

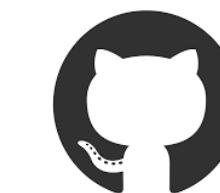
Fermi Flow: Ab initio study of fermions at finite temperature

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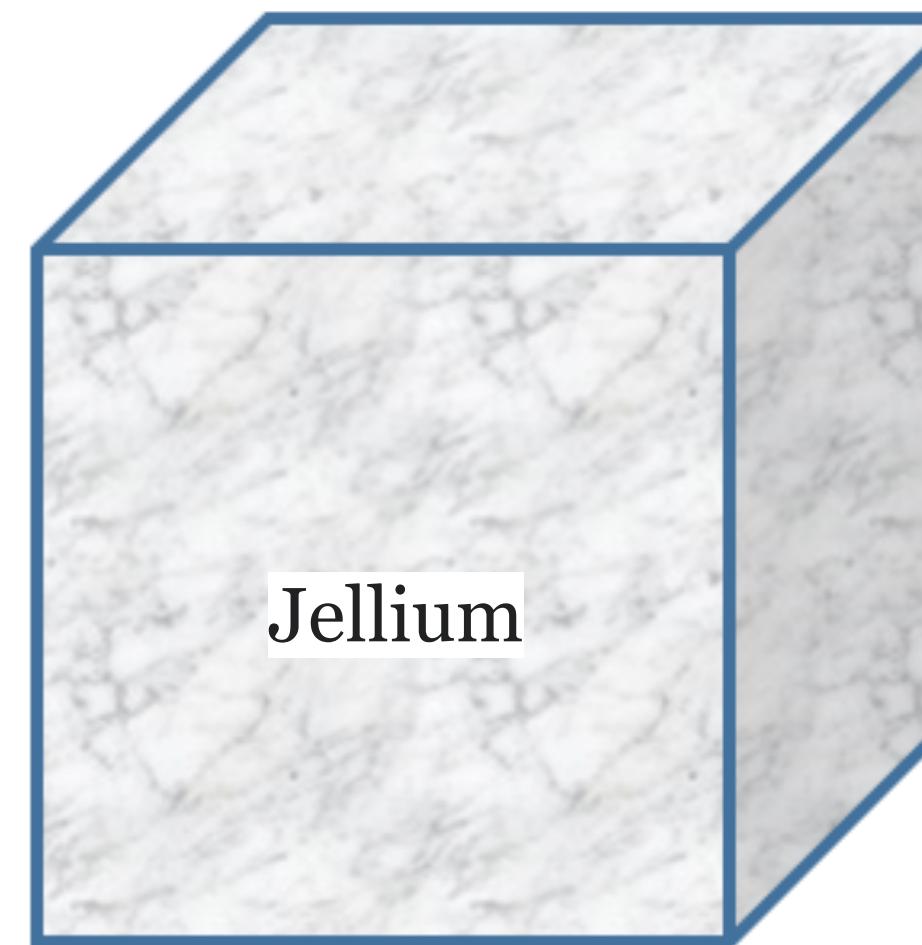
[buwantaiji/FermiFlow](https://github.com/buwantaiji/FermiFlow)

& work in progress

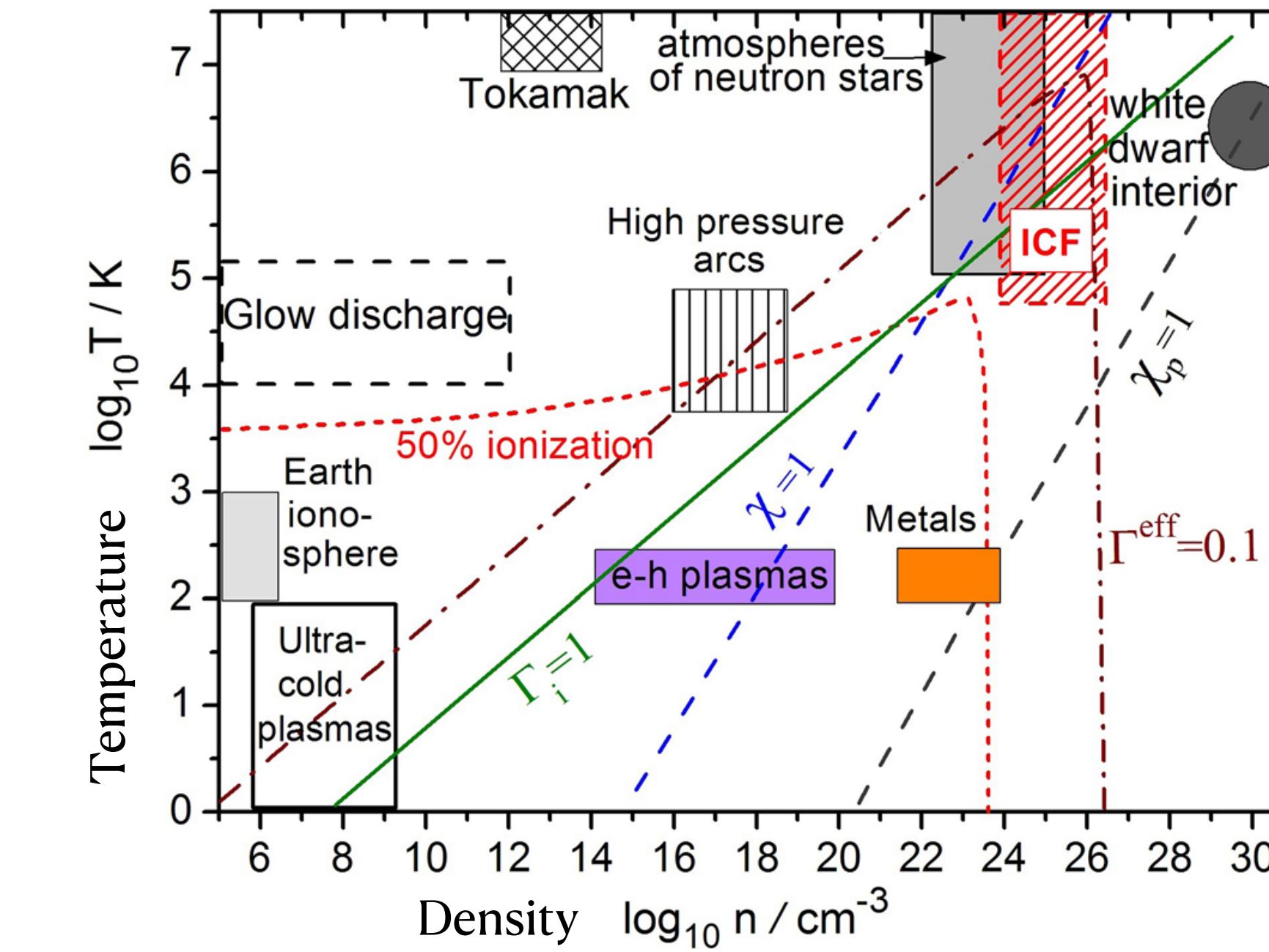
Uniform electron gas

The simplest model of interacting electrons (“the zeroth element”)

$$H = - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\hbar^2 \nabla_i^2}{2m} + \sum_{i < j} \frac{e^2}{|x_i - x_j|}$$



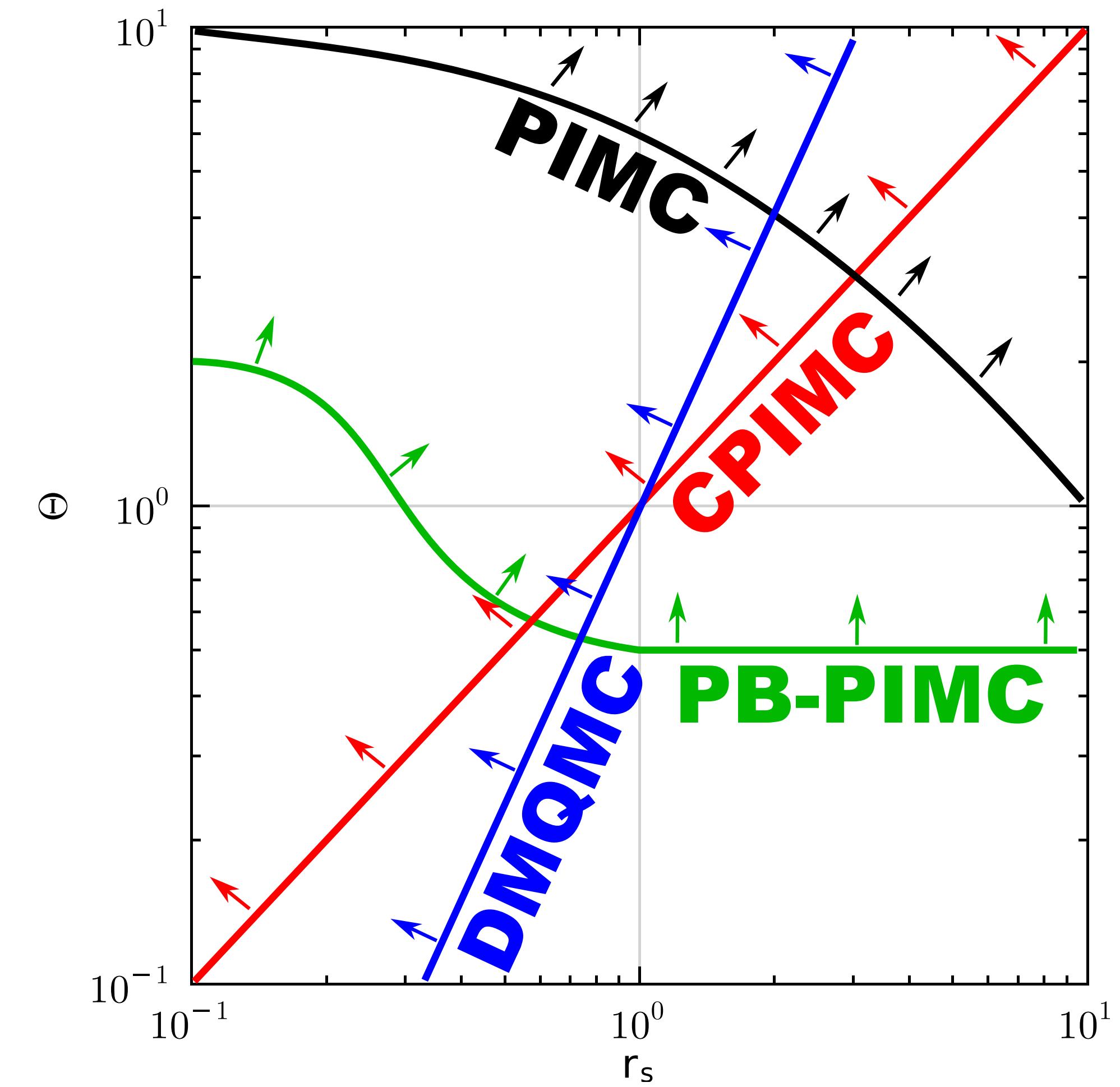
Relevant to condensed matter, warm dense matter, thermal density functionals ...



Bonitz et al, Phys. Plasmas '20

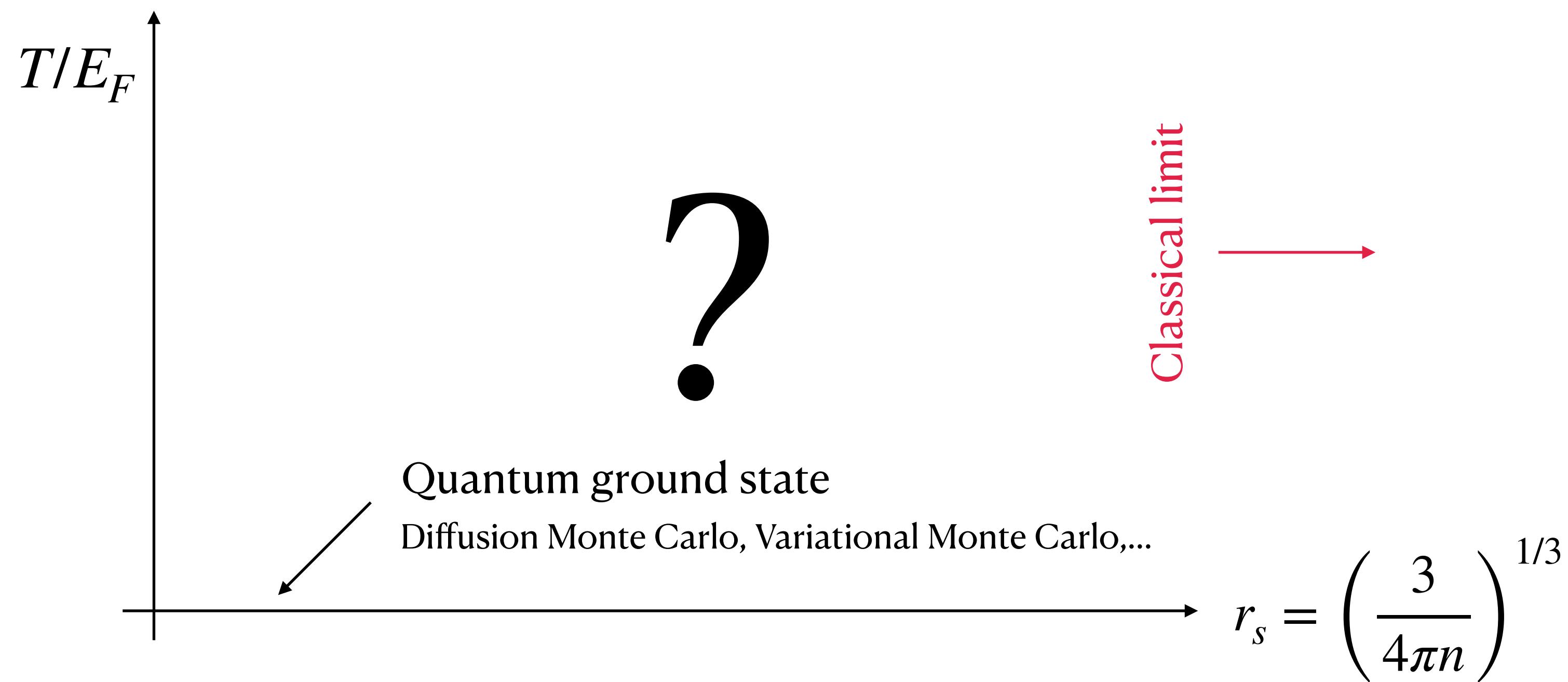
Limitation of current approaches

- There is no reliable data at low temperature and intermediate interaction, despite of decades of research
- The workhorse (Path Integral Monte Carlo methods) suffer from the notorious “sign problem”
- Opportunity for deep learning



Warm up: Classical Coulomb gas

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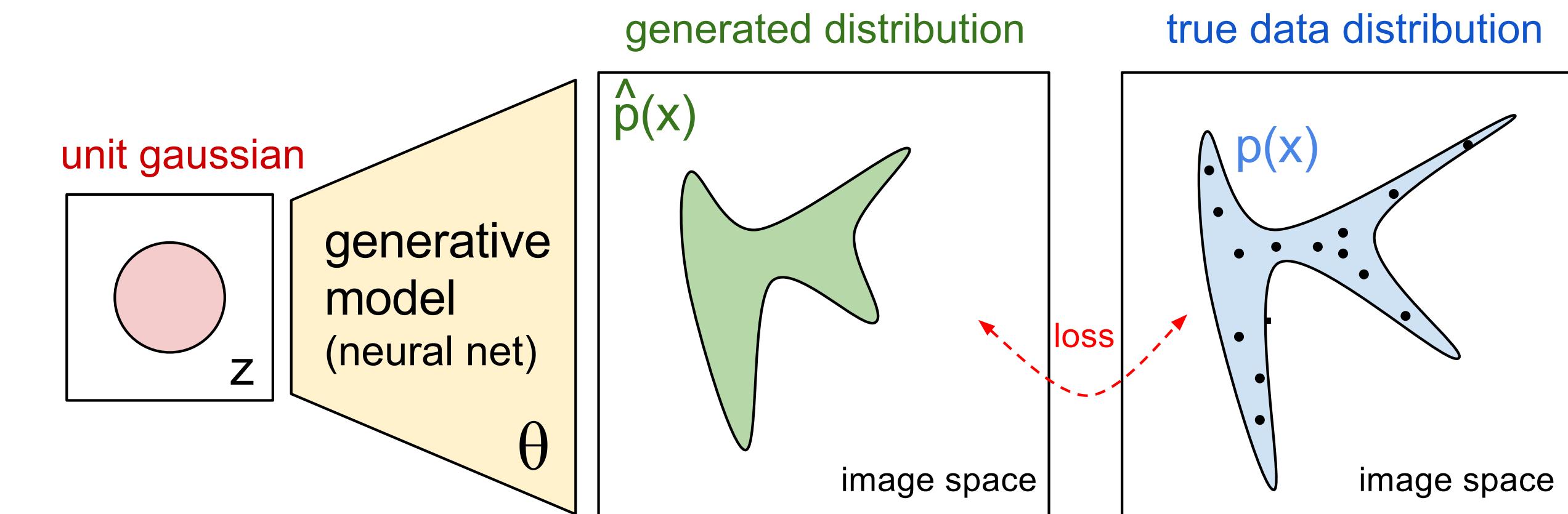
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“mean-field” approaches
Factorized probability
Pairwise interaction

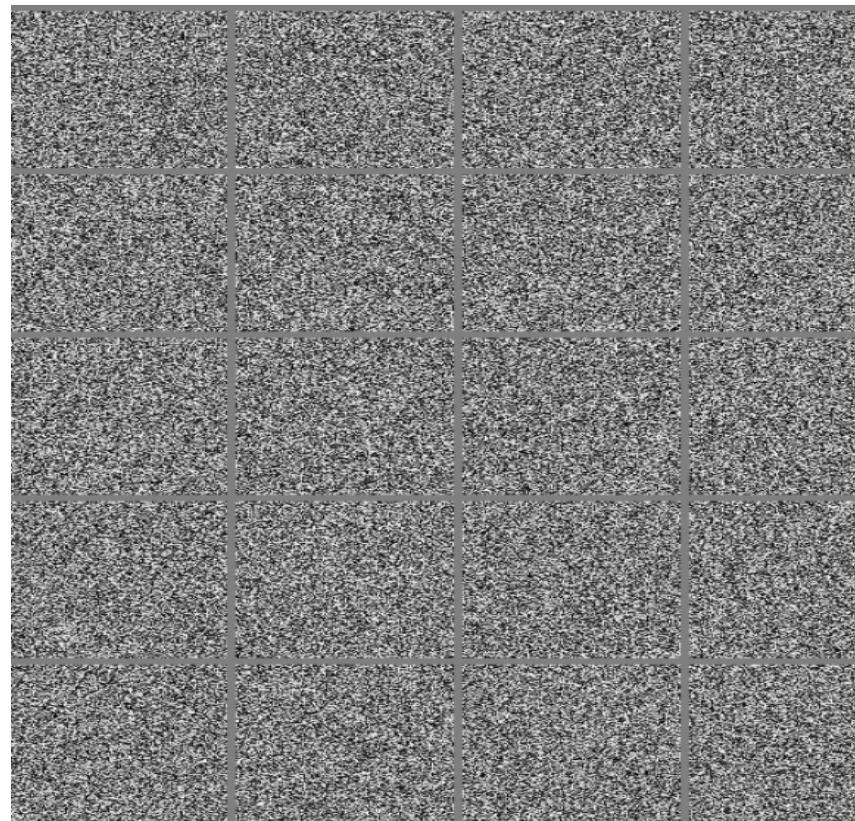
Deep generative models
normalizing flow Li, LW, PRL ‘18
autoregressive model, Wu, LW, Zhang, PRL ‘19



Probabilistic Generative Modeling

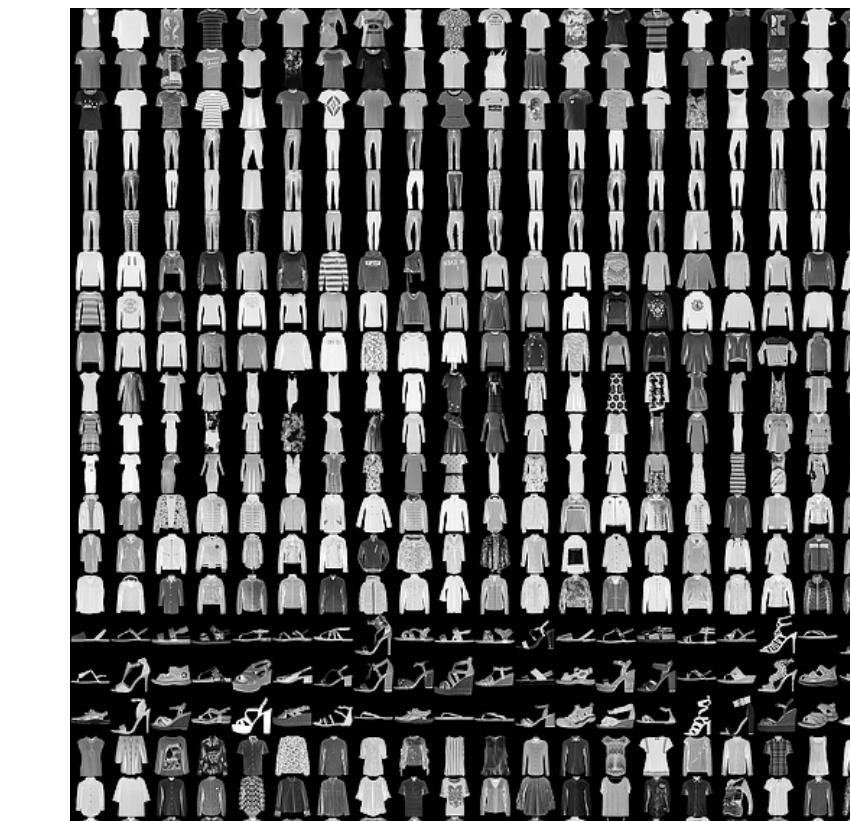
$$p(x)$$

How to **express, learn, and sample from a high-dimensional probability distribution ?**



