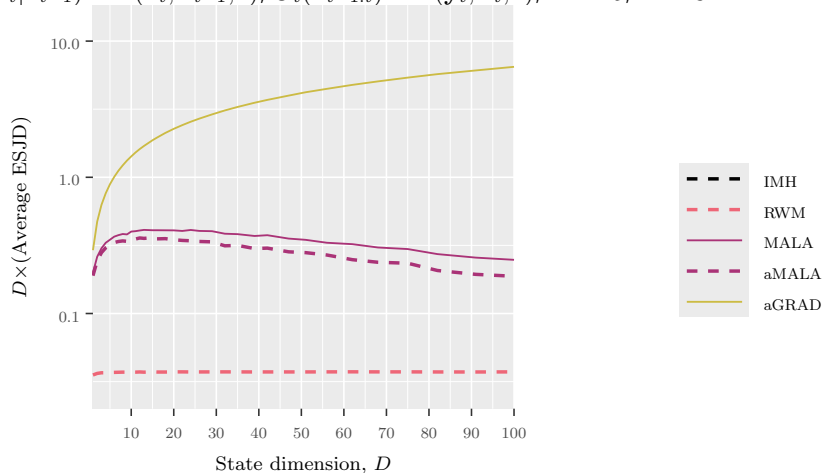
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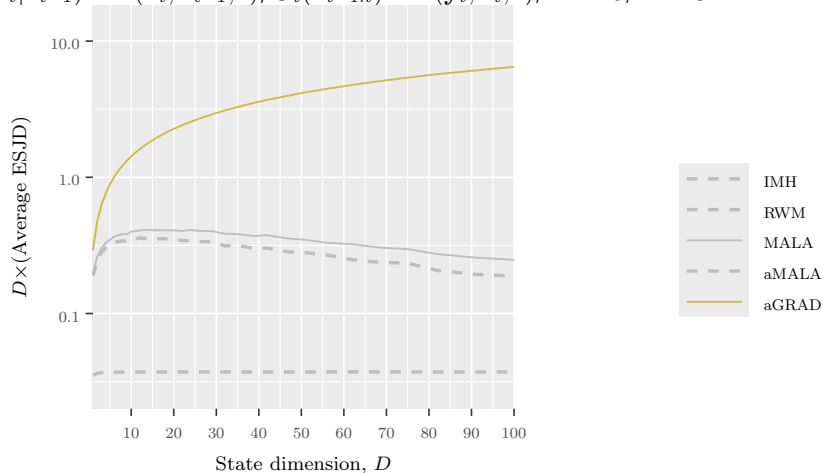


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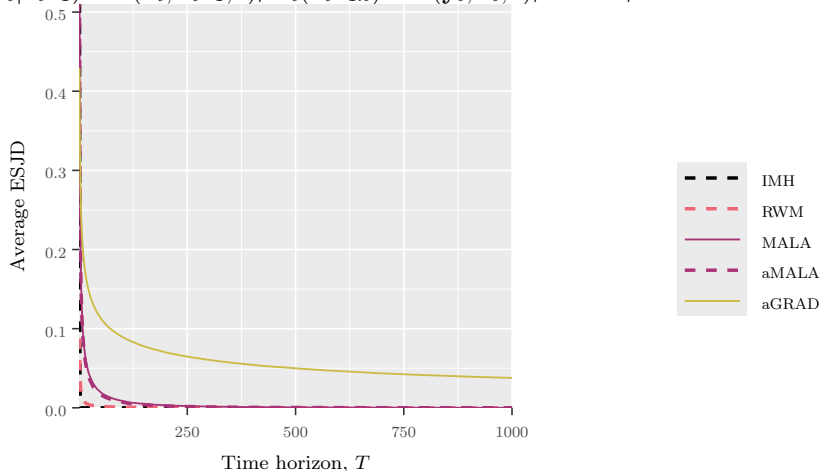
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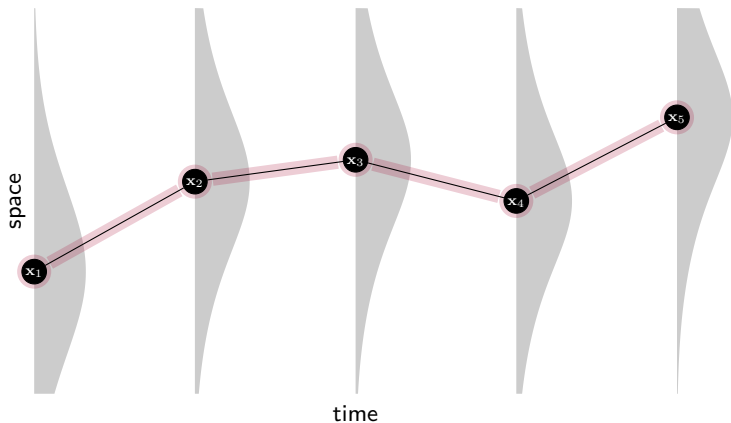
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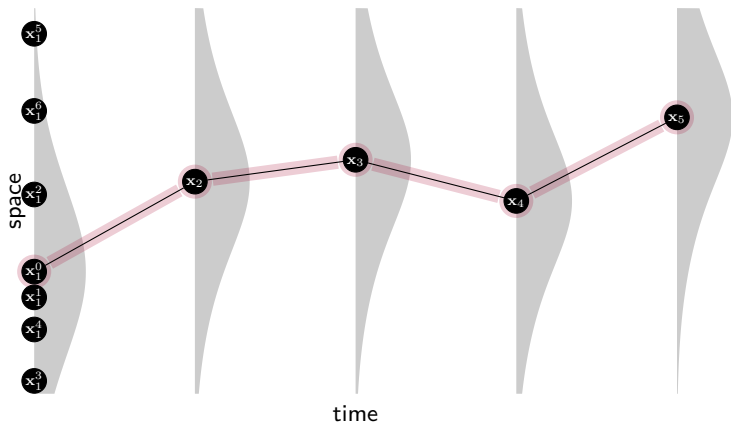
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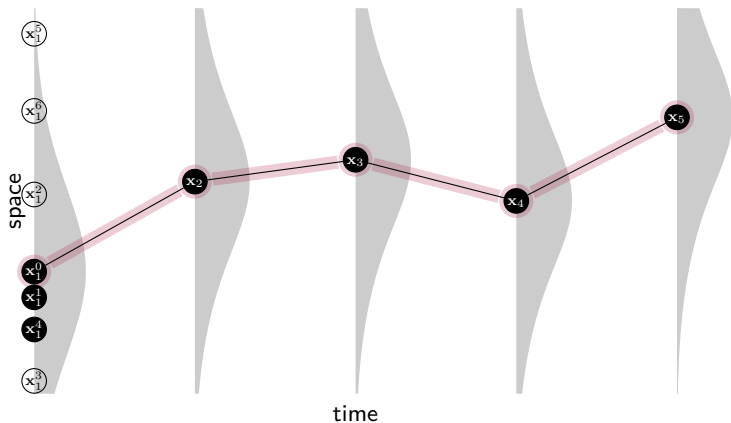
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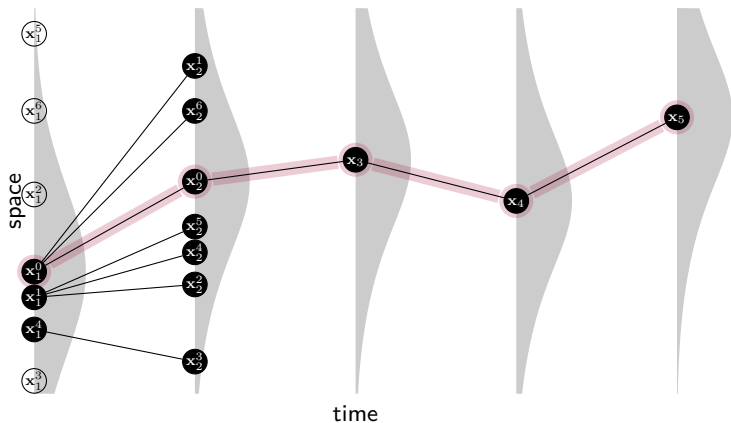
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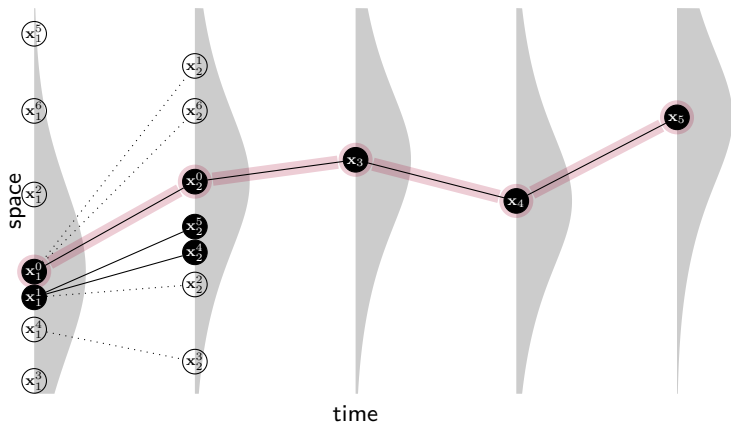
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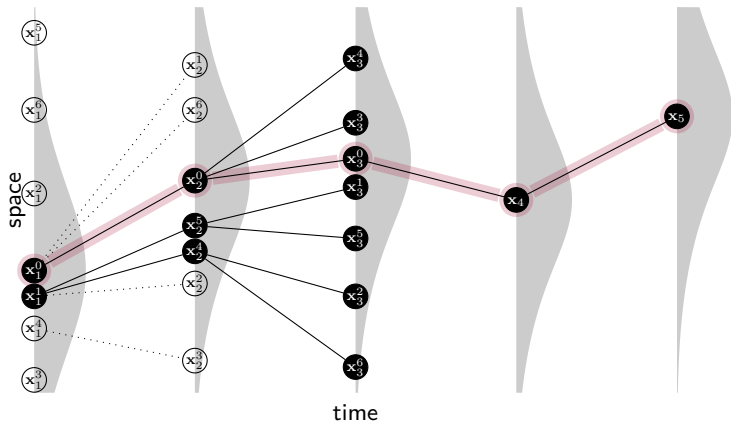
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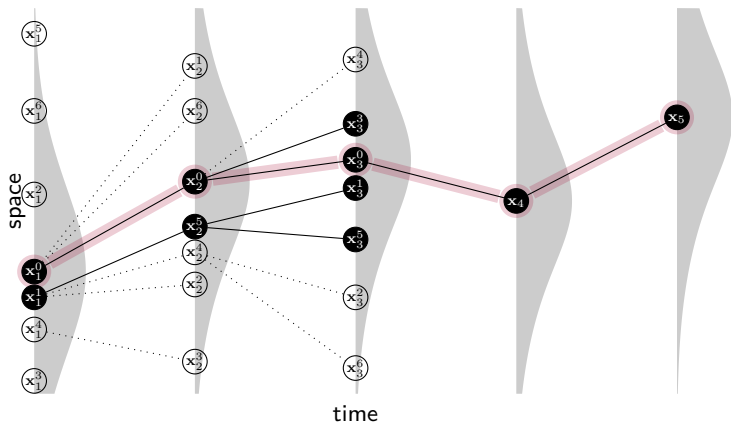
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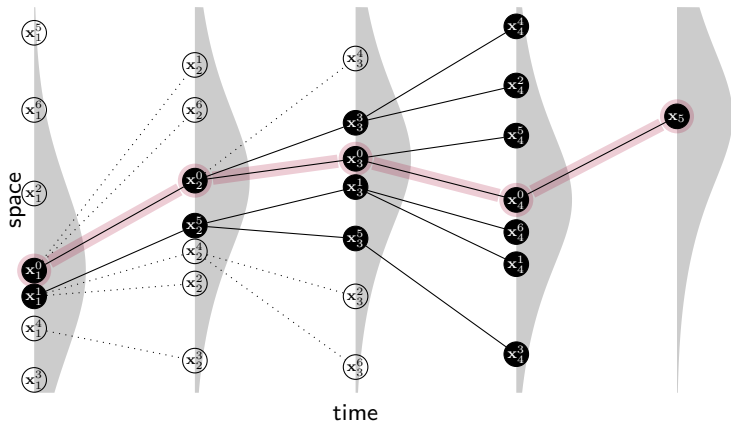
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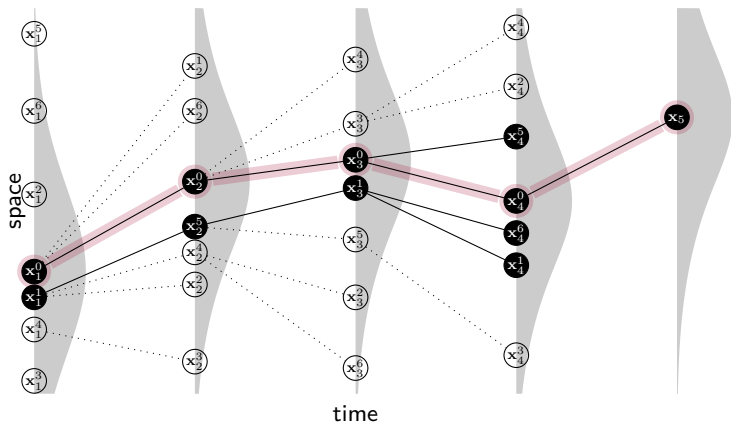
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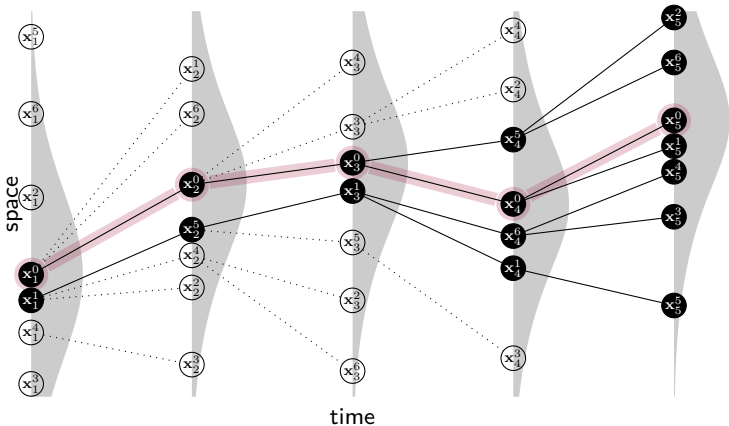
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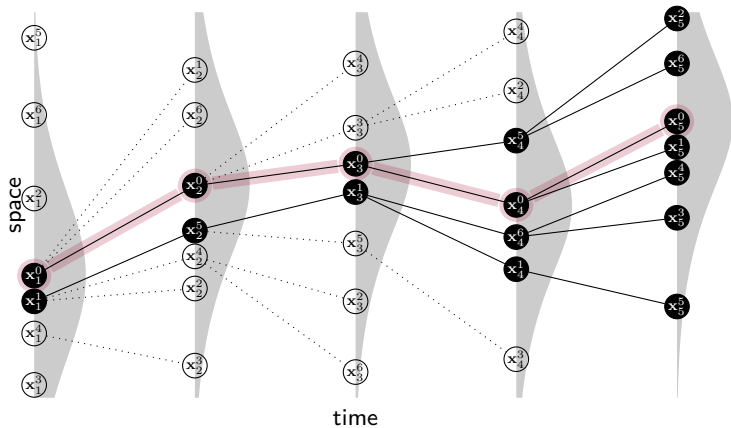
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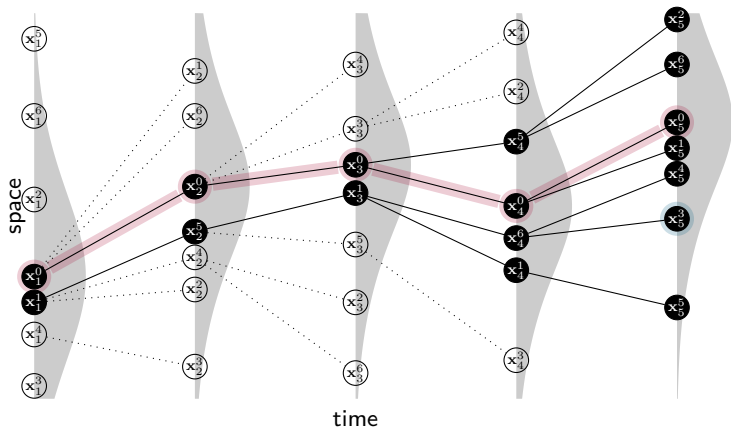
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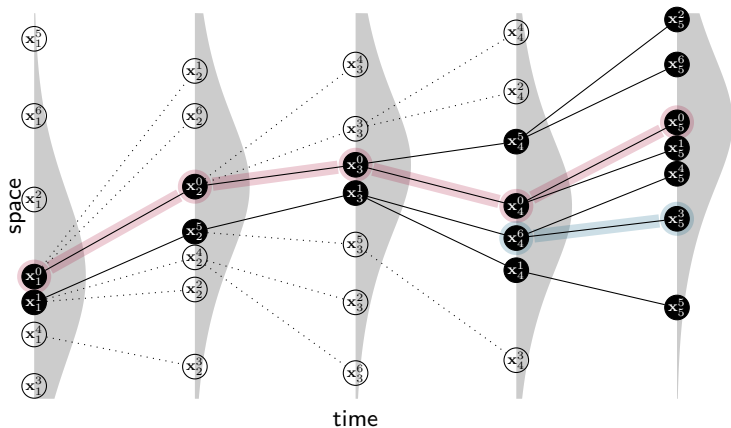


