

Introduction to Machine Learning Methods in Condensed Matter Physics

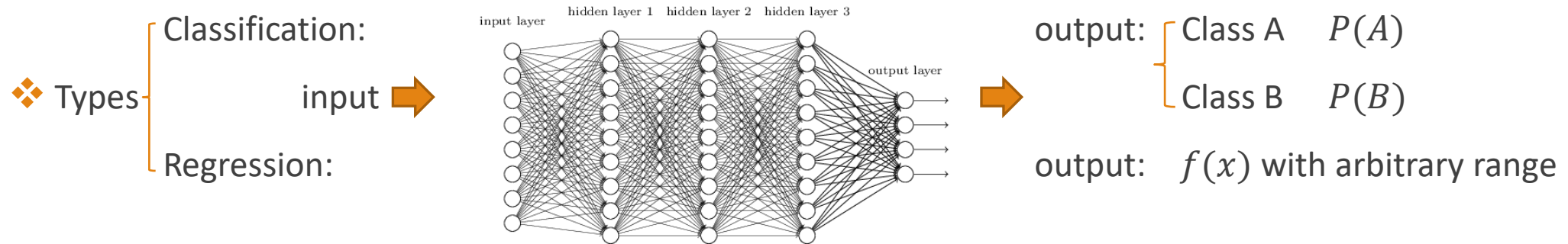
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Machine learning with artificial neural network



❖ **Training** is the heavy lifting; the applications afterwards are relatively straightforward.

❖ No black magic: performance bounded from above by the **quality of the samples**.

‘A good chef cannot make a decent meal with no ingredients.’

❖ Even for the best case scenario, ANN is still an **approximate** function.

Know your target and limitations!

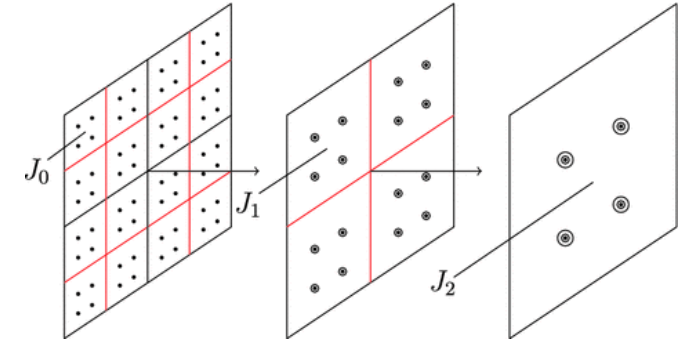
❖ Sometimes, trying an idea out is the best way to verify its practicality.

Size
Accuracy
Diversity

What are phases?

❖ Renormalization group stable fixed point

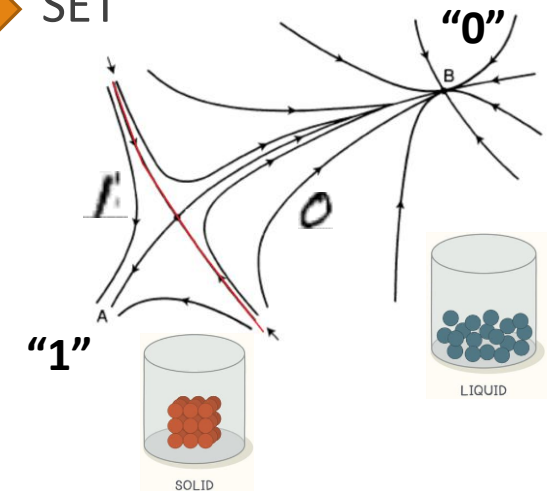
- Conventional symmetry breaking phase ← symmetries
- Topological phases ← topological invariants
- Symmetry protected topological phases ← both (also SET)



❖ Finer and more precise categories: solid → crystal symmetry group → SET even number → integer

❖ Uncertainties (noises) in measurements:

