Monte-Carlo Study of Phase Transitions out of Symmetry-Enriched Topological phases of bosons in Two-dimensions

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