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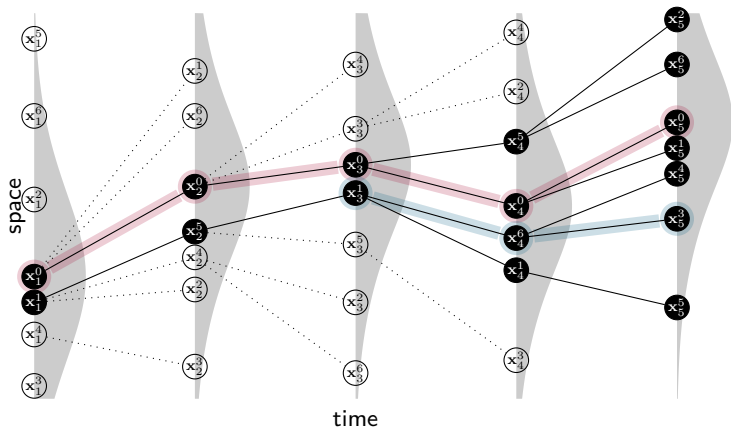
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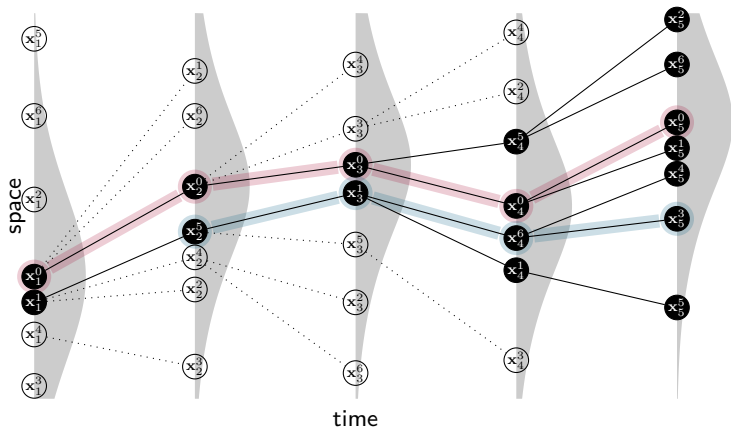
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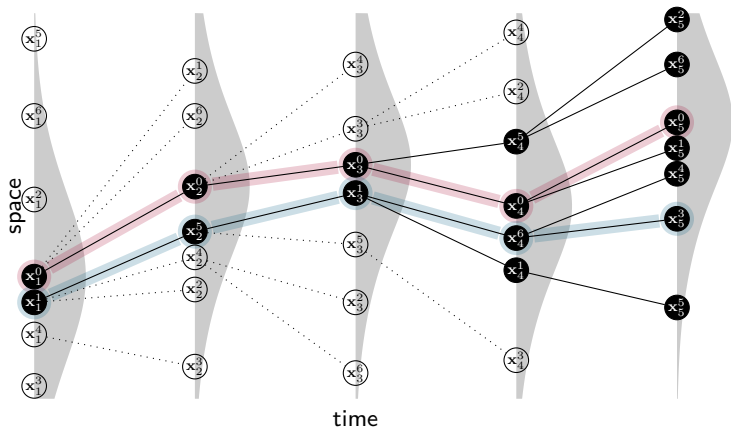
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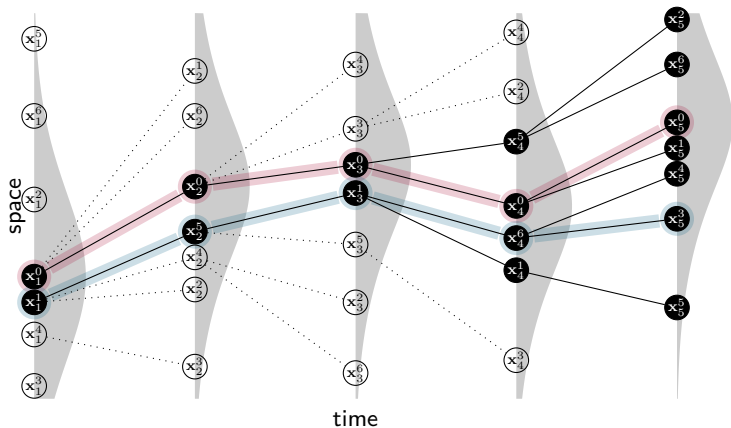
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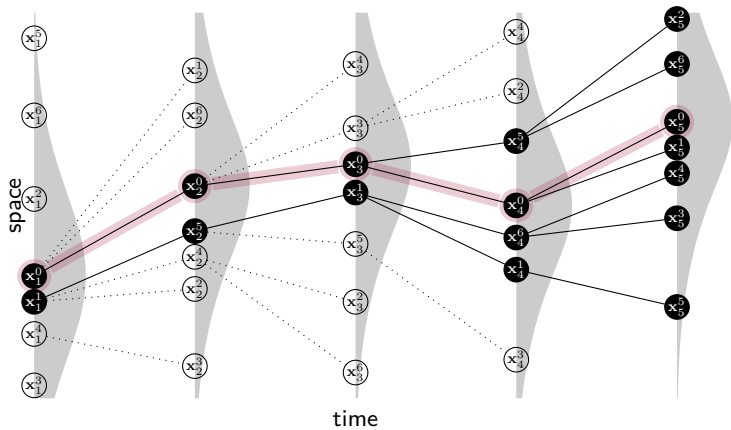


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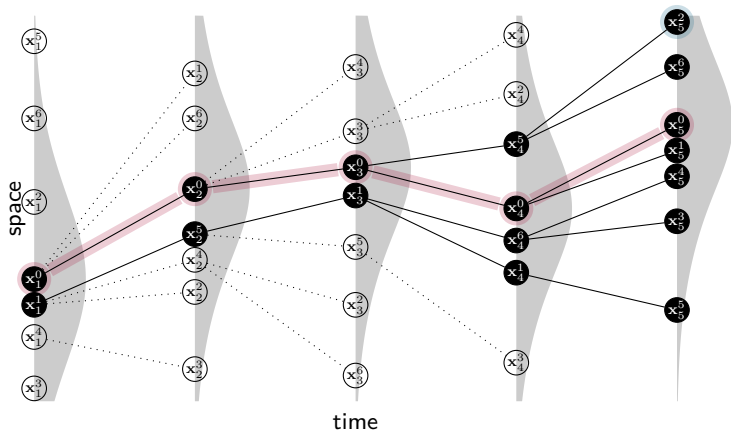
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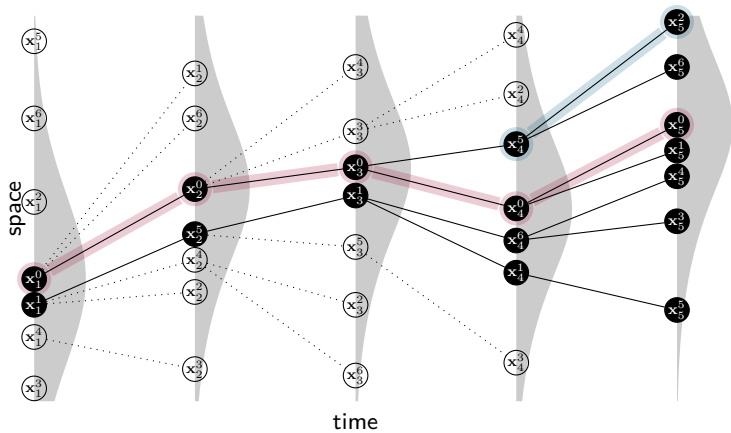
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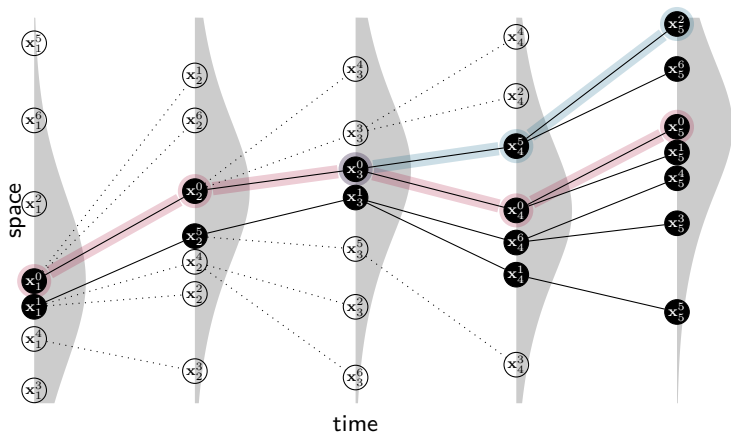
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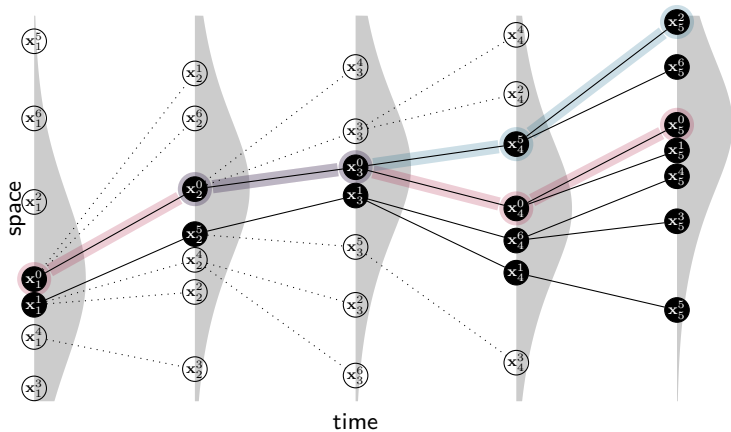
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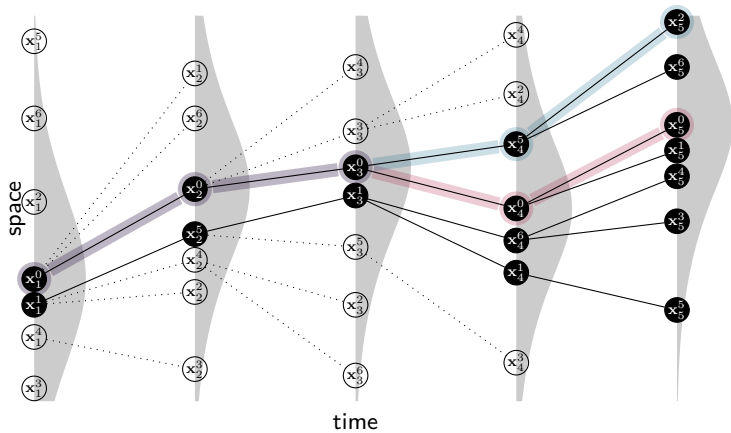
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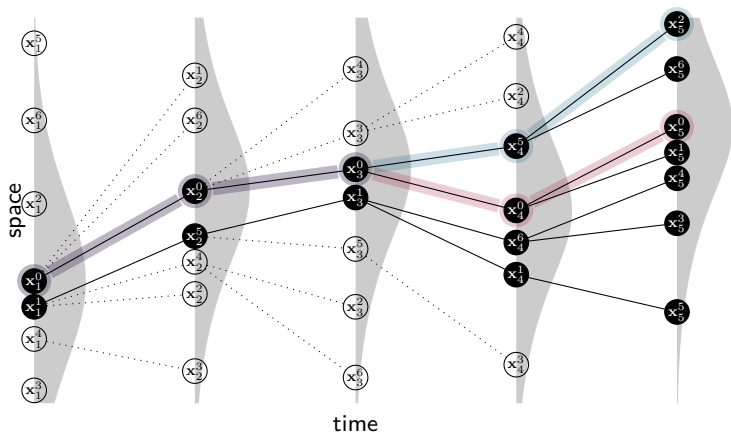
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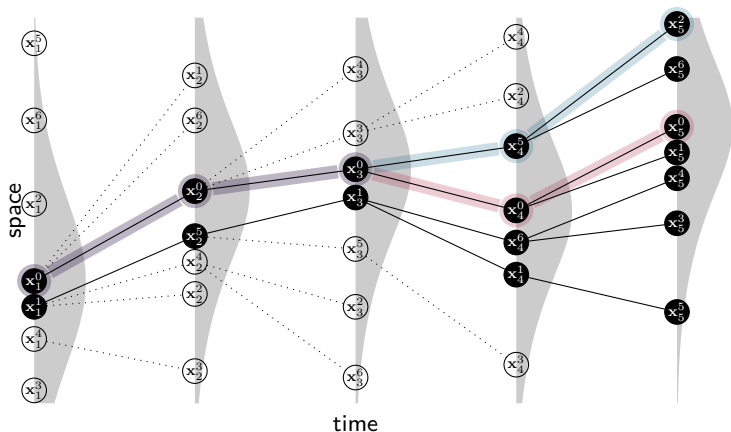