“random” images

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“natural” images

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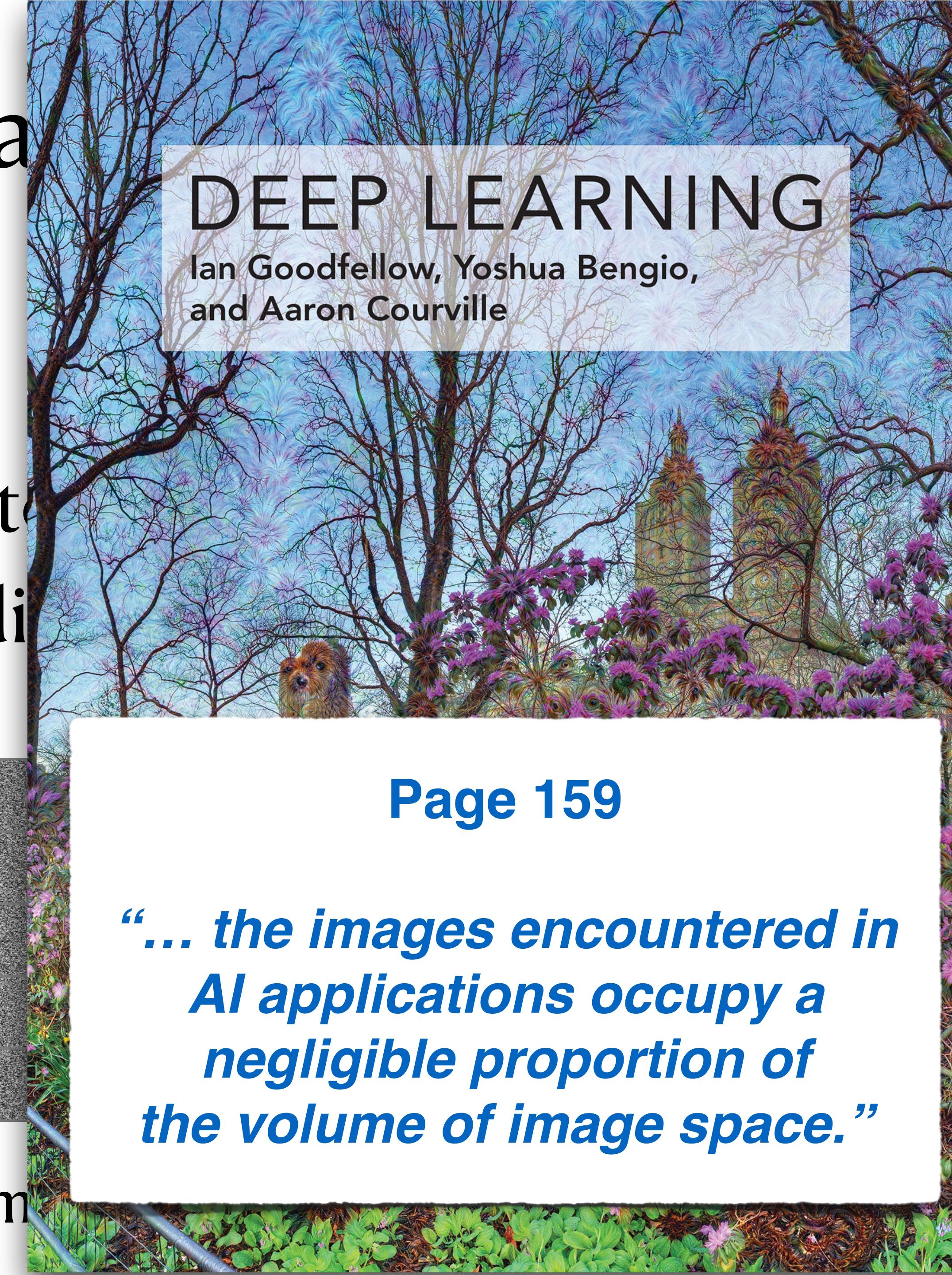
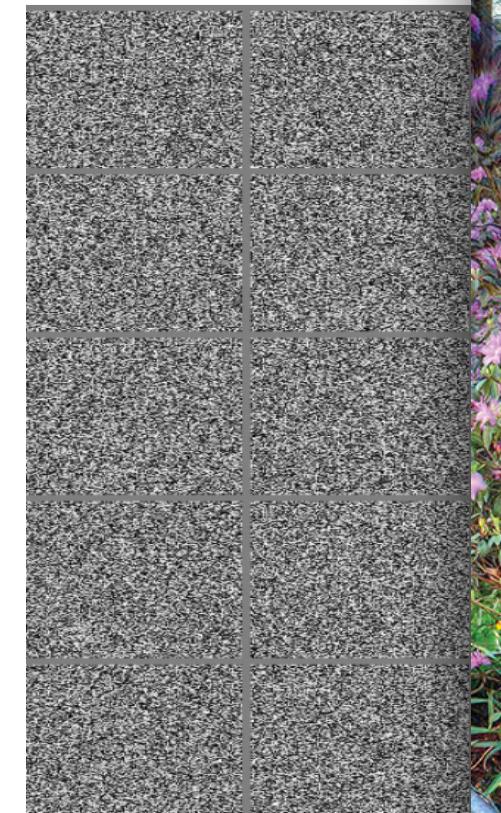
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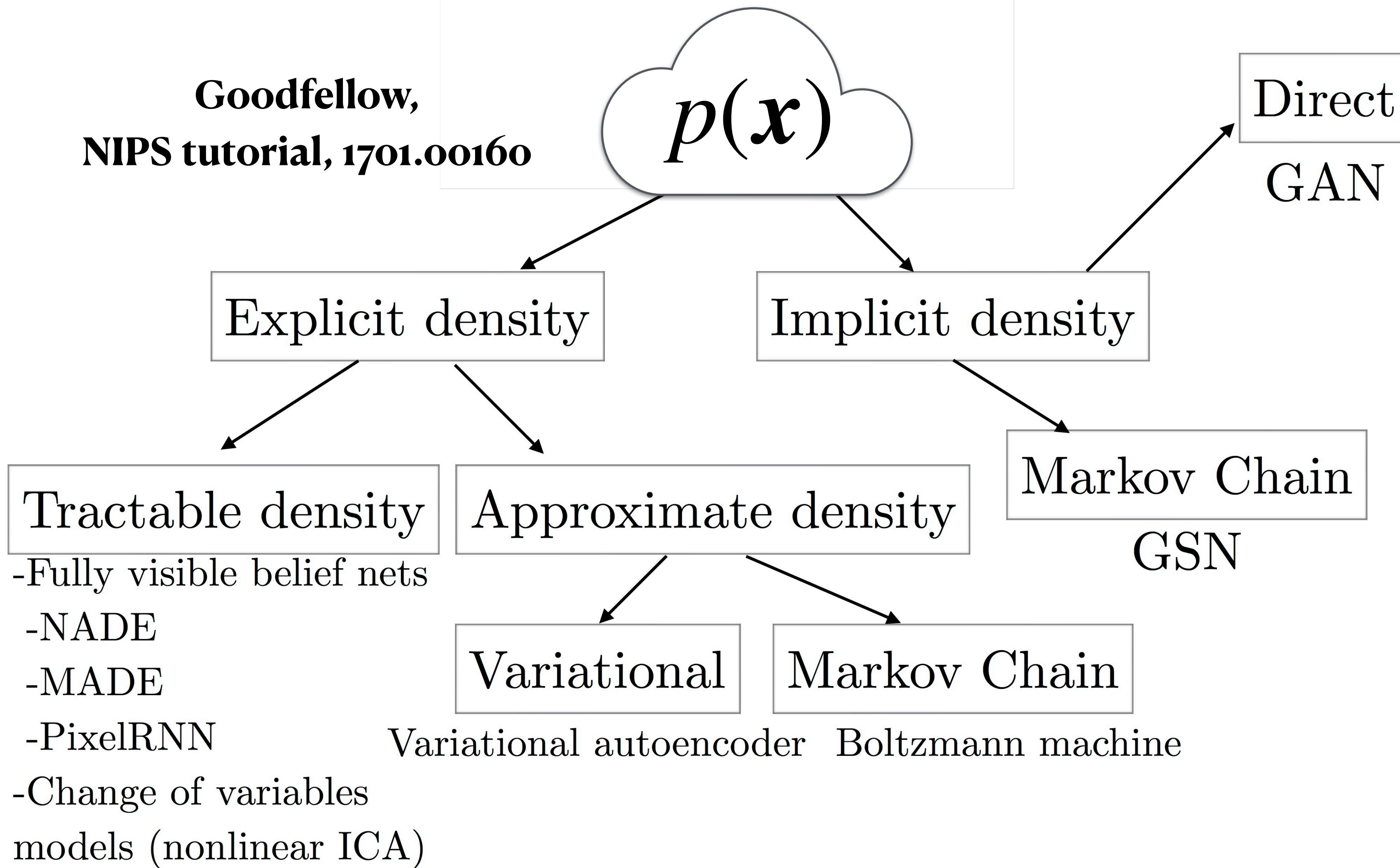
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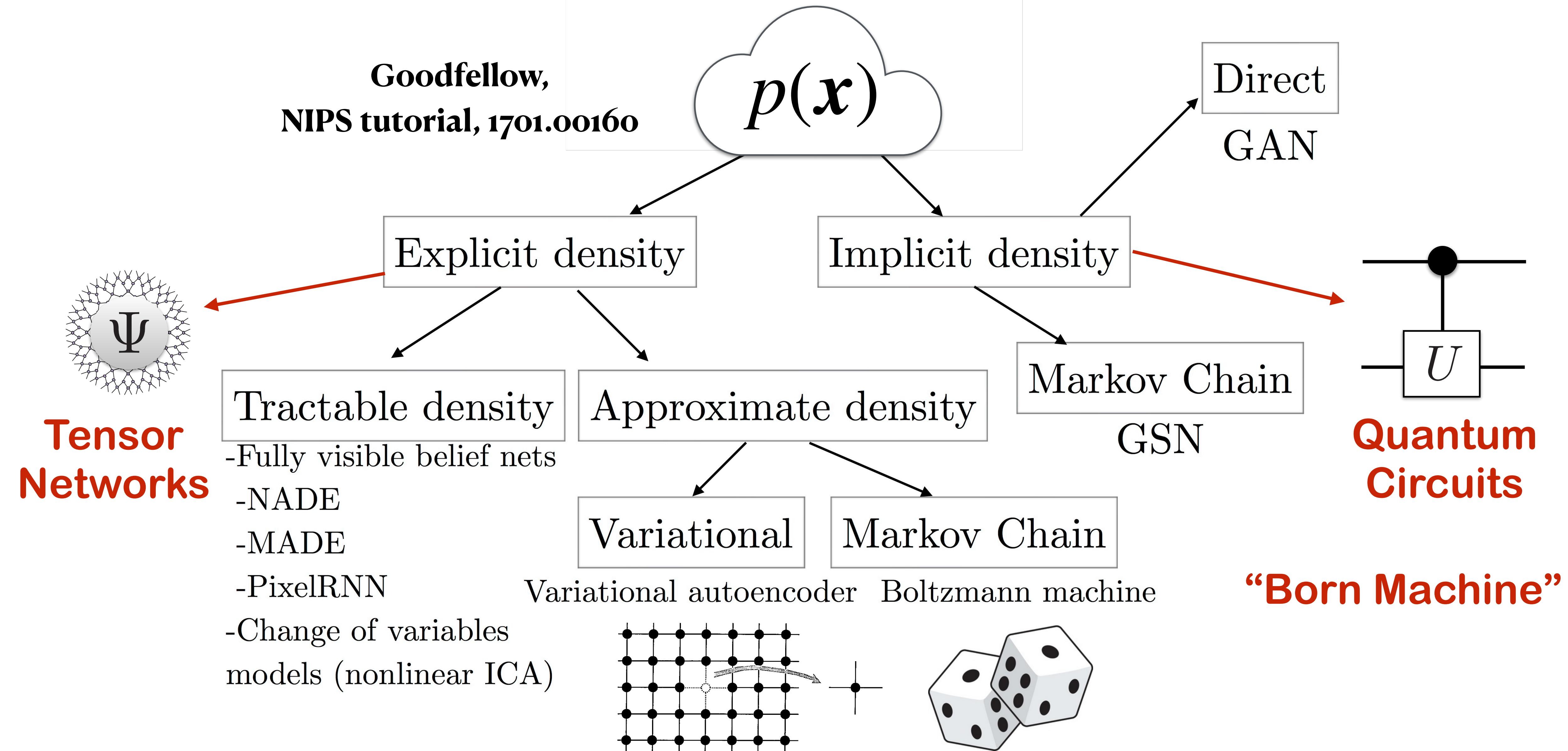
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Generative models and their physics genes



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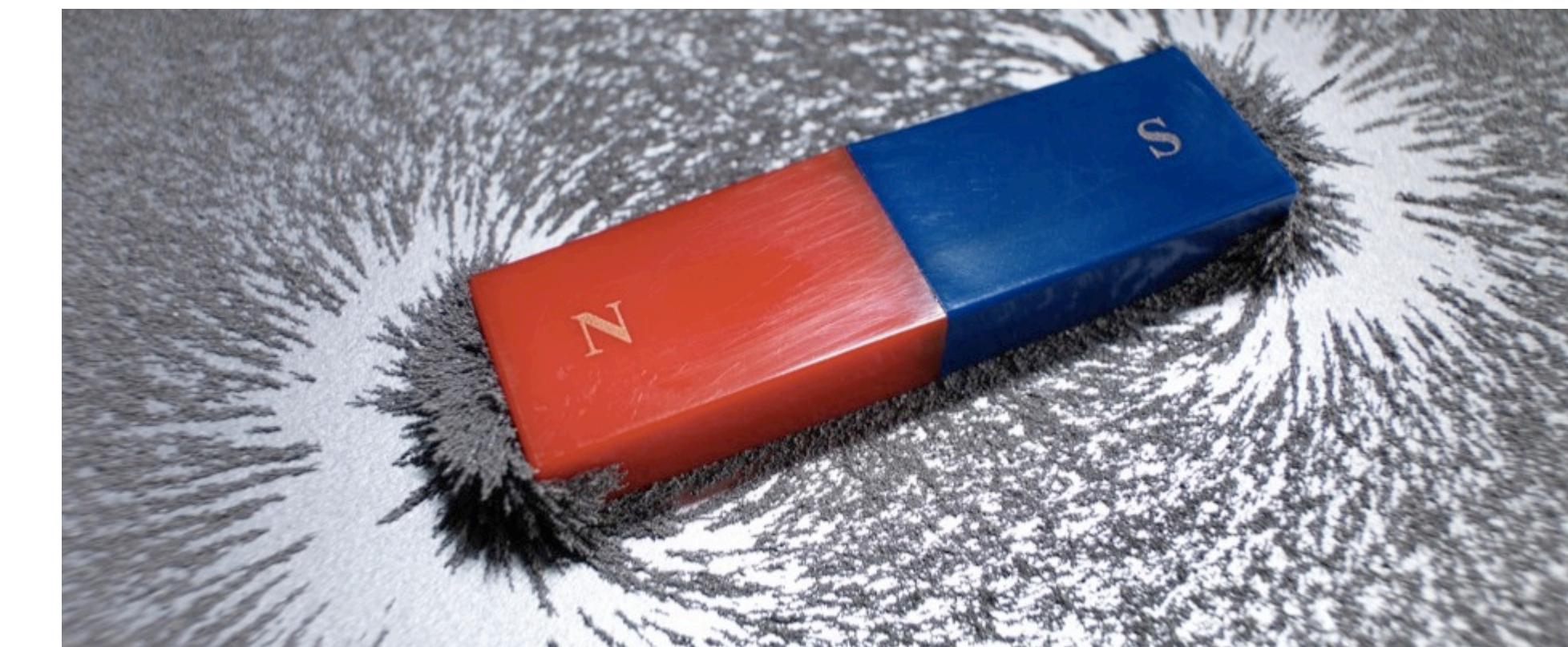
Generative modeling



Known: samples

Unknown: generating distribution

Statistical Physics



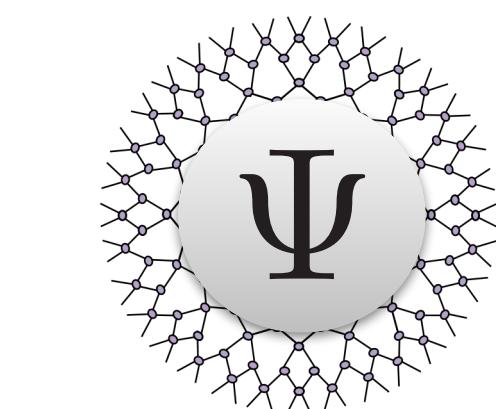
Known: energy function

Unknown: samples, partition function

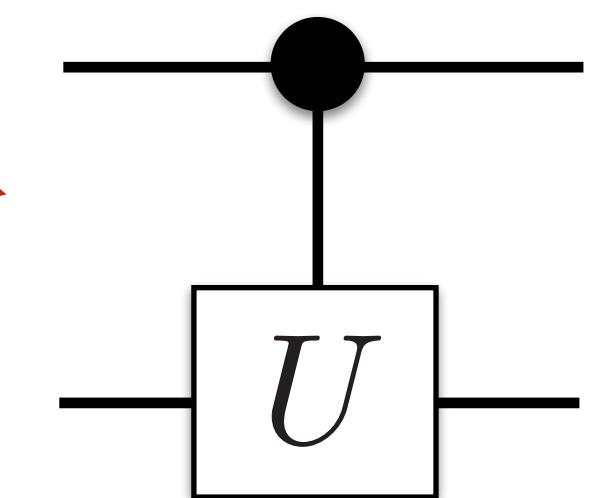
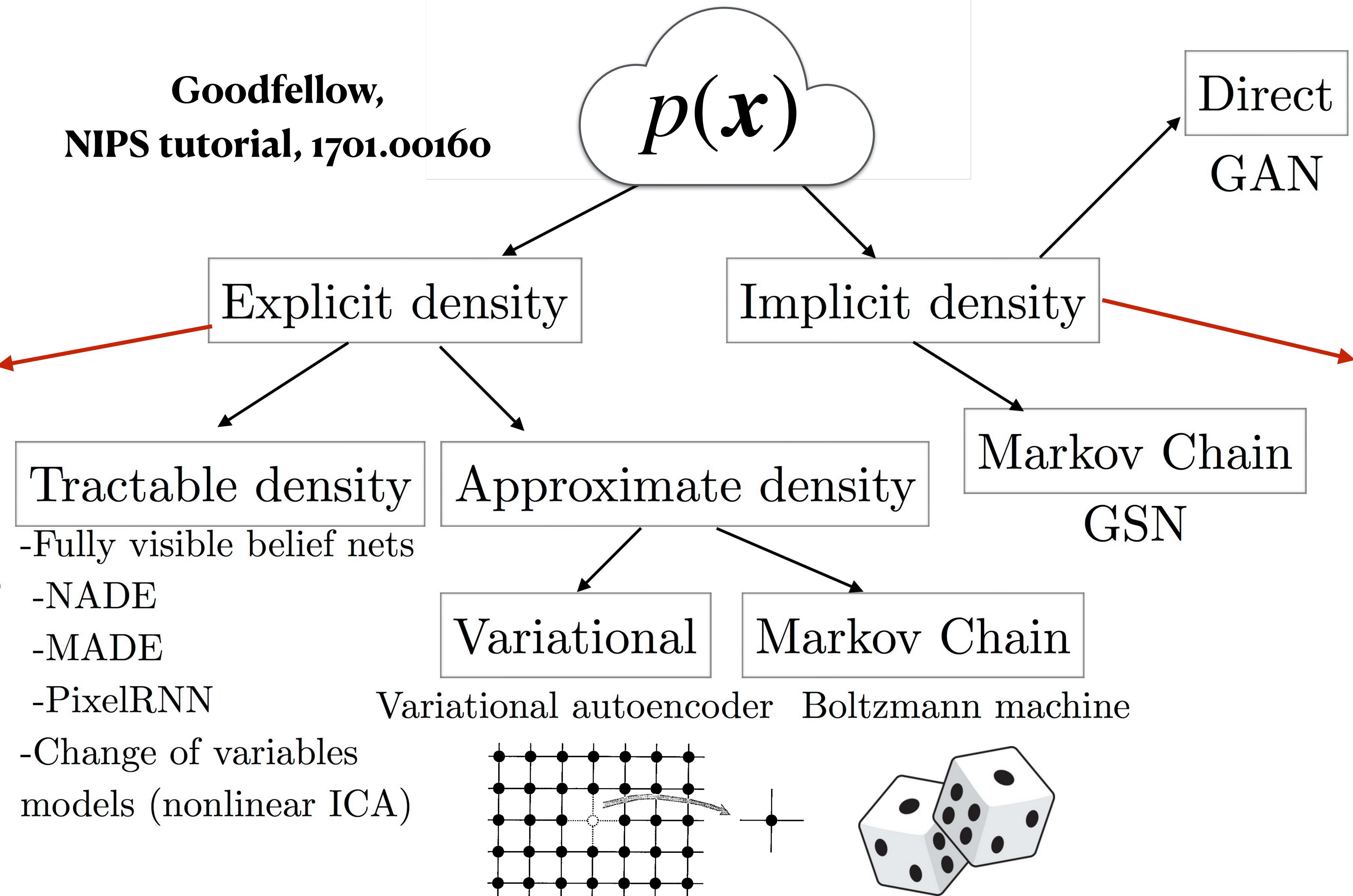
**Modern generative models for physics
Physics of and for generative modeling**

Generative models and their physics genes

Goodfellow,
NIPS tutorial, 1701.00160



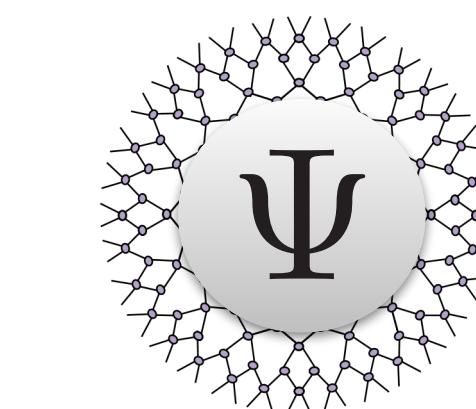
Tensor
Networks



Quantum
Circuits

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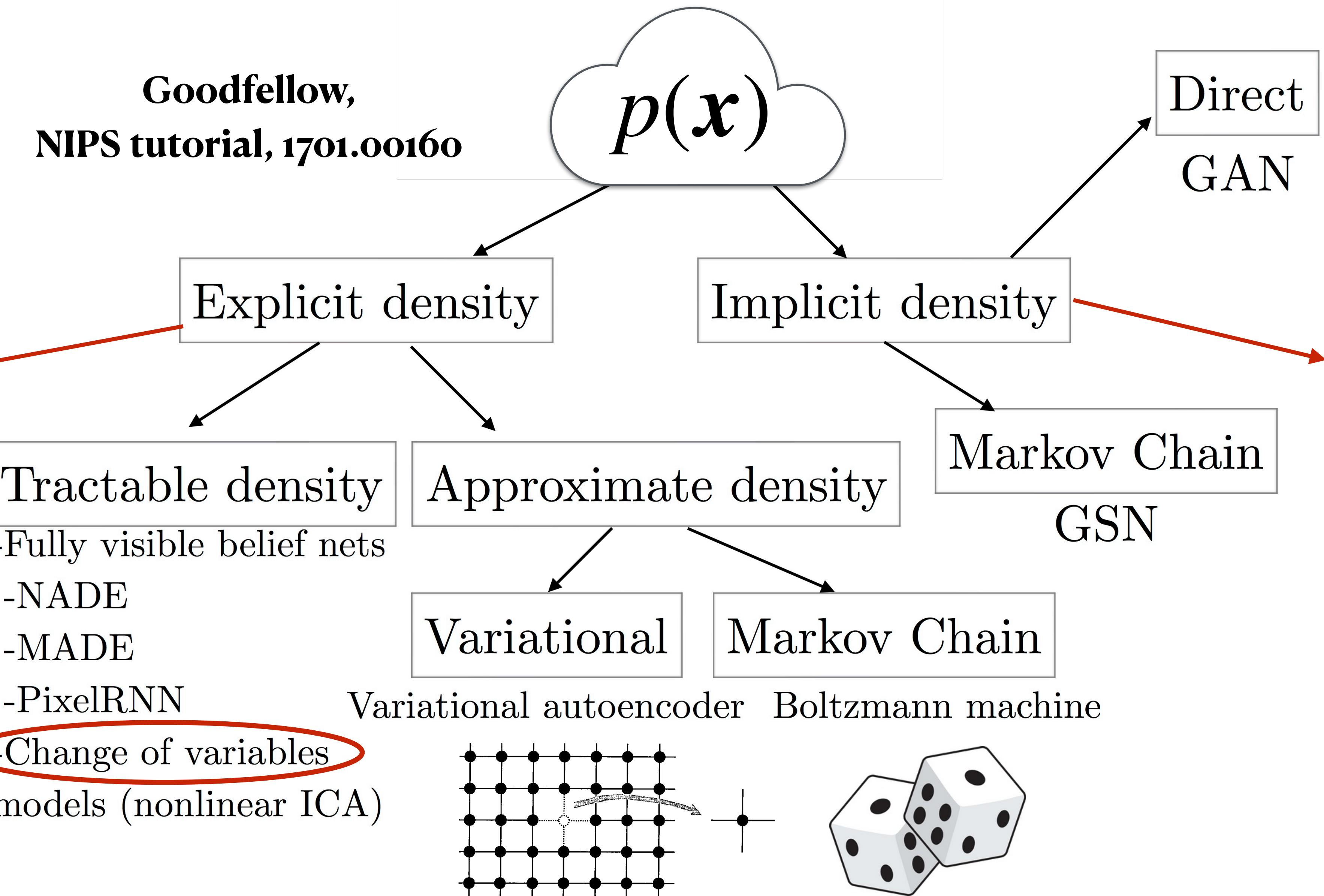
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Tensor
Networks