- Model diversity (parameters, disorders)
- Thermal fluctuations (configurational probability $e^{-\beta E}/Z$)
- Quantum fluctuations (outcome a_n with probability $\langle \psi | P_n | \psi \rangle$)



Square-lattice ferromagnetic Ising model

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z \quad J = 1 \quad \sigma_i^z = \pm 1$$

At finite temperature:

$$P_\beta(\sigma) = \frac{e^{-\beta H(\sigma)}}{Z_\beta} \quad Z_\beta = \sum_{\sigma} e^{-\beta H(\sigma)} \quad \beta = (k_B T)^{-1}$$

- Mean-field theory:

(single spin + environment)

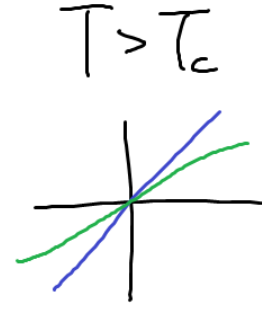
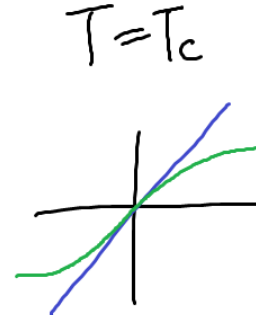
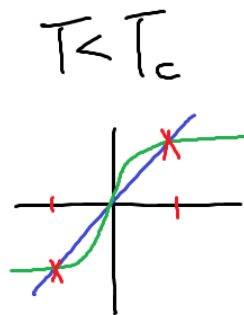
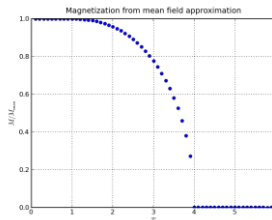
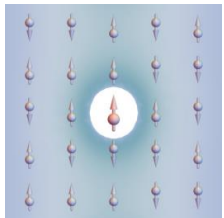
$$\langle \sigma \rangle = m = \tanh \beta z J m$$

$$T_c = zJ/k_B$$

$z = 4$ for n.n. square lattice

$z = 6$ for n.n. triangle lattice

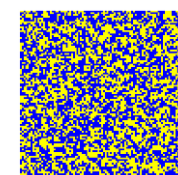
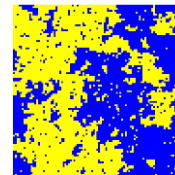
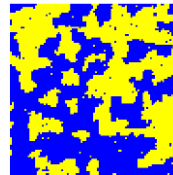
z : number of neighbors



- Monte Carlo sampling:

Detailed balance:

$$A(\mu, \nu) = \begin{cases} e^{-\beta(H_\nu - H_\mu)}, & \text{if } H_\nu - H_\mu > 0 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



For comparison, exact results:

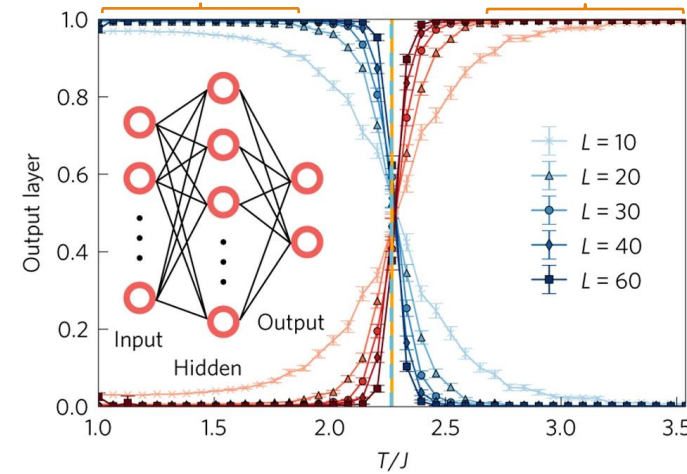
square lattice: $T_c = 2J / \ln(1 + \sqrt{2})$

