

Recent Progress in Neural-Network-based Quantum Monte Carlo

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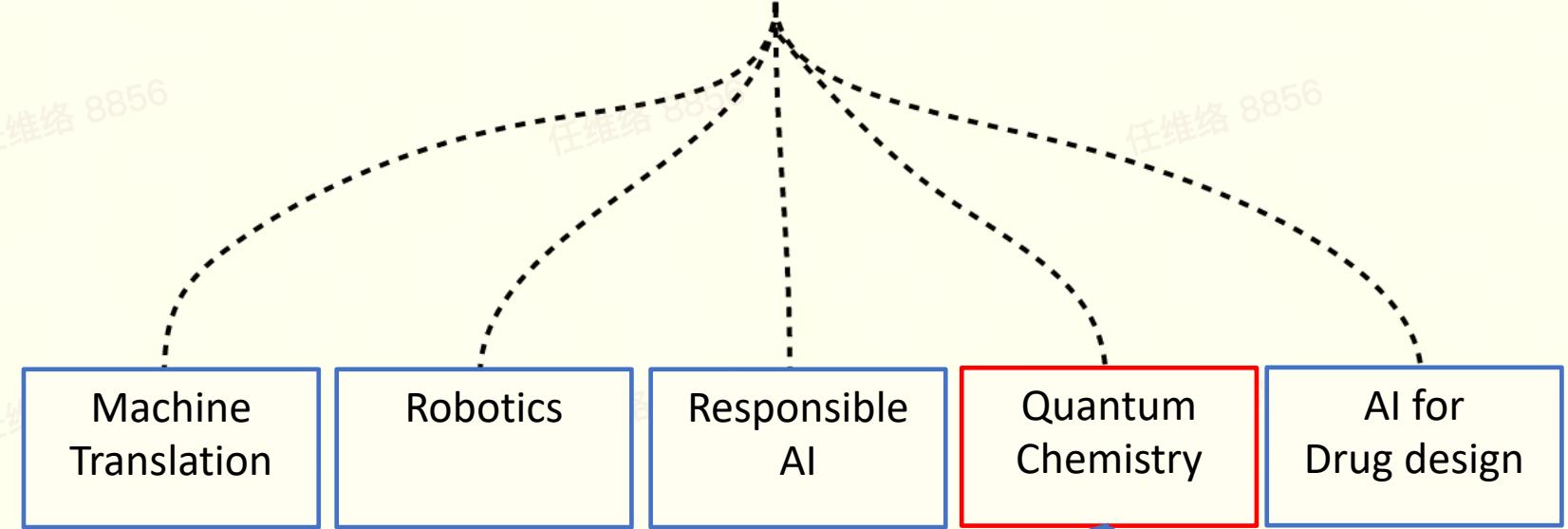
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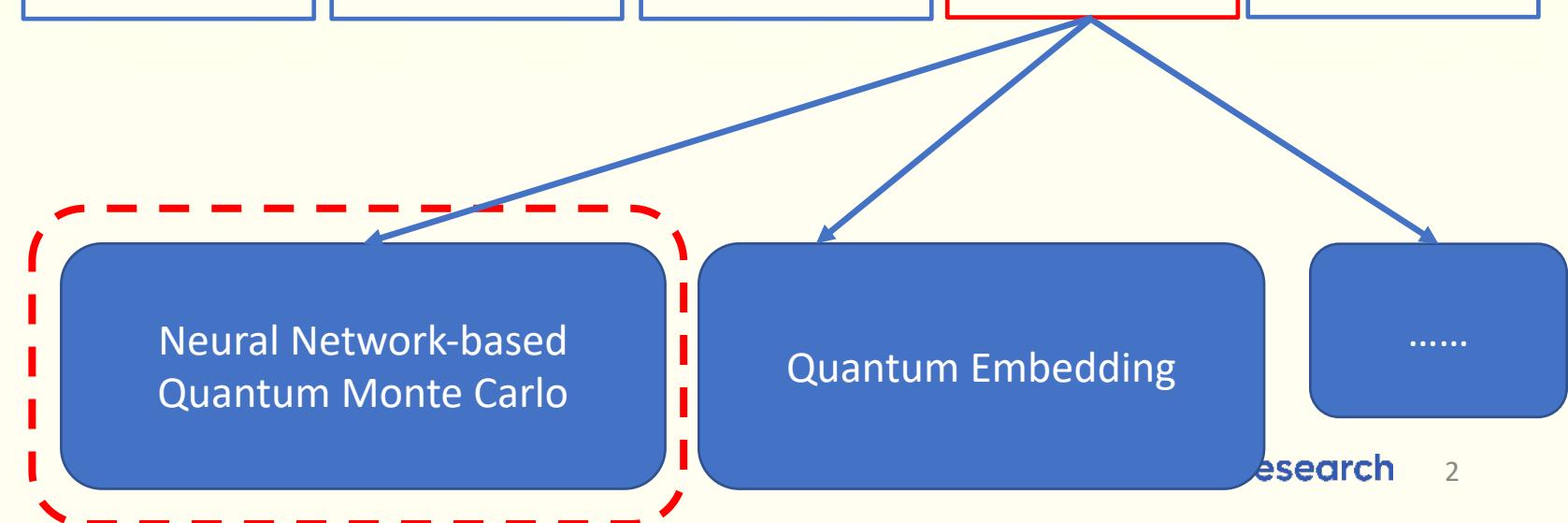
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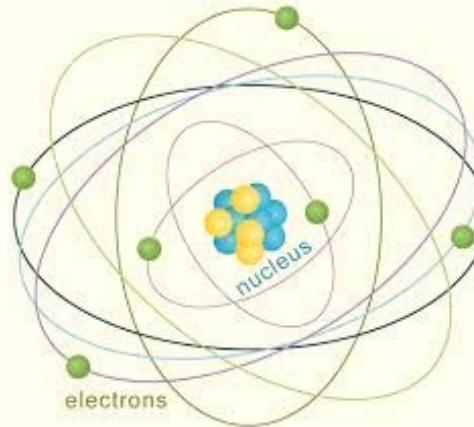
Outline

Introduction to NNQMC

Excited States with NNQMC

Novel Phase of Moire systems

Electronic Structure



Schrödinger Equation

$$\hat{H}\psi = E\psi$$

Electronic part

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \nabla_i^2 + \sum_{ij} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} - \sum_{ai} \frac{Z_a}{r_{ai}}$$

Nucleus-Electron part

Kinetic energy
of electrons

Repulsion of
electrons

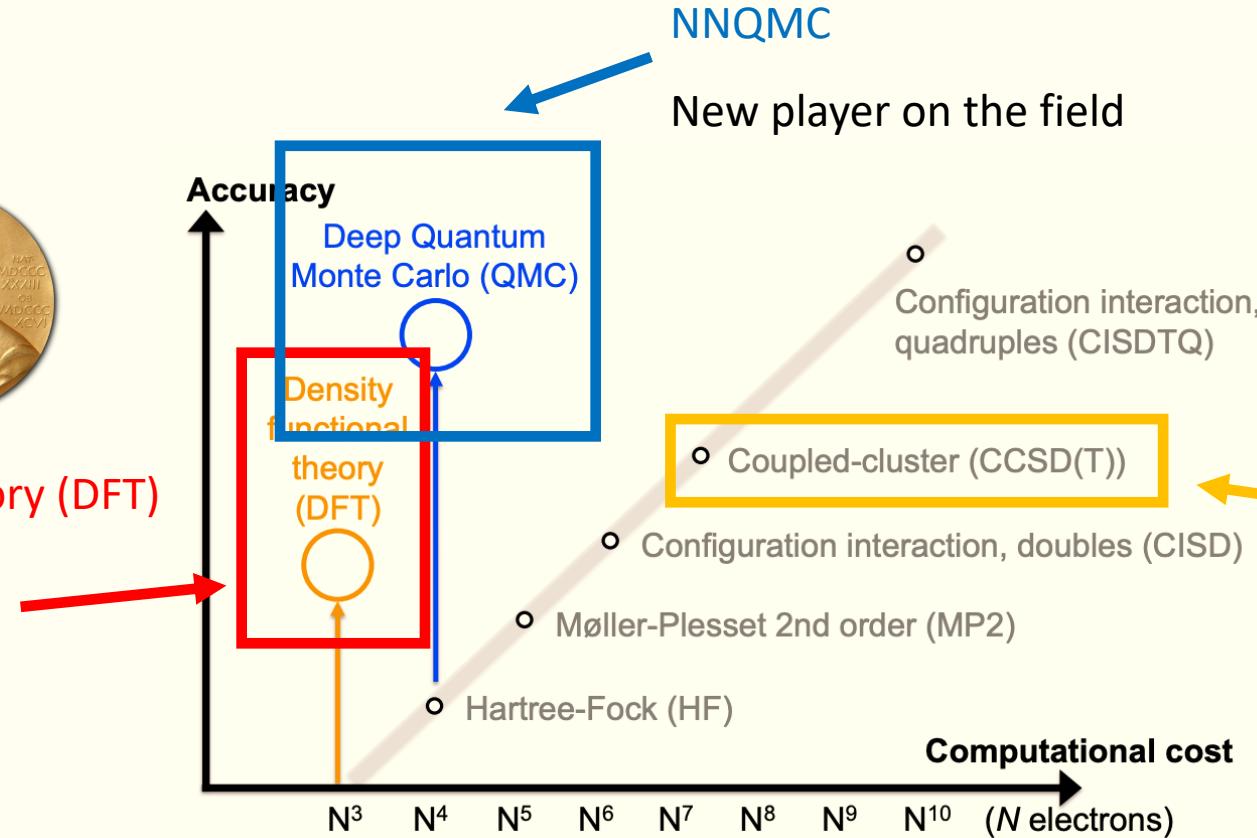
Attraction between
nuclei and electrons

(Born–Oppenheimer Approximation)

Ab initio methods in Quantum Chemistry



Density Functional Theory (DFT)
is the Go-To method
for Quantum Chemistry



We will focus on
Variational Monte Carlo today

CCSD(T)

is Golden Standard method
In Quantum Chemistry,
accurate but expensive.