-Fully visible belief nets
-NADE
-MADE
-PixelRNN
-Change of variables
models (nonlinear ICA)



Generative modeling with normalizing flows



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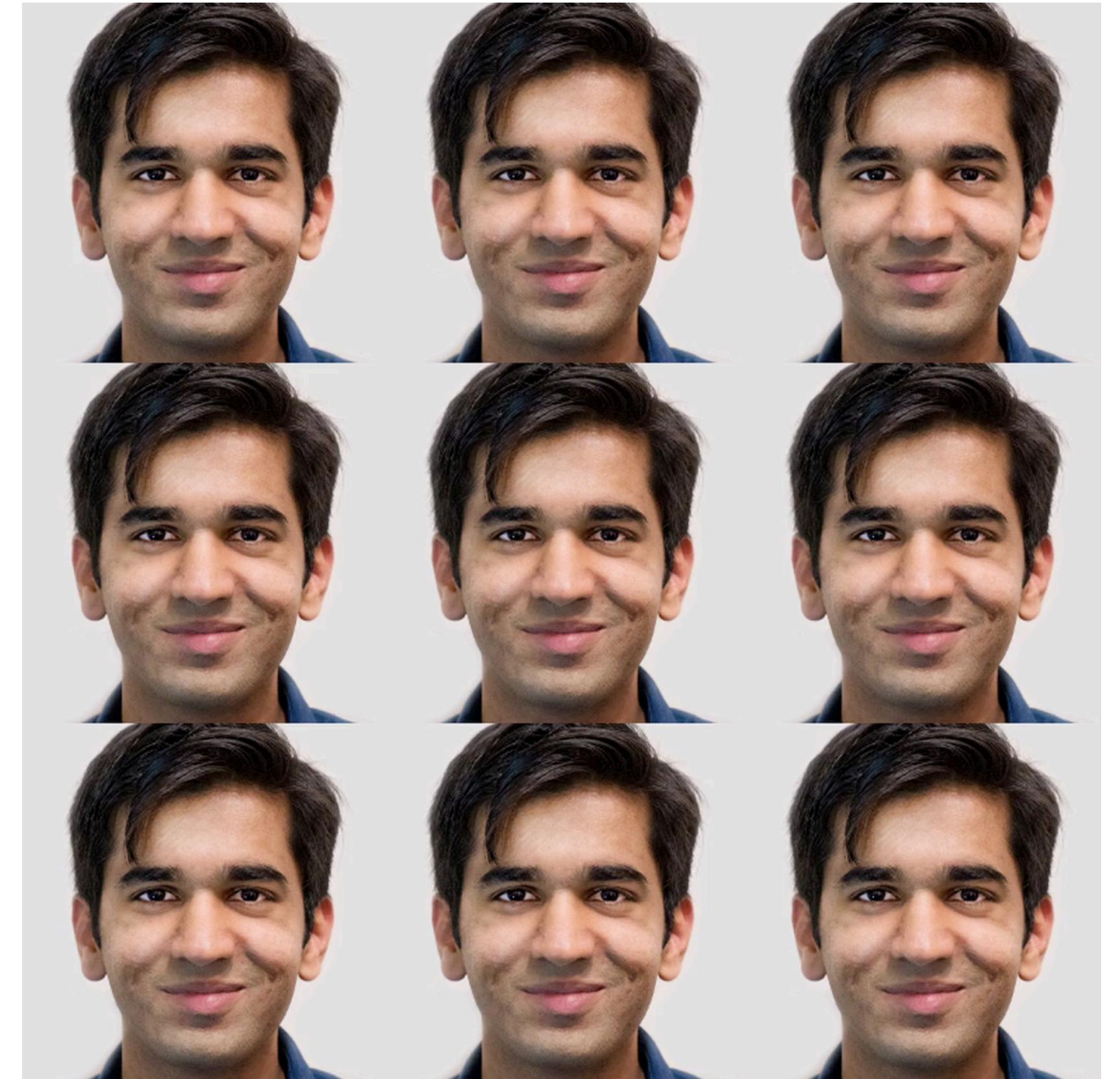
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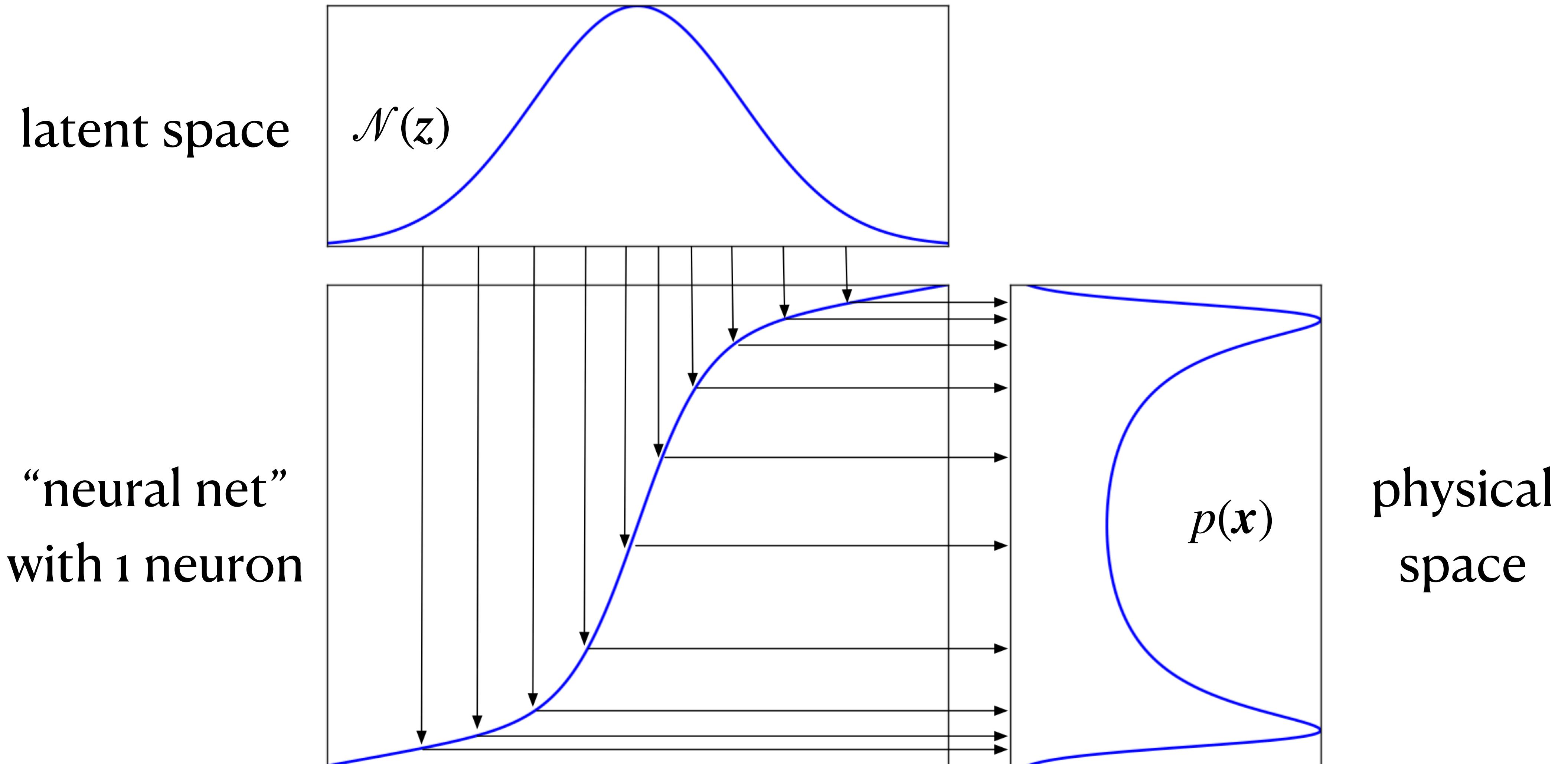
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Normalizing flow in a nutshell



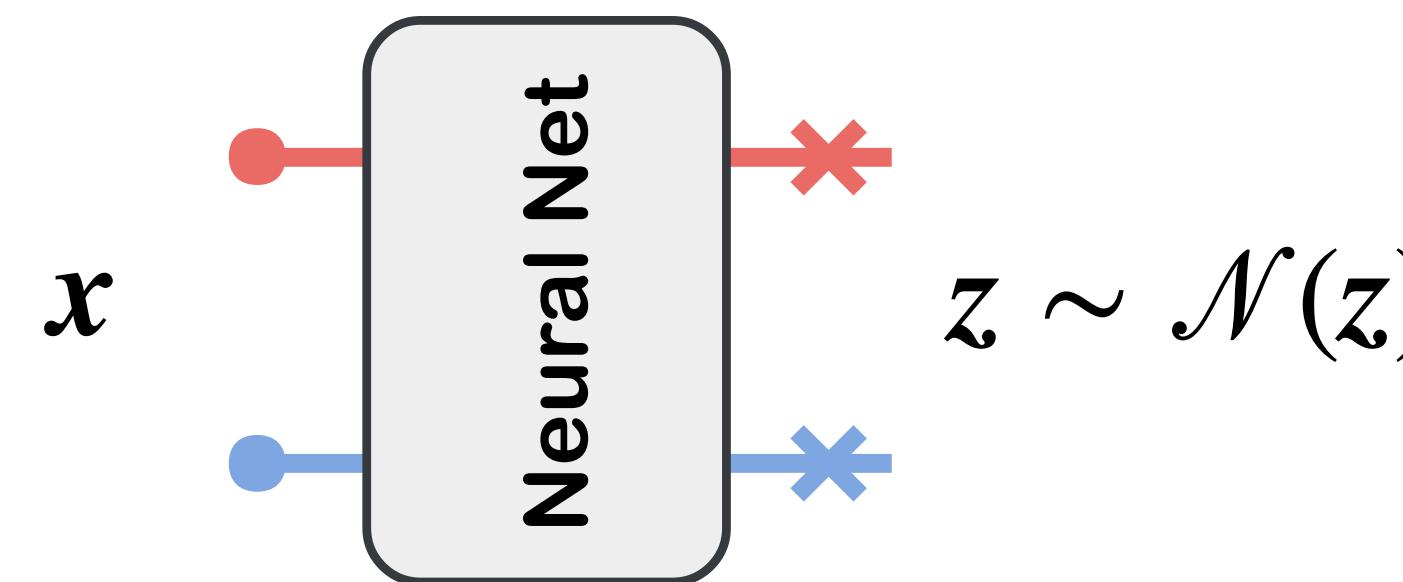
Normalizing Flows

Change of variables $x \leftrightarrow z$ with deep neural nets

$$p(x) = \mathcal{N}(z) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \right|$$

Review article
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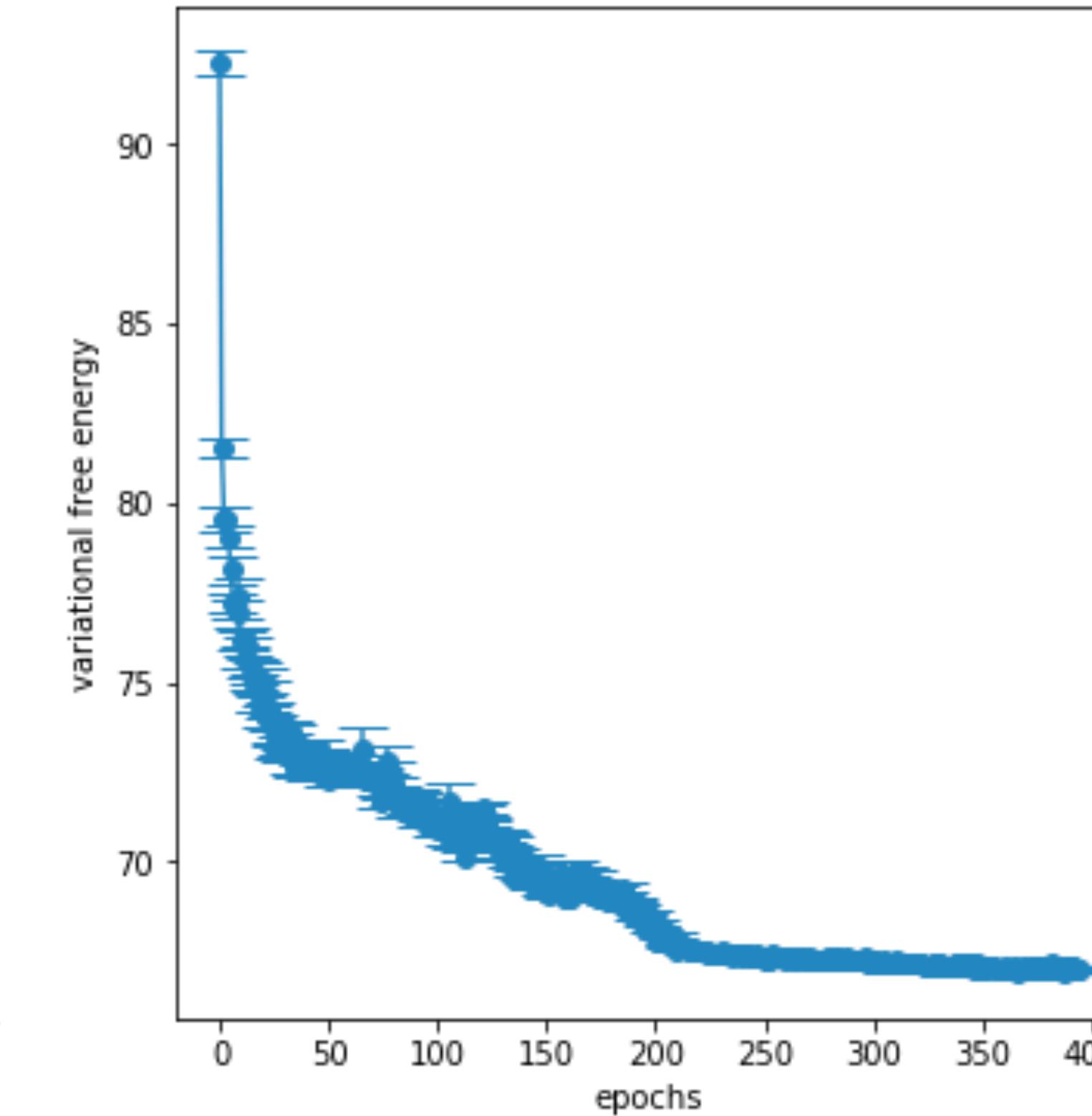
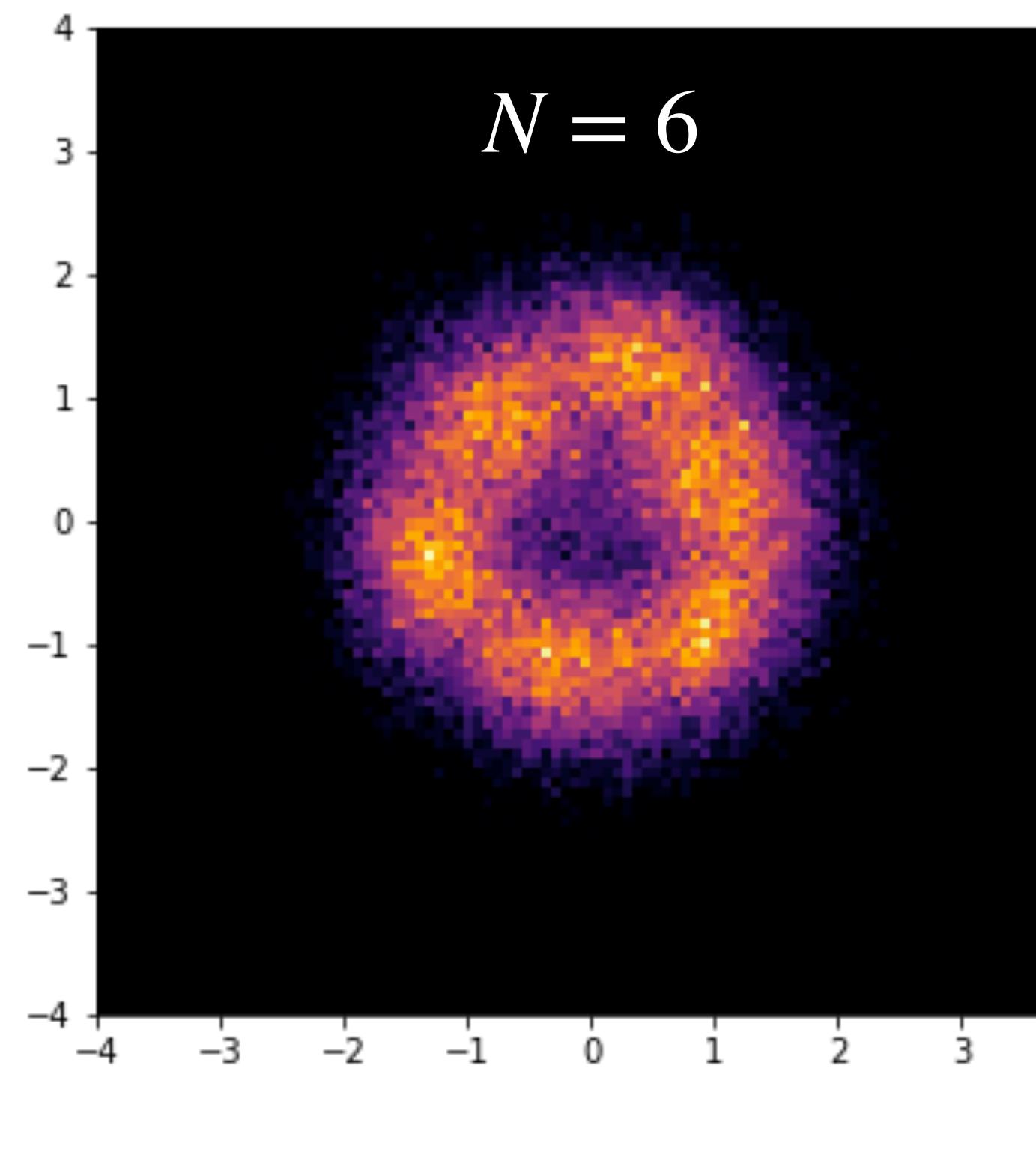
composable, differentiable, and invertible mapping between manifolds



Learn probability transformations with normalizing flows

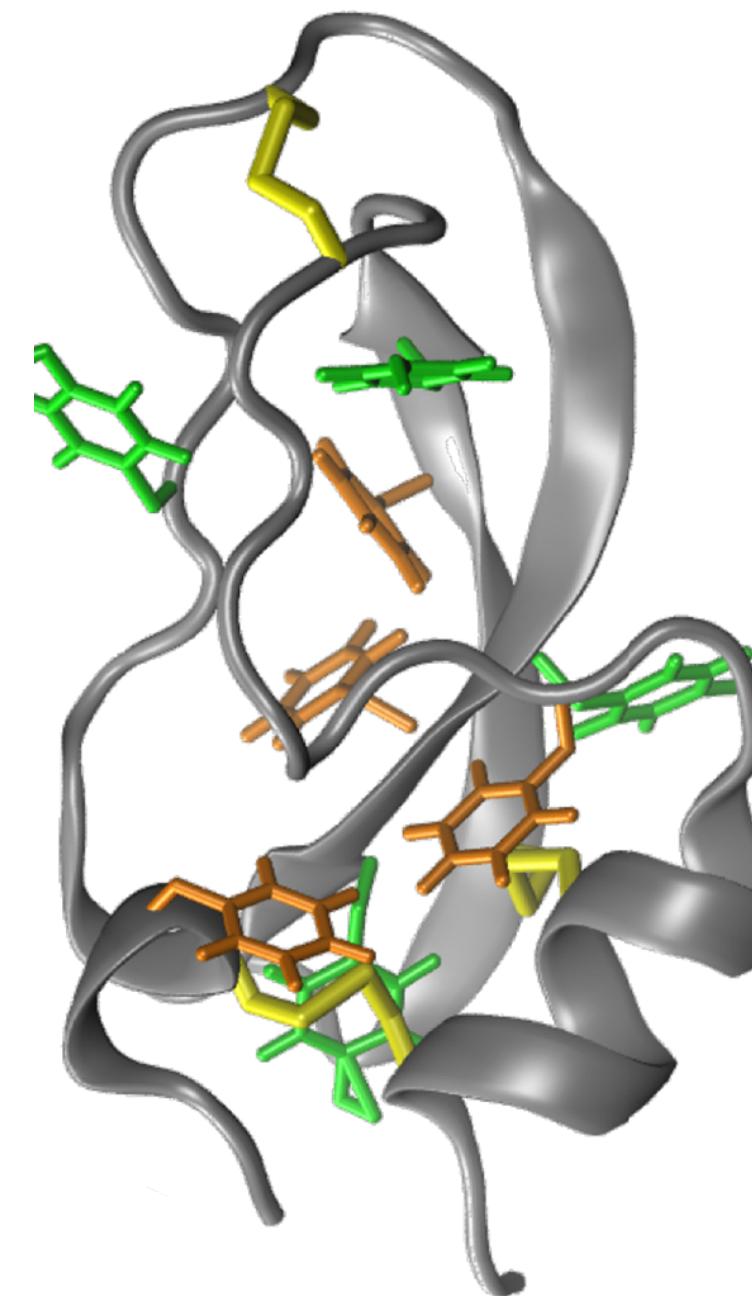
Classical Coulomb gas in a parabolic trap

$$H = \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|} + \sum_i \frac{x_i^2}{2}$$



