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Comparing Extremal and Hysteretic Optimization in Spin Glasses<sup>1</sup> BRUNO GONCALVES, STEFAN BOETTCHER, Emory University — We compare the capabilities of the  $HO^2$  and the  $EO^3$  heuristic in finding spin glass ground states. Using a one-parameter model recently discussed by Katzgraber and Young <sup>4</sup> that interpolates between the mean-field, infinte-dimensional SK spin glass and the finite-dimensional EA lattice spin glass, we evaluate the heuristics as a function of that parameter. Our results show interesting variations in algorithmic behavior that elucidates their properties. It may also indicate a transition in the physics between high and low-dimensional spin glasses.

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