Neural Quantum State (NQS)

Neural Network + QMC but for lattice models
and/or fermionic systems with second quantization.

We will focus on the real-space QMC in this talk

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RESEARCH ARTICLE



Solving the quantum many-body problem with artificial neural networks

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Machine learning and quantum physics

Elucidating the behavior of quantum interacting systems of many particles remains one of the biggest challenges in physics. Traditional numerical methods often work well, but some of the most interesting problems leave them stumped. Carleo and Troyer harnessed the power of machine learning to develop a variational approach to the quantum many-body problem (see the Perspective by Hush). The method performed at least as well as state-of-the-art approaches, setting a benchmark for a prototypical two-dimensional problem. With further development, it may well prove a valuable piece in the quantum toolbox.

Science, this issue p. 602; see also p. 580



Carleo, Giuseppe, and Matthias Troyer. *Science* 355.6325 (2017): 602-606.

Real-space Quantum Monte Carlo

Variational Monte Carlo



Sub-optimal accuracy



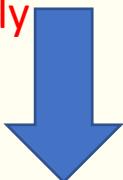
Have access to the wavefunction explicitly



No sign-problem

$$E_0 = \min < \psi | \hat{H} | \psi >$$

ψ : quantum state



Provide trial wavefunction

Diffusion Monte Carlo

$$\psi \rightarrow e^{-\hat{H}\Delta t} \psi$$

Schrödinger Equation

$$\hat{H}\psi = E\psi$$

Convert PDE-solving to optimization

Ground State Energy
(Smallest eigenvalue)

Variational Principle

$$E_0 = \min_{\psi : \text{quantum state}} \boxed{< \psi | \hat{H} | \psi >}$$

Energy of ψ

Variational Monte Carlo

$$\langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle = \int \psi(X) \hat{H} \psi(X) dX = E_{X \sim \Psi^2} \frac{\hat{H}\psi(X)}{\psi(X)}$$

ψ : Real-space wavefunction

X : electron configuration in real-space

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

n: number of electrons

In practice, the energy is estimated by

1. Sampling a number of electron configurations X_1, \dots, X_N from distribution Ψ^2
2. Calculating the function values $\frac{\hat{H}\psi(X_i)}{\psi(X_i)}$ (called “local energy”)
3. Taking average $E \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \frac{\hat{H}\psi(X_i)}{\psi(X_i)}$

Variational

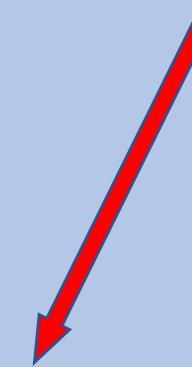
Optimize over a class
of wavefunctions

$$E_0 = \min_{\psi} \langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle$$

1. Parametrize a class of wavefunctions
2. Optimize the parameters to minimize energy

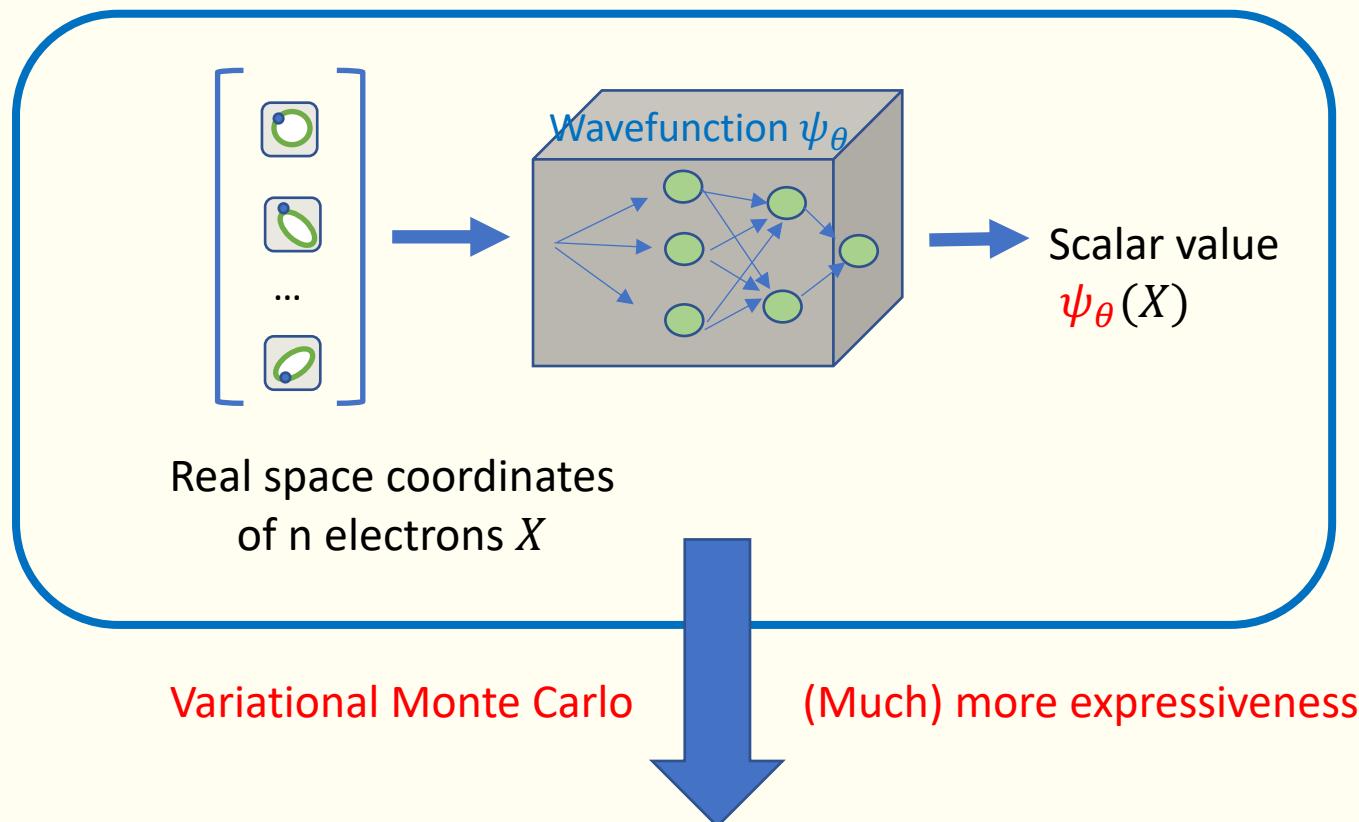
Monte Carlo

Use Monte Carlo
to calculate energy



Neural Network as Wavefunction

$$E_0 = \min_{\psi} \langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle$$



Physical constraints for electronic wavefunctions

Permutation Anti-symmetry

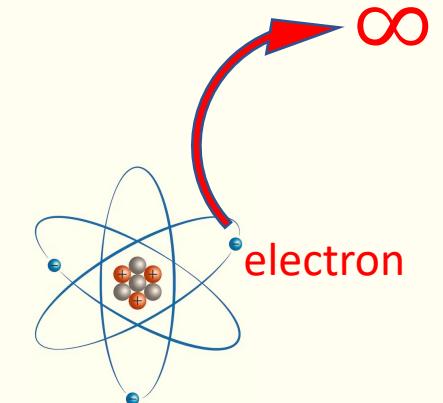
$$F\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ \boxed{x_i} \\ \dots \\ \boxed{x_j} \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}\right) = -F\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_j \\ \dots \\ x_i \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

Electron position vector: dim-3

Ignore spin for now

Boundary Condition

$$F\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_i \\ \dots \\ x_j \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}\right) \rightarrow 0$$



Explicit form of wavefunctions

Slater Determinant

$$\psi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(x_1) & \cdots & \phi_n(x_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_1(x_n) & \cdots & \phi_n(x_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n are one-electron orbitals

With Backflow

$$\psi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

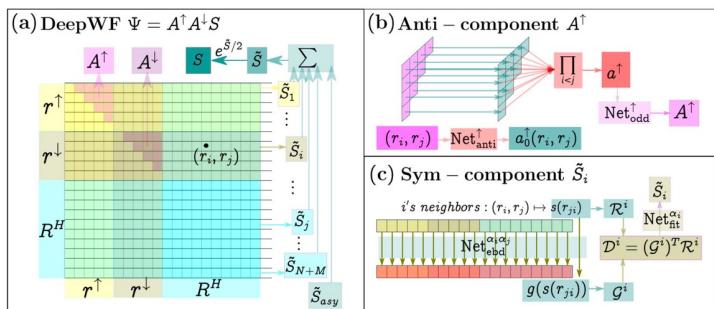
$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_1(x_1; x_2, \dots, x_n) & \cdots & \Phi_n(x_1; x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Phi_1(x_n; x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) & \cdots & \Phi_n(x_n; x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Φ_1, \dots, Φ_n are “many-electron orbitals”,

Modeled with neural networks, carefully
designed to satisfy anti-symmetry

DeepWF

2018 Princeton University

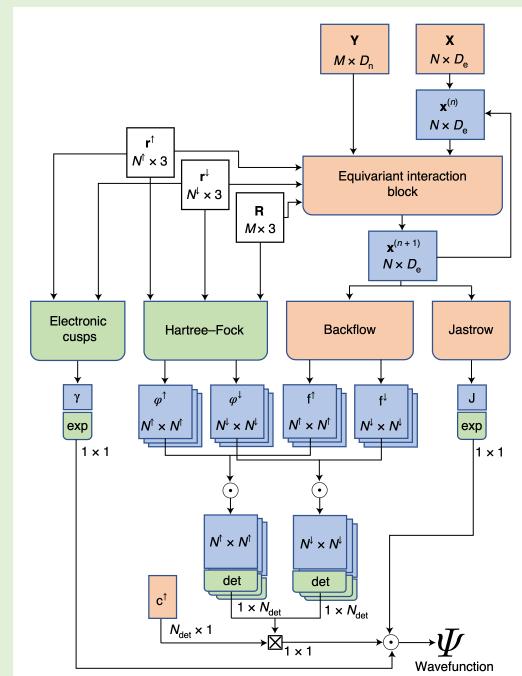


Han, J., Zhang, L., & Weinan, E. (2019). Solving many-electron Schrödinger equation using deep neural networks. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 399, 108929.