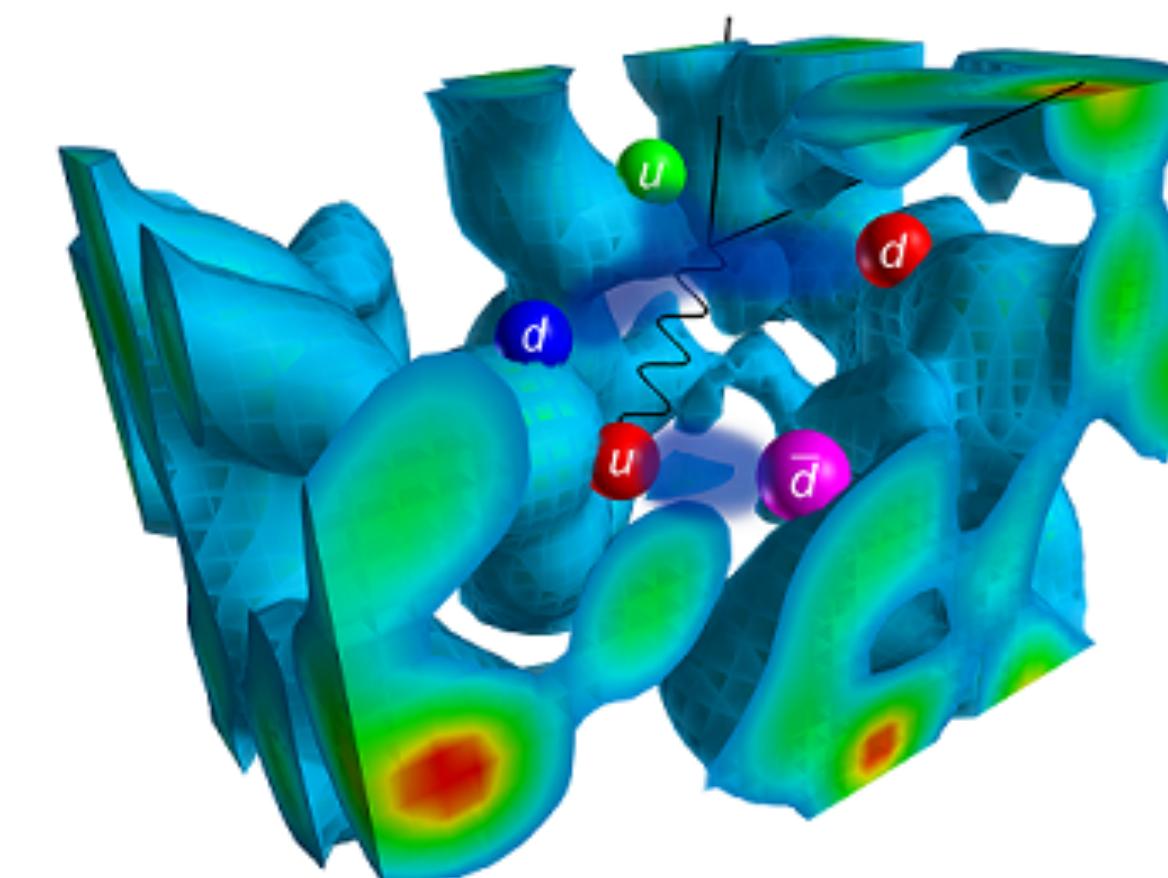
Other scientific applications of flow

Molecular simulation



Noe et al, Science '19

Lattice field theory



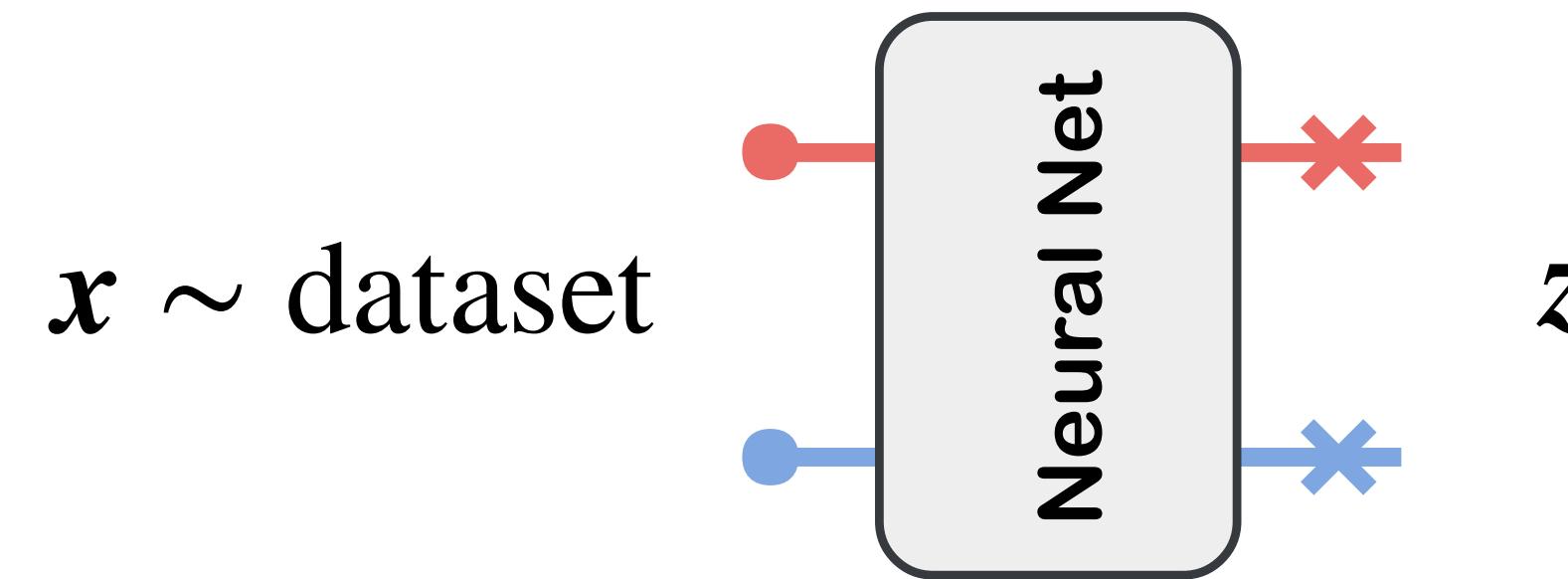
Kanwar et al, PRL '20

Two training approaches

Density estimation

“learn from data”

$$\mathcal{L} = - \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \text{dataset}} [\ln p(x)]$$

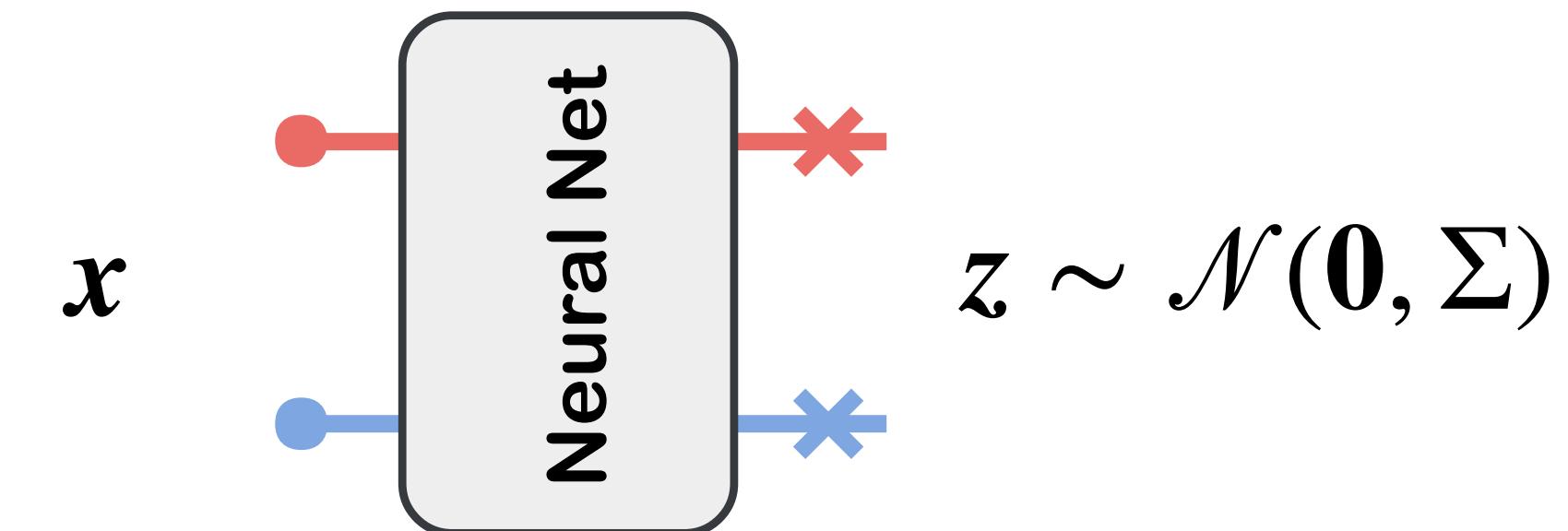


Samples from the given dataset

Variational calculation

“learn from Hamiltonian”

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Generate samples from the model

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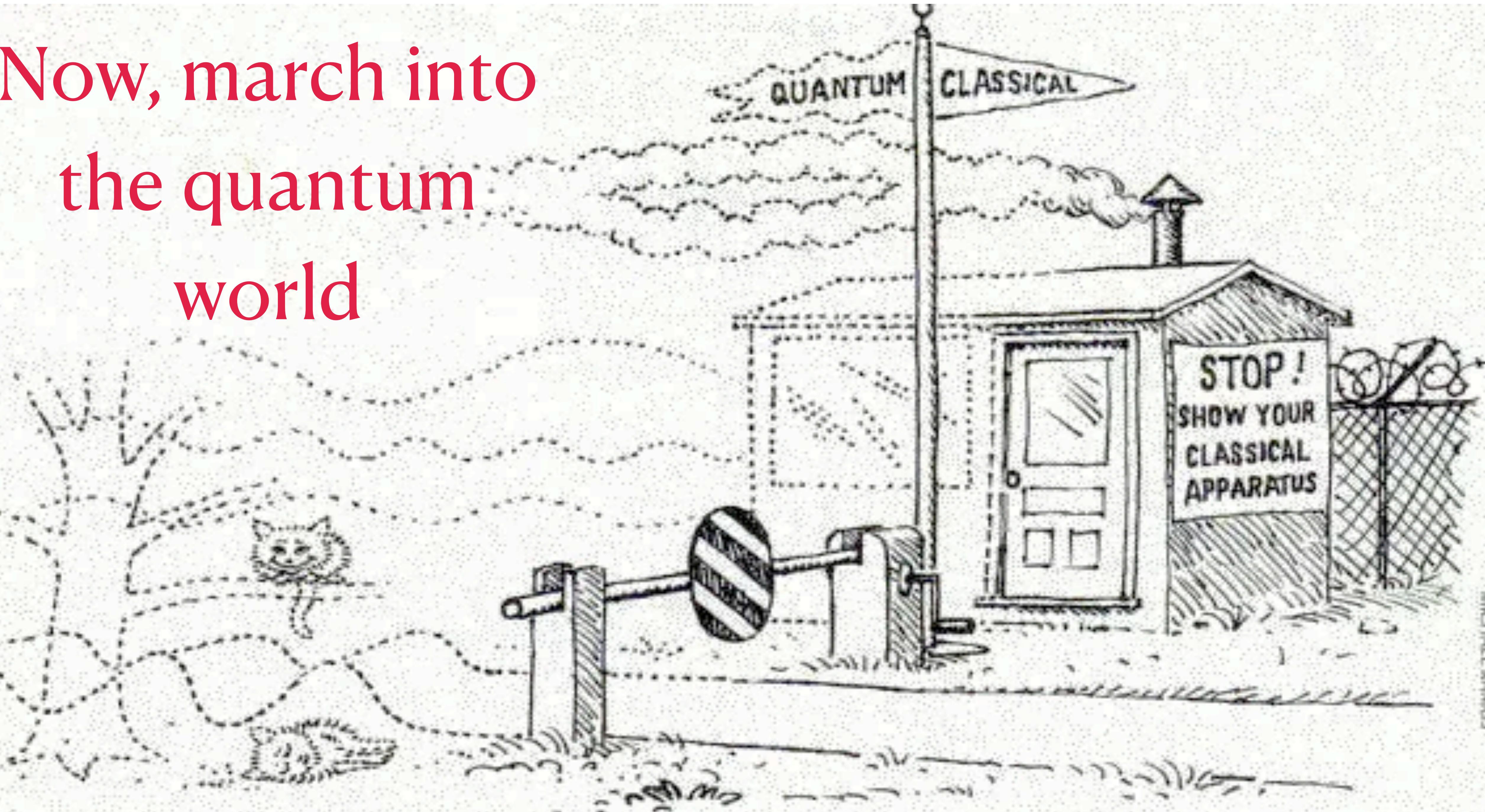
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$$\mathbb{KL}(\pi || p) = \sum_x \underbrace{\pi \ln \pi - \sum_x \pi \ln p}_{\mathcal{L}}$$

$$\mathcal{L} + \ln Z = \mathbb{KL} \left(p || \frac{e^{-\beta H}}{Z} \right) \geq 0$$

Now, march into
the quantum
world



Classical world

Probability distribution p

Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$\mathbb{KL}(p || q)$$

Variational free-energy

$$\mathcal{L} = \int dx p(x) [\ln p(x) + \beta H(x)]$$

Quantum world

Density matrix ρ

Quantum relative entropy

$$S(\rho || \sigma)$$

Variational free-energy

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Tr}(\rho \ln \rho) + \beta \text{Tr}(H\rho)$$

Density matrix

Classical probability

$$0 < \mu_n < 1$$

$$\sum_n \mu_n = 1$$

Quantum state

$$\Psi(x) = \langle x | \Psi \rangle$$

$$\int dx |\Psi(x)|^2 = 1$$

$$\rho = \sum_n \mu_n |\Psi_n\rangle\langle\Psi_n|$$

How to represent variational density matrix so it is physical & optimizable ?

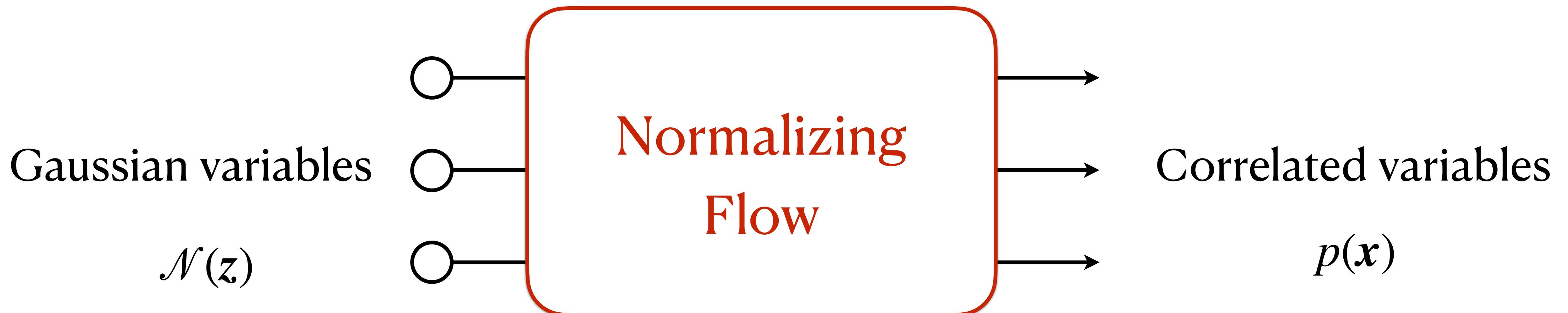
$$\text{Tr}\rho = 1$$

$$\rho \succ 0$$

$$\rho^\dagger = \rho$$

$$\langle x | \rho | x' \rangle = (-1)^{\mathcal{P}} \langle \mathcal{P}x | \rho | x' \rangle$$

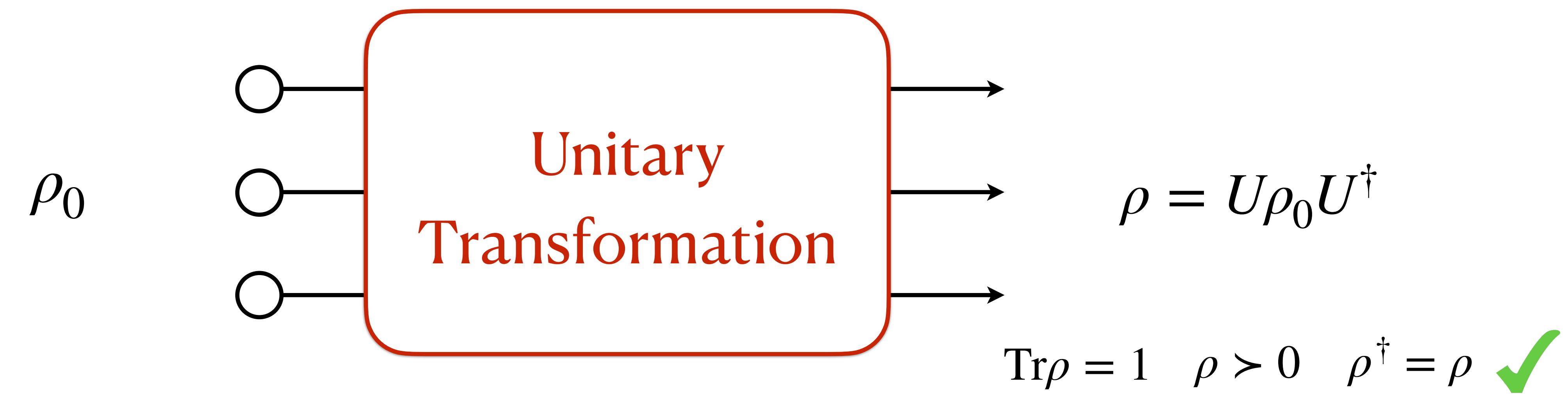
Idea: to parametrize a density,
think about the transformation



$$\mathcal{L} = \int dx p(x) [\ln p(x) + \beta H(x)]$$

Imposing constraints to the transformation for physical densities

We need unitary transformations



$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Tr}(\rho \ln \rho) + \beta \text{Tr}(H\rho)$$

How to parametrize and learn unitary transformations ?

Point Transformations in Quantum Mechanics

BRYCE SELIGMAN DEWITT*

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(Received September 14, 1951)

An isomorphism is shown to exist between the group of point transformations in classical mechanics and a certain subgroup of the group of all unitary transformations in quantum mechanics. This isomorphism is

The unitary representations of the point-transformation group may be obtained by determining the infinitesimal generators of the group. An infinitesimal point transformation may be expressed in the form

$$x'^i = x^i + \epsilon \Lambda^i(x), \quad (3.7)$$

$$p'_i = p_i - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon [(\partial/\partial x^i) \Lambda^j(x), p_j]_+, \quad (3.8)$$

unitary

generator

$$S = \frac{1}{2} [\Lambda^i(x), p_i]_+$$

Unitary representation of coordinate transformation

Canonical transformations

Classical world

Symplectic

$$(\dot{x}, \dot{p}) = \nabla_{(x,p)} G(x,p) \begin{pmatrix} & -\mathbb{I} \\ \mathbb{I} & \end{pmatrix}$$

point transformation

$$G(x,p) = v(x) \cdot p$$

Quantum world

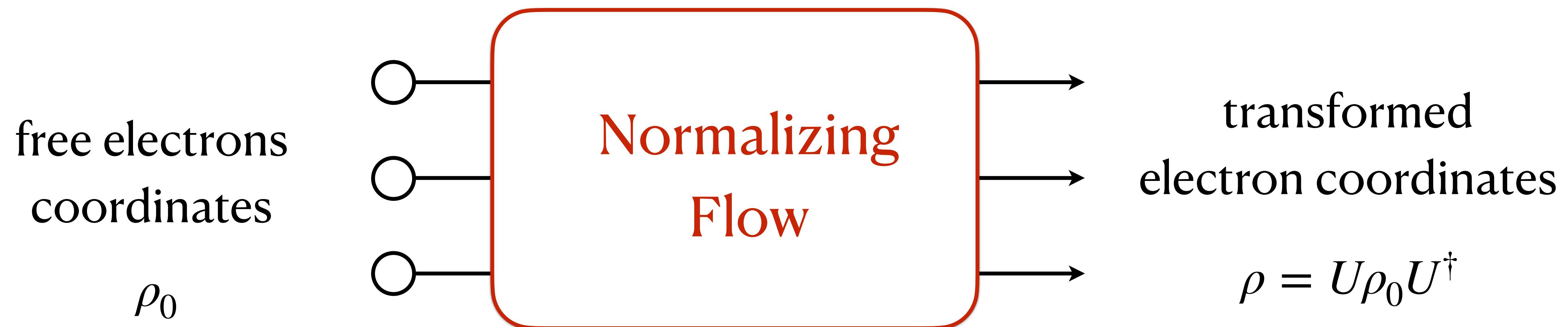
Unitary

$$(\dot{x}, \dot{p}) = i[(x,p), G(x,p)]$$

“quantized” point transformation

$$G(x,p) = \frac{1}{2}\{v(x), p\}$$

Neural canonical transformation

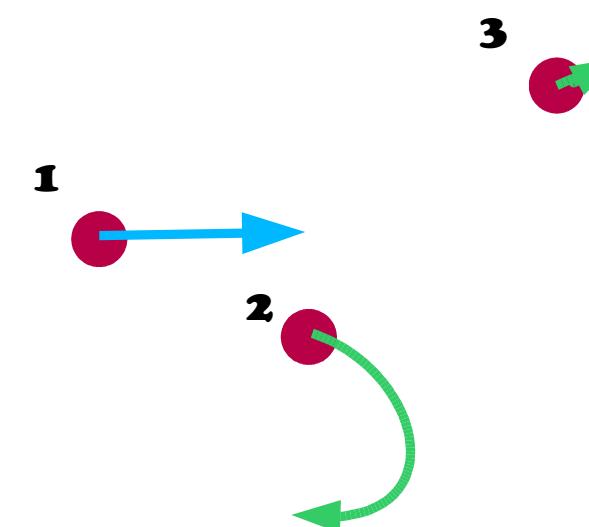


$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Tr}(\rho \ln \rho) + \beta \text{Tr}(H\rho)$$

Moreover, the flow should be permutation-equivariant
to preserve fermionic statistics $\langle x | \rho | x' \rangle = (-1)^{\mathcal{P}} \langle \mathcal{P}x | \rho | x' \rangle$