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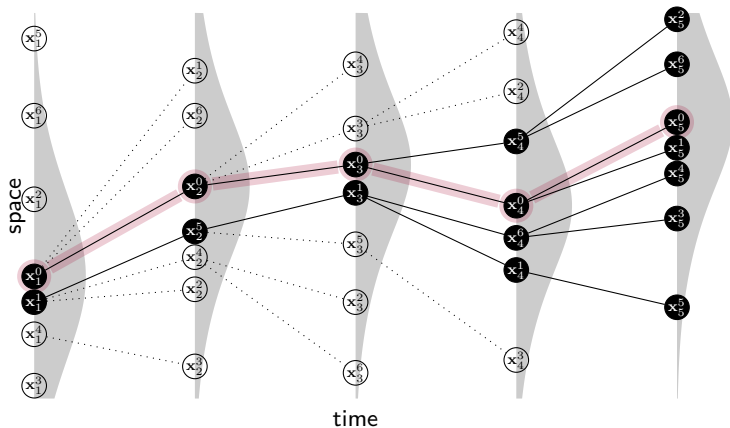
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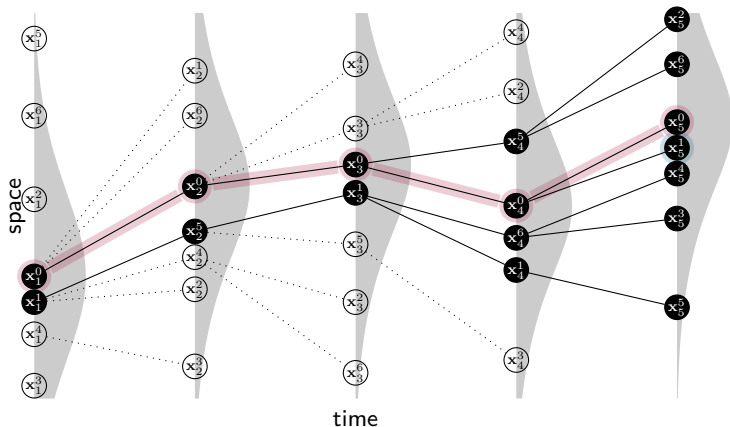
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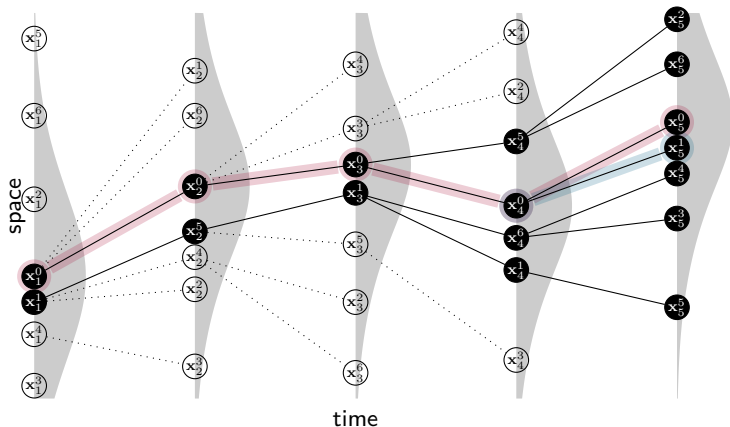
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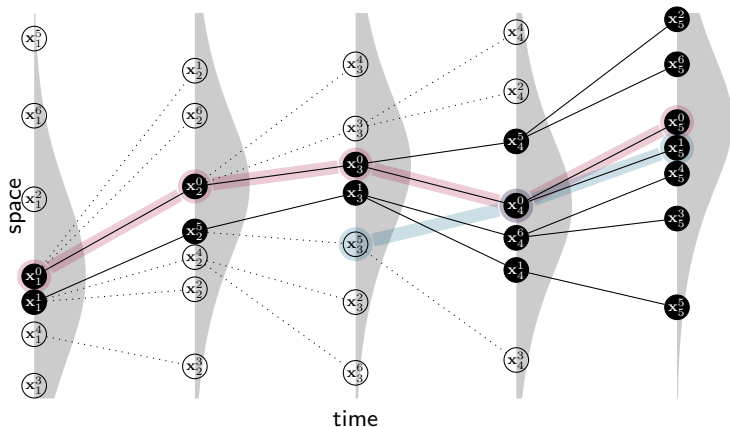
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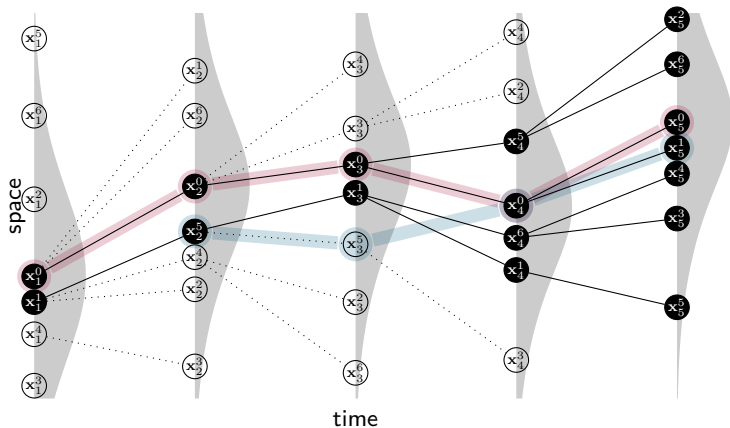
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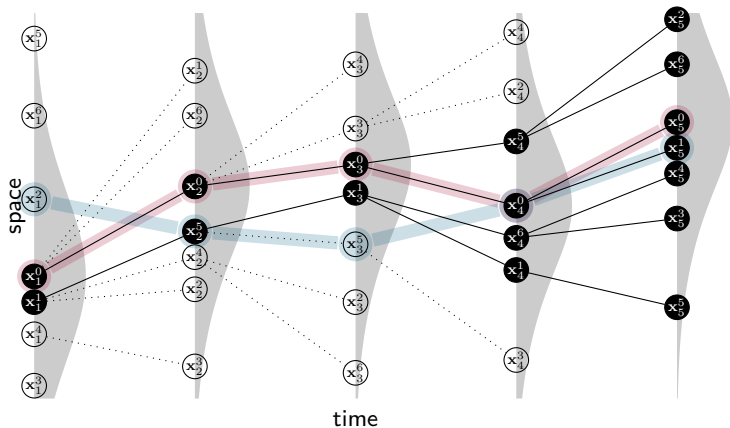
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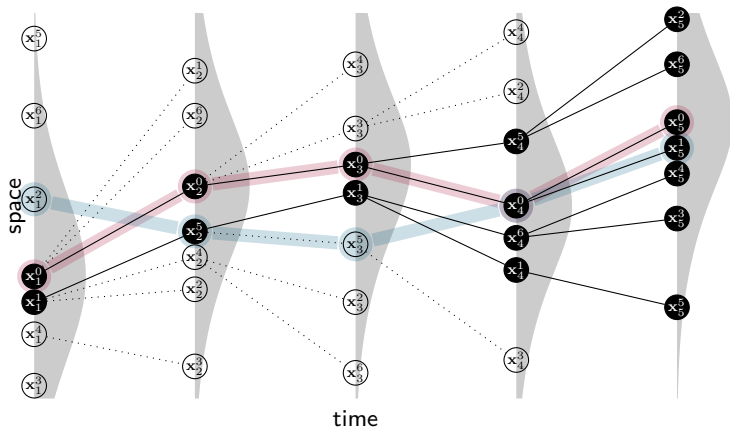
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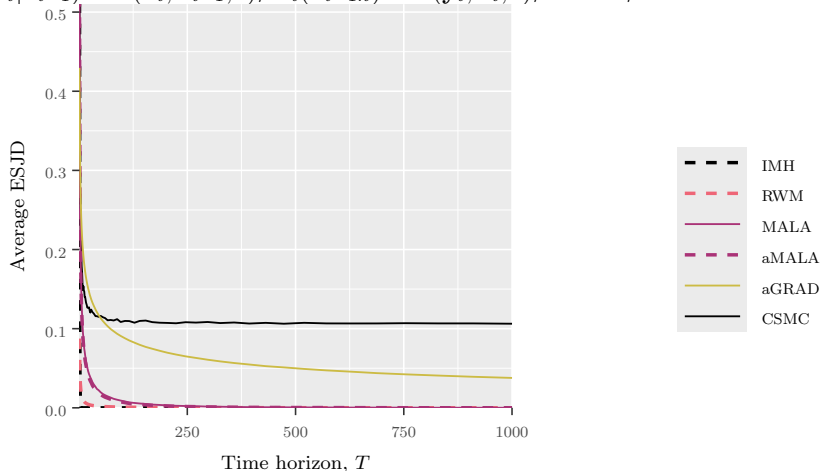
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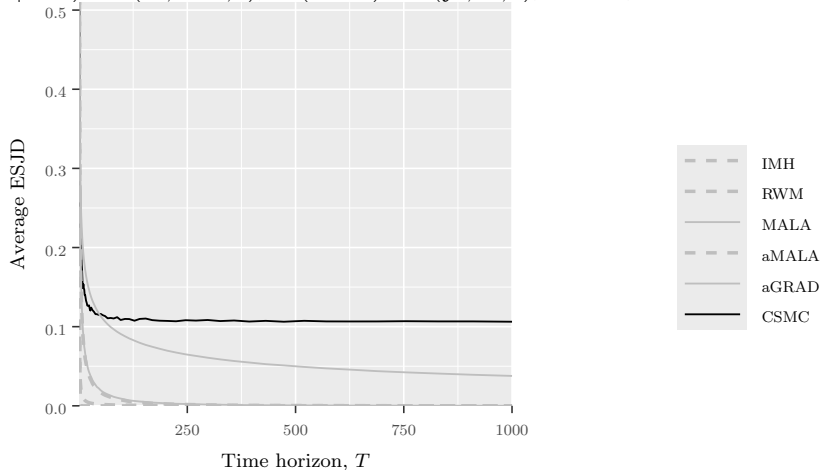