PauliNet

2019 FU Berlin

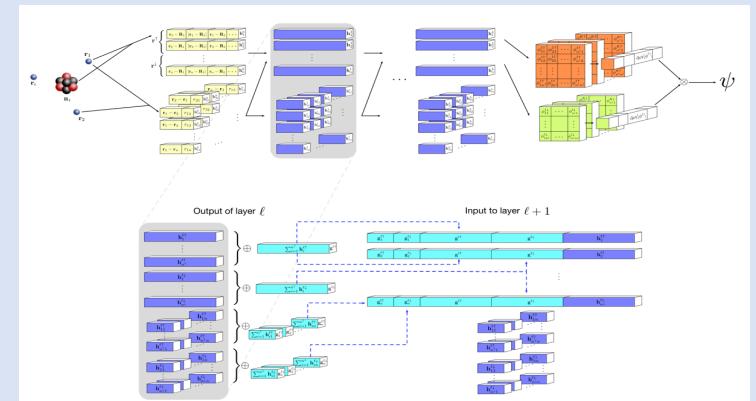
Authors are also in Microsoft now



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FermiNet

2019 DeepMind & ICL



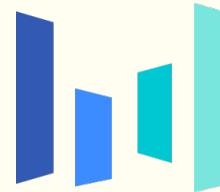
Pfau, D., Spencer, J. S., Matthews, A. G., & Foulkes, W. M. C. (2020). Ab initio solution of the many-electron Schrödinger equation with deep neural networks. *Physical Review Research*, 2(3), 033429.

Train the neural network

- The wavefunction ψ is modelled by a (specially designed) neural network.
- Loss Function: Energy $E = \langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle = E_{X \sim \psi^2} \frac{\hat{H}\psi(X)}{\psi(X)}$
- Data: The electronic configurations sampled from ψ^2 .
- Procedure
 1. Sampling a number of electron configurations X_1, \dots, X_N from distribution ψ^2
 2. Calculating the function values $\frac{\hat{H}\psi(X_i)}{\psi(X_i)}$
 3. Taking average $E \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \frac{\hat{H}\psi(X_i)}{\psi(X_i)}$
 4. Gradient descent and update ψ , then loop over.

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State of the Art
(since 2021)

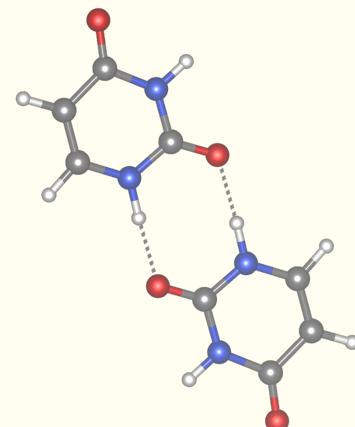


- Novel phases for Moire systems [arXiv:2406.11134](#)
- Spin symmetry enforcement [Nat. Comput. Sci. in press](#)
- Break through the computational bottleneck of Laplacian [Nat. Mach. Intell. 6, 209 \(2024\)](#)
- Electric polarization in solids [Phys. Rev. Lett. 132, 176401 \(2024\)](#)
- Better extrapolation scheme [Mach. Learn.: Sci. Technol. 015016 \(2024\)](#)
- From VMC to DMC [Nat. Commun. 14, 1860 \(2023\)](#)
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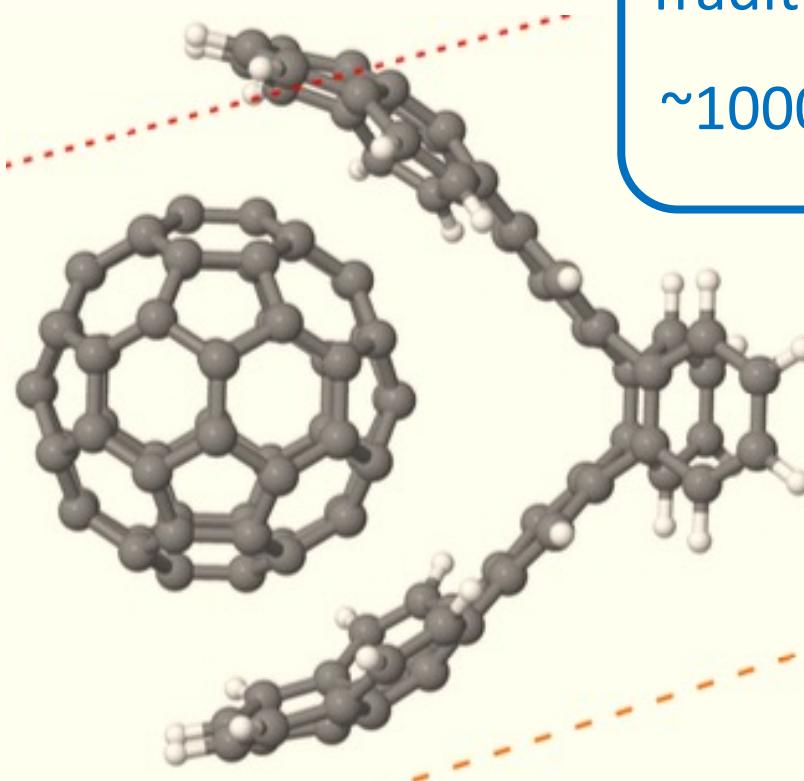
Make NNQMC more practical

- NNQMC + Effective Core Potential
 - Less electrons in calculations.
 - *Li, Xiang, et al. Physical Review Research 4.1 (2022): 013021.*
- NN + Diffusion Monte Carlo
 - Less optimization steps
 - *Ren, Weiluo, et al. Nature Communications 14.1 (2023): 1860.*
- Forward Laplacian
 - Address computation bottleneck: Laplacian Operator
 - *Li, Ruichen, et al. Nature Machine Intelligence 6.2 (2024): 209-219.*

We can now handle:
100~150 electrons



Traditional QMC can handle
~1000 electrons

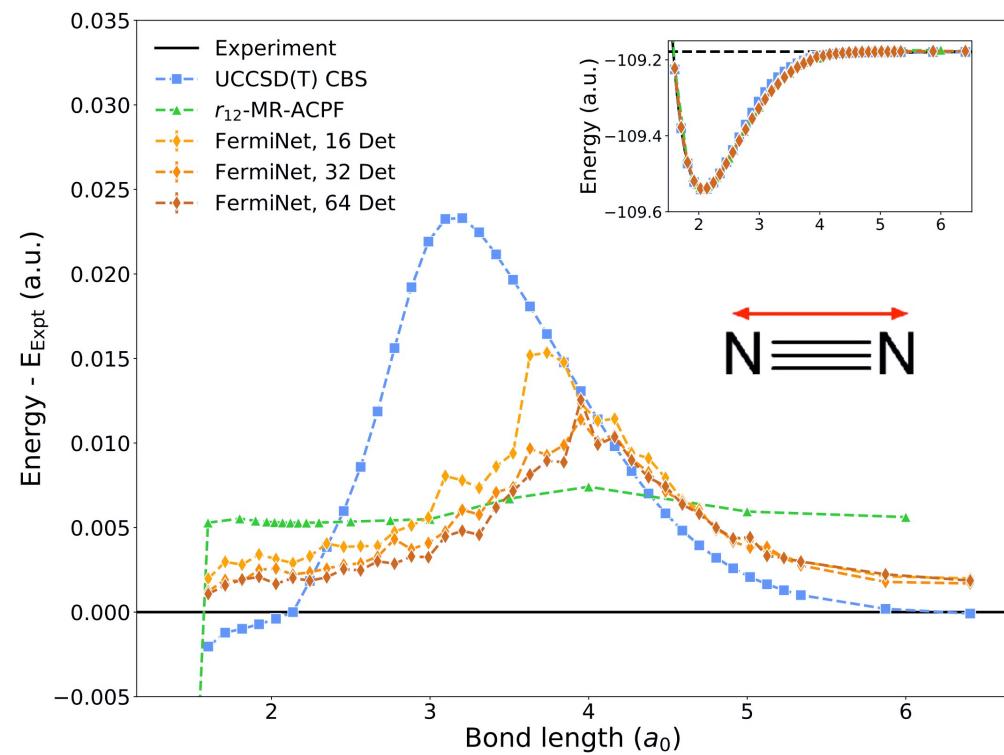


Al-Hamdani, Yasmine S., et al. "Interactions between large molecules pose a puzzle for reference quantum mechanical methods." Nature Communications 12.1 (2021): 3927.