triangle lattice: $T_c = 4J / \ln 3$

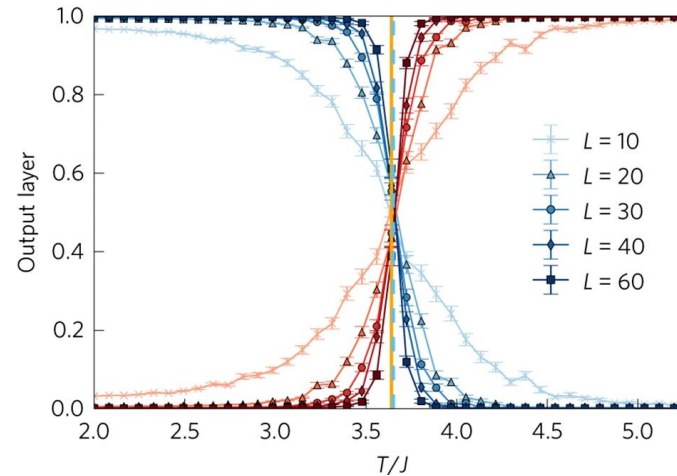
Machine learning phases

- Trained on square lattice
Applied to square lattice

Training sets: 

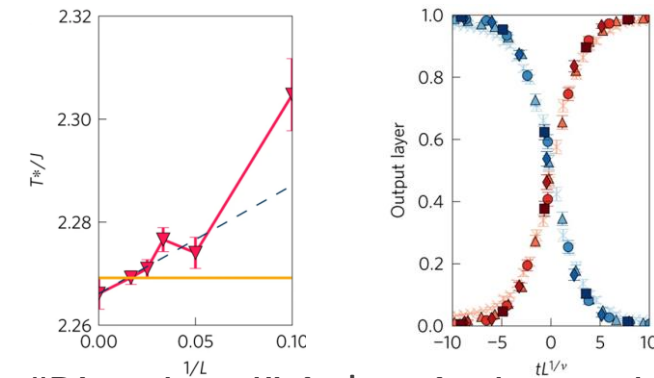


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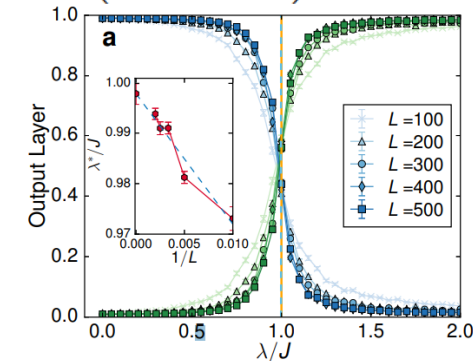
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Finite size scaling? Data collapse? Really?



“Disordered” Aubry-Andre model:

$$H = -J \sum_i (c_i^\dagger c_{i+1} + \text{h.c.}) + 2\lambda \sum_i \cos(2\pi\phi i) c_i^\dagger c_i$$



Quantum phases and topological states

- Topological phases of matter

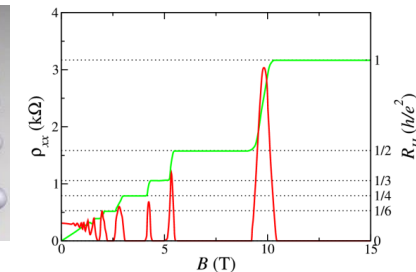
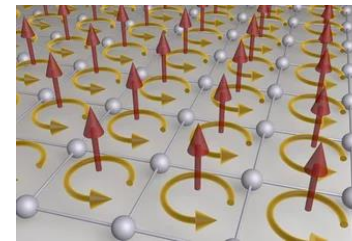
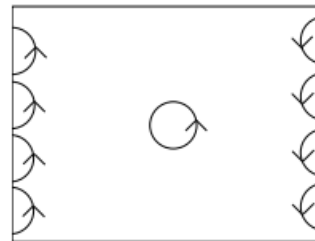
Topological invariant