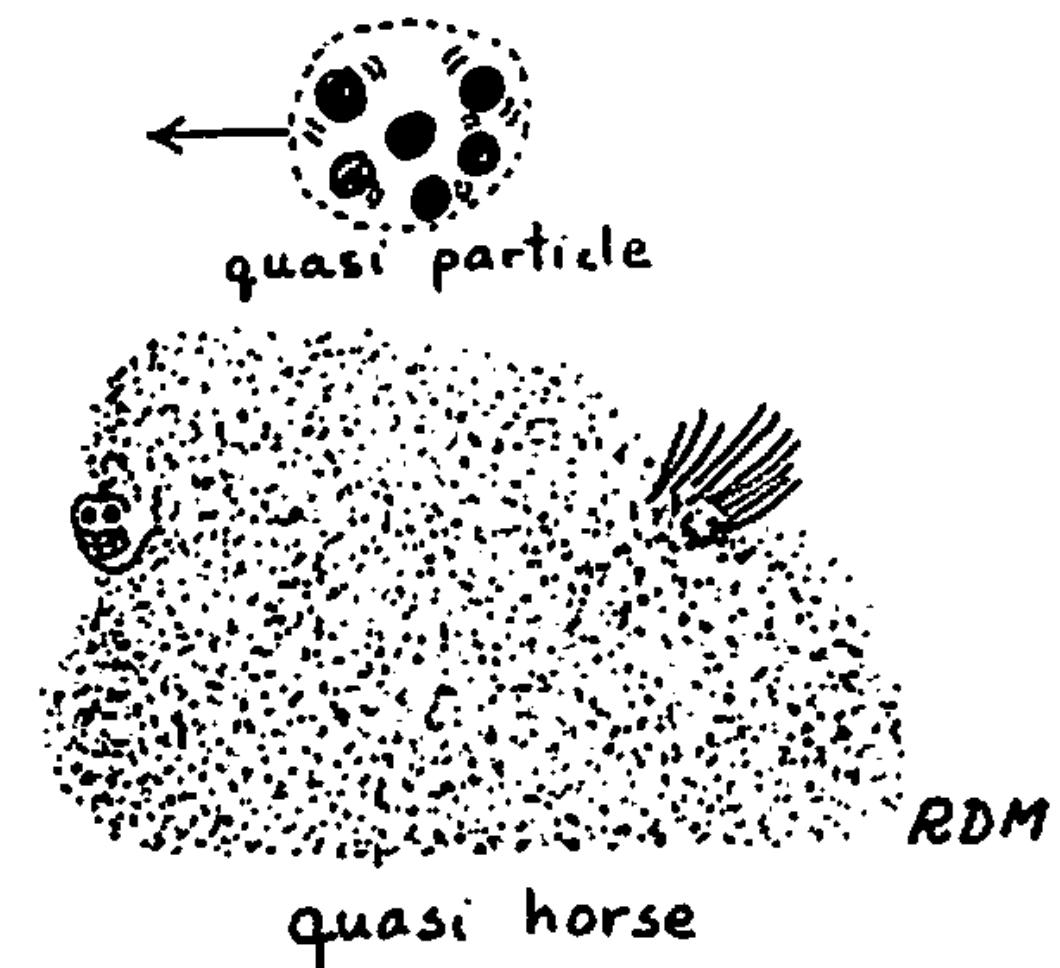
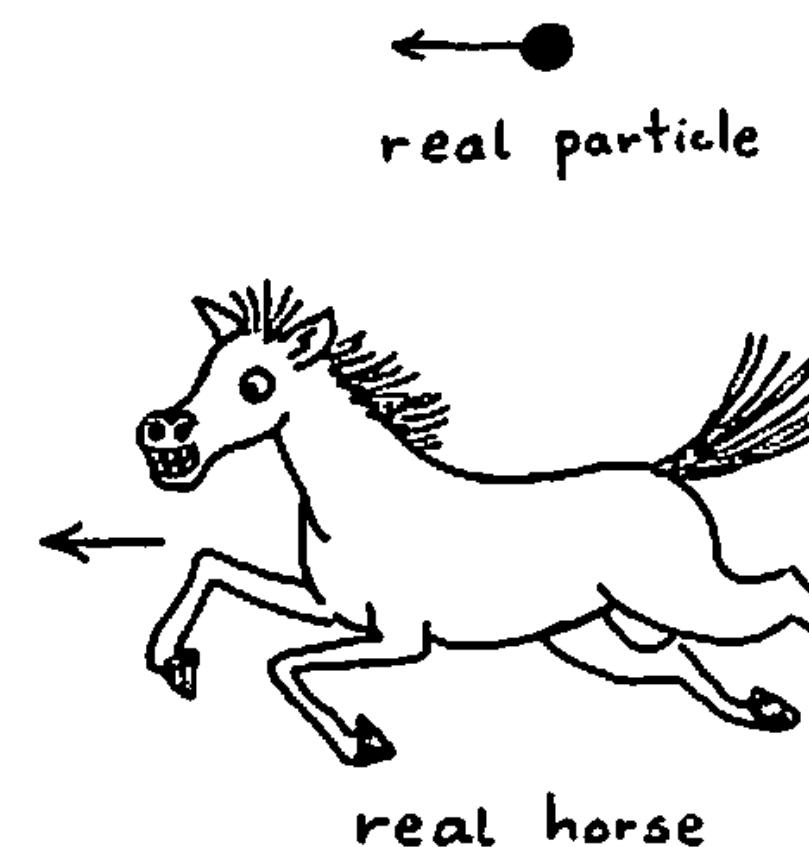
Backflow transformation

Collective coordinates



$$x'_i = x_i + \sum_{j \neq i} \eta(|x_i - x_j|)(x_j - x_i)$$

Wigner & Seitz 1934, Feynman 1954, ...

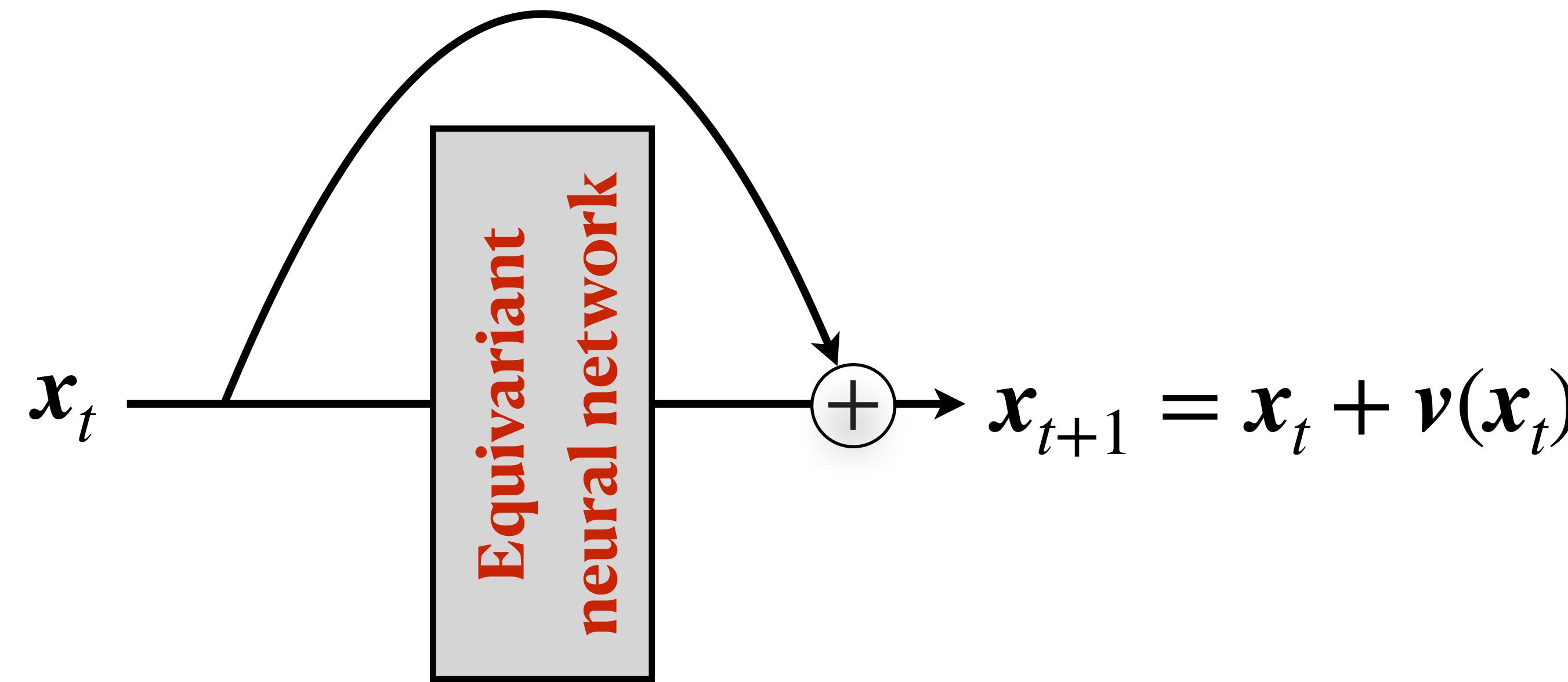


$\Psi(x)$: independent particles

$\Psi(x')$: interacting particles

Nowadays, view it as a residual network, or, discretization of a flow

Neural backflow transformation



$$v(\mathcal{P}x) = \mathcal{P}v(x) \quad \text{deep set, transformer, ...}$$

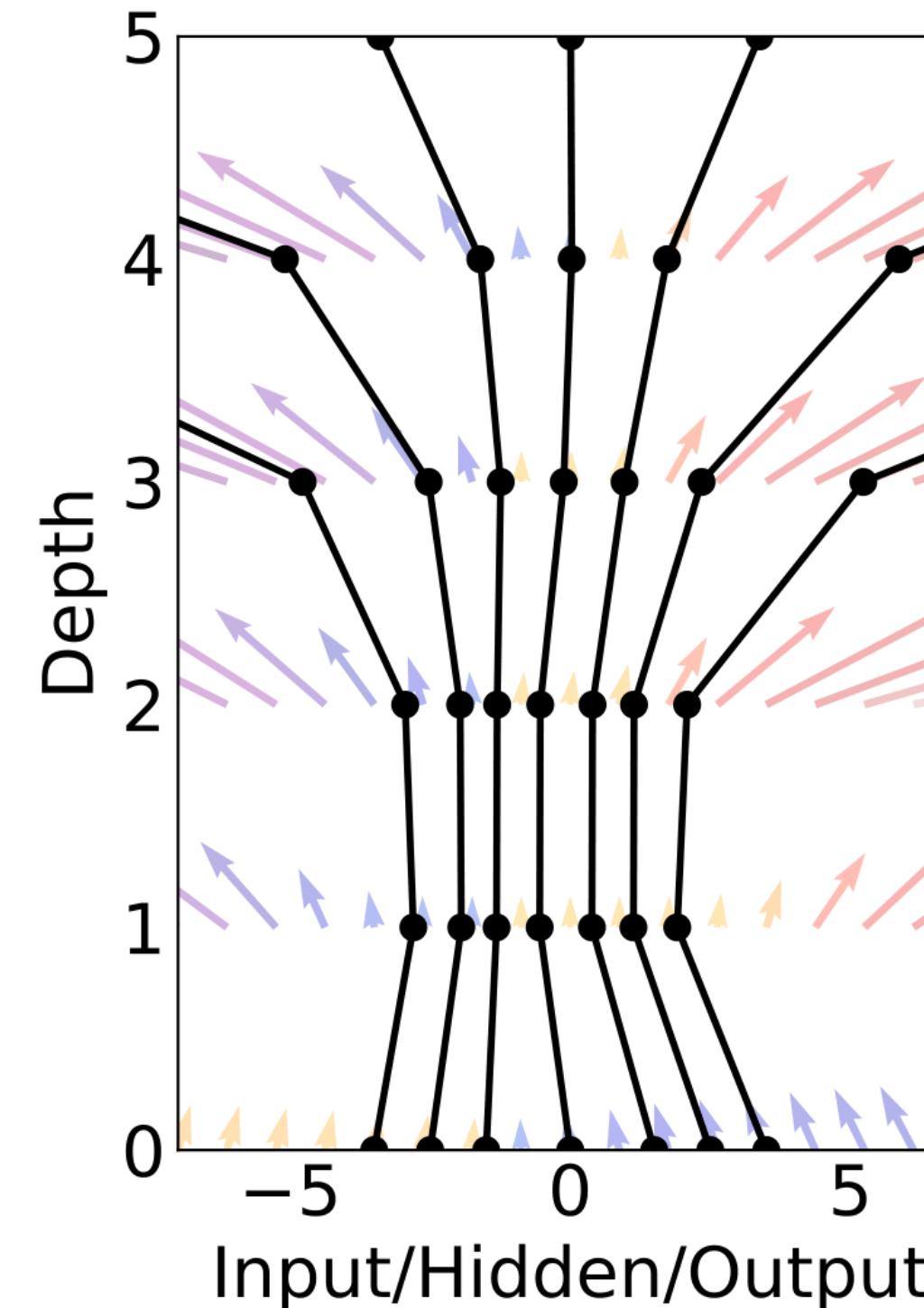
Pfau et al, 1909.02487
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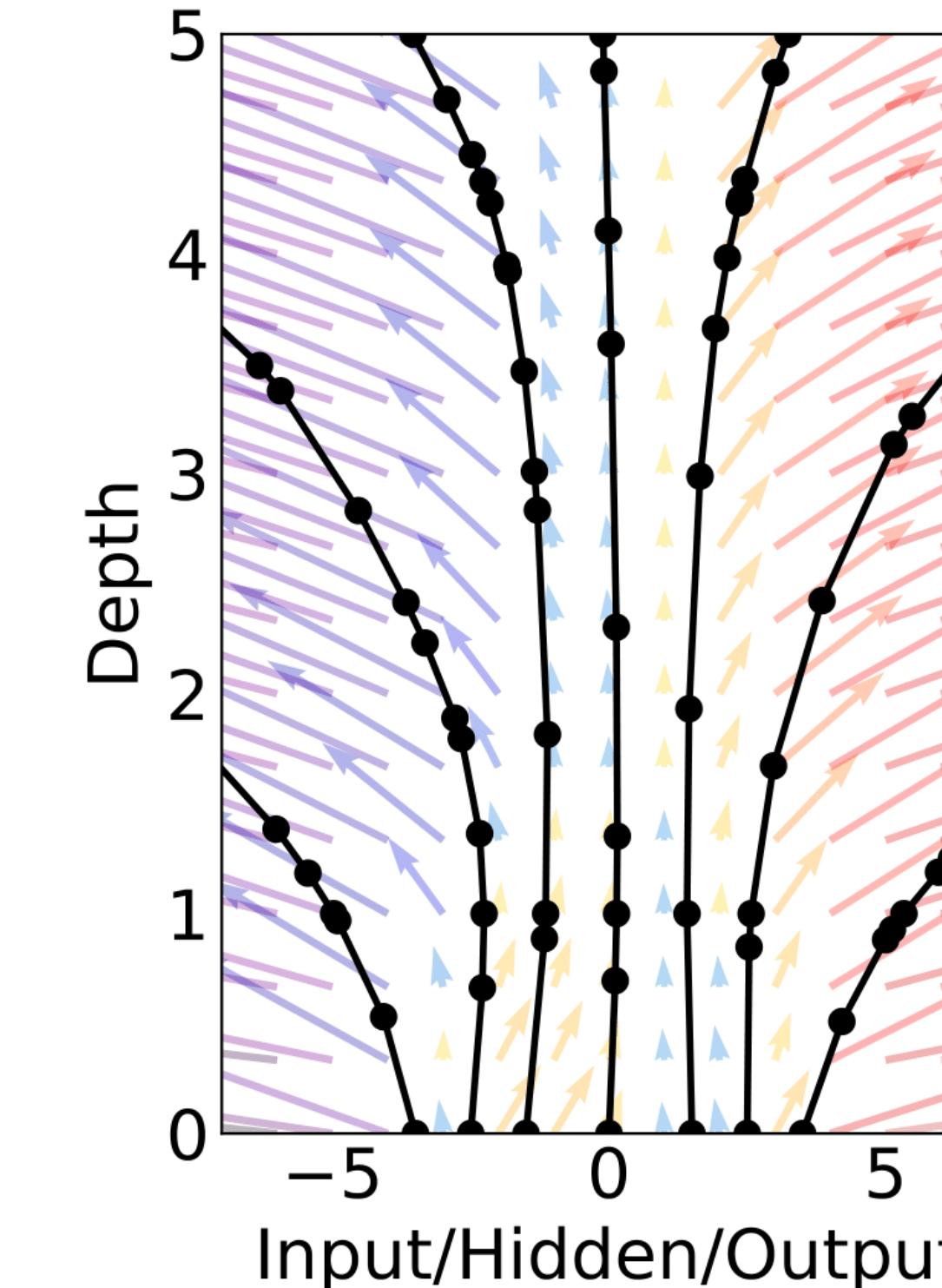
Continuous neural backflow transformation

Residual network



$$\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_t + f(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

Neural ODE



$$d\mathbf{x}/dt = f(\mathbf{x})$$

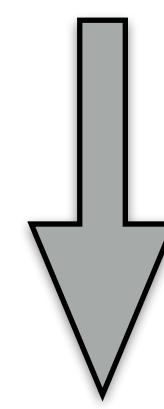
Chen et al, 1806.07366

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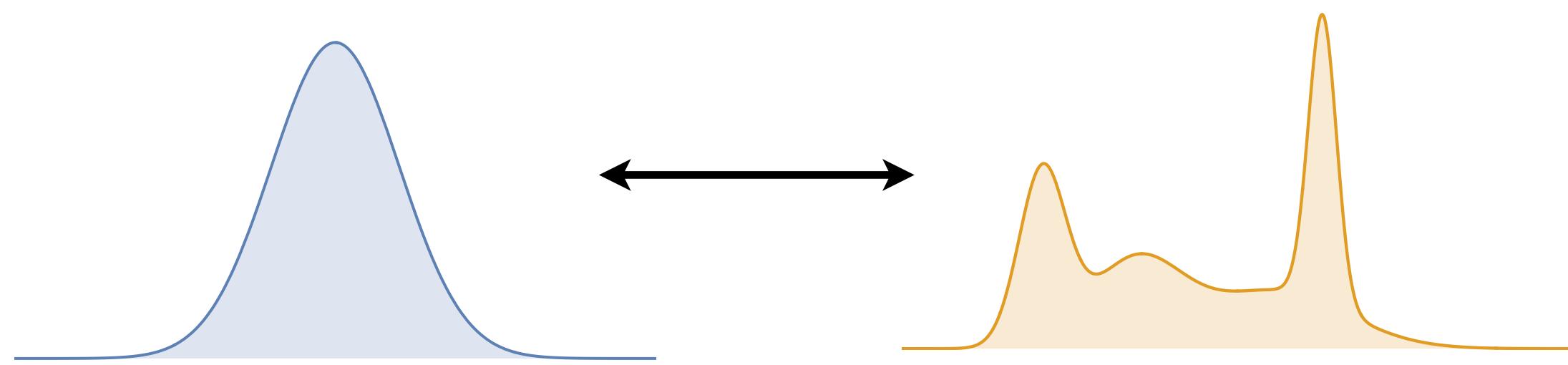
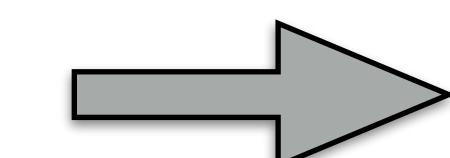
Continuous unitary transformation as a flow

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi_n\rangle = G |\Psi_n\rangle$$

$$\frac{-i}{2} \{ \nu, \nabla \} \quad \text{Dewitt 1952}$$



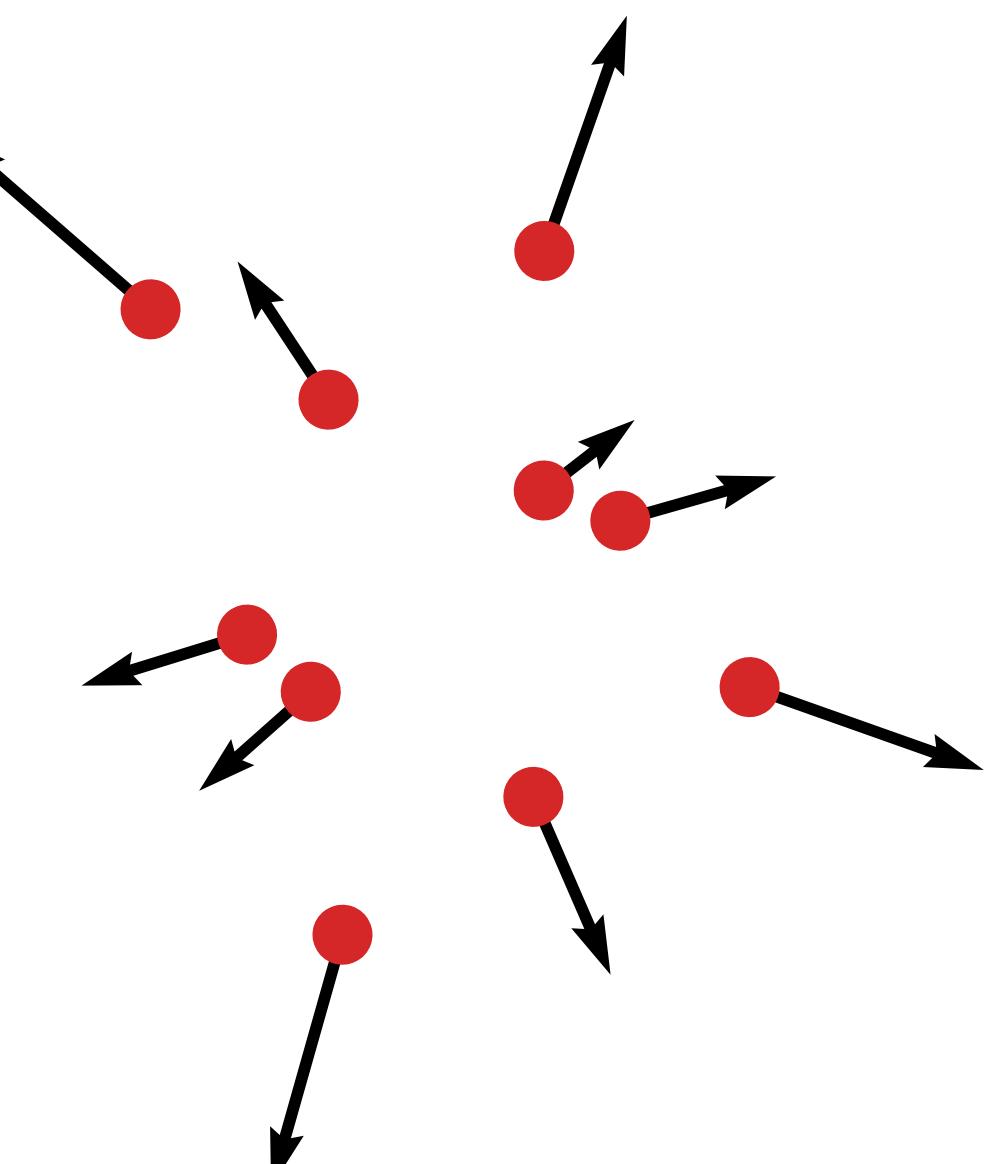
$$\frac{\partial |\Psi_n(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(|\Psi_n(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 \nu \right) = 0$$



Simple density

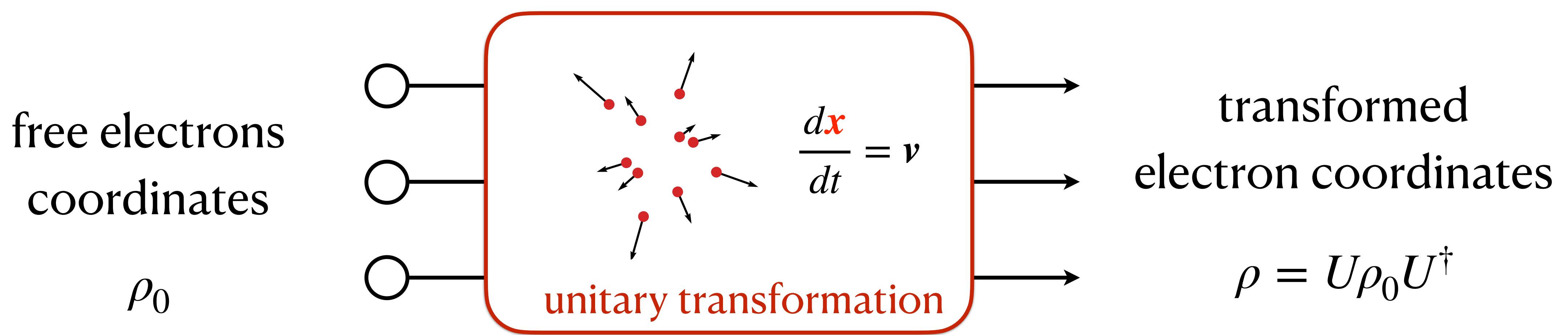
Complex density

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \nu$$



$$\frac{d \ln |\Psi_n(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2}{dt} = - \nabla \cdot \nu$$

FermiFlow: Equivariant flow of fermions



ML technique: Perm-equivariant normalizing flow/Neural ODE/Invertible ResNet

Physical picture: Variational approximation of adiabatic preparation of thermal equilibrium

Mathematics: Optimal control a PDE with particle method

Details: Objective function

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{n \sim \mu_n} \left[\ln \mu_n + \beta \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_n(\mathbf{x})} [E_n^{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{x})] \right]$$

Boltzmann
distribution

Classical distribution
parametrized by μ_n for free electrons

Born
rule

$$0 < \mu_n < 1 \quad \sum_n \mu_n = 1$$

Discrete probabilistic model
(Softmax, Autoregressive model,...)