N_2 energy curve

FermiNet from Google DeepMind (2020)

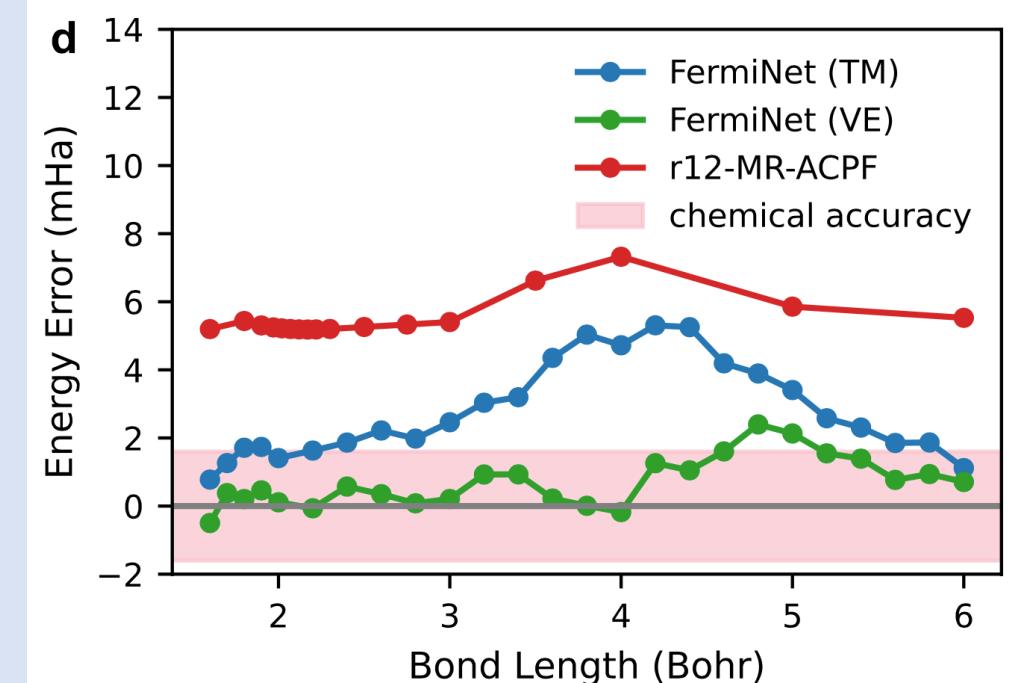
Beat Golden Standard Method



Pfau, David, et al. Physical Review Research 2.3 (2020): 033429.

Our work, better extrapolation scheme (2023)

Chemical Accuracy (almost)



Fu, Weizhong, et al. Machine Learning: Science and Technology 5.1 (2024): 015016.

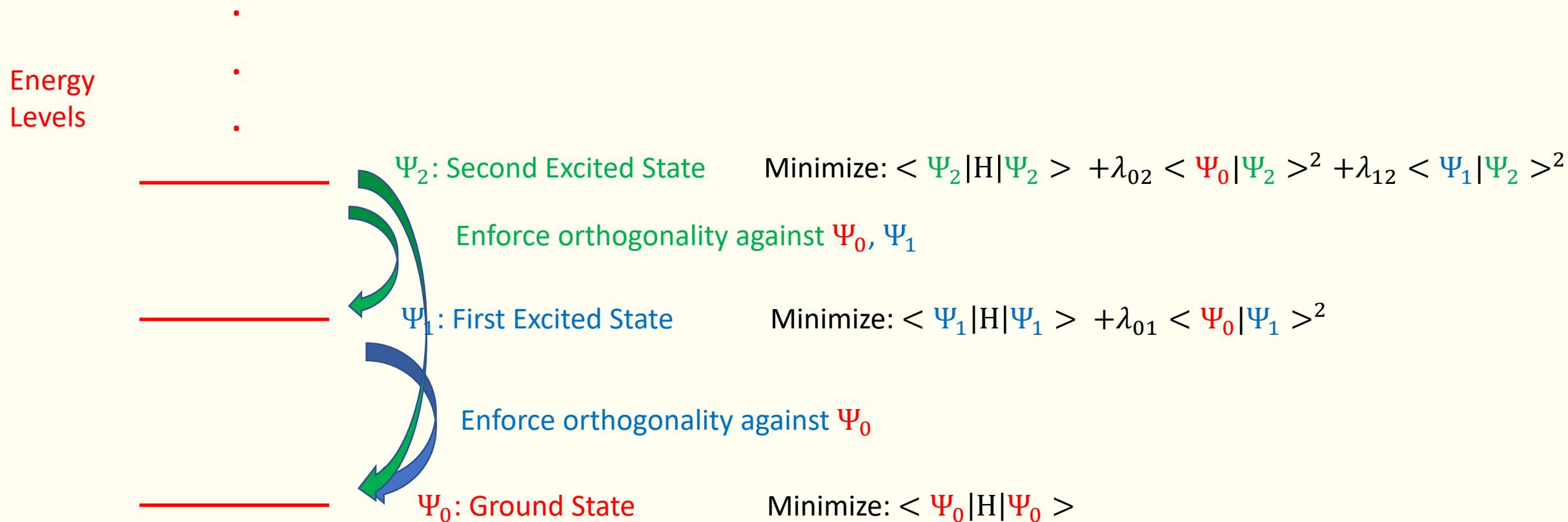
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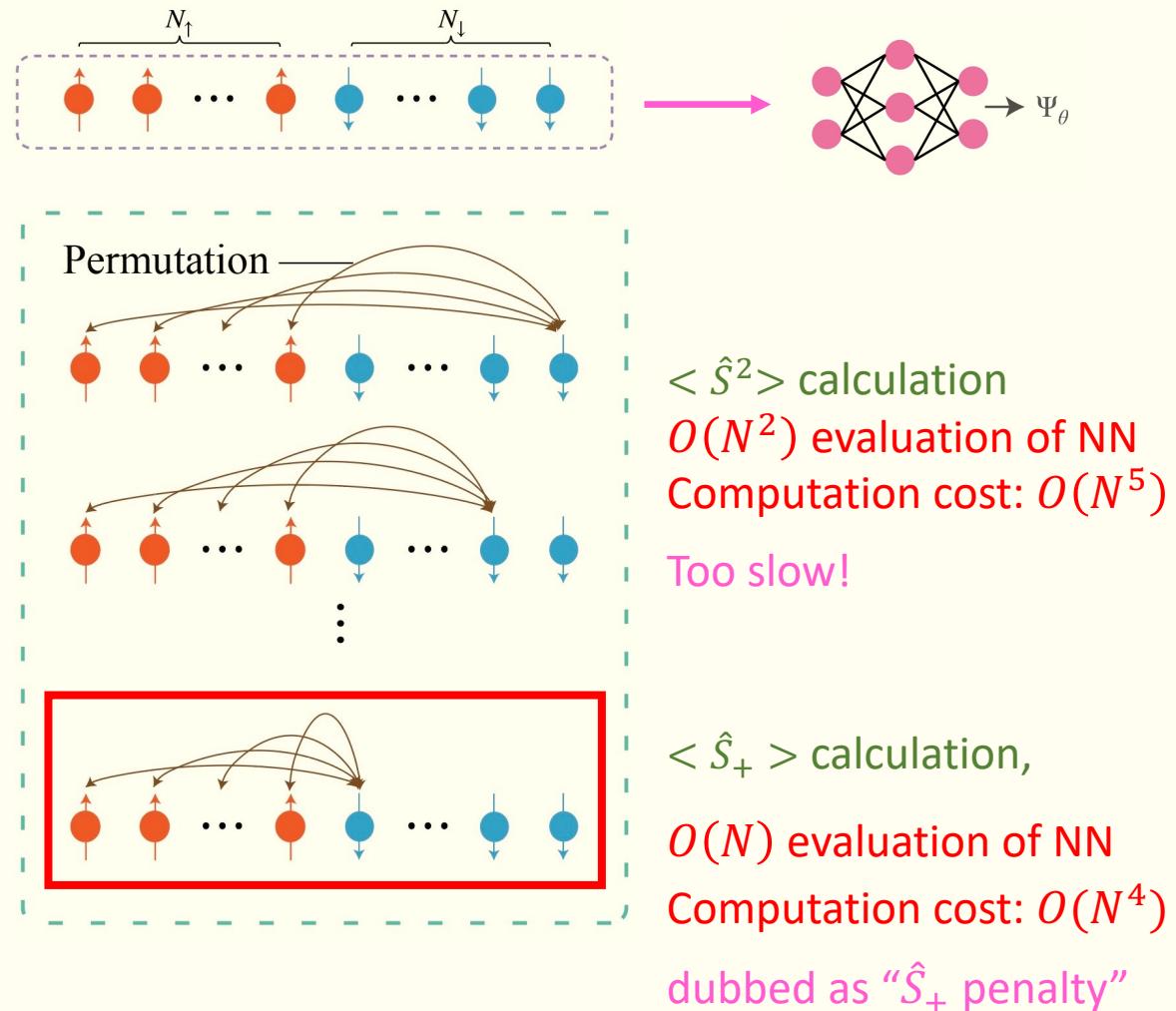
Penalty to enforce orthogonality