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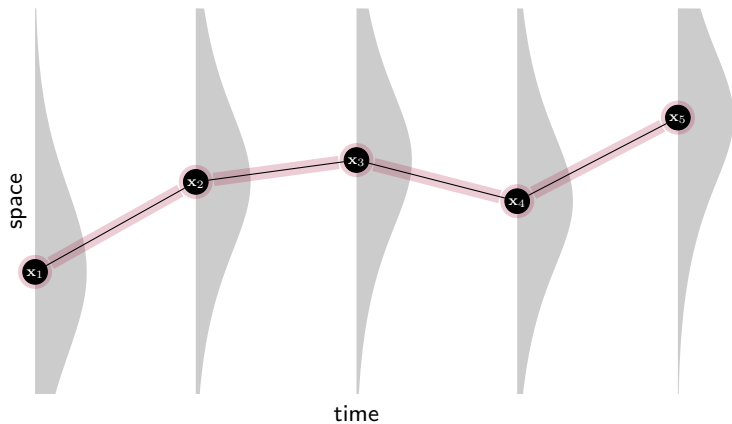
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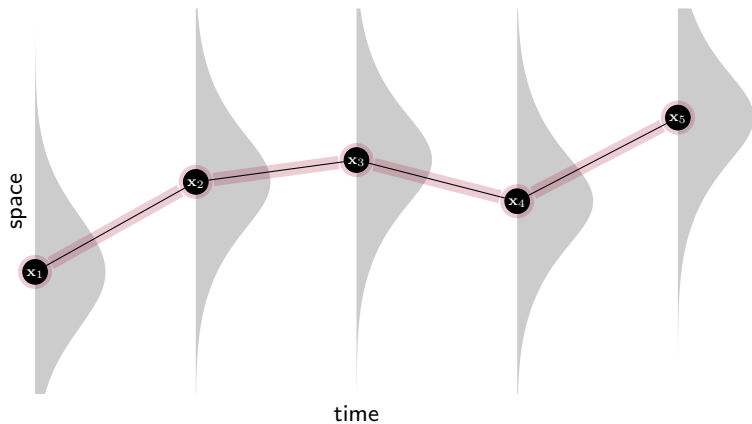
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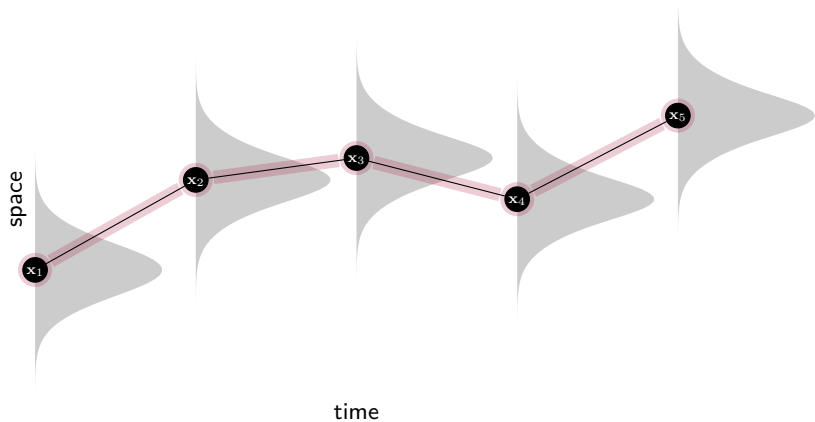
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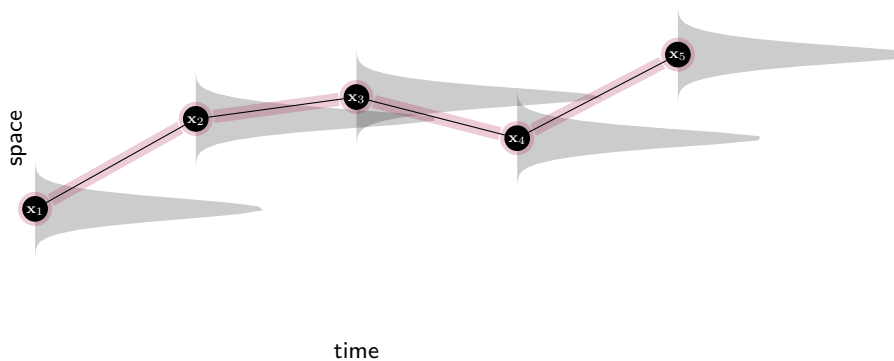
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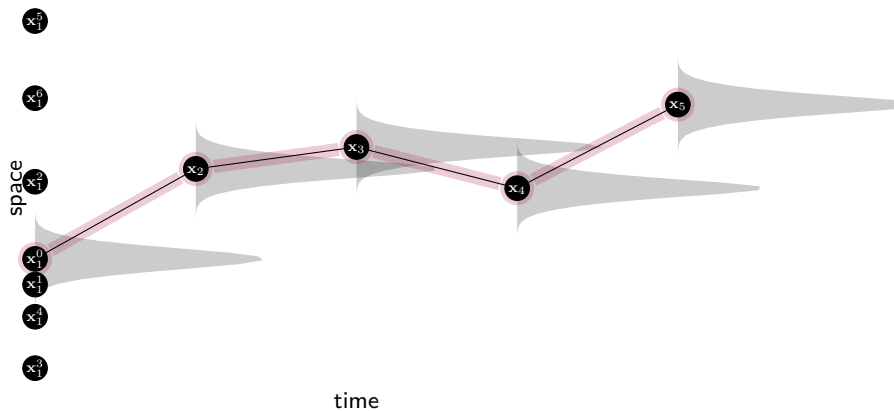
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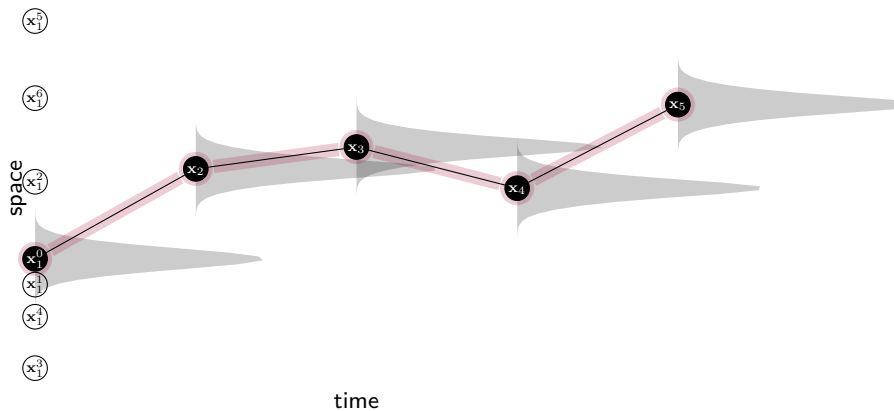
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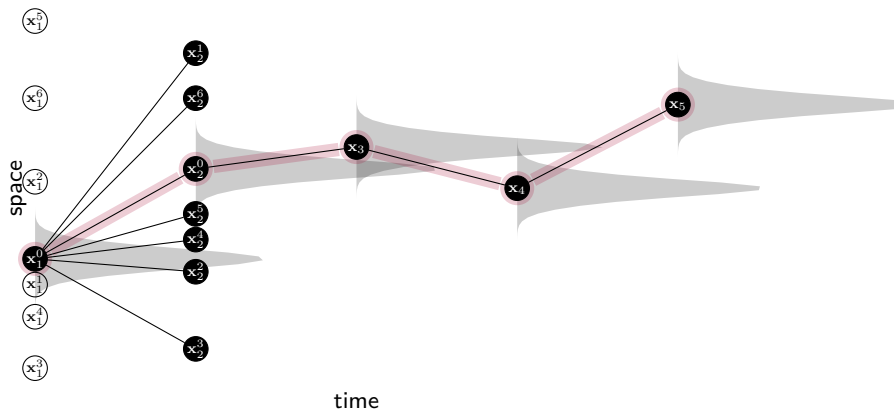
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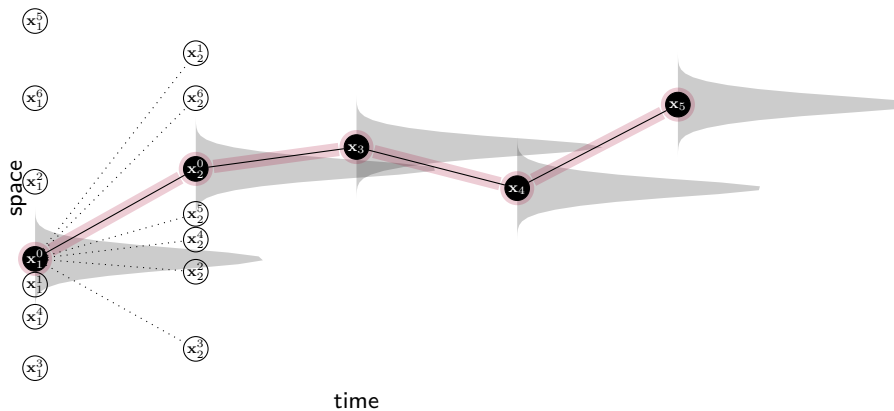
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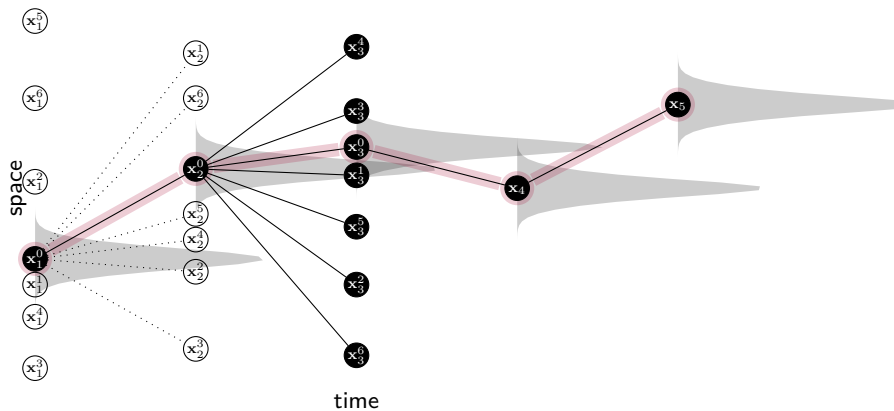
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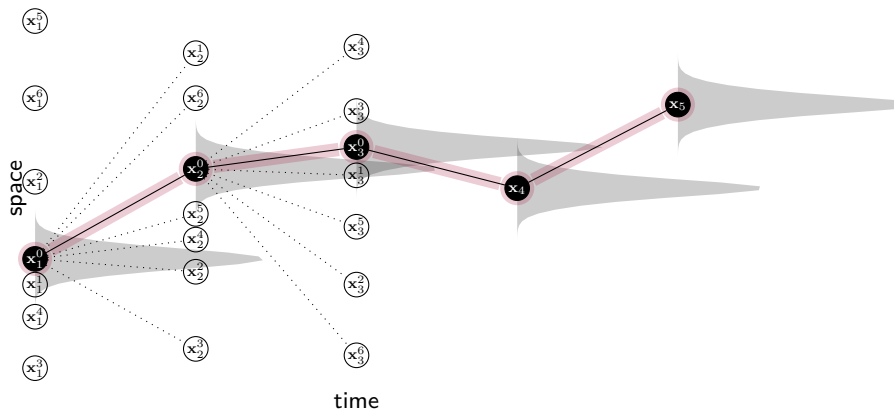
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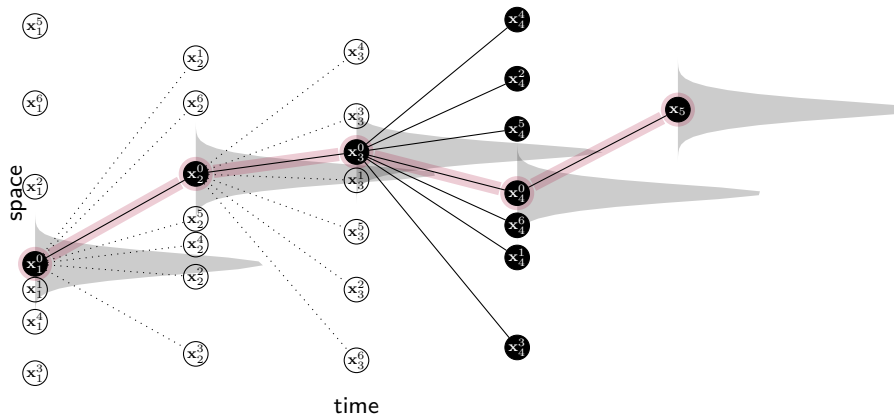
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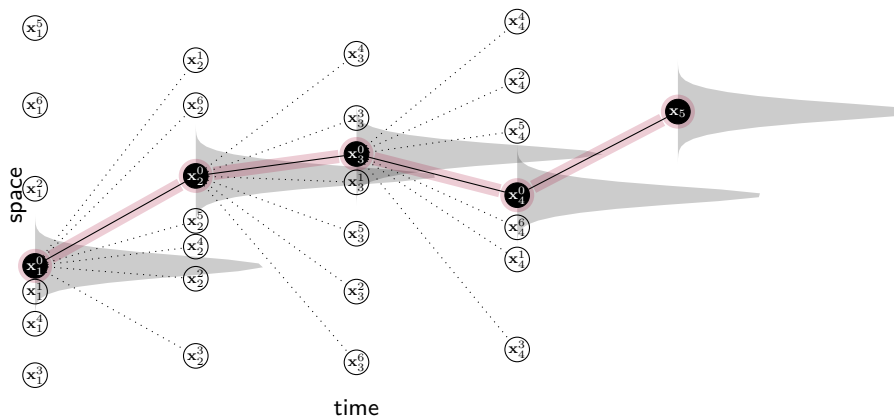
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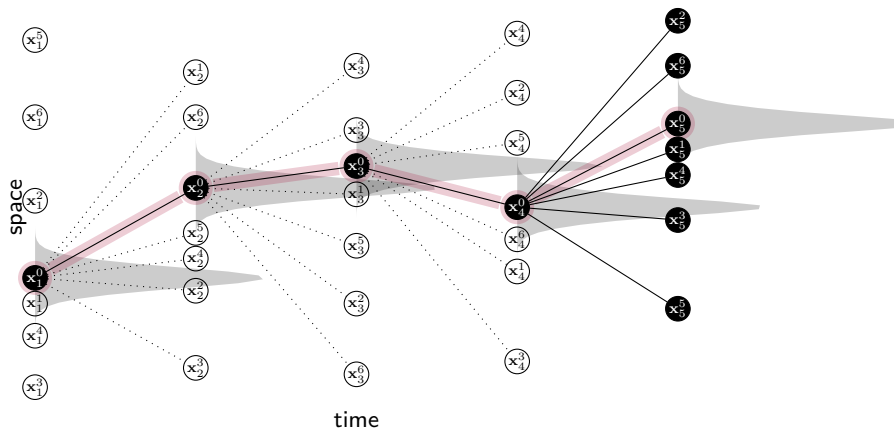
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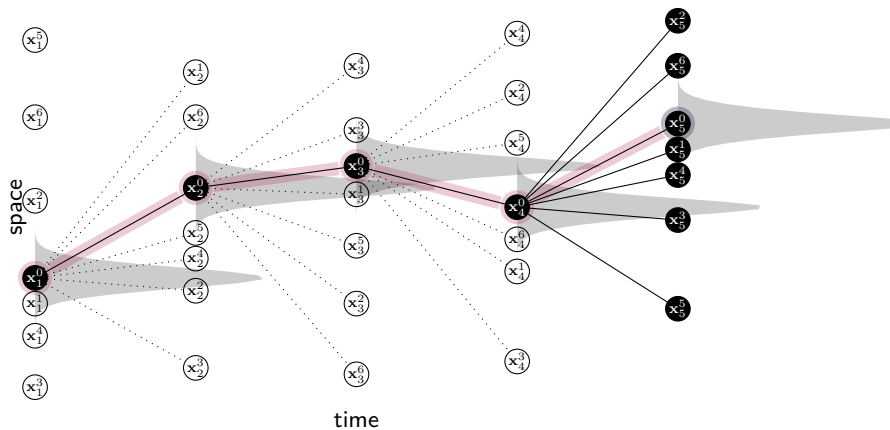
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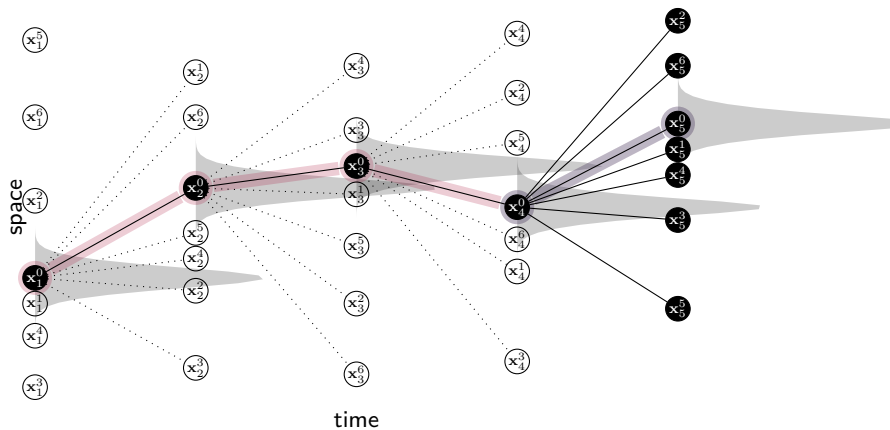
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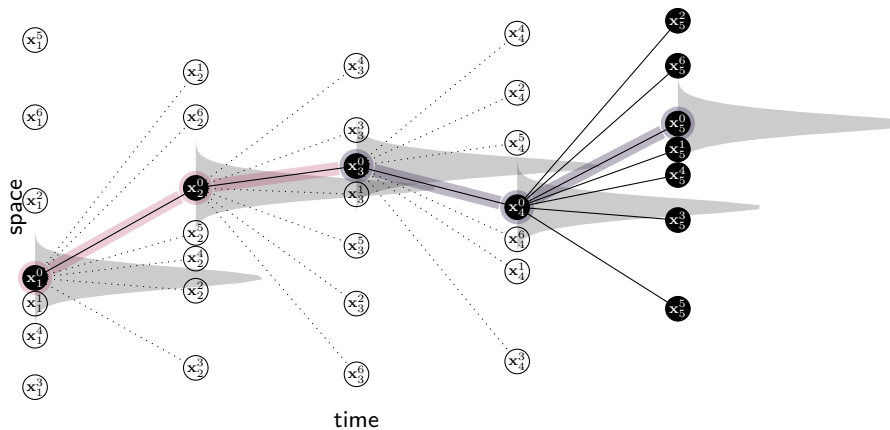
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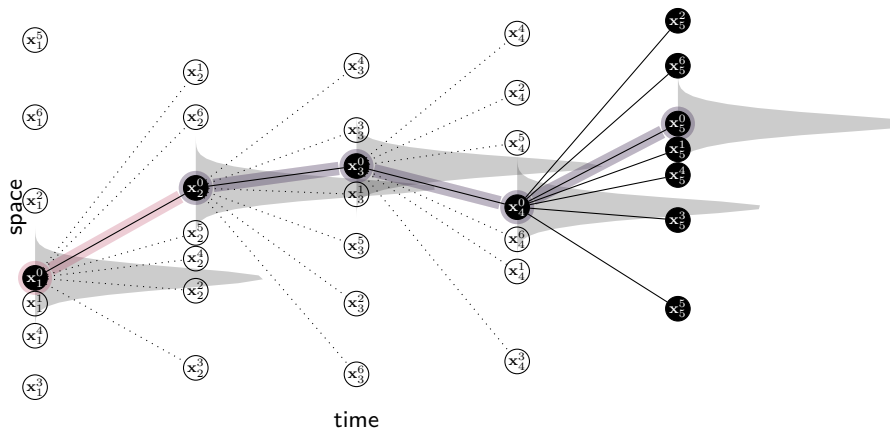
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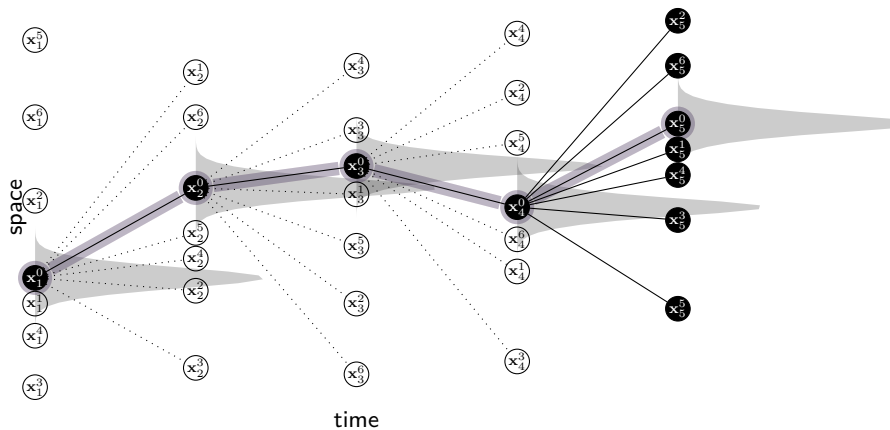
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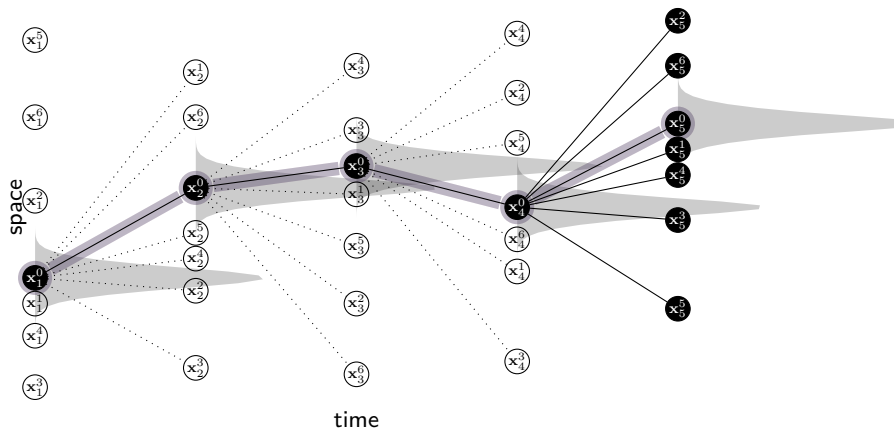
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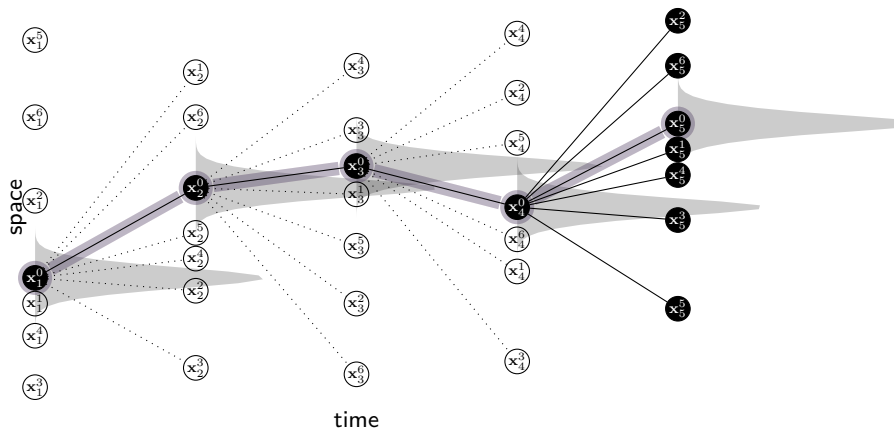