Chern number $\mathcal{A}_i(\mathbf{k}) = -i \langle u_{\mathbf{k}} | \frac{\partial}{\partial k^i} | u_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle$ $\mathcal{F}_{xy} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_x}{\partial k^y} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_y}{\partial k^x}$ $C = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}^2} d^2k \mathcal{F}_{xy}$

Edge states

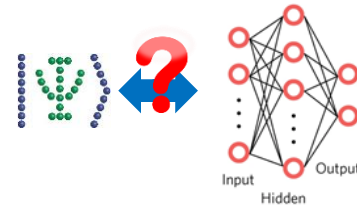
Example: quantum Hall effect

no symmetry-breaking order parameter



- The huge Hilbert space of a quantum many-body system $|\Psi\rangle = c_0|\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + c_1|\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + c_2|\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + \dots$

Compatibility issue

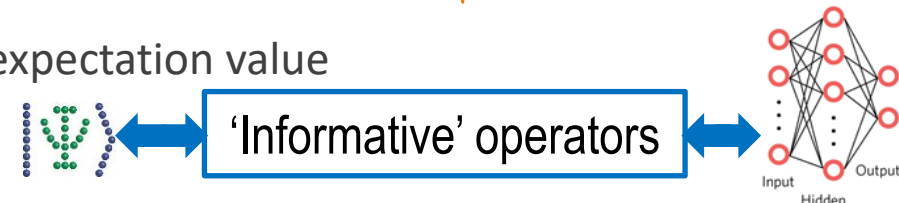


exponentially growth is deleterious $2^{30} \sim 1000,000,000$

$2^{1000} \sim \underbrace{100 \dots 00}_{301 \text{ zeros}}$

- Quantum fluctuations: measured value of observable \neq expectation value

Quantum operators map states to classical values



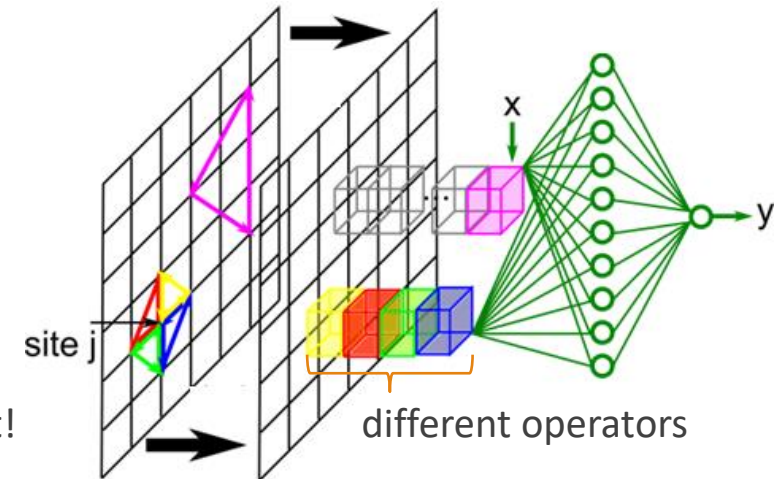
Machine learning quantum phases and topological states

- Intuition for operator choices from the Kubo formula:

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{ie^2\hbar}{N} \left[\sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{\langle \Phi_0 | v_y | \Phi_n \rangle \langle \Phi_n | v_x | \Phi_0 \rangle - x \leftrightarrow y}{(E_n - E_0)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{e^2}{h} \cdot \frac{1}{N} \sum 4\pi i P_{jk} P_{kl} P_{lj} S_{\Delta jkl} \quad P_{ij} \equiv \langle c_i^\dagger c_j \rangle$$

Heavily reliant on the target phase → These operators must be important!