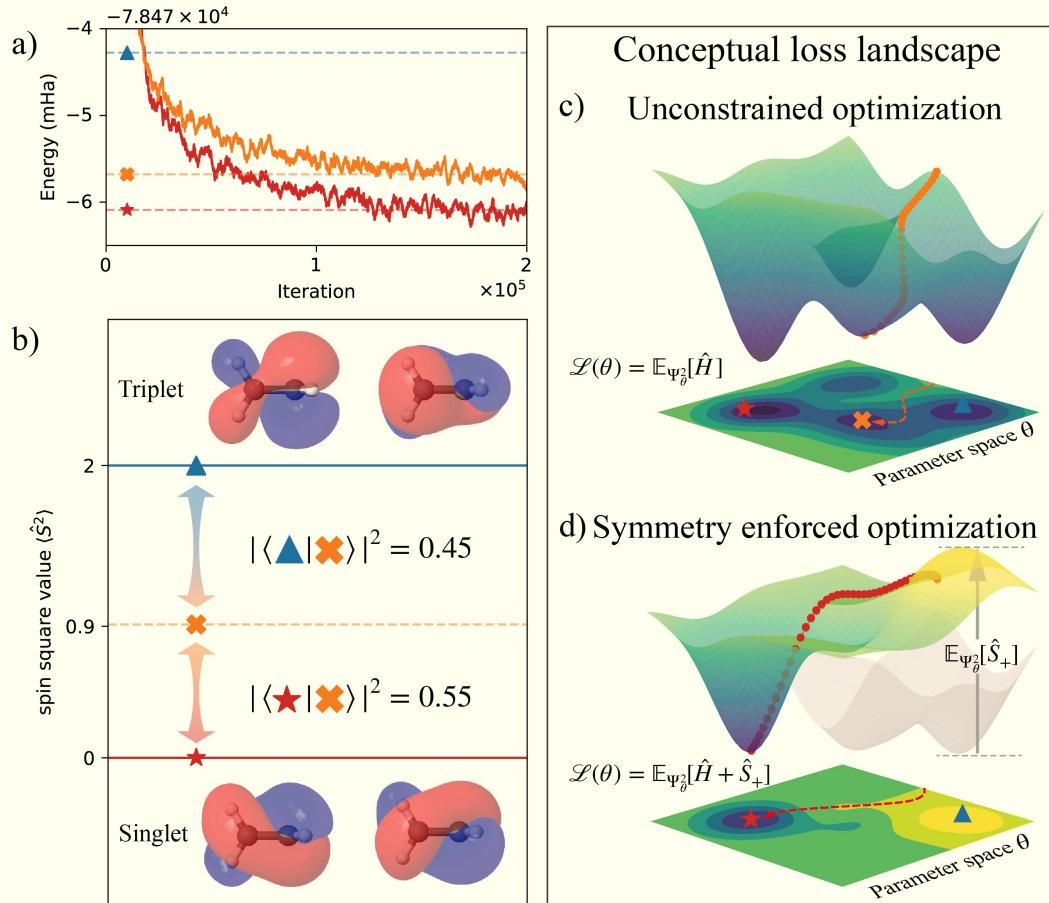
Enforce Spin-Symmetry in NNQMC

Li, Zhe, et al. arXiv:2406.01222,
Nature Computational Science in press

- Spin-pure state
 - Eigen-state of \hat{S}^2 operator
- Add “deviation of $\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle$ to target value” to loss
 - Similar to the overlap for excited states
- $\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle$ calculation is expensive
- Consider \hat{S}_+ operator instead
 - One order cheaper
 - Still able to simulate eigenstate of \hat{S}^2



Spin symmetry helps ground state calculation



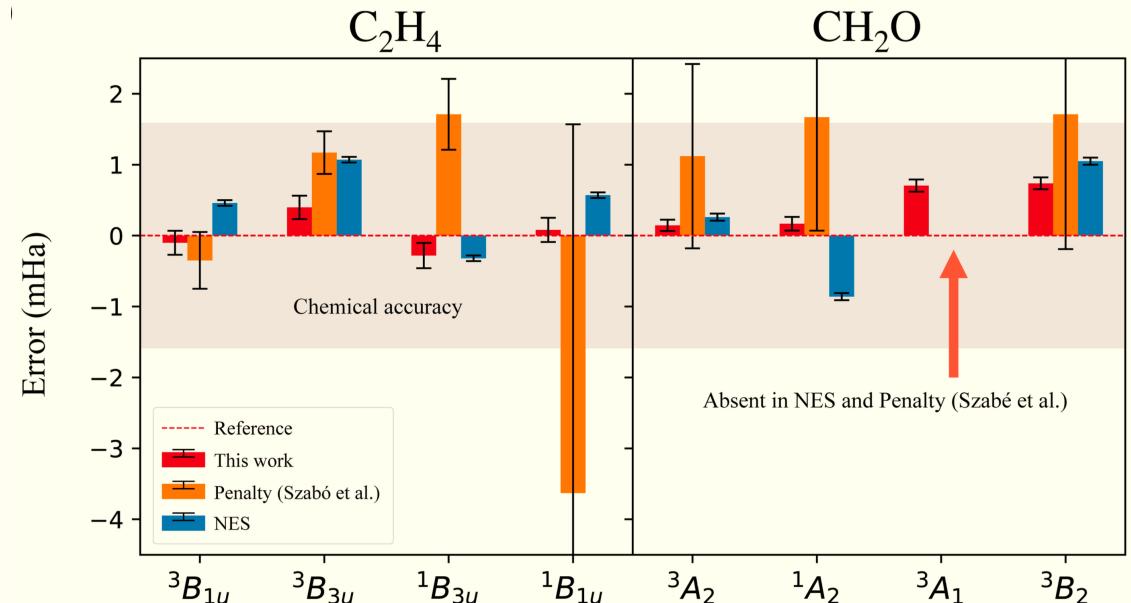
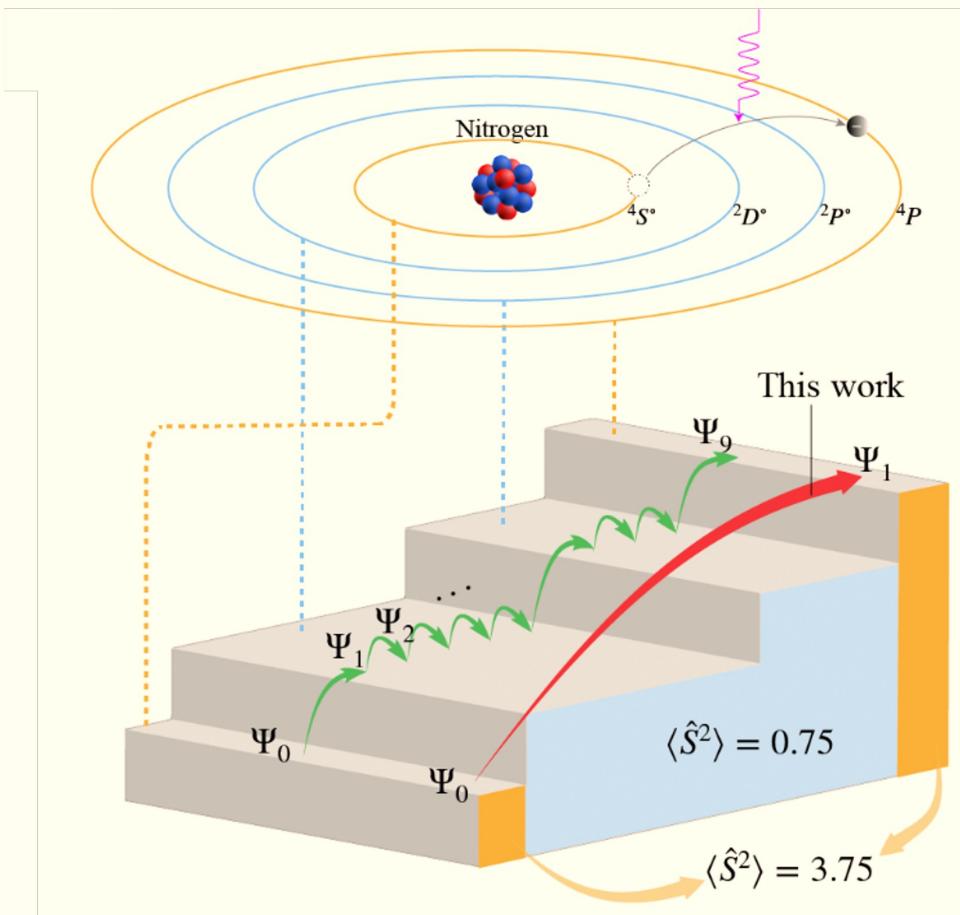
Ethylene C_2H_4

- ⚪ singlet state: symmetry enforced
- ✕ singlet state: free of constraint (contaminated)
- ▲ triplet state

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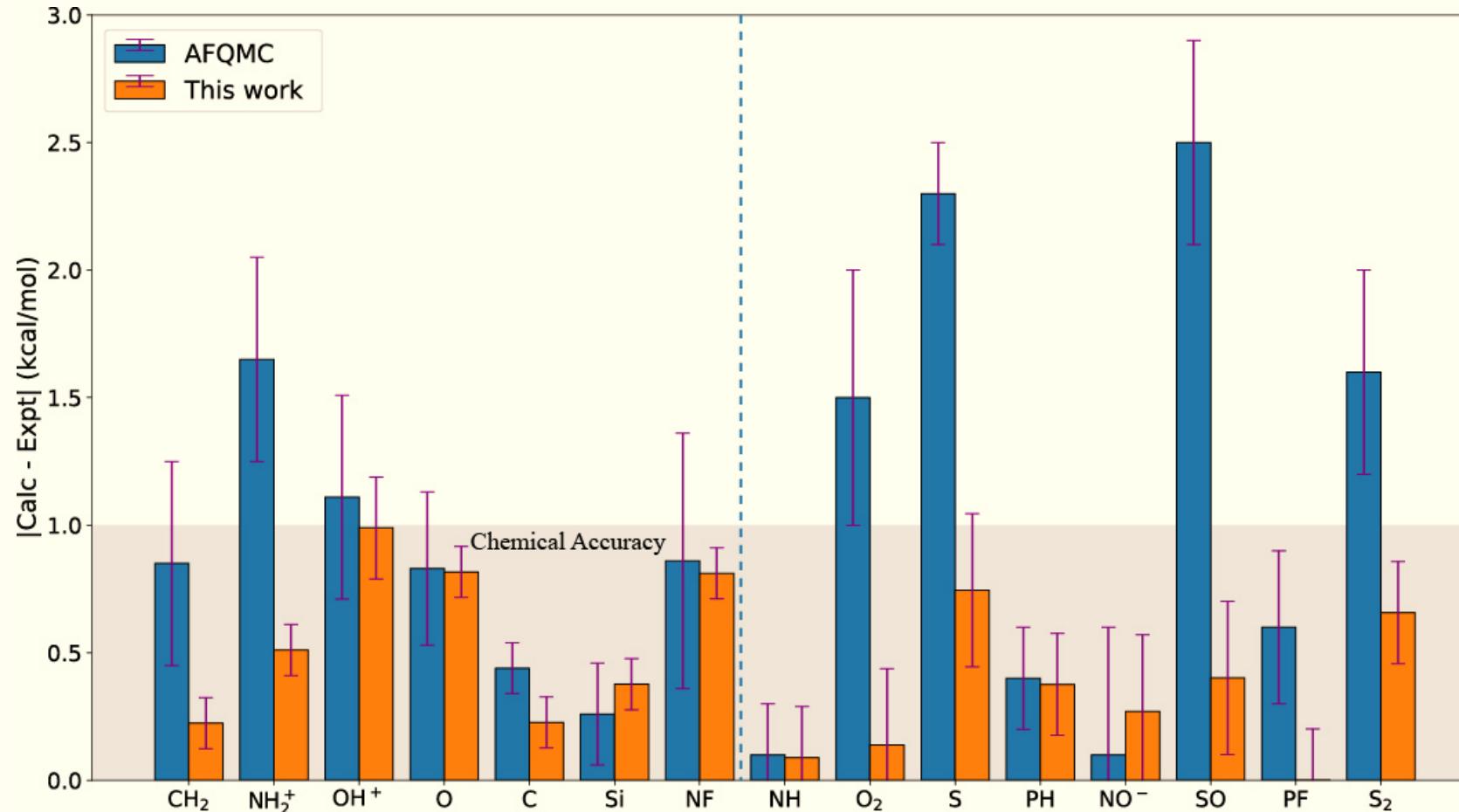
Spin symmetry helps excited state calculation

High excited states



Li, Zhe, et, al. arXiv:2406.01222, Nature Computational Science in press

Singlet-triplet gap of biradicals



Natural Excited State

Pfau, David, et al. *Science* 385.6711 (2024): eadn0137.