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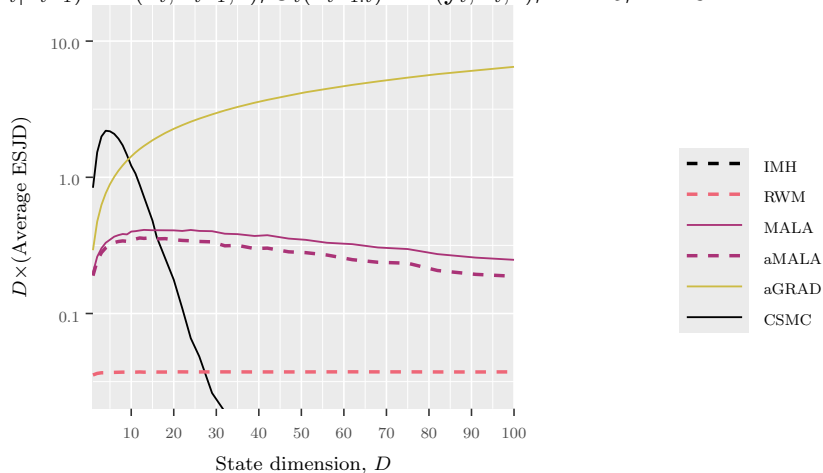
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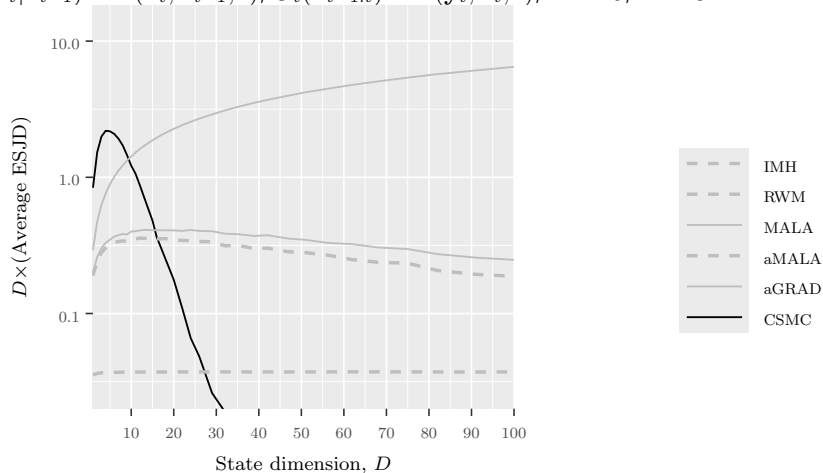