Quantum distribution
parametrized by the equivariant drift ν

$$p_n(\mathbf{x}) = |\Psi_n(\mathbf{x})|^2$$

Continuous probabilistic model
(Permutation-equivariant continuous flow)

“Local energy”

$$E_n^{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{4} \nabla^2 \ln p_n(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{8} [\nabla \ln p_n(\mathbf{x})]^2 + \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j|}$$

Details: Gradient estimators

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Classical
distribution

$$\nabla_{\phi} \mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{n \sim \mu_n} \left[\left(\ln \mu_n + \beta \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_n(x)} [E_n^{\text{loc}}(x)] \right) \nabla_{\phi} \ln \mu_n \right]$$

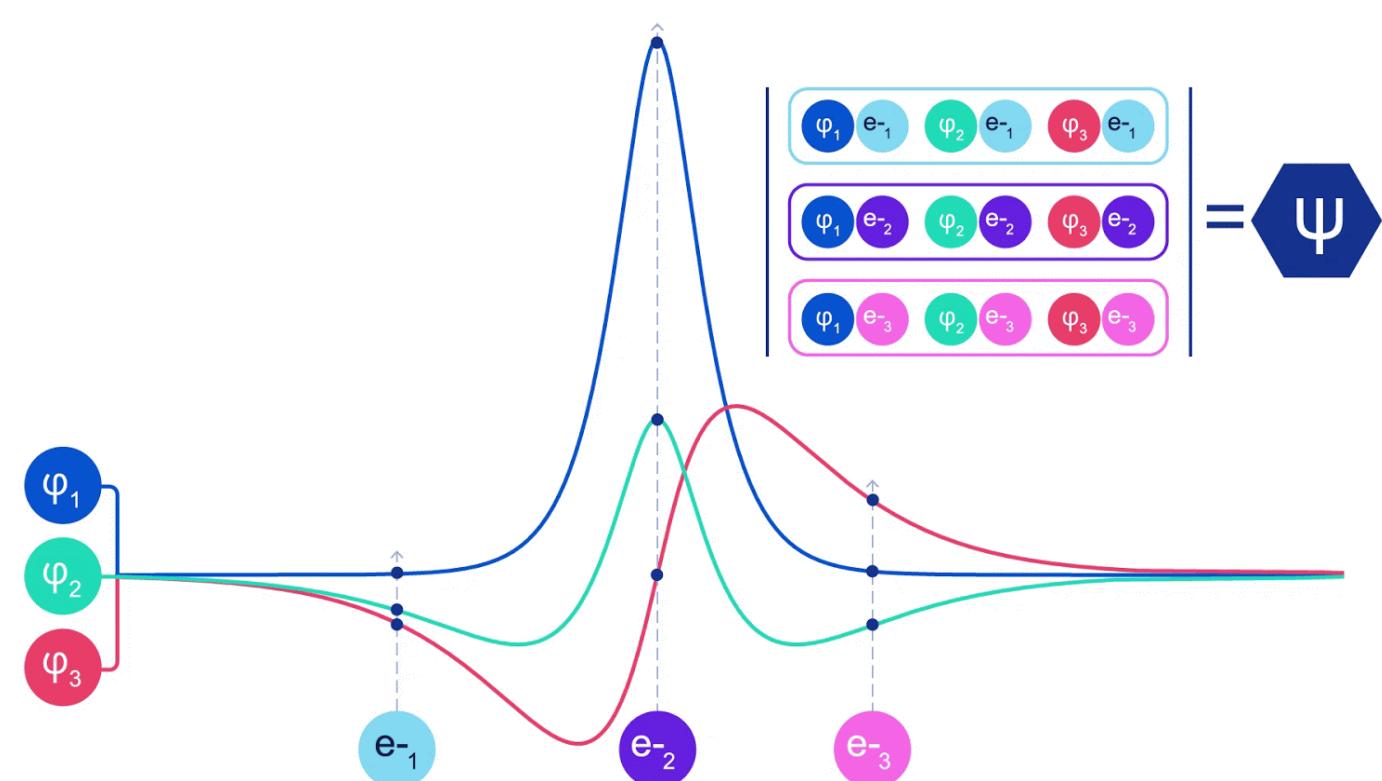
Quantum
distribution

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L} = \beta \mathbb{E}_{n \sim \mu_n} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_n(x)} [E_n^{\text{loc}}(x) \nabla_{\theta} \ln p_n(x)]$$

Variance reduction in both estimators by subtracting baseline

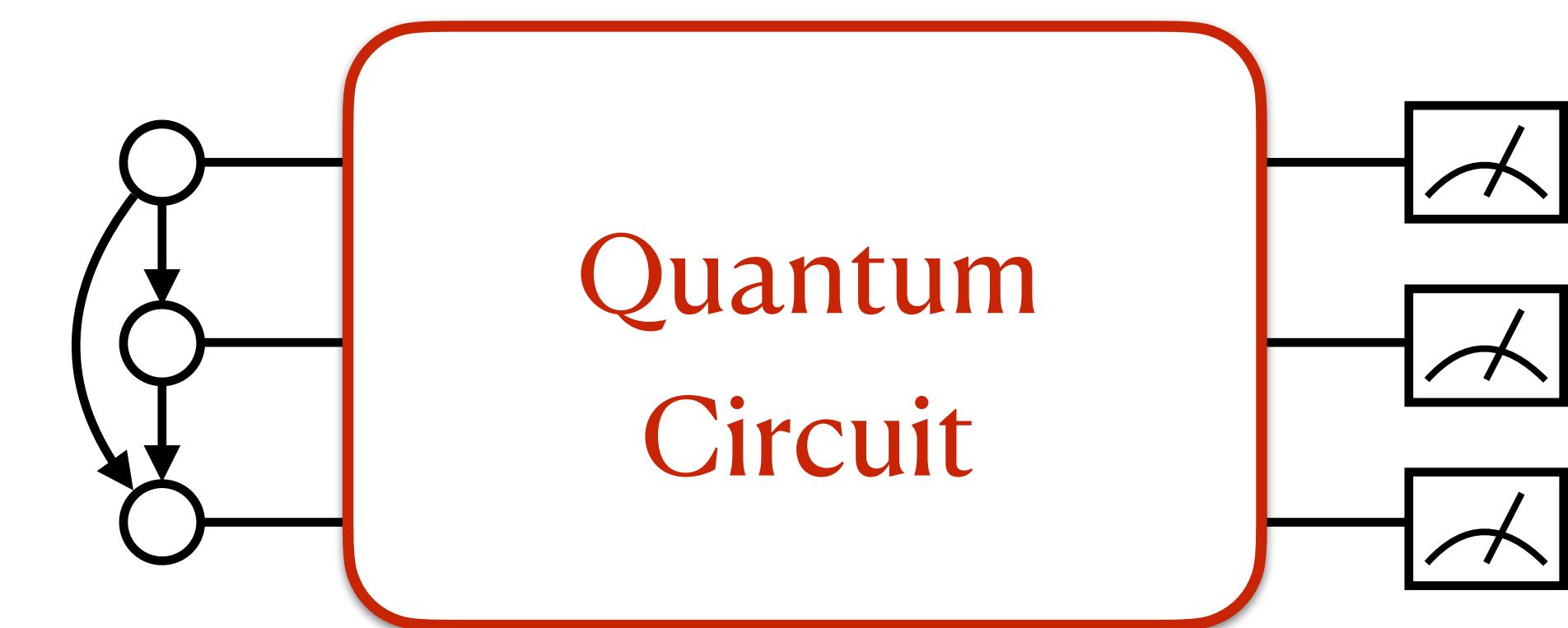
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Neural nets for ground state



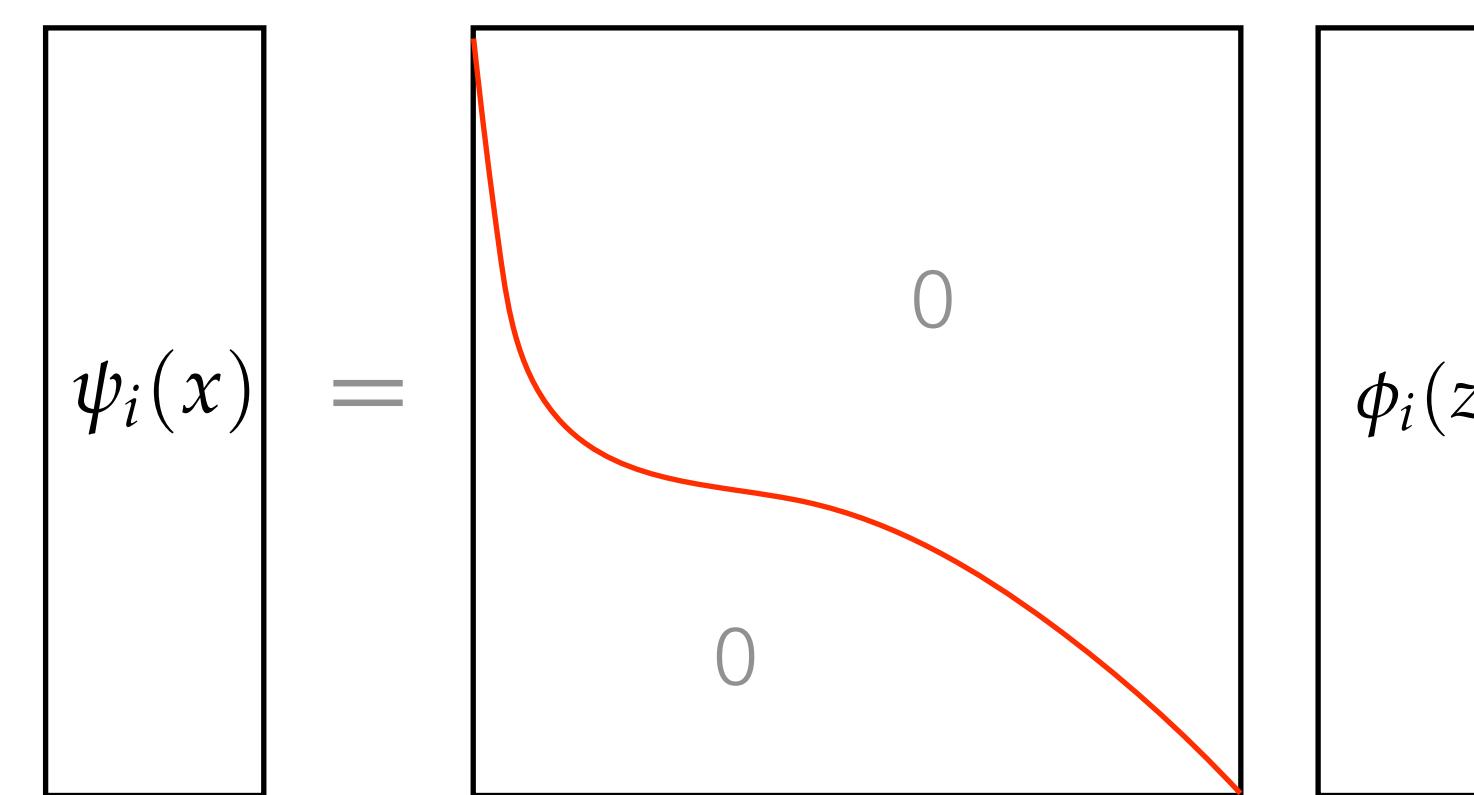
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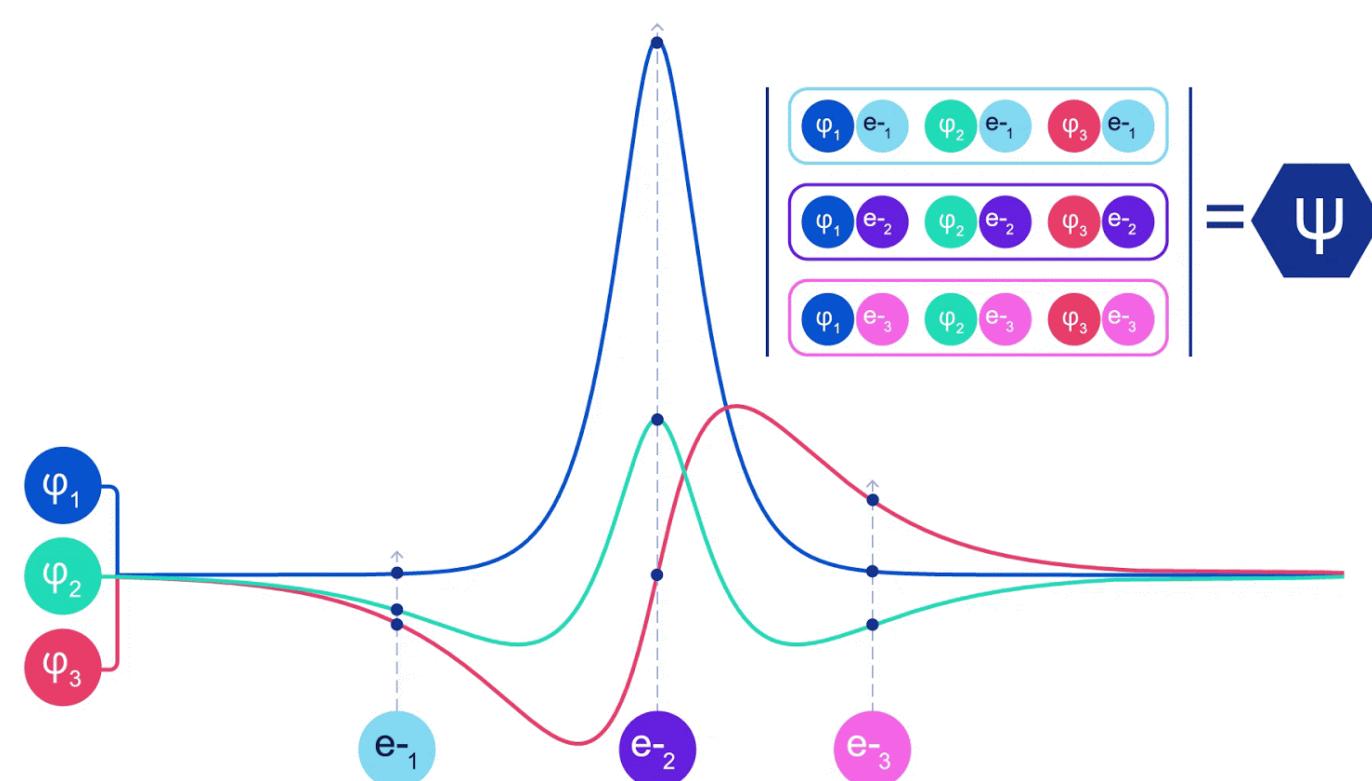
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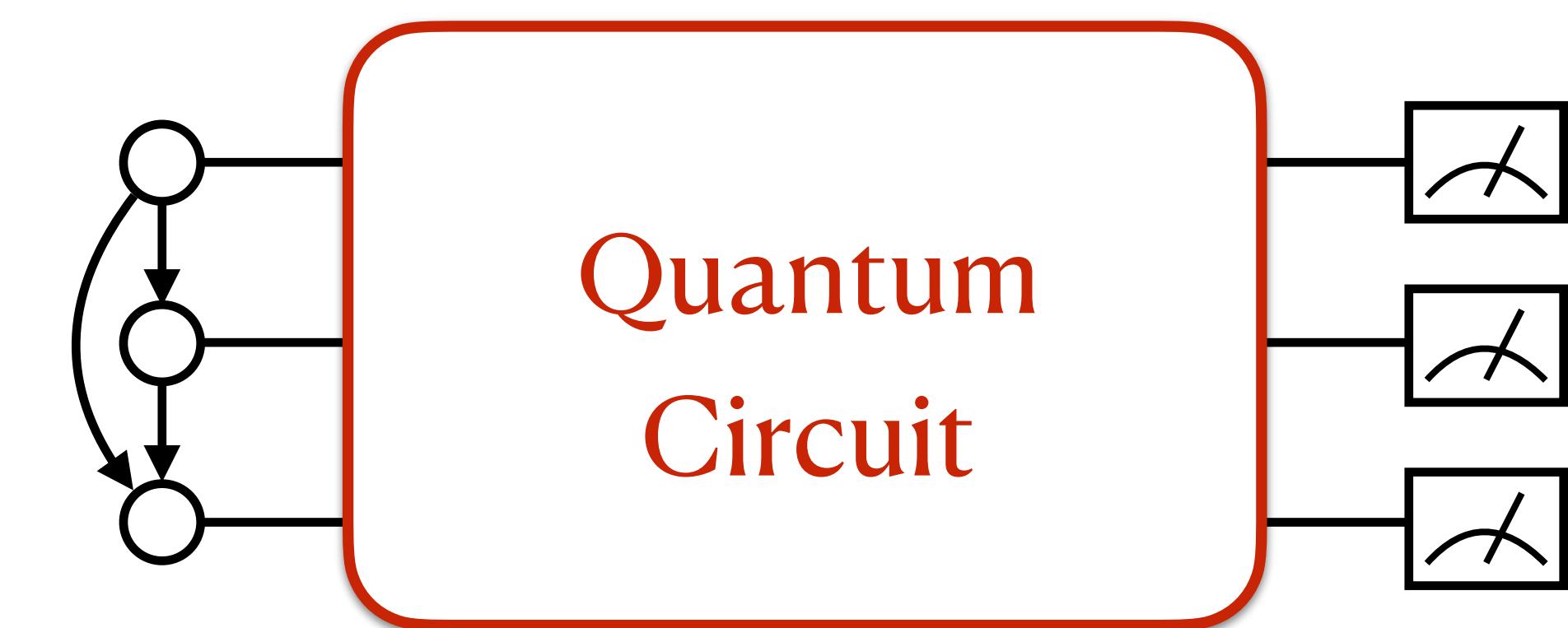
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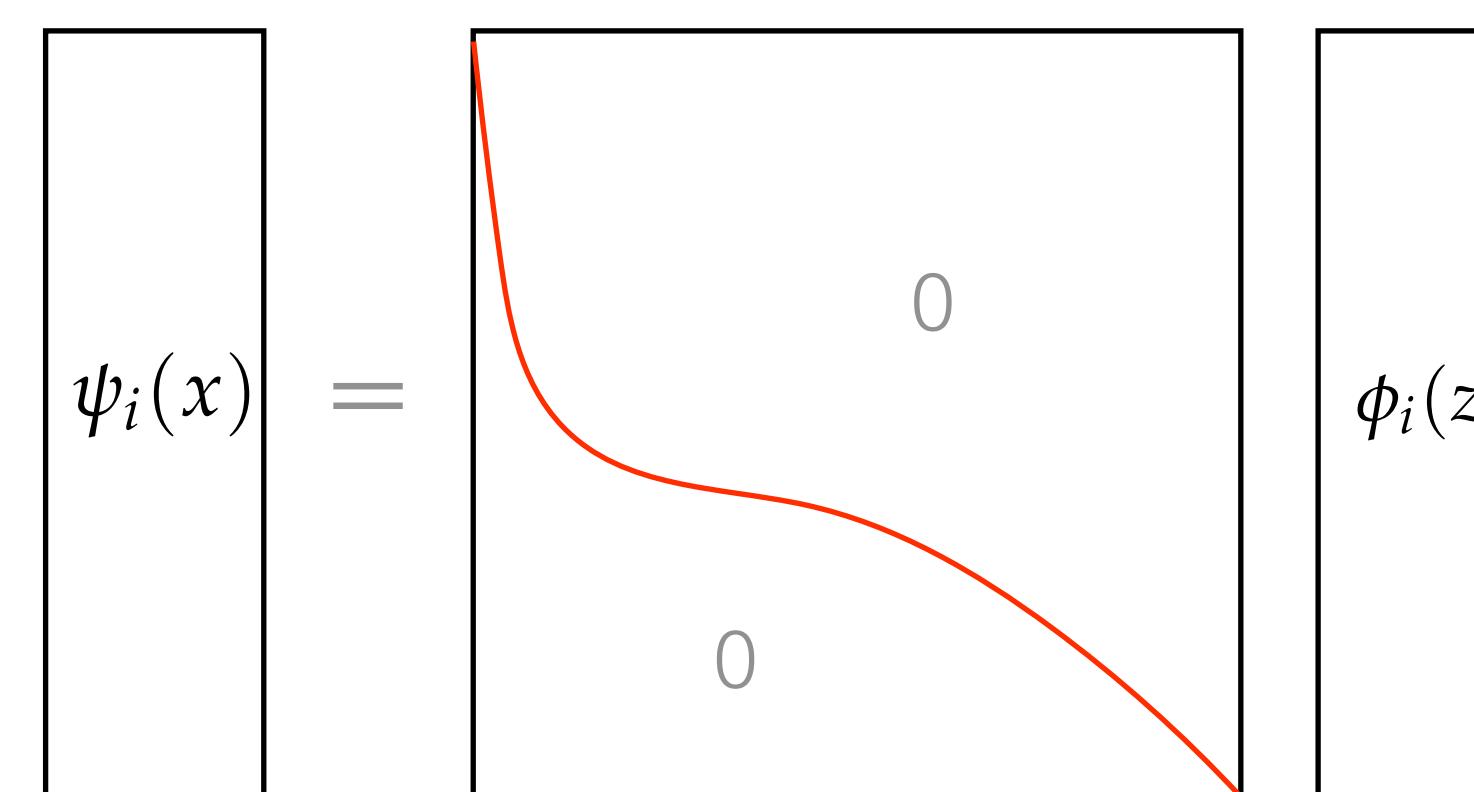
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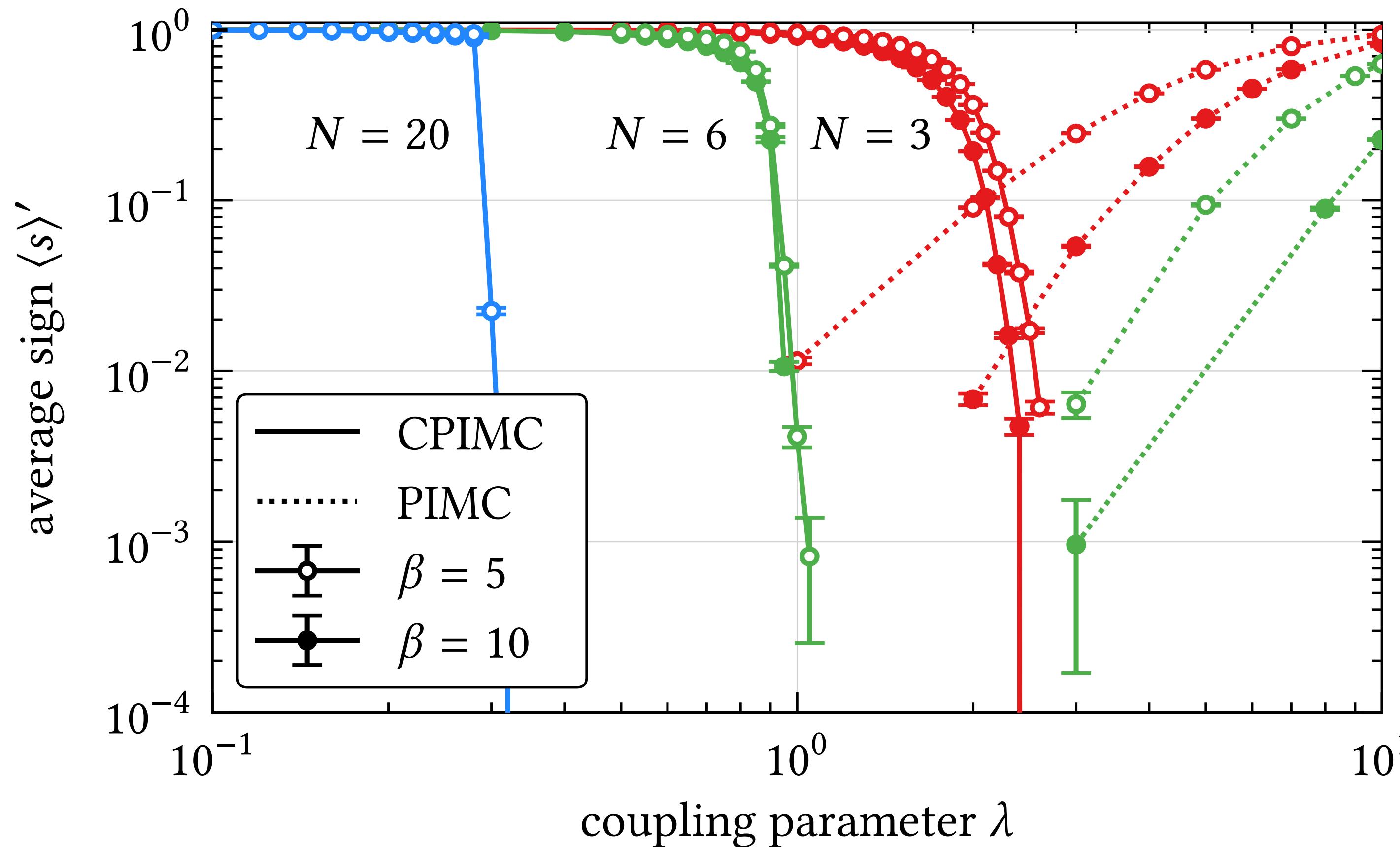
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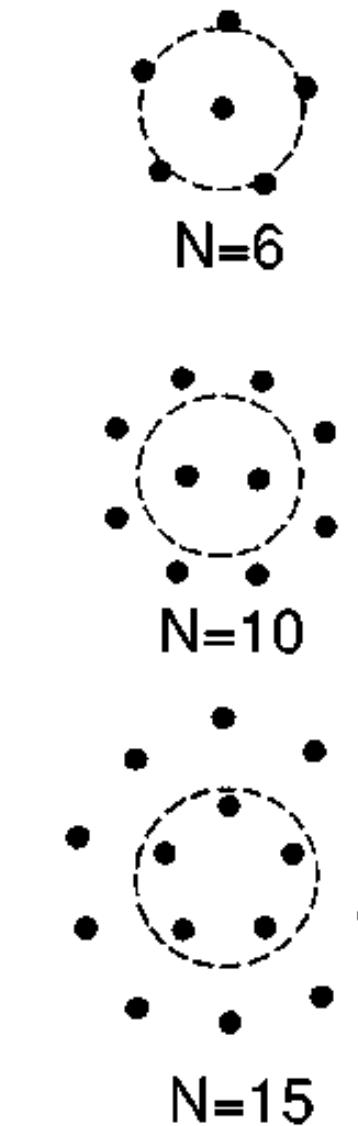
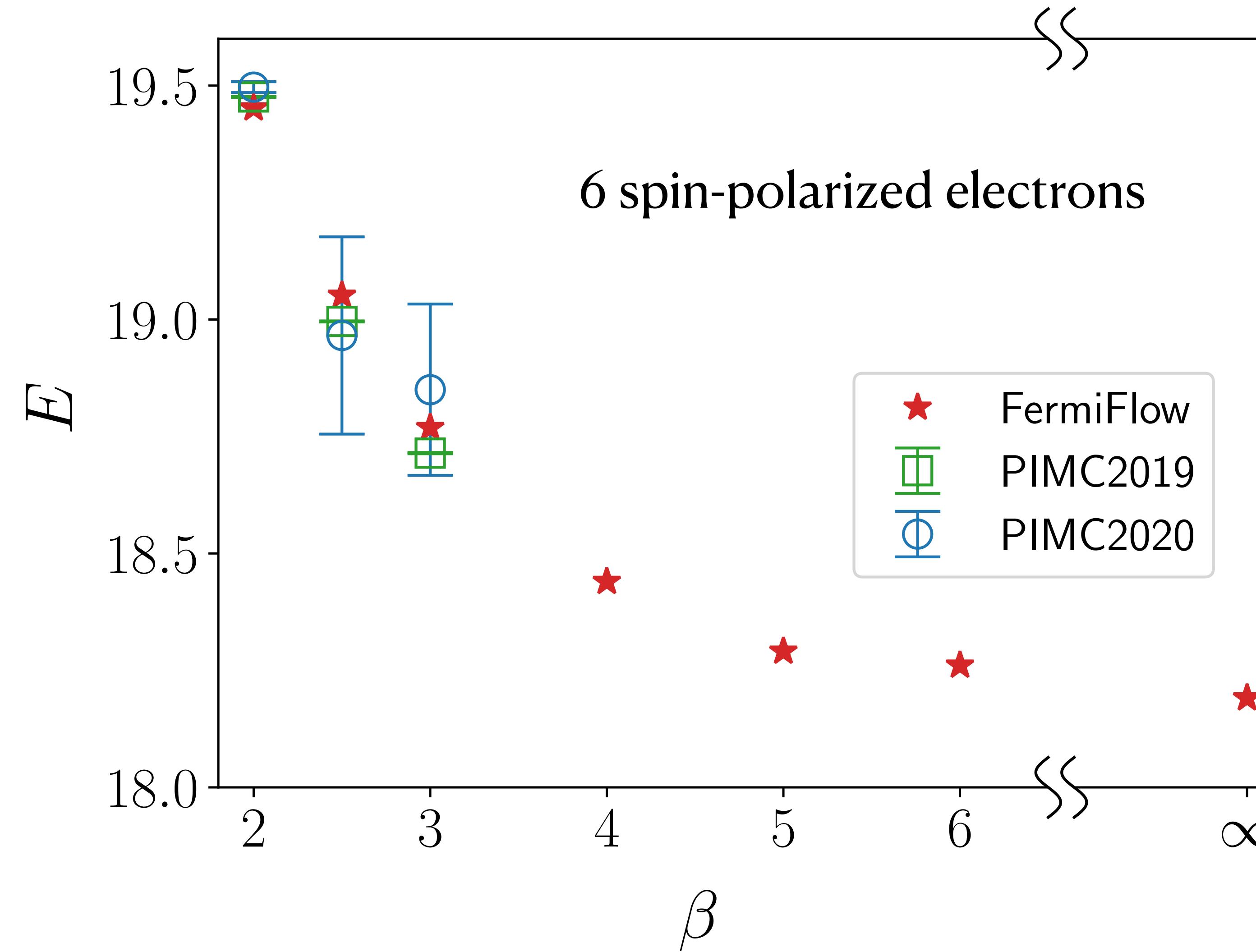
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Demo: electrons in a 2D quantum dot