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Accurate computation of quantum excited states with neural networks

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Editor's summary

Excited states are important in many areas of physics and chemistry; however, scalable, accurate, and robust calculations of excited-state properties from first principles remain a critical theoretical challenge. Recent advances in computing the ground-state properties of molecular systems driven by deep learning demonstrate that this technique has the potential to address this problem. Pfau *et al.* present a parameter-free mathematical principle for computing excited states using deep neural networks by directly generalizing variational quantum Monte Carlo to ground states. The proposed method achieves accurate excited-state calculations on a number of atoms and molecules, far outperforms existing methods for computing excited-state properties with deep learning (especially on larger systems), and can be applied to various quantum systems. —Yury Suleymanov



Slater Determinant

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NNVMC (backflow)

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(X) &= \Psi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= \det \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_1(x_1; x_2, \dots, x_n) & \cdots & \Phi_n(x_1; x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Phi_1(x_n; x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) & \cdots & \Phi_n(x_n; x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Natural Excited State

$$\Psi(\mathbf{X^1}, \dots, \mathbf{X^k}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_1(\mathbf{X^1}) & \cdots & \Psi_k(\mathbf{X^1}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Psi_1(\mathbf{X^k}) & \cdots & \Psi_k(\mathbf{X^k}) \end{bmatrix}$$

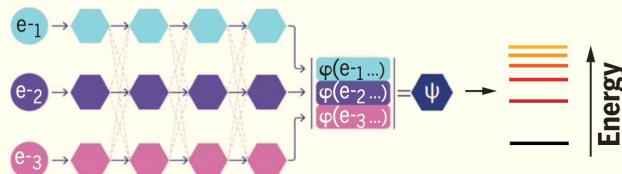
- Ψ_1, \dots, Ψ_k are guaranteed to be non-collapsed.
- We minimize the sum of their energies.
- Optimize for the best k -dim subspace

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Natural Excited State

Neural network ansätze

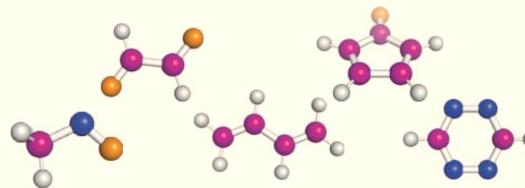
Flexible, compact wave function approximators



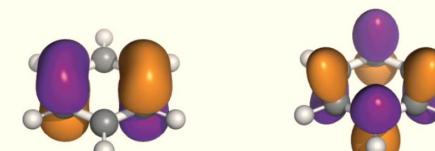
Natural excited states

Novel variational principle for excited states

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \psi^2} [\psi^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) \hat{H} \psi(\mathbf{x})] \longrightarrow \text{Tr} [\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \Psi^2} [\Psi^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) \hat{H} \Psi(\mathbf{x})]]$$

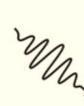


Double excitations



π_g \longrightarrow π_g^*
Benzene-scale molecules

Enables accurate computation of...

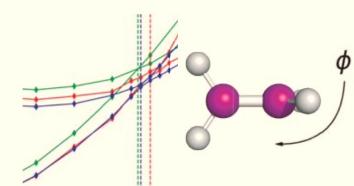


$$f_{ij} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{m}{\hbar^2} (E_i - E_j) |\mathbf{d}_{ij}|^2$$

Oscillator strengths



Adiabatic excitation energy



Conical intersections

Natural excited states. Combining neural networks with a mathematical insight enables accurate calculations of challenging excited states of molecules.

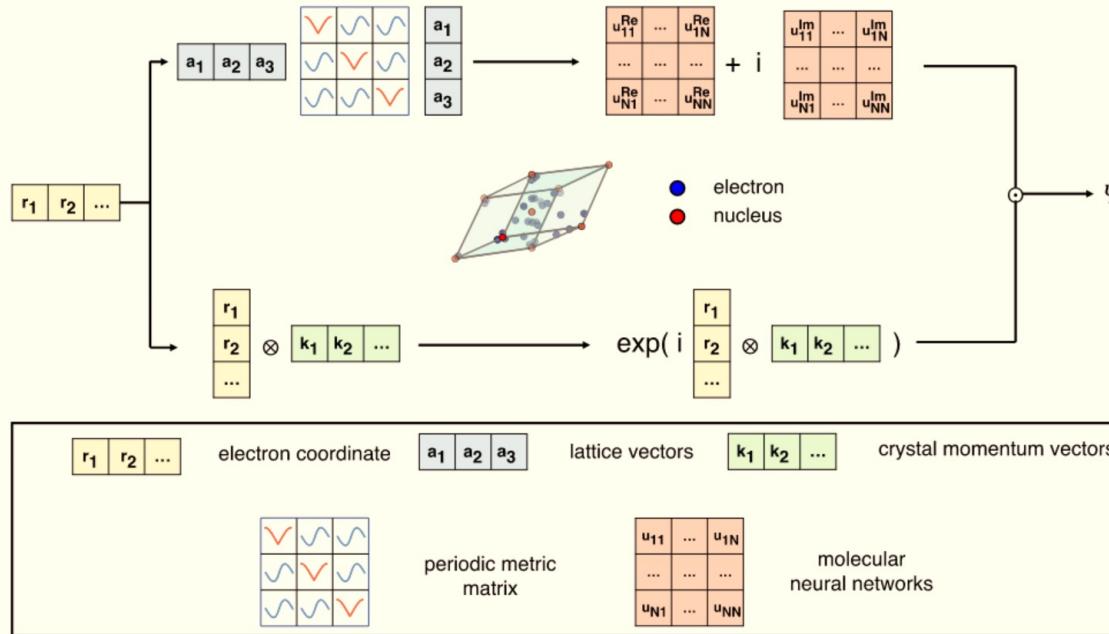
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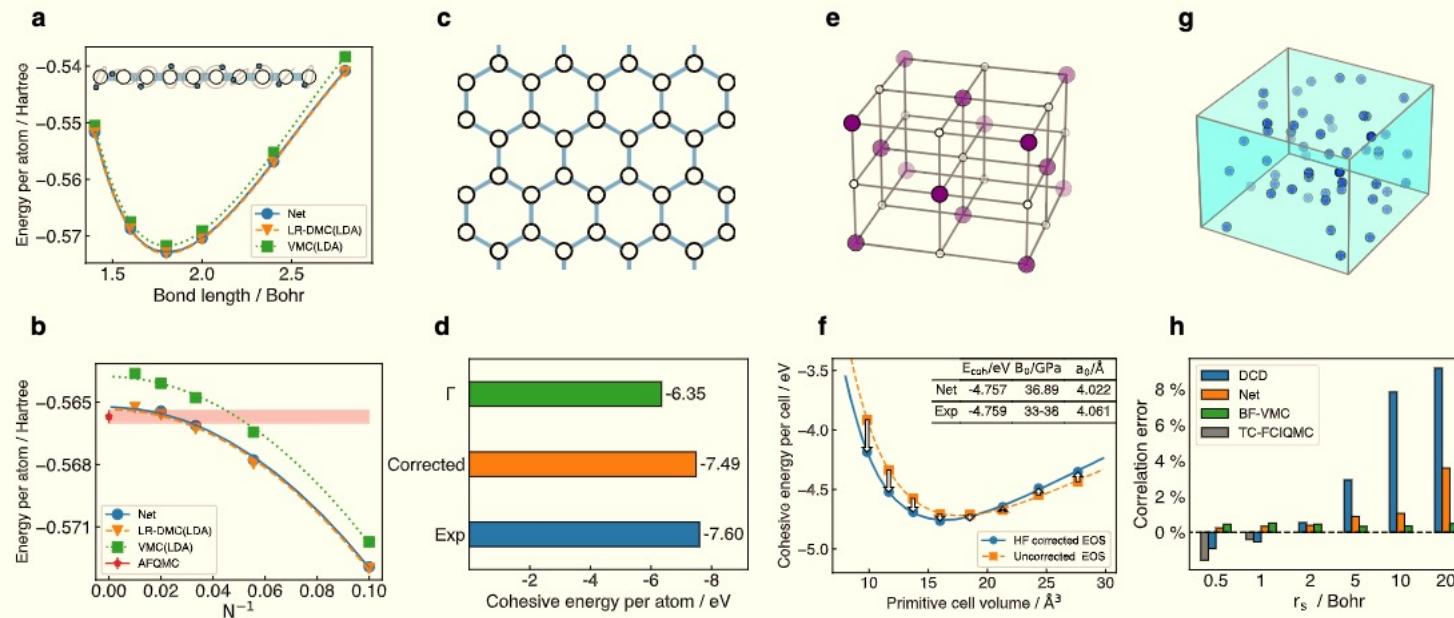
Novel Phase of Moire systems

Modeling Real Solids - DeepSolid



- Modify the input the feature with periodic functions
- Carefully deal with the smoothness near the boundary.