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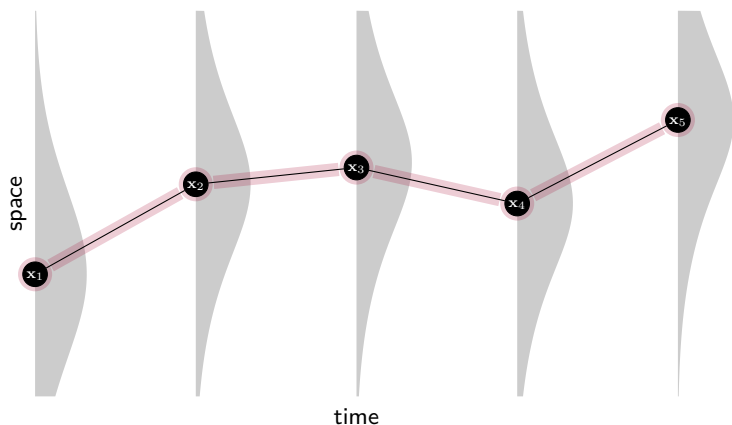
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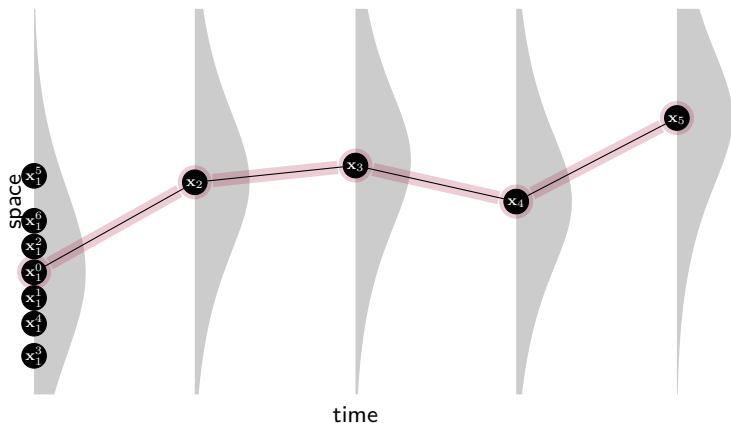
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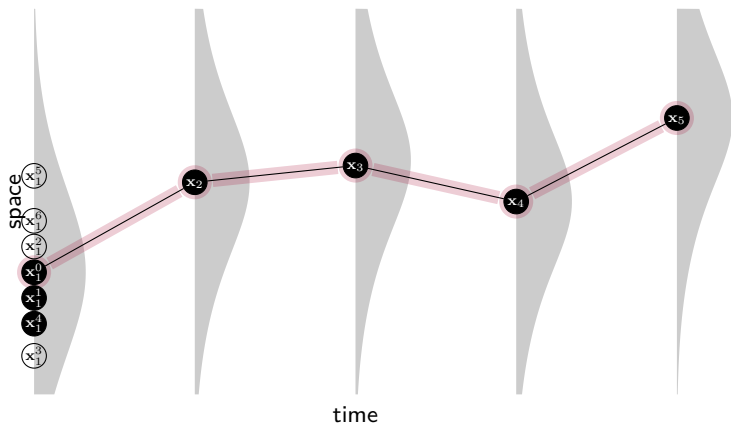
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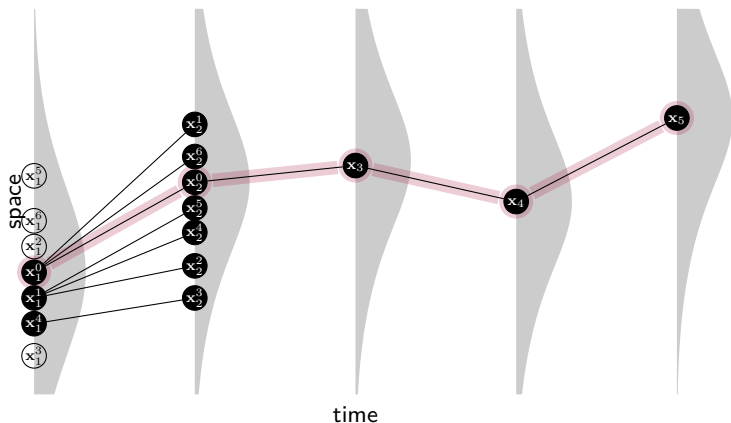
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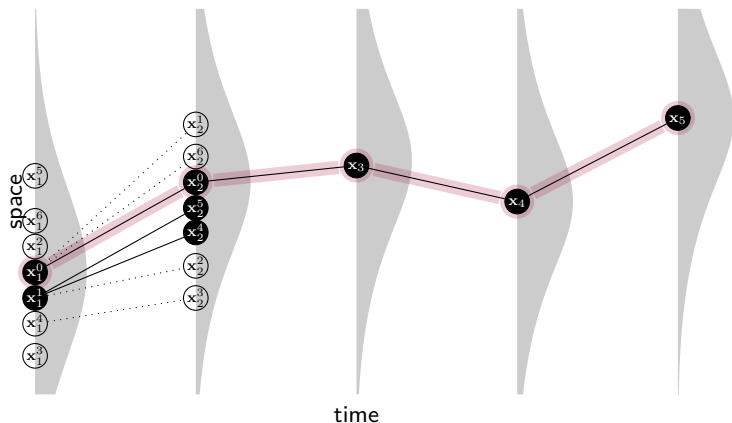
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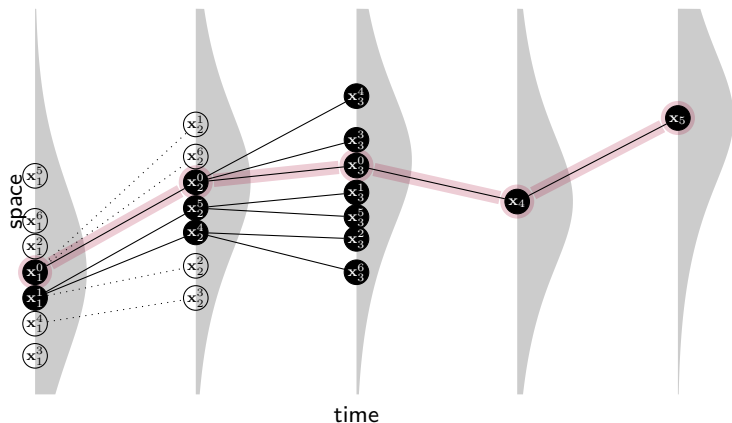
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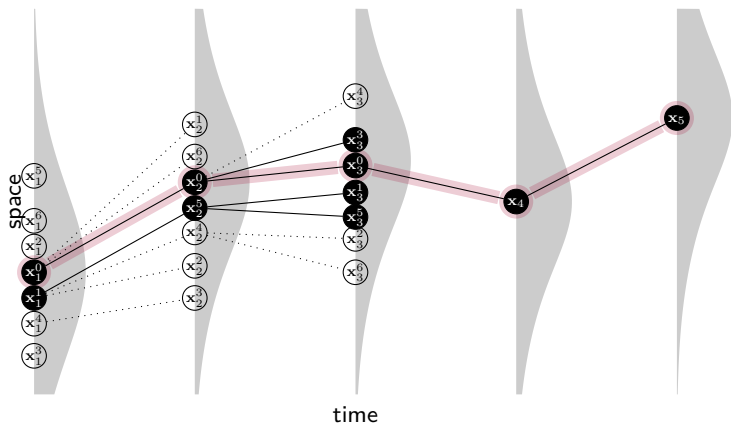
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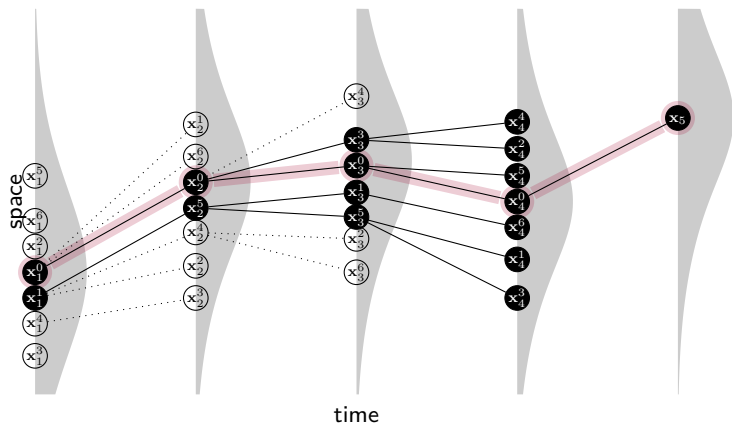
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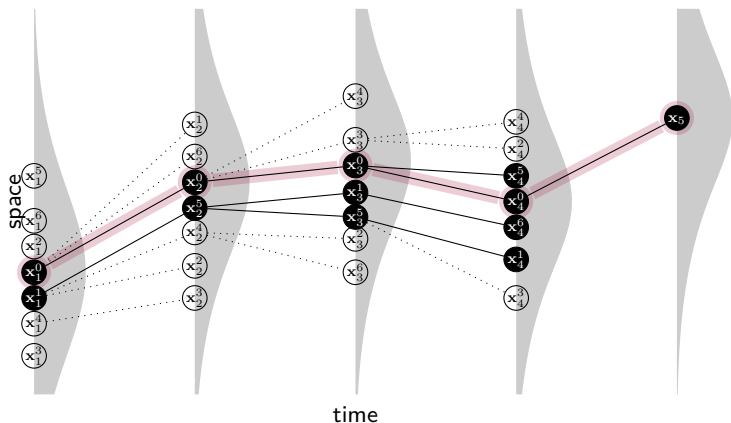
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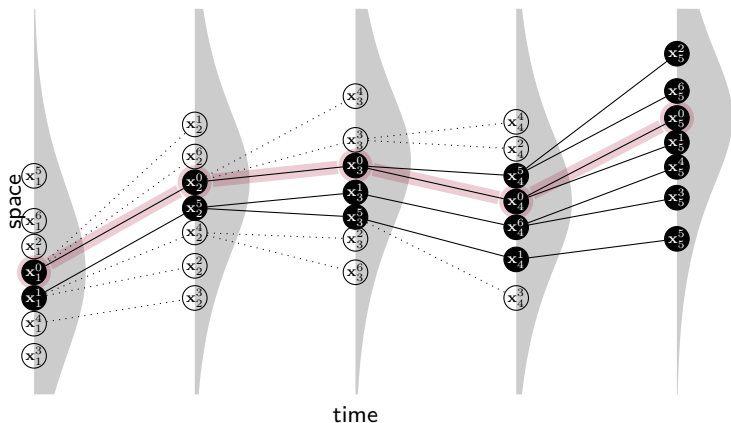
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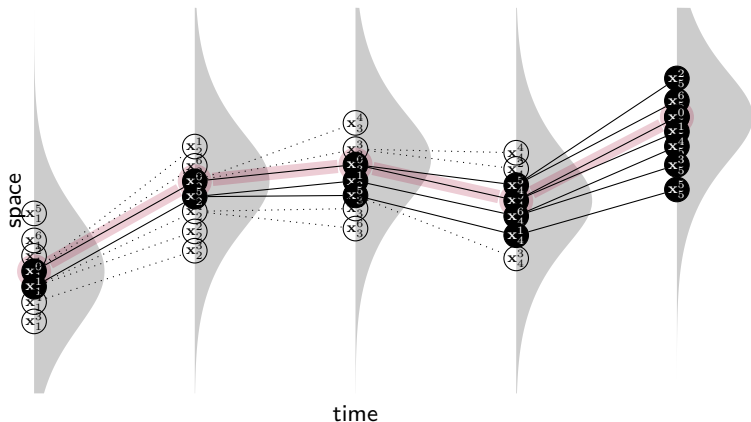
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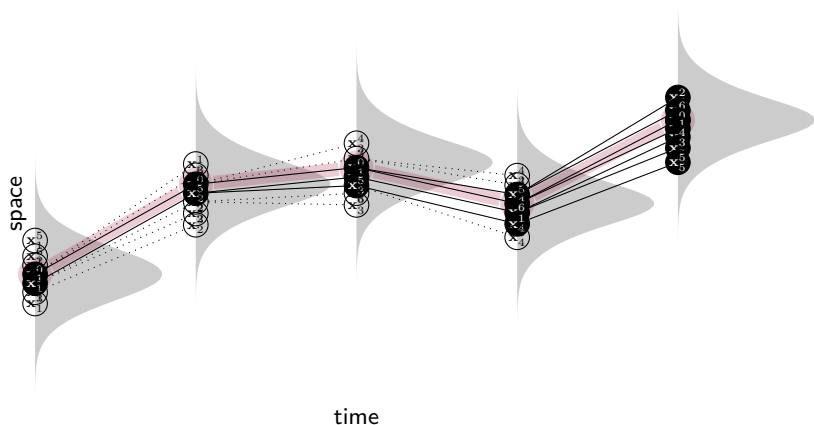
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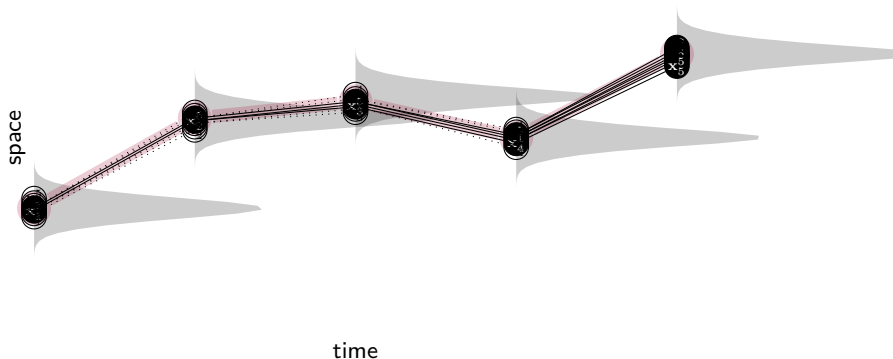
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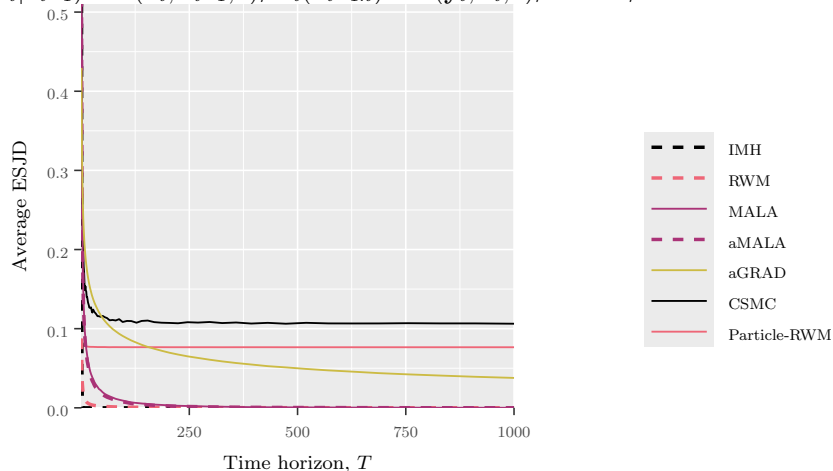


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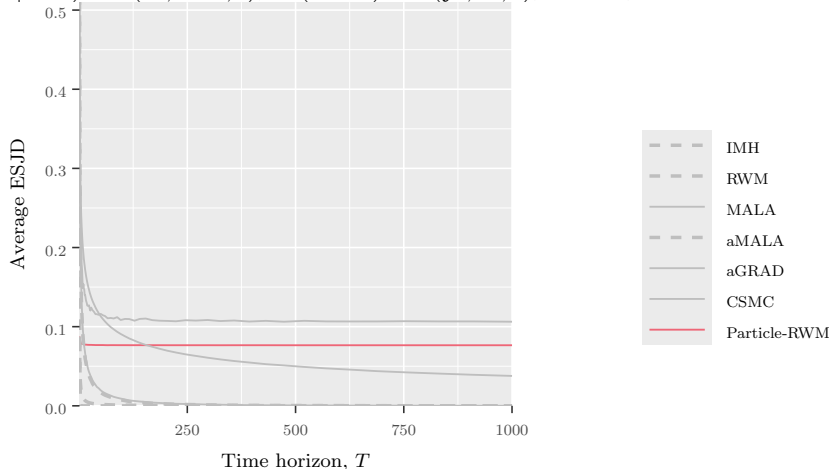