$$H = \sum_i \left(-\frac{\nabla_i^2}{2} + \frac{x_i^2}{2} \right) + \sum_{i < j} \frac{\lambda}{|x_i - x_j|}$$



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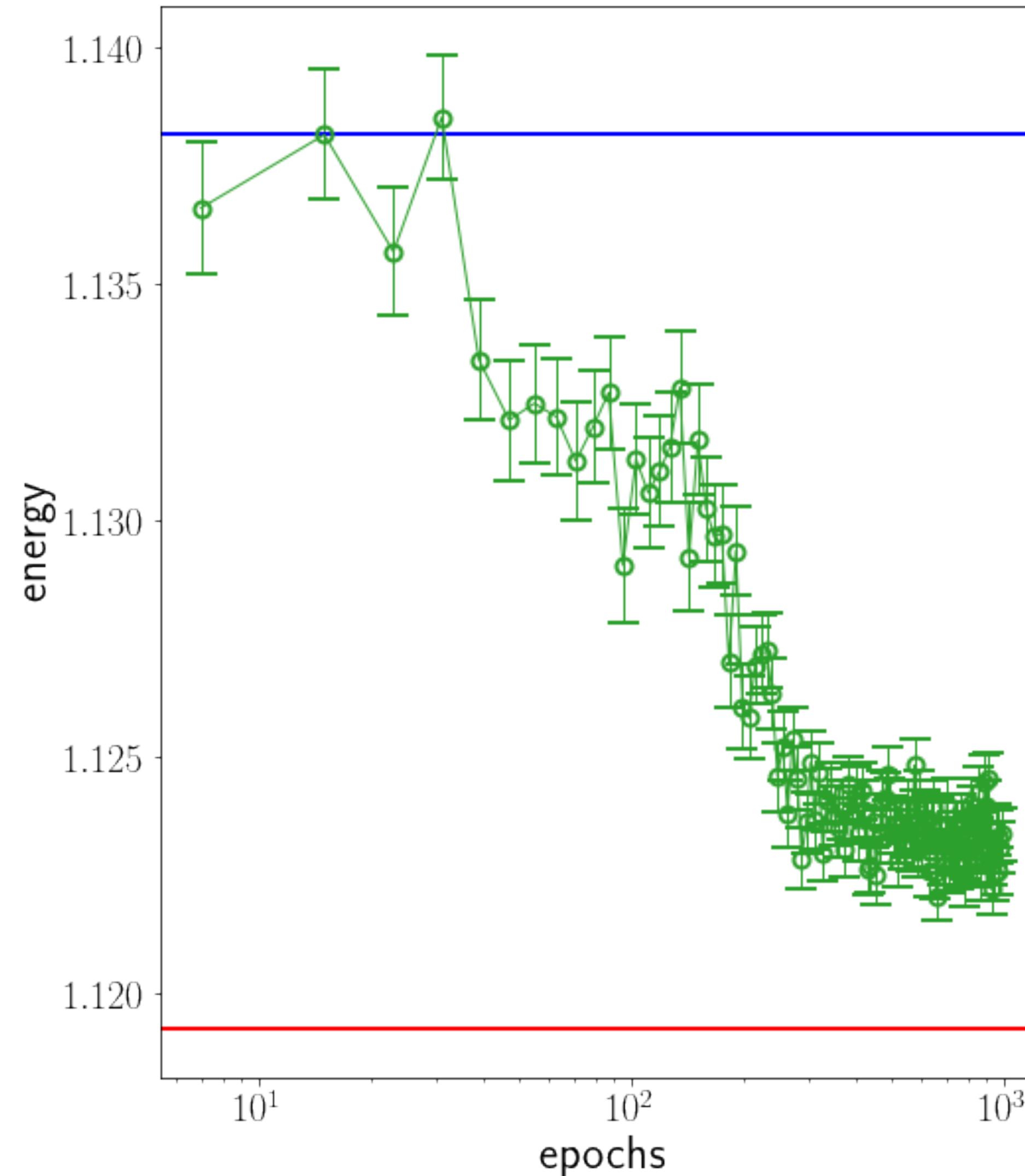
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Back to the uniform electron gas



Hartree-Fock

FCIQMC

33 spin polarized electrons @ $r_s=1.0$
Reach 0.004 Hartree/electron
ground state accuracy
30 hours training on 8 GPUs

Finite temperature
benchmark data

Brown et al, PRL **110**, 146405 (2013)

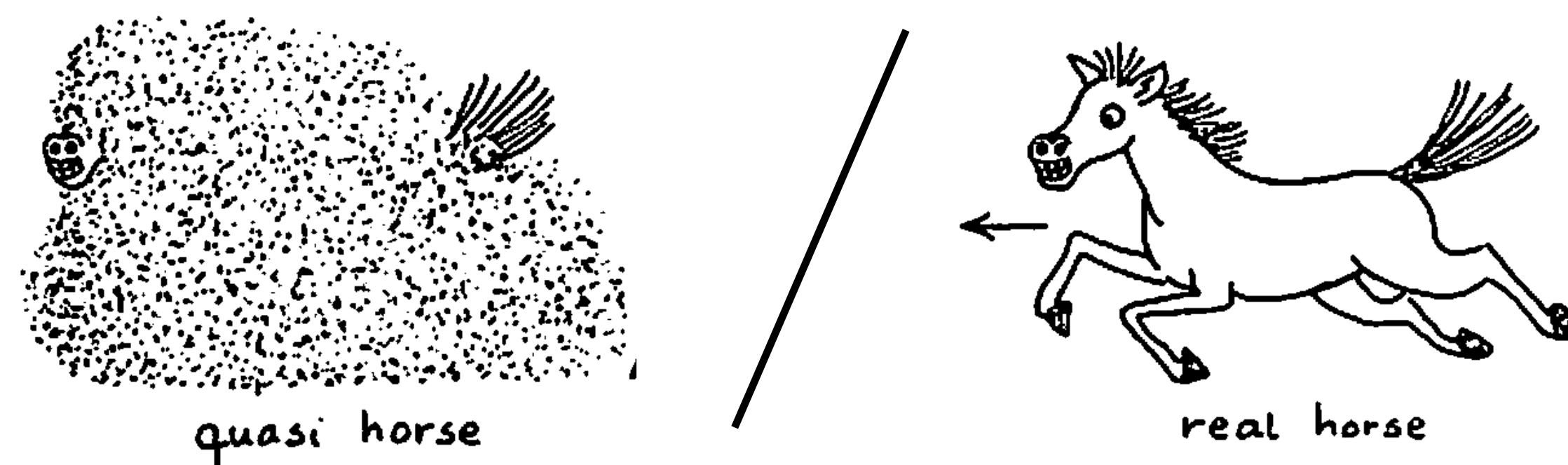
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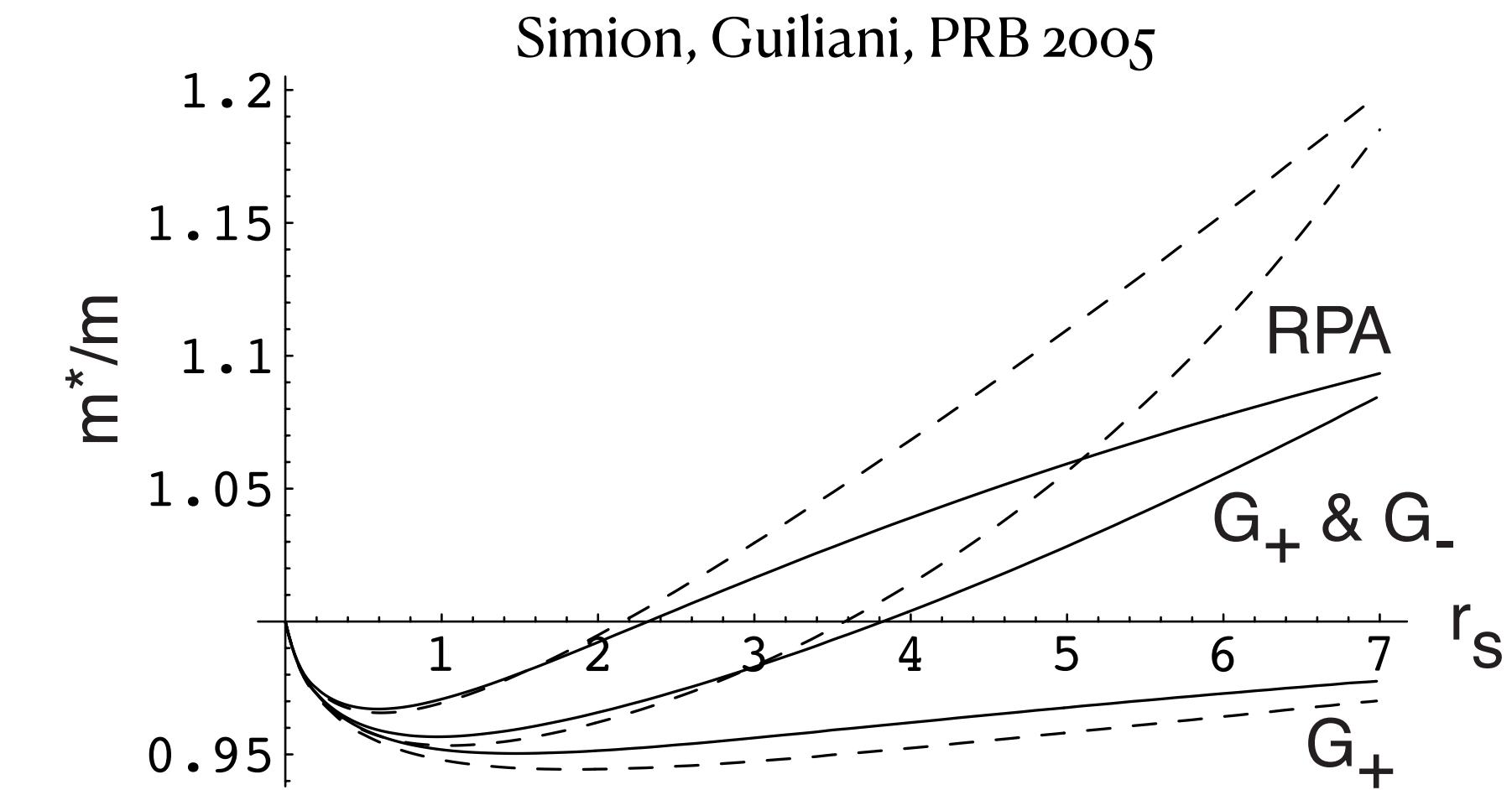
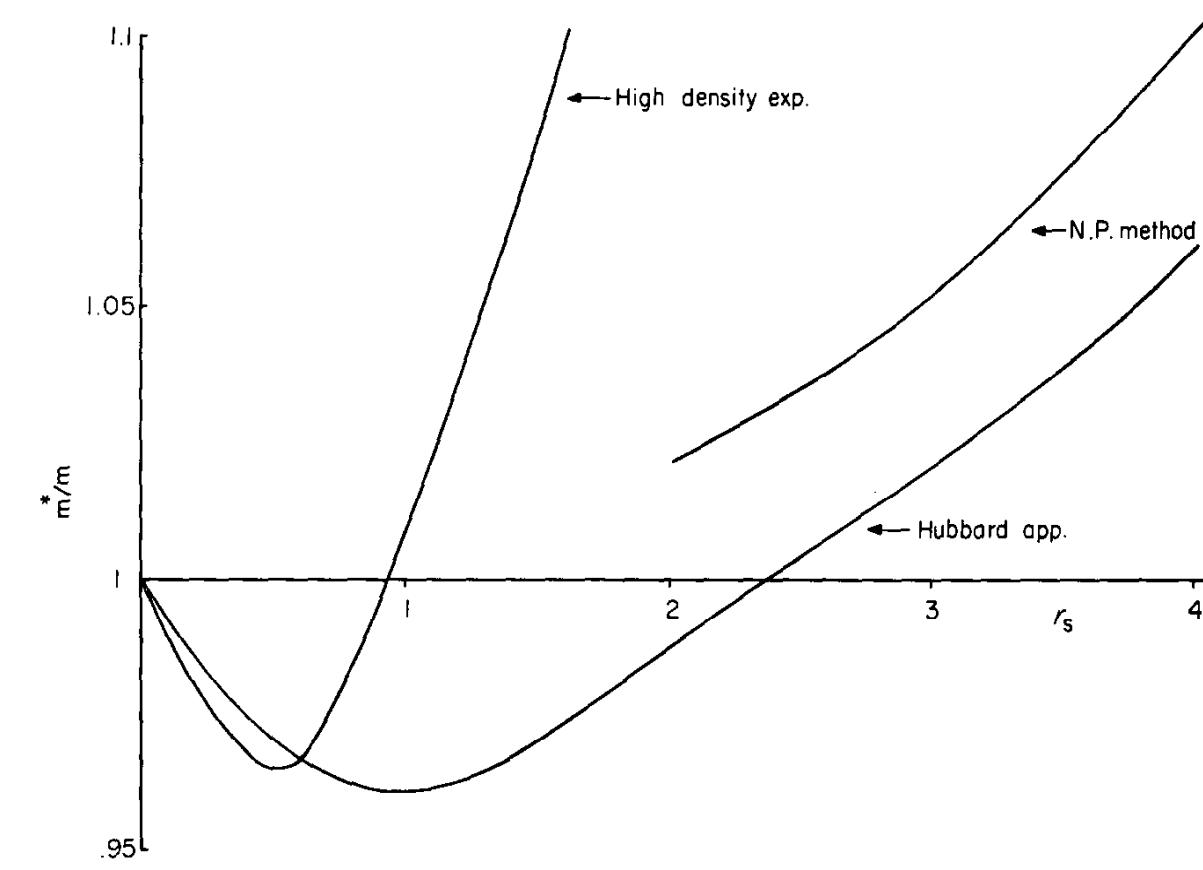
Application: effective mass of quasi-particles