DeepSolid cont'd

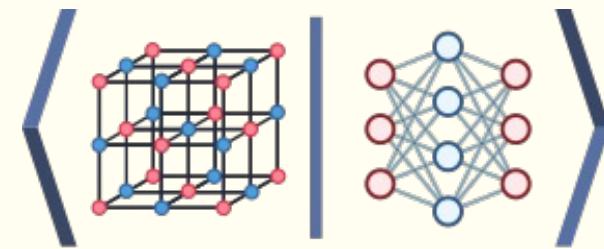


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More on NNQMC for solids

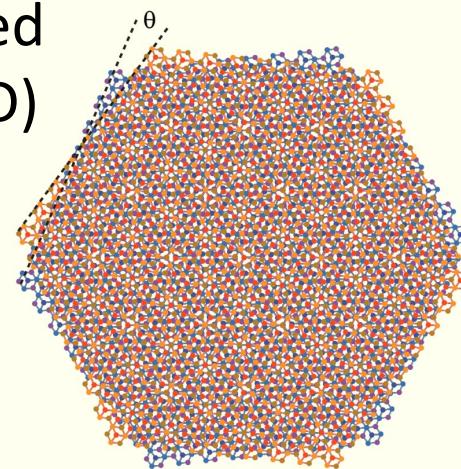
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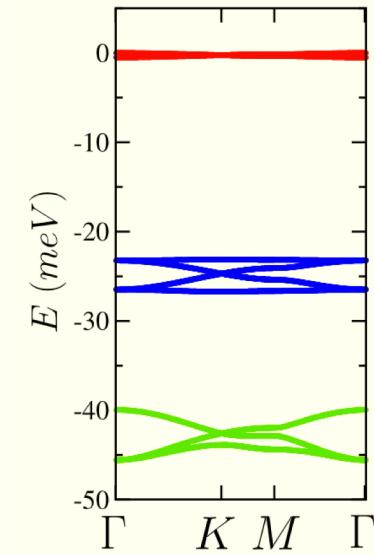


Moire Material

Twisted graphene or twisted metal dichalcogenide (TMD)



Spontaneous symmetry breaking,
Mott insulator,
Wigner crystal,
Unconventional superconductivity,
Anomalous Quantum hall.....



Flat band appears which signals strong correlation

$$H = \sum_i -\frac{1}{2m^*} \Delta_i + V(\mathbf{r}_i) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{\epsilon |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}$$

Generalized Wigner Crystal

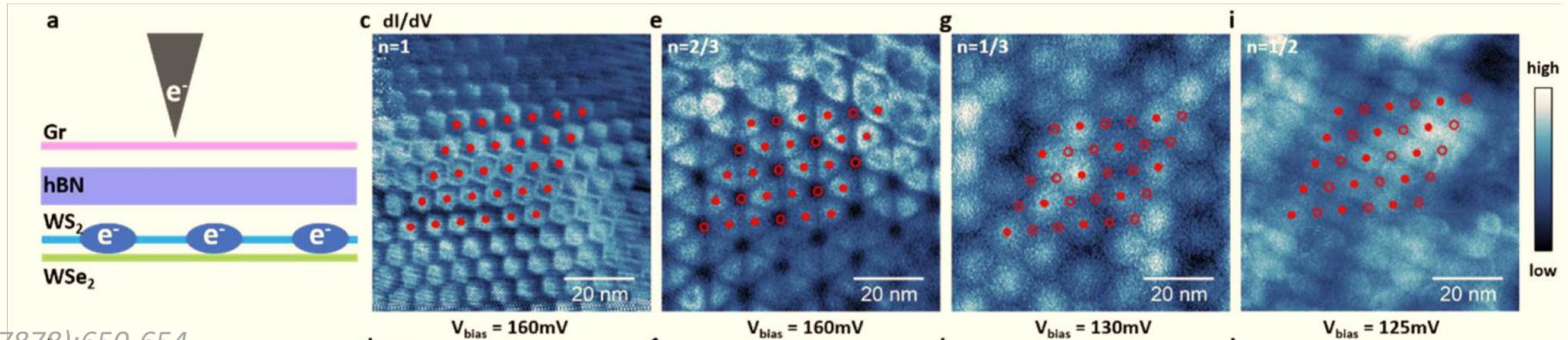
WSe₂/WS₂

Triangular

Stripe

STM
observation
of GWC

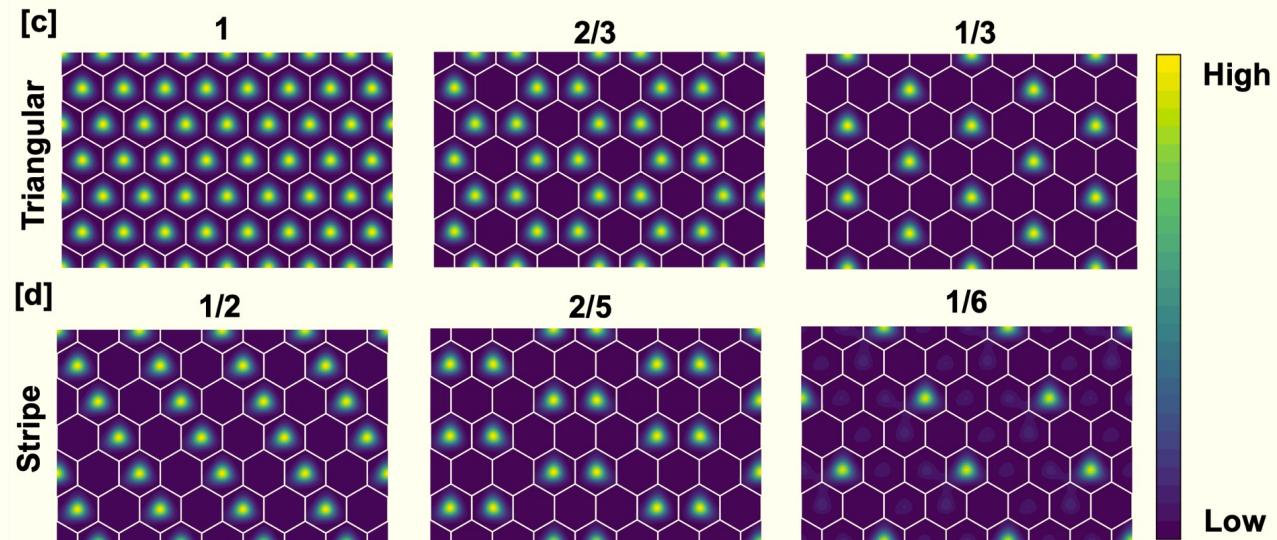
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DeepSolid result

Our neural networks reproduced patterns
in STM experiments!

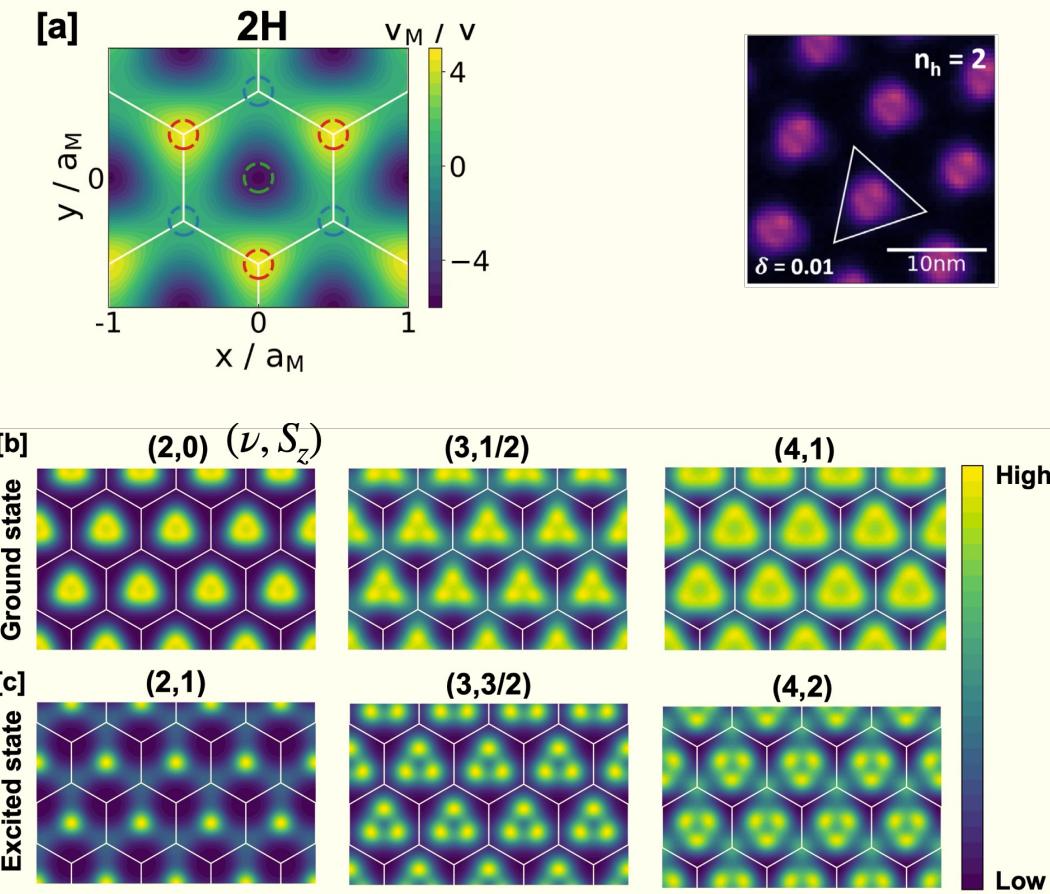
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More interesting phases