- In addition to a cut-off for more local operators, use single snapshots instead of expectation values:

$$\langle O \rangle = \langle \Phi | O | \Phi \rangle = \sum_{\alpha} \langle \Phi | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | O | \Phi \rangle = \sum_{\alpha} \langle \Phi | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \Phi \rangle \times \sum_{\beta} \langle \alpha | O | \beta \rangle \frac{\langle \beta | \Phi \rangle}{\langle \alpha | \Phi \rangle} \quad \langle \alpha | \Phi \rangle: \text{Slater determinant}$$

↑
expectation value

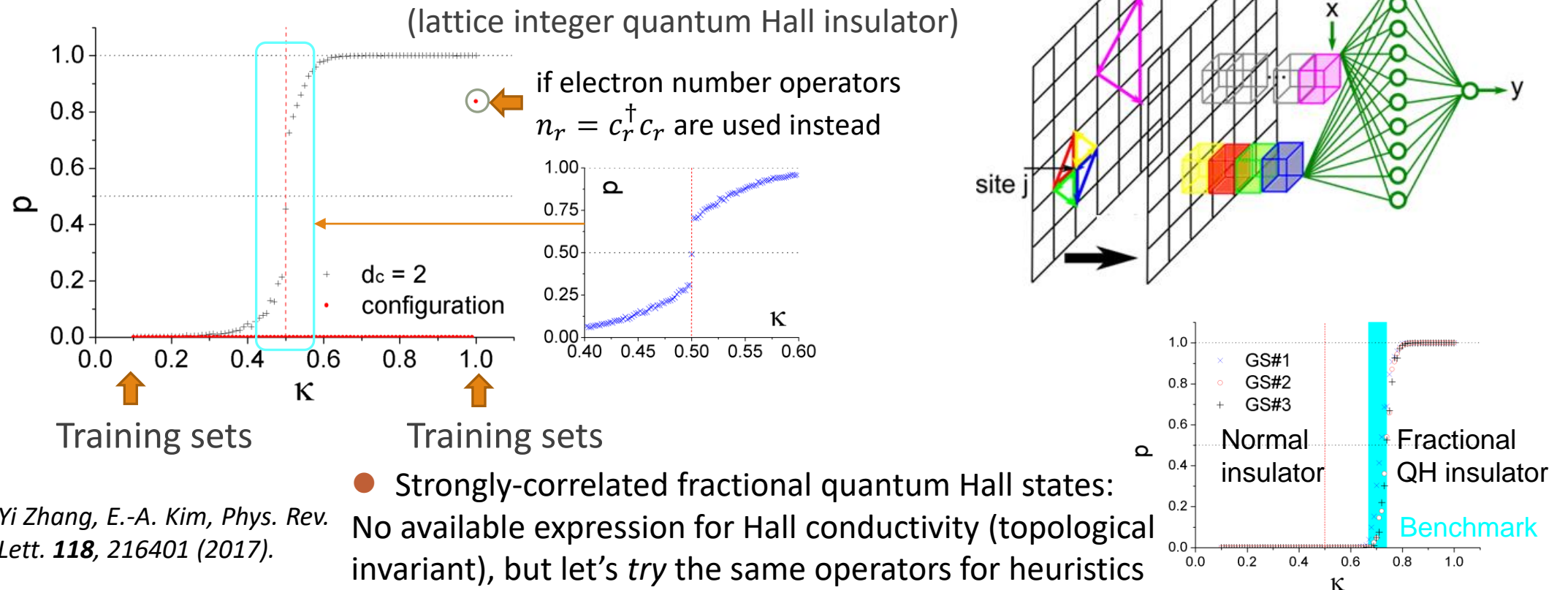
↑
weight for $|\alpha\rangle$, probability density

↓
train with the noise samples,
train for the noisy samples.