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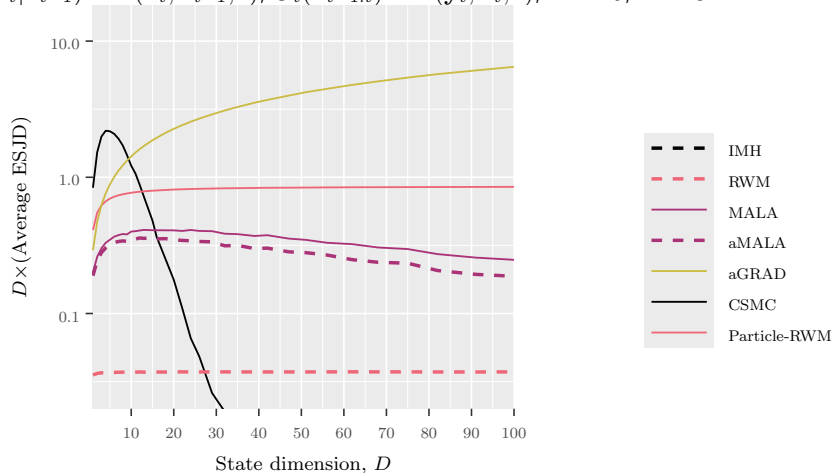


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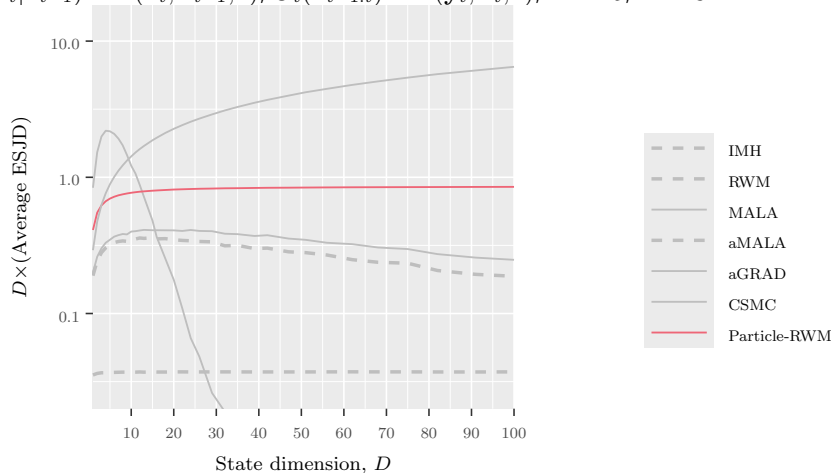


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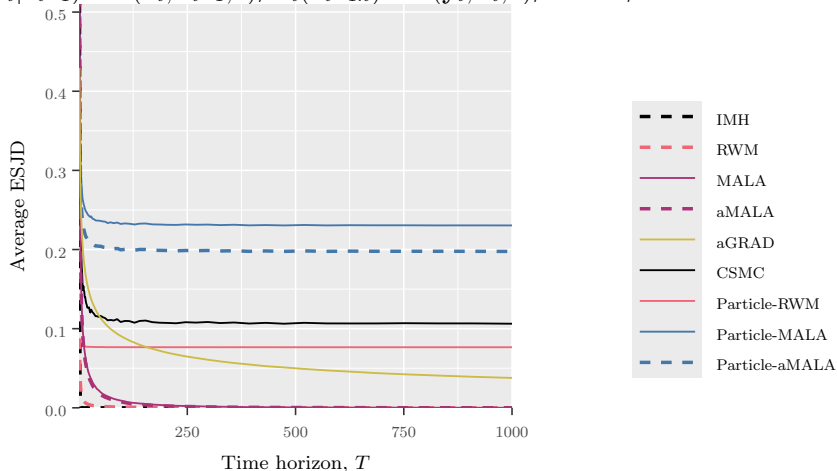
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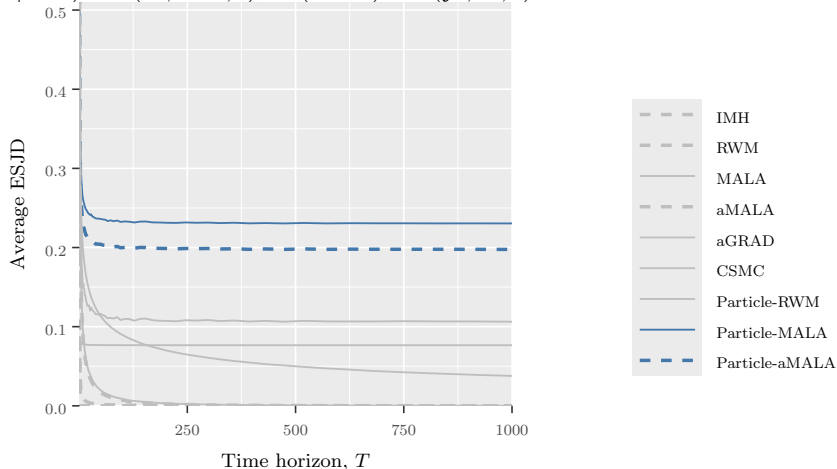


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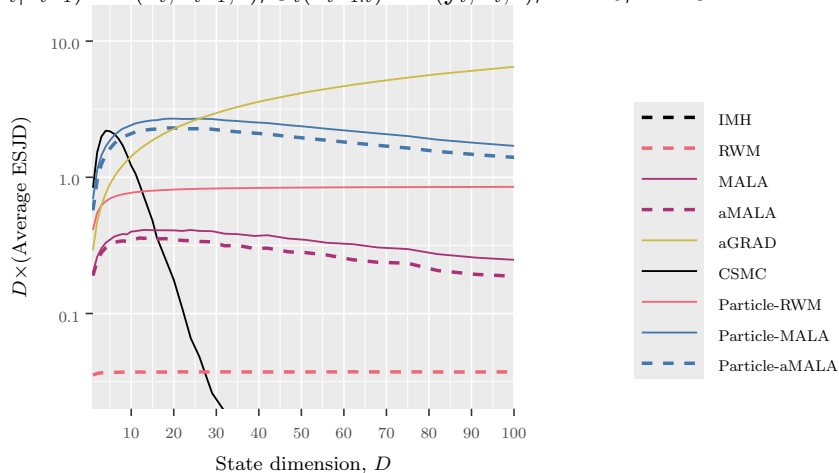


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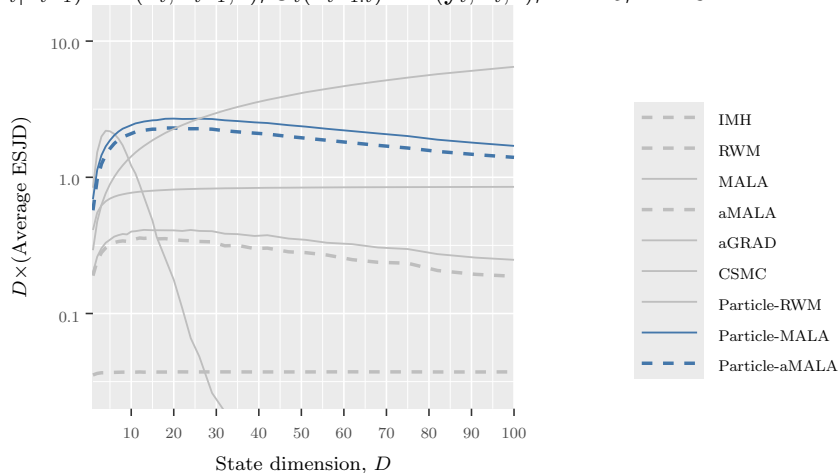


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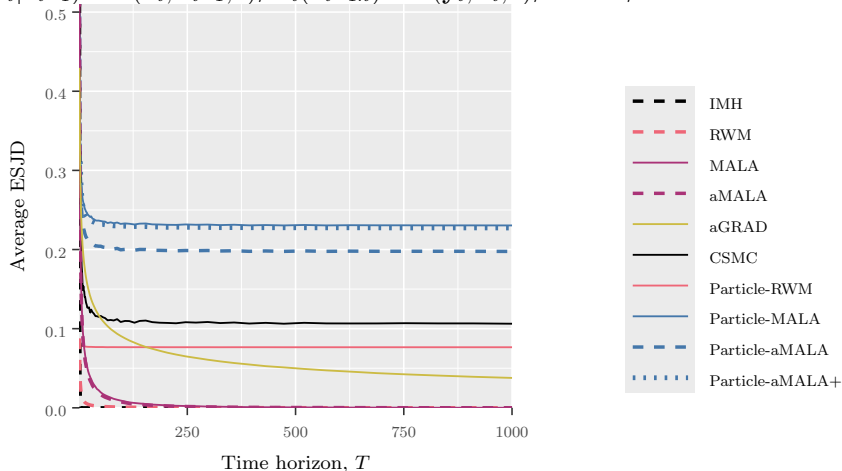
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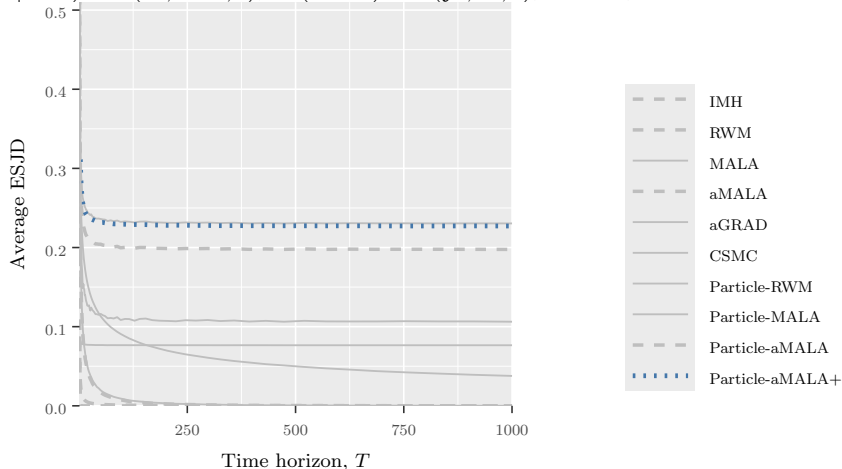


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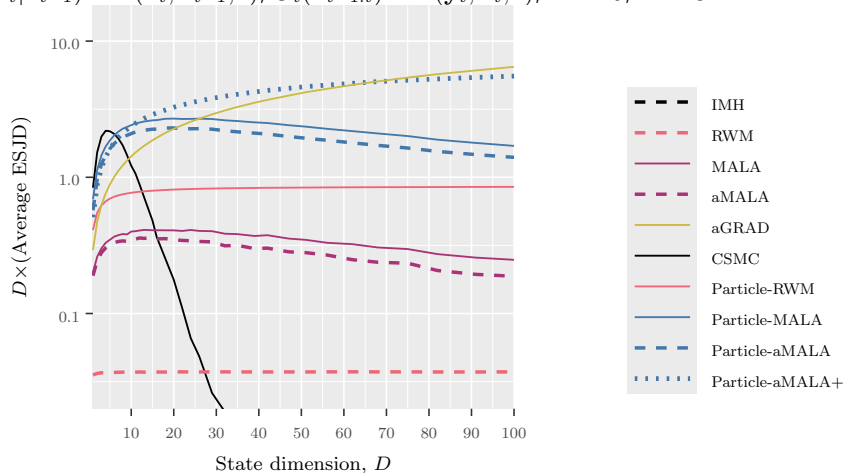


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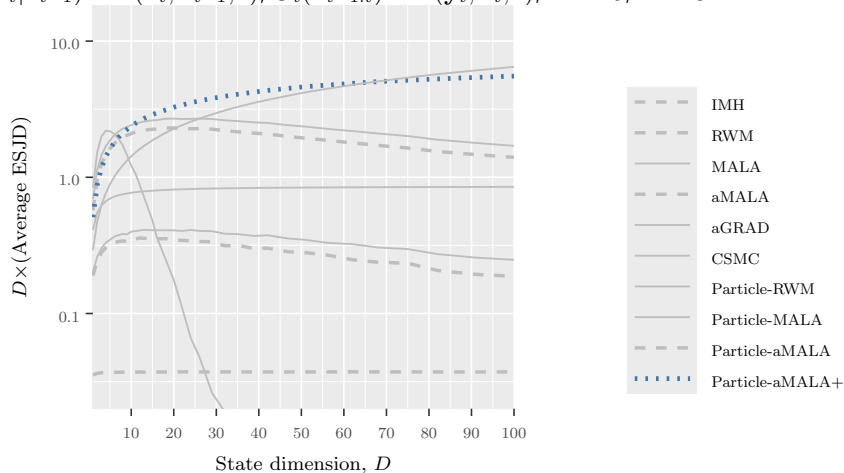


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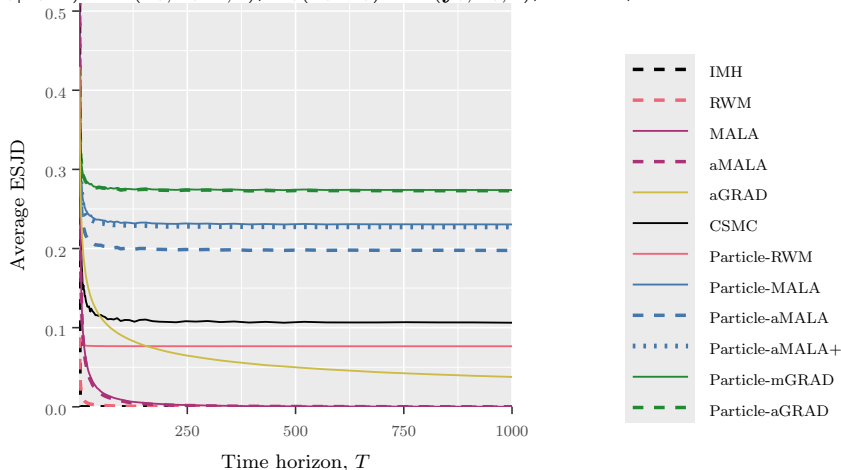
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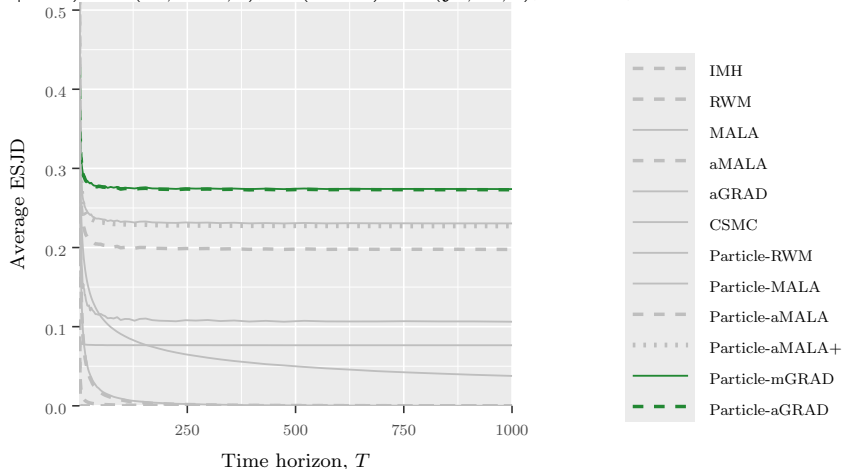