Wigner Molecular Crystal

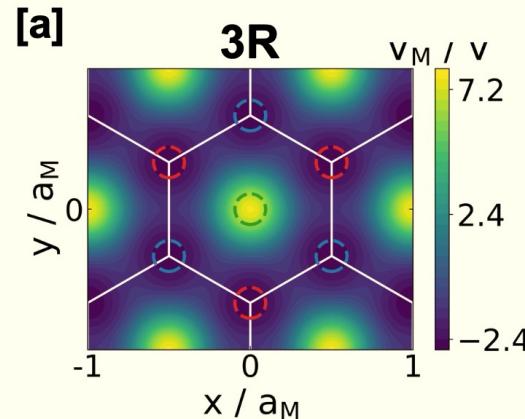
WS_2 homobilayer
2H config



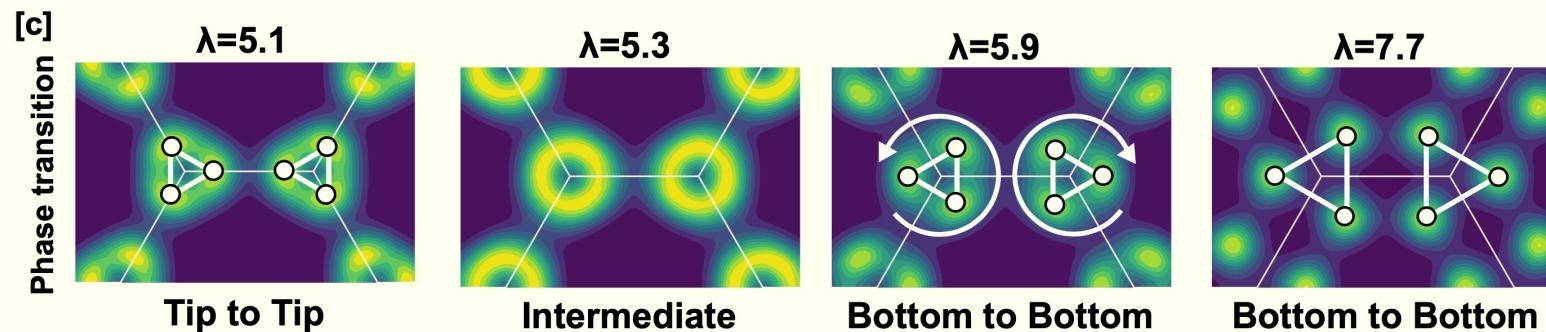
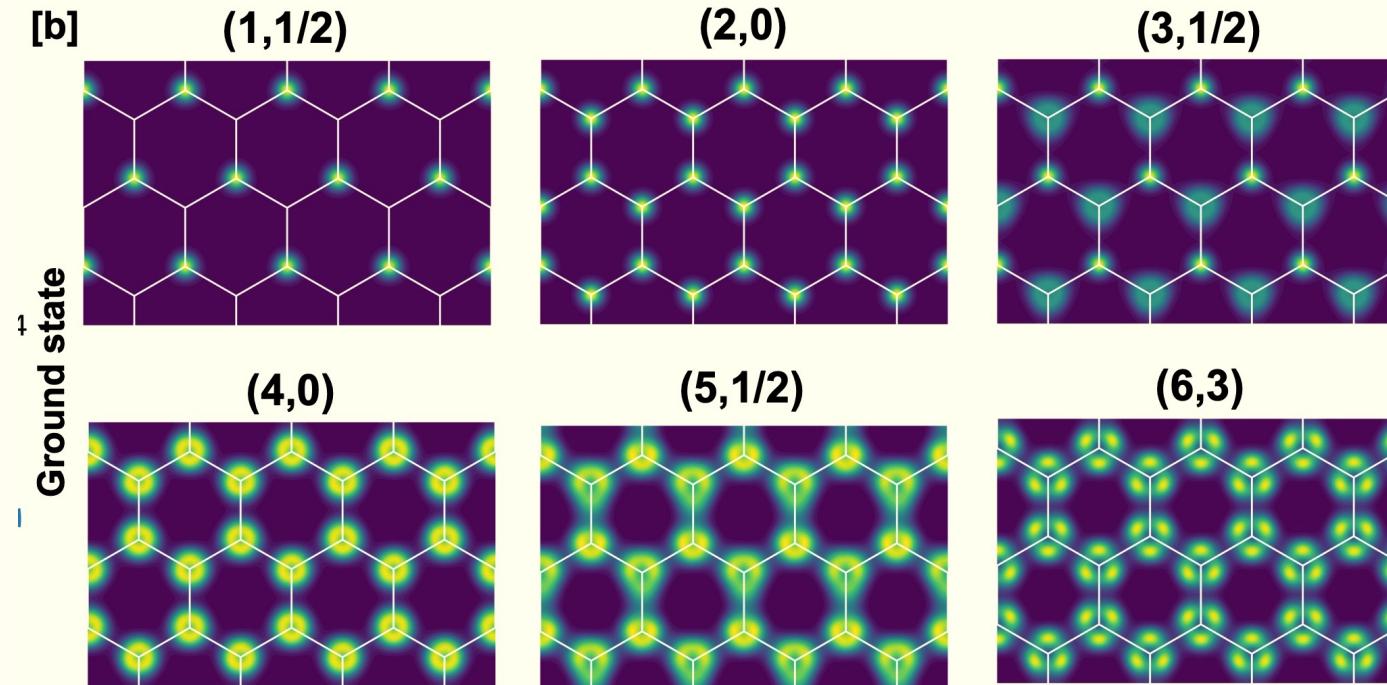
Reddy, Aidan, et al. PRL, 2465016, 2023
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Reproduced patterns
in STM experiments!

Potential with C_6 symmetry



WS_2 homobilayer
3R config

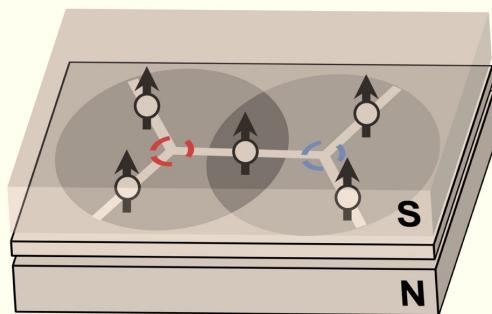


Larger λ means
Coulomb dominates more

Wigner Covalent Crystal

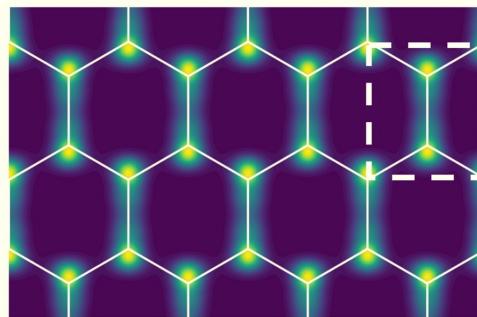
Yet to be confirmed
in experiments !

[a] Covalent bond

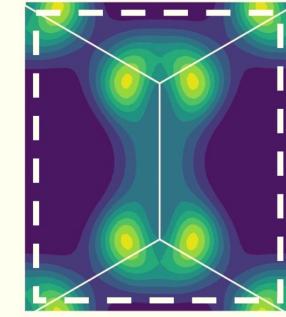
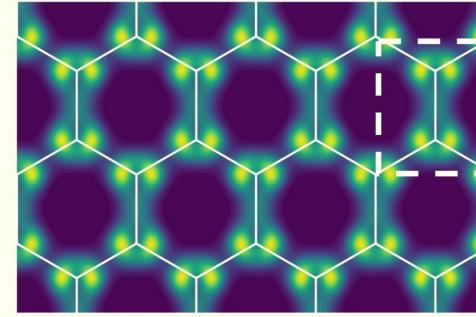


[b]

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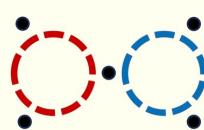
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Monomer bond



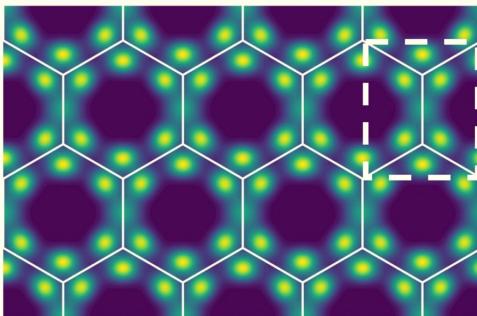
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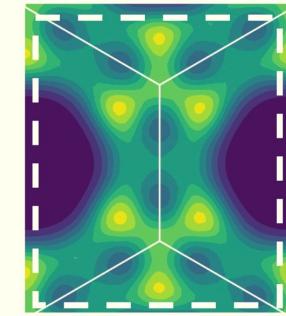
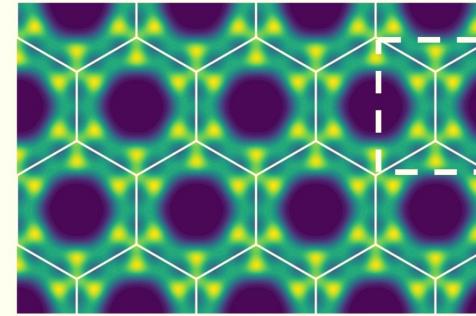
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Other applicable systems

- Electron gas
- Positron
- Superfluid
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Outlook

- Better efficiency and accuracy.
- Expand the scope of application.
- Tackle challenging systems
 - Strong correlation
 - Multi-reference
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Thank you!



- https://github.com/bytedance/FermiNet_with_ECP
- <https://github.com/bytedance/deepsolid>
- <https://github.com/bytedance/jaqmc>
- <https://github.com/bytedance/lapnet>
- <https://github.com/bytedance/netobs>