Landau's Fermi liquid theory, 1956

$$\frac{m^*}{m} =$$

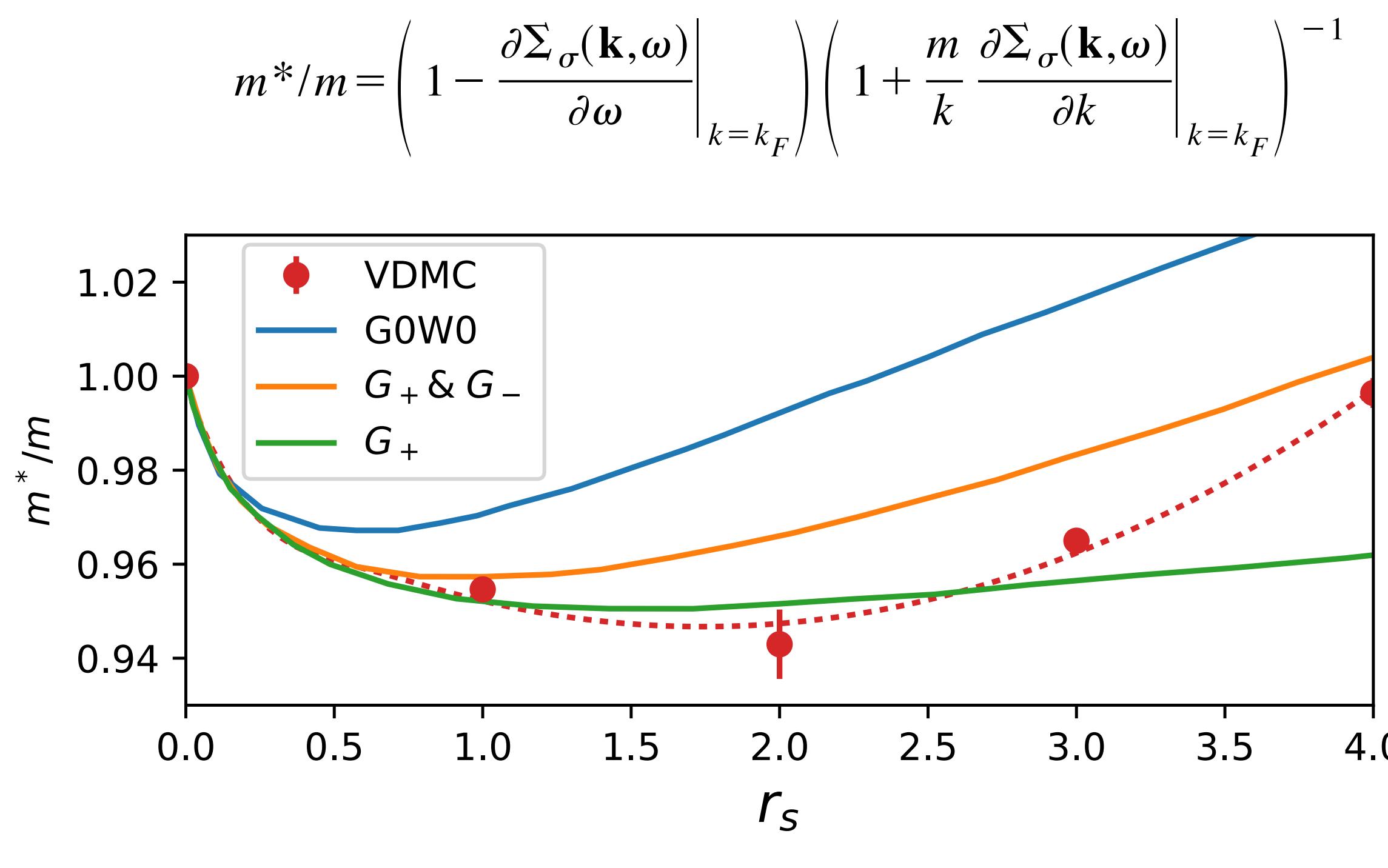


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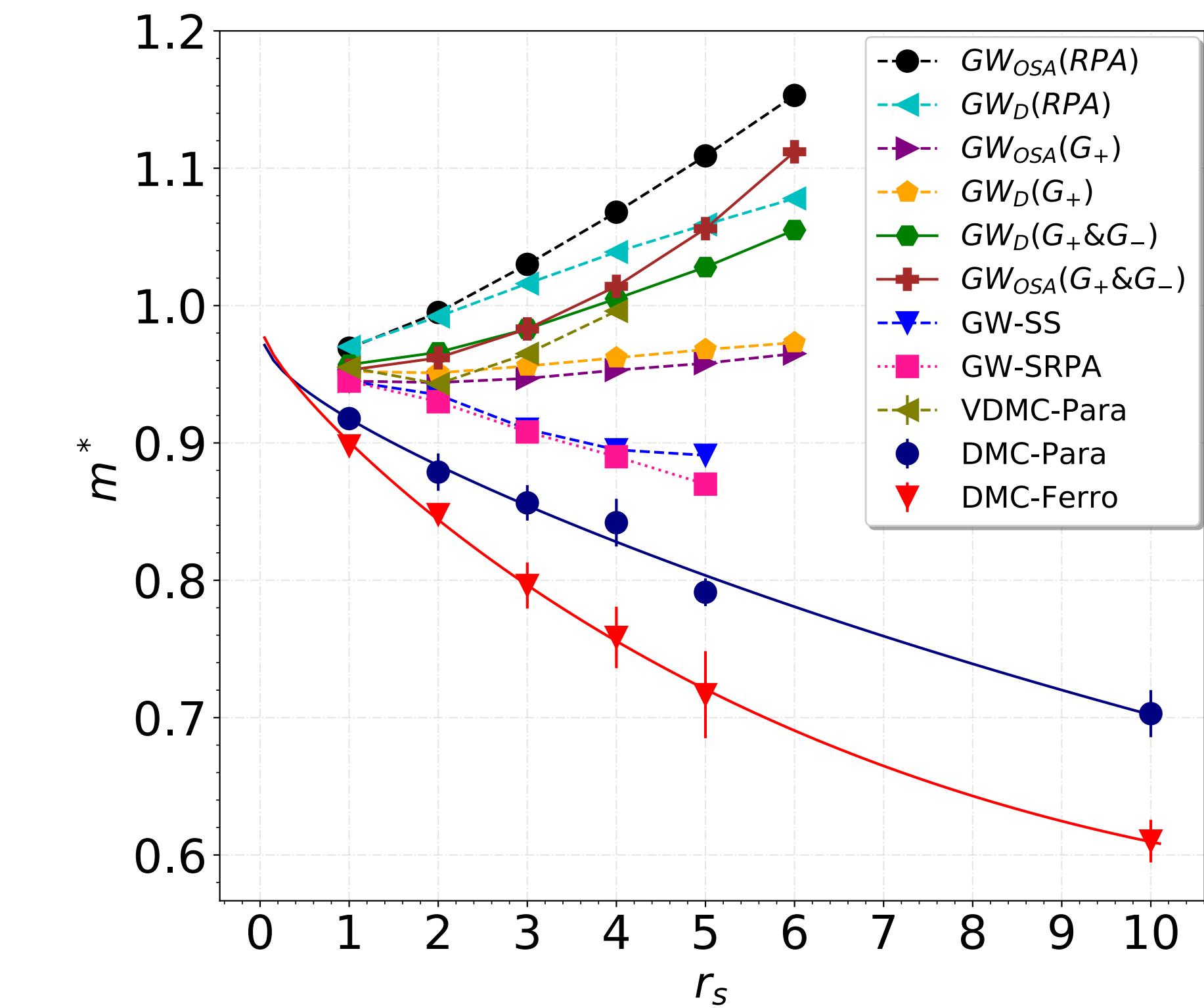


Inconclusive results from perturbative diagrammatic approaches

$$m^* = k_F / (d\varepsilon/dk)_{k_F}$$

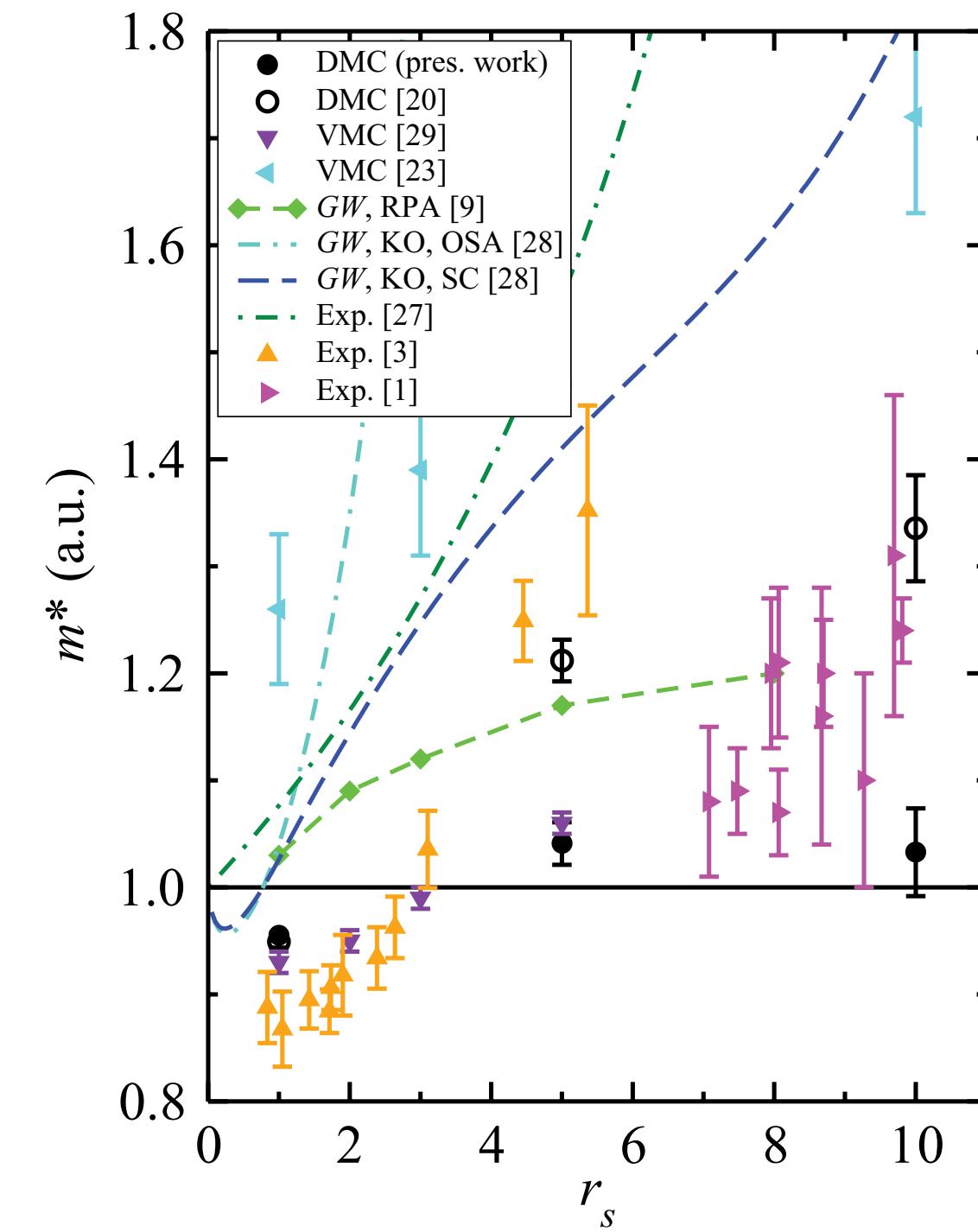


Haule, Chen, 2012.03146



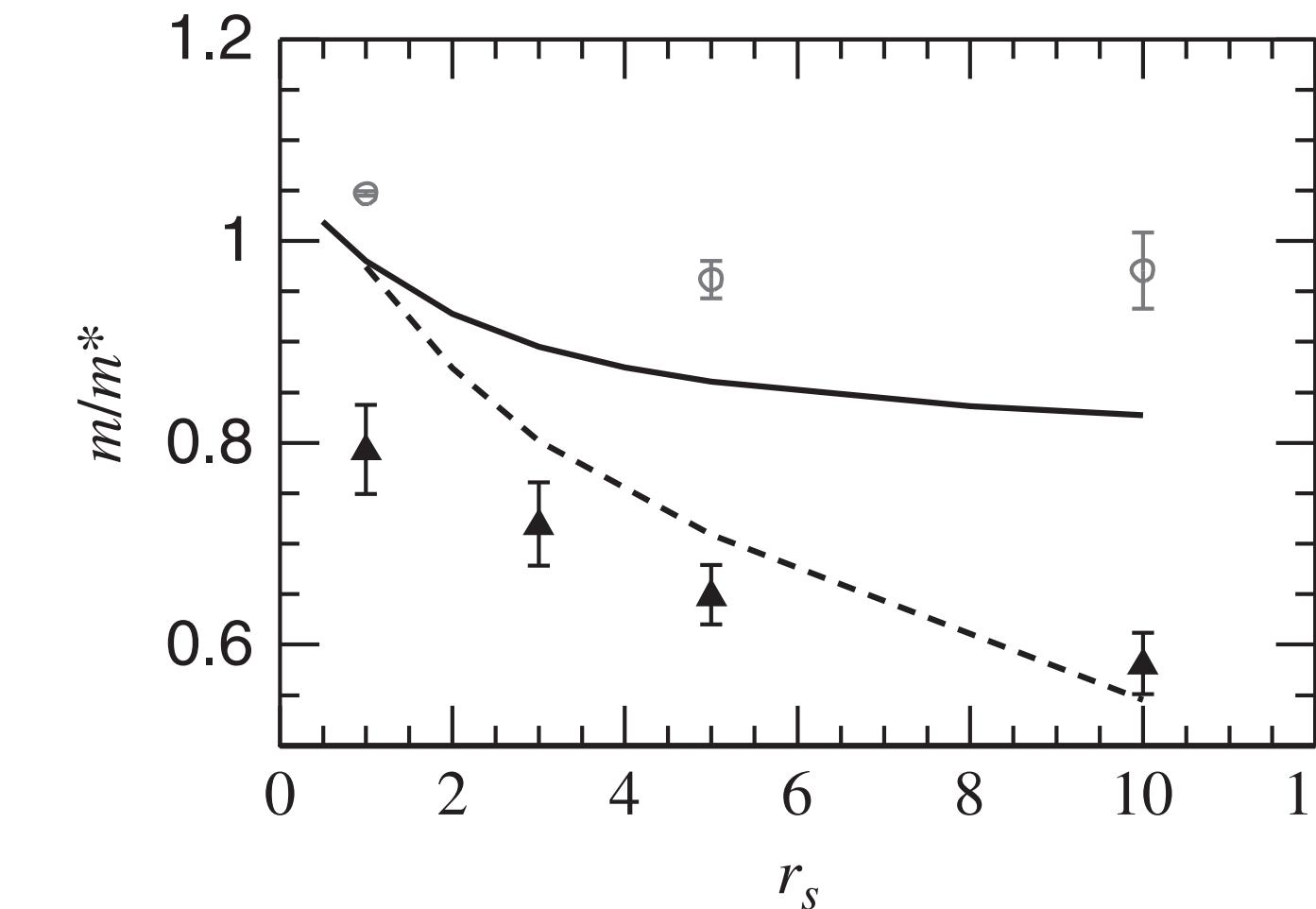
Azadi, Drummond, Foulkes, 2105.09139

Non-perturbative methods, still inconclusive 😱

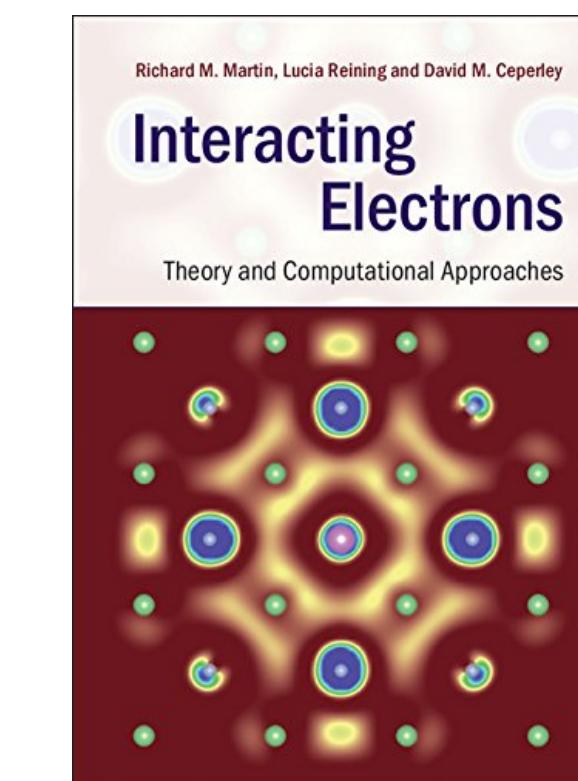


Drummond, Needs, PRB '13

Two quite different QMC results for the 2D HEG are shown in Fig. 23.3 and compared with screened RPA and local field method results. The two different QMC calculations were done in a similar way, but the effective mass differs because of the way it is calculated from the QMC energies.



Martin, Reining, Ceperley, *Interacting Electrons* '16



More conflicting results for 2d electron gas

Effective mass from thermodynamics

Eich, Holzmann, Vignale, PRB '17

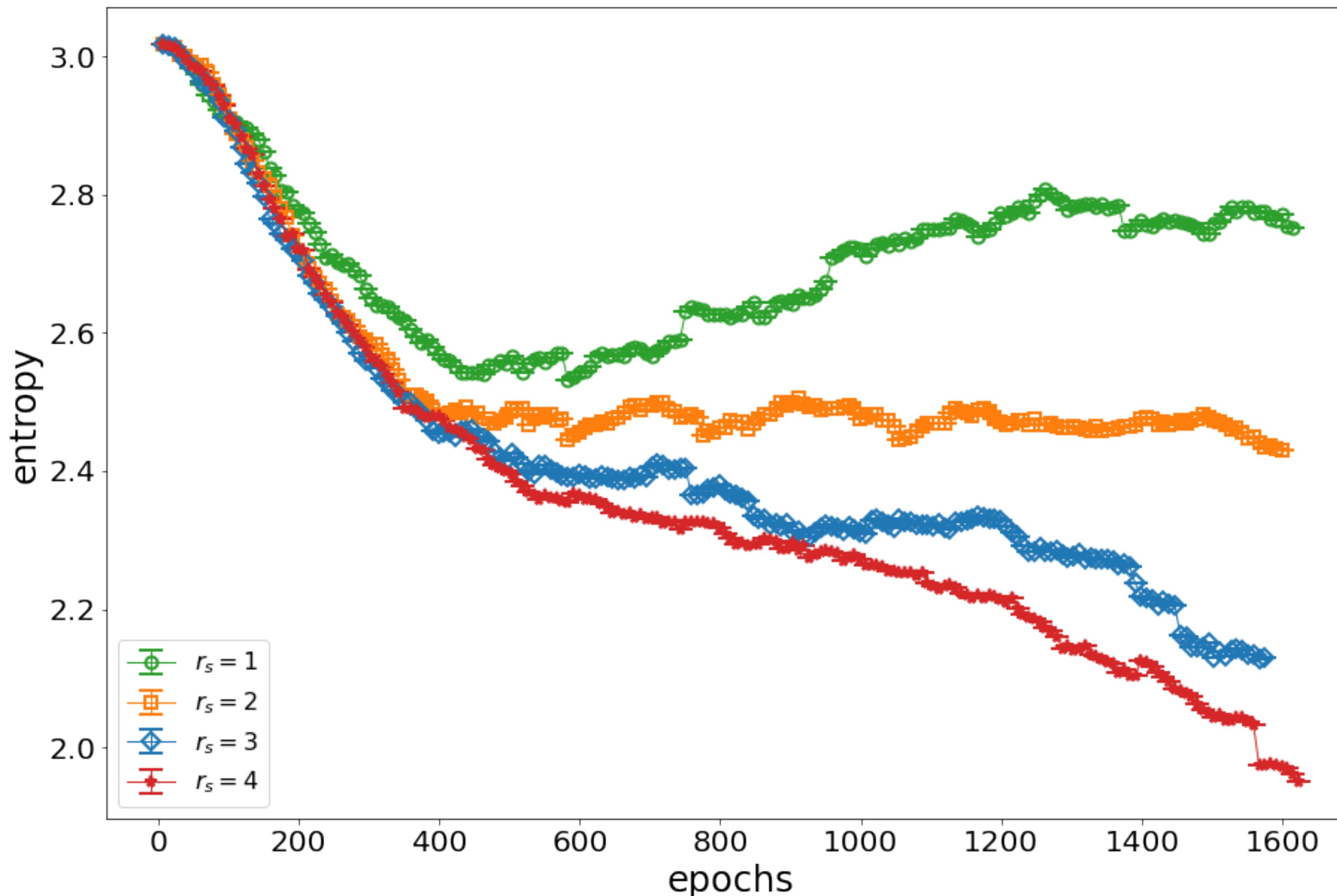
$$s_0 = \frac{mk_F}{3\hbar^2 n} k_B^2 T \quad s = \frac{m^* k_F}{3\hbar^2 n} k_B^2 T$$

$$\frac{m^*}{m} = \frac{s}{s_0}$$

Interacting/noninteracting entropy ratio

Previous calculations can not reach the low temperature region
Moreover, entropy is not directly accessible to PIMC

14 electrons @ T/Ef=0.08



Outlooks

Ultracold fermi gases

Dense hydrogen

Warm dense matter

Thermal density functionals

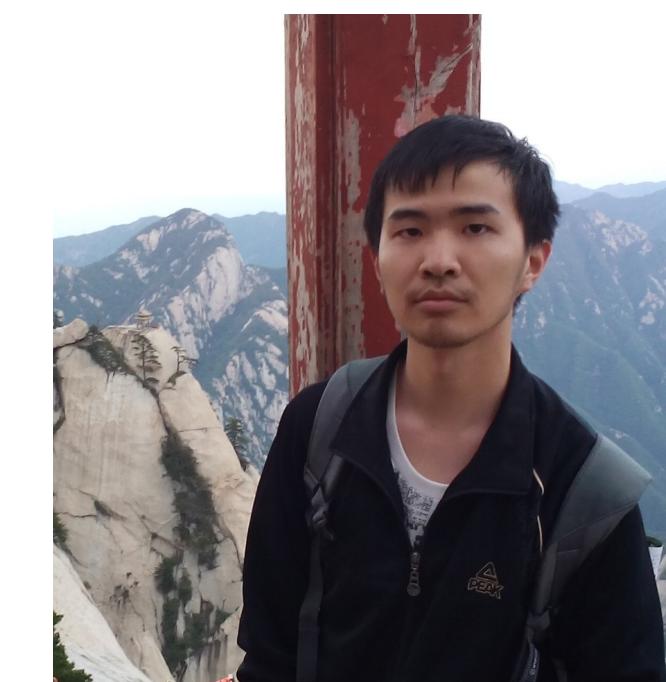
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