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Machine learning quantum phases and topological states

- For a phase diagram between Chern insulators and normal insulators



Critical slowing down problem in Monte Carlo method

- Auto-correlation function as a measure of efficiency to de-correlate:

$$C(t) = \frac{\sum_i O_i O_{i+t}}{\langle O^2 \rangle} \propto e^{-t/\tau}$$

(a.) Metropolis: single spin flips ➡ encounter severe (critical) slowing down

(b.) Wolff cluster algorithm: flip a single, randomly chosen cluster

1. Choose a random site.

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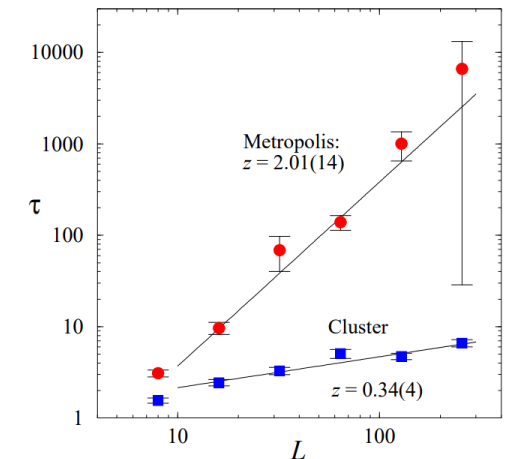
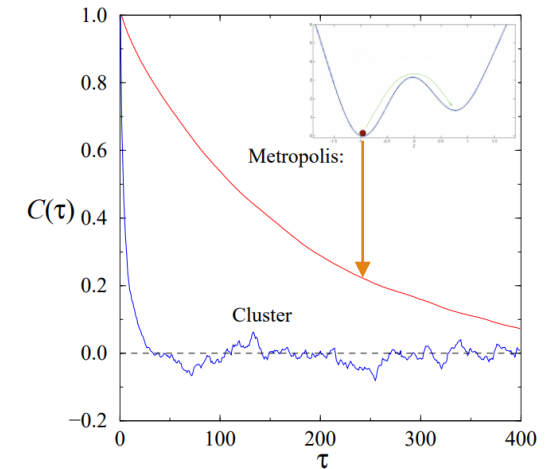
2. Add neighbor site into the cluster with probability $p = 1 - e^{-2\beta J}$ if the spin is identical.

3. Grow the cluster until all of cluster's neighbors and bonds are exhausted. Flip cluster.

heavily reliant on the model, yet 100% acceptance rate, very high efficiency ⬆

?(c.) Pick a random cluster. Accept with probability following detailed balance?

$$P(A \rightarrow B)/P(B \rightarrow A) = W(B)/W(A)$$



Self-learning Monte Carlo methods

- For a given generic model, it is very difficult to design an efficient global update method.

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_i S_j - K \sum_{ijkl \in \square} S_i S_j S_k S_l \quad H_{\text{eff}} = E_0 - \tilde{J}_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_i S_j$$

$$K/J = 0.2 \quad J > 0 \quad \tilde{J}_1 = 1.1064$$

Fit an effective model for a good description of the *low-energy physics*:

- Then, apply Wolff cluster algorithm to H_{eff} , with an acceptance rate:

$$\alpha(A \rightarrow B) = \min\{1, e^{-\beta[(E_B - E_B^{\text{eff}}) - (E_A - E_A^{\text{eff}})]}\}$$