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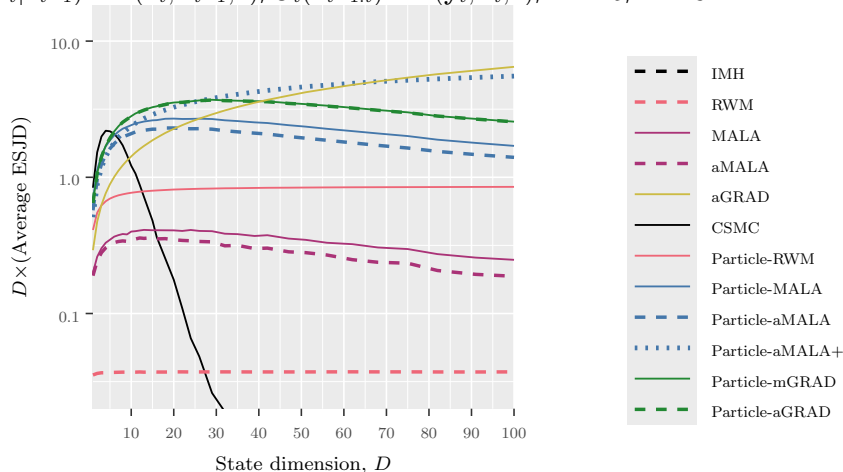


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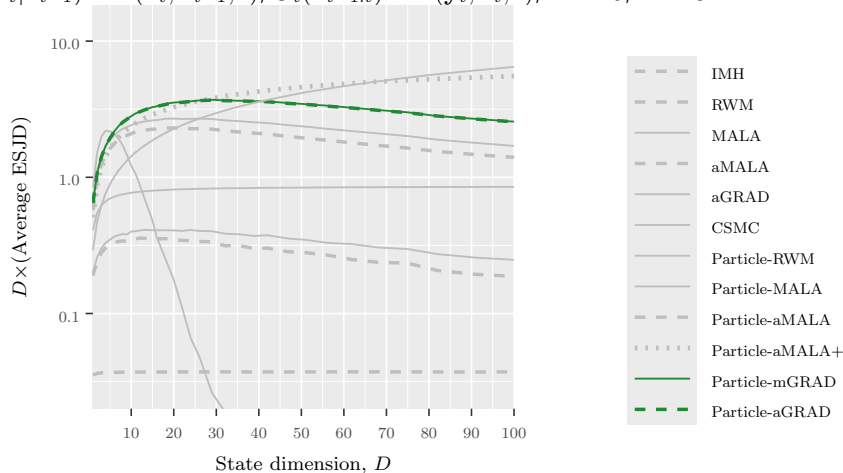


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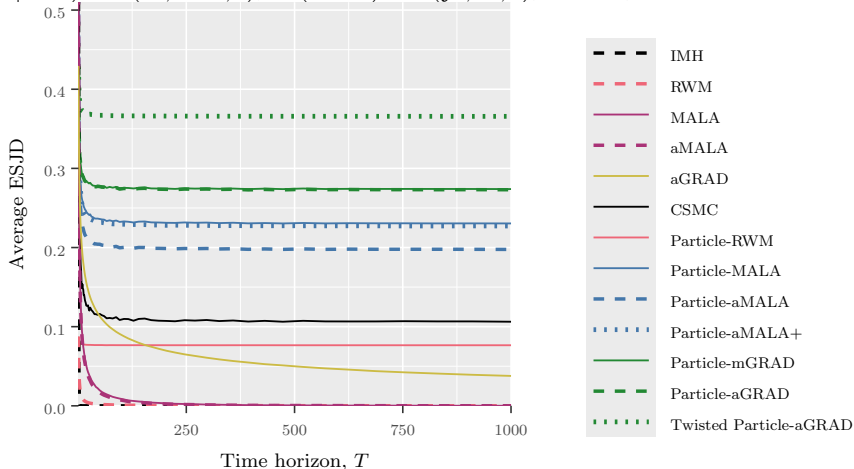
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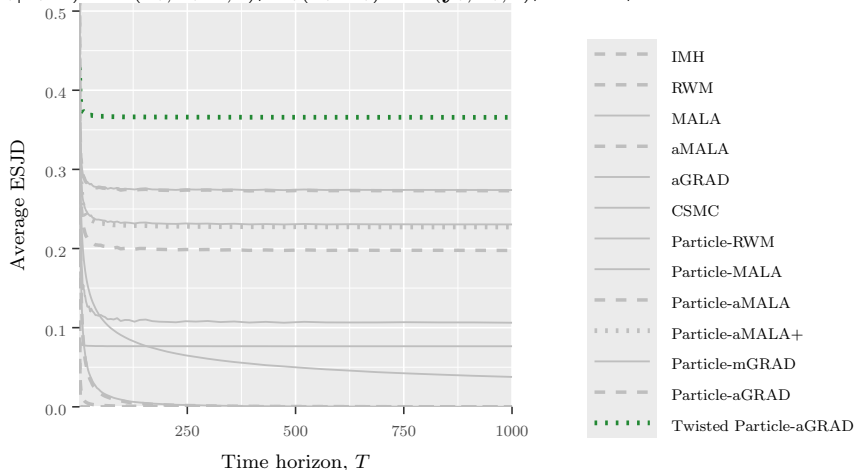


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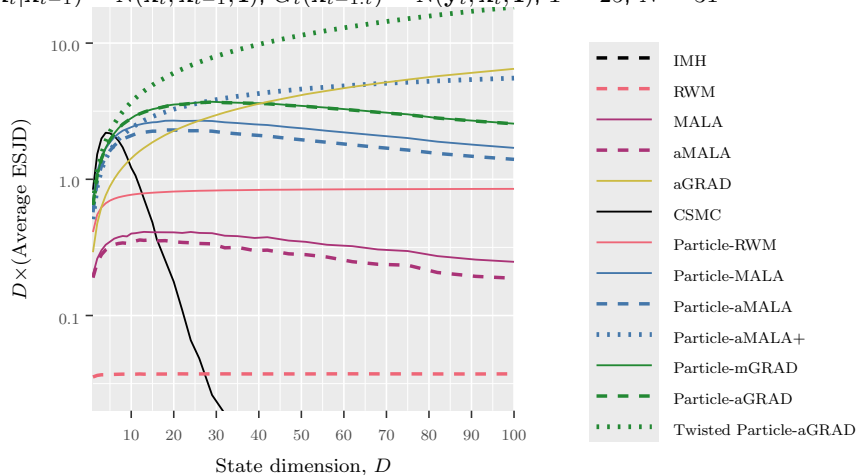


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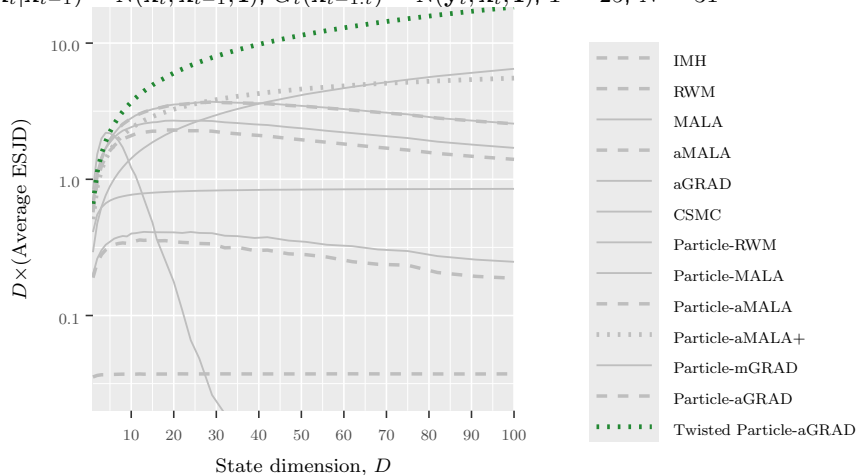


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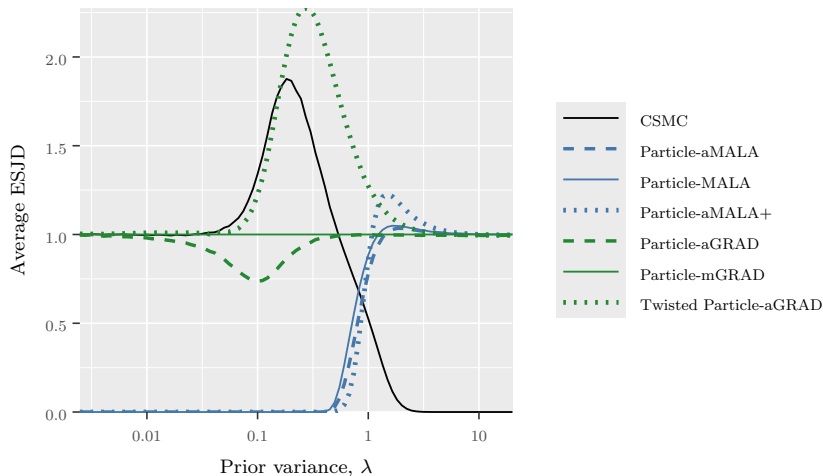
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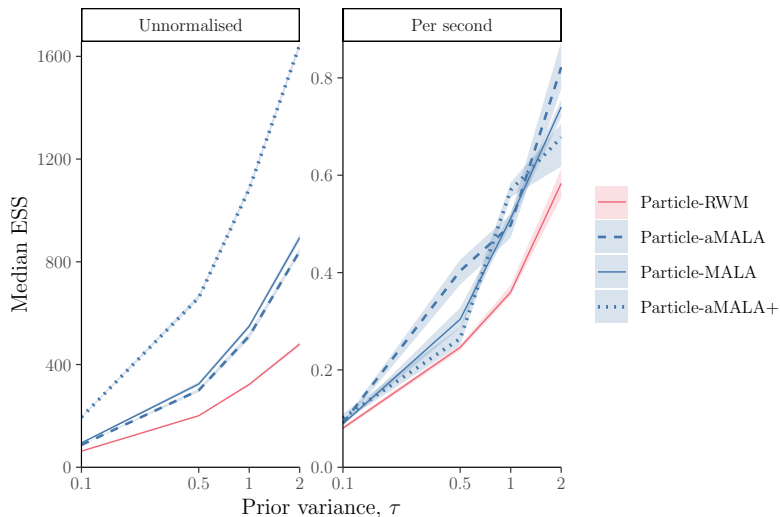
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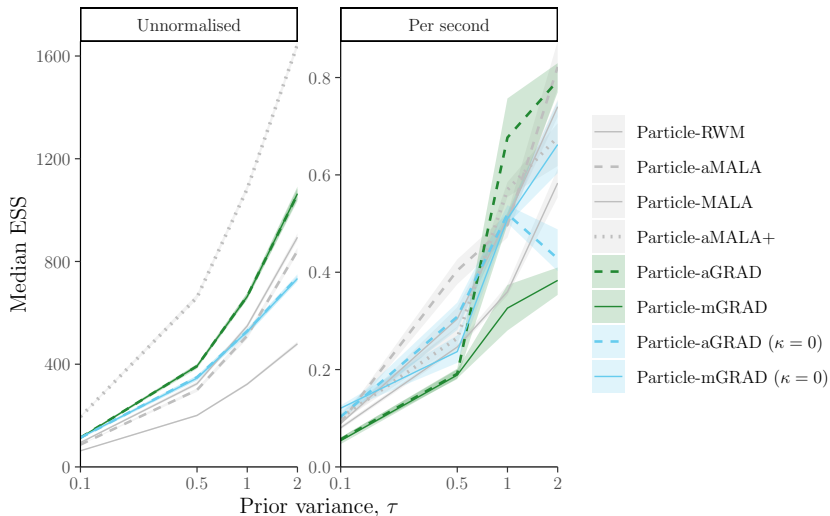
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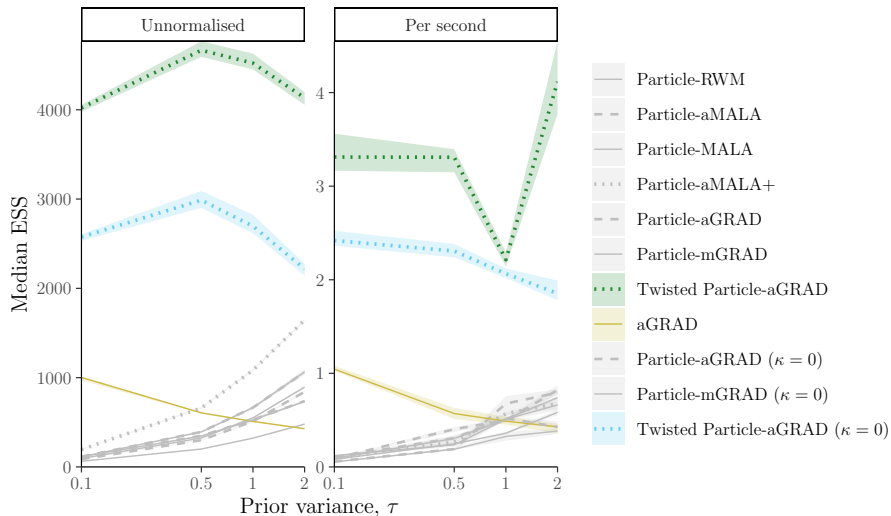
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