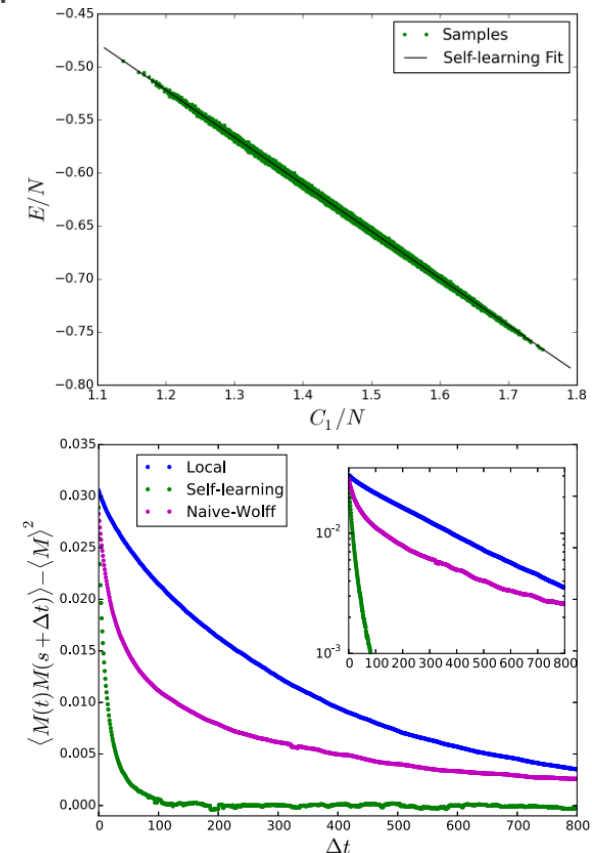
Final result is exact after inclusion of $\alpha(A \rightarrow B)$.

T-dependent

Acceptance rate depends on approximation quality of effective model.

‘Single-parameter’ (\tilde{J}_1) machine learning, generalizable to other models

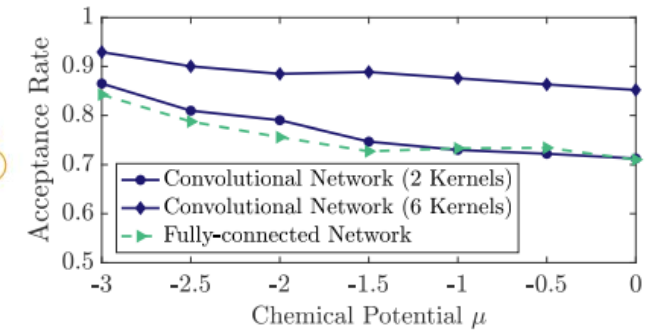
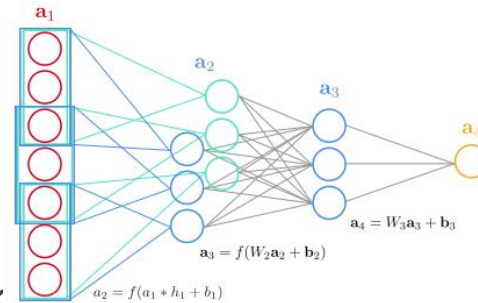
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Accelerated Monte Carlo simulations with CNN and RBM

- Fitting $W(\sigma)$ with **convolutional neural network**:

Issue: { not natural in proposing new clusters
learning slowdown in deep neural network

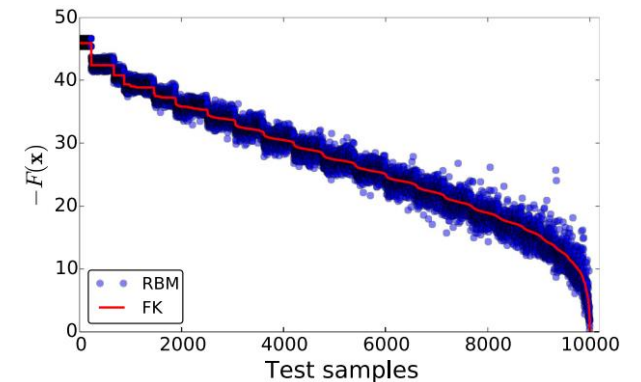
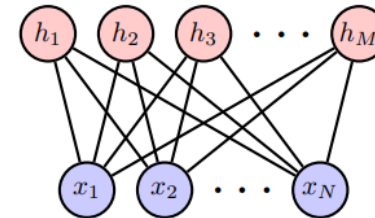


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- Fitting $W(\sigma)$ with **restricted Boltzmann machine**:

Generative model

propose new samples with (approximate) target probability



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